

SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWS

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BOURNEMOUTH FA SATURDAY SENIOR CUP FINAL
Hurn Bridge
Thursday 3 January 2019
KO 19:45



BOURNEMOUTH
V
HYTHE & DIBDEN



THE FA CUP AND THE SYDENHAMS LEAGUE 2014-15

Coming more to date now with our Review of the FA Cup over the last ten years and a little more information as regards goal scorers since the matches, if not all the details, were entered for the first season, on Full Time. Twenty seven Clubs from the league came out of the draw for the Extra Preliminary Round with two thirds of them involved in nine all-Wessex ties.

The most convincing victory in the nine matches came at LYMINGTON where the home side went down five two to WINCHESTER CITY, for whom Andrew Mott netted twice, while FOLLANDS also scored five against DOWNTON with a single goal in reply from their opponents and Ashley Jarvis scoring two for the winners. BOURNEMOUTH beat VERWOOD four two in something of a local derby, Connor Phillips bagging a brace for the Poppies and Charlie Gajic doing likewise for the Potters; while BEMERTON HEATH scored the only goal of the game through Scott Joyce against TOTTON & ELING at Western Way. NEWPORT, doughty Cup fighters over the years, defeated HAMWORTHY UNITED two nil with Scott Jones getting both and a few miles down the road a single goal from Jordan Browne was enough to see COWES SPORTS progress at TEAM SOLENT's expense. Both sides incidentally were promoted to the Premier Division at the end of the season.

AFC PORTCHESTER defeated FAWLEY by the odd goal in three and FAREHAM won three one at ROMSEY, in front of a crowd just over the 200 mark with all three for the Creeksiders coming in the final 17 minutes- Jordan Neal, Bradey Norton and Liam Robinson with the goals- leaving one tie that was only decided after a replay. CHRISTCHURCH travelled north to ALRESFORD and returned home with a one all draw and a chance to still progress only to lose three one in the replay at Hurn Bridge where Jack Hoey opened the scoring for the Magpies on 8 minutes and wrapped up the tie four minutes from time with his second.

Nine all-Wessex ties and nine against clubs from other Leagues with sadly only two successes in the latter as the Western League rather held sway. The two Sydenhams victories came from HORNDEAN, who won three

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two at Corsham courtesy of goals from Nathan Kirby, Ellis Martin and Nathan Paxton while BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY defeated Bitton two one on the outskirts of Bristol, with close to 100 in attendance. WHITCHURCH were paired again with Hallen and lost two one after a one all draw at Longmeadow and one goal was enough to give Sherborne victory at PEWSEY VALE.

Bradford Town upheld their reputation as something of Cup specialists with a four three defeat of MONEYFIELDS- Alfie Rutherford bagged a brace for the visitors. PETERSFIELD saw Jack James and Jason Silver hit the target but went down three two at home to Bristol Manor Farm and HYTHE & DIBDEN lost by the same scoreline at Winterbourne United. Steve Whitcher and one Terry Cox on the scoresheet that day.

Finally two games against Hellenic League opposition with one an almost exact rerun of the previous season. BROCKENHURST lost three nil at home to Wootton Bassett while for the second season in a row TADLEY CALLEVA were drawn at home to Ascot United. Last season Ascot won four two but the tie was awarded to Tadley as the Berkshire Club fielded an ineligible player. This season Ascot again won by four goals to two with the team sheet this time passing inspection after a 1-1 draw alongside the Racecourse.

Eleven Clubs had therefore progressed to the Preliminary Round and there were only two ties involving our Clubs in opposition with each other. BEMERTON and BOURNEMOUTH failed to muster a goal between them at Western Way but the Wiltshire Club found their shooting boots in the replay, but only just made it through scoring three times (Jack Eves, Tom Roberts and Neil Williams) with Poppies netting twice through Sam Pekun and Fawzi Saadi; while FOLLANDS won four one at PORTCHESTER with Jamie Barron and Ashley Jarvis both scoring twice. This left seven ties against "foreign" opposition of which the Sydenhams League came out on top in four. WINCHESTER won two nil at Bashley- both goals from Warren Bentley with a crowd of 160- and HORNDEAN made the long haul to the Welsh Border and defeated Southern League Cinderford two one thanks to goals from Gary Austin and Nathan Kirby. NEWPORT were too strong for Western League Winterbourne United, winning five two at St. Georges Park, where the crowd was reported as 187- with Freddie Knowles hitting a double for the hosts, and BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY scored four times without reply – two from Jamie Musselwhite – against Highworth Town on the Waterside. COWES SPORTS with 116 at Westwood, lost one nil to Southern League Yate Town and FAREHAM conceded three without reply to Longwell Green at Cams Alders. ALRESFORD were held to a two all draw at Arlebury by Sherborne but things did not go their way in the replay as the home side scored four times to ensure they progressed in the Competition.

Despite there being only six Sydenhams Clubs in the First Qualifying Round the FA conducted their usual cull with two all-Wessex ties, A Tom McInnes goal, the only one of the game, gave NEWPORT victory at HORNDEAN and WINCHESTER defeated BEMERTON three nil at Abbotts Barton, where the crowd was reported as 150. The remaining two ties saw the League gain revenge for two defeats in the previous round as BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY beat Sherborne three two at Gang Warily, Jamie Musselwhite again amongst the scorers and a Mike Turvey goal gave FOLLANDS victory at Longwell Green Sports where the crowd was just over 100.

On to the Second Qualifying Round and as was to be expected the FA managed to pair two of our four Clubs together. WINCHESTER and NEWPORT shared six goals on the Mainland, where Scott Jones notched another double for the Island side (with a gate of 220) before Zach Glasspool scored the only goal of the game in the replay on the Island- with a shade over 300 coming through the gate. The remaining two sides both took their ties to replays at home before going down by a single goal in the replay, FOLLANDS at Frome Town in front of 179 and BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY at Willand who Hamworthy face shortly in this season's Vase where the gate was recorded as 221.

So WINCHESTER carried the flag in to the Third Qualifying Round and travelled to Essex, to Canvey Island to be precise, to face Conference South side Concord Rangers where, despite two goals from Warren Bentley, they were beaten three two in a game in which in the eyes of most observers (with the crowd being 202) they deserved at least a share of the spoils- not for the first time the Third Qualifying Round was the end of the road for the League.

Meanwhile on 30 May 2015, Arsenal beat Aston Villa in the Final 4-0 in front of just over 89,200 spectators at Wembley with goals from Theo Walcott, Alexis Sanchez, Per Mertesacker and Olivier Giroud.

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As Old Father Time winds down after a difficult 12 months for many, the Board of the League extend their best wishes for a Happy New Year in 2019 to all Club Officials, Players, Referees and Supporters.



PLAYER NEWS

Hamworthy United have moved to secure the services of James King from Christchurch. With nine goals from midfield this term he will add some more options to the Hammers squad.

Ben Hatch has left Verwood linking up with Downton and further east Louie Castles has gone to Fareham after a spell with Horndean.

On a general point, each club will have received over Christmas revised guidelines from the FA as regards International Clearance and Contracted players. Each club is requested to make sure that they check and read their emails as there are some changes to be aware of, not least the revised form layouts following recent legislation.

SATURDAY MATCH RESULTS

Friday 28 December 2018

First Division

Folland Sports 1-0 Downton 41

Callum Oliver 69 pen

Saturday 29 December 2018

Premier Division

AFC Portchester 1-2 Alresford Town 109

OG 77

Scott Munro 14

George Farrelly 54

Bemerton Heath Harlequins 4-0 Andover New Street 42

Jordan Matthews [3]

Jack Taylor

Bournemouth 1-1 Team Solent 42

Steve Flynn 56

Hashim Kasimu

Brockenhurst 3-2 Lymington Town 233

Will Tickle 4

Christos Papakonstantinou 78

Jude Nwachukwu 83 pen

Mike Gosney 41

Ash Jarvis 47

Cowes Sports 1-3 Baffins Milton Rovers 138

Gareth Bricknell

Rob Taw

Tommy Tierney

Tommy Leigh

Fareham Town 2-1 Bashley 111

Garry Moody 7

Scott Hamilton 65

Nathan Clements 85 pen

Hamble Club 0-1 Horndean 83

Harry Jackson

Hamworthy United 0-3 Portland United 170

Darren Watts 45

Jamie Symes 90+3

Billy Mitchell 90+6

Shaftesbury 3-1 Tadley Calleva 47

Ben Wood [2]

Jack Mitchell

Brett Denham 88

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<p>Sholing Dan Mason 69, 84 Byron Mason 79</p> <p>First Division</p> <p>East Cowes Victoria</p> <p>Fawley AFC Peter Southwick Tom Munday</p> <p>Laverstock & Ford Russell Jones</p> <p>Petersfield Town</p> <p>Verwood Town Matt Vining</p>	<p>3-0</p> <p>0-2</p> <p>2-1</p> <p>1-1</p> <p>0-3</p> <p>1-2</p>	<p>Christchurch</p> <p>Newport (IOW) Liam Triggs Mark Taylor</p> <p>Totton & Eling Jamie Blackburn</p> <p>New Milton Town Aidan Radford</p> <p>United Services Portsmouth Mig Dark Lewis Beale Frankie Paige</p> <p>Ringwood Town Matt Wotton [2]</p>	<p>151</p> <p>264</p> <p>47</p> <p>78</p> <p>81</p> <p>104</p>
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FIXTURES UPDATE

Fixtures subject to change at short notice- please check "Full Time"

Bournemouth Senior Cup Final	03-Jan	Bournemouth	v	Hythe & Dibden
Premier Division	04-Jan	Alresford Town	v	Hamble Club
Buildbase FA Vase 4th Round	05-Jan	Cray Valley	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Buildbase FA Vase 4th Round	05-Jan	Cribbs	v	Sholing
Buildbase FA Vase 4th Round	05-Jan	Willand Rovers	v	Hamworthy United
Sydenhams League Cup Quarter Final	05-Jan	Lymington Town	v	Horndean
Premier Division	05-Jan	Andover New Street	v	AFC Portchester
Premier Division	05-Jan	Bournemouth	v	Brockenhurst
Premier Division	05-Jan	Christchurch	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Premier Division	05-Jan	Portland United	v	Cowes Sports
Premier Division	05-Jan	Tadley Calleva	v	Bashley
Premier Division	05-Jan	Team Solent	v	Shaftesbury
First Division	05-Jan	AFC Stoneham	v	Andover Town
First Division	05-Jan	Amesbury Town	v	United Services Portsmouth
First Division	05-Jan	East Cowes Victoria	v	Hythe & Dibden
First Division	05-Jan	Folland Sports	v	Alton
First Division	05-Jan	New Milton Town	v	Fawley AFC
First Division	05-Jan	Newport (IOW)	v	Whitchurch United
First Division	05-Jan	Petersfield Town	v	Verwood Town
First Division	05-Jan	Ringwood Town	v	Laverstock & Ford
First Division	05-Jan	Romsey Town	v	Totton & Eling
Portsmouth Senior Cup Quarter Final	05-Jan	Paulsgrove	v	Fareham Town
Hampshire Senior Cup 3rd Round	08-Jan	Horndean	v	AFC Bournemouth
Russell-Cotes Cup Quarter Final	08-Jan	Christchurch	v	Petersfield Town
Russell-Cotes Cup Quarter Final	08-Jan	Lymington Town	v	Fleet Town
Russell-Cotes Cup Quarter Final	08-Jan	Sholing	v	AFC Stoneham

The draw for the Semi Finals has been made, with dates to be confirmed, here is how it affects our teams.

North Hants Senior Cup - Semi Final

Alresford Town	-	Winchester Castle
Andover New Street	-	Alton

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LEAGUE TABLES

RANK	PREMIER DIVISION	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Sholing	18	17	1	0	56	10	46	52	2.8889
2	Portland United	17	13	2	2	48	20	28	41	2.4118
3	Horndean	18	12	1	5	41	19	22	37	2.0556
4	Bournemouth	18	9	5	4	40	31	9	32	1.7778
5	Baffins Milton Rovers	16	9	4	3	28	15	13	31	1.9375
6	Alresford Town	20	9	3	8	34	32	2	30	1.5000
7	AFC Portchester	18	9	2	7	38	26	12	29	1.6111
8	Hamworthy United	18	9	1	8	37	31	6	28	1.5556
9	Hamble Club	20	8	4	8	31	28	3	28	1.4000
10	Bashley [points adjustment]	21	9	3	9	45	46	-1	27	1.2857
11	Tadley Calleva	19	7	6	6	28	34	-6	27	1.4211
12	Lymington Town	20	7	3	10	33	36	-3	24	1.2000
13	Brockenhurst	19	7	2	10	26	31	-5	23	1.2105
14	Fareham Town	20	6	5	9	26	44	-18	23	1.1500
15	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	19	6	4	9	26	35	-9	22	1.1579
16	Shaftesbury	21	6	3	12	30	38	-8	21	1.0000
17	Christchurch	22	5	5	12	31	48	-17	20	0.9091
18	Cowes Sports	22	6	2	14	21	51	-30	20	0.9091
19	Team Solent	19	4	4	11	33	42	-9	16	0.8421
20	Andover New Street	21	4	2	15	21	56	-35	14	0.6667

RANK	FIRST DIVISION	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Amesbury Town	19	16	2	1	63	24	39	50	2.6316
2	AFC Stoneham	18	15	3	0	69	15	54	48	2.6667
3	Hythe & Dibden	20	15	3	2	59	24	35	48	2.4000
4	Romsey Town	20	14	2	4	68	26	42	44	2.2000
5	United Services Portsmouth	17	11	2	4	49	28	21	35	2.0588
6	Alton	20	10	3	7	51	35	16	33	1.6500
7	Verwood Town	19	8	4	7	29	34	-5	28	1.4737
8	Downton	20	8	2	10	39	43	-4	26	1.3000
9	Newport (IOW)	17	7	4	6	26	31	-5	25	1.4706
10	Laverstock & Ford	19	7	3	9	41	37	4	24	1.2632
11	Fawley AFC	19	7	3	9	29	36	-7	24	1.2632
12	Folland Sports	21	7	2	12	32	58	-26	23	1.0952
13	East Cowes Victoria	19	6	4	9	28	47	-19	22	1.1579
14	Whitchurch United	20	6	2	12	27	42	-15	20	1.0000
15	New Milton Town	21	6	1	14	25	46	-21	19	0.9048
16	Petersfield Town	22	5	3	14	34	58	-24	18	0.8182
17	Ringwood Town	20	4	4	12	25	49	-24	16	0.8000
18	Totton & Eling	17	4	1	12	20	39	-19	13	0.7647
19	Andover Town	18	3	0	15	20	62	-42	9	0.5000

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A quiet time across the patch with yesterday seeing only games being played in the Dorset Premier League. With none of the top three in league action, Gillingham took advantage of their inactivity to move into joint second spot with a 1-0 win over Shaftesbury's second team. Portland were perhaps surprisingly turned over at home by lowly Wareham Rangers 2-1. Holt won 5-4 in the shadow of the castle out at Corfe whilst Swanage ensured Sturminster Newton stayed rooted at the basement courtesy of a 1-0 away win, in the other game played Balti returned to winning ways with a 3-2 win over Bridport's second team.

RANK	DORSET PREMIER	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hamworthy Recreation	16	14	1	1	55	16	39	43
2	Merley Cobham Sports	16	11	1	4	73	23	50	34
3	Westland Sports	15	11	1	3	53	21	32	34
4	Gillingham Town	17	10	4	3	45	24	21	34
5	Holt United	18	10	0	8	44	34	10	30
6	Balti Sports	17	8	5	4	39	34	5	29
7	Portland United Reserves	19	9	2	8	42	42	0	29
8	Parley Sports	17	8	3	6	42	33	9	27
9	Dorchester Sports	17	8	1	8	33	37	-4	25
10	Swanage Town And Herston	17	5	7	5	33	45	-12	22
11	Blandford United	15	6	3	6	39	35	4	21
12	Bridport Reserves	15	5	2	8	32	36	-4	17
13	Shaftesbury Reserves	15	5	1	9	27	34	-7	16
14	Sherborne Town Reserves	16	4	2	10	22	46	-24	14
15	Corfe Castle	16	3	2	11	39	66	-27	11
16	Wareham Rangers	17	2	3	12	21	72	-51	9
17	Sturminster Newton United	17	2	0	15	10	51	-41	6

RANK	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Paulsgrove	18	15	0	3	83	26	57	45
2	Bush Hill	15	13	0	2	66	19	47	39
3	Infinity	14	12	1	1	56	15	41	37

RANK	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kintbury Rangers	15	13	0	2	65	20	45	39
2	Wroughton	15	11	3	1	50	13	37	36
3	Shrewton United	16	11	1	4	67	27	40	34

RANK	WYVERN COMBINATION	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Portchester	8	5	1	2	20	8	12	16
2	Hamble Club	8	5	1	2	18	9	9	16
3	Sholing	10	5	1	4	24	19	5	16

Meanwhile looking up, AFC Totton saw off Highworth Town 3-1 at home whilst Moneyfields won by the same score line after a long trip to Barnstaple's North Devon home. Blackfield maintained top spot courtesy of a win at Slimbridge aided by Yate only managing a 1-1 home draw with Thatcham Town. Winchester City collected the points in a 4-0 home victory over Mangotsfield United.

In the Premier section, Wimborne Town earned a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Dorchester whilst Poole and Salisbury shared four goals at Tatnam Farm and Weymouth shared six with league leaders Taunton at Wordsworth Drive.

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RANK	EVOSTIK SOUTHERN PREMIER	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Taunton Town	21	15	2	4	55	25	30	47
2	Weymouth	19	12	4	3	45	24	21	40
3	Salisbury	20	11	5	4	49	31	18	38
4	Harrow Borough	20	11	4	5	50	36	14	37
5	Metropolitan Police	18	10	6	2	42	31	11	36
6	Merthyr Town	21	10	5	6	38	28	10	35
7	Beaconsfield Town	20	8	7	5	39	33	6	31
8	Hendon	22	9	4	9	39	39	0	31
9	Hartley Wintney	21	7	8	6	41	39	2	29
10	Kings Langley	20	8	4	8	33	36	-3	28
11	Walton Casuals	21	8	4	9	38	43	-5	28
12	Poole Town	17	8	3	6	36	24	12	27
13	Swindon Supermarine	21	7	5	9	37	35	2	26
14	Tiverton Town	20	6	7	7	35	34	1	25
15	Gosport Borough	21	8	1	12	35	44	-9	25
16	Farnborough	22	7	4	11	35	50	-15	25
17	Basingstoke Town	19	7	3	9	35	40	-5	24
18	Wimborne Town	21	7	2	12	39	46	-7	23
19	Dorchester Town	20	6	4	10	27	40	-13	22
20	Frome Town	22	6	3	13	29	40	-11	21
21	Chesham United	20	6	3	11	20	40	-20	21
22	Staines Town	22	3	0	19	24	63	-39	9

RANK	EVOSTIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blackfield & Langley	19	13	2	4	34	16	18	41
2	Yate Town	18	12	4	2	37	18	19	40
3	Evesham United	19	10	3	6	31	24	7	33
4	Melksham Town	16	9	5	2	31	22	9	32
5	Moneyfields	15	9	4	2	28	14	14	31
6	Cirencester Town	18	9	3	6	44	30	14	30
7	Street	17	8	4	5	30	23	7	28
8	Cinderford Town	17	8	2	7	31	22	9	26
9	Larkhall Athletic	19	7	5	7	25	22	3	26
10	AFC Totton	16	7	4	5	27	18	9	25
11	Highworth Town	19	6	7	6	32	31	1	25
12	Winchester City	18	7	4	7	29	30	-1	25
13	Bideford	19	7	4	8	35	38	-3	25
14	Thatcham Town	17	8	1	8	26	32	-6	25
15	Bristol Manor Farm	17	6	4	7	31	33	-2	22
16	Paulton Rovers	18	6	2	10	29	38	-9	20
17	Slimbridge	19	4	4	11	22	36	-14	16
18	Mangotsfield United	18	4	1	13	26	37	-11	13
19	Fleet Town	18	3	1	14	23	51	-28	10
20	Barnstaple Town	19	3	0	16	20	56	-36	9

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ATTENDANCE STATISTICS- UPDATE

TEAM	1718 AVGE	1819 AVGE	+/-	+/- AS A %
AFC Portchester	100.952	118.818	17.866	17.70%
AFC Stoneham	52.824	49.222	-3.601	-6.82%
Alresford Town	56.000	63.100	7.100	12.68%
Alton	97.294	80.500	-16.794	-17.26%
Amesbury Town	43.952	65.727	21.775	49.54%
Andover New Street	74.118	95.571	21.454	28.95%
Andover Town	173.333	90.727	-82.606	-47.66%
Baffins Milton Rovers	78.524	79.167	0.643	0.82%
Bashley	132.619	144.300	11.681	8.81%
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	54.238	54.833	0.595	1.10%
Bournemouth	41.333	49.600	8.267	20.00%
Brockenhurst	83.762	121.700	37.938	45.29%
Christchurch	76.353	93.667	17.314	22.68%
Cowes Sports	115.381	129.200	13.819	11.98%
Downton	56.706	69.300	12.594	22.21%
East Cowes Victoria	37.529	73.250	35.721	95.18%
Fareham Town	90.429	81.000	-9.429	-10.43%
Fawley	32.412	42.700	10.288	31.74%
Folland Sports	27.588	37.750	10.162	36.83%
Hamble Club	59.857	69.778	9.921	16.57%
Hamworthy United	90.714	103.200	12.486	13.76%
Horndean	54.619	63.333	8.714	15.95%
Hythe & Dibden	51.294	59.600	8.306	16.19%
Laverstock & Ford	51.706	79.333	27.627	53.43%
Lymington Town	74.095	73.111	-0.984	-1.33%
New Milton Town	42.765	66.333	23.569	55.11%
Newport (IoW)	99.238	121.000	21.762	21.93%
Petersfield Town	67.238	68.333	1.095	0.00%
Portland United	139.238	135.300	-3.938	-2.83%
Ringwood Town	36.000	36.143	0.143	0.40%
Romsey Town	75.765	88.091	12.326	16.27%
Shaftesbury	61.381	47.909	-13.472	-21.95%
Sholing	114.286	155.636	41.351	36.18%
Tadley Calleva	71.529	78.625	7.096	9.92%
Team Solent	38.476	50.875	12.399	32.22%
Totton & Eling	104.000	97.000	-7.000	-6.73%
United Services Portsmouth	21.529	21.625	0.096	0.44%
Verwood Town	42.941	54.200	11.259	26.22%
Whitchurch United	52.176	51.600	-0.576	-1.10%

The games yesterday in particular appear to have boosted averages, with over 200 at the Meadens Skoda Arena for the New Forest Derby and over 250 at Beatrice Avenue providing a welcome boost to the coffers for the host clubs.

SATURDAY MATCH REPORTS

Paul Harris writes

HAMBLE CLUB 0-1 HORNDEAN

THE home team continued their poor home run, and the visitors got back on track with this win. Tight, quite physical game with not too many chances on goal - the only really clear chance, well taken, was decisive. The visitors played some nice football, especially first half, the home team came back into it more after the break. The visitors looked the better team early on and passed it around well. Just one easy shot for each keeper to save. The Monks defended stoutly until the 24th minute, when a through ball saw Harry JACKSON running clear on goal. Keeper Snelling came out to meet him but had no chance with a well-placed shot. The visitors continued to set the pace and were clearly better in midfield - centre-half Lee had a couple of headers over the bar from set pieces, and an Everett volley was well wide.

Just before the break Hamble had a couple of efforts on goal - a nice move saw right-back Gange flash a vicious cross-shot across goal, but wide of the far post, and then Pina's cross-shot from the opposite flank was a bit further wide.

HT 0-1

After the break the Monks pressed further forward and caused the Deans' defence some trouble from set plays. However, the visitors came closest to scoring initially as a clever free-kick by Maloney saw him chip it down the left instead of into the area where Jackson's shot from an angle was just over. A free-kick fell to the home team's Hookey in the area but he couldn't get the shot in time. A break through the middle then saw Cole pass to Silver who looked to be brought down near the area, but the good ref waved play to continue. Silver then cut in from the left but his shot was easily saved by visiting keeper Casey.

Horndean looked more comfortable near the end and had more chances to add to their lead. A nice break saw sub Kanjanda's excellent curled shot hit the post, then Snelling saved well from Hookey's follow-up.

FT 0-1

Roger Allen writes

HAMWORTHY UNITED 0-3 PORTLAND UNITED

TWO goals in added time at the end of the game gave the score line a look that said the game was one sided. It was ironic that the Hamworthy bench had spent most of the second half urging the referee to add on time when all it did was allow Portland to triple the margin of victory.

Portland were the better team for much of this game but the match contained too much niggles and questioning of the referee's decisions to make this an enjoyable spectacle for the neutral. To his credit the referee kept the yellow card count low and allowed the game to flow.

The first chance came to Portland in the 3rd minute when Jamie Beasley fired just over. Beasley was to be source of most danger throughout the first half and he should have scored after 20 minutes when he headed over a right wing cross from point blank range.

Hamworthy generally lacked ambition as they were playing with only Sean Wright up front. His job was to hold up the ball to allow midfielders to join up but Portland's defence, where Lewis Whyton was outstanding, were in no mood to allow the Hammers any time on the ball. All the home side had to show was a Chris Senior header which was easily fielded by Sean Lillington.

At the other end Beasley continued to threaten and on 35 minutes he rattled the cross bar from 20 yards with Tom Rees beaten. In the last minute of the half, finally Portland made their domination tell. A session of pinball in the Hamworthy penalty area ended with the ball being half cleared to Darren WATTS around 25 yards out and he arrowed a shot into the top corner giving Rees no chance.

HT 0-1

Portland nearly doubled their lead immediately after half time when Tom Richardson got in a shot that was palmed away by Rees at the expense of a corner.

Early in the second half Hamworthy introduced the ex-Christchurch strike force of Luke Stone and James King but, in truth, they fared no better than their predecessors. The game was more even now but neither goalkeeper was called upon to make a significant save until near the end.

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Dan Cann had been kept in cotton wool pending next week's Vase game but he was finally introduced with 20 minutes to go. His first action could easily have been his last as a flailing arm caught Whyton in the face. I presume neither the referee (nor his assistant) saw what happened as he contented himself with lecturing both players.

And so to stoppage time and in the 3rd minute Jamie SYMES beat Rees with a low shot from 20 yards. Three minutes later Billy MITCHELL jinked his way through a floundering Hammers defence to put the icing on the cake with a third goal.

FT 0-3

Connor Steel writes

SHOLING 3-0 CHRISTCHURCH

TWO goals by striker Dan Mason helped the Boatmen to a solid but unspectacular victory to end a successful year for the club and continue their fine league form this season. In truth Sholing's performance was below par and it could be argued that the score line flatters the home side as they struggled throughout the afternoon.

On a dry afternoon at the Universal Stadium, the first half was a dire affair in which both teams did not register a single shot on goal as they both fought a midfield battle that nobody seemed to lose. The only real chance of the first half came in the 13th minute when a Sholing corner was headed high and wide of the post from just outside the 6 yard box.

Fouls and firm tackles seemed to become part of the first half play as both teams battled to gain control of the match, and this saw Lee Wort booked for a crunching tackle on the follow through of a 50-50 ball. This was particularly frustrating for the Boatmen, who believed they should have been given a penalty after Marv Mclean seemed to be fouled after cutting inside earlier in the half.

Unfortunately both teams were organised and compact throughout the first half, which didn't lead much to attacking play. When on the attack both teams had shots blocked at source, but neither keeper was tested at all. The bobbly pitch also caused problems as passes often went astray and this led to the breakdown of several attacking moves, although this could be down to rustiness as the weather had cancelled 3 out of the last 4 matches over the last 3 weeks. Five minutes before half time Max Wilcock collected a yellow card.

HT 0-0

Sadly the game did not improve much in the first 15 minutes as Christchurch became more attacking but didn't create any chances as the Sholing defence cancelled out everything that came at them. However on the hour mark the Boatmen management brought on both Bradley Targett and Alex Sawyer, which ultimately swung momentum towards the home side and helped them to another win.

Seven minutes after a corner by Alex Sawyer was headed off the line, Sholing took the lead in the 69th minute after a pacey run by Bradley Targett helped to win a corner. The delivery by Alex Sawyer was pinpoint and caused the away keeper to misjudge his punch away. As the ball hit the top of the keeper's glove and bounced behind him, heads and legs seemed to scramble on the goal-line before the ball rose perfectly for Dan MASON to head home. With an injury stoppage instantly after the goal there was confusion amongst the fans as they were unaware the goal had actually been given straight away, but the relief was apparent when it had been confirmed.

This scrappy goal gave the home side the advantage, which they doubled their lead with 11 minutes to play. When Dan Mason's shot was deflected tamely into the keeper's hands, the ball was cleared and found itself at the feet of Cuthbertson just inside the Christchurch half. He played a deep cross that landed on the head of the in-rushing Byron MASON midway of the penalty area and he glanced the ball in the far corner as it bounced across the face of goal.

In the 81st minute Christchurch right back Harvey Wright found space on the edge of the Sholing box after a long ball was punted forward. He calmly curled a powerful shot that looked to be heading into the top corner before the hands of Ryan Gosney tipped it wide for a corner. It was a great save and ensured another clean sheet for the home side (19th of the season) after they limited Christchurch to just this one shot on target in the whole afternoon.

The goalscoring was completed in the 84th minute when a long ball was collected by Dan MASON at the edge of the box. With his back to goal and his route blocked by defenders he flicked the ball up into the air with

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his chest before unleashing a low overhead shot that bounced into the bottom right corner to make it 3-0. This goal was a fine ending to the match that had been very dull at times but Sholing had deserved to win on the balance of play.

FT 3-0

John Gorman writes

BROCKENHURST 3-2 LYMINGTON TOWN

THIS was a highly entertaining New Forest derby that was end to end for ninety minutes, had a goal early in each half, saw the lead change hands three times, produced one red card and the winning goal from what many considered a contentious penalty kick - and all in front of the largest crowd of the day in the Premier Division, two hundred and thirty three.

A bright start from both sides saw Lymington's Mike Gosney have a shot turned round the post by home keeper Matt Taylor leading to two corners that came to nothing , before Brockenhurst scored with just five minutes played. A free kick from the left by Jude Nwachukwu was headed back across the goal at the far post and turned over the line by Will TICKLE. A long Gosney run was eventually stopped by weight of numbers and both sides continued to go forward at every opportunity with the home side looking more dangerous in front of goal. A Brockenhurst free kick caused a scramble in the home penalty area with two shots blocked before Lymington were forced in to change as defender Matt Burt, who had won most things in the air, limped off following an earlier injury.



A defensive error allowed Tickle to break clear but he pulled his shot across the goal though the subsequent award of a corner suggested the goalkeeper may have got a touch. This was quickly followed by a chance at the other end as Jake King was allowed to run on from a position that had more than a suggestion of offside about it but

goalkeeper Taylor was quickly down at his feet and the ball rebounded to safety.

The home side scorned an opportunity to increase their lead when Noel McCarthy Gardiner met a right wing cross with an "air shot" and then saw Brockenhurst equalise with just three first half minutes left on the clock. The goal owed a lot to Lewis Ross for a mazy run that culminated with his shot rebounding off the crossbar and Mike GOSNEY throwing himself forward to head the loose ball in to the empty net. The free scoring wide man does not get too many goals with his head!

HT 1-1

A goal three minutes before half time was followed by another a minute after the restart with the visitors scoring again to turn the game on its head. A free kick from the left was not cleared and Ashley JARVIS swept the ball past Taylor to put his side in front. Ross was then wide after a defender inexplicably passed the ball across his own area and King had a shot saved at full stretch as Lymington looked to extend their lead with a spell of possession. Substitutes began to arrive on a regular basis and prompted by Gosney, King put a lob on to the top of the net and was wide with another effort before Lymington bounced back to level the scores with some fifteen minutes remaining as Christos PAPAKONSTANTINO, one of the substitutes, picked the ball up on the corner of the area and showed clever control and footwork before firing across Jones and inside the far post. Gosney was cynically tripped by Matt Casey – a deserved booking – before the deciding goal in the thirty seventh minute. The home side broke down the right and Nwachukwu's cross struck Luke Ansell on the arm from a distance of some five yards and to many it was ball to hand (or arm) rather than hand to ball but the referee can only give what he sees and NWACHUKWU coolly stroked home the penalty.

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Just before or just after the penalty Lymington's Ronan Moore received a second yellow card -either for dissent for kicking the ball out of the ground after the whistle. The final minutes were like the Alamo in the Lymington area as Lymington threw everything in search of an equaliser, crosses galore, some fine goalkeeping, a header from Carlo Tate that grazed the bar and some hectic scrambles but the goal would not come and it was the home side that celebrated at the final whistle.

An enjoyable afternoon in the Forest and with Brockenhurst having won the earlier encounter between the two sides it is game, set(t) and match to the Badgers for this season. Finally did the game warrant the six or seven cautions that were issued. The answer is No but if players cannot keep their mouths shut they and their Clubs will suffer.

FT 3-2

BUILDBASE FA VASE 4th ROUND UPDATE

WILLAND ROVERS

Top of the Western League Premier Division with 51 points from 20 games, they go into the Vase game on the back of a good 4-0 away win at Hallen yesterday. Willand is a village near Cullompton and is about 19 miles north of Exeter and 17 miles south west of Taunton. Just the 72 miles from Hamworthy.



Their previous best was in 2009/10 tasting defeat at Barwell in the 5th Round. This season they were exempt to the 1st Round, where they beat fellow Western Premier side Odd Down 4-1 at their Bath home. A 2-1 win over Tavistock followed, before the last time out which was a home win over Bodmin Town 3-0.

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13th in the Western Premier Division and collected just the one point in yesterday's game at Shortwood. They play just off the M5 laying between the M4/M5 and M5/M49 junction, not far from the Cribbs Causeway Shopping centre. 97 miles by the shortest route from Sholing. This is new territory for the north Bristol side with the previous best being a 1st Round Replay defeat at Odd Down.

2018/19 saw them open with a 5-1 win at Shortwood United starting them on the way, before a 3-2 away win against Brimscombe & Thrupp and a 2-0 win at our own Newport IOW in the 2nd Round. Last time out they played at Saltash United winning through 4-2.

CRAY VALLEY PM

5th in the Southern Counties East (the old Kent League) nine points adrift of the leaders Fisher. They play at the

Badgers Sports Ground Eltham as a ground share with Isthmian League outfit Greenwich Borough although it appears that Cray Valley have precedence in the event of a fixture clash. The "PM" stands for Paper Mills a title they have held since their 1919 foundation. The ground is 95 miles from Portsmouth.

They've had a long journey to reach this stage. A 1st Qualifying Round win at Sutton Athletic (2-1) saw them paired with Hailsham Town in the 2nd Qualifying Round when a 2-0 away win led them to St Panteleimon. The original game was abandoned due to a player injury in extra time. The re-match ended with a 3-1 win. Badshot Lea were seen off with a somewhat emphatic 9-0 victory in the 2nd Round, before a 4-0 win at Sheppey United last time out.

Good luck to our three representatives on their "Road to Wembley"

WEEK TWENTY-TWO ROUND UP

The weekly roundup is just that this week - the weekend with no football played in midweek and one does wonder if the League and Clubs miss out by not playing on Boxing Day *writes John Gorman*. The Western League is the same level as ourselves and they had a virtually full Programme on the 26th. In the Premier Division there were three attendances in excess of 100, one over 200 whilst Westbury had a gate of 445. In Division One five games attracted in excess of 100, three over 200 and the highest was 323.

Surely food for thought in these days when all are looking for income.

The weekend started with a Division One fixture on Friday evening in which a second half penalty from Callum Oliver was the only goal of the game and gave Follands victory over Downton and three points that took them to eleventh place in the table, the highest they have been all season. They have now taken ten points from the last twelve, a just reward for all those working so hard at the Club.

So to Saturday and thankfully again all the scheduled matches were played with no interference from the weather but they made little to no difference to the top of the tables in either Division, In the Premier Division all the top sides won to maintain the status quo whilst in Division One the top four sides were without a game. Sholing reached the New Year with the loss of just two points following their three nil victory over Christchurch with Dan Mason scoring twice. The striker has now netted 36 goals in 32 matches to date this season - a remarkable strike rate.

Second place Portland continued their own winning run as two late goals helped them to a three nil win at Hamworthy and a lone Harry Jackson goal gave Horndean victory at Hamble Club. AFC Portchester went down two one at home to Alresford, the latter's third win in three games, whilst Baffins Milton Rovers returned across the Solent with three points from their visit to Cowes and with three different names on the scoresheet. Brockenhurst took the points in the local derby with Lymington by the odd goal in five with the lead changing hands three times in the course of the ninety minutes while Fareham claimed their first win in four with a

two one defeat of Bashley, ending a recent run of victories by the visitors.

At the lower end of the table two of the League's top marksmen, Steve Flynn and Hisham Kasimu, were on target for Bournemouth and Team Solent respectively in their one all draw - a useful point for the Students - and a very welcome win for Shaftesbury as they ended a run of six defeats with a three one win over Tadley helped by two goals from Ben Wood.

But no joy for Andover New Street who went down four nil at Bemerton and are now beginning to be cast adrift at the bottom. Jordan Matthews scored three for the home side making it ten in eleven games since moving across from Amesbury and memory, and memory alone, suggests this was his third hat trick.

As stated earlier the top four sides in Division One were not in action and United Services Portsmouth, in fifth place and with games in hand on all four, took advantage and reduced the gap between themselves and those above them after making the short trip up the A3 and defeating Petersfield by three goals to nil. Newport journeyed to East Cowes Vics for a League match for the first time in thirty years and returned home with a two goal victory in a game that attracted an attendance in excess of two hundred and fifty. Liam Triggs and Mark Taylor scored the all-important goals.

Totton & Eling saw their winless run stretch to eight matches after going down two one at Fawley despite taking the lead, while New Milton collected another useful point in a one all draw at Laverstock & Ford. Lastly three valuable points for Ringwood as they claimed only their third win of the season with a best of three victory at Verwood.

Grateful for all the attendances being reported yesterday and it was good to see that a number of games were well supported. In the Premier Division Portchester, Cowes, Fareham, Hamworthy and Sholing reported crowds in excess of one hundred whilst the Brockenhurst/Lymington clash had over two hundred. In Division One the attendance at Vics has been mentioned while Verwood also enjoyed a three figure gate.

Happy New Year to all.