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# FROM THE DUGOUT

Good evening, and a warm welcome to the GMS Arena.

An extended welcome goes out to the players, officials, and supporters of Bemerton Heath Football Club. We hope your journey was a pleasant one to this evening's game and wish you all a very safe journey home.

Our visitors tonight had a tough start to life in the division. Many changes, on and off the pitch has meant a close season rebuild, but encouraging signs point to them coming out the other side and see them firmly establishing themselves within the Division.

Back in September, goals from Alex Murphy, Aaron White and Josh Williams secured the points in a 3-1 victory. The scoreline didn't reflect the very competitive and close game on that evening and we expect a very stern test this tonight.

Tonight's game is our last home game of the season, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you, the loyal supporters for showing up each week, supporting us as a club, and cheering on the boys. It really does mean so much.

Tonight, should also be seen as a celebration. There are a few of us that will not be returning in our current guise next season. Our number 7, Sam Farthing "Farths" will be stepping away from playing after over 400 appearances for the Zebras. A truly fantastic achievement by a truly fantastic man. I've had the pleasure of having this man with me in the trenches for 20 years and there is simply no better!.

There will be changes in the dugout next year too. Jacko, Nikki and I believe it's time to pass on the baton and privilege of leading this remarkable club and unbelievable group of players. My sincere thanks to them for putting up with and sticking by me. We have seen so much together in our time, and I would never have done it without them by my side. I/we would like to wish the new Management Team of Luke, Lewis & Darren every success going forward. I have no doubt at times you will question "what have I let myself in for" but believe me you will always find a club and a group of players worth showing up for.

To JB (Chairman), all the Committee & volunteers, there are too many to name but thank you!. The work that you guys do to keep this great club going is phenomenal, often unnoticed but never taken for granted and very much appreciated.

And finally.....My Boys! Its been a privilege and honour! The miles you have travelled and ran for "our group", the sacrifices you have made and the commitment and loyalty you have shown is truly humbling. Quite simply, you are the reason why I do what I do! You make the good days better, and the hard days' worth it. Zebras you really are a special bunch.

Up the Zebras!

*Waddsy*

# FROM THE BOARDROOM WITH JOHN BOWERS

Good evening everyone for the last time this season. I would like to extend the warm welcome to everyone from Bemerton Heath who have made the trip this evening. I hope you enjoy your visit and have a safe trip home.

Last Saturday we travelled to Cowes Sports and delivered one of our best performances of the season, running out comfortable 4–0 winners. It was a fantastic day out for our travelling Zebras, and I would like to thank everyone who made the coach and ferry trip on what was a sunny spring day.

On Tuesday evening, we visited Brokenhurst on a misty night in the New Forest. Once again, we played some excellent football. However, despite dominating the first half and creating enough chances to be two goals ahead, we went into the break at 0–0. As is often the case in football, our hosts then took the lead through a deflected goal. Thankfully, we responded quickly, and the match finished 1–1.

It's hard to believe how quickly the season has gone—it feels like only yesterday we were playing pre-season fixtures. Overall, it has been a very good season for the Zebras, and it looks like we will finish just outside the play-off places. I consider this a real success, especially when you take into account that, compared to many of our opponents, we operate on one of the smallest playing budgets in the league.

This evening marks Waddsy's final home game as our manager. I would like to thank him for his dedication over several very successful seasons at the helm. He has done a fantastic job and will be a hard act to follow. I am pleased to say he will remain involved with the club in a new role, continuing to support our journey as we develop both on and off the pitch.

It is also the final home game for Waddsy's management team, Jacko and Nikki. They have been incredible servants to this club, and I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and work ethic in helping drive the club forward on the pitch.

Finally, this will be Sam Farthing's last home game, as he has decided it is time to hang up his boots. What a fantastic player he has been, making over 400 appearances for the Zebras. He has always given more than 100% in every match, and I cannot recall him ever having an off day—a true Zebra in every sense.

Thank you all for your continued support throughout the season. With only a couple of exceptions, we have enjoyed some highly entertaining games, and long may that continue.

I would also like to highlight what has been a very successful season for our reserves. They have finished in the top half of the Dorset Premier League and reached the final of the Dorset County Senior Trophy. Luke and his management team have worked wonders and played some excellent, entertaining football along the way. The final will take place on 19th May at the County Ground, Hamworthy. The club will be running a coach for the game—if you would like to reserve a place, please speak to a committee member or email me at chairman@sherbornetownfc.com.

Please enjoy tonight's game and continue to support the journey this football club is on. Keep the faith!

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John

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# OUR HISTORY

The club was officially founded in 1894, making them one of the oldest clubs in Dorset, but evidence has recently come to light that Sherborne had a football team playing friendly matches in 1888 with a match report from 7th January 1888 losing 4-0 against the Volunteers. The club played their friendly matches in those early days at Marston Road, on the outskirts of the town, during this time the Dorset Football League was founded in the 1896/97 season.

The club joined local leagues and entered local charity cup competitions the club enjoyed success winning local leagues and cup competitions they later joining the County league. Following the opening of the Terrace playing fields just before the Second World War, this became the new venue for home games. The club then moved across the road from the playing fields in 1985 to its present home, Raleigh Grove, referencing Sir Walter Raleigh's historical connection with the town.

The Raleigh Grove site was built on a grazing field, at the level of the raised banking that exists today on the northwest side of the ground. This had to be levelled, to create a playing area, a task made all the more difficult as there was a pond in the far right corner of the ground. When the ground was built the club noted the regulations laid down for promotion from the Dorset Premier league at the time, so a covered section on the south-west side of the ground was erected for supporters. The pitch also had four drains laid to aid the playing surface.

When the site was completed the new ground was somewhat ahead of its time, considering many of the club's rivals at that time were based on little more than park or village pitches. The clubhouse was a project reflecting the forethought of the then chairman of the club, Ken Mullins. This spacious facility also incorporates the dressing rooms, bar, function room, kitchen, storeroom and toilets, including disabled facilities.

The record attendance at the ground is 1,000 versus Eastleigh (featuring ex-Southampton and England international Matthew Le Tissier), in the Andy Shephard Memorial match on July 27th 2003. Four Football League clubs have played at Raleigh Grove: Plymouth Argyle, Torquay United, Swindon Town and Yeovil Town. In 2001 the committee at Sherborne Town FC outlined a three-phase, five-year plan for the future development of the ground.

The plans included a hard standing path along the north-west side of the pitch for spectators, a 150-seater stand on the same side, relocating the dugouts, clubhouse improvements, and the installation of floodlights. Planning permission was granted in 2003 and in 2004 phases one and two were completed, with hard standing, a grandstand, new dugouts and floodlights erected and working in just three months.

Then manager Martyn Starnes stepped up from his position of youth team manager to first team manager, it was Martyn who was the catalyst for gradual rise to achieving Western League football. Martyn led the team finishing in the top six of the Dorset Premier League for five seasons running, leading to the long battle to convince the league officials of the club's determination to join the south west's premier football league. In the season 2003/4, the club finished in fourth and also won the Dorset Senior County Cup. An application was made to the Western League but the Dorset Premier League refused to grant consent.

However, with the last game of the 2005-6 season Sherborne produced an excellent performance to beat Bridport Reserves 2-0 away to secure the runners-up position, and days later the news broke that the club had at last been accepted into the Western League. The first campaign in the Western League First Division proved one of consolidation, before earning promotion as runners-up to Wellington the next season under the guidance of Kevin Leigh. In January 2007 the club played an historic FA Vase tie at Mildenhall Town in Suffolk in the last 32 of the competition.

Despite the club securing mid-table safety largely thanks to a 13-game unbeaten run. Kev stepped down in August 2009 and replaced by former Yeovil Town striker Mickey Spencer. Relegation was

avoided on the last day of the season. On Saturday 25 September 2010 Sherborne played arguably the biggest game of their 133-year history as they hosted Hungerford Town in the FA Cup Second Round Qualifying - the furthest they have ever reached in the competition. Spencer left the club in November 2011 and was succeeded by player turned manager Jamie Manley. Despite a strong push towards the end of the season, the club was relegated to the First Division by the smallest of margins.

The 2012/13 season saw Sherborne return to the Premier League at the first time of asking and as First Division Champions; Jamie Manley built a championship winning team for the first time in 31 years. At the end of the season, the club secured substantial funding from The Football Stadia Improvement Fund, Viridor Credits Environmental Company, Sherborne Town Council and West Dorset District Council to improve the clubhouse facilities and renovate the pitch.

Ex Sheffield United, Yeovil Town and Weymouth midfielder Gerry Pearson was installed as the 1st team manager for the 2016/17 season. Gerry worked tirelessly to preserve the clubs Premier League status but unfortunately, the club was relegated at the end of the season.

Former assistant manager Wayne Jerome took over the hot seat in 2018 and he built a very competitive team turning the club's fortunes around, cumulating in a 2nd and promotion position in the Covid 19 season which was deemed null and void. Wayne led the team to the Toolstation Western league division one title at the end of the 2021/22 season

Neil Waddleton the clubs long serving coach took charge of the team in the Premier league after Wayne stood down.

Following the FA`s restructure in 2023 the club were laterally moved to the Wessex League thus ending 16 years in the Western league. Nic Andrews took on the role as first team manager for this new adventure traveling east as apposed to west. The club look forward to visiting Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

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# INSIDE THE BOX
## WITH COLIN GOODLAND

Hi everyone and welcome to Raleigh Grove, this week I have searched the computer box to bring you another football story. Sporting trivia you would never know unless you saw it in the Sherborne Town programme!

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Enjoy the game.

Goody



On one of our days off we went down to the beach to sunbathe. David Platt had joined the squad – more of that later – and ever since he'd arrived he hadn't stopped going on about Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa owner and Platty's boss. It was all, 'Doug Ellis has the best yacht. Doug Ellis is going to do this. Doug Ellis is going to do that. Doug Ellis had installed the best pitch. Doug Ellis has flown to the moon.' By lunchtime we'd had a few drinks, although we shouldn't have, and I decided it was time to take the p[redacted] when I saw it I shouted, 'Ooh, look. Dougie and his boat.' I started to swim out to it and a few of the lads followed, mainly because I said that they would probably have loads of drink on board. As we got nearer I was calling out, 'Oh Dougie. Oh Dougie. Where are you?' Just then a bloke peered over the side. 'Hello Paul.' F[redacted]me, it was Doug Ellis.

*'There was no drinking allowed, not during those first couple of weeks, but that's not to say it never happened.'*

About eight of us clambered on board, including Gary Lineker's missus. We must have got through about thirty bottles of champagne and all his food. It was brilliant. At one point I leapt on Mrs Lineker for a laugh and we both tumbled over the side and into the ocean. Fortunately she saw the funny side but I am not sure Gary did.

By the time we had to leave I was smashed. We were swimming back and I was about a hundred yards from shore when I began to get tired. I decided the best thing to do was take a deep breath, dive to the seabed, give myself a moment to relax, then push up and swim back as fast as I could. Yeah I know, not the smartest decision I've made, but I was pissed. As I was coming back up I must have got turned around because after resurfacing and swimming hard I looked up expecting to see the shore but discovered I was heading out in the wrong direction. I was beginning to struggle and I panicked a bit. It was quite frightening. I started to wave my arms in the air and luckily enough a little dinghy with an outboard motor turned up. It was Gary Lineker and another bloke. 'Get in you daft b[redacted]' he said. When I looked up it was Nigel Kennedy, the violinist. 'Give us a tune then, Nige,' I said. 'Handel's Water Music?' he laughed. I didn't have a clue what he was on about.



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# MAN IN THE STAND

## BY STEVE DILLON
## COWES SPORTS 0
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A blustery afternoon on the Island turned into a breeze for the visitors. Directly from the kick-off, which the hosts booted straight into touch, the Zebras were in total control. Composed on the ball, they were picking out team-mates at will.

To be fair to the Cowes Sports, this was their fourth game in nine days, whereas Sherborne had enjoyed the rare luxury of a four-day rest after their Easter Monday victory over Wincanton. Furthermore, the home side were resting some first-teamers and trying out second XI material.

The Yachtsmen were soon on the ropes. Right-back Ryan Hughes required the magic sponge treatment after being clattered by Jake Graziano, then keeper Ed Hatt scuffed a clearance straight to Ant Herrin which could have led to a third-minute opener. In the seventh minute Hatt was relieved to watch an audacious lob by Joe Crisp just clear the goal-frame. Then Aaron White's right-wing cross nearly played in Ollie Hebbard for a stab at goal.

It took 12 minutes for the home side to launch a meaningful attack of their own and that was comfortably snuffed out by Graziano, once again filling in at left-back for the injured captain George Mapletoft. Matters worsened for the hosts shortly after when striker Will Bridi limped off with a tight hamstring.

On 20 minutes a poor clearance by Callum Chase offered a shooting opportunity for Dec Cornish but his effort was wide of the target.

No such luck for the Yachtsmen eight minutes later minute when their two central defenders were guilty of going absent without leave. It was like the parting of the Red Sea - or in this case the Blue Sea - as Hebbard raced through on goal after receiving a pass from Crisp. A player is always expected to score when in a one-on-one situation with the keeper, but it's never as easy at it looks to keep the ball under control, especially on a hard bobbly surface. However, Hebbard did exactly that against Wincanton earlier in the week, and he completed the task again here, the only difference being rather than slotting the ball past the keeper he skipped around Hatt before tapping into an empty net. It was Hebbo's 50th goal for the club. Bravo.

Zebras picked up where they left off after the break, Brad Shephard creating a chance for Crisp whose low effort bounced back off a post. Sam Farthing then set up Hebbard who was closed down by a crew of blue shirts keen not to allow a repeat of the winger's first-half heroics.

Zebras continued to dominate possession, plus territory, and a second goal wasn't long in coming. In the 58th minute, after Herrin had seen a shot blocked in the six-yard box, Cornish brought the loose ball under control before teeing up Shephard who steered home past a wrong-footed Hatt from 12 yards.

There was more to come. On 59 minutes George Geraghty replaced Cornish and barely six minutes later the young Glover was on the scoresheet, drilling a low shot past Hatt from inside the penalty area. Herrin with the assist.

On 70 minutes the Yachtsmen still hadn't

registered a shot across the bows, but then the tide turned briefly and Kaymen Cooch mustered an effort on goal from portside. It resulted in a first mention in this report for visiting keeper Jack Marshall, who dived to his left to push the ball away to safety.

Back came the men in green and in the 76th minute what should have been a routine finish by Geraghty was wasted, the ball sliced wide with only Hatt to beat.

The Yachtsmen responded with two corners in quick succession but they came to nothing.

In the 83rd minute Ryan Oatley was substituted, departing to warm applause from the galley. It was the skipper's 500th appearance in the Wessex League, which is an amazing achievement.

Joe Crisp has a long way to go to match that, but the youngster capped his 50th outing for the Zebras with a cracking strike in the 87th minute.

The goal was well-worked in the build-up. Archie Bryce, foraging down the right, linked up with Henry Lawrence-Napier whose cross found Crisp unmarked 16 yards out just beyond the back post. Crispy did the rest with a sublime volley into the top corner. A brilliant piece of skill taking into account the windy conditions, and almost as dazzling as Tom Budden's new white boots.

Game over. Three games in five days coming up for the Zebras with a top-ten finish the aim.

*As a footnote, Crispy should seek out the match report in the Island Echo. Their reporter described the fourth goal as being finished well ..... by Geraghty!

Team: Marshall, White, Graziano, Budden, Williams, Shephard, Farthing (Lawrence-Napier 59), J Crisp, Herrin, Cornish (Geraghty 59), Hebbard (Bryce 65).

Goals: Hebbard (28), Shephard (58), Geraghty (65), Crisp (87).

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# TONIGHT'S VISITORS

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The Moon F.C. and Bemerton Athletic were by the end of 1988, looking for a fresh challenge therefore provisional talks of a merger were held with an entry into the Wessex League being the No.1 priority.

This seemed the only logical step due to the close proximity of the grounds and the fact their players played for both clubs on Saturdays and Sundays. It is history now that the talks were successful, Bemerton Heath Harlequins were formed and now operate from a magnificent clubhouse which was built by self-help.

Since the merger, the men's first XI have established themselves as a consistent performer within the Wessex League.

Season 1992/93 being the most successful to date finishing third in the League, winning the Wiltshire Senior Cup, completing a Hat-Trick of Hospital Cup Final Victories and being the Wessex League's longest survivor in the F.A. Cup and F.A. Vase with two fabulous cup runs.

Season 1996/97 saw the 2nd XI as Wessex Combination League Champions and Cup Runners-up.

In 1997/98 the first XI lost in the final of the Wessex League Cup, again finishing 5th in the League.

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Our Western Way ground continues to be improved, providing the best facilities in the area, without doubt.

1999 saw the opening of the Moon Room with spectacular viewing over the pitch, for Moon Room members and sponsors.

The past few seasons have seen lots of unpredictable football both good and bad, culminating in the first relegation in the clubs' proud history.

2019/20 saw the arrival of our new manager Ian Saunders as we embark on our new challenge in Division One. There has been a huge turnover of staff and players as the club are looking to take a new positive and exciting look to the future.

The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has been a truly awful event in our world's history, but during this time of sadness our football club has taken the decision to re-ignite our once coveted Youth Section to ensure that when football comes back to some sort of normality, we will be a club that provides a fantastic community project for children and adults from ages Under 6 through to our mens senior teams.

Shaun Hale took the reigns as from December 2020, with Saunders moving to a new role as Director of Football.

The club achieved their return to the Wessex Premier Division by securing the Wessex Division 1 championship on the final day of the 2021/22 season. This was a great achievement and the Harlequins first title experience.

This was then usurped only 12 months later with further promotion into Step 4 and the Southern League for the first time in the club's history, as runners-up in the Wessex League Premier Division.

# ZEBRAS PUZZLER

## CAN YOU SPOT THE FIVE DIFFERENCES IN THE IMAGES BELOW?







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# NON-LEAGUE NEWS

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And with many leagues at Steps 5 and 6 blowing the final whistle on another spell-binding season as early as this afternoon, champions are being crowned left, right and centre.

So, ahead of the midweek action, here's a quick rundown of who's already joined the Non-League Roll of Honour for 25/26.

While the nation are left praying they get to witness a historic National League title decider between Rochdale and York City on April 25, the battle for play-off places and to avoid relegation are as good as done.

Sadly, life at Step 1 is all over for Truro City, Braintree Town, Morecambe and Brackley Town, while the final play-off spot is Southend United's to lose at the expense of FC Halifax Town.

Perennially, National League North and South are ultra-tight affairs and it's no different this year with promotion places still very much up for grabs in both.

In the North, AFC Fylde and South Shields are slugging it out for the title with no fewer than TWELVE teams still dreaming of success. For relegated Leamington and Peterborough Sports, it's Step 3 for next season.

The South is equally as competitive with Worthing having leapfrogged a stuttering Dorking Wanderers to take charge with 11 teams harbouring promotion aspirations.

Eastbourne Borough, Enfield Town and Chippenham Town are relegated, with Bath City needing a miracle in order to avoid joining them.

The top of NPL Premier is just as exciting with Hebburn Town, Hednesford Town and FC United of Manchester all vying for title honours with Gainsborough Trinity, Stockton Town and Lancaster City all vying to join Warrington Rylands in the play-offs. In fact it's so tight, no team is officially relegated at the time of writing.

Folkestone Invicta have been crowned champions of isthmian Premier with Aveley and Billericay Town guaranteed a play-off spot. It's the end of the line, though, for Canvey Island and Potters Bar Town – their first relegation since 1979!

Southern League Premier Central also has new champions, in Harborough Town, while just three points separates five teams for two play-off spots, to join Spalding United and Real Bedford, seeking a FOURTH successive promotion. It's farewell, though, to AFC Sudbury, Royston Town and Barwell.

Walton & Hersham impressive waltzed to the Southern League Premier South title – their fourth promotion in six years, from Step 6 to Step 2 – with Gloucester City and Farnham Town, seeking a third straight promotion, guaranteed a play-off spot. Tiverton Town and Hungerford Town slip through the trapdoor.

In the Northern Premier League at Step 4, Redcar Athletic were impressive winners of the East division, racking up over 100 points in the process, Bury FC are seemingly closing in on NPL West success, and Anstey Nomads and Carlton Town are neck-and-neck in a thrilling finale to the Midlands division.

In the Isthmian League, Three Bridges clinched the South East title on Saturday to reach their highest ever level, joining South Central champions Leatherhead on the winners' rostron. Maldon & Tiptree and Felixstowe & Walton United are producing a

thrilling finale to the North.

In the Southern League, Leighton Town wrapped up Division One Central on Saturday, joining Division One South champions Frome Town in Step 3 next term.

Confirmed champions at Steps 5/6 are as follows:

Combined Counties League: Premier South – Cobham FC. Division One – Penn & Tylers Green

Eastern Counties League Premier – Mulbarton Wanderers

Hellenic League Premier – Slimbridge. Division One – FC Stratford

Midland Football League Premier – Hanley Town. Division One - Knowle

North West Counties League First Division North – Nelson. First Division South – Runcorn Town

Northern Counties East League Premier – Liversedge. Division One – Dearne & District

Northern League Division One – Guisborough Town

Southern Combination Division One – Godalming Town

Southern Counties East League Premier – Whitstable Town

Spartan South Midlands League Division One – Everett Rovers

United Counties League Premier North – Boston Town. Premier South – Nuneaton Town. Division One - Retford

Wessex League Premier – AFC Stoneham

Western League Division One – Devizes Town

Come 5pm this afternoon, more champion clubs will be added to this illustrious list with champagne on ice at various locations up and down the country.

It's the time of year for partying on the terraces, celebrating league or cup glory after a memorable campaign.
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# OUR FIXTURES & RESULTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **AUGUST** | | |
| 9 | ANDOVER NEW STREET | W 2-0 |
| 12 | PORTLAND UNITED | L 2-0 |
| 16 | HAMBLE CLUB | D 2-2 |
| 20 | AFC STONEHAM | W 2-1 |
| 23 | NEW MILTON TOWN | W 2-3 |
| 30 | COWES SPORTS | W 3-0 |
| **SEPTEMBER** | | |
| 2 | COVE | D 2-2 |
| 6 | MILLBROOK | L 1-0 |
| 13 | DOWNTON | W 2-0 |
| 20 | EAST COWES VICTORIA | W 2-0 |
| 23 | BEMERTON HEATH HARL | W 3-1 |
| 27 | CHRISTCHURCH | W 6-1 |
| **OCTOBER** | | |
| 4 | HYTHE & DIBDEN | D 2-2 |
| 11 | EAST COWES VICTORIA | W 4-1 |
| 18 | HAMWORTHY UNITED | W 3-0 |
| 25 | LAVERSTOCK & FORD | L 4-1 |
| **NOVEMBER** | | |
| 1 | PETERSFIELD TOWN | L 3-2 |
| 8 | BARNSTAPLE TOWN | L 3-1 |
| 12 | HAMWORTHY | W 2-1 |
| **DECEMBER** | | |
| 3 | BOURNEMOUTH | D 2-2 |
| 6 | MILLBROOK | P-P |
| 10 | HYTHE & DIBDEN | D 1-1 |
| 20 | PORTLAND UNITED | D 0-0 |
| 27 | WINCANTON TOWN | W 2-0 |
| **JANUARY** | | |
| 13 | WEYMOUTH | L 5-1 |
| 28 | BROCKENHURST | L 2-0 |
| **FEBRUARY** | | |
| 4 | NEW MILTON TOWN | W 2-1 |
| 14 | PETERSFIELD TOWN | W 4-1 |
| 21 | BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS | W 3-0 |
| 24 | HAMWORTHY REC | L 4-0 |
| **MARCH** | | |
| 4 | MILLBROOK | D 1-1 |
| 7 | DOWNTON | L 5-0 |
| 10 | ANDOVER NEW STREET | L 2-1 |
| 14 | EAST COWES VICTORIA | W 3-0 |
| 17 | CHRISTCHURCH | W 6-1 |
| 21 | HAMBLE CLUB | D 0-0 |
| 24 | AFC STONEHAM | L 4-0 |
| 28 | BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS | L 2-1 |
| **APRIL** | | |
| 1 | LAVERSTOCK & FORD | L 2-0 |
| 4 | HAMWORTHY REC | L 2-1 |
| 6 | WINCANTON TOWN | W 3-0 |
| 11 | COWES SPORTS | W 4-0 |
| 14 | BROCKENHURST | D 1-1 |
| 16 | BEMERTON HEATH HARL | H |
| 18 | BOURNEMOUTH | A |




## LATEST LEAGUE TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AFC Stoneham | 35 | 29 | 3 | 3 | 103 | 29 | 74 | 90 |
| Hamble Club | 37 | 24 | 7 | 6 | 98 | 35 | 63 | 79 |
| Portland United | 37 | 24 | 3 | 10 | 87 | 41 | 46 | 75 |
| Laverstock & Ford | 37 | 20 | 9 | 8 | 74 | 52 | 22 | 69 |
| Andover New Street | 36 | 20 | 6 | 10 | 62 | 41 | 21 | 66 |
| Hamworthy Rec | 37 | 20 | 5 | 12 | 71 | 46 | 25 | 65 |
| Baffins Milton Rov | 37 | 19 | 6 | 12 | 74 | 51 | 23 | 63 |
| Brockenhurst | 37 | 16 | 10 | 11 | 71 | 53 | 18 | 58 |
| Downton | 37 | 18 | 4 | 15 | 77 | 70 | 7 | 58 |
| Sherborne Town | 36 | 16 | 8 | 12 | 67 | 51 | 16 | 56 |
| Petersfield Town | 36 | 17 | 4 | 15 | 61 | 52 | 9 | 55 |
| Millbrook | 36 | 15 | 5 | 16 | 78 | 65 | 13 | 50 |
| Cowes Sports | 37 | 12 | 4 | 21 | 45 | 92 | -47 | 40 |
| East Cowes Victoria | 37 | 11 | 4 | 22 | 48 | 81 | -33 | 37 |
| Bemerton Heath H | 36 | 10 | 5 | 21 | 46 | 86 | -40 | 35 |
| Christchurch | 37 | 9 | 7 | 21 | 63 | 90 | -27 | 34 |
| Hythe & Dibden | 37 | 8 | 10 | 19 | 55 | 95 | -40 | 34 |
| Bournemouth | 37 | 7 | 8 | 22 | 45 | 84 | -39 | 29 |
| Wincanton Town | 37 | 5 | 7 | 25 | 45 | 96 | -51 | 22 |
| New Milton Town | 36 | 5 | 7 | 24 | 41 | 101 | -60 | 19 |

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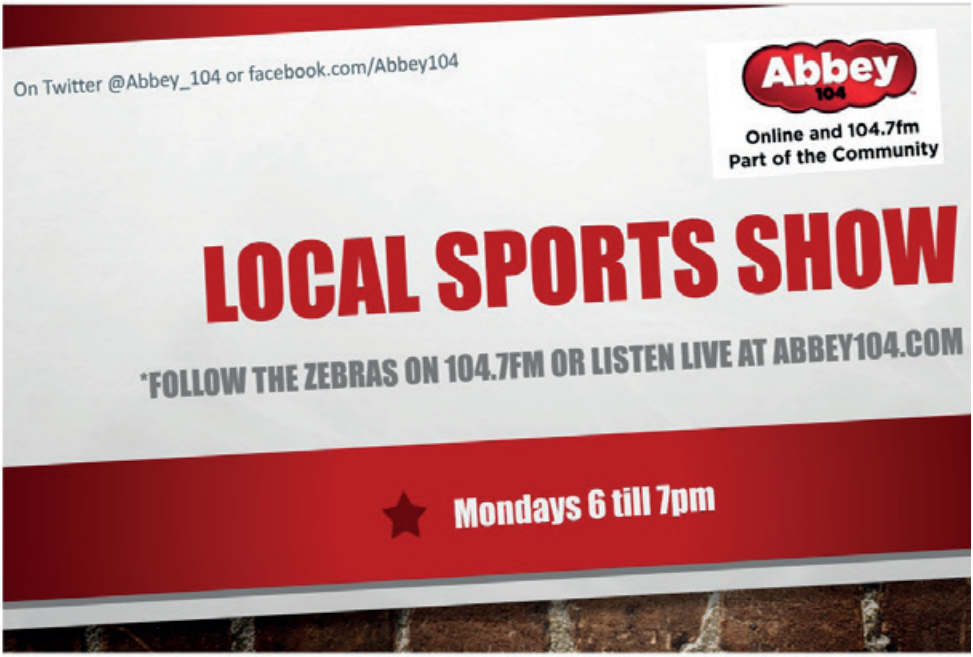
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## TOP FIVE LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

| PREMIER DIVISION | | | DIVISION ONE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Duarte Martins | AFC Stoneham | 25 | Charlie Glasspool | Folland Sports | 34 |
| Brett Pitman | Downton | 22 | Ji Nash | Newport IOW | 33 |
| Oliver Jenkins | AFC Stoneham | 19 | Lee Vint | Ringwood Town | 26 |
| Scott Hills | Millbrook | 18 | Danilo Pereira | Whitchurch United | 22 |
| [three on] | | 16 | Bailey Rowe | Hamworthy United | 22 |

*Details are based on clubs being up to date with records on Full Time at time of publication. This may or may not include League goals from this weekend.*

| PREMIER DIVISION | | *Top five league attendances* | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cowes Sports | vs | East Cowes Victoria | 812 | 26 December |
| East Cowes Victoria | vs | Cowes Sports | 639 | 3 April |
| Brockenhurst | vs | New Milton Town | 341 | 27 December |
| Bemerton Heath Harlequins | vs | Laverstock & Ford | 325 | 27 December |
| Portland United | vs | AFC Stoneham | 321 | 11 April |

| DIVISION ONE | | *Top five league attendances* | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alresford Town | vs | Colden Common | 329 | 6 December |
| Totton & Eling | vs | Romsey Town | 258 | 28 March |
| Yateley United | vs | Frimley Green | 226 | 2 September |
| Romsey Town | vs | Folland Sports | 212 | 11 October |
| Whitchurch United | vs | Kintbury Rangers | 204 | 8 October |

## PREMIER DIVISION- HIGH WINNING SCORES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Home win | AFC Stoneham | vs | New Milton Town | 9-0 | 14 March |
| Away win | Hythe & Dibden | vs | Brockenhurst | 0-7 | 19 March |

## DIVISION ONE- HIGH WINNING SCORES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Home win | Colden Common | vs | Blackfield & Langley | 10-0 | 11 April |
| Away win | United Services Portsmouth | vs | Amesbury Town | 0-9 | 11 April |



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