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WELCOME

Welcome to the Sydenhams Football League (Wessex) newsletter Issue number 31. If your club has any news, events that need advertising or any other publicity that they require, please contact media.wessexleague@googlemail.com

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

It has been reported that a visiting club was selling its own scratch cards inside the home ground. This has been dealt with and a full apology given. The management committee will deal very firmly with any club that does this in the future under rule 18. It is an abuse of the hospitality given by the home club even though finance is a concern for all at the moment. Respect applies to club officials, Directors and spectators, as well as players and match officials.

Bob Purkiss

LEAGUE NEWS

CHAIRMAN AWAY – League Chairman Bob Purkiss is away from the 14th-30th March 2010. He will be contactable via email during this time however.

CLUBS OF THE MONTH – The awards for Clubs of the month for February have been announced. Wimborne Town have won the award for the Premier Division and Hamble ASSC have won the respective award for Division One.

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FA COMPETITIONS SEASON 2010/2011 – For sides wishing to enter the FA Cup and FA Vase next season, below is a list of the minimum standards required for grounds of sides that wish to enter the competitions next season:

MINIMUM GROUND STANDARDS

1. Floodlights must be provided, with a minimum average lux value of 120, with no single reading less than 25% of the highest reading.
2. Permanent hard standing (concrete, paving slabs or other suitable approved material) must be provided to a minimum width of one metre on at least three sides in the Cup, Trophy and Youth Cup and on at least one touch-line in the Vase.
3. The playing area must be entirely enclosed by a permanent fixed barrier on all four sides and may be infilled with advertisement hoardings or other barriers, the only exception being those areas excluded from spectator viewing. Wire must not be used, in rope form, to connect the posts.
4. Permanent covered spectator accommodation must be provided adjacent to the playing area or within the immediate vicinity of the playing area.
5. Dressing and washing accommodation must be separate for each team and for the Match Officials. Dressing rooms must have heating and hot water.
6. Dressing and washing accommodation must not be available for spectator use and must be secure and independent of any public access.
7. A call-up bell/buzzer must be provided in the match officials dressing room and connected to each team dressing room.
8. Covered Home and Visitors Trainer's Boxes must be provided and be clearly identified to the Match Officials. Such designated areas shall be clearly marked 'home' and 'away', have direct access to the pitch, be located as near as possible equidistant from the halfway line and be under cover. The team benches should also comply with Competition Rule 18.
9. The pitch must measure between 110-100 metres by 75-64 metres. The size of the pitch must be re-checked prior to the commencement of the Season.
10. Artificial pitches are only permitted in the Trophy, Vase and in the preliminary and qualifying rounds of the Youth Cup providing they meet the minimum standards. Artificial pitches are NOT permitted in the Cup.
11. In the Cup, Trophy and Youth Cup an unimpeded protected passage MUST be provided between the dressing room and the pitch. In the Vase a walkway must be provided between the dressing room and the pitch.
12. Toilets, which are not available for public use, must be provided in the dressing rooms for the use of the players and the Match Officials.
13. Spectators must be provided with separate toilets for ladies and gents throughout the duration of the match and these must not be those used by the players and Match Officials.
14. Refreshment facilities for spectators must be provided in all areas. Clubs shall provide a tea bar for the sale of hot and cold drinks and snacks for spectators during ties in a Club house or other suitable location. Glasses, glass bottles or cans containing alcohol are not permitted outside of the Clubhouse and MUST not be brought into grounds. NO alcohol to be consumed in the ground except inside the Clubhouse.
15. First aid facilities, equipment and a stretcher must be available, and a fully qualified person must be available to administer First Aid.

16. Insurance for registered players and Club Officials with Public Liability must be provided.
 17. An admission charge must be taken for all spectators upon entry to the ground. Entrances and exits shall be provided to cater for the anticipated attendance. Access for emergency services must be provided.
 18. An area must be available for hospitality for Visiting Officials.
 19. A programme or team sheet must be provided.
 20. Clubs with shared facilities with cricket clubs which prevent exclusive use for football will only be allowed to enter if a written application is submitted to The Football Association with the Competition entry form, detailing the situation for home football matches in August and September.
 21. The playing surface should be prepared and maintained to a reasonable standard.
 22. A telephone must be connected and available at the ground.
 23. Clubs with grounds not conforming to these minimum ground standards will not be allowed to enter by applying to play home ties on an alternative ground that does.
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ENTRY CRITERIA

FA CUP

Clubs to be automatically accepted

- Clubs in The Premier League, The Football League and in Steps 1,2,3 & 4 of The FA National League System.
- Clubs in Step 5 of The FA National League System subject to the ground conforming to the entry requirements.
- Clubs relegated to Step 6 of The FA National League System subject to the ground conforming to the entry requirements.
- Clubs in Step 6 of The FA National League System finishing in a League position 1-4 of the season just completed subject to the ground conforming to the entry requirements.

Clubs to be accepted subject to available places

- Clubs playing in Step 6 of The FA National League System finishing in a League position below 4th place of the season just completed subject to the ground conforming to the entry requirements.

- New Entries

Clubs must have participated in the Vase in Season 2009-2010.

FA VASE

- Entry is restricted to Clubs competing in Steps 5-7 of The FA National League System subject to the ground conforming to the minimum entry requirements.

FIXTURE CALENDAR

- Saturday August 14th 2010 – FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round
- Saturday August 28th 2010 – FA Cup Preliminary Round

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- Saturday September 4th 2010 – FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round
- Saturday September 11th 2010 – FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round
- Saturday September 18th 2010 – FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round
- Saturday September 25th 2010 – FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round
- Saturday October 2nd 2010 – FA Vase 1st Round Proper
- Saturday October 9th 2010 – FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round
- Saturday October 23rd 2010 – FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round
- Saturday November 6th 2010 – FA Cup 1st Round Proper
- Saturday November 13th 2010 – FA Vase 2nd Round Proper
- Saturday November 27th 2010 – FA Cup 2nd Round Proper
- Saturday December 4th 2010 – FA Vase 3rd Round Proper
- Saturday January 8th 2011 – FA Cup 3rd Round Proper
- Saturday January 22nd 2011 – FA Vase 4th Round Proper
- Saturday January 29th 2011 – FA Cup 4th Round Proper
- Saturday February 12th 2011 – FA Vase 5th Round Proper
- Saturday February 19th 2011 – FA Cup 5th Round Proper
- Saturday March 5th 2011 – FA Vase 6th Round Proper
- Saturday March 12th 2011 – FA Cup 6th Round Proper
- Saturday March 26th 2011 – FA Vase Semi-Finals Leg 1
- Saturday April 2nd 2011 – FA Vase Semi-Finals Leg 2
- Saturday April 16th 2011 – FA Cup Semi-Final
- Sunday April 17th 2011 – FA Cup Semi-Final
- Saturday May 14th 2011 – FA Cup Final (at Wembley Stadium)

CLUB NEWS

AFC PORTCHESTER – Secretary Paul Kelly has changed his address. His new address is 52 Abbey Road, Fareham, PO15 5HN. Please update your records with this change.

FAREHAM TOWN - The club is please to announce it has applied and reached the necessary criteria to be awarded the Charter as an FA Charter Standard Adult Club. For Fareham Town this means we are looking to provide a sustainable club structure that supports and rewards volunteers, to provide a safe and effective environment for players and volunteers to develop their skills and continue their involvement in football. The benefits to the future of the club are tangible in terms of access to further in house service training for our coaches, it gives us an increased opportunity to receive external funding to deliver activities and to improve our facilities through the Football Association and other agencies. We would hope this award will allow us to attract more volunteers to the club It will mean that we will accept and promote the FA's Codes of Conduct, these include a code of conduct for players, team officials and spectators, within the next few weeks these will be displayed. We don't intend to stop here and are looking to apply for the same award for the youth section as this is where the real future of the club lies, at that point we will make a decision as to whether we apply to become a development club or a community club. As always these awards have to be earned and then maintained and as ever we rely on everyone's support to ensure the future development of the club.

HAMWORTHY UNITED – Manager Simon Browne is delighted to announce that the club have completed the signature of AFC Bournemouth player Luke Burbidge. Burbidge can play

either in midfield or as an attacker and the new signing made his debut for his new side in their 1-1 away draw at Laverstock & Ford.

MONEYFIELDS – Programme Editor David Hayter has a new email address. He is now contactable at davidhayter@sky.com.

POOLE TOWN – have been dealt yet crueler injury news with the head injury sustained by Carl Poore during the Dolphins' 2-0 home win against Brading Town. Poore required nine stitches whilst the game was still ongoing and it is another blow to Poole's already depleted squad ahead of a busy spell of fixtures.

POOLE TOWN – The Dolphins club merchandise is now available at The Soccer Locker in Poole Town Centre on the High Street. The outlet is also selling Premier League merchandise in order to raise money for the Dolphins, including signed shirts. Poole Town club mascot, Dylan The Dolphin, will be publicizing this important link outside the shop.

RINGWOOD TOWN – The Division One club are looking for volunteers to help out on matchdays to collect ticket money, and maintain the club facilities in good condition (caretaking) and also to help run the bar. Anybody interested is urged to contact either Secretary Aubrey Hodder or Chairman Steve Simpson. Aubrey Hodder's telephone number is 01425 679156 whilst his email address is hodder888@btinternet.com. Steve Simpson's contact telephone number is 07808 912260 and his email address is steve.simpson@christchurchaero.com.

MATCH REPORTS – MIDWEEK

Amesbury Town 0-1 Farnborough North End (League Cup Quarter-Final)

By TONY HINCHLIFFE at Bonnymead Park

A lacklustre 70 minutes from the Blues was followed by a sudden realization that there was something to play for but the visiting goalkeeper James Markham produced an inspired performance to earn his side an appearance in the semi final. The Blues were unchanged from their recent 4-4 draw at Petersfield. To say that the first half was scrappy would probably be an understatement with neither side really creating any clear cut chances of their own making. Liam Tolley had a chance after a quarter of an hour capitalizing on a Neil Sole slip but he pulled his shot wide of Tommy Allatt's post. The deadlock was broken in the 28th minute though it was unfortunate for the Blues when Sole pulled up with a hamstring injury whilst going to challenge Aaron King wide on the right. King though made good use of the Blues skipper's misfortune to cross for Harry HARDING to head past Allatt from close in. Substitute Tom Western came straight on for Sole with Danny Finnigan slotting into the middle of the back four. Just before the break Mattie Western was brought down just outside of the area whilst in full flow but brother Danny's free kick went just wide of the Farnborough goal. The Blues then lost their second player to injury on the stroke of half time when Mattie Western limped off with an ankle injury and was replaced by Lee Bartlett. The first half had hardly been inspirational for either side with a string of misplaced passes and little action to trouble the goal keepers. It was the visitors who had a glorious chance to increase their lead when Danny Thomas went past Finnigan but then saw his low shot beat Allatt but rebound across the face of the goal off the far post. Midway

through the half the Blues suddenly came to life and Finnigan headed over from a curling Ben Pryce kick from wide out on the right. Craig Wheeler, who had up until this point been well policed by Chris Bazen, then began to weave his influence on the left wing. Firstly he showed great awareness to keep the ball in play on the goal line before passing inside to Daryl Charman but the Blues striker's shot was well blocked by Markham in the North End goal. Within a minute Wheeler crossed from the left and Charman's header went just over Markham's cross bar. The Blues were now exerting pressure on the Farnborough defence and they forced a succession of corners. Markham made a splendid one handed diving save to deny Wheeler's header from a Pryce cross. The next corner saw the ball scrambled behind the line by the North End defence before Danny Western forced Markham to turn the ball around his near post for yet another corner kick. The game's final action saw Gareth Horner being brought down on the edge of the box but Danny Western's free kick deflected off the North End defensive wall for a corner and Charman's shot from within the area saw Markham come to his sides rescue yet again turning the ball one handed past his post.

Downton 1-1 Amesbury Town (Division One)

By TONY HINCHLIFFE at the Brian Whitehead Sports Ground

The benefits of Friday night football were clearly evident as a crowd of 129 braved the cold conditions to witness an excellent local derby between two sides who are both in a rich vein of form. The Blues showed two changes from their midweek cup defeat with Liam Rogers and Jason Bates returning to the squad to in place of the injured Tom Allatt and Neil Sole. It was the Blues who started the better of the teams and Danny Western showed great skill on the left before cutting inside and shooting just over the Downton cross bar. Then Craig Wheeler volleyed over from inside the area as Amesbury started to dominate the opening period. For the Robins their lively forwards Declan McGregor and Kevin Thick began to create the Blues defence problems and the central defensive partnership of Danny Finnigan and Allan McPhie had to work hard to nullify the threat. As the half wore on the home side began to create chances and Tom Western had to head the ball clear from his own goal before Ben Halski headed wide when well placed. Though it was the Blues who had edged the first period in terms of possession it was Downton who came closest to scoring just before the interval when Paul Gulliver's hopeful lob from the left cleared all of the Blues defenders and came back into play off the woodwork. For the second period the Robins replaced Gulliver with ex Salisbury City man Mattie Holmes and his introduction had an immediate effect. The Robins attacked straight from the restart and Holmes threaded the ball through to Kevin THICK whose shot found the back of the net despite Jason Bates' block which made the ball squirm past the outstretched reach of Blues keeper Liam Rogers. The influential Bates then fed the ball to Daryl Charman on the edge of the Robins box but the Blues striker's curling shot went straight into the arms of keeper Paddy Rynne. At the other end Callum Robertson arrived in the area late to hit a volley which went just past Rogers' far post. Finnigan and McPhie were however gradually getting the better of McGregor and Thick leaving Bates to dominate the midfield area and use the superb Danny Western up front to torment the Downton defence. It came as no surprise really when the Blues equalised after 57 minutes when Danny WESTERN curled in a 20 yard free kick which seemed to beat Rynne all ends up as it went over his head and ended up in the back of the net going in off the cross bar. If you had to pick a winner at this stage it was probably Amesbury who seemed the more livelier of the two teams and looked to want the victory more. Wheeler allowed Bates to run towards the Downton goal but his lob just went the wrong side of the far post. Though the points were shared it was probably Amesbury who had looked the better side and left feeling that they had deserved more from the game.

MATCH REPORTS – WEEKEND

Alresford Town 0-1 Blackfield & Langley (Premier Division)

By GREG BOUGHTON at Arlebury Park

There was a sense of the inevitable about this result as an Alresford squad ravaged by injuries and suspensions fought grittily to the final whistle but came away empty-handed from a scrappy game that had plenty of commitment but not much flair or entertainment.

Forced to field two strikers without a senior start between them, the Magpies lacked a cutting edge, but made up for that in some measure with strong performances in midfield and at the back. But even though they started soundly, at least defensively, neither central defender lasted the entire 90 minutes. Alresford were forced into a reorganization when Mike Rayner limped off injured midway through the first half. Then, with an hour on the clock, the commanding Melvin Rogers tangled with Faoud Hamadu as the pair chased a though ball. Although the contact appeared completely accidental, referee Gary Parsons deemed that a goalscoring opportunity had been denied and Rogers was sent off.

The only goal on the game came six minutes later. Hamadu latched onto a good ball through the inside left channel and although home keeper Dan Chapman got a hand to Hamadu's shot the ball trickled on into the net before any of his team-mates could reach it.

With young sub Andy Turner showing up well in the closing stages, Alresford finally started to look threatening, but could find no way through the Blackfield rearguard. The home managerial team of Tim Cole and Danny Robinson can take heart, however, from the effort the players put in. Adie de la Nougerede and Ben Simpson worked very hard in midfield while Danny Edwards and Joe Wright, who started the game in the full-back positions but finished it in central defence, looked assured in both roles.

Bemerton Heath Harlequins 4-1 Lymington Town (Premier Division)

By CLIVE LEONARD at Western Way

After losing the last 3 games at home it was vital to get back to winning ways and Bemerton did just that against a Lymington side that didn't trouble them all afternoon. Right from the start they attacked Lymington and had two good chances in the first 2mins with Eves going the closest with his effort from just outside the box but for all the chances being created it was Lymington that took the lead against the run of play on 20min when a poor goal kick was sent straight back into the Bemerton box, a mix-up saw 3 players go for the same ball, the ball bobbled loose and left Anderson to poke the ball home 0-1. Bemerton got straight back on top and chances for O'Keefe, Sanger and Eves went begging before the 'in form' Puckett made a well timed run into the box to get in front of his marker and head home on 34mins to level the game 1-1. The last few minutes of the half saw Slade volley straight at Williamson and Sanger ghost past 4 players and put a low cross across the face of the goal with no-one on hand to put the final touch. I counted 9 chances for Bemerton and 1 for Lymington in the first half but it still ended 1-1. Bemerton started the second half where they left off and on 48mins took the lead through Jones whose cross found its way through everyone and into the back of the net 2-1. Manager Chalk changed things around and brought on Mankin and Hughes and the busy Mankin had an immediate impact but it took until the 84min for the game to be finally wrapped up when Fisher rose to head home with an unstoppable header from a corner 3-1. Then just 4 mins later a long ball by Eves saw Jones run through and with two defenders on his back kept his cool to slot the ball into the net past the advancing Williamson 4-1.

Bournemouth Poppies 1-2 Hayling United (Premier Division)

By STEPHEN HAYWARD at Victoria Park

It started so well for the home side and after just two minutes Fawzi Saadi put in Andy Culliford, but he managed to drag his left foot shot across Harrop's goal and safely away for a goal kick. Hayling then struck an early blow with just 5 minutes gone when a Graham Gillman pass split a static Poppies defence and youngster Nathan Paxton powered through to finish emphatically past skipper Jason Harvell in the home goal. 0-1. The Bournemouth response was to immediately put the Hayling side under some extreme pressure for the following 5-10 minutes but to no avail, skipper Sean Thurgood marshalled the defence of Chris Snook, Lawrence Wall and Matt Kirby, ensuring that the slender lead was kept intact. More was to come though and on 16 minutes two saves in a row by Harrop, one from George Webb and the other from Craig Mansell showed just how intent on clawing back the deficit the home side were. Centre forward Paul Roberts was next in line as he got on the end of a ball fizzed across the 6 yd box, but it wouldn't have counted, even as it hit the bar the assistant has his flag up for offside. The pressure was intense, as at first Roberts and then Saadi were once again foiled by the agile Hayling keeper. Roberts had a one on one, but Harrop dove at his feet to collect, and then from a Saadi free kick he leapt up to his left to deny the lively forward on the half hour mark. The second period started in much the same way with the lively Saadi watching as his volley from distance disappeared over the top of Harrops's bar within the first ten minutes. All the hard work of the Hayling players, epitomised by the running of Uddin and Wakeley out wide, couldn't however stem the tide for much longer, and on 57 minutes it was a very strong run by Paul Roberts followed by a beautifully chipped cross to the back post that found the waiting Saadi who volleyed home the equaliser. 1-1. It was coming, and manager Vaughn must have heaved a sigh of relief as his side reaped some reward for all of their pressure. The only Hayling shot on target in the opening 20 minutes of the second period was by George Way who picked up a loose ball on the edge of the penalty box and sent it goalward, but Harvell had no problem in saving the shot. The home crowd were stunned into silence once again though on 75 minutes when the lively Nathan Paxton rounded two defenders and stabbed a shot towards the Bournemouth goal, Harvell was equal to it, but only managed to push it out to the onrushing Graham Gillman who side footed home into an empty net. 1-2. With ten minutes to go the home side were awarded a free kick outside the penalty box, Hayling went to sleep and the quickly taken set piece ended up at the feet of Saadi who sent it point blank at Harrop, but as with many other efforts today the big keeper was equal to it and forced it away to safety. Josh Case had an effort on Harvell's goal towards the end but the final word lay with Poppies substitute Dave Wrixton who on 88 minutes missed the far post by millimetres as he drove a shot across the Humbugs goal with some venom.

POINT TO PONDER

FARNBOROUGH NORTH END, as a reward for beating Amesbury Town in their League Cup quarter-final tie, will now come up against Premier Division side, Poole Town, in a two-legged semi-final and the winners will come up against either Bemerton Heath Harlequins or Fareham Town or Newport (IOW) in the final. Fareham Town play Newport (IOW) at their Cams Alders home ground this week and the winners will meet Bemerton Heath Harlequins in the semi-finals.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

On Monday night, BEMERTON HEATH HARLEQUINS entertain DOWNTON at their Western Way home ground in the first round of the South Wiltshire Charity Cup.

On Tuesday night, there is a Wessex League Cup quarter-final tie between FAREHAM TOWN and NEWPORT (IOW) at Cams Alders.

EAST COWES VICS entertain SHANKLIN in the quarter-finals of the IOW (Isle-of-Wight) Gold Cup.

GOSPORT BOROUGH RESERVES entertain VT FC RESERVES in the first leg of their Wessex League Combination Cup semi-final.

ALTON TOWN are in action at home to HARTLEY WINTNEY in the second round of the Aldershot Senior Cup.

AMESBURY TOWN host PETERSFIELD TOWN in Division One whilst FLEET SPURS entertain AFC ALDERMASTON and HORNDEAN play at home to AFC PORTCHESTER.

In the Premier Division, ALRESFORD TOWN host HAYLING UNITED, BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY entertain POOLE TOWN, BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES play at home to ROMSEY TOWN, LAVERSTOCK & FORD are at home against TOTTON & ELING and LYMINGTON TOWN take on MONEYFIELDS at home.

Elsewhere, AFC TOTTON play at their Testwood Park home ground against Premier Division CHRISTCHURCH in the semi-final of the Hampshire Senior Cup.

On Wednesday night, BRADING TOWN entertain BRIGHSTONE in the quarter-finals of the IOW (Isle-Of-Wight) Gold Cup.

In Division One, HYTHE & DIBDEN take on FARNBOROUGH NORTH END whilst SHAFESBURY entertain HAMBLE ASSC and WARMINSTER TOWN are in action at home to STOCKBRIDGE.

In the Premier Division, HAMWORTHY UNITED host BROCKENHURST.

On Thursday night, ANDOVER NEW STREET play at their Foxcotte Park home ground against TADLEY CALLEVA in Division One.

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