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Hamworthy United



Baffins Milton Rovers

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## WELCOME TO THE SPECSAVERS COUNTY GROUND

Hamworthy United Football Club is pleased to welcome Baffins Milton Rovers Football Club and its supporters to the Specsavers County Ground for today's Sydenhams Wessex Premier League match.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our Referee Sean Phillips and his Assistants Justyn Leonard and Mark Robinson. We hope that they, and everybody else involved today will have a good game, and they enjoy their stay with us.

Portsmouth based Baffins Milton Rovers always give the Hammers a tough game, and so we can expect another one today. Since their promotion at the start of the 2017/2018 season they have soon established themselves in the Sydenhams Premier League. In their first season they finished in a very creditable 9th position, and improved on that last year ending up in 5th place.

This pushed the Hammers into 6th place on goal average, when they both ended up on the same points. Last season the two teams met on three occasions. In January United won 3-2 in the league with Ollie Balmer, Dan Cann and Ryan Watkins scoring their goals. In March we met again at the Specsavers in the Wessex Cup. Hamworthy won on penalties after it had finished 2-2 at full time with Ollie Balmer scoring twice for United. The Rovers however did get there revenge in the return League game in April, winning 3-1. Luke Stone found the net on that occasion for the Hammers. Whatever the result today we hope that it is enjoyable and it is played in the right spirit.

Today's Match is sponsored by **Scammell Associates LLP**. We thank Bruce and his Company for their generosity and support over many years.

The ball Sponsor for the game is The Hammers Club. If you would like to join and get a chance of winning a cash prize in the monthly draw, and 10% off all purchases, then details and Membership Application Forms can be obtained at the Bar. Should you wish to hire the Club please contact Hayley Basing.

The Club would like to thank those people who in response to the recent appeal have volunteered to help with the many duties needed to keep it running efficiently, but more are still needed. This is essential if the Club is to continue to play at the level that we are at now, let alone to progress higher. Please contact Steve Harvey for details on how you might be able to help.

Finally may we thank everybody for coming today, and we hope that you all have a safe journey home. We also hope that you will have enjoyed the match and that you will come again soon.

Up the Hammers

Roger Nicholson

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#### **CLUB UPDATES**



#### The club house

We are delighted to announce that Phil and Hayley are now in charge of the day to day running of the clubhouse. We will be making further announcements about the club house in due course.

#### England!

Tomorrow's match will be on the big screen in the clubhouse. So don't miss out on the chance to watch the game with your fellow Hammers. It's a 5pm kickoff.

#### Tony Rolls update

We wish Tony Rolls a speedy recovery from all Hamworthy United Football Club following an in game incident that left Tony with a broken nose. Get well soon Tony.

#### **Dorset Cup update**

Our next Dorset Cup fixture will be played away against Dorchester Town it's been announced that this will now be played on Tuesday 3rd December, 7:45pm.

#### **Bournemouth Senior Cup**

We have been drawn at home against Hythe & Dibden. It's been announced that this will be played on Tuesday 10th December, 7:45pm.

#### Incoming signings

Those that are eagle eyed will notice a few new faces and a returning faces. As we have joining us winger James King and striker Louis Coulsen, with centre-back Adam Costello back at the club. Welcome all.

#### **Brotherly love**

With 2 Coopers brothers, 2 King brothers and 2 Randall brothers. We're not sure if that's some king of record. But if any others of our playing squad have a brother...l

#### **Attendances**

It's our ambition to try and increase our attendances across this season. We are will be sharing posters on the website and social media. Please if you can print a poster and put it up in your local shops or workplaces. We appreciate any support. As it would be great to get more fans to the County Ground on a more regular basis.

#### Social Media

Love it or hate it - it's here to stay. The league have just printed our Twitter followers for the last three years...

17/18 - **149** 18/19 - **678** 19/20 **927** 

Which across the two Wessex leagues sees us as the 2nd fastest growing league Twitter account and we're determined to be number 1.

#### FROM THE DUGOUT



Good afternoon and it's a warm welcome to the Specsavers County Ground for today's fixture against Baffins Milton Rovers. The welcome may well be the only thing that's warm, but hopefully we can produce a performance to warm the hearts of the spectators.

I would also like to extend my welcome to Steve Leigh, his team and the Baffins supporters and wish them all the very best after today. Although still a fledgling club, Baffins seem to get stronger and stronger year on year, narrowly missing out on a good FA Vase result against much fancied Bradford Town and then putting Lymington to the sword last Saturday so this represents another very difficult test for us to overcome.

Well after going through a period where we didn't have a home game for weeks, we are now in a bit of a glut of fixtures here and we are hoping that we can use that advantage to maintain our recent upturn in form and performances and really kick on in all competitions. Over the next few weeks we will be battling on four different fronts with the league, FA Vase, Bournemouth Senior Cup and Dorset Senior Cup all appearing on the fixture list.

The latter has thrown up a fantastic tie for us as we have been drawn against Dorchester Town away, although with it being another 3G surface it will feel a bit like a home from home. This will be a cracking test for our players who really should all be looking to play at least at that level and beyond for many of them. After today we have another home game on Tuesday against a tough AFC Stoneham side before travelling to AFC Portchester the following Saturday and then gearing up for our FA Vase showdown with Plymouth Parkwav.

A mouth-watering set of fixtures where our whole squad will be tested but I am confident that we now have the personnel with not only the right quality, but also the brilliant characters.

That leads me nicely on to my recent transfer activity. On the departure front we have recently said a temporary farewell to Dan Dwyer. Dan was involved intermittently and has had an increase in work commitments recently so is taking some time away from football but hopes to return soon. Cam Beard has also left somewhat unexpectedly as he was playing and doing well but the call of Bashley clearly proved too tempting so we wish him well going forwards.

More importantly though we have this week added some real quality including a couple of familiar faces. Louie Coulson arrives from Bournemouth Poppies. Louie is a young forward who has a lot

potential and performed very well in a couple of recent games against Hamworthy so will be keen to come in and fight for a first team spot.

James King returns to Hamworthy after a brief spell at the end of last season. 'Kinger' is a lad I know very well having taught and worked with him at Poole High School and is another one I know will bring loads of quality and a great attitude. With Tom Cooper here as well as Franno the boys are worried the changing room will start resembling a sixth form common room but I have assured them that there will be no necking on in the corner on my watch!

Also coming back through the door is Adam Costello. 'Cossy' is a lad well known to Hamworthy supporters and I am sure you will agree that bringing him back in will add some real quality to an already strong back line and also some excellent leadership and organisation. He is also another one with a brilliant attitude and will bring good value to the changing room.

I am now very happy with my squad and any movements now will be more reactive than proactive as everyone here is more than capable of being part of what I hope will be a successful team.

Last week saw us involved in our second seven goal thriller in a row with our 5-2 victory over Cowes Sports. I was frustrated at our first half performance as we allowed our standards to slip, which is something we won't accept, but with a sprinkle of Fawzi magic thrown in we performed a lot better in the second half and ran

out deserved winners in the end. We realise that we must be better defensively but that is a collective thing and something we are keen to improve.

Special mention must go to Olly Davis and Ash Pope.

When I came in OD was a bit on the fringe but after getting his chance recently he has been electric, including an all action display last Saturday so consistency is now key.

Ash is another one who has a great attitude and has suffered a dip in confidence in recent weeks but his cameo on Saturday with two fantastic finishes made me a very happy man last weekend and I'm sure he will now kick on and prove that he is one of the best players in this league.

Enough from me.

Enjoy today's game and cheers us on to 3 points hopefully. The Hammers train chugs on. It's Hammer time

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Answer P29



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£150 - Ball 149 - Andrew Cobb

2nd Prize

£100 - Ball 118 - Fawzi Saadi

3rd Prize

£50 - Ball 106 - Marc Schulz

4th Prize

£25 - Ball 88 - Richard Albone



Sydenhams Premier League (Saturday 9th November 2019)

Hamworthy Utd Scorers: Cann, Francis, Saadi, Pope (x2)

Hamworthy Utd Team: S Cooper, D Randall, J Gleeson, H Cooper, C Cocklin,

T Rolls (J Filkins 45), O Davis, L Francis (c), E Hodge

(A Pope 75), D Cann (H White 85), F Saadi

Unused Subs: B Randall, T Sills

MOM: Ollie King

Hamworthy were hoping to continue their improvement under Tim Sills, while lowly Cowes were desperate to convert their games in hand into points. Shane Cooper took over the gloves, Ollie King having injured a thumb in training. The Yachtsmen would certainly want to end the curse of a few real bad results at the Specsavers in recent years.

With the miserable wet weather thankfully relenting a little before kick-off, United so nearly opened the scoring on 4 minutes. Déclan Randall's strike from Fawzi Saadi's deep cross, certainly had the power, but it was deflected off a defender onto the post and out.

After a scrappy fast opening from both sides, it was the Islanders who were looking the more comfortable. United were prone to being a bit too casual at times at the back. Cooper had to be alert to tip over a good effort by James



Wykes, and it was the Sports who opened the scoring on 19 minutes. Bricknell's high cross from a corner was knocked back down into play at the far post by Cooper who was under severe pressure. Before the ball could be cleared it was scrambled into the net by Wykes.

The Hammers took just 4 minutes to get back on even terms, with their first bit of quality football so far. With the hosts breaking quickly from defence, Olley Davis swept the ball out to Dan Cann who produced a good finish just inside the far post. United's joy however lasted only two minutes. After the Hammers had a good shout for a foul near the half-way line turned down, Wykes made good headway before his far post effort rebounded off the WORTHY UNITE

woodwork to Michael McEnery for an easy tap in into the vacant net.

The see-saw scoring remarkably continued. On 33 minutes. Eddie Hodge picked up a carefully threaded ball down the right channel from Davis, before his path was blocked by Cowes' man Aidan

Bryan. Saadi's resultant free kick perfectly teed up Lee Francis whose powerful header found the top right corner of the net from just inside the penalty area. United were now showing more inventiveness in their play, but close to the interval, Tony Rolls sadly had to retire with a suspected broken nose after colliding with his own keeper.

The Islanders could perhaps count themselves rather unlucky when Bricknell's header into the net was ruled out for a foul on the keeper. At the other end, Ed Hatt produced an excellent tip-over save from Francis to finish the half.

United did start to crank up thepressure in the second period, even if they still looked a bit laboured at times, and still prone to giving the ball away.

However, the atmosphere changed dramatically on 63 minutes. There seemed no danger when Fawzi Saadi gained possession some 25 yards out from goal, but, as he has done many times before in his career, he unleashed a spectacular unstoppable shot that found the top left corner of the net.

The Hammers now looked a different side. Hodge soon set up a good opening for Davis, who cheekily scooped the ball high over the keeper. The ball bounced down off the crossbar and it appeared to most to have crossed the line before being

hacked out by Hatt, but the Referee's Assistant was too far back to call it.

> Cowes were still not finished and did start to apply more pressure themselves; forcing Cooper who was having a good game into making another couple of good saves.

In the 1st Minute of injury time Hamworthy made the game safe with a goal worth waiting for. Davis beat his man down the left and played in Ash Pope (pictured). With a touch of "Berkamp" Pope cleverly back heeled the ball outfoxing his defender, before cutting in and gliding the ball home just inside the far post. Two minutes later Ash Pope completed an injury time double, finding the net again from close range.

Although perhaps the final score flattered Hamworthy somewhat, they deserved the win over the 90 minutes. Following a shaky start, they won it with some high quality finishing.

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#### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: DAN CANN

BY ROB BURD

the scoresheet.

stronger force".

After a convincing win for Hamworthy over tricky opponents Cowes Sports, who forced Tim Sills' side to fight back twice before claiming all 3 points in a 5-2 victory, it was only appropriate to speak to an in-form Dan Cann, who again found himself on

"We took a while to get going but our quality shone through toward the end of the game. Our squad is full of depth and that's starting to pay dividends. We have real quality and with some further additions we'll become an even

"With the squad we're building there's no reason we shouldn't be competing at the top of the league. Alresford have a healthy lead now, but they've lost a couple recently so we just need to keep our heads down and in turn the points will come".

Cann's excitement when speaking about a Hamworthy squad that's performing not only exceptionally but consistently is clear, emotions bolstered through the ambition to build and grow as a club.

"It's not only exciting but crucial we progress and continually nurture the young talent we have. There's raw ability in the squad and it's for

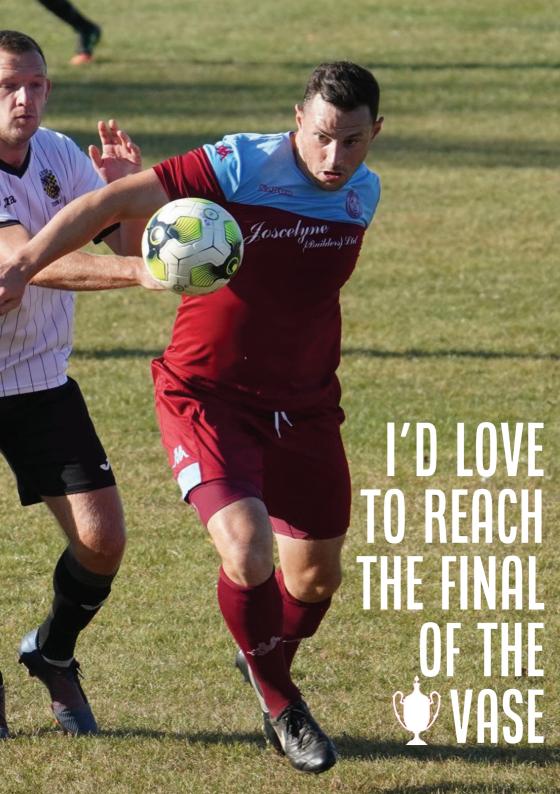
> players like myself and Glees to help these lads by further improving their football intelligence through games. If we can do that, our quality will always lead us into commanding positions in games".

Aside from the youth talent however, another addition that's hugely impacted The Hammers is that of manager Tim Sills, who has taken to Hamworthy life like a duck to water thus far.

"Sills has been a breath of fresh air and his experience in the game is much respected. Because he played a

> similar 'target man' role to me it's really easy for us to relate. He's got us working harder and performing at our best, and credit should be given to Chris too who's been an excellent appointment and has really helped".

As an exceptional player himself, I was intrigued to investigate what career ambitions Cann withholds. However, it certainly seems the forward is loving life with the Hammers right now and is keen on getting his hands on more silverware.



"You know me. I just want to get through the next game! In all seriousness though. I'd love to reach the final of the vase. I've made the semi-final before so that would be a lovely way to go out".

So with their eves on the Vase. Hamworthy will need to see top performances from some of their top players, some of which have specifically caught the eye of Cann this season

"You have to say the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time) Eddie is exceptional, although if OD (Olly Davis) continues as he is, he'll definitely become one of our finest players.

"To be fair to OD he's our best trainer too and it's great he's bringing it into the games. When he plays well I score!"

And for the many Hamworthy fans, seeing Cann on the scoresheet is never a bad thing. To you, he has a few words:

"We have some really special fans around the club who I've known for many years. I would like to thank everyone involved who support us week in and out. It means a lot to the lads and we hope we can continue to deliver quality performances and some silverware to say thank you.

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#### Development team

No league game this week for the development team, saw them looking at Bemerton to see if they would jump to the top of the table with one of their games in hand. However a shock loss to bottom side Sway sees the top 6 still very closely bunched. As the halfway point in the league approaches it's all very tight.

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2	Brockenhurst	8	6	1	1	39	14	25	19
3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	8	6	1	1	32	11	21	19
4	Hamworthy United	9	6	1	2	36	20	16	19
5	Laverstock & Ford	10	6	0	4	39	21	18	18
6	Fawley AFC	10	6	0	4	36	22	14	18
7	Bush Hill	8	4	0	4	22	28	-6	12
8	Bashley	7	3	0	4	25	19	6	9
9	Lymington Town	9	2	1	6	17	44	-27	7
10	Sway	9	2	0	7	5	34	-29	6
11	QK Southampton	5	1	2	2	9	11	-2	5
12	New Milton Town	9	1	1	7	22	33	-11	4
13	Lyndhurst	9	1	1	7	10	47	-37	4

#### U18's

Hamworthy United 8 Poole Town Rovers3

Goals from Tom 2, Sam R, Sam C 2, Jack O Jack S and Archie

Another win under the lights. The final score line reflects the way we played. But at 3 v 2 down into second half the coaching

team were pulling our hair out (which neither them can afford to do). Sharpening up defensively and finishing off our chances earlier we would have made this a complete performance.

Come and see us at home to Utd Services (Portsmouth) in the Hampshire Cup Kick off is at 2pm



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#### V AFC STONEHAM TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 7:45PM K.O.



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V CHRISTCHURCH Saturday 7th December – 3pm K.O.



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Former Football League Striker Tim Sills joined the club in October 2019. Having previously been Assistant Manager and First Team Coach at Weymouth and Blackfield & Langley respectively in recent years.



**Chris Senior** Assistant Manager

Chris is a player/ coach for the Hammers having been appointed in October.



Ben Sullivan Goalkeeping coach

Ben is a Qualified Goalkeeping Coach having previously been with Swanage, Verwood, Bournemouth Poppies.



Mike Legg Football operations



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Additional coaching support
Sean Leadbetter

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## **STANLEY WALLIS** (STAN) 26-6-1921 TO 17-7-2016

By Roger Nicholson



Stan was still very young when football came into his life. At the tender age of six he would help his father sell programmes at the Bournemouth Gas Works Football Club's home games.

Despite his small stature and having suffered from chest problems from an early age Stan still enjoyed playing football and cricket at school. On leaving school he worked as an Apprentice Gas Fitter and apart from his war service worked for the Gas Company until his retirement in the early seventies.

Stan who had volunteered to join the Air force despite having the option not to, was the first to admit he had an easy war. He spent most of it as an aircraft fitter in Canada a country he fell in love with, and where he had relations living close to where he was stationed. He returned there several times after the war for holidays with his wife Betty whom he married soon after his return to Poole.

Betty was also to become a Hamworthy United Stalwart, and was never far from Stan's side right up until his death in 2016, both being in the same care home.

Stan continued to support local football and got heavily involved with the running of Longfleet St Mary's F.C. with his friend Don Withers until the late seventies

However following a disagreement with a new Chairman, Stan left them and was asked to join Hamworthy United's Committee by Secretary Roy Mitchener.

What a wise move that was to prove to be.

Stan immediately got involved not only on match days where he could be found marking out the pitch, lighting the stove for the communal bath, and selling tickets at the gate.

Betty in the meantime would be helping her friend Ethel serve tea and snacks in the canteen. Stan also raised thousands of pounds for the Club by starting the Hundred Club, collecting newspapers for recycling, and organising Christmas raffles and sweep-stakes.

He did all this for nothing and even paid to watch all the games. Stan was HUFC's Vice-Chairman for a while and later became a Life Vice President of the Club.

He was also responsible for introducing many people to the Hammers including myself in 1984, and he has been my role model ever since. Stan was also the President of the Dorset Combination League predecessor to the Dorset Premier, from 2002 until 2005 and was also granted a Life Vice-Presidency by them.



Stan and Betty unfortunately had no children of their own, and they looked upon Hamworthy United as part of their family.

Following their passing they showed just how much they thought of the Club by leaving it a considerable legacy in their will. This was enough to double the size of the Clubhouse, which had been a long time ambition for the Club and has ensured a more stable future for it.

Stan may have been small in stature but he had a big in heart, and like his beloved Betty he was also a giver rather than a taker. All too rare these days.



(L-R) Rov Mitchener. Irvin Brown & Stan Wallis

#### SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESSEX)



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#### FROM THE HAMWORTHY UNITED ARCHIVES

#### Hamworthy United Baffins Milton Rovers

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#### Sydenhams Premier League (Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Ninth placed Hammers stood just one point and two places below their Portsmouth based guests, having played a game more. A second successive home win would therefore see them leapfrog Baffins, and potentially rise two or three places up the league. Both clubs had also done well to carry the Sydenhams Wessex flag into the fourth round of the FA Vase (last 32), before falling short against tough opposition. Boss Callum Brooks chose exactly the same squad as for the last game, and who could blame him after their five star performance?

On a cold windless evening, with a very thin layer of frost, United struggled to produce the fluency of the previous game. The visitors were certainly moving the ball better, and it was no surprise when they edged in front on 11 minutes, although assisted by some poor Hamworthy defending. A long ball by Dale Mason looked a routine clearance for Ryan Watkins, but he dwelt on the ball and was too easily outmuscled by Callum Dart. Dart's shot on the turn was well parried by Tom Rees, but the Hammers' keeper was powerless to stop Carel Kayembe's follow up.

Even when not at their best, the current crop of Hammers never give up the fight, and they were back on level terms on 26 minutes. A well placed long ball forward by Nathan Walker found Dan Cann in space.

The United goal machine ran on to drill the ball home, hard and low, and to the right of Baffins' stopper Cameron Scott. The home defence was again found wanting as Baffins restored their lead with a well worked set piece on 42 minutes. A corner was played short by Tommy Leigh to his namesake Aston Leigh who was allowed too much time and space to turn and whip in a low cross to the near post. Kayembe at the near post then reacted well to flick the ball into the net and complete his brace. This resulted again from being given too much room by the home

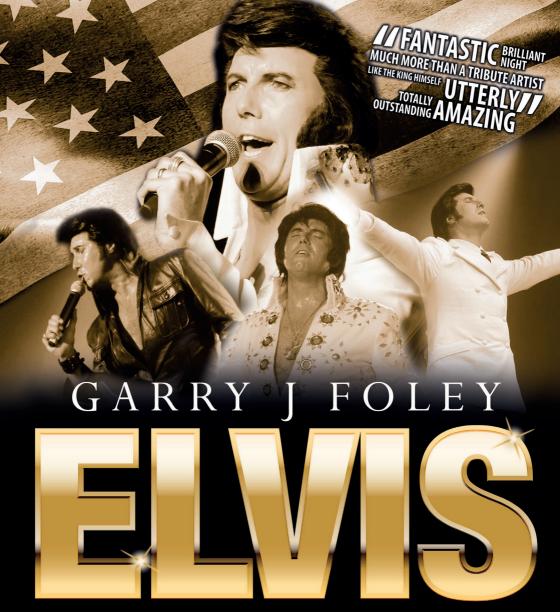
defence. The Baffins' joy though was again short lived. In first half added time, and following a neat ball by Sean Wright, Olly Balmer found the far corner of the net with a good finish. The Hammers must have been relieved to enter the break on parity, having levelled with almost the last kick of the half. Until then they had never really got into a proper rhythm, and were certainly struggling at times to pick up the Baffins' runners.

United did up their game after the interval and were soon getting on top. An early cross by Cann was just a little too high for Balmer who was well positioned in front of goal. However, it was something of a fluke goal in the 63rd minute that allowed the Hammers to take the lead for the first time. Ryan Watkins, under pressure, put in what appeared to be a cross to the far post, but somehow the ball ended up sailing into the top far corner of the net. Keeper Scott will perhaps feel that he should have done better. United were now playing with much greater confidence, with their defence and well structured midfield now looking much more effective.

However, in a spell of very late Baffins' pressure, it took a remarkable save by Rees to keep the lead intact. Tommy Leigh's low header to the right corner of the net had goal written all over it, but somehow the United keeper managed to leap across and claw the ball out. It was a relieved, but very satisfied Hammers when the final whistle came. This was an unusual match that had only few clear cut chances, but had relatively high scoring, and could have gone either way.

The United win, coupled with results elsewhere, pushed them up to a very satisfying sixth place, with games in hand and half the season still left to play.

Hamworthy United: T Rees, D Randall, R Watkins, S Wright, N Walker (c), A Costello, O Davis (J Filkins 80), B Gale, O Balmer (L Stone 70), D Cann (E Hodge 85), S Bayston Unused Subs: J King, M Finch



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#### DO YOU AGREE WITH VAR?

#### By Rob Bird, Journalist

Do you agree with VAR, and could it be used through all tiers of English leagues?

VAR, otherwise known as 'Video Assistant Referee', has been the talk in most towns throughout England this season, with opinions heavily divided.

Used in the EPL for the first time this season, VAR is used to essentially double check the referees' decisions at crucial moments of the game, such as whether the build-up to a goal was legal or if there's a potential red card offence. Simply it's been implemented to make the game fairer and offer support to referees who have always been consistently blamed for their decisions over decades of football through all tiers.

This begs the question then, could VAR ever be used throughout the lower divisions of England?

Personally, I believed the success of VAR hung on the current and next EPL seasons going smoothly, which in turn will see more fan acceptance.

However, most criticisms of VAR has been around two things, firstly how long it takes the referee to make a decision, and the inaccuracy of some of the decisions. At the moment no referees are making their way over to the sideline, watching videos of the incident multiple times from multiple angles. So the amount of time could get worse before getting better.

An example of this was during Liverpool's FA cup exit to West Brom (WBA) last January, where three incidents were reviewed, with final verdicts being a disallowed WBA goal and also an awarded penalty to Liverpool's 'pushed Salah'. In total, the three reviews took up toward five minutes of game time, something which Keith Hackett, Telegraph journalist, doesn't understand. "If the other officials in VAR HQ are telling you it's a penalty why does he (Craig Pawson) have to go and check again and again".

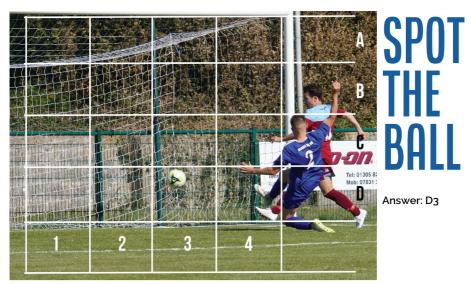
This incident led to the on pitch video reviews being sidelined for the start of this season, something fans are now calling for!

Another area of criticism is how VAR is taking away the authenticity, surprise and somewhat thrill of football, with goal celebrations from players and fans becoming muted.

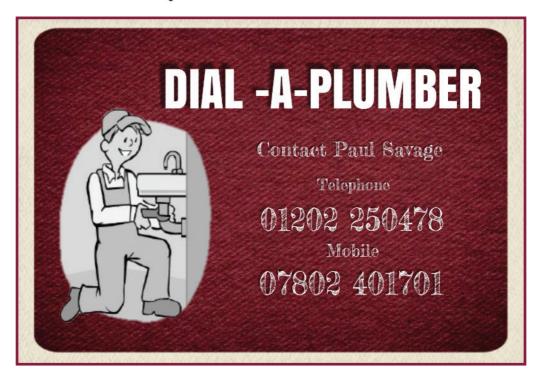
Furthermore, examples of this came during England's visit to Portugal for the Nations League earlier this year. Being there myself, I was involved first-hand as England fans went wild twice at goals through England's two games against Holland and Switzerland, only to be shut-down, confused and angered once these goals were disallowed. With time, the more this goes on fans will become reluctant to celebrate goals, all too aware VAR is lurking.

VAR though, is now causing it's own real controversy in terms of wonky offside lines, variable margins of error and elbows offside. Getting something wrong itself is not a crime, however the Premier Leagues responses are hard to fathom and not fan friendly.

If England wants to boast the best football throughout the best leagues for a long time to come, introducing VAR through all tiers would only be a step in the right direction...but will they get it right?









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#### NLP: MALDON & TIPTREE...WHO ARE THEY?

#### By Jon Couch

"MALDON & TIPTREE??" a friend of mine questioned when sifting through the FA Cup first round fixtures last Sunday. "Who on earth are they?" (or words to that effect)

Queries such as this are actually quite common place for the Non-League Paper news team, mainly from those who don't believe in life outside the Premier League.

So, on the day when Liverpool and Manchester City were locking horns in the top echelons of English football, it was perhaps fitting that the Maldon & Tiptrees of this world were enjoying their 15 minutes of fame.

Now one thing I must also confess is that when asked my "expert" opinion of all things Non-League whether Maldon & Tiptree could actually go to National League champions Leyton Orient and beat them in their own back yard, I told them to keep their money in their pocket! What do I know anyway?!

Once again, I had underestimated the magic of the FA Cup – but isn't that what we just love about this competition? How does little Maldon & Tiptree, of Isthmian League Division One North actually turn up at Brisbane Road wearing a Barcelona-style kit and beat a team four leagues above them in the Pyramid playing like...well, Barcelona?

For anyone who thinks I'm exaggerating, take a look at Jorome Slew's fine solo winner in front of the ecstatic Jammers fans behind the goal? Jammy it was most certainly not.

And it wasn't just Maldon & Tiptree who conjured up their bit of magic at the weekend. At the same time, Kingstonian were putting a throwntogether crisis club Macclesfield side to the sword at Moss Rose to earn a second round tie with AFC Fylde and ensure there will be at least one Non-League club at the third round stage.

Earlier, Dover Athletic enjoyed their big day in front of the BT Sport cameras by beating League One Southend United at Crabble. It set us up nicely for a Sunday Funday where Bromley held Bristol Rovers to a 1-1 draw and Altrincham stunned their league's leaders York City to earn a mouth-watering away tie at Portsmouth, FA Cup winners of course just 12 years ago under Harry Redknapp.

So, with no fewer than 15 clubs left in the competition before next week's first round replays – including another Step 4 side Chichester City, who were rewarded with an away tie at either Tranmere Rovers or Wycombe Wanderers after receiving a first-round bye – the magic of the FA Cup will no doubt return come November 30.

Hopefully, by then, the Premier League ignoramuses might actually have an idea who to put their mone**y on!** 



#### **TODAYS OPPONENTS**

#### BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS

FOUNDED: 2011

NICKNAME: BAFFINS

HOME GROUND: KENDALL STADIUM (120 SEATS)

CURRENT LEAGUE POS: 3RD LAST SEASON FINISH: 5TH

DISTANCE TRAVELLED: 67 MILES

The club was formed in 2011 following the amalgamation of two successful Sunday league clubs Baffins Milton and Milton Rovers. Both clubs had won several league and cup titles in the Portsmouth Dockyard and Meon Valley leagues. The new club joined the Premier Division of the Portsmouth Saturday League and were champions in their first season. [1] After finishing as Premier Division runners-up the following season, they moved up to the Senior Division of the Hampshire Premier League.

Baffins Milton Rovers were Hampshire Premier League champions in their first season in the league. They also won the League Cup with a 4–0 win over Colden Common in the final, and the Portsmouth Senior Cup, beating Moneyfields 4–0 in the final at Fratton Park. After finishing as Senior Division runners-up in 2014–15, the club were champions again in 2015–16, as well as winning the Portsmouth Senior Cup for a second time after beating Havant & Waterlooville 3–1 in the final.

As Hampshire Premier League champions and having moved to their new Kendall Stadium, Baffins were promoted to Division One of the Wessex League for the 2016–17 season. They went on to finish as runners-up in the division, earning promotion to the Premier Division, as well as reaching the Wessex League Cup final, eventually losing 2–1 to Premier Division Sholing.

Last season saw Hamworthy finish sixth to Baffins Milton Rovers' fifth on goal difference in a tight finish to the season.

#### Did you know?

Baffins Milton Rovers are a local club with 100% players living within the Portsmouth area and funded by Portsmouth businesses, controlled and operated from people within the Portsmouth area - a community club.

#### **CLUB RECORDS**

Best FA Cup performance: Preliminary round, 2018–19

Best FA Vase performance: Fourth round. 2018–19

Wessex League Cup League Cup winners 2018-19

#### WHO IS IN CHARGE?

#### MANAGER

Steve Liegh Steve was appointed in Feb 2018, winning their first game under his stewardship, beating Cowes Sports 5-0.

Steve was at a number of clubs as a player including, Brading Town, Locks Heath, Haying United, Paulsgrove and Newport (loW) where he was player-manager.





#### LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

2

Baffins Milton Rovers have won their last 2 league games. Winning 4 out of five league games in busy October (8 matches in total) 0

in 13 league games Baffins Milton Rovers have not had a single draw. #Undrawables 5

Baffins Milton Rovers have had 5 clean sheets this season in 13 league games. (39% of games) 100

Jason Parish is top scorer with 7 league goals in 7 matches. With 2 other players having 100 or more goal ratios

#### THIS SEASONS FORM (ALL COMPS)

	PLD	WON	DRW	LOS	FOR	AG	RECENT FORM
HOME	11	6	0	5	20	18	${\tt W} \; {\tt L} \; {\tt L} \; {\tt W} \; {\tt W} \; {\tt L} \; {\tt W} \; {\tt L}$
AWAY	10	6	1	3	17	11	LWWLWLWW
TOTAL	21	12	1	8	37	29	LWWWLWLW

#### TABLES & STATISTICS

#### SYDENHAM'S WESSEX PREMIER LEAGUE

Pos	Club	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts
1	Alresford Town	13	11	0	2	37	18	+19	33
2	Portland United	13	7	4	2	36	19	+17	25
3	Baffins M. Rovers	s <b>13</b>	8	0	5	27	15	+12	24
4	Christchurch	12	7	2	3	25	13	+12	23
5	AFC Portchester	r 12	7	1	4	33	20	+13	22
6	Brockenhurst	12	7	1	4	30	17	+13	22
7	Hamworthy Utd	14	6	3	5	30	27	+3	21
8	Hamble Club	12	6	3	3	21	18	+3	21
9	Bashley	12	6	2	4	22	17	+5	20
10	Horndean	11	5	4	2	28	17	+11	19
11	AFC Stoneham	11	6	1	4	19	14	+5	19
12	Fareham Town	10	5	3	2	26	16	+10	18
13	Lymington Town	112	5	2	5	29	23	+6	17
14	Tadley Calleva	13	4	3	6	18	25	-7	15
15	Fleet Town	11	4	2	5	21	18	+3	14
16	Shaftesbury	14	4	2	8	16	26	-10	14
17	Bournemouth	14	2	2	10	10	34	-24	8
18	Cowes Sports	12	2	1	9	11	30	-19	7
19	Solent Universit	y <b>1</b> 5	1	2	12	24	57	-33	5
20	Amesbury Town	12	1	2	9	12	51	-39	5

#### LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

Alresford Town 6 - 2 Solent University **Hamworthy United** 5 - 2 Cowes Sports

Lymington Town 2 - 4 **Baffins Milton Rovers**Portland United 2 - 1 AFC Portchester

#### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

1=	Craig Harding	Alresford Town	10
1=	Daniel Woodman	AFC Portchester	10
3=	Freddie Bullard	Brockenhurst	9
3=	Bobby Scott	Horndean	9
5	Jamie Symes	Portland United	8
6	Cameron Beard	Hamworthy United	7
Oth	Dan Cann	Hamworthy United	5
Oth	Francis, Hodge, Saadi	Hamworthy United	3

#### LEAGUE TOP SCORING TEAMS

#### LEAGUES MEANEST DEFENCES

1	Alresford	37	1	Christchurch	13
2	Portland United	35	2	AFC Stoneham	14
3	AFC Portchester	33	3	<b>Baffins Milton Rovers</b>	15
4	Brockenhurst	30	4	Fareham	16
5	Lymington Town	29			
			16=	Hamworthy United	27
6	Hamworthy United	28			
8	<b>Baffins Milton Rovers</b>	26			

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#### WEEK 15 – LEAGUE NEWS

#### By Roger Allen

As with last week" The day that the Rains came" was unfortunately heading the Hit Parade again asextremely heavy rain on the day following similar downfalls earlier in the week decimated the League programme, leaving just four games completed in the Premier Division and two in Division One to add to the Friday night fixture.

The four games in the Premier Division produced twenty five goals with Table topping Alresford Town leading the way with six against Solent University. There were six different names on the home scoresheet - the mark of a good side - whilst Craig Hunt and Luke Mitchell replied for the visitors. Portland moved in to second place with a best of three goals victory over AFC Portchester. Alex Halloran scored both of the home goals with Owen Fee the Portchester marksman and it is testimony to Portland's support that on an awful day weather-wise they still attracted a three figure crowd.

Baffins Milton Rovers are now third after a fine come back at Lymington. The home side went ahead through goals from Steve Flynn and Sam House before Baffins scored four times to take the points, with two from Ben Spranger and a goal apiece for Rudi Blankson and Rob Taw.

Hamworthy United were also in the goals at the County Ground, defeating Cowes Sports 5-2 but the final scoreline was perhaps a little harsh on the Islanders as Ash Pope netted twice in stoppage time to add to goals from Dan Cann, Lee Francis and Fawzi Saadi. Jamie Wykes and Mike McEnery claimed the Cowes goals.

There was one game in Division One on Friday evening that encountered no problems with the weather with current form turned on its head as Laverstock & Ford defeated Andover

New Street by the odd goal in three. This was the home side's first win in five and Street's first defeat in the same number of games with James McSorlev and Russell Jones scoring for the victors and Harry Lawton coming off the bench to score on his debut for New Street

On to Saturday and at Alton all three goals came in the dving stages of the game. Phil Moore and Liam Knight scored for the home side and James Franklyn for the visitors in what was only US Portsmouth's second defeat of the season and Alton's first win in five games.

The other game saw a single goal from Joe Petty late in the game give New Milton victory over Newport and move then up to sixteenth place in the table. Unfortunately, one postponement in Division One was not down to the weather as Pewsey Vale could not raise a side for the trip to Whitchurch. They are seeking a Manager and have lost players commitment again?- and it is hoped they can soon put matters to rights. Lateral movement of Clubs does cause problems, perhaps not realised by the FA, but Pewsey's main problem is perhaps their geography. They are on the fringe of the Sydenhams, Hellenic and Western Leagues and in whichever one they compete there will be perhaps excessive travel overall.

At the end of this truncated day Alresford lead the Premier Division by eight points and with little change in the upper reaches of Division One, Downton still hold sway at the top, and unfortunately more hard work for the League's efficient Fixtures Secretary.

COMP	DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	ATT	RESULT	SCORE	SCORERS
LG	03/08/19	A	SOLENT UNIVERSITY		W	1-7	BEARD (3), CANN (3), WHITE
LG	06/08/19	Н	HAMWORTHY UNITED		W	2 - 1	BEARD, B.RANDALL
FAC	10/08/19	Н	BASHLEY		W	3 - 0	STEER (2), BEARD
LG	17/08/19	A	HAMBLE CLUB		W	3 - 2	FRANCIS (2), B.RANDALL, STEER
FAC	24/08/19	A	PORTLAND		L	4 - 3	HODGE (2), POPE
LG	31/08/19	A	HORNDEAN		L	3 - 0	-
BSC	03/09/19	Н	BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS PARLEY		W	4 - 1	POPE (3), BEARD
LG	07/09/19	A	BOURNEMOUTH		D	0 - 0	-
SWLC	10/09/19	A	ROMSEY TOWN		W	0 - 2	POPE, H.COOPER
LG	14/09/19	A	SHAFTESBURY		D	1-1	OG
LG	21/09/19	A	ALRESFORD		L	5 - 0	-
LG	28/09/19	A	AMESBURY		L	2 - 1	HODGE
LG	01/10/19	A	BASHLEY		L	3 - 1	BEARD
LG	05/10/19	A	TADLEY CALLEVA		W	1 - 3	BEARD (2), HODGE
SWLC	12/10/19	H	ALRESFORD TOWN		L	3 - 4	WHITE (2), CANN
LG	19/10/19	H	BROCKENHURST		W	3-2	OG, SAADI, HODGE
LG	26/10/19	A	LYMINGTON TOWN		L	4-2	CANN, SAADI
LG	29/10/19	H	PORTLAND		D	1-1	BEARD
FAV	2/11/19	A	ABINGDON		W	1-6	CANN (3), SAADI, COCKLIN, FRANCIS
LG	09/11/19	H	COWES SPORTS		W	5-2	CANN, FRANCIS SAADI, POPE (2)
LG	16/11/19	H	BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS		3:00PM		
LG	19/11/19	Н	AFC STONEHAM		7:45PM		
LG	23/11/19	A	AFC PORTCHESTER		3:00PM		
FAV	30/11/19	Н	PLYMOUTH PARKWAY		3:00PM		
DOR	3/12	A	DORCHESTER		7:45PM		
LG	07/12/19	Н	CHRISTCHURCH		3:00PM		
BSC	10/12/19	Н	HYTHE & DIBDEN		7:45PM		
LG	14/12/19	A	FAREHAM TOWN		3:00PM		
LG	21/12/19	Н	SOLENT UNIVERSITY		3:00PM		
LG	28/12/19	A	PORTLAND UNITED		3:00PM		
LG	04/01/20	Н	TADLEY CALLEVA		3:00PM		
LG	11/01/20	Н	HORNDEAN		3:00PM		
LG	18/01/20	Н	FLEET TOWN		3:00PM		
LG	25/01/20	Н	AMESBURY TOWN		3:00PM		
LG	01/02/20	A	AFC STONEHAM		3:00PM		
LG	08/02/20	Н	HAMBLE CLUB		3:00PM		
LG	15/02/20	A	BROCKENHURST		3:00PM		
LG	22/02/20	A	COWES SPORTS		3:00PM		
LG	29/02/20	Н	SHAFTESBURY		3:00PM		
LG	07/03/20	A	BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS		3:00PM		
LG	21/03/20	Н	ALRESFORD TOWN		3:00PM		
LG	28/03/20	Н	BASHLEY		3:00PM		
LG	04/04/20	Н	LYMINGTON TOWN		3:00PM		
LG	18/04/20	A	CHRISTCHURCH		3:00PM		
LG	TBC	A	FLEET TOWN		-		



#### **CLARET & BLUE**

- Dan Cann
- Connor Cocklin
- Harry Cooper
- Shane Cooper
- Tom Cooper
- Adam Costello
- Louie Coulson
- Olly Davis
- Jamie Filkins
- Lee Francis
- Jamie Gleeson
- Elliott Hartnell Baker
- Eddie Hodge
- James King
- Ollie King
- Brandon Randall
- Declan Randall
- Tony Rolls
- Ash Pope
- Fawzi Saadi
- Ryan Watkins
- Harrison White

Manager: Tim Sills Coach: Chris Senior

#### BAFFAS MILTON ROYUS TC

#### YELLOW & NAVY

- Alex Andrews
- Tom Andrews
- Rudi Blankson
- Harry Brown
- George Burgess
- Corey Burns
- Harvey Cooper
- Shane Cornish
- Callum Dart
- Josh Dean
- Aaron Grimshaw
- Owen Haly
- Tony Male
- Dale Mason
- Tyler Moret
- Jason Parish
- Cameron Scott
  Robbie Taw
- Tom Tierney
- George Way
- Jamie White
- Freeman Williams

Manager: Steve Leigh Coach: Steve Ledger

Referee: Mr Sean Phillips Assistants: Mr Justyn Leonard

Mr Mark Robinson

#### **UPCOMING MATCHES:**

- (h) LG AFC Stoneham Tues 19th Nov 7:45pm
- (a) LG AFC Portchester Sat 23rd Nov 7:45pm
- (h) FA VASE Plymouth Parkway Sat 30th Nov 3pm

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