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WELCOME TO THE SPECSAVERS COUNTY GROUND

Hamworthy United Football Club is pleased to welcome Cowes Sports Football Club and its supporters to today's Sydenhams Wessex Premier League match.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our Referee Mr Paul Barber and his Assistants Mr Jason King and Mr Dominic Gillespie. We hope that they, and everybody else involved today will have a good game, and they enjoy their stay with us.

We welcome back our Manager Tim Sills from his holiday, and say a big thank you to his newly appointed Assistant Chris Senior for doing a good job in his absence. I would think this has become one of the Islanders least favoured venues in recent years having been at the wrong end of some high scoring results. In the corresponding fixture last December the Hammers won 5-0. The United scorers on that day were Sam Bayston, Olly Davis, Jamie Filkins, Nathan Walker, and Luke Stone. However a strong looking and confident Hamworthy team on paper were soundly beaten by Cowes on the opening day of the season 3-0.

At the time of writing these notes the Hammers are 5 places and 11 points in the league above their visitors today, but they have played two games more than Cowes. Hamworthy will be eager to get back to winning ways today, but rest assured the Sports will have other ideas. Whatever the result of this game we look forward to it being both entertaining and played in the right spirit.

There will be a one minute's silence before today's game as a mark of respect for one of our old players and supporters Les Kearley. Les was a tricky inside forward back in his

playing days in the 60's, and became a regular supporter until his recent illness. Details of his funeral will follow when known on the Website. We give our condolences to his Family at this sad time.

Today's Match is sponsored by Meridian Leisure. We thank Richard Basing and his Company for their generosity and support. The ball Sponsor for this 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 Steve Mitchener. 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 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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Specsavers County Ground, Hamworthy, Poole

FA VASE progression

As you will be aware we've got through to the next round of the FA Vase competition following our 6-1 win away to Abingdon.

The draw of the third round proper of the FA Vase competition has been held and we've been pulled out of the hat **home** to the Western League Premier Division side **Plymouth Parkway** with the match scheduled to be played on the **30th of November**.

The league standards are very similarly matched across the divisions, however Plymouth currently sit in 2nd place in their division with 8 wins in 10 matches with only one defeat. Plymouth are currently the highest goal scorers in their league with 43 goals (4.3 per game) and conceding 8 goals this season in the league (0.8 goals). So we fully expect an entertaining match with plenty of goal mouth action.

Financially the stakes start to raise and the winning club will be in line to picking up £1125 from the competition prize fund and the losing teams going out with £375.

Baffin Milton Rovers switch

Our fixture that was due to be away to Baffin Milton Rovers has now been switched to a home game. This will be our next home match on the 16th of November.

Dorset Cup update

Our next Dorset Cup fixture will be played away against Dorchester Town.

The date will be confirmed shortly and announced across our website and social media channels.

Cameron Beard & Dan Dwyer

We are disappointed to announce that Cameron Beard has chosen to depart the club at this stage to pursue other opportunities, we would like to thank Cameron for his efforts and goals scored this season.

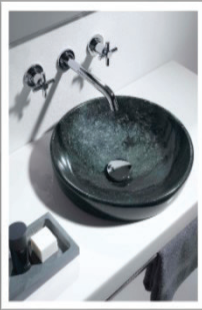
We are also able to report that Dan Dwyer will also be taking a step back from the matchday squad at this time due to weekend working commitments. We hope to see Dan again at some point in the future in a Hammers shirt.

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SPOT THE BALL

Answer on page 21.



FROM THE DUGOUT



Good Afternoon and welcome back to the Specsavers Country Ground for this afternoon's clash with Cowes Sports. I would like to begin by welcoming Steve Rutter, his team and supporters, we wish them all the best after today's game and a safe journey home.

Since my last notes we have had 3 games. A win, a draw and a loss. The loss at Lymington a fortnight ago was a hard one to analyse after dominating the game for long periods, carving out multiple chances, but being slightly profligate in our defending at times menial. That we conceded goals at crucial times. Following that game, I then went on a pre-planned birthday celebratory trip to Las Vegas, leaving my new management team in charge for our home game against Portland and our away trip to Abingdon in the FA Vase. My trip to Vegas was incredible and I would write all about it, but as the old saying goes, what happens in Vegas...

The draw against Portland was by all accounts a fair result as they are in a very good run of form and we more than matched them physically during the game, allowing out football to do most the talking and being unlucky not to snatch a win at the end with a close offside call denying Dan Cann. Where is VAR when you need it? I take that back. No one needs VAR!

Then onto Saturday with the disruption of not knowing who we were playing against in the Vase until a few days before due to

Bovey Tracey's expulsion from the competition. Going to a tough place like Abingdon where they are riding high in their league was a tall order, but after a shaky start and a wonder penalty save from Ollie King. We settled down and outplayed the opposition in all areas to record a convincing 6-1 victory and progress into the third round. Where we have been rewarded with a home tie against one of the Southern big boys in Plymouth Parkway. Another tough test but one that we believe we can overcome if we play to the best of our ability.

And that is the message from now on. We have set our benchmark and put in some consistently positive performances, so it is now about maintaining it as a minimum and kicking on to new heights, to really start competing on all levels.

I hope you enjoy today's game and hopefully our rise up the table will continue. The train is rolling. It's Hammer time!

Sillys

**Tim Sills
Manager**

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LIVE FROM THE SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE SHOW



Chairman Steve Harvey appeared on this weekend's Wessex League football show and here's what you may have missed.

Asked about the game and the weather

"The game at the weekend was great to see it take place and credit to Abingdon, as the morning of the match we were expecting the worst. They had been out forking the pitch and by the time we got there it was absolutely fine."

...the change of opposition and the preparation

"It was great to get the win, as on Thursday we still weren't 100% sure who we were playing. We had the coach booked to go to Bovey Tracey and a coach to Abingdon, we had to hedge our bets. We had done our homework on Bovey, but we didn't really know much about Abingdon, other than that we knew they were much better at home than away"

...the performance on the day

"The day turned into a superb performance we really did run them into the ground by the end on a horrible day to play football. We went to sleep on the goal after halftime, but we overall we were superb on the day. We have to thank Chris Senior who ran the game at Portland and today, superb"

...on Ollie King being MOM and Dan Cann's performance

"Being at the game, I was questioned how Ollie King was given as Man of the Match and although we had the ball in the net twice (with them being both ruled out) before the penalty save, it was the real game changing moment of the match. We were lack lustre until that moment, the pitch was wet but the rain made the players soaking through. The penalty was a amazing save and it was a great wake up call. Ollie's performance was inspirational, he commanded

his box and his communication was excellent. On Danny Cann, he did what he's great at, he ran the line and ran them ragged."

...On the next round draw and flying the flag for the Wessex League

"We are hoping for another home draw in the cup, especially with the issues we had at home earlier in the season, it's nice to be at home."

...on Tim Sills appointment

It's absolutely brilliant, he's cool, calm and collected. He knows exactly what he wants from the players. Takes the training, he's been there and done it. He's changed the way we play completely around and the players love him."

...on the appointment process

"We had 14 (serious applications), we set a bench mark, you have to in fairness. We whittled it down to about four fairly quickly, then spoke to 2... and Tim's playing CV was brilliant and once we spoke to him. We just had the feeling that he was the right person. No demands, he just wanted to come in. First time being a manager, but a really nice person to deal with from the off."

...on 5 wins in 13

"We probably still 2 or 3 games away from getting the team where Tim wants it. But to get through in the Vase is a Tick, we've been a little experimental to give all the players a chance to impress Tim and the game against Portland, who are always a bit of a bogey team, we did really well. Again unfortunate as Danny Cann scored on the 91st minute, to see the goal disallowed."

...on the team

"Everyone is in great spirit, and everyone wants to just get on play football"



HAMWORTHY UTD 1



PORTLAND 1

Sydenhams Wessex Premier League (Tuesday 29th October 2019)

Hamworthy Utd Scorers:

Cocklin

Hamworthy Utd Team:

O King, D Randall, J Gleeson, H Cooper, C Cocklin, T Rolls,
O Davis, L Francis (c) (H White 85), C Beard (A Pope 70),
D Cann, F Saadi

Unused Subs:

J Filkins, E Hodge, R Watkins

The league's two Uniteds were squaring up in what is usually regarded, at least for Portland, as a local derby, the Hammers being their nearest league rivals.

There has always been a lot of player movement between the two clubs, but also Portland's management team of Brendon King and Mark Carter who were at Hamworthy just two seasons ago.

On the pitch Hamworthy were looking to avenge a 4-3 FA Emirates Cup reverse at the Grove in August where the Islanders came from behind to snatch a late time added on winner.

After a good start to the season this encounter in fact started a bad run of results for Hamworthy. The Blues however have since steadily climbed the league table. Under new Manager Tim Sills (who is on holiday for this game) results have been more encouraging. Newly appointed Assistant Manager Chris Senior stepped in to take charge

Both teams struggled to get into a rhythm in the constant drizzle, but it was the visitors who created the early

chances. A fine ball by Alex Halloran let in Jamie Beasley, but Ollie King saved well with his legs. King then showed assured handling to keep out a long effort from Bailey Rowe.

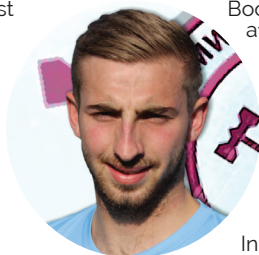
The Hammers however now began to get into the game. Ollie Davis's cross-come-shot was just clawed out from under the bar by keeper Steve Boore. Dan Cann fired just wide after a good ball by Fawzi Saadi.

King then produced the best save so far of the match, diving sharply to his right to keep out a deflected close range effort from Max Bucker.

In the 23rd minutes the visitors did make the breakthrough. Halloran played the ball through to Rowe, who showed good composure to turn and hold off a couple of defenders before firing a crisp shot into the net that gave King no chance.

It took Hamworthy only six minutes to respond in a fine move, both in its origins and its final execution.

Following a quick break out of defence Lee Francis threaded the ball forward



to Dan Cann, who swept it first time to Saadi in space on the left. Saadi cut in well, beating a defender, before his near post effort was beaten into touch by Boore.

Saadi's resultant corner was only cleared back as far as Connor Cocklin (pictured), who swept the ball superbly into the top right corner of the net.

The same player should have scored again soon after, but this time his usually reliable heading ability let him down and the ball sailed over. Although both teams had their chances there was no further scoring before the break.

The second period did not have quite the bite to it as the first. The Blues had two successive early shots charged down, before Beasley just failed to get a vital touch in front of the goal. At the other end, Saadi tapped the ball back to Lee Francis who was in a good position, but the Hamworthy captain fired just wide.

The game then entered a scrappy phase, not helped by a series of bookings mostly for Portland players for niggly offences including a sin

bin visit. The Hammers were having trouble in keeping the ball, and were probably missing the influential link up man Eddie Hodge whose car had broken down on route to the game.

They did however still look the more likely to score. Cameron Beard missed a glorious chance from a few yards out just before being substituted. Cann could only find the side stanchion from a tight angle after the keeper had spilled a cross, and substitute Ash Pope missed an easy chance in front of goal.

Portland though came back well in the latter stages, and King again used his legs to deny Rowe.

Hamworthy were probably happy to take a point at that stage, but they almost grabbed all three when Cann had the ball in the net after an excellent short passing build up.

However the effort was adjudged offside, although those watching in line felt otherwise. Both sides were on top for different periods in a scrappy second half, after a hard fought even first half.





ABINGDON

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HAMWORTHY UTD 6

FA Vase Second Round Proper (Saturday 2nd November 2019)

Hamworthy Utd Scorers:	Cann (x3), Saadi, Cocklin, Francis
Hamworthy Utd Team:	O King, D Randall, R Watkins, H Cooper (B Randall 70), C Cocklin, T Rolls (J Filkins 60), O Davis, L Francis (c), E Hodge, D Cann, F Saadi (A Pope 55)
Unused Subs:	S Cooper (gk)

Hamworthy's late entry into the FA Vase this year was their reward for reaching the fourth round (last 32) last season. The Oxfordshire based hosts, uncharted territory for most of the Hammers' team, were sitting in a handy fourth place in the Hellenic League Division One East, one level below Hamworthy in the non-league pyramid. Chris Senior continued as acting manager, with Tim Sils still on holiday, but would have to make do without the unavailable Jamie Gleeson in defence. The lush state of the Northcourt pitch meant this fixture was never in doubt despite the continuing downpours.

The game took no time at all to come to life, with the Hammers creating the early mayhem. In the opening minute, the Abingdon stopper Jack Griffiths had to dive low to his left to keep out a Fawzi Saadi strike, before cleanly holding onto a tricky low cross by Ollie Davis. Dan Cann then had the ball in the net but was adjudged offside. However the hosts then came more into the game, forcing Ollie King into an excellent tip-over save on the quarter hour.

Midway through the half, Abingdon were awarded a controversial penalty

after what appeared to many a fair tackle by Ryan Watkins, but King somehow diverted the fierce spot kick over the bar with his legs. With both teams now creating chances, it was Hamworthy who broke the deadlock on 31 minutes. Ollie Davis sent a high ball forward into the box which eluded both the jumps of Dan Cann and a jostling defender, before hitting the hand of the backing up defender. A penalty was correctly awarded for an avoidable hand ball.

This was taken by Dann Cann himself who rammed the ball into the left corner of the net, sending the keeper the wrong way. The Hammers doubled their lead only four minutes later. Again the architect was Ollie Davis, whose cross from the left was only cleared into the path of Fawzi Saadi. The Hammers' danger man took full advantage to return the ball with interest. His superb half volley on his weaker right foot found the far right corner of the net. The visitors remained in complete control and bagged a third goal on 41 minutes. Yet another Ollie Davis cross, this time from the right, was flicked into the roof of the net by Dan Cann who pounced on the ball just ahead of the keeper. Hamworthy heaped even more misery on their

hosts with a fourth strike a minute later. Connor Cocklin jumped well to head home Saadi's well floated free kick into the top right corner of the net.

Abingdon gave themselves a glimmer of hope pulling a goal back three minutes into the restart when a menacing in-swinging cross towards the far post was forced into the net. The hosts, spurred on by their goal, upped their game for a period. However, despite winning a few free kicks in dangerous positions, the hosts were unable to take their chances, with King continuing to have an inspired game. Normal service resumed for the Hammers on 63 minutes, resulting from an excellent build up. A ball from defence was played down the right channel to Declan Randall, who in turn pushed it through to Ollie Davis. Davis beat his man before his precise square ball took out the keeper, allowing a straightforward conversion for Dan Cann, completing a well deserved hat trick. Both keepers were kept busy as chances came and went at each end, but the next goal again fell to a claret and blue shirt on 86 minutes.

Ash Pope's free kick appeared to deceive the keeper as it bent in flight, and he could only get a fist onto the ball after having to change direction. In a little spell of pin ball, both Francis and Can saw their shots charged down, before Lee Francis was finally able to force the ball over the line. This was an excellent performance and result by Hamworthy few would have predicted.

The turning point was arguably Ollie King's penalty save which, if converted, would have given the hosts confidence and something to build on. As it was, once Hamworthy opened the scoring, they remained in complete control. King was deservedly Hamworthy's man of the match, not only for a fine save at a vital time, one of many, but also for his good all round positioning, and distribution from his kicking.



FAN REACTION

Eleanor Painter:

Omgggg brill.

Paul Levey:

Fantastic result. Well done to everyone involved. Up the Hammers

Graham Legg:

Well done lads great performance really proud of you all

Gabriel Phelps:

Superb result indeed, tremendous confidence boost as well.

Bruce Scammell

Hammers excellent today real team effort on & off the pitch, love the Hammers

CHRIS'S REACTION

Chris Senior was on hand after the game to comment:

"The way we have been playing recently, we felt that sooner rather than later someone was going to be on the end of a big scoreline from us."

"I knew that they were defensively frail at the back, and we looked to exploit that quite often."

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Tim Sills

Manager

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.



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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: EDDIE HODGE

BY ROB BURD

Hamworthy's last outing saw Tim Sills' side ease to a 6-1 victory against Abingdon, a performance for Eddie Hodge that was the product of a real team confidence.

"We just went into the game feeling confident and didn't want to get back onto the coach feeling we could have done more. We knew the importance of the game to the club and that showed in the effort levels for the whole 90 minutes".

Undoubtedly wins alike the manner of the one against Abingdon will certainly have the Hammers questioning how far they can push this season, and Hodge is a player unwilling to settle for second best.

"The whole team has an aspiration to finish high up the table this season, we all know how good we can be so who knows what could happen come the end of the season.

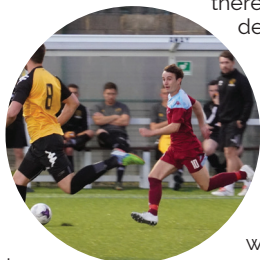
"Tim has come in and gone back to basics. He's installed some real confidence in and around the team. He came in at a difficult time for the club, but has got us back to playing with freedom. Everyone works for each other on the pitch".

As an individual himself, Hodge is always someone who plays for the badge and gives 100 percent, which when partnered with his natural footballing ability makes for a quality and exciting player.



"Personally, for me my long-term aim to go as high as possible standard wise. You never know what could happen, so I think testing yourself at the highest level not only prepares you, but helps in realising your potential".

"Recently one attribute I feel has improved is my passing ability. I feel more confident in quick, interchanging phases of play and have recently started providing assists on a more consistent basis. This just proves there's ample opportunity to develop as a player".



Hodge's assists will certainly be lapped up by supporters all year round, but nobody will appreciate them more than striker Dan Cann, whose composure and cutthroat finishing ability in front of goal will prove crucial in the long run.

"For me Canny will be our star player this year, unfortunately. I hate to admit it but his goals for us this year have been huge and his hold up play allows us boys behind him to do our stuff".



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However, as Cann's goals and Hodge's assists increase at a rate of knots, one player doesn't. Labelled the slowest in the team, this will surely be the epicentre of some changing room banter.

"He's going to hate me, but I have to say Declan. He likes to think he's quick, but sadly he isn't at all. None of us are lightning to be fair, maybe with the exception of Ollie Davis.

"To be fair to him though, Dec is the best trainer in the team and that shows on the pitch, he always gives that little bit more. Definitely the slowest though".

Aside from Hodge's ability to pick a perfect pass though, Cann's efficiency

in front of goal and Declan's 100 metre sprint time, the most important and influential thing at Hamworthy are the fans who turn up to support the team week in and out. To you, Hodge had some words:

"I just want to say thank you for all your continued support. Whether it's home or away we really appreciate it as a team and we hope we can deliver and repay you with consistent wins and outstanding performances"..

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CLUB LEGENDS

JOHN GRAVELL (19-3-33 TO 26-10-2017)

By Roger Nicholson



John (Johnny) Gravell had football running through his veins. His father played for Poole Town before going on to play professionally for Millwall, and John certainly inherited his love of the game. As a youngster he played for a number of youth teams, one of which was the local Sea Cadets.

This contained six Hamworthy boys including Jack Russell (now in his mid-eighties) who went on to play with John for Hamworthy, and can still be found in the stand supporting the present Hammers most Saturdays.

The team went on to become the National Sea Cadet Football Champions a fact that John was always very proud of. After joining Hamworthy in the 1950/51 season John stayed with the Club until he hung up his boots in the early 70s, making him a One Club Man, although he did also play for Hamworthy Engineering on Sundays.

He was a very good defender who played most of his football as a Centre Half. He was quick, useful in the air and was very adapt at the sliding tackle, making him very difficult to go by. John always played with a smile on his face and so I am told went through all of his playing days without being

booked, which was a remarkable achievement. John's two sons Jason and Paul also played their football for United, and both were useful strikers, but unfortunately fell well short of their father's disciplinary record.

After John finally hung up his boots he continued to support Hamworthy in a voluntary capacity.

Whenever help was needed John was there, none more so than when he retired from his job as a steel erector. He did a lot of the tasks that goes unnoticed by a lot of people especially players, like cleaning the dressing rooms and showers, not only after games, but also after training.

John could be seen at the ground every day, usually with his trusty dog Bella, cleaning up or letting a tradesman into the Club. He continued to do this until unfortunately ill health let him down and he was unable to continue. It was a full house at John's funeral, a tribute to this very nice man held in the highest respect by everybody that knew him, and nobody more deserves to be called a real Hamworthy United Legend than Johnny Gravell.

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Development team

On Tuesday night our development team had only it's second loss of the season. A 1-4 home defeat to Brockenhurst. The result meant that Brockenhurst leap frog over us in the division as we drop to 4th. The league is taken shape as we approach the half way point and we are still very much in the hunt for the title with some big games still to come.

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Tuesday 26th November 7.45pm
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POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	9	7	0	2	25	13	12	21
2	Brockenhurst	8	6	1	1	39	14	25	19
3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7	6	1	0	31	8	23	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	QK Southampton	5	1	2	2	9	11	-2	5
11	New Milton Town	9	1	1	7	22	33	-11	4
12	Lyndhurst	9	1	1	7	10	47	-37	4
13	Sway	8	1	0	7	2	33	-31	3

U18's

The weekend saw us beat Corfe Mullen 5 v 8. We dominated the start and raced to an early lead 5-0 lead. We were then pegged back to 5 all early in second half. A crazy game finished strongly with 3 goals more goals to run out winners.

Cam smashes in 5 goals, whilst a penalty from Jack. Archie scored with a fine finish and Sam Churchill rounded the keeper to finish the scoring.

Poole Town Rovers at home Sunday 5pm ko



SPOT THE BALL

Answer: A4



DIAL -A-PLUMBER



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NLP: INELIGIBLE PLAYER FALL OUT

By David Richardson

Is anyone else wondering who would be a club secretary in the wake of more clubs falling foul of the rules when it comes to ineligible players?

There seems to be so much red tape to jump over and areas where you can be tripped up that some may feel they don't need the hassle.

Brighouse Town joined Willand Rovers last week as the latest side to be kicked out of the FA Trophy.

Both clubs fielded a player who didn't have international clearance, despite having played for other teams in the National League system before joining them, and were removed from the competition.

It remains to be seen how far these cases will go – presumably they will have played in league and other competitions too.

Both clubs felt they had followed the guidelines but that wasn't enough to prevent them slipping the wrong side. And then Bedfont Sports joined the ineligible party.

The Eagles won their initial FA Trophy preliminary round tie fixture at Grays Athletic 3-0 on October 12 but were charged by football's governing body for fielding a playing without international clearance.

It had been suggested that two of the Isthmian League South Central division's players didn't have the correct clearance to play, but Bedfont provided the appropriate documents that had been granted by The FA themselves.

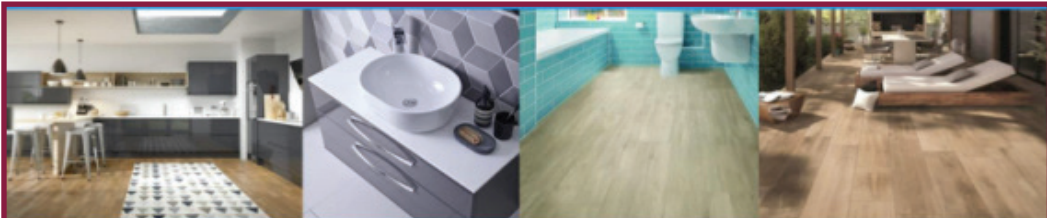
However, it was found that the previous club of one of the players – a team in Romania – had not applied to the Welsh FA in 2014 for clearance and therefore the chain was not complete prior to him signing for Bedfont. Consequently, his international clearance from the FA to Bedfont was cancelled when this was raised four days prior to their first round qualifying fixture at Hitchin Town.

Having considered the evidence presented by the club, FA members, in accordance with FA Trophy Rule 16(c), accepted the club did not know and could not have known, even had they made every reasonable enquiry, that the player was ineligible and should not be removed from the competition. However, they were still subject to any other penalty such as being ordered to replay the tie, which took place on Wednesday (November 6).

The feedback we often get is that clubs are finding it harder and harder to attract people to putting their hand up for the vital jobs that keep Non-League clubs going – and issues like these aren't helping.

Volunteers need all the help and encouragement they can get. The game needs to get together and find some real solutions.

This weeks article in the Non League Paper seemed every more relevant given the circumstances around our FA Vase fixture change



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TODAYS OPPONENTS

COWES SPORTS

FOUNDED:	1881
NICKNAME:	THE YACHTSMEN
HOME GROUND:	WESTWOOD PARK (2,000)
CURRENT LEAGUE POS:	4TH
LAST SEASON FINISH:	17TH
DISTANCE TRAVELLED:	43 MILES (& A FERRY)

Cowes Football Club was formed in 1881 and played in friendlies until 1886, when they entered the Hants and Dorset Junior Cup. In 1896 they became founder members of the Hampshire League becoming its first ever champions and completing the double by winning the Hampshire Senior Cup. The club joined the Southern Football League Division Two (South West Section) in 1898, winning that division at their first attempt. However, they finished as runners-up in the overall Division two play-off to Thames Ironworks. However, they were promoted to Division One after a test match against Royal Artillery Portsmouth F.C., but folded the following season due to financial problems.

The club was reformed in 1903, and joined the Hampshire League Division One. The club entered the FA Cup many times during its time in the Hampshire League, reaching the Fourth Qualifying Round in 1957–58 and 1963–64. Cowes were relegated to Division Two in 1967, and won the league in 1975. The club was still a Division Two side by the 1980s when the club merged with Whites Sports to form Cowes Sports

The club was promoted to Division One in 1988–89 after finishing third, and after winning Division One in 1993–94, Cowes Sports were

promoted to the Wessex League. The club reached the Fifth Round of the FA Vase in 1999–2000.

They were placed in the Wessex League Division One upon reorganisation in 2005, and the league was renamed the Premier Division the following season. Cowes Sports were relegated to Division One in 2010. In the 2014–15 season Cowes Sports gained promotion back to the Premier Division by finishing in second place behind winners Team Solent.

The 2016/17 season did not go so well and only a final day victory over Amesbury Town saved them from relegation. Manager Richie Woodburn left the Club and he was succeeded by the ex-England international, Steve Hunt. The 2018-19 season saw another struggle to avoid relegation. Steve Hunt stood down for personal reasons and was succeeded by Vic Sanders. Vic was relieved of his duties in January 2019 and Club captain John McKie stepped into the breach, followed by Steve Rutter.

CLUB RECORDS

Best FA Cup performance:
Fourth Qualifying Round 1957–58,
1963–64

Best FA Vase performance:
Fifth Round 1999–2000

COWES SPORTS

WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

MANAGER

Steve Rutter

Steve, was appointed as the new First team Manager, during the summer of 2019. Those of you that follow the other leagues may recognise Steve who played professionally at Gillingham and Maidstone United as a centre forward. As well as stints at Welling United, Gravesend and Northfleet, Dulwich Hamlet and Worcester City.



ONE TO WATCH

GOALKEEPER

Edward Hatt

Edward has been ever present this season for Cowes and is closing in on 300 appearances for Yatchsmen. At 6'3" Edward has represented Eastleigh FC, Brading Town during his career.



LEAGUE STATS IN NUMBERS

4

Cowes have lost their last 3 consecutive league games and 1 cup tie that saw them lose all 4 matches in October.

1

Cowes have kept 1 clean sheet in 11 league games (Average 2.2 goals conceded per game).

2

Cowes have had 2 games this season where they have scored more than 1 goal.

2

Ewan Cranwell is top scorer with 2 league goals in 6 matches. With 7 others chipping in with a single goal so far this season.

THIS SEASONS FORM (ALL COMPS)

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AG	RECENT FORM
HOME	11	5	2	5	18	24	W W L W W W L L
AWAY	7	2	0	5	10	10	L W W L L L L
OVERALL	17	10	1	10	25	34	W L W W L L L L

FROM THE HAMWORTHY UNITED ARCHIVES

Hamworthy United 2
Cowes Sports 1

Wessex Premier League
(Wednesday, November 28th, 2007)

The Hammers got their revenge for a defeat at Westwood Park on the first day of the season, but once again made hard work of a game that should have been over by half time. United completely dominated the first half, but went back on the defensive following a disputed penalty from which Cowes scored in the second period.

Hamworthy went on the offensive straight from the first whistle, and it took them only two minutes to take the lead. Warren Byerley headed a cross back onto the top of the cross bar, and before the big Cowes Keeper Gary Streeter could clear Captain Nathan Walker was on hand to nod the ball home as it dropped back into play.

The Hammers continued to take the game to the Yachtsman, and should have gone ahead when Warren Byerley was picked out with just the keeper to beat. He did well to draw the keeper and go round him cleverly, but then with the goal at his mercy shot wide.

A careless Cowes tackle just inside the box was rewarded with a penalty, but Warren Byerley's misery continued as he saw his effort from the spot saved by the diving keeper. The remaining quarter of an hour of the half continued in the same way with Cowes coming second best in most things, but the Hammers still unable to turn superiority into further goals.

United twice went close in the early stages of the second half; a goal bound Michael Dean effort being deflected for a corner. Hamworthy deservedly increased their league

ten minutes into the half. Jack Swann playing his first full game for some time following injury doubled the Hammers lead with a well taken shot on the run.

Just as there looked no way back for the Yachtsman they were given a highly disputed penalty. Nathan Walker who was under no pressure was adjudged to have handled the ball. The Referee gave his decision from thirty yards away when his Assistant who was far closer indicated nothing. Martin Peters stood no chance with the spot kick that was hit hard and low into the net.

The goal revitalised Cowes who for the first time in the game began to take control, and forced United very much on the back foot for the rest of the match.

Cowes pressed very hard for an equaliser, but the nearest they got to getting it was a shot that flashed just wide of Martin Peters far post as he struggled to cover it. Hamworthy held on for the full three points which they well deserved over the full ninety minutes, but not perhaps over the last thirty.

Hamworthy United:

M. Peters, M. Hubbard, M. Grimason, S. Gilbert, N. Walker, R.Dovell (C. Mutch), S. Legg, M. Dean, J. Swann, W. Byerley R. Jackson.

Unused Subs: G. Horlock, M. Seal, J. Byrne



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TABLES & STATISTICS

SYDENHAM'S WESSEX PREMIER LEAGUE

Pos	Club	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Alresford Town	12	10	0	2	31	16	+15	30
2	Christchurch	12	7	2	3	25	13	+12	23
3	Portland United	12	6	4	2	34	18	+16	22
4	AFC Portchester	11	7	1	3	32	18	+14	22
5	Brockenhurst	12	7	1	4	30	17	+13	22
6	Baffins Milton	12	7	0	5	23	13	+10	21
7	Hamble Club	12	6	3	3	21	18	+3	21
8	Bashley	12	6	2	4	22	17	+5	20
9	Horndean	11	5	4	2	28	17	+11	19
10	AFC Stoneham	11	6	1	4	19	14	+5	19
11	Fareham Town	10	5	3	2	26	16	+10	18
12	Hamworthy Utd	13	5	3	5	25	25	0	18
13	Lymington Town	11	5	2	4	27	19	+8	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	11	2	1	8	9	25	-16	7
19	Solent University	14	1	2	11	22	51	-29	5
20	Amesbury Town	12	1	2	9	12	51	-39	5

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

Bournemouth	1-0	Brockenhurst
AFC Portchester	0 - 1	Fareham
Baffin Milton Rovers	p-p	AFC Stoneham
Alresford Town	2-0	Hamble Club
Amesbury	0-3	Shaftesbury
Bashley	2 - 1	Lymington Town
Christchurch	6-1	Solent Univesity
Hamworthy	1-1	Portland United
Tadley Callev	0-2	Fleet Town

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

1=	Craig Harding	Alresford Town	9
1=	Daniel Woodman	AFC Portchester	8
3	Freddie Bullard	Brockenhurst	9
3	Bobby Scott	Horndean	9
5	Jamie Symes	Portland United	8

6	Cameron Beard	Hamworthy United	7

LEAGUE TOP SCORING TEAMS

1	Portland United	33
2	AFC Portchester	32
3	Alresford	31
4	Brockenhurst	30
5	Horndean	28

9	Hamworthy	23
19=	Cowes Sports	9

LEAGUES MEANEST DEFENCES

1	Christchurch	12
2	Baffins Milton Rovers	13
3	AFC Stoneham	14

14=	Hamworthy	25
14=	Cowes Sports	25

MID-WEEK 11 - LEAGUE NEWS

By Roger Allen

There was a song in my far off youth called "The Day that the Rains Came", not that anyone else will remember, or admit to remembering it, but it is rather apt with regard to the twenty four hours from Friday morning to Saturday morning that almost totally decimated Saturday's fixtures. The postponements started on Friday evening, with Baffins Milton Rovers still experiencing problems with their pitch, and continued at a rate on Saturday morning until just five matches remained. Three in the Vase and two in Division One.

The Premier Division was wiped out completely as gale force winds accompanied the rain..

For the Sydenhams League the three Vase ties resulted in one win and two defeats with Hamworthy United alone moving in to the next round with a convincing 6-1 victory at Abingdon United, opposition they did not know they would be facing until late Wednesday when their original opponents, Bovey Tracey, were removed from the Competition for fielding an ineligible player. Dan Cann led the way with a hat trick and further goals from Fawzi Saadi, Connor Cocklin and Lee Francis saw the Hammers through to the next Round.

Brockenhurst were two goals down at half time to Plymouth Parkway before finally losing 3-0 to a side who have all the attributes

to progress a long way in the Competition. Disappointment for AFC Portchester however on a trip to Sydenhams old boys Warminster Town as they went down 3-1 to a side who play in the Western League Division One. The conditions were not ideal but were the same for both sides and Warminster belied their League position with two goals before the break and were three up before Portchester scored what turned out to be simply a consolation.

Baffins, Petersfield and Christchurch will try again to join Hamworthy in the next round in midweek.

The two Division One games involved three Clubs in the top six and one at the very bottom and the results left the top of the Division unchanged. Downton remain in top spot after a 3-1 win over Whitchurch – goals from Abdul Razak, Laurence Larbi and Robbie Owen with Harry Butler replying for the visitors – but Pewsey remain in last place after conceding ten goals at home to Hythe & Dibden and they have now conceded more than fifty goals in the League thus far. Sadly we cannot credit the Hythe scorers as the club have not reported the details.

So a truncated day, and a truncated report and a lot of hard work for the Fixtures Secretary.

Hopefully that is enough rain for the time being and it will be business as usual in midweek.

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100 CLUB

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	H	HAMWORTHY UNITED		W	2 - 1	BEARD, B.RANDALL
FAC	10/08/19	H	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	HORNDERN		L	3 - 0	-
BSC	03/09/19	H	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			3:00PM	
LG	16/11/19	A	BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS			3:00PM	
LG	23/11/19	A	AFC PORTCHESTER			3:00PM	
LG	30/11/19	A	FLEET TOWN			3:00PM	
LG	07/12/19	H	CHRISTCHURCH			3:00PM	
LG	14/12/19	A	FAREHAM TOWN			3:00PM	
LG	21/12/19	H	SOLENT UNIVERSITY			3:00PM	
LG	28/12/19	A	PORTLAND UNITED			3:00PM	
LG	04/01/20	H	TADLEY CALLEVA			3:00PM	
LG	11/01/20	H	HORNDERN			3:00PM	
LG	18/01/20	H	FLEET TOWN			3:00PM	
LG	25/01/20	H	AMESBURY TOWN			3:00PM	
LG	01/02/20	A	AFC STONEHAM			3:00PM	
LG	08/02/20	H	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	H	SHAFTESBURY			3:00PM	
LG	07/03/20	H	BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS			3:00PM	
LG	21/03/20	H	ALRESFORD TOWN			3:00PM	
LG	28/03/20	H	BASHLEY			3:00PM	
LG	04/04/20	H	LYMINGTON TOWN			3:00PM	
LG	11/04/20	H	AFC PORTCHESTER			3:00PM	
LG	18/04/20	A	CHRISTCHURCH			3:00PM	



CLARET & BLUE

- ☐ Dan Cann
- ☐ Connor Conklin
- ☐ Harry Cooper
- ☐ Tom Cooper
- ☐ Jamie Filkins
- ☐ Lee Francis
- ☐ Jamie Gleeson
- ☐ James Guthrie
- ☐ Elliott Hartnell Baker
- ☐ Eddie Hodge
- ☐ Ollie King
- ☐ Brandon Randall
- ☐ Declan Randall
- ☐ Tony Rolls
- ☐ Ash Pope
- ☐ James Tregaskas
- ☐ Ryan Watkins

Manager: Tim Sills
Coach: Chris Senior

Referee: Mr Paul Barber
Assistants: Mr Jason King
Mr Dominic Gillespe

UPCOMING MATCHES:

- (h) LG - Baffin Milton Rovers - Sat 16th Nov 3pm
- (a) LG - AFC Portchester - Sat 23rd Nov 7:45pm
- (h) FA VASE - Plymouth Parkway - Sat 30th Nov 3pm

HOME GAME ENTRANCE

Adults £7.00 - Concessions £5.00 - U16 Free



BLUE

- ☐ Ed Hatt (GK)
- ☐ Fraser Law (GK)
- ☐ Conor White
- ☐ Aidan Bryan
- ☐ Ashley Brett
- ☐ Joe White
- ☐ Morgan Perrin
- ☐ Isaac Cruise
- ☐ Callum Chase
- ☐ Jacob Jarvis
- ☐ Dominic Sexton
- ☐ Aiden White
- ☐ Ben Snow
- ☐ Scott McFarlane
- ☐ Aeden Coode
- ☐ Jez Conway
- ☐ Ewan Cranwell
- ☐ Gareth Bricknell
- ☐ Finley Phillips
- ☐ Michael McEnery
- ☐ Connor Furmidge
- ☐ Jimmy Wykes
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