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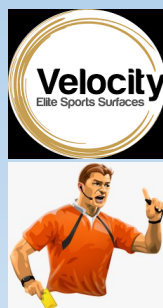
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JONANTHAN MUKASA
JOSHUA OWENS
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MARK SAMPSON
AIDY SILVERSTEIN
OWEN WALSH
LEE WELLS
SAMUEL WHITE (G/K)**

**Manager: Jake Hallett
Asst Man: Ash Elliott
Physio: Andrew Hanley**



Referee: Cashel O'Neill

**ALEX ANDRIES
KEVIN BOSAKA
JOSEPH BRIGGS
CHARLY BROOK
CHARLIE BROOKS
ALEX BROWN
ELLIOTT CANON
MORGAN CRIPPS
BRENDAN EBIRERI
LEYTON FARMINER
ELHADJI FAYE-POUYE
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HARRY MARTIN
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MATTHEW RYLANCE
JORDAN RAYMENT
LEIGH SHADBOLT
CALLUM STOCKLEY
HARRY SWATTON
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**Assistant Referees
Alfie Farrar & Dave Bickers**





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Club Honours

- Southern League Div One South Champions 2018/19
- Wessex Premier League Champions 2012/13, 2017/18
- Hampshire Premier Champions 1997/98
- Hampshire Div 2 Champions 1984/85
- Hampshire Div 3 West Champions 1951/52
- Southampton League West Champions 1946/47
- Southampton Junir League Div 1 Champions 1946/46
- Southampton Senior Cup Winners 1946/47, 1997/98
- Russel Cotes Cuo winners 2014/15

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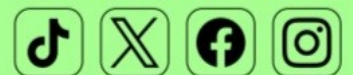
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YoungMinds is a UK-based charity focused on improving the mental health of young people.

They work to ensure young people have the support they need, when they need it, and that their voices are heard by decision-makers. YoungMinds achieves this through various programs and initiatives, including direct support for young people, empowering adults to help, and advocating for policy changes.

Here's a more detailed look at how YoungMinds operates:

Direct Support for Young People:

1. Online Resources:

YoungMinds provides a wealth of information and advice on their website about various mental health challenges, such as anxiety, depression, and self-harm.

2. Support Services:

They offer a textline service (text YM to 85258) for crisis support and a Parents Helpline for adults seeking advice on supporting young people.

3. Activism:

YoungMinds has a large number of young activists who help shape the charity's work, ensuring it reflects the needs and experiences of young people.

Just a £25 donation enables one of our Parents Helpline advisors to support a parent or carer like Sarah when they are struggling with their child's emotionally based school avoidance.

£100 allows us to reach nearly 50 young people like Jessica with the help and advice they need, when they need it.

£300 is enough to train 4 young people like Imogen to join our Activists programme - empowering them to use their voices to create the change young people need.



Contact Details:
youngminds.org.uk
Parents Helpline 0808 802 5544
Main Switchboard 020 7089 5050



POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Whitchurch United	15	11	2	2	42	19	23	35	2.333
2	Colden Common	16	11	2	3	54	33	21	35	2.188
3	Fleetlands	16	9	3	4	33	22	11	30	1.875
4	Frimley Green	14	8	4	2	38	22	16	28	2.000
5	Romsey Town	17	8	4	5	29	20	9	28	1.647
6	Newport (IoW)	15	9	1	5	27	22	5	28	1.867
7	Yateley United	17	8	2	7	43	27	16	26	1.529
8	Folland Sports	14	8	1	5	31	20	11	25	1.786
9	Ringwood Town	17	8	1	8	34	40	-6	25	1.471
10	Cove	13	6	5	2	21	13	8	23	1.769
11	Ash United	15	6	5	4	19	21	-2	23	1.533
12	Hamworthy United	15	6	2	7	37	29	8	20	1.333
13	Alresford Town	14	5	5	4	29	29	0	20	1.429
14	Kintbury Rangers	16	5	3	8	28	38	-10	18	1.125
15	Amesbury Town	14	5	2	7	23	22	1	17	1.214
16	Clanfield	16	5	2	9	23	29	-6	17	1.063
17	United Services Portsmouth	17	5	2	10	24	45	-21	17	1.000
18	Fawley AFC	15	3	5	7	15	27	-12	14	0.933
19	Blackfield & Langley	14	4	2	8	18	40	-22	14	1.000
20	AFC Aldermaston	14	2	4	8	21	27	-6	10	0.714
21	Lymington Town	14	2	2	10	18	40	-22	8	0.571
22	Totton & Eling	14	2	1	11	11	33	-22	7	0.500

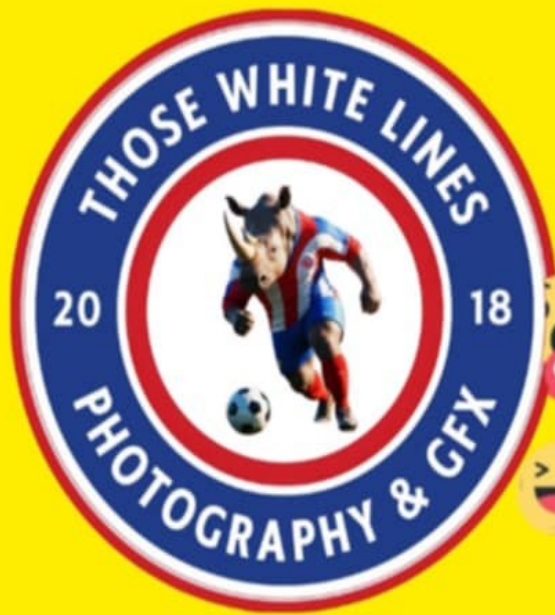


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BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Where a club has 'and' in its title there is a suggestion there was once two separate teams and that is the case with BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY FC but 1935 was the date of the merger between them and has therefore been established as its formation year. As with many teams, records of the early years are not well known and they apparently played in the Hythe & District League.

They immediately joined the Southampton League following the hostilities and had a long association in the Hampshire League, mainly being members of its lower divisions. The club had been competing in the Wessex League since 2000, although they did have two seasons (2018 to 2020) in the Southern League but returned to the fold in 2019/20.

After playing in the war time Hythe & District League the Club joined the Southampton Junior League and in 1946 won the Division One title and appeared in the final of the Senior Cup losing to NDLC. However, the following season the Club won the Cup and were Southampton League

West Division champions. After this with progression in mind, the Club applied to join the Hampshire League and made their debut in Division Three West in the 1950/51 season. Although title winners the following season, the Club did not move into Division Two until 1956/57. They remained in this division for the next four seasons but were relegated at the end of 1959/60.

Bad fortune lasted for 15 years as the Club dropped into Division Four, were promoted in 1974/75 after finishing third but dropped back again in 1979/80. Then in 1981/82 the Hampshire League reorganised and Division Four was swallowed up by Division Three and as runners up promotion was secured to Division Two.

After three seasons in Division Two, promotion was gained to the top division, overhauling run away leaders, Locksheath, with a last match win at Cowes. In the first season in the top flight the Club finished a credible tenth. In the following seasons the Club established itself as one of the most consistent teams in the league with eleven top six finishes including, three second places and then won the elusive Championship in 1997/98.

With the establishment of the Wessex League in 1986/87, the Club recognised that to compete against the best in local football, the long term aim had to be elevation to the new league. With the emphasis for entry into the league being on facilities as much as ability on the pitch, negotiations were opened with Fawley District Council for a long lease on a ground which gave the Club the necessary security to develop it to the required standard. The pitch at Gang Warily was identified and the Council provided a playing surface that is still to this day, the envy of many teams and the enthusiastic Committee set about bringing the ground up to the required standard. Development continues to this day.

The best opportunity for promotion came in the Championship year 1997/98 but the funds ran out to complete ground improvements, so second place Moneyfields were promoted. The Club's chance for promotion came two years later - a last match win at West Wight Mayflower earned the third place required and the dream had been realised after 50 seasons of Hampshire League Football. After 5 years in Wessex Division 1 the club were relegated to the new Division 2 in 2004.

The Club in 2004/05 became only the second club in Hampshire football to be awarded the FA Adult Standard Charter.

The 2008/09 season saw success return to the Club with promotion back to the top division of the Wessex League under the guidance of Jon Gittens. Jon continued for a second season finishing the season mid-table. Jon left the club in the early part of the 2010/11 season and Assistant Manager Louis Bell was put in charge with the team eventually finishing in 14th position and 16th in the subsequent season.

The Club had in incredible 2012/13 season under the leadership of Ashley Vickers, winning the Wessex League Premier Division by ten points, reaching the Fourth Qualifying round of the FA Cup, losing 3-0 to Hastings United, and reaching the last 32 of the FA Vase.

In stark contrast, 2013/14 season was the most tumultuous in recent years with a number of changes in playing, coaching and management throughout the season, leaving the club unsettled for the most part. Taking on the manager's role mid-way through the season, Kevin Gibbens, assisted by Chris Farrell, managed to finish a very credible sixth. 2014/15 season started with John Robson taking control of the First team who started off brightly but with some injuries and a general failure to score goals, the season didn't quite pan out as planned although the team still finished a credible fifth in the league and were Russell-Cotes Cup winners.

Glenn Howes took the reins in his managerial debut in 2015/16, ultimately guiding the team to 3rd place behind Salisbury FC, missing out on the 2nd spot to Sholing with a defeat at Fareham Town on the last game of the season. The Watersiders also finished runners up in the Southampton Senior Cup, losing heavily to defending champions, Team Solent, made it to the 3rd round qualifying of the FA Cup, (losing to Maidenhead Utd) and were losing semi-finalists in the Russell Cotes Cup.

After another season of going close, Glenn was joined by James Wood and the Club surpassed the previous success of 2012/13, enjoying its most successful season in 2017/18, winning the Wessex Premier Division by one point in a very tight race with Andover Town and benefitted from the restructuring of Step 4 Leagues, gaining promotion for the first time to the Southern League. Season 2017/18 also saw two appearances at St Marys in both the Hampshire Senior and Southampton Senior Cup finals, unfortunately losing on both occasions to Havant & Waterlooville and Southampton FC respectively. The Club also made a semi-final appearance in the Sydenhams League Cup and equalled the record in the FA Vase by reaching the last 32 but eventually losing to Bracknell Town in a midweek replay.

Success continued in 2018/19 with the Club winning Southern League South Division One and narrowly losing in the semi final of the Southern League Cup. Success on the field of play together with hard work behind the scenes in connection with Ground Grading requirements has enabled another piece of Club history to be created with promotion to the Southern League South Premier Division.

Over the years, the Club has had their fair share of Cup success. In the 1980/90s the Club made six appearances at the Dell in the Southampton Senior Cup to add to the two in the 1940s, ending up as winners in four of them. The last success in 1998, producing a league and cup double. In the 2000 final, the Club suffered the agony of losing 2-1 in a replay to AC Delco after a power failure led to the abandonment of the first game with 15 minutes to go and with a 2-0 lead.



BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB





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Clanfield FC was formed in 1983 with the merging of Clanfield Seniors and Clanfield Boys Club to establish a single club for the area. In our relatively short history we have built up a strong infrastructure both on and off the pitch and this has enabled us to run teams ranging from boys and girls youth teams up to senior level.

Clanfield FC's home ground has been Peel Park since the club was formed with changes over the years to accommodate the league standards required to play at Hampshire level. Unfortunately, the restrictions at Peel Park mean that progression beyond the Hampshire Premier League required the 1st team to seek an alternative home to play at. In 2019 we agreed a groundshare arrangement with Havant & Waterlooville FC and started putting together plans to secure promotion into the Wessex League.

As a club, our most successful period to date was in the 90's winning the Portsmouth & District League at all levels then joining the Hampshire League in 1997. The club's biggest achievement came in the 1998/99 season with the club winning the Hampshire League Division 3 title and the Hampshire Intermediate Cup completing the double and making history for the club. The club briefly joined the Wessex League in early 2000's until the reformed Hampshire Premier League was introduced for season 2007/08 and that is where the club stayed until we finished 2nd in the 2022/23 season, securing our promotion to the Wessex League Division 1.

Our youth structure has a pathway through from our Colts sessions through to U18s, incorporating 23 youth teams playing in the Portsmouth Youth League, Mid Solent League and Hampshire Girls League. Our U23s and Reserves teams play in the Hampshire Combination and Development League while in 2022/23 we had our first Women's team enter the County Women's league. Our successful Weetabix Wildcats programme has helped create a thriving girls football section, with nearly half our youth members being female, with a number playing for both girls and mixed football teams.

For this season we are delighted to welcome new main kit sponsors to the club in Steve Grantham Bespoke Estate Agent, Jones & Young Mortgage Brokers, Internal Solar, Ship & Bell Horndean and Murray Planning.

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Winners 2014/15**

**Meon Valley League Division 3
Winners 1986/87, 2013/14**

**Meon Valley League Division 4
Winners 2013/14**

**Portsmouth & District League Junior 1
Winners 1991/92**

**Portsmouth & District League Senior
Winners 1992/93**

**Portsmouth & District League Premier
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**Hampshire League Division 3
Winners 1998/99**

**Hampshire Intermediate Cup
Winners 1998/99**

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ONLY THE CAPTAIN

As part of the recent changes to the Laws of the Game (2025/26) approved by IFAB in March, the “**Only the Captain**” protocol will be applied across all competitions in England starting from the new season.

Purpose and Rationale

The protocol is designed to strengthen respect between players and referees by formalising that only the team captain may approach the referee to discuss key decisions. The aim is to reduce incidents of mobbing, dissent, and intimidation of match officials- improving the environment for everyone involved in the game.

Key Points

- Normal, respectful interactions with referees are still permitted; however, dissent (by word or action) remains a yellow card offence- even for captains.
- Only the captain from each team is allowed to approach the referee on major decisions.
- Captains are responsible for ensuring teammates stay away from the referee during these moments.
- Referees may delay the restart to allow captains to communicate messages back to their teams if necessary.

Additional Details

- If the goalkeeper is the team captain, an outfield player must be nominated to fulfil this role for referee interactions.
- A “captain-only zone” of 4 metres will be established around the referee; no other players are permitted within this area.
- Any non-captain entering this zone should be cautioned for dissent by action. If multiple players enter, at least one must be cautioned, and the incident will be reported to the relevant authorities.
- Competition organisers are encouraged to introduce sanctions for repeated breaches across the season.

National Implementation

This protocol will be implemented consistently across:

- All professional competitions
- The National League Pyramids
- County FA-administered football

The approach is to create alignment and consistency from the top tiers to grassroots, improving behaviour towards match officials at every level.

Education and Communication

The new initiative is currently being rolled out to referees, County FAs, Referee Development Officers, and other stakeholders to ensure clear understanding and consistent application.

All leagues have been instructed to send communication to clubs to ensure teams are fully aware of the expectations and can prepare accordingly.

Although IFAB have included an arm signal to initiate the protocol at these levels, in England we will not adopt this. Referees will manage the protocol themselves, using their existing match management skills.

STAT ATTACK

TOP SIX LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	12
Greg Borthwick	Portland United	8
Lewis Beale	Baffins Milton Rovers	7
Joe Freak	Christchurch	7
Harry McGrath	New Milton Town/Downton	7
Remus Nixon	Portland United	7

DIVISION ONE

Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	14
Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	12
Charlie Glasspool	Folland Sports	11
Ji Nash	Newport IOW	11
Ben Sunley	Colden Common	11
Harry Edmondson	Romsey Town	10

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

PREMIER DIVISION

Top five league attendances

Petersfield Town	vs	AFC Stoneham	262	18 October
Cowes Sports	vs	Downton	236	1 November
Brockenhurst	vs	Petersfield Town	234	29 July
New Milton Town	vs	Christchurch	214	11 October
Petersfield Town	vs	Portland United	208	27 September

DIVISION ONE

Top five league attendances

Yateley United	vs	Frimley Green	226	2 September
Romsey Town	vs	Folland Sports	212	11 October
Whitchurch United	vs	Kintbury Rangers	204	8 October
Whitchurch United	vs	United Services Portsmouth	180	9 August
Whitchurch United	vs	Romsey Town	174	4 October

PREMIER DIVISION- TOP THREE

Sharpest Attack

AFC Stoneham	37
Sherborne Town	32
[two on]	31

Meanest Defence

Petersfield Town	9
Hamble Club	11
Hamworthy Recreation	11

Goals scored per Game

AFC Stoneham	2.643
Laverstock & Ford	2.400
Baffins Milton Rovers	2.385

DIVISION ONE- TOP THREE

Sharpest Attack

Colden Common	50
Whitchurch United	41
Yateley United	40

Meanest Defence

Cove	13
Romsey Town	17
Whitchurch United	18

Goals scored per Game

Colden Common	3.333
Whitchurch United	2.929
Frimley Green	2.692

PREMIER DIVISION- HIGH SCORES

Home win	Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7-1	1 November
	Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	New Milton Town	7-1	4 October
	Downton	vs	East Cowes Victoria	5-0	16 August
	Laverstock & Ford	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	5-0	9 August
	Portland United	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	6-1	16 August
	Sherborne Town	vs	Christchurch	6-1	27 September
Away win	Cowes Sports	vs	AFC Stoneham	0-5	30 September

DIVISION ONE- HIGH SCORES

Home win	Whitchurch United	vs	United Services Portsmouth	9-0	9 August
Away win	Alresford Town	vs	Yateley United	2-9	20 September
	Lymington Town	vs	Fleetlands	1-8	18 October

1st QUALIFYING ROUND

AFC Aldermaston 0-0 (3-2 on pens) Bristol
Telephones
Alesford Town 2-3 **Whitchurch United**
Amesbury Town 3-0 Blackfield & Langley
Bridport 0-5 **Millbrook**
Corsham Town 4-0 Kintbury Rangers
Cove 3-0 Clanfield
Cowes Sports 5-5 (4-2 on pens) Wincanton
Town
Devizes Town 2-1 Yateley United
East Cowes Victoria Athletic 3-3 (5-3 on
pens) Brockenhurst
Folland Sports 2-1 Bemerton Heath
Harlequins
Hamble Club 1-1 (4-2 on pens) Fleetlands
Hythe & Dibden 1-0 Badshot Lea
Pagham 2-2 (4-5 on pens) **Newport IOW**
Petersfield Town 1-2 **Hamworthy
Recreation**
Selsey 2-0 Ringwood Town
Sturminster Newton United 1-1 (5-4 on
pens)
Ash United
Totton & Eling 1-0 Romsey Town
U. S. Portsmouth 1-4 **Laverstock & Ford**

2nd QUALIFYING ROUND

Abbey Rangers 3-1 Frimley Green
Cove 3-2 Alton
Cowes Sports 2-1 New Milton Town
Devizes 1-2 **AFC Aldermaston**
Portland United 6-1 Fawley AFC
Hamble Club 1-2 **Baffins Milton Rovers**
Hamworthy Recreation 3-1 Midhurst &
Easebourne
Hythe & Dibden 3-0 Lymington Town
Infinity 1-1 (4-2 on pens) Christchurch
Laverstock & Ford 1-2 **Totton & Eling**
Millbrook 2-1 Folland Sports
Selsey 1-3 **Amesbury Town**
Sherborne Town 2-0 East Cowes Victoria
Warminster Town 2-6 **Hamworthy United**
Whitchurch United 3-2 Bournemouth

1st ROUND

Whitchurch United 0-2 **Windsor & Eton
Bearsted** 1-0 Cowes Sports
Cove 0-2 **Snodland Town**
Reading City 4-0 Baffins Milton Rovers
AFC Aldermaston 1-2 **Infinity**
Downton 4-4 (4-3 on pens) Sidmouth Town
Ivybridge Town 2-2 (4-3 on pens) Totton &
Eling
Penzance 2-3 **Hamworthy Recreation**
Bridgwater United 0-3 **Hythe & Dibden**
Sherborne Town 3-0 Hamworthy United
Malmesbury Victoria 1-2 **Portland United**
Amesbury Town 2-1 Highworth Town
Cirencester Town 0-1 **Millbrook**



2nd ROUND

Downton 4-1 Shortwood United
Hythe & Dibden 3-2 Thornbury Town
Barnstaple 3-1 Sherborne Town
Buckland Athletic 2-2 (12-11 on pens)
Millbrook
Roman St Glass 0-1 **Hamworthy
Recreation**
Amesbury Town 1-0 Ilminster Town
Andover New Street 0-0(1-4 on pens)
Hallen
Kidlington 3-4 **AFC Stoneham**
Portland United 0-0 (1-3 on pens)
Sturminster Newton United
3rd ROUND
Bovey Tracey v Downton
Slimbridge v Amesbury Town
Hallen v Hamworthy Recreation
AFC Stoneham v Cinderford Town
Hythe & Dibden v Sturminster Newton



FOR managers, it's an extra three minutes to deliver the finishing touches to your pre-match team talk. For fans, it's a chance to grab a quick coffee or spend in the warmth of the clubhouse bar. Three minutes. One hundred and eighty seconds. It doesn't sound a lot, but it could make all the difference to the National League's 3UP campaign as it continues to ramp up pressure on the EFL to finally put a third promotion spot into League Two on the agenda.

This afternoon, over 200 clubs from Steps 1 to 4 will kick-off at 3.03pm in 'A Day of Action' to raise awareness on the issue with the Premier League and a large percentage of the EFL away on international duty.

National League chiefs and clubs have been pushing for an extra promotion place for a number of years to align with the rest of the English pyramid.

But while the EFL acknowledge it should be up for debate, the matter is yet to be officially brought to the table despite chairman Rick Parry's promise to "look downwards as well as upwards".

A recent Football Supporters' Association poll revealed 93 per cent of all supporters support the move, while 83 per cent of fans of EFL clubs are so in favour.

But Football League chiefs say any deal would have to form part of any funding agreement with the Premier League so with the two bodies at a stalemate amid the wait for the incoming Independent Football Regulator, National League chiefs have decided to up the stakes amid fears it could be years before EFL clubs vote on any changes.

National League vice-chairman and chair of the 3UP steering committee Steve Thompson MBE has been a key part of the push and he wants their message heard.

He told The NLP last week: "The games kicking off at 3.03pm is really going to shine a spotlight on it. "We've got MPs from all over the country going to these games.

"It's not just the 12 National League games. While National League North and South aren't playing league games because it's FA Trophy, the Trident Leagues are also supporting it. That's fantastic. "The whole football family at Non-League level sees how important it is."

So important that, in recent months, clubs and the league have been engaging with their local MPs with more than 100 – and members of the London Assembly – pledging their support.

And last week Sir Keir Starmer "commended" 3UP at Prime Minister's Questions with over 60 MP's actively supporting the campaign.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has formally "recognised" that 3UP's ambitions tie-in with the football regulator's objectives with a Backbench Business Debate planned later this month, as well as two supportive Early Day Motions.

"I was blown away," Thompson said of the political support received.

"So many MPs are season ticket holders at their local club. They realise how much their clubs do in their community. They realise how much the owners and chairs of those clubs do in the community.

"The fear is if you have this bottleneck and owners don't think there is a realistic chance of being promoted they will walk away. You need that competitiveness. It creates a healthy eco-system in football and that's what we face losing.

"The EFL say they've got to look down as well as up. Well, look down a bit more."

History shows there is no competitive imbalance between the National League and League Two.

No club has ever been relegated back into Non-League the season after they won promotion while Luton Town went through to the Premier League and others, including Yeovil Town, Doncaster, Burton Albion and Wrexham, have reached the Championship.

"There's over 30 clubs in the EFL that have been in the National League at some stage or another," Thompson added.

"There's Wrexham now in the Championship. There are 19 League Two clubs that have been in National League. Half of the National League have been in the EFL.

"There's nothing to fear but there is this bottleneck."

This afternoon, fans from clubs up and down the country will be involved both on the terraces and via social media making their voices heard.

For 180 seconds at least the floor is theirs. That's got to be worth raising a glass to.

Jon Couch

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VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP

Holders: AFC Portchester

1ST ROUND

Alresford Town 0-1 Ringwood Town

East Cowes Victoria 1-2 Cowes Sports

Fleetlands 2-1 Folland Sports

Hamble Club 1-0 Andover New Street

Laverstock & Ford 3-2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Lymington Town 0-5 Baffins Milton Rovers

New Milton Town 0-7 Hamworthy Recreation

Petersfield Town 5-0 Kintbury Rangers

Portland United 3-0 Downton

Romsey Town 0-5 AFC Stoneham

2ND ROUND

Amesbury Town 3-3 (won 3-4 on pens) AFC Aldermaston

Ash United 4-0 Totton & Eling

Blackfield & Langley 2-3 Cowes Sports

Bournemouth 0-7 Baffins Milton Rovers

Brockenhurst 1-1 (won 5-3 on pens) V Yateley United

Christchurch 1-1 (won 7-6 on pens) Hythe & Dibden

Colden Common 2-1 Portland United

Cove 2-2 (won 5-3 on pens) Sherborne Town

Fleetlands 3-2 Hamworthy United

Frimley Green 1-5 Whitchurch United

Hamble Club 3-1 Fawley AFC

Laverstock & Ford 1-0 Petersfield Town

Millbrook 3-2 Ringwood Town

Hamworthy Recreation 3-4

Wincanton Town

AFC Stoneham 3-2 Clanfield

U S Portsmouth 5-2 Newport IOW

3RD ROUND

AFC Aldermaston v Cove

Ash United 0-1 Fleetlands

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club

Christchurch v Brockenhurst

Laverstoke & Ford v Cowes Sports

Millbrook v AFC Stoneham

US Portsmouth 2-2 (2-1 on pens) Colden Common

Wincanton Town 3-1 Whitchurch United

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Broughton, Downton, Dynamo Dockside,
Hedge End Rangers, Hedge End
Rangers Res, Hythe & Dibden, Fawley
AFC, Locks Heath, Michelmersh &
Timsbury, Select Generation,
Stockbridge, Sway, Sway Res, Totton &
Eling

Holders: AFC Stoneham

FIRST ROUND

BTC Southampton 0-1 **Sporting Wessex**
Bishops Waltham Dynamo's 3-3 (6-7 on pens)

Fordingbridge Turks

Brockenhurst 5-0 Lyndhurst

Christchurch 7-0 Follands Academy

Hamble Club 5-2 Follands Sports

Hedge End Town 0-3 **New Milton Town**

Millbrook 3-2 AFC Netley

Ringwood 3-1 Colden Common

Romsey Town 0-0

(Lymington Town

Whiteley Wanderers Heath 1-3 **Nursling &
Shirley**

SECOND ROUND

AFC Stoneham Reserves 1-3 **Fawley AFC**

AFC Totton A/W **Nursling & Shirley**

Bashley 7-2 Fordingbridge Turks

Bemerton Heath Harlequins H/W Sway

Blackfield & Langley 1-1 (5-6 on pens) **Romsey
Town**

Braishfield 0-1 **Brockenhurst**

Broughton 0-2 **AFC Shirley**

Dynamo Dockside 0-3 **New Milton Town**

Hedge End Rangers 1-1 (2-4 on pens) **Sporting
Wessex**

Hedge End Rangers Reserves 0-10

Hamble Club

Hythe & Dibden 1-5 **Millbrook**

Michelmersh & Timsbury 0-11

Christchurch

Select Generation 1-2 **Locks Heath**

Stockbridge 0-4 **Downton**

Sway Reserves 1-13 **AFC Stoneham**

Totton & Eling 1-1 (4-5 on pens) **Ringwood
Town**

THIRD ROUND

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v AFC

Stoneham

Christchurch 0-1 **Locks Heath**

Sporting Wessex 3-1 Fawley AFC

Bashley v AFC Shirley

Brockenhurst v New Milton Town

Ringwood Town 7-0 Nursling & Shirley

Millbrook v Hamble Club

Romsey Town v Downton



Servio Hampshire Senior Cup

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Bournemouth 2-1 Newport IoW
Cowes Sports 2-1 Tadley Calleva
East Cowes Victoria Athletic HW Alton
Eversley & California 4-1 Yateley United
Fleet Town AW **Blackfield & Langley**
Folland Sports 1-2 **Fawley AFC**
Lymington Town 1-3 **Alresford Town**
New Milton Town 2-3 **Hythe & Dibden**
Totton & Eling 0-5 **Baffins Milton Rovers**

FIRST ROUND

Alresford Town 1-3 **Army FA**
Andover New Street 1-0 Christchurch
Baffins Milton Rovers 4-1 Cove
Bournemouth 4-1 Ringwood Town
Brockenhurst 1-1 (3-2 on pens) Hythe & Dibden
Colden Common 2-0 Fawley AFC
Cowes Sports 1-1 (5-4 on pens) Eversley & California
Blackfield & Langley v Royal Navy
Fleetlands 1-2 **Whitchurch United**
Petersfield Town 8-1 Clanfield
Romsey Town 1-0 East Cowes Vics Ath
US Portsmouth 2-4 **Millbrook**

SECOND ROUND

AFC Stoneham 0-1 **Sholing**
Andover New Street 1-1 (6-7 on pens)
Aldershot Town
Baffins Milton Rovers 0-0 (5-4 on pens)
AFC Portchester
Bashley 0-1 **Hartley Wintney**
Eastleigh 2-1 AFC Totton
Eversley & California 3-4 **Millbrook**
Fareham Town 0-3 **Basingstoke Town**
Farnborough 0-8 **Winchester City**
Gosport Borough 7-0 Army
Hamble Club 2-2 (5-4 on pens) AFC Bournemouth
Havant & Waterlooville 7-0 Colden Common
Horndean 5-0 Brockenhurst

Moneyfields v Blackfield & Langley/
Royal Navy

Petersfield Town 2-2 (5-6 on pens)

Southampton
Portsmouth 0-0 (6-7 on pens) **Romsey Town**
Whitchurch United 3-0 Bournemouth
Poppies

ROUND 3

Eastleigh 4-0 Millbrook
Sholing 3-2 Havant & Waterlooville
Baffins Milton Rovers v Southampton
Basingstoke Town 1-0 Aldershot Town
Moneyfields/Blackfield & Langley/Royal Navy v Gosport Borough
Romsey Town v Hamble Club
Hartley Wintney 2-1 Whitchurch United
Horndean v Winchester City



First Round

Andover New Street H/W

Whitchurch United

Bashley 0-0 (4-3 on pens) Laverstock & Ford

Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1-6

Christchurch

Brockenhurst 2-2 (5-3 on pens) Totton & Eling

Clanfield 1-0 Folland Sports

Colden Common 0-1 Blackfield & Langley

East Cowes Victoria 0-3 Baffins

Milton Rovers

Eversley & California 1-1 (3-4 on pens)

AFC Stoneham

Fawley AFC 0-3 Hamble Club

Fleetlands 3-1 Bishops Waltham

Dynamos

Millbrook 2-0 Ringwood Town

New Milton Town 0-3 Hythe &

Dibden

Romsey Town 1-3 Fareham Town

United Services Portsmouth v Liss Athletic



HOLDERS: AFC PORTCHESTER

Second Round

Bashley v Baffins Milton Rovers

Fleetlands v Millbrook

Blackfield & Langley v Clanfield

Brockenhurst v AFC Stoneham

Hamble Club v Christchurch

Hythe & Dibden 1-1 (3-5 on pens)

Andover New Street

Liss Athletic/United Services

Portsmouth v Locks Heath

Lymington Town v Fareham Town



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