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VS



HAMWORTHY UNITED FC



DATE
SAT 12 SEP 2026



COMPETITION
THE ISUZU FA VASE
2nd QUALIFYING ROUND



KICK-OFF
3.00PM



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CHAIR'S WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Ringwood Community Hub for this afternoon's Isuzu FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round tie against Hamworthy United FC.

We welcome our visitors' players, committee members, and spectators, together with match officials, referee **Daniel Eziukwa**, and his assistants **Declan Skehan** and **Joshua McCornish**.



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Today marks the one year passing of former RTFC youth player Matthew Dunning. Just 20 years of age our thoughts remain with his parents Simon and Marie, his twin sister Sophie and his 2 younger sisters Holly and Charlotte.

After today's match there will be a memorial match organised by Matthew's family and friends on our 3G with a 5pm KO. Bar will be open, raising funds for CRY – **Cardiac Risk in the Young**. Grateful if you're able to support.



Matthew Dunning
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Enjoy the game.

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MANAGER'S NOTES

It's been a quieter week than expected, with our scheduled cup game against AFC Stoneham on Tuesday postponed due to their FA Cup exploits. In some ways, it has worked in our favour, giving the players an opportunity to reset, rest any knocks and prepare properly for today's FA Vase showdown with Hamworthy United.

The players are in good shape and good form going into the tie, but as we know, there are no easy games, and cup football can be a funny thing.

Last week, we travelled to Cove with two teams in good form going head-to-head. In truth, it was an appalling game to be involved in, with very little action at either end and a pitch that essentially prevented both teams from trying to play football.

Cove's ground is a fortress, and I was really pleased to see the other side of our game come to the fore. We showed great solidity, mental strength and fitness — areas we have struggled with in the past. It was particularly pleasing to see how we handled the conditions and the challenge in front of us.

I felt it was an excellent point on the road, but hopefully this weekend we can get back to playing our game properly on the carpet at Ringwood.

We're really looking forward to the game. We know what's at stake, we know the quality of the opposition, and we'll give everything we have to try and progress

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Hamworthy United FC

Club History

A team was first formed in 1890 and was called Hamworthy St Michael's. Hamworthy Football Club was later formed in 1926, and moved to the present ground, then known as The Nursery in 1950. Hamworthy United Football Club came about when Hamworthy, and Trinidad Old Boys merged in 1970-71 and played in the Dorset Combination League. The Ground was renamed The County Ground by the leaseholders The Dorset County Football Association who lease the Ground from the Council.

After years of playing on a sub-standard pitch, with limited facilities the Club was delighted when the DCFA in 2016 decided to upgrade the Ground. This included a 3-g all weather artificial pitch amongst other things. Shortly after this the Club received more good news that due to a very generous legacy from Hamworthy stalwarts Stan Wallis and his wife Betty, together with a grant from the Football Foundation meant that the Clubhouse could be doubled in size. This was something that the late ex-Chairmen Dave Manuel and Steve Harvey along with many others had been working so hard to achieve for so long. It was opened officially by Harry Redknapp in October 2017. About this time, it was also decided that the Club should become a Limited Company with Steve Harvey as Chairman and four Directors including Club President Bruce Scammel. Unfortunately, due to ill health Steve Harvey had to resign soon after, with his place being taken by Steve Mitchener, who has since handed the reins over to Andy James.

Over the years Hamworthy United have enjoyed a lot of success, and a few disappointments. In 1997/98 in the Dorset Combination Cup, they beat Wareham Rangers, following a replay. After winning the Dorset Combination League two years running, the Hammers were promoted to the Wessex Division One in 2004/5. Under Manager Alex Pike they won the League Cup in their first season beating Thatcham Town at Christchurch. They again reached the final in 2008/9, but this time lost out to VTFC in a very close fought contest. They did however win the League Cup a second time in 2021 when they beat United Services Portsmouth 3-1

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Hamworthy United FC

Club History

The Hammers also beat Poole Town in the Dorset Senior Cup at Wimborne in 2006. After promotion to the Wessex League, United held their own without any danger of relegation or promotion, finishing most times mid-table. This changed with the arrival of Tim Sills as manager in 2020/21. He inherited a good squad and won the League Cup in his first season. The final was played despite the League having been curtailed that season due to Covid.

The next season was the best in Hamworthy United's history, not only winning the league, and getting promotion to the Southern League, but also reaching the Semi-Final of the Vase. Due to Covid for one year only, it was decided to play only one leg instead of two in the Tie. The Hammers were unfortunately drawn away at Newport Pagnell, where they were drawing 1-1 after 90 minutes. The game went straight to penalties, which the home team won by the odd goal. Newport went on to win the Final 3-0, which was a huge disappointment to the Hammers who felt that they had been the better team on the day, and would have fancied their chances back at the County Ground had there been a second leg. Hamworthy did very well in their first season in the Southern League, finishing in 3rd place reaching the Play-Offs. However, towards the end of that season the Hammers first team was stopped from playing at the County Ground. This followed a safety check on the stand at the request of the DCFA. Unfortunately, it failed despite it having being checked by the League at the start of that season. With Dann Cann now in charge after Tim Sills had left for Wimborne, it meant the remaining games were played at considerable expense at Weymouth.

At the start of season 2023/4 and after only a few games played, due to financial difficulties, the Board of Directors made the difficult decision to withdraw from the League. This meant that they lost the services of their entire First Team squad, who all quite rightly wanted to play at the higher level. This would have finished most Clubs, but not the Hammers.

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Hamworthy United FC

Club History

With the help of the Sales Director Andy James (later to become Chairman), the Management, and others worked tirelessly to get the Club, not only out of debt, but raised the money towards a new stand. The Club rebuilt the squad with mainly youngsters and re-entered the Wessex League in Division one in 2024/5 on the understanding that they would not be able to be promoted at the end of that season. In fact, they finished in 6th place with Micky Hubbard now in charge due Dan Cann's ill-health. Last season, and still with a young inexperienced side United finished in 10th spot.

Over the years Hamworthy United Reserves have had their share of success which is not easy playing against other Clubs' First Teams. They won the Dorset Division Cup twice in 1992 and 1999. They were promoted to the Dorset Premier League in the 2004/5 season. In 2008 they beat Portland United Reserves in the Dorset Senior Trophy. They continue to play in the Dorset Premier to date, once again with a very young side. Hamworthy United Under 23 Team won the Hampshire West Under 23 League at their first and only attempt in 2020/21 before withdrawing. A Hamworthy United Sunday League side also won their League in 2008/9 but again had to withdraw due to running costs.

The Hammers have had some very successful Under 18 teams over the years They won both the League, and the Cup in 1987/88 and again in 2014/15. In 2003/4 they won the Dorset Division Championship, and won the County Cup in 2004/5, 2006/7, 2012/13 and 2014/15. In 2007/8 the team entered the Southwest Youth League Division, and won promotion, but due to the cost of travelling they decided to withdraw from the League.

To create a natural progression to the First Team the Club has recently introduced Under 16, Under 15 Teams. Last Years Under-16s who are to be this-years Under-18s were highly successful last season and did the Treble. They won the Dorset Division 1 League, the League Cup, and The Dorset Cup.



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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Hamworthy United FC

Recent Results

Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Type
05/09/26 15:00	Sandhurst Town	3 - 2 Hamworthy United	DIV1
29/08/26 15:00	Hamworthy United	0 - 1 Blandford United	DIV1
25/08/26 19:45	Hamworthy United	0 - 2 New Milton Town	IBLC
22/08/26 15:00	Kintbury Rangers	2 - 2 Hamworthy United	DIV1
18/08/26 19:45	Hamworthy United	3 - 4 Romsey Town	DIV1
15/08/26 15:00	Selsey	1 - 1 Hamworthy United (Pens 3-4)	FAV
11/08/26 19:45	Ringwood Town	1 - 1 Hamworthy United	DIV1
04/08/26 19:45	Hamworthy United	0 - 1 Fawley AFC	DIV1
01/08/26 15:00	Hamworthy United	2 - 3 Newport (IOW)	DIV1



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Results

Date	H/A	Opponents	Comp	Result	H	A	Scorers
Sat 01-Aug	H	AFC Aldermaston	Wx Lg1	Draw	2	2	Bradwell, May
Tue 04-Aug	H	Newport (IOW)	HSC	Won	3	0	Correia (2), Bradwell
Sat 08-Aug	A	Whitchurch Utd	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Harris
Tue 04-Aug	H	Ham Utd	Wx Lg1	Draw	1	1	Vint (pen)
Sat 15-Aug	H	Frimley Green	Wx Lg1	Won	3	2	Harris (2), Bradwell
Tue 18-Aug	H	Christchurch	HSC	Won	3	1	Brown (pen), Harris, Bradwell
Tue 25-Aug	H	Blanford Utd	Wx Lg1	Won	1	0	Bennett
Sat 29-Aug	H	Totton & Eling	Wx Lg1	Won	5	0	Bradwell (3), Claxton, Bignell
Sat 05-Sep	A	Cove	Wx Lg1	Draw	0	0	



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FIXTURES COMING UP

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team
DIV1	16/09/26 19:45	New Milton Town	 VS 	Ringwood Town
DIV1	19/09/26 15:00	Amesbury Town	 VS 	Ringwood Town
DIV1	22/09/26 19:45	Ringwood Town	 VS 	Lymington Town
DIV1	26/09/26 15:00	Ringwood Town	 VS 	Ash United
DIV1	29/09/26 19:45	Romsey Town	 VS 	Ringwood Town
DIV1	03/10/26 15:00	Hedge End Rangers	 VS 	Ringwood Town



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VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE DIV 1 TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	New Milton Town	7	6	1	0	20	7	13	19
2	Fawley AFC	8	5	2	1	15	8	7	17
3	Sandhurst Town	8	4	2	2	19	11	8	14
4	Amesbury Town	9	4	2	3	16	23	-7	14
5	Cove	6	4	1	1	10	9	1	13
6	Frimley Green	8	4	0	4	22	12	10	12
7	Newport (IOW)	5	4	0	1	17	7	10	12
8	Ringwood Town	7	3	3	1	13	7	6	12
9	Alresford Town	7	3	2	2	12	10	2	11
10	Colden Common	7	3	1	3	17	16	1	10
11	Hedge End Rangers	6	3	1	2	9	11	-2	10
12	Whitchurch United	7	2	3	2	13	18	-5	9
13	AFC Aldermaston	8	2	2	4	11	12	-1	8
14	Folland Sports	6	2	1	3	12	13	-1	7
15	Romsey Town	6	2	1	3	10	13	-3	7
16	Kintbury Rangers	7	1	3	3	10	15	-5	6
17	Ash United	6	1	2	3	6	11	-5	5
18	Lymington Town	7	1	3	3	7	13	-6	5*
19	Blandford United	6	1	2	3	5	11	-6	5
20	Hamworthy United	7	0	2	5	10	15	-5	2
21	Totton & Eling	6	0	0	6	6	18	-12	0

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Today's Squads

Sat 12th Sep 2026 KO 3pm



THE ISUZU FA VASE 2nd Round Qualifying

RINGWOOD TOWN FC

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Felix Bruce	
Will Orchard	
Ben Bradwell	
Pat Correia	
Ted Bignell	
Hugh Dathan	
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Riley Claxton	
Zach Bennett	
Cruz-Diego Dodson	
Ollie Brown	
Ben Harris	
Harrison Clarke	
Lee Vint	
Isaac Jackson	
Will Lambert	

MANAGER: FRAN MATHERS

Assistant Manager: Oscar Easton

Hamworthy United FC

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Charlie Cox	
Edward Myers	
Elliot Birtwistle	
Faustino Maher	
Harry Wilkinson	
Jack Kinge	
Jack Streams	
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Louis Bragginton	
Louis Whetton	
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Oliver Wooley	
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Tyrone Carkeet	

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