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CHAIR'S WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Ringwood Community Hub for this afternoon's Velocity Wessex League Division 1 fixture against near neighbours Lymington Town.

We welcome our visitors' players, committee members, and spectators, together with match officials, referee **Scott Davidson**, and his assistants **Cheuk Yin Wong** and **Barry Underwood**.



The new year has continued in a stop-start fashion, with a run of frustrating postponements disrupting our rhythm. While that's never ideal, I know how hard the players have been working behind the scenes. Our 3G surface has been invaluable, allowing training to continue uninterrupted regardless of the weather.

Our Development Team, U23s and U18s have all been able to keep playing on the artificial pitch, and their performances have been consistently impressive. The young talent stepping up for Wessex debuts have earned those opportunities on merit, reflecting a thriving pathway that's helping our emerging players grow, progress, and realise their potential.

Enjoy the game
Phil

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MANAGER'S NOTES

There has been little to report during what has been a frustrating spell, with fixtures repeatedly postponed due to the weather. However, I have been absolutely delighted with the work ethic and spirit shown by the squad since Christmas.

Double sessions on the 3G, appearances for the development team and U23s, and even the dreaded 5K runs have all highlighted the players' desire to improve and return fully prepared. These cracking lads have shown a real hunger to get better. Tuesday's intensive, interval-based spinning session led by our coach Abi was superb, and I came away genuinely pleased with what I saw.

Lymington have strengthened since our last meeting, bringing in more experience, and they will provide a tough test. I'd like to offer a warm welcome to former players Luke Ansell and, in particular, Joe Petty, who has served this club with great distinction.

It should be an excellent contest, and all support would be very much appreciated.

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Lymington Town FC

Club History

The Club can trace its roots back to 1876 when it started with a tent, balls, poles and flags – the minimum requirement in those far off days – and played on the site of the present ground. Little is recorded of the early years though they were long time members of the Hampshire League.

In 1986, playing as Lymington FC, they became founder members of the Wessex League and two years later merged with Wellworthy Athletic, who were based in the town, and became AFC Lymington. The Club enjoyed considerable success in the 1990's before moving to Fawcetts Field in New Milton in 1998 and amalgamating with the local Club to form Lymington and New Milton FC.

However, this merger was not to the liking of many of the local people and Lymington Town FC was re-formed with their base still at the Sports Ground. After something of a battle with the Football Administration the Club were allowed into the Hampshire League Division Three with David Peach, a member of Southampton's 1976 FA Cup winning side, as manager. Progression through the Leagues followed until acceptance into the Wessex League at the end of the 2003/04 season. Under Manager, John Pyatt they quickly reached the Premier Division and won the League Cup in 2007. John departed from the club citing personal complications for his decision. Several managers followed in the ensuing years including Stuart Hussey, Dave Morris, Andy Leader and former Portsmouth player, Stuart Doling. When Doling stood down in 2014 the then, Chairman, George Shaw, asked John Pyatt to return which he did with some considerable improvement to the club's fortunes. Five seasons ago John brought in former Bashley and Newport IOW player Dave Lewis to become first team manager whilst he took on a "Director of Football" role.

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Lymington Town FC

Club History

After a few successful seasons, Dave agreed to share managerial commitments with former Saints player, Paul Masters and together with coaches, Bob Sullivan, Shaun Coles and Physio, Yo Fowler-Wright they led the team to promotion to the Southern League in 2021. In 2019 Lymington Town FC merged with Lymington Town Sprites Youth FC and now caters for teams from 7 years old right through to Veterans as well as Woman's team. The Chairman of the Sprites, Ian Loveless became overall Chairman of Lymington Town Football Club. In 2022 Ian stepped down as Chairman of the senior section and was replaced by Alan Farrar, a former player and 1st Team Manager at The Club.

Following ground grading issues at The Sports Ground the FA relegated Lymington Town from the Southern League. This resulted in Dave Lewis and his entire playing and coaching team leaving the club. In May of 2023 Adam Colmer, a former Brockenhurst Manager, was appointed and together with his Assistant Manager, Ollie Maynard. There followed a particularly difficult season with Adam's young side finishing bottom of the Wessex Premier division and thus a second successive relegation ensued.

For the 2024-25 season, former player and committee member, Ashley Buckland will take over the reins from Adam. Ash is a qualified UEFA B Coach and has brought together an exciting new coaching team who are determined to work hard together to bring the club back to the position it deserves in local football.

At the end of the last season the Chairman, Alan Farrar decided to step down from his position although he remains Committee Member. His place has been taken by Rebecca Wildman who was initially responsible for the formation of our developing Ladies Section.

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Lymington Town FC

Recent Results

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	
DIV1	20/01/26 19:45	Clanfield		2 - 1	 Lymington Town
DIV1	17/01/26 15:00	Lymington Town		2 - 1	 Hamworthy United
DIV1	10/01/26 15:00	Frimley Green		6 - 0	 Lymington Town
DIV1	27/12/25 15:00	Lymington Town		2 - 2	 Fawley AFC
DIV1	20/12/25 15:00	Amesbury Town		4 - 2	 Lymington Town
DIV1	13/12/25 15:00	Lymington Town		0 - 1	 Yateley United

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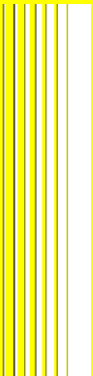
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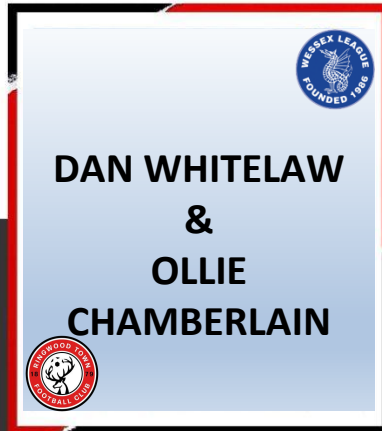
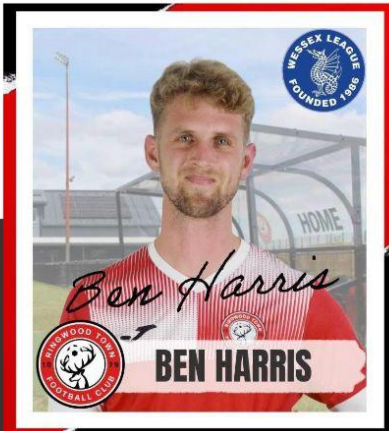
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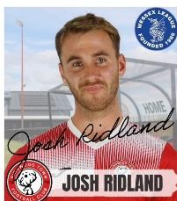
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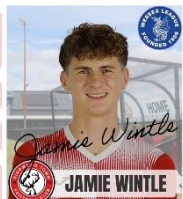
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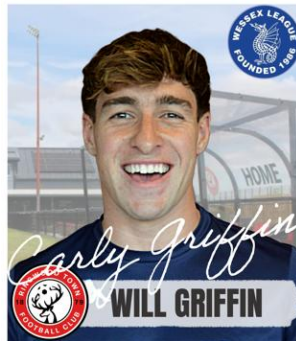
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Date	H/A	Opponents	Comp	Result	H	A	Scorers
Sat 02-Aug	H	US Portsmouth	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	4	Vint
Sat 09-Aug	A	Amesbury Town	Wx Lg1	Won	4	3	Vint (3), Bignell
Tue 12-Aug	H	Fawley AFC	Wx Lg1	Won	1	0	Harris
Sat 16-Aug	H	Yateley Utd	Wx Lg1	Won	5	1	Harris, Vint (2), Bignell
Tue 19-Aug	A	Bournemouth P's	HSC	Lost	1	4	Vint
Sat 23-Aug	A	Selsey	FAV	Lost	0	2	
Sat 30-Aug	H	Frimley Green	Wx Lg1	Lost	0	4	
Tue 02-Sep	A	Alresford Town	WLC	Won	1	0	Yates
Sat 06-Sep	A	Romsey Town	Wx Lg1	Lost	0	2	
Tue 09-Sep	H	Hamworthy Utd	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	3	Vint
Sat 13-Sep	A	Newport (IOW)	Wx Lg1	Draw	3	3	Vint (2), Rabin
Tue 16-Sep	H	Colden Common	SSC	Won	3	1	Vint, May, Warriner
Sat 20-Sep	H	Kintbury Rangers	Wx Lg1	Won	2	1	Harris, May
Tue 23-Sep	A	Lymington Town	Wx Lg1	Won	3	1	Vint, Pothas, Bradwell
Sat 27-Sep	H	Follad Sports	Wx Lg1	Won	4	2	Vint (2, 1 pen), Bignell, Ridland
Tue 30-Sep	A	Millbrook	WLC	Lost	2	3	Jackson, C Whitelaw
Sat 04-Oct	H	Clanfield	Wx Lg1	Lost	2	5	Vint, Ridland
Sat 11-Oct	H	Whitchurch	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	4	Vint
Tue 14-Oct	A	Millbrook	RCC	Lost	0	2	
Sat 18-Oct	A	Ash	Wx Lg1	Won	2	0	Cresswell, Bignell
Sat 25-Oct	H	Colden Common	Wx Lg1	Lost	2	4	Pothas, Bradwell
Tue 28-Oct	A	Totton & Eling	SSC	Draw	1	1	Vint (pen). Win pens 5-3
Sat 01-Nov	A	Aldermaston	Wx Lg1	Won	3	1	Ridland, Kerse, D Whitelaw
Sat 08-Nov	A	Alresford Town	Wx Lg1	Lost	0	2	
Tue 11-Nov	H	Nursling & Shirley	SSC	Won	7	0	Bignell, Rabin, Duell-Merritt, Harris, May, Cresswell, Stoodley
Sat 29-Nov	H	Fleetlands	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Vint
Sat 06-Dec	A	Frimley Green	Wx Lg1	Won	3	1	Vint (pen), Brown
Sat 13-Dec	H	Romsey Town	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Vint
Tue 16-Dec	A	Brockenhurst	SSC	Lost	2	5	Vint, May
Sat 27-Dec	A	Hamworthy Utd	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Brown
Wed 07-Jan	A	Blackfield & Lang	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Bradwell
Sat 10-Jan	A	Cove	Wx Lg1	A	A	A	
Tue 13-Jan	H	Newport (IOW)	Wx Lg1	P	P	P	
Sat 17-Jan	A	Kintbury Rangers	Wx Lg1	P	P	P	



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FIXTURES COMING UP

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team
DIV1	24/01/26 15:00	Ringwood Town	Lymington Town
DIV1	27/01/26 19:45	Cove	Ringwood Town
DIV1	31/01/26 15:00	Colden Common	Ringwood Town
DIV1	03/02/26 19:45	Ringwood Town	Newport (IoW)
DIV1	07/02/26 15:00	Ringwood Town	Ash United
DIV1	14/02/26 15:00	United Services Portsmouth	Ringwood Town



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VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE DIV 1 TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	27	16	5	6	77	48	29	53
2	Fleetlands	24	16	4	4	53	32	21	52
3	Whitchurch United	24	16	3	5	65	39	26	51
4	Yateley United	25	14	2	9	61	36	25	44
5	Folland Sports	22	14	2	6	55	32	23	44
6	Frimley Green	23	11	8	4	61	37	24	41
7	Hamworthy United	26	12	4	10	63	44	19	40
8	Cove	21	11	6	4	35	24	11	39
9	Romsey Town	21	11	5	5	40	24	16	38
10	Newport (IoW)	19	10	2	7	35	35	0	32
11	Ash United	23	8	6	9	29	37	-8	30
12	Alresford Town	24	7	7	10	50	56	-6	28
13	Ringwood Town	22	9	1	12	41	49	-8	28
14	Amesbury Town	23	7	5	11	42	41	1	26
15	AFC Aldermaston	24	7	5	12	40	47	-7	26
16	Clanfield	23	8	2	13	32	41	-9	26
17	United Services Portsmouth	24	7	4	13	35	59	-24	25
18	Blackfield & Langley	24	7	4	13	31	55	-24	25
19	Kintbury Rangers	22	6	6	10	39	51	-12	24
20	Lymington Town	25	5	3	17	29	65	-36	18
21	Fawley AFC	23	3	6	14	22	54	-32	15
22	Totton & Eling	21	4	2	15	21	50	-29	14

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Match Reports

Ringwood Town Disability Sun 4th Jan

2nd Disability Team – Hampshire League Report

The 2nd Disability Team were in Hampshire League action, playing three matches in a day that showcased excellent football, strong teamwork, and outstanding sportsmanship.

Ringwood Town 2 – 1 Brendon 66

Ringwood Town made a bright start, taking an early lead through Mark Coward, who finished well to put his side ahead. Midway through the match, quick thinking from Daniel Short saw a rapid throw-in find Tyrone Whittle, who calmly converted to double Ringwood's advantage.

Brendon pulled a goal back late on, but Ringwood defended resolutely to see out the win, with Mark Coward leading by example at the back.

Ringwood Town 2 – 1 St. Francis Raiders

Ringwood continued their strong form with another fast start, opening the scoring through Richard Blake. Mark Coward added a second with an impressive long-range effort.

Despite a St. Francis player being injured in the build-up, the referee allowed play to continue. In a fine display of sportsmanship, Ringwood then allowed the St. Francis striker to score unchallenged, a moment that reflected the values of the club.

Ringwood Town 6 – 1 St. Francis Raiders

Ringwood produced a dominant performance in their third match, with early goals from Tyrone Whittle, Mark Coward, and Richard Blake. Daniel Short extended the lead with a superb half-volley from the edge of the box, before Daniel Cooley added a fifth.

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Match Reports

Ringwood Town Disability Sun 4th Jan

St. Francis scored late on, but Ringwood had the final word. With the last kick of the game, Richard Blake played a perfectly weighted chipped pass over the defence, allowing Daniel Short to complete his hat-trick and cap a memorable victory.

Player of the Day

Daniel Short was named Player of the Day. Having returned last month after a short absence, he has produced some of his best football in recent years, crowned by his first-ever hat-trick. His commitment and willingness to step up when needed has been invaluable to the team.

Squad

Stuart Mander • Katie Brown • Tyrone Whittle • Mark Coward (Captain) • Richard Blake • Daniel Short

Thanks to James Brown for the match reports!

If anyone has disability or SEN needs, has interest in playing football or wants to improve their fitness or improve their social skills and wish to join a great group of people, please contact the RTFC Club Disability officer Abbie Barnes.

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Callum White	
Ben Bradwell	
Brandon Chester	
Cass Lister	
Ted Bignell	
Josh Ridland	
Ben Harris	
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Riley Claxton	
Luke Pothas	
Will Lambert	
Danny May	
Jesse Rabin	
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