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FROM THE EDITOR

BENJAMIN PENNELLS
OILERS EDITOR

Hello good evening and welcome to the Brickability Group Stadium for tonight's Wessex 1 opening match with Lymington Town.

Pre season is over, the World Cup wrapped up two weeks ago and now it's time for the competitive football to begin again.

Last season we pulled off the greatest of great escapes once again taking to the final day of the season.

Four months on and we start the journey once again. 40

games coming your way starting tonight with Lymington and ending with a home game with Hedge End Rangers on April 24th.

We come into the new season unbeaten following our pre season fixtures with wins here against Hythe & Dibden, Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Nursling and Shirley and Bournemouth Poppies. We drew with Stockbridge.

We give a very warm welcome to all the Lymington Town players, management and

committee members as well as this evening's match officials William Wright, Chris Miles and Steven McGowen.

Oilers season tickets are on sale now and for £70 please talk to the committee or contact the club to purchase one.

This is just the beginning of the season thank you for your support this evening we wish you safe travels home.

Up the Oilers

Ben

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Inside SO45



All the latest news and developments from the Brickability Group Stadium.

Fawley welcomes new Under 23's side for the 2026-27 season.

Fawley AFC have brought in a Under 23's side this season. Building our pathway between the development and first team squads.

Max Williams joins the Oilers as U23's manager. The U23

team will be playing on a Wednesday night.

Youth Football comes to Fawley this season.

Fawley are launching a U16's side this season strengthening the player pathway and will be playing on a Sunday morning.

Season tickets on

sale now.

Fawley are delighted to announce that season tickets are now on sale for £70 allowing you into all home first team, devs and U23's fixtures.

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The Club was formed as AGWI United in 1923 and joined the Hampshire League six seasons later.

In 1949 we changed our name to Esso Fawley. We won Division Three of the Hampshire League in 1995 and reached the Premier Division in 1999.

In 2002 we changed our name again to

our current name of Fawley AFC.

In 2004 when the Wessex League added a third division to its ranks we joined division two (now Wessex 1).

In 2010 the Oilers reached the Wessex Premier Division after finishing runners up in Wessex 1.

In the Wessex

Premier the Oilers were established as the underdogs and were competitive until their relegation back to Wessex 1 in 2017 on goal difference.

The 2016/17 season saw the Oilers face some off field issues with the closure of the Waterside Sports and Social Club due to financial difficulties.

The Oilers established themselves back in Wessex 1 with the potential to upset the more glamorous teams. With a solid team.

Despite the relegation and the off the field issues the season before the 2017/18 season will long live in the memories of Oilers supporters as they went on a Wessex League Cup run that took them to the final.

In that cup run the Oilers beat Shaftesbury, AFC Stoneham, Hamble Club and Sholing. Before losing to AFC Portchester in the final.

In more recent seasons the Oilers have reached the Southampton Senior Cup Semi Finals on two occasions in 2021 and 2024 beating higher opposition to reach that stage.

Lee and his management team are in the process of building a competitive team with Wessex experience an enthusiastic young local talent to play attractive football and enjoy it.

The development team has been a part of the set up for many seasons providing players a pathway between youth football and senior football.

Over the past few seasons the development team has been joined by a under 16's squad a former under 18's team and for the 2026-27 season a brand new under 23's team. To help and develop the youth become first team players for the senior team.

Over the last few seasons Kev and the committee have been fundraising for the new club house.

The village of Fawley is dominated by the Oil Refinery which has been there since 1921. It was rebuilt and extended in 1951 and is the largest of its kind in the United Kingdom.

Last 4 Fixtures

27th Jul  1-0  PSF	21st Jul  1-1  PSF	17th Jul  5-2  PSF	7th Jul  2-0  PSF
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Date	Fixture	Goal Scoreres
02/08	Hamworthy United 3-0 Fawley	None
05/08	Folland Sports 1-2 Fawley (HSC)	Knight, Connor
08/08	Fawley 2-2 Lymington Town	Knight, Lynch
12/08	Ringwood Town 1-0 Fawley	None
16/08	Clanfield 3-0 Fawley	None
21/08	Colden Common 2-0 Fawley (HSC)	None
29/08	Fawley 0-3 Amesbury Town	None
06/09	Fawley 1-1 AFC Aldermaston	Stapleton
13/09	Fleetlands 2-1 Fawley	Munro
16/09	Fawley 0-3 Hamble Club (RCC)	None

Date	Fixture	Goal Scoreres
20/09	Fawley 1-6 Portland United (FAV)	Berry
23/09	AFC Stoneham Res 1-3 Fawley (SSC)	Biggs, Mohammed, Hartigan
27/09	Yateley United 0-1 Fawley	Hartigan
01/10	Totton & Eling 2-3 Fawley	Berry, Biggs, Francis
04/10	Fawley 2-6 Colden Common	Hartigan, Biggs
11/10	Cove 1-0 Fawley	None
14/10	Hamble Club 3-1 Fawley (WLC)	Roberts
18/10	Folland Sports 1-1 Fawley	Hartigan
25/10	Fawley 2-0 US Portsmouth	Munro, Munro
01/11	Fawley 2-2 Whitchurch United	OG, Craigen

Date	Fixture	Goal Scoreres
08/11	Fawley 0-0 Ash United	None
11/11	Fawley 1-3 Sporting Wessex (SSC)	Lynch
15/11	Fawley 0-4 Folland Sports	None
18/11	Fawley 1-7 Hamworthy United	Biggs
29/11	Fawley 2-3 Yateley United	Berry, Lynch
13/12	Fawley 2-4 Fleetlands	Clifton, Hartigan
20/12	Fawley 0-3 Blackfield & Langley	None
27/12	Lymington Town 2-2 Fawley	Clifton, Sawyer
10/01	US Portsmouth 1-0 Fawley	None
20/01	Fawley 0-3 Whitchurch United	None

Date	Fixture	Goal Scoreres
24/01	Alresford Town 1-1 Fawley	Clifton
05/02	Colden Common 4-0 Fawley	None
21/02	Fawley 2-2 Newport (IOW)	Clark, Hartigan
28/02	Ash United 2-1 Fawley	Hartigan
03/03	Fawley 0-1 Cove	None
07/03	Fawley 0-3 Totton & Eling	None
10/03	Romsey Town 3-3 Fawley	Gray, Rafferty, Mohammed
14/03	Fawley 1-0 Alresford Town	Lynch
17/03	Fawley 4-3 Frimley Green	Gray, Hawkins, Sawyer, Tribe
21/03	AFC Aldermaston 0-1 Fawley	Sawyer

Date	Fixture	Goal Scoreres
24/03	Fawley 2-1 Clanfield	Hartigan, Sawyer
28/03	Fawley 0-2 Ringwood Town	None
04/04	Blackfield & Langley 1-0 Fawley	None
07/04	Newport (IOW) 2-2 Fawley	Clifton, Dixon
11/04	Fawley 1-1 Kintbury Rangers	Knight
14/04	Amesbury Town 4-1 Fawley	Hartigan
18/04	Frimley Green 1-4 Fawley	Dixon, Hartigan, Knight, Stapleton
21/04	Fawley 0-3 Romsey Town	None
25/04	Kintbury Rangers 2-2 Fawley	Hartigan, Sawyer



What's New in Oilers This Season



Oilers is back for its third season and is has undergone some changes ahead of the 2026/27 Wessex 1 season. We caught up with Oilers Editor and club media Guru Ben Pennells as he discusses all things Oilers mag and his plans for the season ahead.

"It's a pleasure to be here again this season editing Oilers Magazine this is a season I'm

very excited about on and off the pitch for."

Oilers Magazine returns for its 3rd season how excited are you about the launch of the new era?

"I am ready for it this relaunch has been something that I have been working on since Christmas and for the third season we're going all in. we've got some

exciting new features this season which makes this the biggest change I've done."

Why delay it until now?

"We all know the magazine wasn't upto standard last season but I was also experiencing issues with the design and other elements that were being introduced so I shelved it until game one."

"The delay also allowed me to come up with ideas for new concepts for content while trying to keep the original idea of the magazine alive."

What is new this season.

"Quite a lot actually but not everything is being released at the same time this is the first game of the season so releasing certain things on game one makes no sense.

Magazine- more content for the fans, last season we had hardly any original content but this year we'll have more original material than ever before.

Designs- some of the new design is already being released in this magazine we will be officially releasing it in August ahead of our second and third home games of the season.

The Fan Zone- The fan zone is your contribution to this season's Oilers magazine from ground hoppers guides to Fawley AFC to match reports and even quizzes,

Website & Email- we have a bespoke Oilers magazine website and email address for the campaign our programmes and audio programme will be published on the website and any content for the fan zone or any recommendations can be emailed to editor@oilersmag.com

Audio Magazines- The bit I'm actually looking forward to releasing in a bid to become more accessible to supporters we are launching our very own Oilers Audio. We believe supporters who have a visual impermanent need

miss out on many things. Were bringing the programme to an audio format."

Lots of good things happening for Oilers is there stuff that's still happening but being left under wraps for now?

"Of course I don't want to reveal everything about this new era of Oilers mag because I don't want to give other clubs ideas yet. I want to keep things secret all season because there's certainly some things that your going to want to come back for."

How much more will the magazine change between now and start of September?

"Not saying it won't change much but there's still some chance we'll see some improvements."

Now you've seen the first edition how much an improvement is it from last season?

"Generally it's looking a lot better than at Christmas and towards end of last season there's still some improvement to come and content needed to be added to make it the magazine that we want. I would say another two to three home games at least before the magazine is 100 percent there."

Are you still learning or are we now in a position where you can say no more needed?

"I am still learning new things now even after two seasons of doing this so really everyday is a school day and don't be surprised if it changes again throughout the season. It's keeping the format fresh for

years to come really"

Your doing a side project this season will this arrive in the magazine.

"Yes it will I've gone old school with the photos this year from 35mm film so there appear in here when I'm not with Saints obviously."

What was the hardest challenge for Oilers mag this season?

"Filling out pages with the new way the Wessex are doing the adverts they only have a partners Page and not individual adverts for the season.

Along with the design and the planning because there was a chance this edition was not even going to be available."

Audio magazines where are they

being hosted?

"All major audio sites are being considered but until I can find a way to publish them on their our audio magazines will be available to download and listen to on our website or via YouTube. Any updates will be shared on the Fawley social media accounts."

Why the Audio Magazines is it your looking forward to?

"It's different and it's not been done in non league yet and I want to be the first to bring something that works in the professional game down. Saints do them and it was while I was in work it gave me the idea to bring them to us for the season."

Unbeaten in pre season how do you see the season going?

"I'll be happy with anything above the bottom five this year we've finished 19th in both my previous seasons here but the look of this squad and the team it's got me excited for the season and it's excited me for Oilers too."

We won't address the elephant in the room but how's the off season been?

"Quite mixed to be honest the World Cup was the best distraction needed but saying that it's been a normal off season but I'm always going to be on the edge following that because we've had a EFL punishment but it's what ever happens happens now."

Are you disappointed with how it all ended though last season?

"Of course it was disappointing to a

somewhat enjoyable campaign but I think the great escape made up for it in the end."

Enjoyable moment from the pre season?

"Beating Hythe an Bournemouth Poppies are up there but I think the Ex Saints Charity match was my highlight."

Anything New for the other areas of the club media?

"Yes a new graphics pack for the season should have been released by the time your reading this. we've welcomed Lewis Ford to the team as a photographer as well and I have a few ideas which will be releasing throughout the season."

What are you looking forward to releasing?

"Maybe match commentary on X for sure certainly to coincide with the launch of the audio magazines. But really I can't say much at the moment due to ideas not being finished yet and weather I'll be at enough games to make it worth while."

"Another thing is the Under 23's and bringing the, as much content throughout the season it's their first year at the club so I want to embed them into the socials a lot this year and mix it between 1st and Devs squads."

Are you ready for the season.

"Always last season is behind us I'm ready to go with Fawley and Saints again and no bushes are in sight."



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Joe Petty (16)

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- League Cup winners 2006-07

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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 FA Cup winning squad.

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.

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 3 girls teams. 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.

Last 4 Fixtures

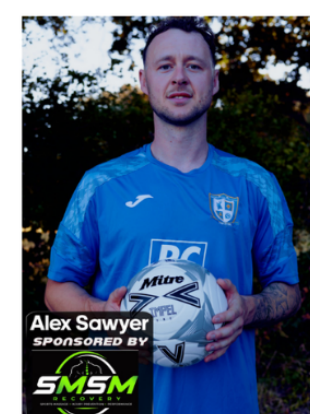
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