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CLUB HISTORY: THE STORY OF FAWLEY A.F.C.
The club was originally formed as **AGWI United in 1923**—taking its name from the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies Oil Company that operated the local refinery—and joined the Hampshire League six seasons later. In 1949, the club changed its name to **Esso Fawley,** going on to win Division Three of the Hampshire League in 1995 before breaking into the Premier Division in 1999.

Fawley established themselves in the top tier, punching above their weight as perennial underdogs before finally succumbing to relegation on goal difference in 2017—the same year the Waterside Sports and Social Club sadly closed its doors due to financial difficulties.

Back in **Division One,** Fawley quickly built a reputation as a stubborn side capable of springing a major upset against the division's heavyweights. That giant-killing spirit was famously showcased during the **2018 League Cup run, where the Oilers knocked out Shaftesbury, Stoneham, Hamble Club,** and Sholing to reach the final. Further cup pedigree was shown in 2021 and 2024, when the team reached the semi-finals of the Southampton Senior Cup (SSC), pushing higher-league opposition all the way to penalties on both occasions.

Looking to the Future

Lee and his management team have been hard at work building an exciting squad, blending experienced Wessex League campaigners with enthusiastic local youngsters to play attractive, attacking football. Over recent seasons, the successful introduction of U16 and U23 youth teams has created a clear pathway for young talent to feed directly into the senior setup.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated band of committee members led by Chairman Kev Mitchell have pushed tirelessly to upgrade the ground's facilities. Following a lengthy eight-year battle, the club finally secured a long-term ground lease last summer, paving the way for Fawley AFC to push ahead with exciting plans for a brand-new clubhouse.

Fun Fact:
The village of Fawley itself is dominated by the massive oil refinery, established in 1921, rebuilt and extended in 1951, and proudly standing as the largest facility of its kind in the United Kingdom!



Blandford United Football Club is based in Blandford Forum Dorset, playing its home games at the Recreation Ground, Park Road, Blandford.

Alongside its first team, it boasts a reserve team playing in the Dorset League and an affiliated youth section across all age groups.

It is steeped in history being formed in 1882 as one of the inaugural members of the South Hants & Dorset Football Association, which became part of the Dorset FA in 1887. In 1896 the club became founder members of the Dorset League and continued to play in this league, only breaking for the two world wars.

Success has followed the club throughout, even reaching the third qualifying round of the FA Cup in the 1920–21 season after beating East Cowes Victoria 3–2 in the preliminary round. In the 1934–35 season the club won the Dorset Senior Cup for the first time, beating Weymouth 2–1 after a drawn match.

Club History

In 1957 the club left the Dorset league, to play in the Dorset Combination League (now Dorset Premier League) which had just been created, and the club went on to win the league that season. Further league wins followed in 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83 and 1991-92. Cup wins were also collected in the Dorset Combination Cup in 1973-74, 1975-76 & 1977-78 & 1978-79.

In recent years a resurgence has been seen by the Royals fans, who regularly turn out with 300+ strong crowds. This has given the club a platform to make the required ground improvements in order to be considered in to step 6 football. After finishes in the Dorset Premier League of 5th, 3rd & 4th, the 2025-26 season saw Blandford United FC be crowned champions of the Dorset Premier League. Promotion to the Wessex League Division One followed for the first time in their history.



Development Update

As a Development Team, we continue to grow and progress, and we now have a really stable group of players within the squad. Over the last few weeks, we have also welcomed a few excellent additions who have strengthened the group and added even more competition for places.

We received a bye in the cup competition, while our recent league results have seen us suffer two defeats in a row. Despite those results, the performances have been extremely encouraging, with us dominating large periods of both games but unfortunately not getting the rewards our performances deserved.

Most recently, we produced another strong performance and earned a well-deserved draw against the current league leaders, showing just how competitive this young group can be.

The players continue to do us proud as a management team with their attitude, commitment and willingness to learn. There is a lot of belief within the squad, and we will keep pushing forward together.

Our attention now turns to Saturday's game against Clanfield, where we will be looking to turn these positive performances into our first league win of the season.

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Lymington's Triumph — The 1992–93 Wessex Football League Season

Expansion and Sponsorship: The Jewson Era its seventh campaign in 1992–93—known commercially as the Jewson Wessex League —the competition experienced fresh growth and high stakes.

The division expanded from 19 to 21 clubs, welcoming two new faces to the regional fold:

- Gosport Borough, who arrived following relegation from the Southern League.
- Whitchurch United, who stepped up by joining from the Hampshire League.

This influx expanded the fixture list to a demanding 40-game schedule per club, heightening the physical demands and testing squad depth across the board.

AFC Lymington Claims Their Maiden Crown

The battle for supremacy during the 1992–93 season was fiercely contested, but it ultimately culminated in a historic triumph for AFC Lymington.

Putting together a stellar campaign, Lymington captured the league championship for the first time in their history, securing 40 points from a dominant run of form at the summit.

While the title race brought jubilation to Lymington, the other end of the table experienced heartbreak.

In a season where relegation was strictly enfoced, founding members Romsey Town endured a difficult campaign,

finishing at the foot of the standings and suffering relegation down to the Hampshire League.

Despite the competitive drama at the top, there was no promotion granted to the Southern League at the conclusion of the season,

keeping the champions locked in regional play as they celebrated a memorable title win.

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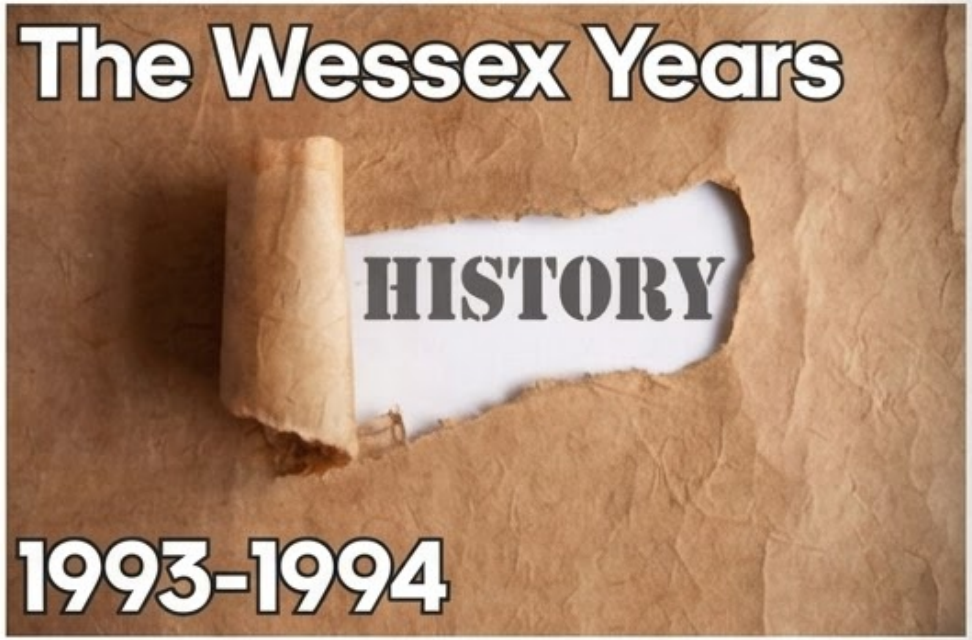
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Wimborne's Second Crown and Expanding Horizons — The 1993–94 Wessex Football League Season

Expansion and New Faces in the Jewson Era

As the Jewson Wessex League pressed into its eighth campaign in 1993–94, the division continued to swell in size and competitiveness. Following Romsey Town's relegation the previous season, the league expanded to a massive 23-club division, welcoming three notable new arrivals to the fold:

- Andover, who took a voluntary demotion from the Southern League.
- Downton, joining directly from the Hampshire League.
- Petersfield Town, a brand-new club formed following

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Wimborne Town Captures Championship Number Two

Amidst the hectic fixture backlog and a sprawling field of competitors, Wimborne Town put together a masterclass of a season to claim the 1993–94 league championship for the second time in their history. Wimborne navigated the exhausting 42-match slate with incredible consistency, securing the summit with authority.

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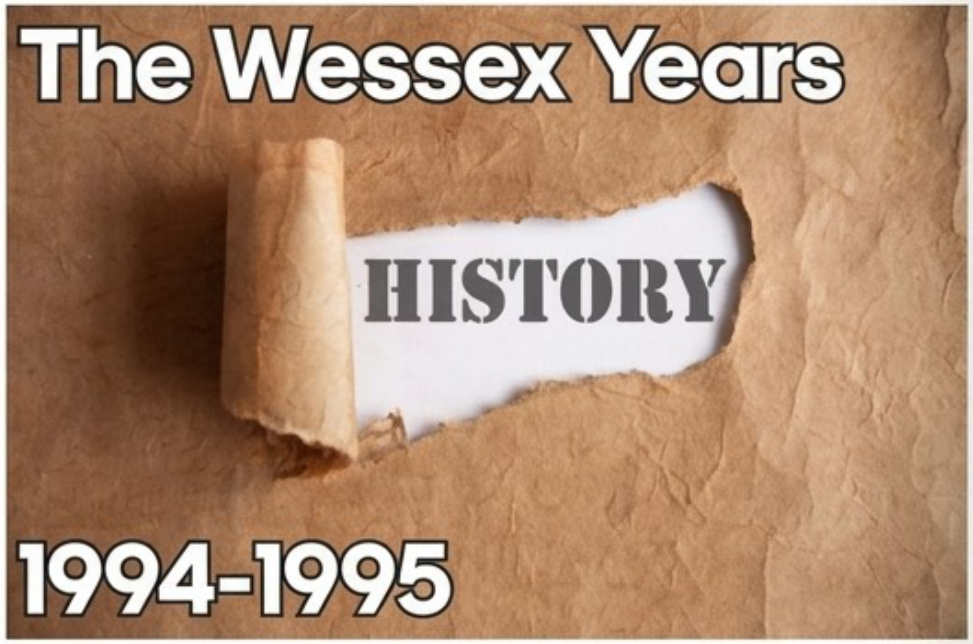
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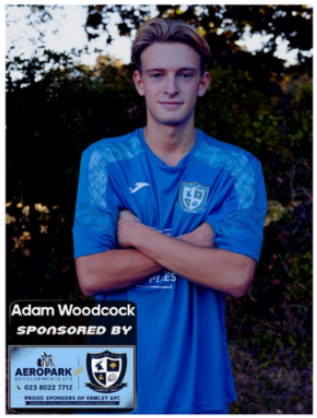

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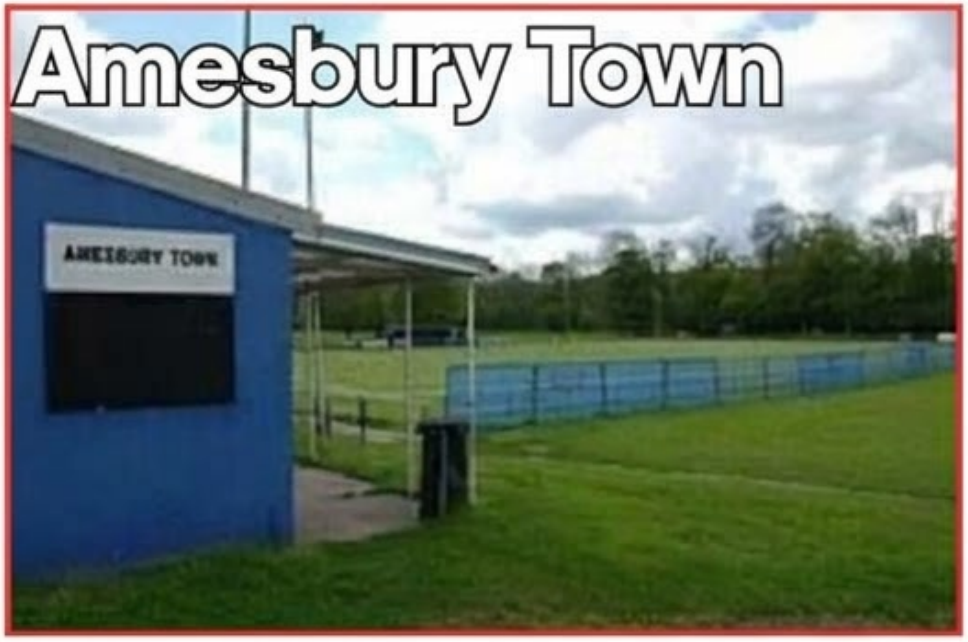

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The Blues bounced back into tho the Wessex League as champions of the Wiltshire League in 2023/24.

The South Coast Derby



Sunday 11th October sees the return of the South Coast Derby at St Mary's in the Sky Bet Championship as Southampton and Portsmouth look set to take bragging rights over Hampshire.

This isn't just another matchday on the calendar or a routine battle for three points. For both sets of players, the management staff, and most importantly, the thousands of supporters packed into the stands, this is the fixture that defines civic identity. It is the game everyone looks for the split second the fixtures are published in the summer.

A 127 year feud renewed

The bitter rivalry between these two clubs stretches all the way back to 1899. Over the course of 73 competitive meetings, the head-to-head records have been fiercely contested, but in a local derby, past statistics are cast entirely aside.

Last season, neither side could find the definitive breakthrough to claim the bragging rights they so desperately craved. An intense, tactical 0-0 draw right here at St Mary's was followed by a dramatic 1-1 stalemate at Fratton Park. The historical tension means that margins will be razor-thin once again today.

The first known meeting of the two clubs was back in 1899 on the 6th September as Portsmouth took a 2-0 victory in a friendly.

Between 2005 & 2025 the derby was contested a handful of times most notably in 2011-12 when both teams were in the Championship. With the most recent meeting being in 2019 in the league cup where Southampton commanded to a 4-0 victory at Fratton Park.

Between 2012 and 2025 the two rivals had changing fortunes with Portsmouth and Southampton spending many seasons in separate divisions.

Perfect Form Meets Resilient Visitors

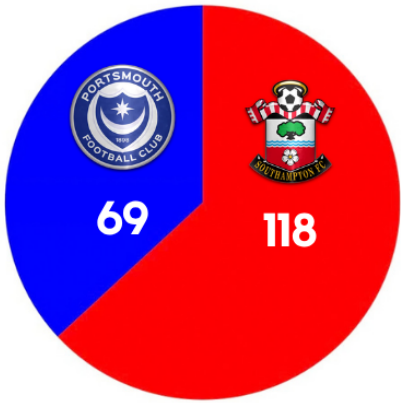
The tactical blueprint for today's clash presents a fascinating battle of wills. Southampton walk out onto the pitch chasing a fifth straight home win in front of a rocking St Mary's crowd. They will rely heavily on that home momentum to dictate the tempo early on and break down a stubborn defensive shape.

Portsmouth arrive on the south coast determined to spoil the party, carrying a three-match unbeaten runinto the lion's den. Despite dealing with an injury-hit squad, the visitors have shown immense resilience in recent weeks and will look to frustrate the hosts before launching lethal counter-attacks.

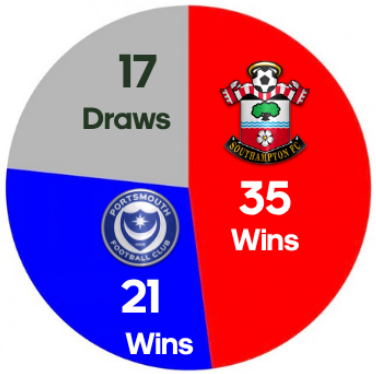
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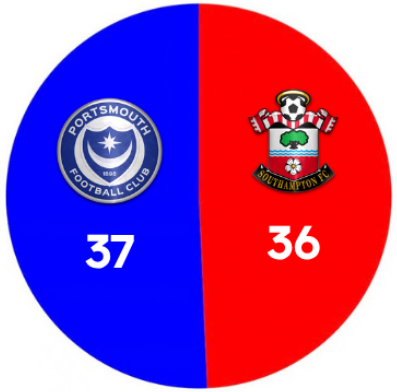
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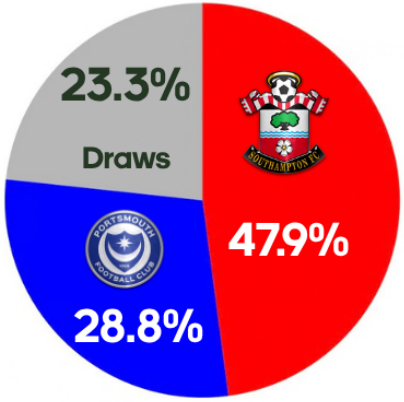
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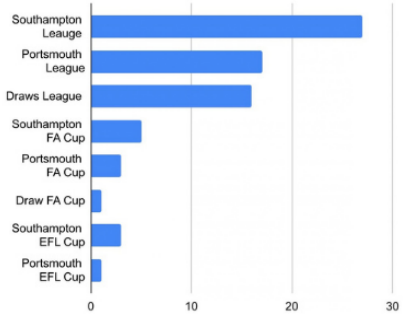


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Lucas Goad	Sam Clark	Ben Ashfield
Charlie John	James Clifton	Martin Burkhill
Tom Oliver	Frasier Craigen	Jack Higdon
Logan Laird	Jamie Craven	Michael Horne
Ryan Horwood	Luke Dixon	Kishawn Johnny
Bobbie Redknapp	James Elkins	Arran Moore
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Dan Kelly	Matt Hawkins	Marcus Read
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Orry Wareham	Dylan Male	Brandon Crofts
Samuel West	Alfie Male	jack pearce
Elliot Manson	Jesse Oshitola	Alfie Moulding
Theo Skakich	Ollie Plunkett	Terry Brooks
Lennon Claydon	Dan Reynolds	Robert Owen
Ben Rukiza	Alex Sawyer	Justin Bennett
Jimmy Fry	Rich Sesay	
Marco Fowler	Jamie Tribe	
Reuben Stanley	Adam Woodcock	
Aaron Lane-Leney		

Match Officals	Match Officals
Chris Carpenter	
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Zak Elhajoui	