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# THE DPL DISPATCH

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Hamworthy Utd Res v Bridport Res – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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# Welcome

A very warm welcome to the New season 2022/2023, I hope you have all enjoyed the glorious Summer and are raring to go, this season will see a new name crowned as League Champions and League Cup winners following the deserved Promotion of the "Green Machine" that were Hamworthy Recreation FC, we wish them well in their inaugural season in the Wessex League, leaving us at the other end were Corfe Castle FC, we also wish them well as they look to rebuild their fortunes in the Dorset Football League. We welcome both Sturminster Marshall FC, winners of the Dorset Football League Senior Division last season & Wimborne Town FC Reserves into the DPL Family, which means we will remain at 18 Teams for the season, 9 of which can boast Floodlights and ALL Clubs have a Defibrillator on site or adjacent too it, which is excellent news all round.

Since the last edition of the Dispatch, Congratulations must go to Sturminster Newton FC who won the Dorset Senior Trophy after beating holders Merley Cobham Sports FC in an entertaining Final, *(Full Match Report later in this Issue).*

Well, what an opening day, scorching hot temperatures all round made for testing conditions, Holt United hit Shaftesbury Reserves for 9 whilst Sturminster Newton edged an 11-goal thriller 6-5 against Portland United Reserves. Last seasons Top Goal Scorer Jack Voisey helped himself to an opening day hatrick in Bournemouth Sports 6-1 win at Sherborne Town Res, whilst Holt's Ali Garard & Connor Bent both notched themselves hatricks in their demolition of Shaftesbury Reserves.

The Dispatch this season is now being produced "In House" however, it would be amiss of me not to thank James Healy at JH Media for all his efforts last season in helping produce the Dispatch. Again, in advance I would like to thank the Clubs for submitting their reports, they are greatly appreciated and if we can have more Photo's this season that also would be appreciated and remember there is a "Photograph of the Year" award to go for !!!!

The DPL Dispatch on average last season saw nearly 1300 reads an issue across the various Media Platforms that we use, which is superb and helps promote the Jewson Dorset Premier Football League to a wider audience, if you are interested in getting an advert inserted into any issue, please contact me via e-mail on, [dpl.generalsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dpl.generalsecretary@gmail.com)

All that remains is for me to wish ALL our Member Clubs a successful and sporting season ahead.

*Giles Kilshawe*

A dark blue banner with white text and icons. On the left, the text "PROUD SUPPORTERS OF THE DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE." is written in large, bold, white capital letters. On the right, there is a white box with the "JEWSON" logo in blue. Below the logo, there are three circular icons: a location pin, a cursor arrow, and a smartphone. Under each icon is the text "COME IN-BRANCH", "ORDER ONLINE", and "CALL US" respectively.

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# Match Reports 13/08/22

## **HAMWORTHY UNITED RES 3 BRIDPORT RES 1**

The Hammers welcomed Bridport Reserves to the County Ground as the away side came into the match seeking revenge as it was the Hammers who beat them on their final day of the season last year in the Jewson Dorset Premier Football League.



Despite the very hot weather, the game started off at a good pace with both teams trying to get a foot on the game but no big chances were on the end of either spell of possession for both teams. However, the Hammers brilliant passing patterns came good when Adel Bakkali & Remus Nixon linked up well on the left side which saw Remus put a low driven ball into the box for JOE WEARDEN to poke home at the keepers near post to put the Hammers ahead.

On the half an hour mark the Hammers lead was doubled when they found themselves with a free kick 28 yards out which was floated in by Levi Middlewick which found the head of DALE WYNGAARD who headed the ball past the visitor's keeper. After the second goal went in, this seemed to wake Bridport up & they found their reward in the 39th minute, HARRY BURWOOD found himself one on one & calmly slotted the ball past the Hammers keeper Jakub Lewiarz. Following this goal, the Hammers needed the half time break to come as the pressure was piling on & Bridport were eager for an equaliser, HT 2-1. Into the second half & it was much more of an even game with the hosts & away side both creating chances however neither keeper was called into any real action. On the 74th minute mark, the Hammers extended their lead when some neat play in the middle of the park gave Joe Wearden some space to thread a fantastically timed ball in for JAMES HORVATH who slotted the ball home to the keepers left hand side to restore the two-goal advantage and ultimately seal the opening day win for the hosts.

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## **SHAFTESBURY RES 0 HOLT UNITED 9**

The "Bulls" of Holt United stampeded all over their hosts at Cochrams as they ran out convincing 9-0 winners with both Ali Garard & Connor Bent helping themselves to hat tricks in this goal fest played in baking hot conditions.

The opening salvo's of this game saw not much between both sides as they got accustomed to the sweltering conditions, Holt looked strong going forward but the Rockies defence held firm, following a drinks break the hosts created a couple of chances that came to nothing, Holt then took the lead through KYLE JOHN CLEMENTS fine finish, ALI GARARD doubled the Bulls advantage soon after when his speculative effort nestled into the home sides net, 2 became 3



when ALI GARARD got his 2<sup>nd</sup> and Holt's 3<sup>rd</sup> after capitalising on a defensive error. The hosts were then forced into 2 substitutions leaving them with only 11 outfield players and no further Substitutes for the remainder of the match, HT 0-3. Into the second half and the sapping conditions were having an effect mainly on the hosts who toiled hard through Bradley Wrightson but with no real threat to the Holt goal. Shaftesbury's Zack Foot produced a goal saving tackle, however Holt were soon to get their 4<sup>th</sup> when CONNOR BENT notched. Following a 2nd water break, Holt stepped up a gear and soon scored again with ALI GARARD completing his hat trick. Their 6<sup>th</sup> goal came soon after when Connor bent got his 2<sup>nd</sup> of the game with a simple tap in following good play. The Bulls were now rampant as the home side looked worn out with a lot of tired legs and tired minds on display. Sonny Wilkinson then got in on the act with the visitor's 7<sup>th</sup>. There was still time for CONNOR BENT to hit the 8<sup>th</sup> and in doing so complete his hat trick, things were now looking embarrassing for the hosts as SCOTT BUNGAY bagged Holt's 9<sup>th</sup> goal to seal an emphatic victory.

### **MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 2 WIMBORNE TOWN RES 1**

The Jewson DPL 2022/23 season began on Saturday as Merley Cobham Sports took on local rivals, and debutants, Wimborne Town Reserves at a parched Merley Park played in 30 degrees plus heat and in front of a good crowd.

Apart from 22-year-old Adam Homes all the other players representing Wimborne for their first game in the DPL were between 16 and 17 years of age and members of the Wimborne Academy. Both teams started cautiously although the youthful exuberance of the young Wimborne side was trying to dictate terms but their persistence in an ineffective long ball, to try and breach the Cobham backline, let them down on numerous occasions as they over hit many passes which were dealt with easily by home keeper, Andy Knights. Cobham grew into the game, their defence was solid and the experience of Jon Cook and Mike Trim in midfield, coupled with young Ollie Marsh's enthusiasm, brought better results. Wide men Daniel Reeks and George Coleman were always a threat when brought into the game and with the experience of Matt Groves, they were beginning to get a foothold in advanced positions. Cobham took the lead in the 18th minute, they forced a corner on the left hand side, Groves' corner kick was met perfectly by their skipper, OGUN GONDOGDU and he headed home well giving Dinnivan, who was outstanding throughout in the Wimborne goal, no chance. Cobham suffered a setback in the 25th minute, midfielder Mike Trim picked up a hamstring injury and was replaced by debutant, Daniel Tenant, but just a minute later, Cobham increased their lead, young GEORGE COLEMAN, was fed by Groves, he had a bit to do but cut in from the right, wrong footing the Wimborne defence and planting a fine left footed drive by the hapless Wimborne keeper. Wimborne responded well to this setback, they started to play more possession football rather than the hopeful long ball and this reaped benefits for them and after a good move pressuring the Cobham defence the ball fell to HEATH THORNTON some 20 yards out, he volleyed home a real beauty giving home keeper Knights no chance and they deservedly got themselves back into the game. The heat was taking its toll on all players, still Wimborne's persistence with the long ball was letting them down and only a smart intervention from a Wimborne defender prevented Coleman from increasing their lead after Gondogdu found him with a defence splitting pass and half finished off with Cobham leading Wimborne by 2-1. With the heat taking its toll, mainly on the home side, Wimborne began to

take the game to Cobham, they were playing some nice football, crisp short passes forcing the Cobham midfield into deeper positions, thus giving Wimborne more room to create things but the Cobham backline, in general, dealt with things comfortably, however, Cobham were grateful to keeper Andy Knights who saved well on a couple of occasions. When Cobham pushed forward, they certainly looked dangerous and young Ollie Marsh was unlucky to have a fine goal ruled out from 20 yards when played in by Groves who was ruled offside. Cobham were under the pressure for a good part of the early second half but, again, Wimborne's use of the long ball played into Cobham's hands. The water break in the second half saw Cobham making two changes, Harry Clent replaced right fullback John Pritchard and Ollie Marsh was replaced by James Cherrett, this brought Cobham back into the game, the experienced Cook had some fresh legs around him and they got back into the game, Coleman was a menace and unlucky on a couple of occasions and Daniel Reeks was unlucky to see a decent effort fly past the far post. The game finished successfully for the home side, winning by 2-1 but they were given a really good workout by a very spirited young Wimborne side.

### **DORCHESTER SPORTS 3 STURMINSTER MARSHALL 1**

On a blistering hot day at the Avenue stadium, Dorchester Sports welcomed newly promoted Sturminster Marshall for this opening day fixture in the Jewson Dorset Premier Football League.



As both teams tried to cope with the heat it was a cagey opening with both sides trying to reserve energy, the away team then became the brighter and had two good opportunities to open the lead, firstly the when Ash Cope blasted over when one on one and then Will Gage headed wide from a corner, this seemed to wake Sports up and they took the lead when a pin point cross from new signing Jamie Beasley found ALEX GODFREY and he made no mistake from 10 yards out, this rocked the away side and they

would find themselves 2 down just one minute later as Godfreys cross found JAMIE SYMES who headed past the away keeper on 45 minutes, HT 2-0. The hosts started brightly in the 2nd half, and would have had an early shout for goal of the season if Godfreys left footed volley from a Nick Voss cross had gone in instead of crashing against the Stur crossbar. ALEX GODFREY wasn't going to be denied though as he headed home an inch perfect Jack Steele cross shortly after to make it 3-0 to the hosts. Sports seemed in little danger from the visitors, however, on 75 minutes, Stur did get a reward for their hard work, effort and not giving up. Ashley Cope with some good footwork on the edge of the box, created an opening and got his shot away, Nick Hutchings in the home goal couldn't hold it and OLLIE HUDSON was following in to put the rebound into the net. Any thought of a comeback from the visitors didn't materialise as Sports saw the last 15 minutes out comfortably for an opening day win.

*Photo courtesy of DSFC*

## **SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS 6**

Bournemouth Sports carried on from where they left off last season, notching up another big win and extending their unbeaten run to 16 games in the League, with a fine display at Sherborne Town Reserves in their opening Jewson Dorset Premier Football League of the new 2022 / 2023 season. Last seasons League Top Goal Scorer Jack Voisey was at it again, helping himself to a Hat Trick in this opening day win.

With the game being played in stifling and baking hot conditions, prolific marksman JACK VOISEY fired the visitors ahead after 8 minutes converting a low cross into the box from Sports winger James Bergin. New signing SAM DARLOW extended Sports lead on 19 minutes firing home a powerful left foot shot following excellent play from full back Alex Hancox. That man JACK VOISEY added his 2nd and Sports 3rd on 23 minutes latching onto a flick on from strike partner Darlow to finish with sheer composure, the hosts offered little as both sides found the conditions sapping, HT 0-3. Into the second half and Bournemouth Sports substitutes Awwal Abubakar and Tony Voisey combined superbly to see AWWAL ABUBAKAR hit Sports 4th on 65 minutes. JACK VOISEY completed his hat-trick on 75 minutes latching onto a poor headed back pass from a Sherborne defender to convert the chance, and AWWAL ABUBAKAR grabbed himself a brace on 83 minutes tapping home from close range following excellent work from Jack Voisey. Sherborne, to their credit, scored a fantastic direct free kick curtesy of CIAN CABELL as a consolation goal in the 90th minute, but it was Sports who took the 3 points.

## **BALTI SPORTS 2 WAREHAM RANGERS 2**

A game played in extreme conditions at Cranford Avenue in the Jewson Dorset Premier Football League, being first up for both sides, naturally the quality just wasn't there, but both teams gave it their all in which the draw was, in the end a fair reflection of the game.



Balti somehow squandered three guilt edge chances early on. one miss being in front of an open goal from 5 yards out which ended up over the bar. Wareham scored the first goal of the game out of nowhere when their midfielder FRANKIE SHEARS found space from 20 yards out and placed a lovely shot into the bottom corner of the Balti net. HT, 0-1. In the Second half Balti equalised within 5 mins when a cross field header found RICKI LANE unmarked at the back post to tap

in, this spurred Balti on who then deservedly went in front when a cross came into the Wareham box and looped up of JACK DRUMMOND'S shoulder, up and over the visitor's keeper and in. Balti then missed further chances to extend their lead with Andrews and Lane both going close. These misses were to prove costly as Wareham then scored from a free kick,



taken by 16-year-old debutant, JAK PHILLIPS which hit the post and went in from 25 yards out to set up a thrilling final 10 minutes where both teams missed clear one on ones to win the game, the first being Balti's Drummond who pulled his shot wide, and the second from the Wareham lad in the dying stages who raced through but saw his shot hit the post. Both teams could have won it but at the end of the game it was a point apiece to get both teams up and running.

*Photos courtesy of Brian Rossiter*



## **WESTLAND SPORTS 1 SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON 0**

Westlands opened the new season at Alvington, with three points but they made hard work of what could have been a more comfortable win if chances had been taken but for an outstanding display from Swanage goal keeper Taylor Hibbs in the Jewson Dorset Premier League.



Both teams were a bit cagy early on, not wishing to exert themselves too much in the blistering sun. Westlands however soon began to mount some dangerous attacks and both Josh John and Malik Kamal had attempts well saved by the Swanage keeper & captain Taylor Hibbs. In the 32nd minute however, Westlands broke the deadlock. Adam Barratt fired in a low free kick to the near post where JOSH PAYNE turned the ball in off keeper

Hibbs. Swanage tried to hit back and a low shot forced Westlands keeper Mark Cuff to his knees. Westlands continued to spurn chances and could have been made to pay when Swanage were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box. Jack Hughes curled a low shot round the wall but it lacked pace and keeper Cuff saved fairly easily. HT, 1-0. The second half followed much the same pattern as the first with Westlands failing to take their chances to put the game to bed. Josh John, Steve Ormrod and substitute, Mike Rousell all had clear chances but found visiting keeper Hibbs a hard man to beat. Following another corner, Sports Steve Ormrod tried an acrobatic overhead kick which smacked off the bar and was booted clear. Late on, Westlands were reduced to 10 men when Mike Rousell hobbled off and all the subs had been used. Not ideal going a man down in those conditions and Swanage tried hard to snatch a point with a couple of late corner kicks. It was not to be, and the final whistle saw a 1-0 win for the home side. Man of the match was undoubtedly the Swanage goal keeper Taylor Hibbs.

*Photos courtesy of ST&HFC*

## **POOLE BOROUGH 1 BLANDFORD UNITED 1**

This fixture of the new Jewson Dorset Premier Football League season saw the spoils shared at Turlin Moor on a very hot opening day fixture. However, this game had drama a plenty and a last-minute equaliser.



Blandford had the first real meaningful effort of the game on 10 minutes but shot just wide then Zac Blackburn shot just over for the hosts following a Borough corner. On 30 minutes Blandford were seemingly awarded a penalty after Richard Munday in the Borough goal was adjudged to of brought down a Blandford player but the decision was reversed after the referee consulted with his linesman. Borough were reduced to 10 men on

the half hour mark following Josh Russell's high challenge, meaning the hosts would play the remaining hour of the game with just 10 men, HT 0-0. The second half saw Munday save well low down then Liam Meldrum's last-ditch challenge denied Blandford. Although down to ten men Borough looked dangerous on the counter. Munday again save to deny the visitors but on 75 minutes Borough took the lead when Preston's corner was headed back across the goal for substitute DAN MIRTO to stab home the opening goal. Munday again denied Blandford with a double save but as the 90th minute approached a Blandford free kick from just outside the box was struck home off a post by LUKE TRICE. Unfortunately, there was not enough time left for either side to grab a winner but credit to both sides for a decent opening game, played in such extreme heat.



*Photos courtesy of Sara Taylor*



## **STURMINSTER NEWTON 6 PORTLAND UTD RES 5**

If the late kick offs are meant to provide the best entertainment of the day, then for the neutral Barnett's field was the place to be on the opening day of the season as Sturminster and Portland slugged it out in the late afternoon sunshine. The cherries eventually triumphing in an eleven-goal thriller.



Portland started the game the better side and were rewarded when their striker LEWIS CLARKE found room in the Newton box to score the opener. This woke Sturminster up and either side of the drinks break they asserted themselves on the game, goals from NICK THOMSON, BUDDY O'SHEA & ELLIOT BEVIS turned the game around and gave the Cherries the advantage. However

instead of drifting to half time the game ignited even further in the last 5 minutes of the half, Portland broke through to reduce the deficit through LEWIS CLARKE, Sturminster immediately responded through a shot from RYAN SCHOULTEN, to restore their 2-goal lead only for the visitors to wriggle through the home team's defences again to score courtesy of JOSH CAMP, HT 4-3. Luckily for both management teams the second half did not match the goal tally of the first half, but both team's defensive frailties were still evident with the game itself as dramatic as the opening half. Portland again came out pressing Sturminster and equalised through JOSH CAMP, Sturminster responded immediately with NICK THOMSON's header from a corner restoring the hosts advantage, back came the visitors who again equalised, this time from LANCE WILSON with a long-range effort to restore parity. The final chapter in this game came as Arron Lane-Laney wriggled free in the box only to be fouled by the defender, penalty awarded and GEORGE COLEMAN stepped up to slot the penalty home to give Sturminster a 6-5 victory. There were still chances for both sides and probably a surprise there were no more than the eleven goals, however the Cherries held on for victory and three points in an exciting opener to the season.

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### MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 1 STURMINSTER NEWTON 2

**It was heartache for the third time of asking this season for Merley Cobham Sports when they went down to North Dorset rivals, Sturminster Newton Utd, in the Final of the Dorset Senior Trophy played at the Sunseekers International County Ground.**



Second half goals by Will Guppy and Billy Bright saw the Cherries over the line in this absorbing final played in front of healthy, boisterous crowd, Cobham skipper, Lee Wilkins pulled one back in the 89th minute and with six added minutes, Cobham still had their chances, pushing men forward but it wasn't to be as the trophy moves to its North Dorset home. The Cherries were the first to settle, their four in midfield didn't allow their opposing three to settle and they could have been in front in the opening

minutes of the game when the hesitant Cobham defence failed to deal with things and fortunately the Cherries forward fluffed his lines and keeper, Andy Knights, dealt with things. Thompson and Clarke were winning lots of ball in the midfield for Stur and when they brought wide men, O'Shea and Guppy into the game, they were at their most dangerous. The Cherries went close again in the 11th minute when Guppy's dangerous cross to the far post nearly found O'Shea but the ball went wide. Cherries dominated the first twenty minutes and the Cobham midfield were easily second best and only a top save from keeper Knights kept the score line level in the 18th minute. Cobham were dealt a blow in the 20th minute when they lost midfielder, Ellis George to injury. Ross Hampton entered the fray and Cobham gradually clawed their way back into the game and they began to string things together and finally started to put the Cherries on the back foot. Callum Perry was unlucky to see a shot flash past the far post in the 29th minute with Crane well beaten and then just three minutes later, Will Guppy brought the very best out of Cobham keeper Knights, he superbly turned a goal bound shot over the bar. Cobham started to dominate proceedings in the latter part of the half and right-on half-time Crane saved well to deny Wilkins as Cobham applied the pressure but the scores remained level at the interval, 0-0. The second half started poorly for Cobham, with less than a minute on the clock they found themselves one down, the sucker punch of a hopeful long ball found the impressive, **WILL GUPPY**, in space and he advanced to slot home a shot past the advancing Knights to put the Cherries 1-0 up. This rocked Cobham but they were playing themselves back into the game and a rash challenge in the 56th minute by defender Billy Bright on Cobham's Perry saw Bright booked but Cobham botched the free kick from a dangerous position. Cobham appeared in control of things but were further rocked in the 67th minute when the Cherries increased their lead from a corner, Cobham gave far too much room to **BILLY BRIGHT** and he made no mistake with a decent header into the far corner. Two down

and twenty-three minutes left on the clock, it was now a mountain to climb for Cobham, they threw Gundogdu forward and went to three at the back, Sturminster Newton would always threaten on the counter and it was important for Cobham to retain possession, bringing Rossiter and Buck into the game, which they did but too many of the crosses were just beyond the Cobham players. Knights saved well with his feet from O'Shea when the Cherries forward was in oceans of space on the counter and Groves was unlucky with a smart flick at the near



post from a Rossiter corner. Time was running out for the Cobham side but they gave themselves a lifeline in the 89th minute when a cross was headed home by **LEE WILKINS** and with six minutes of added on time to play there was still a chance for the holders. Buck and Rossiter both saw good crosses flash across the danger area but Cobham couldn't get anyone on the end of them and when possession was lost with time nearly up, the Cherries just took the ball to the corner and killed the game off and the final whistle blew

to send the strong contingent of Cherries fans into delirium with a fine 2-1 victory.



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## League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Holt United FC	1	1	0	0	9	3
2	Bournemouth Sports FC	1	1	0	0	5	3
3	Dorchester Sports FC	1	1	0	0	2	3
4	Hamworthy United FC Reserves	1	1	0	0	2	3
5	Sturminster Newton United FC	1	1	0	0	1	3
6	Merley Cobham Sports FC	1	1	0	0	1	3
7	Westland Sports FC	1	1	0	0	1	3
8	Balti Sports FC	1	0	1	0	0	1
9	Wareham Rangers FC	1	0	1	0	0	1
10	Blandford United FC	1	0	1	0	0	1
11	Poole Borough FC	1	0	1	0	0	1
12	Portland United FC Reserves	1	0	0	1	-1	0
13	Wimborne Town FC Reserves	1	0	0	1	-1	0
14	Swanage Town & Herston FC	1	0	0	1	-1	0
15	Bridport FC Reserves	1	0	0	1	-2	0
16	Sturminster Marshall FC	1	0	0	1	-2	0
17	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	1	0	0	1	-5	0
18	Shaftesbury Town FC Reserves	1	0	0	1	-9	0

## Upcoming Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
Lg	16/08/22 18:30	Poole Borough FC	VS Hamworthy United FC Reserves	Turlin Moor Recreation Ground
Lg	16/08/22 18:30	Sturminster Marshall FC	VS Blandford United FC	Sturminster Marshall Recreation Ground
Lg	16/08/22 19:45	Bridport FC Reserves	VS Dorchester Sports FC	St Marys Field
Lg	17/08/22 18:30	Holt United FC	VS Merley Cobham Sports FC	Petersham Lane
Lg	17/08/22 19:30	Sherborne Town FC Reserves	VS Westland Sports FC	Raleigh Grove
Lg	17/08/22 19:45	Portland United FC Reserves	VS Balti Sports FC	Camp & Satherley Stadium
Lg	17/08/22 19:45	Sturminster Newton United FC	VS Shaftesbury Town FC Reserves	Barnetts Field
Lg	17/08/22 19:45	Swanage Town & Herston FC	VS Wareham Rangers FC	Days Park
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Balti Sports FC	VS Sherborne Town FC Reserves	Cranford Avenue
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Bridport FC Reserves	VS Bournemouth Sports FC	St Marys Field
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Dorchester Sports FC	VS Wimborne Town FC Reserves	The Avenue Stadium
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Holt United FC	VS Blandford United FC	Petersham Lane
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Sturminster Marshall FC	VS Hamworthy United FC Reserves	Sturminster Marshall Recreation Ground
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Sturminster Newton United FC	VS Merley Cobham Sports FC	Barnetts Field
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Swanage Town & Herston FC	VS Portland United FC Reserves	Days Park
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Wareham Rangers FC	VS Shaftesbury Town FC Reserves	Purbeck Sports Center
Lg	20/08/22 15:00	Westland Sports FC	VS Poole Borough FC	Alvington

# League Cup 22/23



Preliminary Round – Date TBC			
1	Westland Sports FC	V	Poole Borough FC
2	Bournemouth Sports FC	V	Swanage Town & Herston FC
1st Round – Date TBC			
	Hamworthy Utd FC Res	V	Portland Utd FC Res
	Blandford Utd FC	V	Holt Utd FC
	Bridport FC Res	V	Winner Preliminary Game 2
	Sturminster Newton FC	V	Shaftesbury FC Res
	Sturminster Marshall FC	V	Balti Sports FC
	Sherborne Town FC Res	V	Dorchester Sports FC
	Wareham Rangers FC	V	Wimborne Town FC Res
	Winner Preliminary Game 1	V	Merley Cobham Sports FC




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## “Swans to take on Poole Town Football Club in Swanage”



Poole Town football club has been invited to play a pre-season friendly at Swanage Town and Herston's home ground at Days Park to mark the official switching on of their new floodlights.

There's an open invite for anyone who's interested to come down to the ground on Friday 8th July 2022 to watch the clash between the Swans and the South League Premier team. Kick off at 7.45 pm.

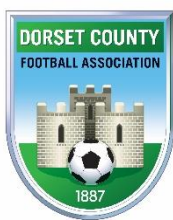
*(FINAL SCORE - SWANAGE T&H FC 1 – 5 Poole Town FC)*

As part of the redevelopment and refurbishment of the Days Park ground, a brand-new set of floodlights has been installed, paid for by a grant from Swanage Town Council. The six new impressive hi-tech floodlights have been put up by the specialist sports lighting contractor Halliday Lighting Ltd from Kirkby-in-Ashfield in Nottinghamshire.

A spokesperson for Swanage Town and Herston football club said: “Everyone at the football club would like to extend their grateful thanks for all the hard work that the two guys from Halliday, Lee and Alex, have put in to complete the installation. “Having travelled the five hours plus down from Nottinghamshire on a Monday morning, they’ve started some days as early as 6.30 am and worked through sometimes until 11.30 pm to complete the job, leaving the Swans with an impressive set of lights which will illuminate our beautiful and picturesque ground for years to come. “Exciting (and dazzling) times indeed. For the Swans – the future is certainly looking so much brighter!”

Moves are continuing at the football club towards getting planning permission for a new 3G pitch and outline permission for a new sport and leisure centre to replace the deteriorating sports hall.

## “Groundsman of the year 2022”



The current pitch has been improved recently, so much so that the club groundsman Gerald Dimarco has been named the Dorset County FA's

### Groundsman of the Year for 2022.

A lifelong Swan, Gerald has played hundreds of matches for the Swans from the age of 16, progressing rapidly through the youth and senior sides. He later became a successful Swans first team manager.

Gerald said: “Winning this award means a lot. Days Park is my second home. I love being at this special ground so I’m absolutely delighted to receive this honour, not just for myself but also for the club.”



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# Feature -

## **“Project South West Approved by FA Leagues Committee”**

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Following extensive consultation, The FA - in conjunction with the South West Peninsula League and the Toolstation Western League - are able to announce progress to a new divisional structure in the South West, aimed to combat the extensive travel encountered by Clubs in this part of the country.

With the progression of Clubs from Devon and Cornwall into Step 5 aligned with the restructure of the National League System, the extremity of the League expanded to see journeys from Cornwall to Bristol. Following representation from the Leagues on behalf of their Member Clubs, the FA Leagues Committee agreed to consider a series of proposals, with a final proposal undergoing consultation with key stakeholders. The consultation feedback was reviewed, and the proposal ratified by the Committee.

The new League will be a merger of the existing Western & Peninsula Leagues who between them currently run four divisions, one at Step 5 and three at Step 6. The new league will run five divisions, two at Step 5, designed to reduce travel & costs, and still three at Step 6. The sizes of the current four divisions vary between 22 and 17 clubs, the new structure will see divisions of up to 18 clubs in each. Mark Frost, Chair of the FA Leagues Committee said 'It is important that as the pyramid evolves, we consider the feedback of Clubs and Leagues. This issue was raised in a proactive manner by the Leagues and we are delighted that we are able to find a solution, while protecting the integrity of fluid promotion and relegation that the pyramid restructure has now enabled'

Phil Hiscox, Secretary of the South West Peninsula League said 'The South West is a unique region with challenges for clubs travelling both in terms of time & distance, and more than ever costs as well. The new set up will allow the previously disadvantaged clubs a pathway through the national league system which will be both achievable and affordable whilst maintaining a high level of football for those clubs.'

John Pool, Chair of the Toolstation Western League said "It has been the aim from its concept to open up the opportunities for all clubs in the South West to fulfil their aspirations to be able to compete in the national league system. The proposals being carried forward to improve the opportunities for clubs has been endorsed by County FA's and relevant Leagues, which is much appreciated by all concerned. The pathway to the future will allow clubs at all levels to be able to view the new league structure with optimism"

Project South West is a joint venture between the South West Peninsula & Western Football Leagues to create a new competition & structure in the region.

The FA Leagues Committee have been involved in the discussions for some time and have given the "green light" for the project to become reality for season 2023/24.

The two leagues will now meet to work through an action plan to put in place many of the systems and procedures to enable the merged league to be formed and will update the FA leagues Committee, the two current leagues boards and the member clubs as we go forward.

With the new 2022/23 season about to start, it is important that we give some clear guidance to clubs so that they can have an objective view as to what they will need to do, on and off the pitch, to achieve any “upward movement”.

To that end this statement details the expected situation and is subject to the appropriate governance of the FA leagues Committee who will oversee the allocations.

### **Step 5**

Currently one Step 5 Division exists with 20 clubs in membership, the new competition will run Two Step 5 Divisions with the intention to have 18 in each, an increase of 16 clubs.

Assuming seasonal movement is balanced with ups & downs, the additional spaces will be filled by:

- 1) The highest placed FOUR Clubs playing in EACH of the existing three Step 6 Divisions. Provided they meet Grade G/6 in full by March 31st, and who give a written undertaking to comply with Grade F/5 by the following March 31st. #
- 2) Clubs who are either laterally moved by the FA Leagues Committee from another Step 5 competition to the new entity, either directly by the FA Leagues Committee or as a result of an application for lateral movement.
- 3) Remaining places will then be allocated to clubs lower than 4th in group one (above) on a Points Per game basis until 36 clubs are in membership. It should be noted as an example that if two spaces remain with three eligible 5th placed clubs, by using PPG two would receive upward movement and one would not.

*# Ground Grading: Clubs at Step 6 should be aware that they will be expected to comply with current grading's, a system of requesting inspections to ensure clubs are fully aware / compliant will be put in place during the coming season.*

### **Step 6**

Currently Three Step 6 Divisions exist with 58 clubs in membership, the new competition will also run Three Step 6 Divisions but with the intention to have a minimum 16 in each and a maximum of 18. (48 to 54 clubs in total)

Whilst Step 6 will reduce in numbers overall, it is likely that as clubs are upwardly moved to Step 5, so spaces will become vacant at Step 6.

Clubs in any of the Regional Feeder Leagues throughout the South West will be eligible to apply for promotion to Step 6 of which there is already an agreed procedure and compliance requirement. The intention is to allow movement whilst also protecting those leagues numerically, exact numbers will depend on who applies, who complies and whether 18 clubs in each Step 6 division is possible, or whether 16 is a more practical solution.

In order to ensure sufficient numbers in the three divisions it may-be necessary to reduce the number of clubs due for relegation from the existing three Step 6 divisions in this one-off qualifying season.

In the event of 16 clubs per division at Step 6, alternative fixturing maybe considered such as an additional Cup competition for that Step.

## **Project South West – ORIGINAL Proposal**

This paper forms the basis for the Proposal, jointly put forward to, and accepted by The FA Leagues Committee who have since “Supported the Proposal in Principle”

The proposal is to merge the South West Peninsula League ('SWP') with the Western League ('WL') and establish a new Step 5 Division creating a new League comprising two divisions at step 5 and three at step 6. Officials of both leagues have held amicable preliminary discussions and it should be emphasised that a merger of equals is proposed, not a takeover of one by the other.

### **Introduction**

Football in the South West of England faced a significant change following the implementation of the National League System ('NLS') restructure in the summer of 2021. As a result, the SWP and the WL established a common goal to improve the situation created by the implementation. This proposal will detail and demonstrate the common approach agreed by officials of both leagues to ensure that the adopted model for the future of football in the Southwest of England is both achievable and sustainable. When the FA implemented the restructure of the NLS both the SWP and WL were supportive in that they clearly understood the need to enable the Cornish Clubs the same rights as any other Step 5 Club, in their desire to be part of the NLS with the promise of potential future promotion. The formation of the hierarchal pyramid made sense, but it was apparent that the Step 5 footprint had drastically expanded imposing a severe financial penalty on some WL clubs as indicated by the almost 50% increase in club travel distance with the associated cost increase, the worst case was 2,800 annual miles compared to previous 1,700 annual miles. Whilst immediately accepted by most member clubs, the current model is considered questionable over the longer term.

### **Background**

The Step 5 model has previously been attempted in the South West but with limited success. Cornish teams previously joined the WL Premier Division only to withdraw after several seasons due to the costs of travel within a very similar footprint that has been created. Also, clubs have refused promotion to the WL because of projected travel costs.

The current structure includes one step 5 division of the WL comprising 19 clubs whose current footprint extends from the Northeast suburbs of Bristol to Mousehole in the far west of Cornwall. This entails round trips in excess of 400 miles.

At step 6 there are currently three divisions. The SWP comprises two divisions with a footprint covering Devon (East, 20 clubs<sup>1</sup>) and Cornwall (West, 17 clubs as one resigned before season started). The WL step 6 division comprises 21 clubs with a footprint including South Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset. The SWP and WL currently have their own Boards of Directors, governance, and finance arrangements.

### **Objectives**

The prime objective is to create a cost effective, sustainable and environmentally friendly structure for Step 5/6 football in the Southwest.

The recent NLS restructure was a step forward but has in turn created challenges in terms of distance and cost which may not be sustainable thereby threatening club and player participation in future. The proposed new structure addresses these concerns which it is believed will lead to an improvement in standards both on and off the pitch as player retention and recruitment progress and funds saved in a reduction of travel costs can be directed into improvement of facilities. A chart showing current and projected mileage within the leagues is attached at Annex A.

Officials of both Leagues accept the principle that reasonable travel is an element of playing football at this level however there is increasing awareness of the environmental impacts of their activities as well as the financial costs. Whilst we cannot ascertain the precise reduction in Co2 emissions, it follows that a significant reduction in travel must bring about a reduction.

Administration will be centralised resulting in greater consistency of approach, application of rules and cost efficiency.



### **Future structure**

The SWP & TWL should combine into a new League Structure, rationalising costs and administration procedures to operate two Step 5 and three Step 6 Divisions by creating an additional Step 5 Division which would “ideally” require a total of 100 clubs (5 x 20 clubs per division). This number is however considered impractical and too disruptive at the outset, so the proposal has been amended to a model of 18 clubs per division (requiring a total of 90 clubs).

	<b>Start 2021/22</b>	<b>Proposed 18 Club Division 2023/24</b>
	WL Step 5 (19)	Step 5 North
		Step 5 South
	WL Step 6 (21)	
	SWP Step 6 East (20)	Step 6 East
		Step 6 Central
	SWP Step 6 West (18)	Step 6 West
<b>Total number of Clubs</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>90</b>

The name of the new league has yet to be discussed and agreed.

The two Step 5 leagues would create a new footprint with the North Division covering Bristol and its environs, Somerset, and depending on locations of eligible clubs, parts of East Devon and West Dorset with the South Division covering Devon and Cornwall and subject to location of eligible clubs South Somerset and West Dorset., as the attached maps show (Annex B) there would be a degree of flexibility to cover future promotion, relegation, and lateral movement. A key determinant in establishing boundaries will be travel distances, an average of less than 160 miles per game should be a maximum for Step 5 clubs and less than 100 miles per game for Step 6 clubs are proposed but some flexibility will be required as the league evolves over time. The environmental and cost aspects of a reduction in travelling of up to 50% for some Step 5 and Step 6 individual journeys cannot be understated but it is acknowledged that an element of this will be offset by the increase club mileage for some of the Step 6 West division.

To achieve this new structure requires the recruitment of up to a further 12 clubs. This would be achieved by way of promotion from Step 6, relegation from step 4 and some degree of lateral movement in the North and East of the territory, fully dependant of the situation when the transition is made. The vacancies at Step 6 would be filled by way of promotion from feeder leagues across the South West together with relegation from Step 5. Whilst the geography of the Step 6 leagues remains broadly similar there is an opportunity to rationalise numbers to 18 in each league making 54 clubs in all, currently the three Divisions have up to 60 clubs.

Looking to the future, a few options exist to determine the means of promotion from the new Step 5 divisions to Step 4. These might include end of season play offs prior to the NLS playoffs or an agreed rule change in line with the current NLS for the SWP Step 6 Divisions. Further detailed discussions have since taken place and would be subject to the FA Leagues Committee agreeing and altering, where necessary, the NLS Regulations.

A centralised administration function will be established using models already in existence elsewhere. Officials of both leagues believe that this new structure will create a cost effective, sustainable, and a greener environment for step 5/6 football across this geographically diverse and extended region.

It is hoped to have the new structure in place for the commencement of season 2023/24 following a season of transition during 2022/23.

## Financial

Latest audited accounts for both SWPL and WL show a healthy position at both and there has been no material change. WL sponsorship is due for review by 2023 and it is considered that sponsorship at or around existing levels will be required to maintain current levels of club support such as provision of footballs. This is reflected in projections prepared for management that show continuation of a healthy cash surplus for the new league in the initial years of operation.

It is important to note at this initial stage that no material impact on individual club finances is envisaged. In many cases reduced travelling overheads should bring about lower costs.

## Stakeholder management and communication

The following stakeholders have been identified; all are of equal importance:

- The FA
- County Football Associations
- The Boards of the SWP and WL
- Current member clubs
- Neighbouring and feeder leagues
- Sponsors

Their needs and concerns will be fully embraced as the project develops. A communication strategy using professional support will be developed to maintain transparency and avoid misinformation and rumour.

## Next steps

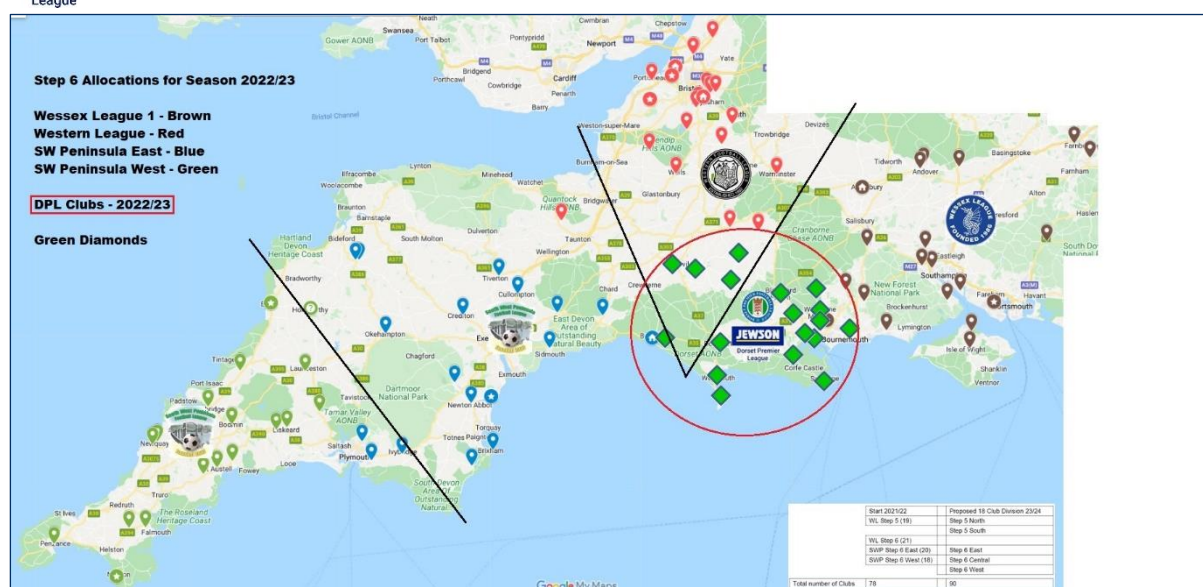
Now that the proposal is accepted in principle, by the FA Leagues Committee, work will commence to identify specific work streams and the individuals with appropriate skills to deliver these. An early step will be face to face consultation with clubs involving officers of the two existing leagues and the FA. Feedback from these will be incorporated into the project going forward.



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The following is my interpretation of the Proposal and how / where it might impact the JDPL, this is not set in stone but we have 5 at present, and possibly 8 Clubs that may sit in the SW Eastern Division Geographic Boundaries.



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