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We extend a warm welcome to our visitors Moneyfields - welcome to the players, officials and supporters of today's visiting team and also to the match officials.

We hope you all enjoy your visit to The OnSite Group Stadium this afternoon.

We also thank the sponsors of today's game, Kingsmere Group, and hope they enjoy their afternoon with us.

Today's mascots from our youth section who will be leading the teams out just before kick-off are the under-10s Vikings.

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against Bognor Regis Town, we have played three away games - two in the league and one in the Emirates FA Cup.

In the league we had to come from behind to beat Fareham Town 3-2 and on Saturday we fell to a disappointing 2-0 defeat at Bedfont Sports.

In the FA Cup we came from behind to beat today's opposition Moneyfields 2-1 to progress into the next round - and the draw has given us a tough away trip to Gloucester City next Saturday.

From that game at Moneyfields we know we are in for another tough afternoon today as there was little between the two sides when we met nine days ago.

We are going to have to work hard to earn the three points on offer today but it gives us a chance to swiftly put Saturday's set back at Bedfont behind us.

Today we need your superb backing once again and it would be great to see as many of you as possible at Gloucester next Saturday. Keep that fantastic backing of the lads going!

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Hampshire Senior Cup Winners - 2023-24

Runners-up - 2024-25

Wessex League Premier Division Winners - 2024-25

Wessex League Premier Division Promotion Play Off Semi Finalists - 2023-24

Wessex League Division 1 Runners-up - 2011-12

Wessex League Cup Winners -2014-15, 2017-18, 2024-25. Runners-up - 2023-24

Wessex League Charity Cup Winners - 2023-24, 2025-26

Russell Cotes Cup Winners – 2013-14, 2016-17, 2024-25

Portsmouth Senior Cup Winners – 2024-25. Runnersup – 2017-18 Hampshire League Division 2 Runners-up - 1999-2000

Division 1 Winners - 2001-02

Portsmouth and District League Runners-up - 1997-98

RESERVES

Hampshire Intermediate Cup Winners - 2011-12

Wyvern League Premier Division Winners - 2014-15, 2015-16

Wyvern League East Division Runners-up - 2011-12

LADIES

Southern Region Women's League Division 1 South Winners - 2023-24

Hampshire County Women's League Division 3 Winners - 2015-16, 2020-21

Division 2 Runners-up - 2016-17, 2021-22

Division 1 Winners - 2022-23

Hampshire County Women's League Invitation Cup Winners - 2021-22

Hampshire FA Women's Junior Cup Winners - 2015-16

Hampshire FA Women's Trophy Winners - 2021-22

PDFA Women's Senior Cup Runners-up - 2023-24

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When Stuart Fleetwood dusted down his scoring boots to turn out for hometown club Newent Town, he was preparing for his 23rd season in senior football.

It's a career which has taken the 39-year-old striker to a whole host of clubs, from League 1 down into non-league, even managing Swindon Supermarine for the past two seasons.

The former Hereford, Forest Green Rovers, Luton, Eastleigh and Sutton United striker revealed to The Non League Paper that he even had to borrow his son's shinpads to turn out for the Hellenic League Division 1 Daffs, the club where he played most of his youth football before he was spotted by Cardiff City.

"I feel good in my body, I feel pretty fit and it's the club I used to play youth team football for so I've done a complete full circle," Fleetwood said. "Until any coaching jobs come up, I just want to go out and play on a Saturday.

"That's why I'll never retire – I'll probably always be knocking around looking for a game.

"I've actually had to borrow my son's shinpads for this week. Sonny is with the under-12s at Forest Green.

"He's lent me his shinpads for the first game and told me to sort myself out after that."

There are a number of Golden Oldies out there, still playing, who can relate to the thrill of being put through their paces for another season. We reported on former Premier League striker Charlie Austin preparing for a fresh start at Southern League Premier South club Basingstoke Town and scoring on debut at the age of 36.

We also ran a story on former Charlton, Nottingham Forest and Birmingham City striker Lyle Taylor following his move to Chelmsford City. We've seen another former top-flight big gun, Grant Holt, earn himself a new deal.

At the ripe age of 44, the former Norwich City and Forest front man has teamed up with Eastern Counties Premier division side Dereham Town.

Carlos Edwards, the former Sunderland and Ipswich wide man, is now 46 but turning out regularly for Hadleigh United; Kevin Ellison, an EFL stalwart with Tranmere Rovers and Morecambe is leading Vauxhall Motors' front line at the same age; and Chris Dickson is now at Step 3 Cray Wanderers at the age of 40.

But perhaps the oldest playing regular still currently turning out is Jamie Cureton, player-manager at Isthmian North side Cambridge City who turns 50 later this month.

Cureton has the record of another veteran top-flight frontman, Barry Hayles, in his sights having played Step 6 football at Windsor FC at the age of 51 before the club resigned from the Combined Counties League this summer.

Elsewhere, strike pair Matt Rhead and Tom Pope hold joint player-manager roles at Kidsgrove Athletic at the ages of 41 and 39 respectively, while the effervescent Jon Challinor is beginning his 13th season at Stamford aged 44.

The former York City and Aldershot midfielder led the England Over 40s side to World Cup glory earlier this summer.

And talking of club legends, lan Henderson is still banging in goals at Rochdale at the age of 40.

After a decade at Spotland, over two separate spells, Henderson is quite easily Rochdale's record goalscorer and has been rewarded for his loyalty with a new deal from Dale boss Jimmy McNulty, his former teammate.

All of these Golden Oldies, and many more still turning out in the non-league game, continue to put their bodies on the line purely to ignite their passion for the game they have loved their entire careers.

They really are an inspiration to us all.

BY JON COUCH





FA CUP ADVENTURE TAKES ROYALS TO GLOUCESTER

AFC Portchester have been drawn away to Gloucester City in the First Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup.

Their reward for beating fellow Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division side Moneyfields is a trip west to face Pitching In Southern League Premier South Division opposition – a 224-mile round trip.

The tie is being played next Saturday, August 30, kick off 3pm. Gloucester list their matchday ticket prices as £16 for adults, £12 for concessions, a youth/student ticket is available at £8 and under-12s get in free.

There are two main seated stands at The TigerTurf Stadium – The 1883 Stand and The City Stand, both of which are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Wheelchair viewing areas are located at the bottom of both stands. Hospitality boxes and the boardroom is located at the top of these stands.

Behind the goals are the covered terraces. The T-End is the traditional home supporters end and the vocal heart of the support – expect chants, flags and the occasional pyrotechnic display from the home crowd.

In keeping with the Gloucester City fans' tradition of not switching ends at half time, away supporters are not permitted to stand in the T-End.

The Tom Webb Stand is the designated away supporters end. The West Stand is an uncovered viewing area which stretches the length of the pitch, ideal for those who want a managers-eye view of the game.

A pie and a pint is a staple of non-league football and you won't be disappointed with the matchday refreshments at Gloucester City.

At the 1883 Sports Bar you can find a selection of hot drinks, soft and alcoholic beverages, crisps and confectionary, big screen sport and a dartboard.

Right next door is the 1883 Clubhouse Grill serving delicious food and great value prices as well as hot drinks and cold cans.

For segregated matches extra bars and food kiosks are open around the stadium.

Gloucester City FC also welcome guest caterers Spago to their games, who are on hand every match with their crepe and coffee trailer not to be missed!

Gloucester City currently sit in top spot in their league table after playing their opening four fixtures of the season.

The Royals' involvement in the FA Cup means the scheduled home league game against Hartley Wintney that day will now be re-arranged – no new date and kick off time has yet to be set for this fixture.



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ROYALS SET FOR RETURN TO FAREHAM IN LEAGUE CUP

AFC Portchester will be making a return trip to Fareham Town thanks to the draw for the opening round of the Isthmian League Cup.

The draw for the First Round of the Alan Turvey Cup, sponsored by Velocity, saw the two sides paired together for a tie to be played at Cams Alders.

The game has now been arranged for Tuesday, September 9, kick off 7.45pm. The winners of the EI Creekio derby game will be at home to Egham Town in the Second Round.

AFC Portchester's ladies team will be taking part in the Isthmian League's Women's Cup this season.

They have been drawn to play Dulwich Hamlet at The OnSite Group Stadium in the Second Round of the competition.

No date has been arranged yet for the tie but it must be played before October 31.

The men's team have received byes in the early rounds of both the Hampshire Senior Cup and Portsmouth Senior Cup.

Finalists in last year's Servio Men's Senior Cup, the Royals have avoided having to play in both the Preliminary Round and First Round stages.

The Royals were one of ten sides who received a bye from the First Round stage of the Portsmouth Senior Cup.



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FIRST TEAM STATS 25-26

APPEARANCES

PLAYER	GAMES
CONOR BAILEY	6
JACK LEE	6
STEVEN MOWTHORPE	6
ALFIE STANLEY	6
ARCHIE WILLCOX	6
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	6
CALVIN DAVIES	5
RYAN PENNERY	5
MARLEY RIDGE	4 (2)
LEE WORT	4 (2)
ZACK WILLETT	3 (3)
ROBTAW	3 (2)
JAMES COWAN	2 (2)
RYAN WILKINS	2
CONNOR DUFFIN	1 (5)
MAXSMITH	1 (3)
ASH HOWES	0 (3)
OLI DAVIES	0 (2)
CADE DYER	O (1)



GOALS

PLAYER	GOALS
LEE WORT	4
ALFIE STANLEY	3
CONNOR DUFFIN	2
RYAN PENNERY	2
ZACK WILLETT	2
JACK LEF	1



TODAY'S LEAGUE FIXTURES

Premier Division

Canvey Island v Aveley
Carshalton Athletic v Chichester City
Chatham Town v Folkestone Invicta
Cray Wanderers v Brentwood Town
Hashtag United v Billericay Town
Lewes v Burgess Hill Town
Potters Bar Town v Wingate and Finchley
Ramsgate v Dartford
St Albans City v Cheshunt
Welling United v Cray Valley PM
Whitehawk v Dulwich Hamlet

North Division

Bowers and Pitsea v Heybridge Swifts
Brantham Athletic v Concord Rangers
Cambridge City v Walthamstow
Downham Town v Takeley
Gorleston v Felixstowe and Walton United
Grays Athletic v Witham Town
Lowestoft Town v Wroxham
Maldon and Tiptree v Tilbury
Newmarket Town v Mildenhall Town
Stanway Rovers v Brightlingsea Regent
Waltham Abbey v Redbridge

South Central Division

AFC Portchester v Moneyfields
Ascot United v Southall
Binfield v Hartley Wintney
Egham Town v Bedfont Sports
Hayes and Yeading Utd v Harrow Borough
Hendon v Hanworth Villa
Horndean v Bognor Regis Town
Kingstonian v Leatherhead
Metropolitan Police v Raynes Park Vale
Westfield v South Park (Reigate)

South East Division

AFC Whyteleafe v Faversham Town
Ashford United v Margate
Beckenham Town v AFC Croydon Athletic
Broadbridge Heath v Three Bridges
Crowborough Athletic v Hastings United
East Grinstead Town v Sevenoaks Town
Hassocks v Eastbourne Town
Herne Bay v Deal Town
Merstham v Jersey Bulls
Sheppey United v Sittingbourne
VCD Athletic v Erith Town

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS MONEYFIELDS



GLEN RETURNS AS MANAGER

Callum Glen, a former Moneyfields player, returned to the club to become manager during this summer.

He had two seasons in charge of Petersfield Town, working alongside another ex-Moneys man in Connor Hoare as joint-manager.

The Rams finished 13th in the Wessex Premier Division in their first season, and after a move to the Southern Combination League last season, they finished fifth before losing in the promotion play-offs.

Glen came through Moneyfields' youth set-up and went on to play 105 times for the first team at the club.

On his appointment, Glen expressed his delight at being given the opportunity to manage the club.

He said: "I am delighted to be returning to a club I know very well. Having been captain of the youth team that won the league and Hampshire Cup double in 2015 and going on to make over 100 appearances as a player, it now seems fitting that I take have been appointed as the first team manager.

"Moneyfields is a club who are used to success under previous leadership, and this is something I am keen to build on." Moneyfields began its current guise back in 1987. Having reached the upper age group of the Portsmouth Junior Leagues, a group of players decided to continue playing as a collective by joining Portsmouth Civil Service and in turn forming their reserves side.

Gradually most of the players moved up to the first team, by 1991 the side had risen from the Portsmouth League into the Hampshire League Division 1, coming off the back of three successive promotions.

The club's league success was also matched in cup competitions with Portsmouth Senior Cup wins in 1991 and 1992, followed by Hampshire Intermediate Cup victories in 1992 and 1993.

After several seasons in the upper reaches of the Hampshire League, it became apparent the club would have to move away from their home in Copnor Road if they were to progress.

After scouring the city, the club agreed a lease on the old Moneyfields Sports Ground in Copnor. In 1994 the club moved to its current ground and became part of the social club whose name Moneyfields now carry.

The Division 1 years were particularly successful and under the management of George Wain and Micky Gee, Moneys never finished lower than sixth place and clinched the 1996-97 league title by 15 points.

Success on the field was matched by extensive ground developments off it. Thanks to a National Lottery Sports Fund grant, new changing rooms, offices and a floodlit all-weather pitch were constructed as part of the scheme to bring the facilities up to Wessex League standard.

With the developments in place, the 1997-98 campaign saw a tense battle with Blackfield and Langley to see who would claim a spot in the Wessex League. Although Blackfield just pipped Moneys in the table, Moneyfields' better facilities meant it was they who claimed promotion.

The first season in the Wessex League saw the club surprise many people by finishing sixth. The next couple of seasons saw the club post respectable top-ten finishes, but after finishing a disappointing 16th in 2000-01, George Wain and Micky Gee decided to step down after 13 seasons in charge.

Under the managerial trio of Calvin Hore, Terry Arnold and Paul Gregory, and then the duo of Craig Stafford and Miles Rutherford, Moneyfields established itself in the middle third of the table as well as embarking on a series of runs in the FA Cup and FA Vase.

The management line up was boosted in 2004-05 by the arrival of Bobby De Ste Croix and Alan Smith from Havant and Waterlooville.

Moneyfields reached the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup in 2005-06, losing 4-3 to Gosport Borough at West Leigh Park. In 2006-07 Moneys reached the Third Round of the FA Vase, losing to AFC Totton.

The 2007-08 season saw Moneys defeated in the League Cup final, losing 1-0 against Wimborne Town. In 2008-09, Moneyfields led the remaining 21 teams for a short period of time and Conor Bailey scored Moneys' 100th goal of the season. The first team and reserve team both finishing third in their respective tables that season.

After five seasons in the Moneyfields hot seat, Bobby De Ste Croix retired as manager. He was replaced by former manager Micky Gee's son Graeme, who was also a very loyal player over the years at Moneyfields.

In 2010-11, Moneys finished in a respectable seventh place in the Wessex Premier Division. Warren Hunt topped the goalscoring charts with a club record of 35 goals in a season. The reserves finished fourth in the Wessex Combination League and runners-up in the Portsmouth Senior Cup, losing 1-0 to Horndean in the final.

Moneys ended the following season in fourth position, with former AFC Bournemouth forward Steve Hutchings finishing top goalscorer, with 34 goals. The reserves again finished fourth but this time in the newly formed Wyvern Combination League and they lost in the Portsmouth Senior Cup final, beaten 4-3 at Fratton Park by US Portsmouth.

The club won the Portsmouth Senior Cup in 2012-13 but were runners-up again in the 2014-15 competition. The 2015-16 season saw manager Miles Rutherford resign after 12 years in charge and he was replaced by Dave Carter, who joined from Wessex Premier Division side Horndean. Carter led Moneys to an eighth place finish and they also reached the Fourth Round of the FA Vase.

In Carter's first full season in charge at Dover Road Moneyfields finished top of the table in the Wessex League Premier Division. But three days after the season ended, the FA took three points away from Moneys for fielding an ineligible player, giving the title to Portland United. However, Moneys still gained promotion to the Southern League Division 1 South East.

Moneys ended their first season in the Southern League with a decent tenth place finish. The club also entered the FA Trophy for the first in their history.

In 2018-19 Moneys won a place in the promotion play-offs, after ending the season fourth in the league table on 71 points.

Despite clinching a play-off place, it was made impossible for the club to gain promotion due to technicalities. This was because of a league restructuring and there then being insufficient space in the leagues above for all of the play-off winners to be promoted.

Moneyfields were in 18th position when the 2019-20 season was abandoned due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and at that stage they were also in the Portsmouth Senior Cup quarter finals and Hampshire Senior Cup semi finals.

Moneys played the remaining Portsmouth Senior Cup ties during the 2020-21 season and went on to win the competition against Baffins Milton Rovers at Fratton Park.

In February 2021 Dave Carter stepped down to join AFC Portchester as manager, so the two Louis' - Savage and Bell - took charge for the Portsmouth Senior Cup semi final against Fareham Town and for the final.

The 2021-22 campaign was Moneys' first season back in the Wessex League after voluntarily being relegated due to a loss of sponsorship and finance because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The team was under new management in Glenn Turnbull, Fraser Quirke and Paul Barton, who joined from US Portsmouth.

Moneys finished ninth in the league that season and made the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup before losing to Gosport Borough 4-1.

The following season, Moneys played their home games at The Draper Tools Community Stadium, Home of Havant and Waterlooville, due to the redevelopment of Dover Road into the John Jenkins Stadium.

The club's attendances were at an all-time high in the 2022-23 season, with gates averaging 230 per game, including a club record attendance of 1,012 against AFC Portchester for a thrilling 3-3 draw on December 27, 2022.

On April 13, 2024, Moneyfields beat Laverstock and Ford 4-2 away from home to clinch the Wessex Premier Division title, being the first team from Portsmouth to do so. Last season they finished in seventh position.

INTRODUCING THE VISITORS MONEYFIELDS

CALLUM SMART - GOALKEEPER

Callum joined Moneyfields from Gosport Borough in November 2024, where he had played for the past few seasons. He also got first team football while out on loan at Alresford Town, Fleet Town and Thatcham Town. In his first season at Moneys, Smart kept nine clean sheets in 30 appearances.

KIERAN ALCOCK - DEFENDER

Kieran was recruited from manager Callum Glen's former club Petersfield Town during the close season. He was key to Petersfield's success last season, featuring 32 times in total. Over his four seasons at Love Lane, Kieran amassed 156 appearances for the Rams and scored 14 goals.

TOM CAIN - DEFENDER

Tom joined Moneyfields in 2021 from US Portsmouth, and he picked up the manager's, players' and supporter's Player of the Year awards in his first season with Moneys. Tom had been on the injury list for some time and was a big boost to the side on his return at the start of 2024 and was a key figure in the club's debut Isthmian League campaign.

ETHAN GEE - DEFENDER

The left-sided defender joined from Andover New Street in July 2024 and went on to play 22 times and score three goals last season. Ethan spent time back at Andover NS on dual-registration and was part of their FA Vase semi final side.

TOM JEFFES - DEFENDER

The centre half has extended his stay at the John Jenkins Stadium for a third season. Since signing from Horndean, Jeffes has gone on to be a key figure in the Moneys back line, appearing in 76 games and finding the net ten times. The former centre forward has previously been with US Portsmouth, Poole Town, Christchurch and Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

YUMO WAN - DEFENDER

Wan, who impressed in the Wessex League with his composure on the ball and no-

nonsense defending, adds further depth and energy to the Moneys back line. The 21-year-old has also featured for Eastleigh in their youth ranks, and while he was at AFC Stoneham, the central defender played the full 90 minutes in their FA Cup tie away at Yeovil Town in 2023.

LAWRENCE COOPER - MIDFIELDER

Cooper was signed from Horndean in June 2022. The midfielder can also operate as a sweeper or as a wing-back. During Moneyfields' debut Isthmian League campaign, Lawrence was used as a utility player, playing in every outfield position and wearing every outfield shirt number.

LOUIS GATES - MIDFIELDER

An energetic and versatile midfielder, Louis arrived this summer following a stand-out campaign with Crawley Down Gatwick. Gates made 45 appearances last season across all competitions, quickly becoming a key figure for the Anvils with his work rate, tenacity, and eye for a forward pass.

FARIS KHALLOUQI - MIDFIELDER

Faris was signed this summer from Haywards Heath Town. The Belgium-born winger was in great form last season as Haywards Heath finished fourth and narrowly missed out on promotion via the play-offs. He also had short stints with Lancing and Broadbridge Heath at the end of the 2024-25 season. He is very capable of playing in midfield and in the number 10 role, as well as on the wing.

MIKEY O'CONNELL - MIDFIELDER

The young midfielder signed from Wessex Premier Division side Millbrook, where he made his debut during the 2022-23 season at the age of 16. O'Connell scored 16 goals in his 49 appearances during the following campaign and then had another impressive season at Millbrook where he played 56 times and scored on 12 occasions.

ADAM PAYCE - MIDFIELDER

The former Portsmouth player joined Moneys in the summer from Horndean where he spent the

latter part of the 2024-25 season. Payce, a creative midfield player, made his first team debut for Portsmouth in a 3-0 win over Crystal Palace under-21s in an EFL Trophy fixture at Fratton Park in November 2021. He went on to feature against Crawley Town and Aston Villa under-21s before leaving the club at the end of his contract in June 2023. He has also had spells at Farnborough, Sholing, Hartley Wintney, Hungerford Town and Badshot Lea.

JORDAN PILE - MIDFIELDER

The left-footed midfielder and ex-US Portsmouth player, was signed from Horndean in January 2025, going on to score once in 16 games last season and taking his overall Moneys total to two goals in 96 appearances.

RUDI BLANKSON - STRIKER

Rudi Blankson joined Moneyfields from Horndean during the close season. A product of the Portsmouth youth system, Rudi also featured for Baffins Milton Rovers, before enjoying a standout season at Horndean in the Isthmian League South Central Division. Despite naturally being a forward, he was called upon to fill in at centre back, underlining both his versatility and work rate.

JAMES FRANKLYN - STRIKER

'The Lord' signed from US Portsmouth in 2021 and was previously at Folland Sports. He was used predominantly as a right back at US Portsmouth before Glenn Turnbull moved him

into his more familiar role as an attackingmidfielder. In his first four seasons at Moneys, Franklyn has scored 54 goals in his 138 appearances.

KALEEM HAITHAM - STRIKER

Kaleem was signed from Chichester City this summer but was previously part of the Moneyfields youth set-up. He progressed through the youth ranks at Portsmouth, making his debut in the EFL Trophy at Exeter City. Haitham was part of the Chichester squad who won promotion in 2023-24 from the Isthmian League South East Division.

KAROL SKOCZEN - STRIKER

Karol is a hard working, athletic forward who joined Moneyfields from Southern League side Bashley this summer. He has had a good goal to game ratio at Step 5 level while playing for Alton, Brockenhurst, Horndean, Pagham and Totton and Eling, before stepping up a level to lead the attack for Bashley, Bemerton Heath Harlequins and Lymington Town.

KEVIN NGOMBI - STRIKER

Kevin Ngombi arrived from Northern League side Boldmere St Michaels and has developed a reputation as a powerful and intelligent forward, combining his strength with excellent technical ability. Last season he bagged eight goals, including a hat-trick in a 4-0 win against Rugby Town. He also had short dual-registration spells at Smethwick Rangers and Highgate United.

MONEYS' COACHING STAFF

GRAHAM PURSER - ASSISTANT MANAGER

Graham arrived at Moneyfields this summer after a couple of seasons with AFC Stoneham as first team coach, and prior to that he was also first team coach at Alton.

In a managerial capacity, Graham was reserve/development team manager at Alresford Town, where he won the Wyvern League Division 1 and the Wyvern Cup.

As a player he was at Alton, Alresford Town, Farnham Town and Four Marks.

TERRY COX - LEAD COACH

Last season Terry, a UEFA A licensed coach, was first team coach at Bemerton Heath Harlequins after leaving Hythe and Dibden in September.

He also coaches with EFL Championship side Portsmouth's academy.

Terry was with Hythe and Dibden for seven seasons in total, winning promotion from Wessex Division 1 in 2020-21 and the Russell Cotes Cup against Hamble Club.

DANNY PHILLIPS - GOALKEEPER COACH

Danny has been promoted to the first team having joined the club in October 2024 and coaching for the reserve team.

He was previously part of the backroom staff at Fareham Town and Petersfield Town, as well as managing Meon Milton's first team during the 2018-19 season. Danny was also previously a youth team coach at Gosport Borough.

On the physio front, Rob Pattison is head physio for Moneyfields, with Harriet Millar as sports therapist.



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PORTCHESTER ON WRONG END OF NINE GOAL THRILLER

AFC Portchester grabbed defeat from the jaws of victory as Bognor Regis Town produced a shock fight back to claim all three points.

The Royals were flying at one point – leading 4-1 on 50 minutes after dominating the first half – but Bognor managed to hang in there and momentum shifted in their direction as they not only got back on level terms, but they snatched the win with an injury time goal.

The Rocks became only the fifth side to beat AFC Portchester at The OnSite Group Stadium since the start of the 2022-23 season - that was just the fifth defeat in their last 58 home league games for the Royals.

We didn't have to wait long for the arrival of the first goal in this nine goal thriller. It came on four minutes after a Bognor player had been caught as the home side looked to clear their lines and Tommy Scutt sent keeper Steven Mowthorpe diving the wrong way with his spot kick.

However, Portchester drew level six minutes later after Lee Wort picked up the ball in midfield and played it out to Zack Willett on the right. His cross to the far post picked out Alfie Stanley and he headed the ball into the net.

The home side took the lead on 21 minutes when Wort's ball in from the left picked out Willett, who sent his header on to the crossbar but the rebound dropped straight back to him and he headed the ball into the empty net.

The third Portchester goal almost followed four minutes later when a corner from the left was flicked towards his own goal by Tommy Block and keeper Mac Chisholm had to produce a fine fingertip save to divert the ball over the crossbar.

On 39 minutes Ryan Pennery and James Cowan combined to get down the left hand side of the box and the shot was partially blocked before a defender got back to clear the danger.

The Royals went 3-1 up in the sixth minute of stoppage time at the end of the first half. Willett again got in behind the Bognor defence on the right and he lifted the ball to Pennery in front of goal and he steered his shot into the net.

Portchester started the second half brightly and on 48 minutes Willett picked up the ball in space just outside the penalty area but he put his shot straight at Chisholm.

Two minutes later they were 4-1 up when a corner from the right headed straight to Chisholm but under pressure from Jack Lee he dropped the ball inside the six yard box and the Royals defender applied the finishing touch.

Bognor should have pulled their first goal back on 53 minutes when Simba Mlambo missed from close range but the visitors did score a minute later when Callum Laycock slid in to convert a cross from the right.

On 62 minutes the home side were inches away from killing off the Bognor comeback when a corner from the right found Stanley on the far side of the box and his curling effort thumped against the crossbar and was cleared to safety.

Bognor made it 4-3 a minute later. The visitors produced a flowing move forwards through midfield and the ball was worked up to Billy Allcock, who hit a curling shot into the net that left Mowthorpe with no chance of getting to it.

Allcock had two more attempts on goal created from runs which saw him cut in from the right – the first flew well over the target but the second from the edge of the box went narrowly wide.

Bognor's fightback was completed with five minutes remaining when they netted their equaliser.

A dangerous cross was sent into the heart of the penalty area and Allcock was on hand to head the ball home.

Any idea that either side would shut up shop and settle for a point at this stage was a mistaken one as both created chances to snatch a fifth goal in the closing stages.

Rob Taw's inswinging cross from the right had Chisholm back peddling but the ball dropped just over the bar and in the final minute of normal time Willett's cross from the right picked out Connor Duffin at the far post but he put his header agonisingly wide of the target.

The winning goal which stunned the Portchester contingent came in the eighth minute of injury time.

Allcock again proved to be the danger man, sending in a cross which Mowthorpe partially blocked but the ball fell to Mlambo and he knocked it home from close range.



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