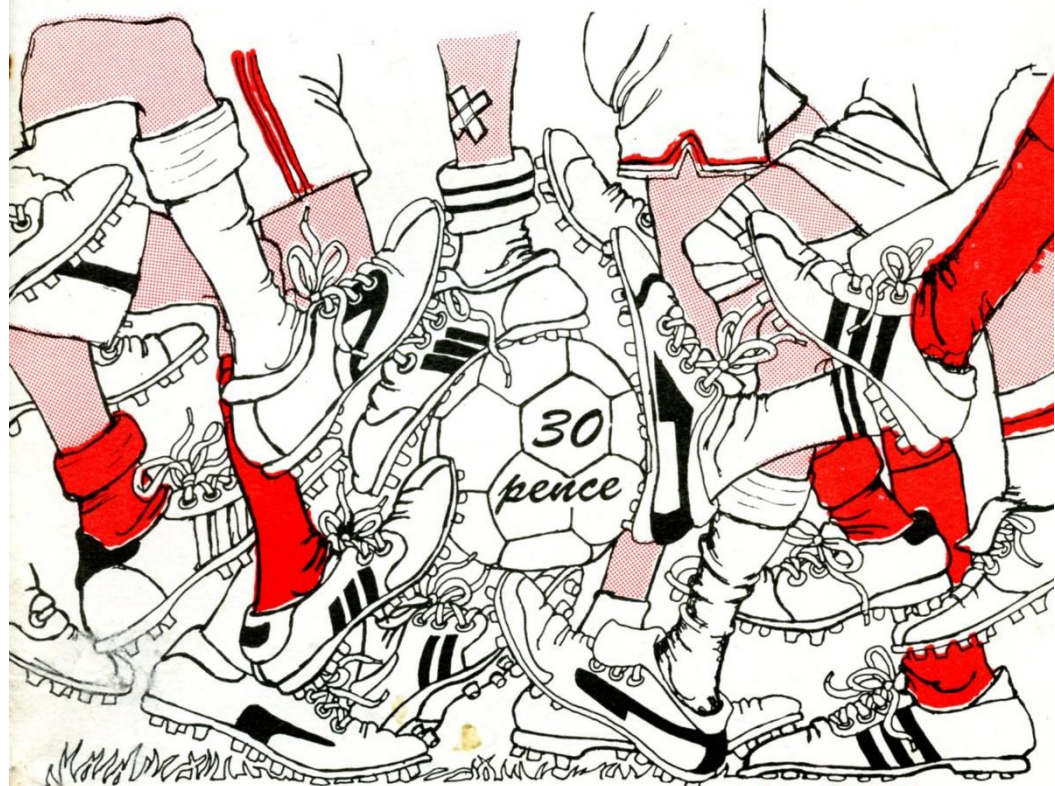


# VERWOOD TOWN F.C.

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Tonight we welcome Ringwood Town F.C. to Potterne. Our last League fixture finished with a 0-0 result but gave an exciting spectacle for the crowd to enjoy. We know we can expect another cracking game. One feature will be the Bingham brothers who starred for us in our last encounter but whose transfer to Ringwood means they will be on the opposite side of the match card.



**RINGWOOD TOWN (above)** — front row, l to r: Dave Berry, Rob Coe, Chike Onourah, Ossie Onourah (capt), Mark Sandell, Wayne Jones, Phil Morrell; back row: Mike Fowler (asst manager), Kevin Rowett, Alan Few, Peter Burbidge, Mick Rudd, Bob Lane, Paul Allen, Steve Trimby (club official), Bob Simpson (manager).

Whatever the result, we hope Ringwood F.C. will join us after the game in the Monmouth Ash for a social get-together and light refreshment.

## HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE PICTURE SPECIAL

### Keepers shine in local derby

VERWOOD goalkeeper Ashley Long produced a string of fine saves to force a 0-0 draw in the local derby clash at Ringwood Town's Long Lane ground in the Leading Agencies Hampshire League Division Two.

And at the other end Mark Rudd stood out in goal for the home team, who looked rusty after a three-week

lay-off.

The visitors' two best chances fell to Mark Bingham, while Long made a spectacular save from Onourah at the other end.

Despite being on top in the early stages Verwood were forced to endure long spells of pressure, with sweeper Adrian Arnold outstanding.



**VERWOOD TOWN (right)** — front row, l to r: Tony Pharoah, Keiren Coll, Adrian Arnold (capt), Graeme McMillan, Mack Bingham; back row: Alan Bingham, Shaun Phillips, Ashley Long, Andy Barham, Martin Pharoah, Nick Long.

## Performance up to and including 6.4.91

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
League	24	6	8	10	30	36	26
Cup	8	5	0	3	17	15	
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### Scorers

	<u>Lg</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Gale	9	4	13
2. Pharoah M.	3	3	6
3. Barham	2	2	4
4. Arnold	2	1	3
5. Bingham A.	3	0	3
6. Guy	1	2	3
7. Long	1	2	3
8. McMillan	2	1	3
9. Phillips	3	0	3
10. Bingham M.	0	2	2
11. Miller	2	0	2
12. Simmonds	1	0	1
13. Warren	1	0	1
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	30	17	47
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The tension of this fixture was evident both in the dressing room and in the early stages of the game. Neither side wanted to yield an inch and, with Ringwood playing five across the back, the early exchanges met with negative results. Certainly, Ringwood looked the better of the two sides in the first 20 minutes and it was little surprise when they broke on the left and a good cross was turned in by a nippy centre forward. Fred Warren's momentary lapse was not to be repeated and Warren's drive and determination percolated throughout the side as we turned the game to our favour. Ahern's marshalling qualities at the back provided the springboard for VIFC's onslaught as we played good football out of the back, building moves and bringing into action speedy Martin Pharoah and the rugged Shaun Gale. Gale's blockbuster of a shot from McMillan's through pass deserved better than a ricochet off a post. Arnold almost brought scores level with a quality strike but good goalkeeping kept Ringwood ahead. An offside game developed with play confined to about 15 yards centrally located. Again, Ahern's reading of the game was an important factor in VIFC's dominance and, with Tony Pharoah breaking on the right, Ringwood started to buckle. An exchange of one two's forced the visitors back and Tony Pharoah's cross ball from the box was met by brother Martin. A hard cross and up went Phillips to power the equaliser past a despairing keeper.

The second half was explosive in the first ten minutes when either side could have scored. McLeod's strength was an important feature as we began winning midfield dominance but Ringwood were always threatening to snatch a goal from a break. Spooner at left back made an important tackle stopping a Ringwood right wing raid and a measured cross ball to Warren set up another raid as Warren sent away McMillan. McMillan broke through the middle but his shot was too straight and Ringwood's keeper gathered cleanly. Gale and Arnold combined well in the 70th minute and Gale's through ball to Martin Pharoah almost clinched a second goal but Pharoah's hard left foot shot clipped the bar and skipped over.

It was an exciting finish to the game as both sides went close but the 1-1 result put a dent in Ringwood's promotion gallop and served to emphasise the re-emergence of VIFC as a force to be reckoned with.