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**Match Reports Saturday 30th September 2017**

***"SWANS PAY THE PENALTY AS THE BULLS STAMPEDE OVER THEM"***

## **HOLT UNITED 5 SWANAGE TOWN & H 3**

This highly anticipated game between the current Champions and the current league leaders, proved to be a highly entertaining spectacle which eventually swung in the home sides favour after the visitor's keeper was sent off in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute. After a cagey start, the Swans opened the scoring when Jake Harrod found space on the left wing, and when his cross was punched clear, it fell to Cameron Beard who found the net. 15 minutes later, Harrod had a chance himself but his low shot was stopped by Chris Lynch down to his left. Holt equalised after half an hour when James Murray found Nathan Saxby who picked out Mike Haskell at the far post, who finished well. 5 minutes later Holt could have been in front on 2 occasions as Nathan Saxby found himself twice one on one with Dan Beeston, but he was denied by the visiting keeper on both occasions. Holt were then reduced to 10 men after Charlie Gadjic was sent to the sin bin for slowing down a free kick but it was Holt who nearly scored next but Mike Haskell's free kick hit the post. However, in first half injury time, Swanage went ahead when Aaron Atkinson found space at the far post and slotted home HT 1-2. Swanage were 3-1 ahead on the hour mark when Holt lost the ball



in midfield and when the ball arrived at the feet of Atkinson, he finished with aplomb into the top right corner of Lynch's net. Holt pulled one back 5 minutes later after a short corner was crossed in by substitute Elliot Manson and Haskell rose well to head home. The pivotal

moment came with 20 minutes to go when Saxby was through on goal but his effort was saved by Beeston, however he was adjudged to be outside his box and was shown a red card. From the resulting free kick, Luke Homer calmly struck the shot around the wall and into the net for the equaliser. Holt sensed blood and a minute later, Saxby finally got his goal when he was played in behind the Swans defence and he Cooley finished to put the hosts ahead for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the match. Swanage were then reduced to nine men when Dave Best was sin binned for protesting with the referee but Holt found it difficult to capitalise on their numerical advantage. But on 85 minutes, Elliot Manson finished well from the right-hand side to make it 5-3. Still the visitors pressed and there was further late drama when the visitors were awarded a penalty after Holt player Shane Jackson handled the ball in the box, but Atkinson couldn't achieve his hat trick on the day as he blazed the ball over the bar.

## **"BALTI SHUT AT SHOP AGAINST THE CHERRIES ..... AT LAST"**

### **BALTI SPORTS 5 STURMINSTER NEWTON 0**

Balti remain in pole position after this deserved win against a Cherries side who have now gone 7 games without a win after their promising start to the season. Balti again demonstrated their free-flowing football going forward and at times played some lovely football, the difference in this game as opposed to recent others is defensively they were solid too. The first goal came from a corner which was headed home by Ryan Dovell. The home midfield was running the show as the visitors were denied getting any foothold in the game, the second goal came from more good play through the middle and Dan Andrews Cooley slotting home first time into the bottom corner. Balti's third goal was a lovely in swinging shot from the right that went straight in the top corner Liam from Taylor. HT 3-0. The Second half was more of the same from Balti who soon got their 4th following good work down the left eventually finding Dan Andrews who finished very well. The last goal of the game came from another corner which again found Ryan Dovell who tapped home. This was a convincing win for the hosts and with a much-needed clean sheet too.

## **"MERLEY MAKE THE TANGERINES PAY FOR NOT FINISHING"**

### **GILLINGHAM TOWN 0 MERLEY CS 1**



Gillingham were boosted by the return of their keeper Jamie Beale after being absent for two matches due to injury. The Gills got off to a cracking start with Elliot Bevis putting a fierce shot just over the bar in the first minute and shortly after being foiled by Merley keeper Aaron Drayton. Merley had Drayton to thank again a few minutes later when Buddy O'Shea was through on goal, Drayton blocking the shot with his legs. Drayton was finally beaten just before the quarter hour mark when Nick Thomson lobbed the ball over his head, but the Gills remained scoreless as the ball struck the post. It seemed that Merley's goal was blessed when moments later a Buddy O'Shea effort also struck the post and rebounded straight into the arms of Drayton. The game settled down a bit after this initial flurry of chances but Gillingham were still in control of the game right till the half time whistle. The second half was a different affair with Merley upping their game and becoming more than a match for the Gills. Despite this the Gills went close to breaking the deadlock just past the hour when a Nick Thomson shot was blocked at the last minute and Elliot Bevis put a shot just over the bar. With 71 minutes played Gillingham were left to rue all their missed chances when Merley scored, Josh Pickering scoring with a neat volley under the body of Jamie Beale. After this it was a very even game and both teams had chances, with Merley hitting a post, but neither team were able to add to the score line. A disappointing result for the Gills, especially considering their dominance in the first half and the wasted chances.



## ***"A TALE OF 2 HALVES AS WESTLANDS OVERCOME SPORTS"***

### **WESTLAND SPORTS 3 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1**

Westlands produced a stirring second half fight back to turn this game around after their visitors Dorchester Sports had gone in leading 1-0 at the break. That goal came in the 18th minute courtesy of a Jason Read volley from 25 yards that dipped into the top corner giving Westlands keeper Sam Watts no chance. Dorchester looked lively for the rest of the half with the Westlands defence having to work hard to contain them HT 0-1. In a second half twist, a plot that Dickens himself would have been proud of, Westlands took charge of the midfield and began to turn up the heat. In the 55th minute a defence splitting pass put Leo Hayward clear and he drilled in the equaliser from 12 yards. Ten minutes later Haydn Hodges drove into the box and was sent crashing to the deck. Haydn smashed in the spot kick himself and now Westlands had the lead for the first time. Both teams had chances after this before Westlands put the game to bed with their third goal in the 82nd minute. Leo Hayward turned provider this time, setting up Jamie Irwin who slammed a fine shot into the far corner. No way back for Dorchester after that, although they tried to rally in the final few minutes it was the three points for Westlands in what had been a fine match.

## ***"REC FINALLY TO STRONG FOR THE GAME ZEBRAS"***

### **HAMWORTHY RECREATION 4 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1**

Two second half substitutions proved decisive for Rec, who ran out eventual winners in a match in which they struggled for long periods. Sherborne defied their position at the bottom of the table and gave Rec a real scare. It took three goals in the last 25 minutes to finally seal the points for the hosts. There was an early shock on 7 minutes, when a free-kick launched into the home box was firmly headed in by Harry Turner to give Sherborne the lead, however this only lasted a few minutes when ASH BOYT equalised with a low shot just inside the post for 1-1. Sherborne did not capitulate and were not allowing Rec to settle and clear-cut chances were at a premium. Chris Long fired wide and Dave Wrixton's effort was blocked by the keeper, who then produced a great tip-over from Josh Pratt's dipping shot. HT 1-1. The second half started in the same pattern with Rec not making the most of their possession. In fact, it was Sherborne who missed a great chance when their forward blasted wide from close-range. But on 66 minutes Josh Pratt fired in a low shot from the edge of the area to claim his first goal for the club and ease the tension among both players and supporters alike to put the hosts ahead. This release of tension sprang Rec into action and Boyt's free-kick clipped the top of the bar before the visitors were reduced to ten men when Richard Maidment received his second yellow card. Two late goals put the icing on the cake for Rec, with Chris Long converting an 82nd minute penalty and three minutes later sub, Harry Stokes ran through and confidently slipped in the fourth. Late on it was nearly five, but Boyt's shot struck the post and away to safety.

## ***"SHAFTESBURY CONTINUE TO MAKE LIFE ROCKY FOR RANGERS"***

### **WAREHAM RANGERS 3 SHAFTESBURY 4**

The visitors came from 3 down to heap more pressure on a Wareham side desperately short of confidence. The Home side started the game positively with a good team goal early on culminating with a great finish from Aaron Merredew in the fourth minute. The home side were playing good football and got a deserved second shortly after in the 12th minute with a well taken finish from Will Bartley. A third soon followed with a good finish for Aaron Merridew's second and Rangers 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 26th Minute, it was fair to say that the visitors were fortunate to only go in 3 down at the break. Whatever the visitors Manager said to his team at the interval clearly had an effect as the second half was completely different with Shaftesbury getting 2 quick goals back via route one and pumping the ball forward which Wareham's defence struggled to deal with. It went from bad to worse as Wareham were punished further with conceding 2 goals late on to condemn them to another defeat. Special mention goes to Shaftesbury's Aaron Lane-Leney who bagged all four for the Rockies.

## ***"MOONRAKERS WIN ROYALLY ON THE ROAD"***

### **BLANDFORD UTD 1 MERE TOWN 6**

Mere continued with their good form with big away win at Blandford, it was the hosts who started quickly with Royals Archie McCarthy through one on one with the Mere Goalkeeper who made a good save which rebounded to Paul Ford who's shot was then blocked by a Mere defender the ball goes out wide and is crossed back in only to see a Mere defender push a Blandford attacker and a penalty was awarded, all this with only 39 secs on the clock, However the pen was missed and moments later Mere went and scored through Joe Paterson's effort in the 3<sup>rd</sup> min. Jordan Sharrock's doubled the Moonrakers lead on 5 minutes, Blandford's Dan Holland saw a straight red brandished for deny a goal scoring opportunity from which Mere's Joe Patterson duly converted in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute, Patterson then got his 3<sup>rd</sup> and the visitors 4<sup>th</sup> in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute courtesy of a neat lob. Blandford hauled themselves back into the game on the stroke of half time as a goal by Archie McCarthy on 44 minutes reduced the arrears HT 1-4. With 10 men for the second half the game was an even contest with Blandford to some degree dominating the ball. However, the hosts were reduced to 9 men after Rob Way was shown his 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow card, now playing against 9 players Mere went on to score twice more through Ryan Down 69 minutes and Charles Parry on 80 minutes.

## ***"PARLEY ADD TO MILBORNES WOES"***

### **MILBORNE PORT 2 PARLEY SPORTS 4**

Parley picked up the 3 points after this deserved victory at Milborne who are still looking for their 1<sup>st</sup> point of the season. The visitors struck the post early on courtesy of Matt Newberry's effort. On 20 minutes Milborne failed to clear a Parley corner and the ball fell to the visitors Mike La Ronde who drilled home into the bottom corner from 20 yards. The visitors increased their lead in the 41<sup>st</sup> minute when Josh Moody slotted home via the post HT 0-2. The home side started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half brightly and deservedly pulled 1 back from 12

yards through Jake Rawlings in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute after the visitors failed to deal with a cross. Just after the hour and the visitors restored their 2-goal lead when Adam Trimby headed home, 5 minutes later and Matt Newberry added to Parleys tally after finishing neatly past the home custodian. 4 minutes later and the post came to Ports rescue as Dan Hiscock's effort hit the post. To their credit the home side never gave up and got their 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute Macauley Biddle smashed in a free kick via the underside of the bar.

