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FA VASE – 1st Round

"SWANAGES CUP RUN ENDS IN CORNWALL"

BODMIN TOWN 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 1



Swanage's epic FA Vase adventure is over for another year as they suffered a 1st round 2-1 defeat to Bodmin Town at Priory Park. The hosts took the lead through Chris Mcphee in the first half as the home side dominated proceedings with James Langdon in the Swans goal excelling on more than 1 occasion, however Paul Best

had a great shot saved by the home keeper, whilst Langdon had to be at his best tipping a great shot on to the post. H.T. 1-0. Swanage who in previous rounds showed their battling qualities again called upon them as they produced a magnificent second half performance and created great chances for Aaron Atkinson, Paul Best and Perry Mullins. Their deserved equaliser came from Paul Best with a deflected shot, however the Cornish outfit had the last say when Olly Brokenshire poked home following a Goal Mouth scramble late on to break Swanage's hearts as there was to be No late comeback from the men from Dorset despite an almighty goal mouth scramble in injury time that eventually came to nothing. Bodmin Town will now travel to play Plymouth Parkway in the 2nd round, whilst Swanage can now concentrate on the League



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"ZEBRAS STUN THE BULLS TO CLAIM 1ST POINT"

HOLT UNITED 2 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2

Holt United the defending League Champions got what they deserved after a lack lustre performance against a rejuvenated Sherborne side who belied their League standing to deservedly earn a point at Petersham Lane. Holt started the brighter team with Elliot Manson hitting the post and Mike Haskell having a fierce shot saved. The deadlock was eventually broken seconds before half time when Charlie Gajic's ferocious low strike found the keepers bottom left corner. Gajic made it 2-0 a minute after the break when the referee awarded a penalty after the ball was handled on the line and he slotted it home.

The visitors Alex Hodges was sinbinned for dissent but that only seemed to provide the catalyst for Sherborne's fight back. They pulled a goal back through Shane Pilling, whose audacious shot from 40 yards flew over Chris Lynch and into the net. Still with 10 men and growing in confidence, the scores were level moments later, when a counter attack resulted in the ball at the feet of Craig Royal who slotted home. Indeed, Sherborne could have snatched a winner had it not been for a brilliant double save from Lynch in the Holt goal. Holt were not their usual self in this game but take nothing away from Sherborne's new found battling spirit as they finally registered their 1st point of the season and are now unbeaten in 2 after last week's Cup win.

"GILLINGHAM DESERVEDLY DOWN SPORTS"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 DORCHESTER SPORTS 0



The Gills followed their win over Wareham last week with another solid display, this time securing a well-deserved victory over Dorchester Sports. Right from the off Gillingham looked to have the bit between their teeth and it took them just 9 minutes to open the scoring; Buddy O'shea hitting a screamer over the Sports' keeper from well outside the area. The Gills' good start continued, and they were 2-0 up just past the quarter hour mark when Elliot Bevis rounded off some neat play inside the area with a well-placed shot. Despite their dominance and

creating numerous chances Gillingham couldn't get the ball into the net so the first half ended with the Gills winning 2-0. The second half saw more of the same with Dorchester rarely causing Gills' goalkeeper Jamie Beale any problems. However, once again, the Gills couldn't turn their dominance into goals and, despite close chances for Ryan Schouten and Nathan Miller, the score line remained at 2-0 till the final whistle. This was a solid performance from Gillingham with Sports not seeming to fire on all cylinders on the day.



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"BEES STING THE ROYALS FOR 5"

BLANDFORD UTD 0 BRIDPORT RES 5

The game started brightly for Bridport with Blandford goalkeeper Ben Robbins saving a one on one in just the 8th minute, Blandford's cause was not helped when Mark Ford was sin binned in the 12th minute and in that time Santiago Alonso scored in the 14th minute, Mark Ford was back on the pitch but Blandford conceded again on 27th min when Josh Hull scored, Ben Robbins made another good save in the 38th min, with Blandford eventually testing the Bridport goalie Liam Norris into the game with a shot from Paul Ford which he kept out with a good save low to his left, HT 0-2. Bridport came out in the second

and in the 46th minute scored again through Josh Hull, Frustration got the better of the hosts Dan Vater as he picked up a booking in the 54th min. Bridport continued to attack and soon got their 4th in the 56th minute when Alfie Hull netted. This prompted changes from the hosts but to no avail as Ben Robbins kept the score down with good saves in the 67th and 69th minute of the game, however he couldn't keep the visitors out later and conceded a pen in the 83rd minute which Bridport Substitute Dan Baggs duly converted.

"REC REGAIN POLE AFTER BEATING THE CHERRIES"

HAMWORTHY RECREATION 3 STURMINSTER NEWTON 1



The hosts returned to the top of the table, although they were a long way from their best this turned out to be a comfortable win for Rec against a resolute Sturminster Newton side. Despite having the lion's share of possession, many of Rec's attacks floundered on the edge of the area, with a stubborn Sturminster side happy to get men behind the ball and frustrate the hosts. The closest

Rec came in the opening twenty minutes was via Ash Boyt, with his long-range effort well saved and a hooked shot going wide. But the deadlock was broken on 25 minutes when Chis Long chased a through-ball and unselfishly set up Ash Boyt to fire in a beauty, first-time, for 1-0. Dave Wrixton nearly added to the lead with a 30-yard shot tipped over the bar, but Rec made it two on 40 minutes when Brad Hill delivered the perfect cross from near the left-hand corner flag for Chris Long to jump high and head home for 2-0 at HT. Sturminster created two reasonable chances early in the second period. They blazed one effort high over the bar when well-placed and then a neat move saw their shot go narrowly wide, before Rec spurned chances of their own. Long supplied a fine cross which saw sub, Callum Charlton head over, before the latter clipped the crossbar with another attempt. It took until the 83rd minute for Rec to rubber-stamp victory. Substitute Dan Blackburn was hauled down in the box and Chris Long converted the resulting spot-kick for 3-0. The hosts hot-shot could have claimed a hat-trick, but just failed to get his head to Charlton's clever ball into the box. The plucky Sturminster side gained some deserved consolation right at the end, when scoring with a neat finish, making the final score 3-1.



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"MERLEY WIN IMPRESSIVELY AT ALVINGTON"

WESTLAND SPORTS 3 MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 5

Westlands defence, who had previously not conceded more than one goal in any match this season, shipped 5 goals as they slumped to a disappointing 5-3 defeat to Merley Cobham Sports at Alvington. Aided by a goalkeeping blunder Lee Wilkins opened the scoring for the visitors after only 10 minutes and when Josh Pickering put Merley two up after a swift attack in 13 minutes the home side had their work cut out. Westlands huffed and puffed and created a couple of good chances that were squandered, both classed in the 'sitter' category. Half time 0-2. When Asa Phillips punished another mistake to put the visitors three up in the 52nd minute it looked like the game was over for the hosts, but Westlands briefly fought back to only trail 3-2 after 70 minutes with goals from Leo Hayward with a shot on the run and Haydn Hodges from a free kick. However, Merley responded again with a quick reply by Lee Wilkins, who hooked in from a corner kick which restored Merley's two goal lead and when Asa Phillips cashed in on another goalkeeping error with a fifth goal in the 87th minute the game was effectively over. A late penalty by Westlands Haydn Hodges added a bit of respectability to the score line but this was not to be Westland's day as Merley Cobham took full advantage to record a fine win.

"HAMMERS MAKE PARLEY PAY"

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 3 PARLEY SPORTS 1

The visitors were left to rue 1st half misses and leading the game at one stage as Hamworthy fought back to clinically claim the 3 points at the County Ground, things started well for the visitors when on 7 minutes they took the lead following a flowing move started from their own penalty area as Matt Harvey rolled the ball to Brady Boontam, he played it into Mike La Ronde who laid off to Matt Newbery. He found Josh Moody on the left who finished a fine box to box passing move. 7 minutes later and the hosts were level as Sam Carter rode several tackles before bursting through the Parley defence to bring Ham Utd level. On 25 minutes Carter was at it again as he beat the offside trap to edge the hosts in front with a well taken finish, HT 2-1. The 2nd half was a tight affair however the hosts Carter on 70 minutes received his 2nd yellow card after a foul on the visitor's keeper to take the shine of his performance and reduce the hosts to 10 for the remaining 20 minutes, however Parley could not make their numerical advantage count further compounded with 5 minutes to go when Jason Brittain conceded a needless penalty to allow the Hammers George Deem to slam home the resulting spot kick.