

Match Reports 19th May 2018

LEAGUE CUP FINAL

“WESTLANDS DESERVEDLEY WIN THE CUP”

WESTLAND SPORTS 2 HAMWORTHY RECREATION 0



The men from Yeovil deserved this Cup Success in what was a disappointing day for Rec in the sunshine at Sturminster Newton as their potential bid for a league and cup double bit the dust. Westlands were very well organised and were the better team throughout the match, scoring a goal in each

half, in a game of few clear-cut chances. Westlands set the pace from the first whistle, threatening the Rec defence with a series of dangerous free-kicks into the box, which Rec managed to scramble away. In a rare venture forward Ali Garard sent a good ball into the box which was cleared for a corner. But Westlands were looking the stronger and had a couple of chances, the first going wide and the second bringing a save from Sam Jones, in the Rec goal. It was no real surprise when, on the half-hour, a great cross from the left by Ant Herrin was headed in at the far post by Henry Lawrence-Napier to make it 1-0. Rec responded and Dave Wrixton sent John Webb through the middle, only for him to hook his shot over the bar and Garard chased another through-ball with the same outcome over the bar whilst Sports were also guilty of missing chances when well placed. HT 1-0. Westlands missed a good chance at the start of the second-half when a cross from the right eluded everyone with Sports Jamie Irwin just not stretching far enough to convert. But Rec were looking brighter and coming into the game more, without creating any real chances. Webb saw his shot comfortably saved, before Rikki Walden made a great late tackle to deny Westlands a second. But just as Rec were having their best spell Westlands scored the killer second goal, on 65 minutes, with a close-range strike from a very unlikely source as Sam Plumbley netted after hesitation in the Rec defence. Rec tried to rally as Chris Long's shot went wide and Ali Garrard's attempt was saved. John Webb then saw his shot roll wide, before Dave Wrixton saw his shot tipped onto the bar by Sam Watts in the Westland goal. Congratulations to Westland



Sports FC, who were deserved winners and many thanks to Sturminster Newton for staging the event.



Westlands Captain receives the Cup



Man of the Match – Jon Manley

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League

“MERE TAME THE BULLS”

MERE TOWN 2 HOLT UNITED 1

Having played Holt two weeks ago and being on the wrong end of a 2-1 result the hosts, Mere Town, were determined to grab the points in their final home game of their season. Mere were slow to start and were not finding their feet and that allowed Holt to look more threatening. The hosts played quite a high line and the ball over the top, turning the Mere defenders, caused problems for them. Mere were punished quite early on and found themselves behind as Danny Saxbys shot found its way into the hosts net having been parried by Miles Fielding in the Mere Town goal. Slowly but surely Mere started to play the better football and created several half chances but could not convert them into a goal. But that all changed on the half hour mark when Jack Twyford took the ball down the right wing past a Holt defender to deliver an excellent cross for Jordan Shorrocks to head home. So 1-1 at half time. Mere made two changes for the second half with the scorer Shorrocks replaced by Ben Davies and Ryan Down, carrying an injury through the first half, replaced by Nigel Benjamin. The introduction of Benjamin provided more pace in defence to counter the threat provided by Saxby and that foundation gave the hosts more confidence to commit more players up the pitch. The game ebbed and flowed but the hosts looked more likely to break the deadlock. Sam Biddescombe, also carrying an injury from Mere's midweek encounter with Bridport, was replaced by Matt Gaertig and his introduction was to be pivotal in the final result. In the 77th minute Mere forced a throw-in near the corner flag and it was Gaertig who launched the ball into the crowded box. In amongst the crowd was Dan Bardwell-Dix who used his physical presence to climb highest and guide a header between the goalkeepers legs and over the line. This was Dix's

first goal of the season and it proved to be the winner, giving Mere 3 points in their final home game of the season.

"MERLEY HIT 5 AFTER BREAK "

MERLEY CS 5 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1

Cobham's end of season weekend away last weekend appeared to have recharged their batteries as they caught Dorchester on the back foot as early as the 2nd minute when Steve Gilbert headed them into the lead. Confidence was high in the Cobham camp as they doubled their lead on 5 mins when a superbly weighted pass by Asa Phillips put Lewis Mills clean through and finish well high to the keepers right. Cobham we're flying and almost went 3-0 up on 19 mins when Ellis George went close from close range. Dorchester had to content themselves with the odd counter attack as Cobham pushed hard and got their third when Phillips latched on to a Matt Groves cross to side foot home from the six yard line. More Cobham chances were to come with substitute Jack Mills, Lee Wilkins and Groves all going close, but it was Dorchester who were to score the only other goal of the half on 44 mins, slotting home a penalty after Cobham keeper Aaron Drayton had brought down the striker, HT 3-1. Cobham almost grabbed their fourth in the opening minute when Groves was one on one with the Dorchester keeper, but the keeper just did enough to keep the striker out. Cobham did make it 4-1 on 58 mins when Jack Mills fired home hard and high latching on to a Wilkins flick on. Seconds later, Cobham almost had their fifth when Phillips hit the bar, but the youngster didn't have to wait long for his second of the game as he destroyed the Dorchester defence single handedly and finished well for 5-1 on the hour mark. Dorchester themselves hit the bar on 77 mins on a rare excursion forward, before Cobham centre back Scott Nicholson went on a run through midfield on 81 mins before playing the ball out wide for Groves whose cross was met on the run by Nicholson with a powerful header which was well saved by the Dorchester stopper.

"TAME DRAW AT HARDINGS LANE "

GILLINGHAM TOWN 1 SHAFTESBURY RES 1

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"BEES PICK UP A DESERVED WIN "

BRIDPORT RES 4 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

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