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“REC MOVE CLOSER TO THE TITLE”

HAMWORTHY REC 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0



Another three points for Rec, but what a frustrating match! The hosts were always in control of the game, but missed a hatful of chances and had to settle for two second half goals to clinch the win. Rec now need to win two of their remaining games to retain the championship. From the start Rec were on the front foot, with Ash Boyt firing over and Brad Hill clipping the bar. Sam Carter then had the ball in the net, only to be ruled offside - the first of many to

befall the home forwards. Chris Long’s dash down the middle brought a good save from the keeper, before Richie Sands set up another chance for Long, with the keeper doing well to turn the ball away for a corner. A great cross from Hill found the head of Carter, only for the ball to go inches wide and Sands’ shot was saved by the busy Swanage custodian, HT 0-0. The second half followed the same pattern, with Rec pushing forward, but Swanage’s best move ended with a shot narrowly wide. But on 61 minutes the breakthrough came. Brad Hill attacked down the left, burst into the box and his shot took a slight deflection, but beat the keeper and into the net - Long’s last touch deemed to be after the ball had crossed the line, to put Rec one up. They almost added a second when Callum Charlton’s pass found Carter, only for the keeper to make another block. Then Carter produced a clever turn and shot, with the keeper again, palming the ball away. Charlton and Long both had further chances, before, in the 89th minute Rec added a second when Sands’ cross was powerfully headed in by Chris Long, for his 30th goal of the campaign

“CORFE DESERVEDLEY WIN AT THE GROVE”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2 CORFE CASTLE 3

Town welcomed Corfe to the grove for the first time in years and they arrived early and ready for this 6 pointer. Sherborne started the better side and took the lead through Darren Rowe as he stabbed home from close range. (12) Elliot Mann went close 5 minutes later through after a decent cross from Hibbard but his effort hit the side netting. On 22 minutes Corfe’s leading scoring Johnson scored a worldly goal from 30 yards after the home defence carelessly gave the ball away. Other chances went begging for Sherborne and they couldn’t make their pressure pay off. Manno scored Sherbs 2nd on 62 minutes after some great build up play, but the lead was short lived as a clearance from 40 yards from Smith went over the home keeper. Corfe pushed on and got their reward with a well worked goal put into the net by Baker on 80 minutes. Through their hard work and determination Corfe fully deserved this win.



“HONOURS EVEN IN EAST DORSET”

PARLEY SPORTS 1 GILLINGHAM TOWN 1

The points were shared as Parley entertained Gillingham Town in a game of few chances, the hosts took the lead in the 2nd minute after Callum Lee played in Jack Voisey at the edge of the box who then rifled in a right foot shot into the top corner. Gillingham hauled themselves level just after the half hour mark when Dan Hawking's cut in from the left and finished neatly, HT 1-1. The second half was a more attrition affair as both sides lacked a cutting edge, Gillingham thought they had scored a winner with 10 minutes to go only to see the assistants flag go up for offside.

“BALTI BEAT THE BLUES IN THEIR OWN BACK YARD”

BLANDFORD UTD 1 BALTI SPORTS 3

Blandford United welcomed 4th placed Balti Sports to Park Rd, in a very entertaining affair as both teams attacked each other with purpose. The Royals took the advantage after Paul Ford found the net again for the second week in a row, further chances came for the home side but failed to capitalise on their first half dominance, HT 1-0. The second half was much the same as the first, with the home side dominating until Balti's left winger Sean Zima cut in from the left and fired a 25-yard shot straight into the top corner to draw the sides level. From then on Balti seemed to take control of the game and found soon themselves 2-1 up after the Royals failed to press on the edge of their box and the Balti's forward Dan Andrews fired another terrific strike into the top corner. The Royals squandered several opportunities to equalise, but it was Balti who secured all 3 points after another lack of concentration at the back enabled Andrews to latch on to the ball and get his 2nd and the visitors 3rd of the game.

“STURMINSTER STING THE BEES AT St MARYS”

BRIDPORT RES 2 STURMINSTER NEWTON 3

Bridport took the opportunity to give starts to a couple of squad players against a team whose league position suggested that it would be the correct decision. But it soon became apparent that Sturminster was well and truly ready to cause an upset and Bridport seemed lethargic and off the pace and maybe underestimated their opposition. Billy Fleet in the Bridport goal was called upon a couple of times early on as Bridport struggled to keep possession of the ball with some poor passing. Sturminster took the lead when a simple through ball was fed into the path of their pacey striker Jamie Danoris who finished superbly past the Bridport keeper. Sturminster doubled their lead with a carbon copy of their first goal when yet again Bridport gave the ball away in midfield for the same player Danoris to race through to beat Billy Fleet for the second time, HT 0-2. Bridport changed their shape for the start of the second half and improved a little and for the first 20 minutes but without really testing the comfortable looking visiting keeper. Bridport's set pieces, usually one of their strengths, were poor all afternoon and as the second half wore on the belief of the Bridport players to get back into the game seem to drain away. The result was effectively sealed on 75 minutes when Sturminster's impressive striker Danoris was gifted another one on one with Fleet in goal and he made no mistake to secure his hat trick. Josh Hull scored twice for Bridport in the final 10 minutes to give Bridport a glimmer of hope to snatch a point but this was not to be and Sturminster clung on to take the win and all 3 points.

“WESTLANDS MADE TO WORK FOR WIN AT RANGERS”

WAREHAM RANGERS 1 WESTLAND SPORTS 2

This was another gutsy performance from Wareham against one of the top teams in the league. This game could have gone either way with both teams creating chances. However, Westlands long ball game eventually paid dividends after another big hoof up the field, they capitalized on a defensive error was converted by Alex Murphy. Westlands doubled their league after another hopeful punt up the field was

latched upon by their striker who squared a pass to Adam Barrett to finish. Deservedly Wareham pulled a goal back after some great work from Sam Lench. This is the third match in a row where Wareham have been very unlucky not to get something out of the game and must be wondering why they are where they are in the League Table with their performances of late.

“HOLT AND MERLEY SHARE 6 GOALS IN ENTERTAINING DRAW”

HOLT UNITED 3 MERLEY CS 3

Saturday saw a typical end of season game at Holt Utd with both sides struggling for players due to injury and unavailability etc, but to the paying public was a superb game of football, end to end stuff with plenty of goals, 3-3 being a fair reflection of the game though both sides will feel aggrieved not to have won it through chances created. Goalscorers for the hosts was prolific marksman Nathan Saxby with a hat trick and for the visitors, Matt Groves 2 and a fantastic finish from Lewis Mills.

“RAWLINGS LATE GOAL STOPS ROCKIES FIGHTBACK”

SHAFTESBUEY RES 4 DORCHESTER SPORTS 4

Dorchester Sports salvaged a 4-4 draw from a manic Dorset Premier League contest with Shaftesbury Town Reserves at Cockrams. Sports had enjoyed an immense first half, claiming a 3-0 lead after 30 minutes. However, the Rockies came back in extraordinary fashion to open up a 4-3 advantage. But Jamie Rawlings headed home for Sports in stoppage-time before Jamie Samways saw a free-kick tipped onto the bar in a frenetic finale. A pulsating finish had looked inconceivable as Sports flew out of the traps. Will Turland's accurate cross enabled Ryan Ross to tap home into an open goal for 1-0. Rawlings then netted from 15 yards on 20 minutes before Gareth Will rifled a 30-yard bullet into the top corner with half an hour gone as Sports capitalised on some of their best football of the season. Shaftesbury then pulled a goal back just before half-time to begin their thrilling fightback, HT 1-3. Sports' defending deteriorated at key moments in the second half and after 60 minutes the Rockies made it 3-2. Rawlings then hit the bar with a header and missed a one-on-one chance – as did Joel Hewitt – as Sports squandered big chances to sew the victory up before Town equalised via a free header. Sports conceded an 89th-minute free-kick and a remarkable comeback was completed when visiting keeper Antony frost was beaten directly from the set-piece. Refusing to give up on a point, Sports stirred themselves for a barnstorming finish as Rawlings grabbed his brace in the 91st minute. And Samways' delightful effort from a free-kick with the final action of the game crashed into the woodwork via the home keeper's glove as both sides came away with an enthralling point. Speaking to Echosport, Sports' boss Ashley James confessed the draw was "gut-wrenching". He said: "It's gut-wrenching, but that's the way it been this season. It doesn't really surprise me, even at 3-0. "Very frustrating but in the end, we got a point and we could've won it – it was a brilliant save from their keeper. "We were fantastic first-half, we went into a 3-0 lead going up the hill and played some of the best football we've played this season." Asked what led to relinquishing a 3-0 lead, James said: "It's just key moments and switching off. We defended the game pretty well but we're still conceding four goals – it's crazy. "Giving silly fouls away on the edge of our box, a couple of free headers. We're conceding far too many and when you score four away from home you expect to come back with three points." The hosts goals came courtesy of Tom Carter with a double, Bailey Hodge and Ted Hardiman.

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“RUTHLESS REC HIT THE ROYALS FOR SIX”

BLANDFORD UNITED 0 HAMWORTHY REC 6

One of their best performances of the season from Rec, in an emphatic victory at Blandford. The hosts are difficult to beat on their own pitch, but they simply couldn't live with Rec who played neat, classy football, with pace and power throughout. A two-goal lead was doubled in a superb second half showing, which included a "Goal of the Season". Rec were ahead on 8 minutes when Max Wilcock broke on the left and

delivered a pinpoint, low cross for Ash Boyt to sweep in, first-time, for the opener and the lead was doubled on 21 minutes with a "Collector's Item". Callum Charlton's corner was powered home, with his head, by skipper Rikki Walden, for a rare goal to double the visitor's advantage. Rec were playing some impressive football and nearly added another when a good move ended with Josh Pratt's low cross just eluding Wilcock, HT 0-2. Just two minutes into the re-start came a magnificent goal. Wilcock collected the ball, with his back to goal, turned and fired in a tremendous drive from around 40 yards out, which flew past the bewildered keeper to make it three. Blandford then had their only real chance of note when they hit the bar, with the rebound headed wide, before normal service was resumed. A great ball into the box from Dave Wrixton saw Chris Long's header go just wide, before Rec scored again, on 65 minutes. Long went on a great run, on the left and supplied a perfect cross for Boyt to side-foot the fourth. Four minutes later Rec went nap hand. Jordan Basing went on a clever solo run and his low shot from just inside the area beat the diving keeper. The tireless Long sent over another fine cross to the head of Wilcock, only for the keeper to make a good save. But ten minutes from time Pratt instigated and finished the move which made it six, with a powerful header from Wilcock's cross. It was so nearly seven, but Wilcock's 30-yard drive was brilliantly tipped over the bar. Another excellent all-round performance with One more win needed to secure the League Title.

"PETERSHAM LANE DRAW"

HOLT UNITED 1 CORFE CASTLE 1



"Wednesday night saw an away trip for Corfe Castle to the well-established and previous DPL champions Holt United. A stern test awaited Corfe, however on the back of two consecutive and vital victories they were feeling buoyant. The match started very quickly and it was Corfe who were keeping the ball well, however this did not last after only 5 minutes Holt asserted their dominance and had all of the play, playing a very direct game they were scything through

the Corfe team with ease, both down the centre and on the flanks. Luckily for Corfe the Holt players had not brought their shooting boots as several chances went begging, most notably from their prolific frontman Nathan Saxby, combined with two very good saves from Corfe's Goalkeeper. The pressure finally took its toll when from a corner an unmarked Holt player Mike Haskell headed goal wards, finally finding the target and netting. Corfe nearly responded immediate when they finally managed to string some passes together, and produced a clear chance on goal, however it just rounded the post and left the game still in Holt's favour, HT 1-0. The second half started similarly, and Holt were throwing a lot at Corfe to try and further their lead, as their frustration grew they were pushing more men further forward with each attack, Corfe eventually managed to break through with young Star Marcus Smith playing in Josh Baker, a neat one-two with Ryan Cattano slotted Baker into the Holt box but wide out, he squared to Corfe's ever present Courtney Johnstone, who controlled and was able to slot home for the equaliser. Corfe went on to nearly snatch the game with a shot hitting the post and side netting which had fooled some of the crowd. Holt continued to barrage the Corfe penalty area but as the game drew to a close, they were held to 1-1. A gritty performance by Corfe to hold on, Holt will rue their missed chances as their first half dominance should have won them the game, comfortably!!

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"RALEIGH GROVE STALEMATE"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0 SHAFTESBURY RES 0

Sherborne town manager Glenn Nathan took charge of his last home game for the club looking for 3 points and despite being the better side couldn't get that winning goal. What the home side did produce was some brilliant passing football from the back to the front and this pleased the Stfc management team. The first half

was pretty even, with both sides only creating half chances but the second half saw Sherborne take control creating 4/5 good chances to open the scoring. Carney, Mann and Thurgood having good attempts. Shaftesbury had one good chance to steal the lead but the shot went over the bar. Mann went into the sin bin for 10 minutes for town but this didn't stop them going for the win. It was last the same player in Elliot Mann nearly putting the icing on the cake for the manager but he failed to fully connect from a brilliant Jake Hobbs cross.

"BEES LIKE THE TASTE OF TANGERINES"

BRIDPORT RES 1 GILLINGHAM TOWN 0

In a typical end of season affair, a Robin Jones goal in the 1st half settled this game in Bridports favour.

