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“SWANS WIN AGAIN AS STURMINSTER STILL SEARCH FOR POINTS”

SWANAGE TOWN & H 2 STURMINSTER NEWTON 0



Swans defeated Sturminster Newton United 2-0 at Day's Park in the Dorset Premier League. Swans extend their unbeaten league run to 7 games with a workman like performance against basement side Sturminster Newton at a very wet Day's Park. The Swans found it hard to settle in the opening period due to 4 regular players missing but gradually improved and opened the scoring after 25 minutes through Mo Kanyi after he followed up a Garan Bennett shot which was pushed out by the keeper. Rose -Moore, Atkinson and Bennett combined well and were always a danger to the visitors, HT 1-0. Swanage controlled the second half with midfielders

Joe Clark and Charlie Dyke pulling the strings and Aaron Atkinson was always a threat down the left. Swans scored the second after a penalty was awarded for a foul on Atkinson, however Garan Bennet saw his penalty well saved by the visiting keeper but was on hand to score from the rebound to secure the 3 points. A bonus for the Swans was the clean sheet produced by stand in keeper Tommy Beard.

“BALTI GAIN IMPRESSIVE VICTORY”

BALTI SPORTS 3 MERLEY CS 1

Balti Sports recorded an impressive 3-1 victory at home to Merley Cobham Sports with Ryan Dovell notching a scorching free-kick to narrow the gap on second place to just two points. The win puts Balti up to sixth in the table, two points behind second in what a congested mid-table with just five points separating 2nd place from 11th place in the table but Hamworthy Recreation are running away with the league and are already 10 points clear at the top. Merley started fast and immediately began pressuring the Balti defence, with home goalkeeper and manager Marco Nott called into action a few times in the first 10 minutes. Sammy Nichols opened the scoring when he nodded in from a Ricky Lane corner after 20 minutes. Nichols has been a real highlight for Balti of late and once again had a great game in the centre of the park. A wonderful Ryan Dovell free-kick from 25 yards was lashed into the top corner after 35 minutes, which Balti manager Nott described as 'one of the best free-kicks that I have seen.' The two sides went into the break with Balti comfortably ahead and it would not be long before they further added to their tally. On the hour mark, Liam Taylor was brought down inside the box, which Lane dispatched with aplomb to put clear daylight between the two sides. Merley did get a goal back however, when Dovell took too many touches at the back and Josh Buck ran on to the ball and fired past Nott for a consolation goal in the 80th minute. Injuries for Merley reduced the pace of the match as it slowed to a halt. Balti held firm and did not concede again, to record their third consecutive victory in their current eight-game unbeaten run. Balti boss Nott said: "It was a fantastic win really in what was really tough conditions with the wind and the rain. "It was really pleasing actually, we are in good form at the moment. It was not comfortable, it was pretty hard fought but, at the end of the day, we never really felt in any massive danger really. "Apart from the first five or ten minutes after that they did not really test us. "We have put a good run of results together now and that has seen us climb up the table quite nicely."

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“REC WIN BATTLE OF TOP TWO”

HAMWORTHY REC 3 WESTLAND SPORTS 0

On a miserable rainy day at Magna Road, the top two sides in the League went head to head with the visitors from Somerset, Westland Sports kicking off into the wind, meaning the hosts had the wind at their backs and how they made it count as Rec were 3 up at the break. Rec started the match with 6 regulars unavailable and, to top that, Tom Hutley pulled a calf muscle in the warm up! The early exchanges were even with the ball being played end to end. In the early minutes Westlands had a very good shout for a penalty turned down by the officials - a lucky escape for the home side. On 11 minutes a through ball to Rec's Carl Edwards saw him beat the visiting keeper, and his side foot pass found Jordan Basing to stroke home to edge Rec in front. The game continued to ebb and flow with Rec having the better chances but not taking them. The visitors played some nice passing football and "eat up" everything in the air but the home defence held firm. To further add to Rec's injury woes, Edwards then went off with a "tight" hamstring to be replaced by Tom Parsons. On 30 minutes Lewis Proudley won the ball and sent George Webb away and he went on to curl his shot into the top corner, giving the visiting keeper little chance to double the home sides advantage. A slight controversy then ensued with the Westland's keeper taking the ball over his goal line with the officials' view "apparently blocked" - no goal. Minutes before half time Webb then pounced on a rare mistake in the Westlands' defence to lob their keeper from the edge of the area to further increase the home sides advantage, HT 3-0. In the second period Rec had the best of the weather as the rain fell straight down instead of horizontally into their faces! Play was again end to end with chances at both ends with Rec again the most proliferate in front of goal but both defences held firm. All in All, a tremendous team performance from Rec with Dave Wrixton in their defence superb, ably backed up by Rikki Walden.

“PORTLAND DOWN CORFE IN 7 GOAL THRILLER”

PORTLAND UTD RES 4 CORFE CASTLE 3

Portland United put back to back wins together for the 1st time this season in The Dorset Premier League on Saturday as they came out on top against fellow promoted side Corfe Castle by the odd goal in 7. Corfe were promoted as champions from The Dorset Senior League beating Portland United Reserves twice on the way to the title in games which Portland United Reserves Manager Justin Faulkner described as `close with not much between the sides`. In difficult conditions Corfe Castle took a surprise lead against the run of play when a shot on goal from Brandon Flockton found the net despite the best efforts of home keeper Ross Jones to keep the ball out of the net. Portland were soon back on level terms as Che Currans flick found Adam Anstey in space who volleyed the ball home from close range before The Blues edged in front when Currans header back across goal was converted by Lee Sharpe. Corfe then found an equaliser of their own with only their second effort on the Portland goal as Curran missed his clearance allowing Corfe striker Brandon Flockton to fire low in to the net. Back came the hosts and they ensured they would take a lead in to the break as Sean Zima controlled the ball on the edge of the box before driving a sweet strike which arrowed in at the far post, HT 3-2. After the break Portland extended their lead when Louis Hankin played in Sol Roche who made sure with a left foot strike which found the far corner of the net to seemingly put the game beyond Corfe Castle. But Portland would gift Corfe another way back in to the game as Ross Jones day went from bad to worse as he gave away a penalty and then received a caution for the offence. The resulting spot kick was duly despatched by Courtney Johnstone, but Portland eventually saw the game out. Looking back at the game, Portland's Manager Faulkner commented "The score line looks like a fairly close game, but we have not really made the most of our chances, I think we created some very good chances, probably in double figures. On another day we score a few more than we already have. The goals we have conceded have been absolute gifts whereas if we were playing like we have been then these goals don't happen. I think they've only had 2 shots on target in the 1st half and scored both, I know that Ross in goal was disappointed with the 1st and the 2nd, we needed a bit of composure to clear our lines and the 3rd a penalty where I'm not sure whether the keeper has to come out for it as it appears the defenders were getting back at the lad." Faulkner also added "All credit to Corfe Castle they didn't give up which they could have, it's hard when you are struggling at the wrong end of the table. From our point of view that lifts us up to midtable 9 points off the bottom 3

which could potentially go down and only 4 points from second spot! As I've said before we are only focusing on staying in this division and enjoy the experience of playing some of the best teams in the area, I'm happy with where we are at the moment."

"GILLINGHAM EDGE HOLT IN TIGHT ENCOUNTER"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 HOLT UNITED 1

Gillingham returned to winning ways with this entertaining win over Holt at Woodwater Lane. After an even start Gillingham started to take control of the game, aided by a stiff breeze they moved the ball about well on the greasy surface. After squandering a few chances, they were helped as a ball whipped across the box was turned into the goal by a Holt defender. Gillingham continued to press and doubled the advantage when Buddy O'Shea finished superbly, HT 2-0. The second half was a more even affair with Holt starting brightly, and after a Gillingham free kick rattled the post, Holt broke away, Nathan Saxby found himself clear and chipped the keeper to reduce the deficit. Soon after, Saxby again found space, but this time Dan Cabell in the Gillingham goal saved well. However, that was the last real threat from the visitors as Gillingham managed the game out and earned a valuable three points.

"BLANDFORD ROYALLY THRASH THE ZEBRAS"

BLANDFORD UTD 7 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1

Blandford adapted to the wet conditions and totally outplayed their North Dorset counterparts smashing the Zebras 7-1. The goal fest started in the 12th minute when William Johnson scored, on 23 minutes, Luke Pidgeley doubled the hosts advantage. Mark Ford then scored from the penalty spot to make it 3 on the half hour, Ford then scored 3 more before half time taking his tally to 4 and Blandford to 6 with strikes in the 36th, 41st & 45th minutes, HT, 6-0. With the game effectively over, Sherborne to their credit were a better outfit in the 2nd half, however this after conceding a 7th in the 51st minute courtesy of another Johnson goal. The visitors kept plugging away and got their consolation through Ollie Hibberd with 5 minutes to play. Sherborne are going through a terrible month with availability being the main factor but take away anything from Blandford who dominated the match from start to finish.

"PARLEY WIN AGAIN AGAINST THE ROCKIES IN THE WET"

PARLEY SPORTS 2 SHAFTESBURY RES 0

On a very wet day in East Dorset, both sides played out a very entertaining game that finished 2 nil to hosts, after just 8 minutes, a flowing Parley move saw Matt Newbery find left back Johnny Cook on the edge of Shaftesbury's box. Cook took a touch then rifled a left footed strike inside the keeper's near post to put the hosts ahead, on 23 minutes Parleys lead was doubled as, Newbery's free kick from the edge of the box was spilled by the visiting keeper with Lee Orchard on hand to knock home so doubling Parley's lead, and despite the best efforts of both side, that's the way it stayed meaning Parley had secured their 5th win of the season and sees them climb into 4th place in the table.

"BEES HIT 5 IN THE PURBECKS TO STING WAREHAM"

WAREHAM RANGERS 2 BRIDPORT RES 5

The Bees enjoyed their trip to the Purbecks after gaining this resounding victory, scoring for the visitors were Dan Baggs, Brandon Scadding, 2 from substitute Mika Mamanta and an own goal whilst replying for the hosts were Sam Lench with a double. To make matters worse for Wareham they also had Aaron Merredew sent off.