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“REC HAMMER THE HAMMERS TO REMAIN TOP”

HAMWORTHY REC 8 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 2



Rec completed their games at Magna Road for the season with an emphatic win against Ham United Reserves. Another good team performance saw four goals in each half, with hot-shot Chris Long helping himself to another hat-trick - that's now 34 league goals for him this season. It only took three minutes for Rec to stamp their authority on the game when Callum Charlton crossed low from the right, with the ball going in off a Hammers defender for 1-0. The visitors then had a dangerous break with keeper Sam Jones just getting a touch to the attempt as it trickled wide. But that was to be United's best chance of the half as, on 12 minutes, a superb second goal put Rec firmly in charge. John Webb supplied a delicious cross into the box and Chris Long powered in a bullet header to double the lead. On the half-hour it was 3-0 when Josh Pratt won the ball in his own half and went on the charge, nipping the ball past the keeper and tapping in. Ali Garard then had a long-range shot blocked before Long received the ball in the box, turned neatly and fired a low shot past the visitor's keeper, HT 4-0. Rec went nap-hand in the opening minute of the second period when the ever-dangerous Charlton worked the ball into the area where Long slammed in for his treble and the following minute Charlton tried his luck from distance with the keeper fumbling the shot into his net to further the home sides dominance. The plucky United side surprised Rec on 53 minutes with a neat move down the left and a good finish from Brandon Randall for 6-1, but Rec poured forward again and Garard produced a fine header to Webb's cross to score a deserved goal and make it 7-1. United scored again with a clever angled shot from Josh Rose beyond Jones, before Carl Edwards wrapped up the scoring in the 86th minute after some unselfish work by Long set him up. A good evenings work all round.

“TANGERINES COME FROM 2 DOWN TO CLAIM A POINT”

DORCHESTER SPORTS 2 GILLINGHAM TOWN 2

(Played @ GTFC)

Dorchester Sports conceded in stoppage time to draw 2-2 with Gillingham Town in the Dorset Premier League. Sports went 2-0 up but a goal late on in the first-half from the home side gave them hope and they eventually pierced Sports late on to claim a point. Sports started the match strongly going down the hill and got

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a deserved opening goal after 15 minutes. Jamie Beasley crossed in towards Joel Hewitt who scored. Ten minutes later the Beasley brothers combined as a free-kick from Jamie found the head of Richard as Sports went two goals up. Dorchester Sports were playing well, creating a lot of good play and were clinical with their clear-cut opportunities to score twice.



However, a late lapse in concentration for the away side allowed Ashley Clarke to nip in and score for the home side after 40 minutes, HT 2-1. Knowing that they would be playing uphill in the second half Sports knew it was going to be a tough second period and so it proved as Gillingham came at Sports and subjected them to attack after attack, but Sports were managing to hold on to their lead. However, after defending stoutly for so long Gillingham eventually found a way through, as Elliot Bevis fired in to deny Sports all three points in the closing moments of the game. Sports' manager Ashley James said: "I do not think we deserved that at the end, it was a bit of a sucker punch. "We were disappointed to concede so late on, but the performance was fantastic. "We defended for our lives in the second half. "It was pure bombardment from them going down the hill in the second half and we stood up to everything that they chucked at us. "They are a very very good side, we would have taken a point before the game, but I am really disappointed and a bit gutted that we did not pick up all three.

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"BEARD HITS THREE AS SWANS DOWN BALTI"

BALTI SPORTS 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 4



Balti Sports fell to a frustrating 4-2 defeat at home to Swanage Town & Herston in a performance that manager Marco Nott described as "terrible". A hat-trick from Cameron Beard and a headed effort from Dave Best for the Swans ensured a tough loss for the home side. Swanage opened the scoring in the 15th minute through Beard after a defensive mistake allowed him to run through and fire home.

Oscar Preece levelled 10 minutes later, half volleying home his own rebounded effort. Swanage struck late on in the half when a cross found Beard unmarked to slam home, HT 1-2. Beard wrapped up his hat-trick in the 70th minute when he ran through one-on-one and rifled in. Best then had a free header from a free-kick which he put into the net for the Swans, before Liam Taylor scored from a corner to reduce the deficit for Balti. Nott said: "It is very frustrating because we

were so good on Saturday, we played some great football and we said do the same and it was like a shadow of ourselves, we were terrible." Nott singled out Ryan Dovell for praise after the match, as he said: "He was the one player that just kept at his job and he is brilliant. He has been running the midfield for numbers of weeks now. He has been outstanding. He is just a model pro really, he did not chuck the towel in."



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"MERLEY SHUFFLE THEIR PACK AND COME UP TRUMPS"

MERLEY CS 2 PARLEY SPORTS 0

Another shuffled Merley side came into the game on a high following their big win over Bridport at the weekend. Jamie Moores was again called upon to don the keepers' gloves in the absence of regular stopper Aaron Drayton. Merley started brightly but were forced to make a very early change when Ben Satterley was the victim of a poor challenge which ended his contribution with only a few minutes played. Josh Buck deputised and began to cause the Parley defence problems down the left flank. After relentless pressure, Buck thought he had given Merley the lead on 22 mins, but his goal was correctly disallowed for offside. Parley were unlucky not to grab themselves a goal against the run of play when a long-range effort was well saved by Moores diving down to his left to turn the ball around the post. The Merley pressure continued, but several more chances went begging. Merley finally broke the deadlock on 44 mins when skipper Lee Wilkins showed some great footwork to slot home his 15th of the season, HT 1-0. Wilkins found the net again straight after the break, but again the referee correctly blew for offside. The home side continued to create chances, with Matt Groves, Dan Edwards, Wilkins and Asa Phillips all having shots blocked before Josh Pickering made a great run through the centre and slid through player manager Groves for the striker to round the keeper and roll the ball into the Parley net on 59 mins. The home side continued to push for more goals, but the Parley defence stood firm. A second consecutive clean sheet for Merley was the bonus to the three points gained on the night.

"MERE AND STUR SHARE THE POINTS"

MERE TOWN 1 STURMINSTER NEWTON 1

The first half saw Mere playing some nice football and limiting Sturminster Newton to few attacks, the visitors most relying on the long ball for Jamie Danoris to latch

on to. With Nigel Benjamin's pace at the back for the home side this rarely led to anything approaching a shot on goal. Mere had several defensive players missing for this midweek fixture but the makeshift back 3 of Benjamin, skipper Sam Paterson and Henry Porter worked well with and for each other, and Porter making his first appearance for some time looked comfortable in possession and played some nice balls down the channels for the likes of Joe Paterson to chase down. So, it ended 0-0 at halftime with Mere's attack being cancelled out by Sturminster's resolute defence. Mere started the second half as they ended the first on the front foot as Charles Parry continued to hustle and chase everything in midfield, never allowing the Sturminster players to settle on the ball. The hosts continued to play with patience and on the 63rd minute they finally managed to break the deadlock when some good play down the left flank set up Sam Paterson to send a delicious cross in for his brother Joe to guide his header past the stranded Sturminster keeper. At this stage it felt like Mere would go on and take all 3 points but Sturminster had different ideas. Not long after Mere had taken the lead the away side sent a ball forward for James Neal to control the ball neatly and shoot past Fielding in the Mere goal to score the equaliser. This lifted the away side and they then had a period of dominance whilst Mere re-grouped after conceding. In fact, the visitors could have taken the lead had it not been for an excellent clearance in the 6-yard box by Porter for the home side. This was a game in which Mere dominated possession for long periods but just could not create enough clear-cut chances to convert this dominance into 3 points. Sturminster stuck to their game plan and having equalised saw the game out, to earn their point.

"HALE THE LAST-MINUTE ROCKIES HERO"

BLANDFORD UTD 2 SHAFTESBURY RES 2

The Royals again saw a winning position snatched from them in the last minute as Lee Hale bagged a last-minute equaliser for the visitors., Blandford took the lead in the 13th minute through Rob Manson and doubled their lead just before half time when Mark Ford netted, HT 2-0. The second half was a different affair as the visitors got themselves back into the game when substitute Joseph Crane pulled one back in the 74th minute. Blandford rode their luck and with the clock ticking down though, up popped the Rockies Lee Hale to snatch a dramatic last-minute equaliser.

2nd May 2018

"BULLS CONTINUE THEIR CHARGE UP THE TABLE"

WAREHAM 1 HOLT UTD 4

Holt United continued their rise up the table after this comfortable win in the Purbecks against a Wareham side who put up a positive performance especially in the first half, where plenty of chances were created but not taken. Wareham went

in 2-0 down at half time, after quality strikes for Holt from Mike Haskell and Nathan Saxby, HT 0-2. Wareham started the 2nd half slowly and quickly found themselves 4-0 down after 2 Ethan Maddocks strikes. The hosts continued to create chances and eventually pulled a goal back towards the end of the game through Jon Dent's fine effort. A game with plenty of missed chances from both teams, but Holts finishing power was the difference between the sides.

"BEES STING THE ZEBRAS AT ST MARYS FIELD"

BRIDPORT RES 2 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0



Bridport who were starting their marathon session of consecutive home games due to the number of postponements recently, thanks to the waterlogged conditions, welcomed the Zebras to St Marys field and in the battle of the 2nd strings, it was the hosts who secured the win as 2 first half goals from Josh Hull and Kriss Radivoja secured the win and the points.

"WESTLANDS BATTLE BACK TO BRUISE THE TANGERINES"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 1 WESTLAND SPORTS 3

In a decent encounter at Hardings lane, it was the visitors who prevailed despite trailing at half time to a Gillingham team full of confidence. This showed as the hosts had the better of the 1st half and deservedly went in at the break after Elliott Bevis's had put them ahead, HT 1-0. The second half saw Westlands step up a gear and they got themselves level when Jamie Irwin scored. However the visitors were soon reduced to 10 men after Oliver Wake was dismissed from the field of play, this set back however seemed to spur the visitors on as they attacked the Gills at will as the hosts faded, 2 further goals, 1 from Haydn Hodges and a 2nd for Irwin saw the visitors claim the 3 points in this important match at the top of the table.