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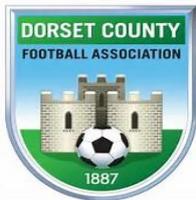


Match Reports Saturday 4th November 2017

"MERLEY WIN AGAIN ON THE ROAD"

MERE TOWN 1 MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 5

In the only League match played today, Merley followed up their excellent win last week at Westlands with another equally impressive win at Mere. When these two sides met in September a spirited Mere side, who were down to 10 men for most of the second half, felt disappointed to come away with a draw however, this contest was very different. Merley looked comfortable throughout the game and thoroughly deserved to take the 3 points. The Mere squad hit by injuries and suspensions were no match to a very well organised and effective Merley side. After a pretty even start to the game two goals in a 5-minute spell before the half hour mark, set the tone for the afternoon. Balls over the top of the Mere defence, for the lively Merley attack to latch on to as good finishes from Dan Edwards & Frankie White made the score 0-2 at half time. The hosts replaced Jack Twyford, due to another injury, with Finn Evans at half time and 5 minutes later he found himself one on one with the Merley keeper and coolly slotted the ball home to make it 1-2. For a brief period, this lifted the Mere team and they started to move the ball around with greater confidence, however, this momentum was short lived with the visitors adding two more goals in the 64th from White with his 2nd and in the 71st minute from Lee Wilkins to ease themselves into a 4-1 lead. With 10 minutes to go Merley made it 5-1 with Matt Groves scoring from the penalty spot. Miles Fielding in goal guessed the right way but the ball was just out of reach for the Mere Town keeper. So Merley left with all the points and move up to 4th in the table leaving Mere needing to re-group and try and find the form from earlier in the season.



DORSET SENIOR TROPHY

HAMWORTHY UNITED RES 3 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2



In the 1st of 2 all DPL team ties, it was the Hammers who progressed after this entertaining game against a rejuvenated Sherborne side buoyed by their improved showing over the last 2 weeks. Sherborne started brightly against the hosts with Ollie Hebbard starring on the wing in the early stages. But the

visitors were punished as Hamworthy sent over a long ball which was misjudged by the Zebras custodian Kane Woodgate which led to him bringing down the United forward. Penalty awarded and neatly tucked away by the Hammers George Deem. Sherborne drew level in the 21st minute also from the penalty spot with Shane Pullin stepping up to score and restore parity (*see picture*). The hosts kept to their long ball game and won themselves a free kick on the edge of the box, up stepped Todd Coombes to place superbly into the net with the keeper rooted to the spot. On the stroke of half time Craig Royle scored his 5th goal in 4 games for Sherborne by poking an effort into the bottom corner to bring the visitors level again, HT 2-2. Ryan Thurgood had a great chance to put the away side in front on 75 minutes which was squandered but the same player also kept his side in it with a wonderful goal line clearance moments later, but it was the hosts who went through to the next round scoring a late winner in the 82nd minute when Josh Rose latched onto a Zebra mistake and rifle home into the bottom corner.

PARLEY SPORTS 5 BRIDPORT RES 1

Parley Sports got their defence of the Trophy off to the perfect start with this routine, deserved victory against a Bridport side who never got going as the hosts took the game to them from the 1st whistle, on 12 minutes, Adam Trimby forces the ball in from a Josh Moody corner to give the hosts the lead, 1 minute later and straight from the re-start, Parley won the ball back and Moody played in Jack Voicey who rounded the keeper to put Parley 2 up, HT 2-0. Into the 2nd half and in the 53rd minute, Moody hit the bar and Matt Newbery slotted home the rebound. Voicey then got his 2nd and Parleys 4th in the 72nd minute after being set up by Newberry, 2 minutes later and Mike La Ronde got his head on the end of a Brady Boontam cross to make it 5, to the visitors credit they kept plugging away and got their consolation when Santiago Alonso capitalised on a couple of errors in the Parley defence to slam home near the end of the match.

HAMWORTHY RECREATION 4 CORFE CASTLE 1



Rec eased their way through to the next round of the Senior Trophy with a win over Corfe Castle, but were made to fight all the way against a very capable Corfe side, who sit at the top of the Senior League. As in the previous week Rec were not at their best and missed a hatful of chances, especially in the first-half. Rec started in lively fashion, with

Landon Arthur's long-range shot parried by Perry in the Corfe goal - the first of many fine saves the visitors keeper would make. Chris Long then tried his luck before Jimmy Osborne spurned two good chances. After weathering the early storm Corfe Castle went in front midway through the half with a fine shot from the left edge of the area, looping over Sam Jones for 0-1. After Long had headed wide the visitors could have made it two, but blazed a good chance over the bar. On 31 minutes Rec were level when Ash Boyt produced a clever finish from inside the box, with the ball going in off the far post for 1-1 and Rec were denied again by Perry and some wayward finishing as the half drew to a close. HT 1-1. The second period started with Boyt on the end of a good move, but the ball rolled just

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wide. But on 55 minutes Boyt's quick throw found Jimmy Osbourne who cleverly hooked the ball over Perry to put the hosts in front 2-1 (*see picture*). The game was effectively settled on 63 minutes when good work by Josh Pratt saw Chris Long head firmly in for 3-1. But Corfe nearly reduced the lead- Sam Jones producing a fine save, turning the ball away for a corner. Two minutes from time Long was upended on the edge of the area and Dan Manual stepped up to drill in the free-kick for a final score of 4-1.

SHAFTESBURY RES 0 LYME REGIS 3

In the shock off the day, West Dorset Lyme Regis travelled to Cochrams and dumped the Dorset Premier League side out of the Competition. After a tight opening, it was the visitors who edged in front on 36 minutes when Chris Herbst netted and minutes later the visitors doubled their advantage when Fred Parsons finished well, HT 0-2. Try as they did, the hosts could not breakdown a well organised Lyme defence and the icing on the cake came in the last minute for the visitors as Sam Day made it 3 with a well taken strike.

BLANDFORD UNITED 12 VERWOOD TOWN RES 1

In every sense of the word, this was men against boys as the more experienced Royals gave a lesson that the youngsters of Verwood Town would not forget. The visitors had no answer to the hosts attacking adventure. Blandford's easy win got underway in the 2nd minute when Paul Ford netted, Rob Manson doubled the hosts lead in the 5th minute with further goals in the first half from Paul Ford, again on 14 mins, Manson, again 1 minute later. Brad Pike made it 5 in the 21st minute with Rob Way making it 6 in the 26th minute. Manson got his hat trick on 34 minutes with Paul Ford getting his hat trick 4 minutes later AS Blandford completely outplayed their visitors, HT 8-0 Into the 2nd half and it was a case of damage limitation for the visitors who to their credit pulled 1 back in the 53rd minute when Jack Laundon scored, however further Royal strikes from Mark Ford 55, 75 & 88 and Paul Ford with his 4th in the 61st minute saw Blandford bag 12 and a place in the next round.

CORFE MULLEN 0 STURMINSTER NEWTON 6

The first 20minutes of the match was a tight affair with both sides feeling each other out. Sturminster had the better of the early chances and broke the deadlock with a fine finish from outside of the box from Darren Spiller. Corfe Mullen almost got an equaliser when the Stur keeper Sam Stroud cleared the ball straight to the feet of a Corfe Mullen player only for Stroud to recover and save the resulting shot. The visitors grew in confidence and started to dictate the play by keeping the ball well and went 2 goals up when a mix up between the Corfe Mullen keeper and Centre back ended up with the defender heading into his own net. 0-2 at half time. Stur went 3-0 up shortly after the break when Warren Meadowcroft headed in the first of his two goals from two Jamie Danoris corners. The fourth came when Tom Carter unselfishly passed the ball across to strike partner Jamie Danoris for a tap in and Meadowcroft finished the scoring with his second header. Final score 0-5. Corfe Mullen played their best football in the final 15 minutes causing Sturminster some problems and the visitors big South African Centre back Meadowcroft missed a golden opportunity for his hat trick when he found himself one on one with the goalkeeper but chose to go with the outside of his boot and his shot went well wide of the target.

WAREHAM RANGERS 3 ALLENDALE 2

Rangers got themselves a much-needed win after this excellent Cup Tie in which the visitors played their part. After a quick start and a goal keeping error from the visitor's custodian, Shane Orchard scored from the 6-yard box on five minutes to put the hosts ahead. Allendale then worked their way back into the game and scored an equalising goal in the 15 minutes, the remainder of the half saw plenty of endeavour from both sides with no change to the score line, HT 1-1. Wareham came out very slowly after the break, with Allendale taking the game to their higher League opponents and deservedly went ahead in the 55th minute with a well taken goal. With a potential shock on the cards, the Wareham Management made changes to their personnel and formations, a decision that paid dividends in the 75th minute when Aaron Merredew equalised after a flowing move from the hosts. Wareham sensed a win was theirs for the taking as Allendale struggled to cope with the Rangers attacking formation and with the game into the 2nd minute of Injury time and with Extra Time looming Lee Phibbs stabbed the ball home following a goalmouth scramble in the visitor's defence to see Rangers progress into the next round.

POOLE BOROUGH 0 DORCHESTER SPORTS 3

Dorchester Sports had to wait until the second half to break down a well drilled Poole Borough side but could have taken the lead on 15 minutes but Jamie Symes penalty was well saved after Will Turland was fouled in the box, Sports also hit the woodwork twice, but the best chance fell to the home side, but Antony Frost saved well to keep the scores level, HT 0-0. Poole then had another golden chance early in the second half, but the home striker looped his shot just over the bar, but Sports upped their game and got the break through when Symes shot was again well saved but Will Turland was there to tap in from close range on the hour mark, Sports then doubled their lead when Turland headed in to double the visitors lead. With the hosts having now to go for it to try and get back into the tie, a quick counter attack started by Jamie Samways was finished off by Samways to send Sports to the next round



SOMERSET SENIOR CUP

WESTLAND SPORTS 4 WATCHET TOWN 2 A.E.T

2-2 after 90 Mins

Westlands edged through to the quarter-finals of the Somerset Senior Cup with a 4-2 extra time win over Watchet Town at Alvington. A well worked goal from Sam Carney gave Westlands a slim half time lead in what was an evenly matched game. As the match progressed, and with nothing to lose, the visitors pushed more and more men forward and this paid off in the 70th minute with the equaliser driven in from close range. Westlands hit back and when a corner dropped to Ant Herrin in the 80th minute he smashed it in to make the score 2-1. In the dying minutes Watchet piled forward again and, to the dismay of the home supporters, forced in the equaliser in the 89th minute to send the game into extra time. In the added 30 minutes it was Westlands who were dominating now but were

finding it difficult to put the finishing touch to some decent chances. A second yellow and subsequent red for a Watchet defender didn't help their cause and eventually, with two minutes to go Scott Smith headed in a Jamie Irwin cross to put Sports ahead again. Finally, in the last minute, Szymon Matuszewski drilled the ball in from close range to make it 4-2 and put the match beyond doubt. A thrilling contest and a good win for Westlands against last season's county champions.

