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Match Reports

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“REC SERVE UP REVENGE WIN AGAINST BALTI”

HAMWORTHY REC 4 BALTI SPORTS 2

Sweet revenge for Rec as they beat a good Balti side who they had lost to only two weeks earlier 2-1 at the College. They were made to fight all the way however. Having raced into a two-goal lead and playing some delightful football, Rec gave away a sloppy goal and then saw Balti draw level early in the second period. But two more goals clinched it for the hosts, in an entertaining game. Rec should have been ahead in the first minute, but Sam Carter crashed his shot against the bar, but just five minutes later it was 1-0 when Carter worked the ball to John Webb whose cross was met by George Webb, who, despite slipping, kept his cool, jinked his way round the keeper and tapped in. Balti responded and forced a good save out of Jack Martin, in the home goal, before Rec doubled their lead on 15 minutes when a classy move saw Carter head in George Webb's cross for 2-0. Rec were now looking good and Brad Hill was unlucky when his effort flew just over. But on 20 minutes a rare mistake by Rikki Walden gifted Balti a goal and this lifted the visitors who then enjoyed a better spell. A long-range shot was deflected away for a corner, before Rec managed to clear another decent chance, HT 2-1. The second-half started with Rec having more chances, but they were rocked on 57 minutes when Balti were awarded a penalty, for a foul. It seemed a harsh decision, but home appeals went unheeded and the visitors made it 2-2, Rec regained the lead ten minutes later with another debatable decision, this time going in their favour, when John Webb tussled with the keeper and the ref pointed to the spot, despite Balti protests. Carter fired his spot-kick low into the net for 3-2. There was nearly another when Dave Wrixton threaded a great ball to George Webb, but his shot was inches wide, before the goal of the game came ten minutes from time when Chris Long met George Webb's corner at the near post to fire in a beauty. In the dying moments Rec nearly made it five when Carl Edwards' run and cross was flicked on by George Webb, only for the visiting keeper to make a brilliant tip-over.

“MERLEY BEAT THE BLUES TO MAINTAIN CHARGE”

PORTLAND UTD 1 MERLEY CS 4

Merley Cobham Sports took all 3 points at The Weyline Stadium on Saturday in The Dorset Premier League with Portland United manager Justin Faulkner claiming the score line "didn't represent how the game went" and that his side "gave a good account of themselves". Merley went ahead as a powerful shot by Matt Groves squirmed through the hands of Ross Jones in The Blues goal before they added a 2nd when a cut back was converted by Jamie Moore's. Just before half time The Blues gave themselves a lifeline when Josh Camp was brought down after a good build up, Camp dusted himself down and converted the spot kick. Manny Roche also having a fierce drive saved by the away keeper which was destined for the net, HT 1-2. In the second half The Young Blues responded playing some good possession football giving Merley some problems at the back but Portland were missing the final ball or correct decision to break down a stubborn Merley rear-guard with the away side looking to counter at every opportunity and so it proved as the clinical visitors added 2 more to their tally courtesy of Asa Phillips on the break away to put some gloss onto the score line.

"HONOURS EVEN AT THE AVENUE"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 2



Dorchester Sports were unable to break Swanage Town & Herston despite a late bombardment, as the two sides fought out a 2-2 draw in the Dorset Premier League. It was a tale of two braces, as Paul Best had a first-half double, while Ryan Ross scored twice for Sports. Swanage went one goal ahead after 20 minutes, when Best struck for the visitors with a fine finish from the edge of the box. However, Sports were able to fashion an equaliser shortly before the end of the half. Will

Turland struck a shot in, which the Swanage goalkeeper parried, but only as far as Ross who slotted in. Jamie Quinton then missed a chance at the back post as Sports almost went in a goal ahead. Turland then hit the post in the 44th minute, before the visitors broke away in ruthless fashion. Best scored just before half-time to hand the visitors a lead, but Sports came out firing in the second half. Ross earned a penalty in the 70th minute for the home side, which he dusted himself down to fire in to notch his second of the match. Sports then laid siege to the Swanage goal but could not find a route through. Best nearly wrapped up his hat-trick for the visitors but put his effort over the bar. But the home side had the better of the late attacks as Adam Steele hit the crossbar, while Turland forced the Swanage goalkeeper into a good save from a Steele cross in. Jamie Samways had two shots late on which only found their way towards the Swanage goalkeeper. However, no winner could be found as the two sides ended the contest in a deadlock.

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"ROYALS RETURN TO WINNING WAYS"

BLANDFORD UTD 4 SHAFTESBURY RES 1

Blandford returned to winning ways with this routine win against an out of sorts Rockies. This was the Royals 3rd win of the season against their opponents. The hosts started off well dominating the early stages and creating some good chances without the visitors ever really threatening. With Steve Smith back in the fold it allowed Mark Ford more space which in return he helped himself a first half hat trick with his brother Paul Ford also getting on the score sheet, HT 4-0. The hosts made some early changes with next week's Dorset Senior Trophy semi-final in mind and that seemed to unsettle their general play, Blandford never really got going in the 2nd half and in fact the visitors pulled a goal back courtesy of Tom Carters fine finish, that was as good as it got for the visitors as the Royals defence stood strong and saw out the victory with relative ease.

"BEES STING THE ZEBRAS IN A 7 GOAL THRILLER"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 3 BRIDPORT RES 4

With both sides in the Bottom six of the League Table and with both in good recent form a 7-goal thriller ensued at Raleigh Grove where the away side took all 3 points winning the game 4-3. Bridport opened the scoring with their first shot on target. And got a quick second from a corner, although arguably the corner was a soft award initially. Sherborne regrouped quickly and won a penalty as Glenn Nathan was brought down in the box. Tom Budden on penalty duty stepped up and scored to reduce the deficit. Town themselves then got a quick second goal from a very soft free kick. Jack Baker scoring as he fired through the wall to draw the sides level, HT 2-2. Into the 2nd half and the hosts were soon reduced to 10 when Baker received a 2nd yellow, Town battled extremely well being down to 10 men and looked like the team to score the third

but in another twist, Bridport got it with a fine finish. Bridport then had their skipper sent off for two yellow cards, meaning it was now 10 against 10. The hosts went chasing the equaliser and got further punished on the break as Bridport scored their fourth. More drama continued as Sherborne were awarded another penalty in the last minute which again was tucked away by Budden.

“STALEMATE AT PETERSHAM LANE”

HOLT UNITED 2 PARLEY SPORTS 2

These 2 sides played out an entertaining draw at Petersham Lane, Holt took the lead midway through the first half when a short back pass to the keeper allowed the Holt striker to close the GK down, block the clearance and tap into an empty net. Parley got their deserved equaliser when Jamie Davidson was fouled in the box, resulting in a penalty that Jack Voisey calmly slotted away, HT 1-1. The hosts regained the lead in the second half when a long free kick was flicked on to, Nathan Saxby to slot past the visiting keeper when through 1 on 1. The visitors then had 2 players Sin Binned for dissent, but the hosts couldn't take advantage and increase their lead with their numerical advantage, and this missed opportunity for the hosts proved pivotal as Parleys Matt Newbury tapped in after the Holt custodian saved an initial shot to bring the game level again.

“A POINT A PIECE IN NORTH DORSET”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 1 WESTLAND SPORTS 1

Both sides played out a dour draw at Woodwater Lane in which the visitors dropped points in their quest to overhaul Ham Rec at the top of the Table. The hosts led for much of the game with Westlands finally indebted to Anthony Herrin's last-minute penalty conversion to rescue a point for the visitors.

“BOTTOM OF THE TABLE 6 POINTER ENDS A POINT A PIECE”

WAREHAM RANGERS 1 STURMINSTER NEWTON 1

In a game that potentially would have a massive bearing at the foot of the table, the two bottom placed sides squared off in the Purbecks. This was literally a game of two halves. Wareham dominated the first half creating numerous chances but ultimately only converting one through Nick Bennett after an excellent cross from Aaron Merridew, HT 1-0. The second half was a different story with Sturminster Newton fighting for an equaliser and they deservedly got a goal mid-way through the second half through Oliver Gittens fine finish. Despite both sides battling hard, they both had to accept a point, which in all fairness wasn't the 3 points either side needs. However, both teams played very well in what was an entertaining match.