



# DPL – NEWSLETTER - 17



**Match Reports Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

## **DPL League Cup Round 2**

### ***"REC SINK THE SWANS TO PROGRESS"***

#### **HAMWORTHY REC 3 SWANAGE TOWN & H 1**



A good all-round team performance saw Rec make it to the next round of the League Cup. For the second game in succession they fell behind to an early goal, but levelled by the break and two second half goals clinched the win. Rec started the brighter of the teams and it was against the run of play that Swanage went in front on 15 minutes. Rikki Walden unluckily adjudged to have handled in the area and

Cameron Beard stepped up to put the visitors one-up from the spot. Undeterred, Rec continued to attack, and Pete Pritchard's effort was deflected over, before Chris Long's header from Brad Hill's free-kick was saved. But on 28 minutes it was 1-1 when Dave Wrixton's shot was only parried by the Swans keeper, only for Chris Long to pounce on the rebound and slot home. Other chances came Rec's way with Long having another header saved and Wrixton's long-range attempt just wide. HT 1-1. Swanage looked lively after the re-start, but Rec settled and went in front on 57 minutes. Bradley Hill picked up the ball in midfield and hit a 30-yard stunner into the top corner, giving the visiting keeper no chance, to make it 2-1. The game was made safe minutes later when a Hill cross found the head of Long, only for the ball to clip the top of the crossbar, however Harry Stokes was on hand to stab the ball in from close-range for 3-1. Swanage tried to rally and had a few sorties going forward, but rarely troubled a well-drilled Rec defence, who confidently held on for an excellent win in a game that, given the awful conditions, was a credit to both sides.



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### **Revised Quarter Final Draw**

Sturminster Newton FC V Balti Sports FC

Hamworthy Recreation FC V Holt United FC

Mere Town FC V Westland Sports FC

Shaftesbury FC Res V Sherborne Town FC Res

***Date of Ties – T.B.C***

## DPL League

### **"ROCKIES LIKE THE TASTE OF BALTI"**

#### **BALTI SPORTS 0 SHAFTESBURY RES 5**



In what to many was the shock result of the day, Shaftesbury travelled to Balti and thoroughly deserved their win as lacklustre Balti just couldn't get a foothold in the game, take nothing away from the Rockies who to a man were sharper all over the pitch. The hosts started brightly and saw an effort from Ricky Lane cannon back off the bar early on, however the visitors soon edged in front when they hit Balti on the break with Jason Beal netting. As the half wore on, Shaftesbury ruthlessly exposed Balti's defensive frailties from Set pieces as first, Nick Hewlett and then Andrew Baker scored to see the visitors go 3-0 up at the break. The second half was no better for the hosts as they continued to be very sloppy at times and with a confident opponent always looking dangerous going forward it was no surprise they added to their tally, the 4<sup>th</sup> came courtesy of Baker with his 2<sup>nd</sup> of the match and the 5<sup>th</sup> came courtesy of Lee Gale who confidently beat the home keeper when through one on one.

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### **"DORCH WIN 7 GOAL THRILLER AT PARLEY"**

#### **PARLEY SPORTS 3 DORCHESTER SPORTS 4**



In a hugely entertaining game, Parley were left wondering how they got nothing from the game they were 2 nil up in, however 2 sending offs for the hosts also did not help their cause. Things started well for the hosts when in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute, Jack Voisey was felled in the box and Matt Newberry made no mistake from the resulting penalty kick to send the visiting keeper the wrong way. Parley continued to dominate the

opening half hour but good not add to their tally, as the half drew to a close, the visitors started to get into the game, but they also could not convert any chances HT 1-0. Straight from the restart, Parley attacked, and Newberry got his 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 46<sup>th</sup> minute when converting Josh Moody's cross. 6 minutes later and Dorchester's Jamie Symes reduced the arrears when finishing well from the left-hand side of the box, minutes later and the scores were level when Ashley White rose to flick on a free kick into the net, game on. The visitor's tails were now up, and they edged in front after capitalising on some poor Parley play when a cross from the right-hand side found Symes completely unmarked on the edge of the box and from 20 yards he found the back of the net. In the 79<sup>th</sup> minute, Parleys Tommy Freeman was



adjudged to be the last man when challenging a visiting forward and was shown a Red card and to rub salt into the home sides wound, Symes stepped up to complete his hat trick with a fine free kick strike. With 5 minutes to go Parley already down to 9 men due to the sending off and an injury, with no Substitutes available, pulled 1 back through Brady Boontam who beat the keeper to a loose ball and slot home, however Dorchester held on for the win.

### ***"MERLEY WIN AGAIN TO BLUNT THE HAMMERS"***

#### **MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 4 HAMWORTHY UTS RES 0**

Confidence was high within the Cobham camp off the back of two big away wins on the road. Cobham made their intentions clear from the first whistle when Ben Satterley raced through one on one in the opening minute but was unable to beat the advancing Hamworthy keeper. From the resulting corner, Lee Wilkins saw his header clip the crossbar. With just six minutes gone, Ellis George was wiped out on the edge of the Hamworthy box. He was replaced by Jack Mills, who introduced himself to the game with his first touch - a fierce left foot volley which found the top right corner to put Cobham in front. Cobham continued to attack at every opportunity and almost doubled their lead on the half hour, with Mills this time hitting the crossbar with header HT 1-0. Any thoughts of a Hamworthy revival were quickly extinguished when Mills made it 2-0 on 46 minutes, this time with a right foot curler from the edge of the box. Hamworthy tried to get a foothold, but their final touch was just not there for them despite some good build up play. Cobham put the game out of reach on the hour, when Matt Groves bundled home their third after Mills had got around the back of the Hamworthy defence to square for the waiting Groves. With 78 minutes gone, Frankie Whittle completed the scoring to make it 4-0 when Groves slid a defence splitting pass through for the lively youngster to slot home like a seasoned pro.

### ***"HOLTS 2<sup>nd</sup> HALF SHOWING DOWNS THE ROYALS"***

#### **HOLT UNITED 5 BLANDFORD UNITED 2**

This was the proverbial game of 2 half's as Blandford raced into a 2-goal lead at half time as strikes from Oliver Morris and Mark Ford from the penalty spot saw them go in deservedly winning. Whatever Holt Manager Lee Bradford said to his charges at half time clearly worked as the hosts dominated proceedings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as they took the game to their opponents and strikes from Nathan Saxby, Sonny Wilkinson, Dean Evans, Elliot Manson and Dan Hawkins saw them in the end comfortably win 5-2, one black mark on Holts day was the sending off for Sam Pearce after receiving 2 yellow cards.

### ***"BEVIS HITS 4 TO STING THE BEES"***

#### **GILLINGHAM TOWN 6 BRIDPORT RES 3**

Gillingham continued their good form with a third straight DPL win at a wet, soggy Hardings Lane. Bridport adapted to the boggy pitch better and took the lead through some neat play, before Gillingham started to dominate, Elliot Bevis equalised, then the same player won and dispatched a penalty, before completing a tidy first half hat-trick with a neat finish. Just as Gillingham looked comfortable and in control, Bridport fought their way back into the game. A free kick was conceded on the edge of the box, and was slotted through the wall and skidded across the pitch into the net. So, leaving the game in the balance at

half-time, with Gillingham leading 3-2. The first goal in the second half would prove crucial to the outcome of this game, however it took a while to arrive, with both teams threatening but failing to take chances. It was Elliot Bevis that finally broke the second-half deadlock to register his 4<sup>th</sup> for the afternoon, followed quickly by recent new signing from Milborne Port, Macauley Biddle's first goal for the club. So again, it looked like the Gills were cruising to victory. However, Bridport were awarded a penalty and in the ensuing melee the hosts Josh Mead saw red after the linesman's intervention. Gills were now down to ten men, the penalty was scored and at 5-3, the game was again in the balance. Bridport pressed, but found Jamie Beale dominant in the Gillingham goal and a counter attack saw Biddle net his second of the game and the three-goal lead was restored, 6-3 to Gillingham, and that was how it ended. Gillingham deserved the win, the result in the end just about reflecting their dominance, but it was a spirited game, in which Bridport played an excellent part in difficult conditions.

### ***"STALEMATE AT THE BOTTOM"***

#### **SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 WAREHAM RANGERS 1**

In the battle of the bottom 2 sides at the start of the day, both sides had to settle for a point in the heavy conditions at Raleigh Grove, Craig Royle gave the hosts a 1<sup>st</sup> half lead with Wareham's Alex Ringer getting their important equaliser in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute. This point was good enough to move Wareham up 1 place in the League whilst the Zebras remain bottom but are now undefeated in their last 3 League & Cup games.

