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"SPORTS TAME THE BULLS"

HOLT UNITED 0 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1

Dorchester Sports secured a superb victory over last year's champions Holt United at Petersham Lane. The result sees Sports hold on to their lead at the top of the table although other teams can overtake them with games in hand. Jamie Samways scored the all-important winner in the 68th minute to secure a sixth straight victory for the table-toppers. His superb shot from 20 yards out crashed off a post and in to give Sports the lead. The first half was end to end but was dominated by both defences as chances came and went. Sports' goalkeeper Sam Turner gave a superb performance in the first half as three times Holt broke through the defence to go one-on-one and each time he saved to keep the Bulls out. The home side had the better of the first-half chances but Sports' defence was in inspired form. The second half saw a similar affair and keeper Turner was again called into action when he faced a shot that hit the ground before bouncing up and, despite it seemingly heading for the top corner, he forced it over. The home side had two great players up front in Nathan Saxby and Mike Haskell who proved a danger throughout but Sports held firm against them. Delighted Sports' manager Ashley James said: "It was an amazing result and our goalkeeper Sam Turner kept us in the game with three or four really good saves. James highlighted the defensive efforts saying: "It was backs to the wall, for large parts of the second half and the last 20 minutes. "It was probably one of the best performances I have had managing them for 11 years. "Considering we had to come here to last year's champions and have beaten them I would say it is probably our best result."

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"WESTLANDS 1st HALF SHOWING CLIPS THE SWANS"

WESTLAND SPORTS 3 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0

This top of the table clash saw Westlands overcome their visitors with a superb 1st half showing. Some early attacks by Josh Payne down Westlands right put pressure on the Swanage defence and showed the home sides intent. The opening goal in the 18th minute came as no surprise and came from skipper Jamie Green who ended a good passing move by drilling the ball across the Swans keeper into the far corner. Westlands were on top and 3 decent chances were created and missed before the second goal came in the 35th minute. Antony Herrin started the move with a neat flick to Haydn Hodges and he returned the compliment with a slide rule pass through the middle which Herrin side footed past the advancing keeper. Swanage looked a bit shell shocked and conceded a third goal only two minutes later. Once again Herrin started and finished the move. A one-two with Jamie Irwin saw Herrin burst through the middle and thump the ball into the net from 18 yards. Another well executed goal that gave Westlands what looked to be a comfortable 3-0 half time lead. The second half proved to be a bit of an anti-climax with Swanage trying to get back into the game and Westlands never really hitting the heights of their first half display. Sports skipper Jamie Green did have the ball in the net in the 55th minute but that one was disallowed and the match petered out with Swanage struggling to make any impression on the home defence.

"ENTERTAINING DRAW AT THE COLLEGE"

BALTI SPORTS 2 MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 2

These 2 sides played out an entertaining draw at Cranford Avenue with the visitors strikes both coming from Matt Groves, one from the penalty spot. (see below left)



Photos Courtesy of Steve Hunter - Balti Sports FC

"REC SWEEP ASIDE RANGERS TO KEEP PRESSURE UP"

HAMWORTHY REC 5 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Rec maintained their 100% home record with a comfortable win over Wareham, despite being some way off top form. Two first half goals put the hosts in charge, but a plucky Wareham side pulled back to 2-1 before three late goals clinched it. After an uneventful opening Rec went in front on 15 minutes when a Marc Fairbrother free-kick fell at the feet of Ross Hampton-Brown who poked in from close-range, with defenders reluctant to put in any challenge and it was 2-0 on 20 minutes when good work by Dave Wrixton set up the returning Ali Garard to fire in. Next, a break down the right by Chris Long then teed up Richie Sands, whose shot fizzed over the bar. HT 2-0. Early in the 2nd half, Garard missed a chance to make it three, before, on 55 minutes ex Rec player Souie Thompson's effort eluded home keeper Sam Jones and trickled over the line to make it 2-1 and give the visitors hope. However, Rec stormed back and Garard and Long both went close before, just after the hour mark, Garard burst into the box and was brought down by the keeper for a penalty, despite vigorous Wareham protests. Garard picked himself up and coolly converted the spot kick for 3-1. To their credit Wareham still looked to attack, but rarely caused the Rec defence, led by the ever-reliable Rikki Walden, too much trouble and the visitors cause was not helped on 80 minutes when the sub keeper made a hash of a clearance allowing Dan Manuel to tap in from a few yards to stretch the lead further. Five minutes later a great pass by Ash Boyt found Chris Long who finished clinically for 5-1 to wrap up the victory and claim the points.

"HAMMERS, HAMMER THE ZEBRAS"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 4

Sherborne went into this game full of confidence after their last outing against Cobham and took the game straight to their visitors and took the lead with their first shot on 45 seconds courtesy of Ben Morris, who grabbed his second goal in two games finishing nicely past the keeper after being put through by Pete Ireland. United responded well and equalised 5 minutes later after Sam Carter pounced on a loose ball in the home defence

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town box. 2 minutes later Carter pounced again after being put through on goal with just the keeper to beat which he did well. So 3 goals in the opening 8 minutes, Sherborne got back in their stride and looked to level things up and missed a host of chances 3 of which came from Haydn Brown headers following corners, HT 1-2. Town came out in the second half still chasing the equaliser and Craig Royle nearly got it but the united keeper, who was in fine form all afternoon, kept him at bay. United scored their third when Carter once again got put through on goal beating the offside trap and scored his deserved hat trick on 70 minutes. Carter then got brought off but for all the wrong reasons after having a bust up with his management. To be fair, Town never really showed up in the second half and the visitors scored their fourth with a fine individual strike from all of 20 yards from George Beem to send the Hammers home happy.

"PARLEY ROYALLY WIN 8 GOAL FEST"

BLANDFORD UTD 3 PARLEY SPORTS 5

The visitors notched their 5th win of the season after edging this 8-goal match at Blandford. On 5 minutes, Parley's Dan Stone wins the ball on the edge of his box and passes short to Josh Moody. Moody plays the ball into midfield, finding Matt Newbery in space. Newbery moves the ball onto Mike La Ronde, who feed Jack Voisey, he laid the ball into the path of Newbery who struck a curling effort from 25 yards in to the bottom corner to give Parley a deserved lead, 5 minutes later and their lead was doubled when Moody curled a free kick into the far corner past a static home keeper. To Blandford's credit they got themselves back into the game on 25 minutes when Mark Ford beat his man and curled his shot into the far corner to reduce the deficit. Back came the visitors and on 37 minutes, Mike La Ronde fed James Shering in down the left and his cross picked out Ben Bosley who tapped in at the far post, HT 1-3. Into the 2nd half and the hosts were next to score when on 53 minutes, Paul Ford tapped in a follow up after Brad Kendrick's fine save fell to him at the far post. On 66 minutes Blandford were right back in the game as Parley failed to deal with a corner and after a bit of a scramble, the ball fell to Rob Way to poke home and equalise for Blandford. 6 minutes later and Blandford's equalising hero turned villain as Rob Way received a 2nd Yellow card and was sent from the field of play. However, the visitors numerical advantage was short lived as on 79 minutes Jason Brittain was sin binned for the visitors, so with 10 against 10 it was Parley who seized the initiative as with 9 minutes remaining, Jack Voisey capitalised on a mistake from a Blandford defender and rounded the keeper to make it 4 – 3. Next it was the hosts to be further reduced as their Captain was also sin binned and whilst he was the field of play Voisey was played through and he made no mistake in beating the home keeper to round off an entertaining game.

"CHERRIES GAIN VALUABLE 3 POINTS IN DERBY WIN"

STURMINSTER NEWTON 3 MERE TOWN 1

It was the hosts who came away with the 3 points from this exhilarating fixture. The first half was played at a high tempo with neither side really dominating. It was Mere who had the first chance of the game in the 9th Minute with a well struck shot rebounded back off the crossbar. Sturminster went straight up the other end with Jamie Danoris firing over when well placed. Mere then were denied by a fantastic double save from Sam Stroud in the Home goal. Mere had another chance in the 20th minute but headed over, when well placed around 8 yards from goal. The first goal eventually came in the 42nd minute when

Mere scored through a Sam Patterson strike, HT 0-1. Sturminster started brightly in the second period and took just 8 minutes to get themselves level, with Stuart Frear hitting a great strike from around 25 yards into the Mere goal. 2 minutes later, after some slick passing which released James Neal, who cut in from the left to finish to put the hosts into the lead. Things became a little untidy after this, with both sides picking up bookings, and a flurry of substitutions also broke play up. Mere gave it their all to try to get back level, but Stur defended resolutely and looked to counter. As injury time approached at the end of the game, the hosts broke quickly with Jamie Danoris going clear, his neat finish cannoned off the woodwork and appeared to cross the line, but no goal was signaled at 1st, however Danoris reacted quickest to square a pass to Adam Chaffey who made no mistake from 6 yards to secure a deserved win for the Cherries.

"6 GOALS AND HONOURS EVEN IN WEST DORSET"

BRIDPORT RES 3 SHAFTESBURY RES 3

Bridport were without 3 regular players but as least were able to field their regular goalkeeper who was unavailable last week. Bridport started well again and created a couple of good opportunities after good work down the right-hand side involving Callan Strelley and Finn Cooper. But it was Shaftesbury who scored first with their first attack of the game following a defensive mistake from centre back Jake Mansley who gifted a chance for Lee Gale who gave Billy Fleet no chance in the home goal. Bridport showed great character and scored twice in quick succession, both from right wing crosses, firstly Jake Mansley scored with a header from a Sam Handyside corner and soon after centre back Ryan Gall scored, also with a header after more good work from Finn Cooper. Shaftesbury then hit back with 2 goals from Lee Gale, with his 2nd and Callum Gent, HT 2-3. Bridport came out in the second half knowing they had to match Shaftesbury's physicality if they were to get back into the game and grew in confidence creating a few opportunities as the half progressed, it was a mistake from the visitors which gave home striker Josh Hunter a chance to level in the 68th minute which he did. Bridport sensed the opportunity to go on and get all 3 points with Finn Cooper hitting the post and Sam Handyside, Josh Hunter and Dan Peach all going close to score. But late on with Bridport pushing for the win, they were indebted to their keeper Fleet with a fine save late on the deny the Rockies the win.