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"SWANAGE LOVE THE TASTE OF CHERRIES"

STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 5



Swanage were clinical in their defeat of Sturminster especially in the 1st half to overcome the Cherries. It was an entertaining game at Barnett Field where both teams created chances in the first 20 minutes. Both sides were playing some good football, but the 1st goal came courtesy of a penalty as the visitors Cameron Beard scored from the spot. Stur hit back straight away with a deserved equaliser through Jamie Danoris only for

the Swans to take the lead again through Aaron Atkinson's effort. The remaining 15 minutes of the half saw the visitors show their clinical side as further goals from Beard, with his 2nd, a Graham Rose header and a long-range effort from Dave Best saw the visitors go into half time with a commanding 5-1 lead. In the second half Sturminster battled hard and created several chances, hitting the woodwork and having a couple near misses. They did get one goal back in the 56th minute, again through Jamie Danoris and it was a very good second half display with Swanage not really creating much, although not needing too as their hard work in the first half was enough to secure the 3 points.

"DORCHESTER TAKE OVER AT THE TOP"

MERE TOWN 2 DORCHESTER SPORTS 4

Mere probably edged the first 10 minutes of this encounter but it was Dorchester Sports who took the lead after 12 minutes. They followed this up with a further goal 5 minutes later to make it 2-0. Miles Fielding, the home custodian, did well to save a long-range effort but as he sought to regain control of the ball a Dorchester attacker pounced to nick the ball and grab a third goal for the visitors. Mere managed to pull one back 7 minutes before half time through a Joe Paterson penalty. Paterson had burst into the box and took the ball past the keeper before the keeper's challenge sent Paterson tumbling to the ground in the penalty box. To add to Dorchester's problems the referee sent the keeper off, reducing the visitors to 10 men. HT 1-3. Two changes for Mere at half-time saw the arrival of Dan Bardwell-Dix and Finn Evans, replacing Mariusz Kawaler and Barry Torrance. With the player advantage and the chance to re-group, Mere worked their way back into the game. 12 minutes into the second half Mere scored the crucial next goal which made it 2-3. Sam Biddescombe picked up the ball 35 yards out and after some neat footwork unleashed an unstoppable shot which rifled into the top right-hand corner of the goal. Game on, Mere grew in confidence and continued to push for the equaliser. Finn Evans found the ball at his feet with his back to the goal 6 yards out, but his swivelled

shot was kept out by the Dorchester Sports keeper. Mere were having more possession, but it was the visitors who scored next to put the result in no doubt. Charles Parry gave away the penalty for a push in the back and this was slotted away with confidence by the reliable Jamie Symes. Parry was not too impressed with the referee's decision and found himself in the sin bin for the rest of the game. So, 4-2 to the visitors at the final whistle. This result puts Dorchester Sports top of the Dorset Premier League and whilst Mere remain 9th they will be looking to get their season back on track as soon as they can.

"MERLEY MAKE IT 4 WINS ON THE BOUNCE IN THE PURBECKS"

WAREHAM RANGERS 1 MERLEY CS 2

Merley moved up to 2nd place in the table after this 4th win on the spin at the Purbeck centre against a Wareham side who put in a much-improved performance compared to previous weeks. The home side made the better start having most of the early possession. It was however Cobham who made the breakthrough against the run of play with a good move and finish from Matt Groves. Wareham had half a dozen chances to get themselves back in at 1-1 before half time but were off target with their shooting despite some good link up play. HT 0-1. Wareham pulled themselves level with a great move and cross which was met by the head of Aaron Merredew to equalise. Wareham now were on top and creating chances and were looking the better team. However, Wareham had their keeper sin binned for decent reducing them to 10 men, but despite being reduced to 10, Wareham kept on top and created multiple chances that the visiting keeper made some very good saves. Against the run of play again, the visitors went in front after a scuffed effort from the edge of the box from Asa Phillips beat stand in keeper Rich Parsons to ultimately seal the win and the 3 points for the visitors.

"GILLS WIN AWAY ROYALLY"

BLANDFORD UTD 1 GILLINGHAM TOWN 3

Gillingham completed the double over their North Dorset rivals in a battling performance at Blandford Rec. Blandford took an early lead when a corner wasn't dealt with by the Gillingham defence, leaving the unmarked Paul Ford to prod the ball home in the 3rd minute. After that early setback, Gillingham took full control of the game, however found it difficult to penetrate the well organised Blandford defence. However, in the twentieth minute, a ball into the Blandford penalty area was punched out by their goalkeeper, but only to Will Pike who lofted the ball into the empty net from twenty yards, and the game was level. In the thirtieth minute, Gillingham's supremacy was rewarded again when neat play from the front three opened the home defence and Buddy O Shea was left to roll the ball home from six yards. The game drifted to half-time with Gillingham in control, but neither team adding to the score line. HT 1-2. The second half started brightly for Gillingham and they should have been more clinical as chances came and went. Blandford ringed the changes and pushed forward looking for an equaliser, a series of long throws and corners were dealt with by the Gillingham defence as the game threatened to boil over with a couple of off-the-ball incidents. However, the game was finally won when Harry Smith finished neatly after Elliot Bevis had mesmerised the Blandford defence – and a hard fought, 3-1 victory was finally completed.

"PARLEY GAIN AMPLE REVENGE"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2 PARLEY SPORTS 6

Sherborne played the hosts to a Parley side who were looking for revenge since being defeated in the League cup fixture a month ago and the visitors exacted exactly that with a decent performance at Raleigh Grove. Sherborne started very slowly, and the away side took full advantage by taking an early lead on 8 minutes following Matt Newberry's header with the linesman confirming the ball had narrowly crossed the line. One became two in a matter of minutes as a simple through ball opened the Zebras defence, with the keeper half clearing the ball but only to the visitors Bill Wheatley who had a simple finish from 20 yards out. They got their third with some magic from their winger Josh Moody who squared for Jack Voisey to flick in. Sheborne finally woke up and started creating chances of their own with Sam Jarman missing a one on one. They did eventually pull a goal back through Dan Newins effort. HT 1-3. Parley started the second half strong and another defensive error led to their fourth goal converted in the 60th minute. Sherborne again threatened and Craig Royle got his Customary goal with some fine dribbling in the 70th minute to reduce the arrears again. Sherborne pushed for further goals but as they attacked gaps occurred at the back and Parley scored two late goals through Matt Newberry and an Ally Williams header to win the game 6-2. Sherborne will rue missed chances but that won't take away the decent performance shown from the opposition.

"WESTLANDS WIN THE SPORTS BATTLE AT ALVINGTON"

WESTLAND SPORTS 4 BALTI SPORTS 1

Westland's needed a win to stay in the race for the league title and they showed they meant business when Josh Payne headed home a Leo Hayward corner in the 6th minute. Then Leo Hayward almost made it two with a great run and shot that was parried by visiting keeper Andy Knott and then seemed to run along the line before being cleared. The visitors then began to get a foothold in the game with a couple of efforts that went wide before, in the 16th minute, Balti equalised. Sammy Nichols found space on the right and scored with a curling in swinger that deceived Westlands keeper Sam Watts. A big shout for offside by the Westlands players but the referee was having none of it. However, after 32 minutes Haydn Hodges restored Westlands lead when he cut in and hit a low shot into the far corner that the Balti keeper got a hand to but couldn't keep out. That was the half time score and within 10 minutes of the restart Balti fell foul of the sin bin rule to go down to ten men. Westlands quickly took advantage when Josh Payne ran on to a nice through ball and thumped in goal number 3. Balti's discipline problems continued, and they now found themselves down to nine men with another player banished to the sin bin. This time Westlands couldn't take advantage, but they made sure of the points in the 76th minute when Szymon Matuszewski volleyed in the fourth goal after some excellent play down the right wing. That was game over and we played out the last 15 minutes without incident.

"COUNTY GROUND HAMMERING FOR THE ROCKIES"

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 6 SHAFTESBURY RES 0

The game began at a good tempo with both sides battling to take control of the game, it was apparent that Shaftesbury's game plan was to go direct so Hamworthy sat deeper with Jack Barton winning almost every ball directed behind the Hamworthy back 4. In the first 30 minutes Hamworthy had 5 corners, one of those in the 23rd resulted in Jordan Basing winning the first header & Nick Patrick heading in from a yard out. From this moment the Hammers dictated play and especially Nick Swann who dominated the game in the centre of midfield from start to finish keeping the ball moving and opening gaps in the visitor's defence, Hamworthy's front 3 had numerous chances to double the score but the game was still held in the balance and a minute before half time saw the visitor's best effort of the half which went narrowly wide. HT 1-0. The second half, the hosts upped the tempo and stuck to their game plan. On 50 minutes John Nicholls intercepted a ball forward and played in Dan Carter first time down the right, he ran through on goal and 20 yards out coolly finished into the bottom left corner. It was now 1-way traffic and complete dominance from Hamworthy. 6 minutes later and another corner, once again Basing the provider as he won the first ball with Rose positioning his body well to pick up the second ball with bicycle kick into the net. Hamworthy introduced 16-year-old Louis Braggington, and the passing play continued, the game had opened completely with Hamworthy finding space at ease. Nick Swann was fouled on the half way line on 71 minutes, a quick freekick found rose who then turned provider for the rushing Patrick to slide his second into the bottom corner. 3 minutes later he made his tally 3, Nick Swann taking on 4 players before slipping a nicely weighted through ball as Patrick rounded the keeper to make it 5-0, that would be the end of his game as speedy Sam Lench entered the field. Hamworthy started going a little more direct with Lench, Basing & Rose all having chances within the final 10 minutes. 3 minutes from time, Swann again picked the ball up and danced through 3 players into the penalty area, the 4th decided he wasn't going any further and took him clean out awarding a spot kick. Up stepped Josh Rose to make it 6-0. A very enjoyable performance to watch, a clean sheet and the perfect way to bounce back following last week's disappointing result.

"BULLS BEAT THE BEES"

HOLT UNITED 3 BRIDPORT RES 1

Holt continued with their recent return to form with a 3-1 win against an energetic Bees side at Petersham Lane. All the goals came in an entertaining 2nd half after both sides created little in the 1st period. Nathan Saxby gave the hosts the lead in the 54th minute and 10 minutes later doubled the lead, Mike Haskell made the game safe with the 3rd in the 77th minute only for Bridport's Riley Weedon to reduce the arrears with 9 minutes to go. Holt's Charlie Gajic and Bridports Nick Paul were both sent off with minutes to go for Violent Conduct in an off the ball incident.