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## Match Reports

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### **DPL LEAGUE CUP Rnd 1**

#### **"7<sup>th</sup> HEAVEN FOR THE ROYALS"**

#### **BLANDFORD UTD 7 SWANAGE T&H 0**



The Royals scored 7 for the second time this season to progress to the next round of the league cup and make it 5 wins in row. Blandford dominated most of the first half moving the ball quickly and getting it out wide in which the Swans had no answer for, the visitors had a 10 minute spell midway through the first half where they tried to threaten the Blandfords defence but the ever improving back four stood strong, HT 4-0. The second half was much the same as the first, with the home side dominating and moving the ball around well, the visitors had no answer especially with the fast flowing breaks from

the hosts who scored a further 3 goals to firmly put them selves in the hat for the next round. Blandfords goal scorers were; Mark Ford x3, Paul Ford x2, Craig Knowles and Toby Berry. All in all, A fantastic performance by every player in a blue shirt, especially as there were first team regulars missing, two 16 year olds made there home debuts and one of those, Toby Berry got his first goal for the club in front of a bumper crowd on a fine autumn afternoon.

#### **"WESTLANDS HIT CORFE FOR SIX"**

#### **WESTLAND SPORTS 6 CORFE CASTLE 3**

The game started off with a relaxed air about the play, certainly not a cut and thrust cup tie. However, the home side were wakened from their slumbers when Corfe Castle won a corner, took it quickly which resulted in the ball being lashed into the net by Jack Hector off the far post. Not a bad start for the underdogs. This woke Westlands up briefly and just five minutes later some nice build up play resulted in Jamie Irwin whipping in a great cross which was met by Ant Herrin at the back post and he guided his header back across the keeper and into the bottom corner. Westlands then had several chances to go in front but couldn't find the back of the net until in the 30th minute when a nice move led to Steve Ormrod being released through the middle. He advanced and slotted the ball past the keeper and into the bottom corner. However, back came Corfe and as their attacker ran into the Westland's box he was hauled down by a defender for a penalty. Jack Hector made no mistake from the spot for his second goal of the afternoon and the game was tied at 2-2. Just before the break Westlands managed to edge in front again. Jamie Irwin swung in a corner and Josh Payne headed in at the near post HT 3-2. Corfe started the second half at full pelt and nearly scored when their forward raced through the middle in acres of space and his lob came off the bar and the rebound was blazed over. Then Westlands had a spell of pressure which led to several chances, all of which were squandered. And they were nearly made to pay in the 70th minute, when a bad mistake at the back led to a good shot that was turned around the post at full length by Sports keeper Sam Watts. But with 10 minutes to go another blunder at the back led to Corfe's equaliser. Ocean Smith intercepted a sloppy pass and made no mistake to jubilation from the Corfe contingent. However, the parity didn't last long. Westlands kicked off and played the ball to Josh Payne who went on a mazy run, beat three or four players and slotted the ball across the keeper to make it 4-3 to Westlands. This goal deflated the visitors and it wasn't long before Josh

Payne completed his hat trick with another header from a corner. That was game over really at 5-3 but Westlands added a bit of gloss to the score line in the dying minutes when Josh Payne ran down the right into the box and smashed in a cross which could only be turned into his own net by an unfortunate Corfe defender.

### **“REC MAKE SMOOTH PROGRESS AFTER OVERCOMING THE ROCKIES”**

#### **HAMWORTHY REC 4 SHAFTESBURY RES 0**

Rec eased their way into the next round of the League Cup with this comfortable win over Shaftesbury Res. Rec were a bit indifferent in the first-half, having plenty of the ball, but falling short in the final third, but a much-improved second-half saw them score three more times to secure victory. With keeper Aaron Robertson not fully fit Rec welcomed back the ever-popular Andy Knights, in goal, for his second debut for the team. After an even opening period Rec went in front on 13 minutes when Sam Carter rounded off a good move with a neat, low finish off the post. He then tried his luck again from an angle, but the visiting keeper saved easily. Shaftesbury then had their best opportunities of the game, firstly with a header which was turned away for a corner, then a free-kick, from the right on the edge of the area, saw Knights produce a great save to a ball heading for the top corner. Rec had chances to add to their lead, but some good goalkeeping and plucky defending from the visitors kept the hosts out, HT 1-0. More chances followed in the second period, with Carl Edwards shooting high over and John Webb's low shot saved, and it took until the 68th minute for Rec to get the important second goal when Edwards showed good movement to run on to George Webb's pass and fire in for 2-0. Two minutes later another classy move saw Ash Boyt set up George Webb to run in from the left and slam in the third. Rec were now well on top and playing some neat football and added a fourth five minutes from time when Tom Parsons hit a glorious long ball from defence, over the Shaftesbury defence, for Chris Long to run onto, round the keeper and fire in the fourth. Sub, Joe Bennett nearly added another, but his goal bound shot was turned away by the keeper. FT 4-0.

### **“MERLEY OVERCOME THE CHERRIES”**

#### **MERLEY CS 4 STURMINSTER NEWTON 2**

In the proverbial game of 2 half's, both sides created chances early on, with Merley finding the net on 5 mins through Asa Phillips, only for the goal to be ruled out for offside. Despite a lot of possession, the home side were unable to make their dominance count and were almost caught out on the counter attack a couple of times by a determined Sturminster side whose showing defied their current League Position, HT 0-0. The visitors almost upset the form book straight after the break, but saw their effort go just wide of the upright. This was enough of a warning for the home side to turn up the heat. They did so in style, with Lee Wilkins finding the net on 51 mins for 1-0. The next 9 mins saw Merley find the net 3 more times, with Asa Phillips making it 2-0 on 53 mins. Brandon Randall was next with a well worked team goal on 57 mins for 3-0. Josh Buck then made it 4-0 on the hour to put the game out of reach. Sturminster scored through Jack Atkins with what looked like being a consolation on 84 mins, with the home side down to 10 men when Josh Mead was forced off through injury after Merley had already used their subs. This allowed the visitors their best period of the game, grabbing a second in injury time when awarded a penalty. The home keeper initially saved Stuart Frears effort, however Frear was on hands to fire home the rebound.

### **“PARLEY NEED EXTRA TIME TO OVERCOME AN IMPROVED RANGERS”**

#### **WAREHAM RANGERS 2 PARLEY SPORTS 3 AET – 2-2 @ 90 mins**

A much-improved Wareham performance clearly demonstrated that the team is finally going in the right direction. Wareham were rewarded for their efforts taking the lead direct from a Tom Birch free kick. Wareham were the dominant side creating a host of chances and deservedly went into the break 1-0 up. Parley came out into the second half fighting and levelled the game early into the second half following Cameron Shaw's header. However, on came Merridew and Correia and Wareham restored their lead after Merridew powered in a header from an excellent Alex Ringer cross. Parley went down to ten men and when

Dan Sharp was dismissed for dissent. Parley though regrouped equalised with seconds remaining following Jack Voiseys run and shot forcing the game into extra time. So, the game went into extra time, Parley were awarded a penalty after Voisey was adjudged to have been fouled, he dusted himself down, but his spot kick was well saved by Wareham keeper James Isaacs. With both teams working very hard into extra time, Parley eventually won the tie when Voisey scored again this time with a header at the far post to finally put his side through after this pulsating cup tie that had it all.

## **LEAGUE**

### **“DORCHESTER DESERVEDLEY BEAT THE TANGERINES”**

#### **DORCHESTER SPORTS 3 GILLINGHAM TOWN 1**

Sports produced another fantastic performance against a strong Gillingham side at the Avenue stadium to earn a priceless 3 points, Sports were without in form keeper Antony Frost and full back Paul Hill so James Lock made his first start of the season in goal and vice-captain Brandon Heal come in at right wing back, Sports started the brighter and dominated the first half and took the lead on 15 Minutes when Joel Hewitt blasted past Daniel Cabell in the visitors goal, Hewitt should of put the hosts 2 up when through one on one but this time Cabell saved well but he could do nothing on 35 minutes to stop Hewitt who this time found the bottom corner to give Dorchester a commanding lead at half time, HT 2-0. The away side come out strong second half and were on the front foot, and mounted attack after attack with Ashley Clarke at the heart of it for the gills but the sports defence were standing solid, Gareth will cleared a header off the line on 65 minutes for Sports and Clarke missed from 2 yards out which looked a certain goal but couldn't quite get the right connection but the Gills did get a lifeline on 85 minutes when Heal took out Clarke in the box, Elliot Bevis converted the penalty to set up an exciting end to the game, it was end to end with Gillingham putting cross after cross into the sports penalty area, however the hosts defence held firm and went on and scored a third after a quick breakaway which resulted in Richard Beasley running through to slot past Cabell to give Sports all 3 points.

### **“ISLANDERS TAME THE BULLS”**

#### **PORTLAND UTD RES 4 HOLT UNITED 1**

Portland United Reserves continued their good start to life in The Dorset Premier League with this impressive victory against Holt United at The Weyline Stadium. The hosts started poorly as they were forced to shuffle their squad due to injuries, suspensions and unavailability's. In a dominant opening 20 minutes Holts scored when the Portland rear guard didn't react to a ball across the box which didn't go out of play, the resulting ball cut back and was converted from the edge of the box. The visitors were guilty then of passing up some very good opportunities to add to the score which they would later regret. Portland found an equaliser on 31 minutes, against the run of play as Derek Wall found Billy Mitchell whose fierce shot went in at the near post despite the best efforts of the away keeper to ensure the teams went in level at half time, HT 1-1. Straight from the restart The Blues were reminded of Holts threat as Ross Jones pulled off a superb save when called upon in a one on one situation. Portland then edged ahead on 56 minutes as the ball broke to Josh Camp 25 yards out who chipped the ball in to the net with a sumptuous lob. With 73 minutes played Wall grabbed his 7th goal of the season as he latched on to Sean Zima's through ball before rounding the visiting keeper to slot in to an empty net. Holt came again and hit the crossbar with a thunderous strike. Portland wrapped the win up as Camp found Sol Roche whose neat finish put the icing on the cake and ensured the points stayed with Portland United. Looking back at the game Portland United Reserves manager Justin Faulkner commented "We were slow to get going today, I don't ever want to see the 1st 20-25 minutes ever again, Holt scored one and made a lot of chances but as we know if you don't make your chances count you are generally punished in this league. We got the equaliser and the confidence and belief came flooding back, the hardest thing when you are a newly promoted side is to make the lads believe they are capable of competing with some of the best teams, Holt still have a lot of quality in their side and some good experience. "Faulkner also added "We are a young side, always developing and gaining experience. That result lifts us to 4th in the table but this changes nothing, and we will continue to take each game as it comes.