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Match Reports

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“GILLS 1st WIN AT 4th TIME OF ASKING”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 4 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1



Gillingham claimed their first three points of the season after 3 successive draws, with a comfortable win at home to a resolute Dorchester Sports side. Gillingham started brightly and after eight minutes a sweeping move was hammered home by Ashley Clarke from close range as he beat the defender to the low cross. Gillingham maintained control of the game, bringing some fine saves from the stand-in Dorchester Sports keeper. However, the visitors looked dangerous at corners and set pieces, but were not clinical enough in front of goal, as Gillingham went into the break 1-0 up, HT 1-0. A quick-fire start to the

second half saw Gillingham effectively put the game out of reach as both Buddy O'Shea and Elliot Bevis capitalised on defensive mistakes and finished well to take a 3-0 lead. However, despite the three-goal cushion, Dorchester still took the game to Gillingham and were rewarded when they got a goal back from a header at the far post. With the very next attack Sports had the opportunity to reduce the deficit further but managed to blast the ball over the bar when it looked easier to score. This was probably their best opportunity to get back into the game, as after this, Gillingham took back control, closing the game out and adding to their tally late in the game when Bevis was on hand to sweep home after an Ashley Clarke shot was blocked on the line.

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“8 GOALS SHARED IN THRILLER IN SWANAGE”

SWANAGE T&H 4 HAMWORTHY RECREATION 4

Swans shared the points and 8 goals with Dorset Premier League reigning champions Hamworthy Recreation at Day's Park. Swans started well and Tommy Beard smashed the woodwork with a snap shot, however the visitors took the lead after 15 minutes against the run of play through Chris Long following a defensive mix up. Hamworthy's Brad Hill doubled his side's lead 5 minutes before half time with a free header, but Dave Best reduced the arrears when he lobbed the keeper 3 minutes later, HT 1-2. With the 2nd half only 3 minutes old Sam Carter scored Rec's third, but the Swans showed great resilience and determination to haul themselves back into the game and substitute and new signing from Corfe Castle Garan Bennett scored a fantastic goal from the angle of the penalty box into the top corner. Hamworthy doubled their lead again through John Webb. At 4-2 behind The Swans were staring defeat in the face but showed great character as Cody Rose-Moore scored a rear headed goal following a great cross from Aaron Atkinson. Super Sub Garan Bennett grabbed the equaliser with 10 minutes remaining from a close range effort following good work by Mo Kanyi. Both sides went close to gaining the 3 points in the remaining 10 minutes but the visitors were denied by keeper Dan Beeston who produced 3 great saves. Tim Brown's boys showed character and determination to share the points with last season's champions Hamworthy Recreation.

"WESTLANDS HIT CASTLE FOR 10"

WESTLAND SPORTS 10 CORFE CASTLE 1

Corfe had the first shot on target in the 3rd minute but it was a fairly easy save for Sports keeper Rich Pippin. Ant Herrin then hooked in the opener from close range in the 5th minute to put the home team in front and things were already beginning to look bleak for the visitor's. Nevertheless, Corfe put together a well worked set piece from a free kick which gave their player a shooting chance but again Rich Pippin got down to save. After 20 minutes Westlands stretched their lead to two when Josh Payne banged the ball in after a good move, and this was quickly followed by a third goal from Henry Lawrence-Napier as Sports piled on the pressure. A Corfe Castle attacker then looked to be tripped as he burst into the box, but the referee waved play on to the dismay of the away bench. The goal chances were piling up for Westlands now and in the 36th minute Henry Lawrence -Napier notched his second goal of the game after a corner was dummied at the near post. Corfe's keeper Jack Hector then made a couple of outstanding saves to keep the score to 4-0 at half time, HT 4-0. The second half started with the miss of the season for Westlands when Josh Payne skied the ball over the bar from 5 yards when faced with an open goal. A couple of subs for Westlands upset the rhythm for a few minutes but in the 67th minute Jamie Irwin side footed in from 18 yards to make it 5-0. A sixth soon followed with centre half Scott Smith bundling the ball in after a corner and in the 80th minute Steve Ormrod ran on to a through ball to make it seven. A couple of minutes later Steve headed in a Sam Plumley cross to make it eight nil. With Sports players all pushing forward they then got caught outnumbered with a Corfe Castle break down the right wing. When the ball came over centre forward Matt Suttle side footed in to make it 8-1. Westlands responded immediately with Louis Irwin neatly finishing after being set up by brother Jamie. That made it 9-1 and finally in the last-minute Sports made it double figures with a bustling run by Louis Irwin past two defenders followed by a clinical finish.

"BALTI EDGE IT AGAINST PARLEY"

BALTI SPORTS 3 PARLEY SPORTS 2

This was a very good game with both teams with a lot of energy and wanted to play football. Balti went 1-0 up through a scuffed left footed strike from Dan Andrews who is prolific inside the box. Parley equalised on the half hour when a free kick came in and Balti Defender Josh Burton headed in, under pressure, for an own goal. Back came the hosts, and Andrews went on and scored again from a close-range header following good work from Ricki Lane, HT 2-1. After the break the game was still played at a great pace, Parley should have equalised from the start as they applied a lot of pressure with Balti looking dangerous on the counter. Parley eventually levelled when a long ball over the top from Matt Newberry found substitute Jack Voisey who ran on to the ball and finished with a well taken shot across the goal with 15mins to go. Back came the hosts and the crucial winner came courtesy off Ricki Lane's well-placed header following good play by Ryan Dovell. Parley refused to lie down and went in search of another equaliser but despite mounting pressure Balti hung on for the 3 points.

"ZEBRAS STING THE BEES IN THEIR OWN BACK YARD"

BRIDPORT RES 0 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2

Sherborne started the game on the front foot. At the same time Bridport were nervous and didn't look the same team that had played and competed with Balti Sports on Wednesday night. As the first half wore on Bridport began to improve creating some good opportunities. But as in previous games failed to capitalise on chances, HT 0-0. The second half continued much the same with Billy Fleet the Bridport goalkeeper being a spectator for most of the second half. However, two defensive errors gifted Sherborne two chances of with they took very clinically, firstly in the 50th minute when Aaron West converted and then Sherborne's 2nd came courtesy of a well taken strike from Marc Caines. Three substitutions from Bridport failed to have any impact as the game finished two nil and Bridport reflecting on another game they should have won.

“MERLEY CS 3 PORTLAND UTD RES 0”

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Portland came away from Merley Cobham Sports with nothing to show for their efforts in The Dorset Premier League in a game that Portland United Reserves Manager claimed they were `beaten by a better team`.

It was Portland who started the brightest though as Tom Arliss saw his low drive go past the outside of the post before Josh Camps curling effort hit the underside of the bar and came back out. Merley went ahead on 23 minutes when a ball in the area was controlled and fired in, by Asa Phillips, to the net despite The Blues stopper Ross Jones getting a strong hand to it. The hosts doubled their advantage soon after as a ball over the top was converted by Dan Edwards on 36 minutes despite pressure from covering defenders, HT 2-0. After the break Portland still created a couple of good opportunities to score, Aaron Ryan seeing his effort come back off the base of the post and then blazing over moments later. From the resulting goal kick Merley killed the game off in the 73rd minute when a long ball over the top of the Portland defence was pulled back and converted by Matt Groves, so ending his personal goal drought. Portland still threatened as Ryan was denied by a last gasp challenge when played through. Looking back at the game Faulkner commented "There is no complaints about the result from us, we were beaten by the better side today, of course there is areas we can improve on and I think a couple of the goals could have been avoided. Goals change games and again we sit here thinking what if those early chances go in. I think we were unlucky not to have scored 1 or 2." Faulkner also added "We`ve given our best shot today, we had quite a few missing because of injury and unavailability but we have to deal with that. Some of these lads are experiencing what it takes at this level and I`m sure Merley will be challenging for the league title, they`ve made a great start."

“ROYALS WIN BY ODD GOAL IN 5 AT THE ROCKIES”

SHAFTESBURY RES 2 BLANDFORD UTD 3

A depleted Reserves side missing some key players weren't good enough on the day to extend their unbeaten start to the season as Blandford deservedly came away with the win at Cochrams. Rockies old boy Mark Ford caught the home defence napping to score a brilliant lob from a difficult angle after just 4 minutes. It took until the 31st minute for the hosts to find their feet creating several chances to equalise before the break, HT 0-1. The 2nd half started brightly for the hosts with substitute Tom Carter scoring his 1st of the season with a well-placed finish on 52 minutes. At this stage the game was still very much in the balance but 2 awful defensive errors by the Shaftesbury defence gifted Blandford 2 goals, the 1st from Charles Culliford on 71 minutes and 4 minutes later Elliot Manson bagged the Royals 3rd. Shaftesbury kept pressing and reduced the arrears with 3 minutes to go when Carter got his 2nd. However, there was to be no comeback for the hosts as Blandford saw out the remainder of the game

“THE BULLS TRAMPLE OVER THE CHERRIES”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 0 HOLT UNITED 4

Holt United gained their 3rd win of the season after this routine victory at Barnett's field, 2 goals in each half saw Holt secure the 3 points to move into 4th place in the league table. Holt's goal scorers were Luke Homer with a double, Nathan Saxby and Ali Garard. This was Sturminster's 4th successive defeat and they now sit 16th in the League Table still searching for their 1st points of the season.