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"WESTLANDS HAMMER THE HAMMERS"

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 0 WESTLAND SPORTS 4



With both teams in a rich vein of form of late, this was set up to be an evenly contested match. The game's opening 10 minutes were quiet with both sides battling to get a foothold in the game. The next 5 minutes Hamworthy started playing some good football and finding their way through the Westlands midfield but the final ball was either not good enough or the wrong decision, neither side were really causing each other many problems up to this point, that was until in the 20th minute when Westlands took the lead. This

came from a short freekick which was not reacted to, this caused an overload down the right-hand side and a good ball was put across the 6-yard box for the unmarked Jamie Green man to tap it in. Although Westlands had more of the ball it was Hamworthy now creating most of the chances. In typical Hamworthy style they looked to battle back into the game and created their best chance of the game minutes after conceding. Some quick football between Randall & Swann led to Swann feeding Basing who was 1 on 1 with the keeper. He took too long to sort his feet out and his shot was well saved by Sam Watts in the visitor's goal. Coombs then went close with a freekick which flicked the edge of the wall. With the keeper moving to his left, Watts made a world class save across the whole goal to keep the scores level. Carter was next to go close as his shot just went slightly over, HT: 0-1. The second half began with Westland playing most of the football. Their second goal came quickly following some poor play in possession. The ball was played out from a goal kick and into midfield. A poor first touch saw the hosts get caught in possession and again a ball was played into the 6-yard box for another tap in from Green. This gave the Hammers another uphill battle if they were to get back in the game. In the 65th minute it got a lot harder. Jordan Basing, already on a yellow card, was given his marching orders for a 2nd Yellow for a poorly timed challenge. Westlands were now dominating play and piling forward. In the 75th minute, Hamworthy saw their second red of the game. With Westlands having a corner, Liam Lindsay had an altercation with the ref who in turn showed him a yellow card, not content with receiving that he then said something further and was shown an immediate 2nd Yellow card. Down to 9 it was game over and Westlands killed off any chance of a home comeback with further goals in the 79th minute from Henry Lawrence-Napier and their 4th in the 84th minute from substitute Anthony Herrin.



"MERLEYS 1ST HALF SHOWING BEATS BALTI"

MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 3 BALTI SPORTS 0

Balti are always tough opponents for the hosts, so the home side were delighted to grab an early goal on 2 minutes when Ben Satterley slid through Alan Marsh who slotted past the advancing Balti keeper and in to the net. The flying start gave the hosts a big confidence boost and they pushed for a second with wave after wave of excellent attacking football. Their second goal came on 26 mins when Asa Phillips nodded home a Matt Groves corner. Just five minutes later Merley made it 3-0 with Phillips this time the provider for Satterley to finish with confidence, HT 3-0. Balti started the second half well and got forward at every opportunity, only to find each attack foiled by the solid looking Merley defence. Lee Wilkins almost added to Merley's lead on the hour when the Balti keeper Andy Nott was unable to judge his swerving shot, but he got just enough on it to send it round the post. The remaining half hour was a battle of the midfields without either side really creating any more chances. Merley stayed tight at the back to see out the game for this well-deserved win and a clean sheet to boot.

"TANGERINES BATTLE BACK TO PIP THE CHERRIES"

STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 GILLINGHAM TOWN 4



Gillingham came away with the 3 points in this local derby. The game started at a fast pace and it was Gillingham who had the first opportunity after 3 Mins, but Neil Sweatman managed to clear off the line for the hosts. 2 minutes later some slick passing play released Niall Woollard down the left, who managed to then find Stuart Frear on the edge of

the area, but his shot was blocked. However, the hosts didn't need to wait for long as they opened the scoring in the 7th minute, a defensive clearance, landed at the feet of Ivan Ivanov on half way, he took a touch and fired it straight back and into the empty Gillingham goal. 8 minutes later, Sturminster were 2-0 ahead, again after some quick interplay in midfield, saw Frear release Woollard who finished well into the bottom corner. The visitors needed to respond quickly and on 41 minutes they won a corner, and after an excellent delivery, managed to pull 1 back through Buddy O'Shea's fine finish, HT 2-1. 5 minutes into the second half and Gillingham won a penalty, the ever-reliable Elliott Bevis stepped up to take but fired wide. This miss did not deter the visitors as 3 minutes later they were level, a deep cross to the far post was finished by Ashley Clarke to restore parity. Gillingham were now camped in the hosts half, and in the 67th Minute they were in front, through substitute Macauley Biddles tidy finish. 3 minutes later it was 4-2, and game over after a quick counter attack released Bevis to complete the scoring. All in all, a very good local Derby for the neutral, and most certainly a game of two halves.

"DORCHESTER EVENTUALLY WIN IN THE SPORTS BATTLE"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 3 PARLEY SPORTS 2

Dorchester Sports have finally started 2018 with a vital league win to go back to third in the DPL table as they defeated Parley Sports 3-2 at the Avenue, the hosts were missing key players yet again in Ashley White, Jamie Rawlings, Cormac Lochrie and Dan Peart but handed a full debut to Alex Gould, Dorchester started brightly and were on the front foot and took a deserved lead on 10 minutes when Gareth Wills clever flick found Jamie Symes and his left footed shot found the bottom corner but Parley responded with their own good spell and equalised shortly after from a tap in from the lively Jack Voisey, the hosts were now finding it hard to get close to the visitors who took a deserved lead when a Long ball from keeper Brad Kendrick straight down the middle wasn't dealt by the back tracking home defence, the ball fell to Voisey whose shot from 20 yards found its way past Antony Frost in the home goal, Parley were so close to making it 3 when another 20 yard effort this time from Josh Moody smashed against the bar, It got worse for Dorchester on 30 minutes when Debutant Gould had to be replaced due to concussion. To their credit the home side didn't give up and drew level on the stroke of half time when Will Turland crossed for Symes to again find the back of the net, HT 2-2. The second half was end to end with both teams going for the win, Parley had the better chance, but Frost made a great save from close range and some last ditch defending prevented the away side, but the winning goal came on 65 minutes when great closing down from Jamie Samways saw his pass find Will Turland, whose shot was handled on the line by a Parley defender. The resulting spot kick was duly dispatched by Symes to complete his Hat trick and edge the hosts in front for the 2nd time in the match. This was Symes's 2nd Hat Trick against Parley this season and this was the 2nd time also that Dorchester have come from behind to beat the men in yellow.

"ROCKIES 5 STAR SHOW"

SHAFTESBURY RES 5 WAREHAM RANGERS 2

The hosts ran out easy winners against a plucky Wareham side rooted to the bottom of the table, Lee Gale helped himself to a hat trick as the Rockies recorded this routine win. Shaftesbury started the game on top, and after 5 mins Lee Gale had a free kick, however his shot was saved by the Wareham Keeper, moments later and Gale this time managed to drag his shot wide when well placed. However, on 20 minutes the hosts edged in front when Callum Bent volleyed into the roof of the net, 15 minutes later and it was 2-0 as this time Gale's free kick found the bottom corner. With half time approaching, Gale got his 2nd and Shaftesbury's 3rd when he tapped in unmarked from 3 yards out, HT 3-0. The 2nd half continued with the home side dominant and Sam Harris further increased the lead with a driven shot across the goal. To Wareham's credit they kept plugging away and, on the hour, reduced the arrears when Aaron Merredew tapped in following a goalmouth scramble. Any slim chance of a remarkable fightback was soon extinguished as Gale superbly lobbed over the Wareham keeper to complete his hat trick and restore the home sides 4 goal advantage. The final goal of the game went to the visitors who scored through William Bartley's fine shot that nestled into the top corner.

"SWANS BATTLE HARD TO CLAIM THE POINTS AND TAME THE ZEBRAS"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0 SWANAGE TOWN & H 2

Sherborne Reserves went into this fixture missing key players that have featured since the new management team took over the hot seat. Young Ben Morris had a deserved call up to the first team and was the man town missed the most. Swanage started brightly and had two good chances to take the lead from set plays but fortunately for Sherborne they didn't hit the target. Swanage took a deserved lead though, when Dave Best slotted in a nice finish from a great ball over the top. On 20 minutes, Josh gear saved two shots off the line for the hosts, both coming from Swanage set plays, HT 0-1. Sherborne came out stronger in the second half and the front 3 of Craig Royle, Sam Jarman and Glenn Nathan were starting to ask questions of the Swans back 4. Royle missed a glorious chance to equalise when he found himself in a one on one situation with the visiting keeper but put his chipped effort went wide of the goal following Haydn Browns delightful free kick. Royle went close again this time having his cross shot blocked off the line just before Jarman was sure to tap home. Swanage eventually got their second when the ball somewhat fortuitously fell to Cameron Beard who slotted home comfortably. This appeared to knock the wind out of the hosts, but they continued to battle to the end with Swanage comfortably holding on for the 3 points.

BRIDPORT RES 1 BLANDFORD UTD 1

This match was Abandoned after 68 minutes due to a badly Broken leg sustained by Royals player Rob Way, the Ambulance took a full 45 minutes to attend by which time the correct decision had been taken to halt the game. The score at the time of the abandonment was 1-1. Blandford had taken the lead through William Johnsons penalty on 21 minutes only for the hosts to equalise just after the break through Kriss Radivoska.

We all wish Rob a speedy and full recovery from his injury.