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**Match Reports Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

## **"SAXBY HITS 3 AS HOLT LICK THE TANGERINES"**

### **HOLT UTD 5 GILLINGHAM TOWN 1**



The Gills started brightly with some neat passing and took a deserved lead after just 11 minutes, Ben Fowles reacting quickest when the ball fell to the floor inside the area. The lead lasted just 3 minutes though as Holt equalized through a well struck volley from the edge of the area BY Nathan Saxby that sailed over Jamie Beale's head and into the net. Although the Gills were looking confident and having lots of possession they were struggling to turn this dominance into chances, often the final ball letting them down. Holt on the other hand were looking dangerous whenever the ball went

forward especially the inter play between Mike Haskell and Saxby, they went close to scoring again after 24 minutes, the Gills being saved by a Joe Smeeton clearance off the line. On the half hour mark Elliot Bevis drew a good save out of the Holt keeper Chris Lynch, but in a game of few chances it was Holt who were making the most of theirs when they took the lead 8 minutes later. A long kick by the Holt keeper had the Gills' defenders running back towards their own goal and it was Saxby again who was quickest to the ball and he showed great composure to slot the ball wide of the visitors' keeper and inside the post to give them a 2-1 lead. Just before half time Holt went into a 3-1 lead through Mike Haskell who showed great strength to hold off a couple of defenders and slot home. After the break both teams struggled to get control of the game and neither team could create any further chances. That was till the 68th minute when, in a carbon copy of Holt's second goal, a long kick by the keeper saw Gillingham's Elliot Bevis through on goal, but again the finishing let them down as his shot sailed wide of the goal. In the 70th minute Holt scored a fourth when a set piece ended with the ball being headed into the back of the net from close range by Sam Pearce. 2 minutes later things went from bad to worse for the Gills when Brad Hansford was shown a second yellow card for a deliberate handball. Holt put the icing on the cake with a fifth goal in the 85th minute when Nathan Saxby completed his hat trick with another clinical piece of finishing.



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*Holts Pearce makes it 4*

## **"SWANAGE MAINTAIN THEIR PERFECT START"**

### **SWANAGE TOWN & H 4 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 2**

Swans maintained their 100 per cent record registering a 4-2 win against visitors Hamworthy United Reserves at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League. Top Scorer Cameron Beard struck after 18 minutes, however The Hammers equalized on 26 minutes through Jordan Basing with the home side disputing a hand had been used in the buildup. On the stroke of half time man of the match, Dave Best, rounded the keeper to restore the lead following a great pass from Perry Mullins. H.T. 2-1. The Swans stepped up the

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pace in the second half and on 56 minutes striker Graeme Rose coolly finished after good work from Perry Mullins. The league leaders went further ahead on 68 minutes when Graeme Rose capitalized on a defensive mistake for number 4 and his second. Hamworthy refused to give in and a minute later responded with their second through a fine finish from Sam Lench, but it was too little too late to affect the result, as the hosts comfortably saw out the remainder of the game to secure the points. This was the first time The Swans have won their opening 3 games since the 1990 -91 season, a great result which leaves The Swans top of the league. A brilliant start but still a long way to go.

### **"MERLEY PUT MILBORNE TO THE SWORD"**

#### **MERLEY CS 9 MILBORNE PORT 1**

Milborne Port came to Merley on the back of two defeats in their opening games in the DPL. Merley were keen to add to their woes and came out all guns blazing from the first whistle. Ben Satterley was first to threaten on 7 mins, having his first effort cleared off the line and the second hitting the post. It took Merley until the 14th minute to open the scoring, with Josh Pickering firing home from an Asa Phillips cut back. Phillips himself went



close on 18 mins when his well struck shot curled just over the bar. Satterley and Phillips were both involved again in the build up to Merleys second goal, providing Pete Pritchard with a tap in from a couple of yards out. Centre back Steve Gilbert made it 3-0 on 36 mins with a 30-yard shot which somehow found its way through the Milborne keeper. Just before the break, a miss-hit long range Ritchie Whiting free kick found its way into the top corner of the Milborne net. Half time - Merley Cobham 4 - 0 Milborne Port, the visitors gave

themselves a brief moment of hope straight from the whistle in the second half when they got one back from a well struck shot from 20 yards from Joe Boon. Buoyed by their goal, they got at the Merley defence for a short period before the hosts finally got back into their stride. Substitute Jack Mills made it 5-1 on 67 mins when he was put through one on one with the keeper by Jamie Moores and finished neatly. Five minutes later it was 6-1 when Satterley cut back from the by-line providing Phillips with a tap in. On 80 minutes Lee Wilkins slid a tidy ball through for Moores to make it 7-1, before the roles were reversed for Merleys 8th in the 89th minute when Moores provided a well struck free kick which Wilkins headed home at the back post. Merley made it 9-1 on 90 mins when the Milborne keeper gifted Wilkins his second of the game following a fumble. All in all, a clinical performance by Merley against a Milborne side currently finding the step up from the Dorset Leagues an extremely hard one.

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### **"SPORTS WIN A CLOSE ONE AGAINST REC"**

#### **WESTLAND SPORTS 1 HAMWORTHY REC 0**

A well contested match with not much between the two sides and the final score in doubt right to the end. Ham Rec settled first into a neat passing game and almost opened the scoring in the 8th minute when Westland's Keeper Sam Watts dropped a high cross at the feet of a Rec forward. He lobbed the ball goal wards and the ball hit the bar and rebounded into the grateful keeper's arms. For the rest of the half it was defenses on top with both sides playing some good stuff but unable to break through. Half-time 0-0 but it had been

an entertaining game and could go either way. In the second half Westland's came out the traps flying and took the lead in the 47th minute. Sports caught the visitor's napping with a quick free kick that put Henry Lawrence-Napier through. His shot was blocked by a timely tackle but the ball broke to Leo Hayward who controlled it and thumped a shot low and hard into the far corner. As the half-progressed Ham Rec pushed hard for the equalizer but Westland's defense held firm with keeper Sam Watts pulling off a couple of good saves. Westland's sub Dwayne Forshaw picked up a yellow card late on for a trip but apart from that a game played in excellent spirit with match official Mr. Griffiths not needing to use the 'sin bin'.

### ***"BALTI THRASH OUT OF SORTS PARLEY"***

#### **BALTI SPORTS 8 PARLEY SPORTS 1**

The game started with both teams looking a threat and you could tell the first goal was going to be vital. It came through the hosts Ricki Lane in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute who raced through showed his strength to slot home 1-0 with that Balti started to play some good football and soon after it was 2-0 on 27 mins with Lane again scoring from an acute angle into the far post. With the first half nearing the end and several chances were missed Ethan Devaney ran through on 32 minutes and Cooley lobbed the out-rushing keeper to Put Balti in full control of the game going into the break. 3-0 HT. At the start of the second half, it was the visitors who came flying out the blocks and scored in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute when good play down the right ended up with Matt Newberry firing past the goal keeper, now it was game on! This jolt certainly woke Balti up and literally from kick off went down the left-hand side with Liam Taylor and he squared it to Shane Lock who tapped in from close range, that killed the game as a contest as Parleys heads dropped and Balti by now were rampant after that Dan Andrews lobbed the keeper on 62 mins to make it 5-1, Ricky Lane then got his well-deserved hattrick in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute with a man of the match display. Devaney then made it 7 coming late from midfield to slot home and Sam Nichols rapped it up by taking it past the defender and poke in with the keeper coming out with 4 minutes to go. All in all, a good performance from the hosts with the visitors needing to go back to the drawing board after this performance.

### ***"RANGERS BEAT THE CHERRIES ON THE ROAD"***

#### **STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 WAREHAM RANGERS 4**



Sturminster Newton United lost their first home match of the season to a strong Wareham side. Rangers opened the scoring in the 9th minute, when a shot from Josh Hewson was misjudged by the Stur keeper to gift the visitors the lead. Showing more quality and desire in the opening half, Wareham extended their lead on 30 minutes when Frankie White capitalised on another mistake in the Stur ranks. To

their credit, the hosts went straight down the other end and scored through Jamie Danoris' 7th goal of the season. However, Sturminster then gifted Wareham another goal as this time Storm Graham capitalized to make it 3-1 to the visitors. Sturminster's goalkeeper, Matthew Robson, then saved a penalty in the 35th minute as Wareham threatened to run away with the game. Sturminster were much improved in the second half and had a few chances to score in the opening 15 minutes of the

second half, but Wareham went 4-1 up when Frankie White scored his second goal of the game on 60 minutes. To their credit, Stur never gave up and scored a second goal when Jack Bailey finished a fine move with a header at the far post in the 78th minute. Rangers saw the rest of the game out to secure the 3 points and in doing so, put an end to Sturminster's unbeaten start to the season.

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### **"MERE WORK HARD TO SECURE THE POINTS"**

#### **MERE TOWN 2 BRIDPORT RES 0**

Mere Town continued their good start to the season with a workmanlike 2-0 victory over Bridport Reserves. Mere enjoyed the lion's share of ball in the first half playing some nice flowing football but it took a Joe Paterson penalty in the 34th minute for them to break the deadlock and take the lead. Bridport went down to 10 men 5 minutes before half time after a 'sin bin' offence sent a player from the field. Try as they might, Mere could not make the extra man pay and in fact went down to 10 men themselves in the 51st minute when the goal scorer, Joe Paterson, was sent from the field with a straight red card for a disputed 'stamp' on a Bridport player after a challenge. Mere re-adjusted to playing with ten men for the remaining 39 minutes very well and extended their lead in the 62nd minute through a neatly taken goal by Jack Twyford (his 4th goal in 3 games so far, this season). Despite being one man down, Mere continued to dominate possession and create further goal scoring opportunities but the game ended 2-0 to the home side, a win that sees the "Moonrakers" carry on their impressive start to the season.

### **"SPORTS SEAL 1ST AWAY WIN AFTER 8 GOAL THRILLER"**

#### **SHAFTESBURY RES 3 DORCHESTER SPORTS 5**

Dorchester Sports got their first 3 away points of the season after beating Shaftesbury 5-3. Sports started the game well going up the hill and took the lead on 20 minutes when Gareth Will let fly from 20 yards, and his strike found the top corner, however Sports didn't press on from here and the home side started to dominate and found themselves in front, first another screamer from 20 yards from the hosts Callum Bent flew past the visiting keeper then a free header from Lee Gale found the net to put the hosts 2-1 up with half time approaching, however back came the visitors and they were duly awarded a penalty when Jamie Symes was brought down by the home keeper, he picked himself up and duly dispatched the spot kick to restore parity 2-2. Dorchester Sports started the second half with a spring in their step, however the turning point to many was the sin binning of the home sides James Coffin for his protests after being upended by the visiting keeper with the Referee waving away strong appeals for a penalty. Sports capitalized on their numerical advantage when Richard Beasley crossed for Symes to head in from 8 yards out, Sports then brought on 16 year old Joel Hewitt and the youngster didn't take too long to make his mark, when again a Beasley cross was met by the youngster and Hewitt finished with class past the home stopper, he had his brace shortly afterwards when his strike found the bottom corner on 75 mins, Shaftesbury kept battling and did pull a goal back through Chris Roberts who thundered a 25 yard volley into the top corner, However Sports but sports held on and picked up a vital 3 points.