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"SWANS KEEP UP THEIR CHALLENGE"

PARLEY SPORTS 2 SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON 4



Swanage gained 3 valuable away points at Parley in their chase for the Dorset Premier League title winning 4-2 in a very entertaining clash that was always in doubt right up to the final whistle. The visitors started the stronger of the sides with the home keeper denying Cameron Beard and Graeme Rose

early on and then Aaron Atkinson went close, when his shot hit the post. Leading scorer Cameron Beard eventually fired Swanage in the lead after 20 minutes. Moments later, Graeme Rose had a great chance to increase the visitors lead but scuffed his shot after good work from Beard whilst at the other end Parley hit the bar and had a goal chalked off for offside. H.T. 0-1. Cameron Beard increased the lead on 51 minutes after good work from Elliot Parslow who was making his first start for the Swans, 2 minutes later the prolific Beard completed his hat-trick with his fourteenth league goal of the season following a brilliant run by Nathan Scott. At 3-0 to the away side it should have been over as a contest, but a very plucky Parley side had other ideas scoring 2 goals in the 65th and 80th minutes to reduce the arrears and put them firmly back in the game. It was fair to say at this stage that the Swans were holding on and they defended well for the last 10 minutes but finally put the game to bed when Aaron Atkinson used his pace to run clear from just inside the Parley half and round the keeper to get their 4th and secured the 3 points.

"REC TAKE OVER THE TOP AT XMAS AFTER STINGING THE BEES"

HAMWORTHY REC 5 BRIDPORT RES 0

This was a comfortable win for Rec in their last home game of the year. A young Bridport side had plenty of possession, but lacked a cutting edge up front and always looked likely to struggle at the back. That combined with Rec's potent strike force meant the result was never really in doubt. Rec have now scored 16 goals in their last three home games. A goal after just 5 minutes set the tone. A great cross from the left by Brad Hill fell perfectly for Chris Long to slam in for 1-0. The visitors, Bridport settled and had chances of their own with a timely defensive tackle by Pete Pritchard saved Rec, before a good shot went narrowly wide. But their best chance saw keeper Sam Jones produce a great tip away to a shot bound for the top corner. But on 28 minutes the lead was doubled when Ali Garard chased a through-ball, was clattered by the keeper, but managed to stay on his feet and slot in the second and just five minutes later it was game over when a fine move involving Long and Hill ended with Ash Boyt firing low into the corner for 3-0. Still the plucky young Bees pushed forward and were unlucky when a shot clipped the bar, before Rec made it

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four with a goal in the last minute of the half. Pete Pritchard converting from close-range following a corner. HT 4-0. The second half was largely forgettable, but a defensive slip presented Bridport with a good chance from close-range which they blazed over. A long punt forward by Sam Jones fell nicely for Long, but his effort was blocked by the keeper. Garard, looking sharper with each game, saw his snap-shot saved, before, in the last minute, he gained possession on the edge of the area, weaved his way into the box and fired in his second and the team's fifth to wrap up the win and following Dorchester Sports reverse at Hamworthy Utd Res, this win swarthy Recreation sit atop of the table at Christmas.

"HAMMERS POLE AXE THE LEAGUE LEADERS"

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 3 DORCHESTER SPORTS 0

A game which included two teams in good form from both winning 5 of their last 6 league games set up a competitive game in which both sides would fancy taking the points. Dorchester fielded a strong line up with both in form goal scorers Jamie Symes and Lee Turland starting with Hamworthy boosted by the return of Jamie Kay. The game began with Hamworthy allowing Dorchester to apply some early pressure, and although had most of the ball struggled to create any real chance with Hamworthy cutting out most diagonal balls behind the defence, Dorchester's main chance of the game came in about the 20th minute where Will Turland got played through on goal and should have scored but with some late pressure from Lindsay missed the target completely. Hamworthy had now sparked into life with Jamie Kay starting to dictate large parts of the remaining half. Sam Carter forced a brilliant save from Hibbs, he then got back to his feet to somehow keep the scores level by saving the rebound by Rose. The pressure was now forcing Dorchester back allowing both fullbacks to get up the pitch and support attacks, Hibbs was in fine form in goal saving a few other chances. In the 38th minute the pressure was rewarded with a defensive error allowing Sam Carter to get his 8th goal in 3 games by slamming the ball into the top corner from 6 yards. The next few minutes was a little scrappy with Symes from the visitors going in the sin bin until the end of the half, this made it much easier for Hamworthy to play and they scored a great team goal starting from Sonner, working their way up the pitch, a neat pass was put through to the overlapping Lindsay who crossed first time for Jordan Basing to tap in and make the score 2-0 on the stroke of half time which was no more than Hamworthy deserved. The second half started as the first ended with Hamworthy applying some early pressure with Dorchester still down to 10 men. A few good chances which Hibbs were equal to and some near misses kept the scores level. Symes re-entered the field and Dorchester looked much more threatening, they were getting to the final third, but the last pass was either intercepted by some good defending or over hit. Dorchester were now getting desperate and throwing men forward, this allowed Hamworthy to catch them on the counter. Rose found himself in acres of space time and time again, Hibbs pulled off an incredible save from Deem at almost point-blank range with everyone wondering how he kept it out. To this point the home custodian, Sonner still had not a lot to do apart from take goal kicks and although Dorchester applied some late pressure was mostly a spectator all game. The game ended with Lindsay intercepting a pass down the left, playing into Patrick who kept the ball moving and found Kyle Spyers out wide. A quick 1-2 with George Deem put Spyers in on goal to kill the game as he shot into the bottom left corner in the 92nd minute. An entertaining game and one Hamworthy United Reserves thoroughly deserved to win.

"ZEBRAS MOVE ROYALLY OFF THE BOTTOM"

BLANDFORD UNITED 0 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 3

Sherborne Town Reserves moved off the bottom of the table after this important win at fellow basement dwellers Blandford United. For the second game in a row Sherborne scored within the first minute of the match as Will Ireland broke the deadlock to get his first goal for the club after transferring from Westlands to put the visitors ahead, their 2nd goal was scored by young hot shot Ben Morris who got his third goal in three games when tapping home from close range after the Blandford keeper had made a great save from Ireland's well struck effort. Sherborne had other chances to score but the home Keeper made some great saves and was in fine form throughout. The visitors didn't have it all their own way, as the Royals missed a couple of glorious chances to get themselves on the scoreboard, HT 0-2. The second half saw Sherborne dominate the entire half and they finally got the third goal their dominance deserved with Craig Royle scoring a beautiful chip from 20 yards. Sherborne have now got themselves off the bottom of the table and the club are delighted and hopefully they can build on that.

"MERE WIN FEIST PURBECK ENCOUNTER"

WAREHAM RANGERS 1 MERE TOWN 6

Mere started this fixture very brightly. In fact, the visitors could have been 2-0 up in the first 3 minutes but Tom Cowley's header from a corner narrowly missed the target and skipper Sam Paterson failed to convert when one on one with the home keeper. However, in the 5th minute the deadlock was broken when Jack Twyford broke down the left and his shot was parried by the keeper into the path of Sam Paterson who slotted the ball home to make it 1-0. 2 minutes later a Ryan Down free kick delivery was headed by Paterson once more to go close. The same two Mere players combined again on the 27th minute when Down played a nicely weighted ball between defenders for Paterson to find himself one on one with the home keeper once more but again the Wareham keeper foiled his efforts. It wasn't all Mere as the home side put together some nice football to force two excellent saves out of the visitor's keeper but did get back level just before the break through Aaron Merridew's well taken effort, HT 1-1. The second half started evenly with Mere probably edging possession and chances created. Dan Biddiscombe joined his brother Sam on the pitch for the away side as Jack Twyford made way for the substitution. Two minutes later a neat move saw Sam Biddiscombe slot the ball home to make it 2-1 to Mere. However, in amongst the goal celebrations a scuffle broke out resulting in Sam Paterson being sent off for Mere together with two Wareham players including their keeper, Dan Cabell and Oliver Hepworth. The sending's off opened the game right up and a clearly fired up visitors looked to drive home their player advantage by playing some excellent football. Charles Parry, who had taken the captain's armband following Paterson's departure, took responsibility to slot home a penalty to make it 3-1 after 67 minutes. Finn Evans replaced the hard-working Jordan Shorrocks in the 78th minute. Three minutes later Parry and Sam Biddiscombe combined very well for Parry to score his second of the game to make it 4-1 to the Moonrakers. Five minutes from time Sam Biddiscombe added his second after he battled well to win the ball back for Mere before driving into the box and scoring an excellent solo effort. Finn Evans grabbed a goal in the 90th minute following a goal mouth scramble after yet more Mere pressure. So, 6-1 to the away side in a frantic contest which sees Wareham slip to the bottom of the table

"MERLEY PIP THE CHERRIE IN ENTERTAINING WIN"

MERLEY CS 2 STURMINSTER NEWTON 0

Cobham made a bright start and were rewarded in opening 5 mins when Jack Mills well executed shot from the edge of the box found the top corner. For the rest of the first half Cobham were well on top but just couldn't find another goal. The Second half carried on much the same as the first with the Hosts on top with the visitors defending well and trying to hit their opponents on the counter attack. On 55 mins Matt Groves stabbed in a loose ball from 6 yards out to double the hosts advantage. The final half hour of the game was all Cobham but full credit to Sturminster Newton who battled bravely and defended for their lives with the visiting custodian David Paixao in fine form.

On behalf of the Dorset Premier Football League, we would like to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous and Sporting New Year.....

