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## Match Reports



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### **LEAGUE**

#### **“CORFE FINALLY GET THEIR 1ST WIN AFTER THRILLER WITH ROCKIES”**

##### **CORFE CASTLE 4 SHAFTESBURY RES 3**

Corfe finally got their season underway with this well-deserved victory against Shaftesbury. The away side started the brighter of the two sides and took the lead when the Castle defence failed to clear their lines. Shaftesbury were well on top for the first twenty minutes but Corfe broke and Brendon Flockton finished neatly equalising after 25 minutes. This goal gave Corfe some belief and the home side started to boss the game, Ryan Cattano gave Corfe the lead 10 minutes later with an early shot that stunned Shaftesbury's keeper. Both sides struggled to play football due to the biblical weather conditions. Shaftesbury made sure that it was all square at halftime though after a long ball was expertly controlled and finished just before the break, HT 2-2. Corfe came out much stronger in the second half and started to control the game, with every player giving ALL they had, they could sense that the game was there for the taking and substitute Courtney Johnstone wriggled away from his marker to slot home and restore the home side's advantage. Shaftesbury were unfortunate to have a player sent off for a second bookable offence - harsh but fair. The ten men looked to have evened the scores but for an outstanding save from Jamie Perry in the Corfe goal. Castle took advantage of this let off, when a long clearance put Johnstone in the clear to finish past the away keeper. However, the visitors kept going and pulled a goal back, but it wasn't enough to stop Corfe recording their first League victory of the season.

#### **“MERLEY MAUL THE RANGERS”**

##### **MERLEY CS 9 WAREHAM RANGERS 1**

Merley showed their intentions early when Asa Phillips guided home a Josh Buck cross for the lead on 3 minutes. Buck got his own name on the scoresheet after 8 mins after his powerful run into the box, finishing off with a tidy side foot for 2-0. Steve Gilbert thought he had made it 3-0 on 15 mins only to see his header cleared off the line. From the resulting Matt Groves corner, Lee Wilkins rose above the crowd to power home a header for 3-0. The home side continued to press and went close several times, allowing the visitors only brief excursions into the Merley half. A foul on 36 mins provided Merley with a free kick 30 yards out. Gilbert provided a dangerous free kick which evaded everyone in the six-yard box until Phillips stuck out a leg to grab his second of the game with his shin for 4-0, and that's the way it stayed at the break, HT 4-0. Despite constant pressure, Merley had to wait until 56 mins to further increase their lead. Some great one touch play saw Phillips return the earlier favour for Buck to grab his second for 5-0. Just three mins later substitute Dan Edwards made a great run into the box to meet a lay off from Matt Groves and finished tidily with only his second touch of the game for 6-0. Impressive youngster Brandon Randall was next on the scoresheet on 65 mins exchanging passes with Wilkins before finishing coolly for 7-0. Groves made it 8-0 to a rampant Merley side on 71 mins with Edwards turning provider. With Merley looking to add to their tally, they over committed and left themselves open for a counter on 77 mins which Wareham took with both hands for what was merely a consolation. Just 2 mins later, Groves grabbed his second and Merleys' ninth when slid through by Phillips. With just five mins left on the clock Groves looked to have put Merley into double figures and complete a second half hat trick, only for his goal to be ruled offside.

## **"REC WIN AGAIN ON THE ROAD AT PARLEY"**

### **PARLEY SPORTS 0 HAMWORTHY REC 3**

Another fine win for Rec in an entertaining game at old rivals Parley. The hosts had run in six goals the previous week, but Rec managed the game well throughout in a really good all-round team performance. Both sides started confidently, and Sam Carter was unlucky to have his header from Brad Hill's cross ruled out because of offside. But Parley were looking dangerous going forward and Jack Martin, in the Rec goal, had to make a couple of smart saves to keep them out. George Webb was having a fine game for Rec and went close with a free-kick that hit the angle of bar and post, but on 39 minutes he played a delightful through-ball to Carl Edwards, who showed strength to hold off a challenge and smashed a beauty into the top corner to put Rec one up. HT 0-1. Parley started the second half the better side and Rec had to be resolute for fifteen minutes or so, but gradually got back into it. A good two-minute spell saw Chris Long have a couple of attempts well saved, before a George Webb header was cleared off the line. Back came the hosts and a dipping shot flew just over the Rec bar, before they had a good shout for a penalty waved away, to Rec's relief. But on 73 minutes another classy move saw George Webb set up Chris Long, who fired in the second. Rec were now playing some impressive football and the home keeper made two great saves to deny Long and George Webb, before, on 77 minutes, he was beaten when Long powered in his header from Hill's corner, for the third. It was nearly another when, in the closing minutes, Jordan Basing put his header wide. FT 0-3.

## **"ISLANDERS WIN SEES THEM MOVE INTO 2ND PLACE"**

### **PORTLAND UTD RES 2 BLANDFORD UTD 1**

Portland United Reserves ended Blandford's unbeaten run on Saturday in The Dorset Premier League whilst continuing their winning run to 7 games, lifting them to 2nd on the table. It was The Blues that went ahead on 15 minutes as Alex Halloran, returning from injury, hit an unstoppable shot in to the top right of the net. Portland doubled their advantage on 39 minutes when Billy Mitchell's cross cum shot found the back of the away team's net. Good chances in the half also fell to Sol Roche who had his drive saved well by the away stopper whilst Billy Mitchell went through 1 on 1 but his drive was also saved by the Blandford keeper, HT 2-0. In the second half Portland had the upper hand in terms of possession and could have extended their lead but Roche's header was well saved before he saw his fierce shot hit the crossbar and went over. Sean Zima saw his low drive tipped around the post from the edge of the box. Mitchell had another 1 on 1 and again unable to beat the keeper who was in inspired form. Jamie Beasley was played through by Sean Hawke but his ball across the box for Roche was cut out with a last-ditch tackle before Beasley blasted over from a left-wing cross. In the last 5 minutes Blandford exerted some pressure and got their consolation when a free kick in to the box was converted by Mark Ford. Looking back at the game Portland United Reserves manager Justin Faulkner commented "I thought we played reasonably well today but we have missed some really good chances to score some goals. A mixture of poor finishing, decisions and some outstanding goalkeeping has kept them in the game for the majority. I think perhaps we should have gone in at half time with a bigger lead but in the second half some of the chances we missed were criminal really. Then Blandford scored with 5 minutes to go and then we looked nervous but we shouldn't of got to that point with the chances we've had." Faulkner also added "Whatever happens from now on we can put this down as a good season, we aren't mathematically safe yet. I know that sounds like a funny thing to say given where we are at the moment but that was our aim and objective at the start of the season and we all know how things can change quickly in this game if you become complacent. Yes, we are in a good position but the teams around us all have games in hand, so we will have to see what happens with them but let's not take anything away from what we are achieving in our first season in this division. A massive amount of credit goes to this group of players, their attitude and work rate is top notch.



## **DORSET SENIOR TROPHY**

### **WIMBORNE TOWN DEVELOPMENT 5 BALTI SPORTS 3**

Balti Sports saw their Dorset Senior Trophy run come to a shuddering halt after a 5-3 defeat at Wimborne Town Development in the second round. Balti were massively depleted, missing a remarkable 13 players for the match due to a variety of reasons. Charlie Kenderdine, Stef Stavrianos and Ryan Dovell all scored but could not prevent Balti sliding out of the cup. Balti started with a golden chance for Jack Drummond, who put the ball wide when put through one-on-one. Wimborne then opened the scoring, when a free-kick was tipped on to the bar by Balti goalkeeper Andy Nott, but the ball was tucked in on the rebound after 20 minutes. The home side then doubled their lead five minutes later to leave Balti with a mountain to climb. However, this seemed to spark Balti into life and began pressing harder. The scores were narrowed, when Josh Burton was brought down in the box before Kenderdine sent the Wimborne goalkeeper the wrong way, In the second half, Balti began brilliantly and got their reward when Stavrianos went through one-on-one and finished neatly. However, Wimborne again responded with another goal to put the tie out of reach. A short corner was not closed down and a cross-cum-shot found its way to the far corner. Balti again narrowed the scores, when Liam O'Shaughnessy was brought down in the area and Dovell slotted in the spot-kick. Jack Drummond fired wide when one-on-one late on as Balti pressed for an equaliser. However, Wimborne then finally killed off the tie by going one-on-one with Andy Nott and slotting into the net to cement their victory. Balti could not rescue another goal as they fell at the second-round stage. Balti boss Marco Nott said: "It was a very poor result, I am very disappointed by it really. "It was not good enough. "To be fair to Wimborne they are a good, young outfit and well organised and they had a lot of energy and deserved beat us really fair and square. "We are bit disappointed because I thought on paper we should have gone through and we were just really poor from the off.

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*"Lest we forget"*

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*