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Match Reports

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“MERLEY CS STING THE BEES”

MERLEY CS 3 BRIDPORT RES 0



As is always the case in the early part of a new season both sides struggled to find their rhythm early on. The deadlock was finally broken on 26 mins when some nice one touch passing set Josh Buck free down the left flank who then sent in a pin point cross for Asa Phillips to stab home from close range to give the hosts a deserved lead. The home side continued to press and create chances but were unable to increase their lead as the visitor's defence held firm, HT 1-0. Merleys midfield began to dominate possession in the second half as Bridport struggled to cope with

their slick pass and move football. A carbon copy of the first goal saw Merley go 2-0 up on 55 mins when Buck again centred for Phillips who again finished well to double the hosts advantage. A rare excursion into the Merley half by Bridport almost saw them grab a goal back shortly afterwards but Aaron Drayton was quick off his line to save bravely at the feet of the Bridport striker. Merley had their warning and began once again to threaten. Amazingly Merleys third goal on 68 mins came once again from an almost identical move to the first two, with Buck again finding Phillips on the six-yard line to seal his hat trick with a tap in. Jamie Moore's saw his fiercely hit shot blocked on the line when he was up for a corner, but despite some impressive attacking play Merley were unable to turn their dominance into more goals.

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“WESTLAND THRASH NEW BOYS LEAVING THEM FEELING BLUE”

WESTLAND SPORTS 8 PORTLAND UNITED RES 0

Westland Sports got their season off to a flying start with an eight-goal drubbing of newly promoted Portland Utd Res at Alvington Lane. Although the home side started confidently, knocking the ball about, the new boys dug in and made life difficult for the first half hour. In fact, only a full-length diving save from Sports keeper Sam Watts in the 20th minute stopped them from going in front. However, in the 29th minute their resistance was broken when Steve Ormrod drilled in the opening goal for Westlands after some good build up play. Three minutes later skipper Adam Barratt coolly side footed in from 18 yards to make it two and only two minutes after that Josh Payne headed in number three from a Sam Plumley cross. In the 38th minute Josh Payne got to the by-line and squared for Ant Herrin to tap in number four to leave Portland shell shocked, HT 4-0. In the second half it was one-way traffic as the hosts put the visitors to the sword and after only two minutes Josh Payne turned and fired in the fifth goal followed soon after by number six when Josh Payne set up Henry Lawrence-Napier to stab the ball past the Portland keeper. In the 61st minute another patient build up by Westlands saw Steve Ormrod tuck the ball away to notch goal number seven and Portland's misery was complete when Sam Carney worked a nice one-two and fired in number 8 off the far post. A great start to the season for Westlands but some soul searching required for the Portland team.

“CORFE’S FORTRESS BREACHED BY CLINICAL DEFENDING CHAMPIONS”

CORFE CASTLE 1 HAMWORTHY RECREATION 7



Corfe Castle welcomed defending Champions Hamworthy Recreation for their 1st ever match in the DPL with Rec getting their new season underway with a thumping 7-1 win. Corfe will be a welcome addition to the league with, surely, the most picturesque ground in the county and an excellent playing surface. It was a dream debut for Sam Carter for Rec who notched a hat-trick and in fact, all the visitor's goals came from new signings. Rec started brightly with Lewis Proudley finding space on the left prominent in many Rec attacks. His dangerous cross was turned away by the

home keeper Perry for a corner. Sam Carter's cross was well met by Jordan Basing, but his header was well saved. But on 10 minutes Rec were in front. John Webb played a perfect ball through the middle for Sam Carter to run onto and coolly convert for 0-1. Rec were now well on top and looked to add to the lead. Chris Long's goal bound shot was deflected for a corner and Proudley headed wide from a Richie Sands cross. But Rec then lost momentum and allowed the hosts into the game more and it was no real surprise when they levelled just before the break. A cross from the right was neatly tucked in at the near post by Matt Suttle, to the delight of the home supporters. HT 1-1. The game was effectively over in five minutes at the start of the second half. On 47 minutes Carter added his second with a crisp low finish and three minutes later completed his treble with a delightful chip over the keeper from the edge of the area and on 52 minutes Long took advantage of a goalkeeping error to unselfishly set up Jordan Basing to thump in his first goal for the club, from close-range, to make it 1-4. Rec were now rampant and sub George Webb went close before Long, unluckily, had a fine goal ruled out for a debatable offside. But the visitors were not finished and on 74 minutes Josh Rose rounded off a good move with a cracking low finish for the fifth. To their credit Corfe kept plugging away and caused a scare for new Rec keeper Aaron Robertson with a long-range shot which hit the bar, but six minutes from time George Webb was on the end of the best move of the game, slamming in a Richard Sands' cross to make it 1-6. Long deserved a goal for his unselfish second half showing and so nearly got one with a great solo effort which flew inches past the post. In the last-minute George Webb broke down the left and his cross was cleverly steered in at the near post by Rose, for his second. A good start to the new season for the defending Champions.

“BULLS 2nd HALF SHOWING CLIPS THE SWANS FOR OPENING DAY WIN”

SWANAGE TOWN & H 1 HOLT UNITED 3

The Swans suffered an opening day 3-1 defeat to Holt United in the Dorset Premier League at Day's Park. The home Keeper Jack Watson produced 3 great saves to deny visiting striker Nathan Saxby, however the hosts had their own chances with Richie Best and Aaron Atkinson just shooting wide off the mark. However, home skipper Paul Best fired his side ahead 4 minutes before the interval with a close-range effort to give the home side the lead, HT 1-0. Whatever the away team's management said to their players at half time clearly worked as the Bulls charged out of the blocks straight from the restart and equalised immediately through a fine finish from Luke Homer, Holt were then unlucky when they hit the woodwork twice in quick succession with fierce shots. The visitors eventually edged in front, which was no more than they deserved when Nathan Saxby scored with a close-range finish, and Holt secured the points through Adam Louka with a well taken 3rd. Swanage refused to give up and should have reduced the arrears when Richie Best's shot was saved but Mo Kanyi blazed the loose ball from the rebound over.

“BALTI TOO HOT TO HANDLE FOR STURMINSTER”

BALTI SPORTS 6 STURMINSTER NEWTON 0



Balti Sports got their season off to a flyer with this comprehensive win against a Stur side that offered little at a damp Cranford Avenue. The home side dominated the game, this after a cagey first 25 mins from both teams. The first goal came when a ball from Ryan Dovell found Ethan Devaney who jinxed around in the visitor's box, finding space to slot home on the half hour. Within a minute it was 2-0, again good play down the left, saw Dan Andrews whip a ball across the box to find Sanchez Baker at the back post to smash home. On 40 minutes Balti got their 3rd when Ricki Lane smashed a free kick under the wall and in to the net from the edge of the box. Still the

hosts were not finished and right on half time it was 4 when Sanchez Baker crossed to Andrews who slid home and effectively sealed the 3 points on offer before the interval, HT 4-0. In the second half, Stur started brighter and created a chance when Neil Sweatman went through one on one but Nott made a great save down to his right, after this, Balti stepped up a gear again to retake control and they got their 5th and 6th goals through Ricki Lane who completed a superb hatrick with two one on ones in the box to slot home in the 65th and 72nd min to round off this emphatic win.

“SHAFTESBURY OVERPOWER THE RANGERS”

SHAFTESBURY RES 5 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

The Rockies got the new season off to a flyer with this well-deserved win against a Wareham side who battled gamely but came up short when it mattered. The first 10 mins were pretty even with both sides having chances, but Shaftesbury were not getting shots on target, whilst Dan Card in the home goal made some excellent saves to keep Wareham at bay. On 13 mins Shaftesbury took the lead through Jamie Danoris who finished well, the visitors kept probing but again Card in the home goal kept saving. The hosts increased their lead against the run of play on the half hour mark when Aaron Lane-Leney netted, all the sweeter for the player after a long spell out with injury, HT 2-0. The second half started well with both teams cancelling each other out. The game stayed pretty even until the 70th minute when debutant Jamie Danoris scored his second and the Rockies 3rd, which then spurred Shaftesbury on to score two more goals as the visitors faded, both through Harry Gough (78,80 mins). The only downfall for Shaftesbury was they didn't manage to see out a clean sheet when Wareham scored their consolation through on 89th minute.

“DORCHESTER GET OPENING WIN OVER THE ZEBRAS”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2 DORCHESTER SPORTS 3

After an under-par pre-season Sherborne Res started the game well and seeing lots of the ball for the first 30 minutes. Town tested the visiting keeper a couple of times, but he dealt with them comfortably. Dorchester Sports took the lead following a nice free kick into the box and poor marking led to Joel Hewitt scoring on 37 minutes, HT 0-1. Sherborne got their deserved equaliser through Will Ireland after he touched home following some great wing play from Ollie Hibbard. Both sides kept probing and with 15 minutes to go, the biggest decision of the match saw the Match Official give a penalty to the visitors when the foul committed appeared to be just outside of the box. Dorchester took the life line and scored from the spot through Gareth Wills conversion. This rattled a young Sherborne side and Sports scored their third on 80 minutes when Billy Turland struck. Sherborne to their credit never gave up and got a deserved 2nd when new signing Scott Martin scored following a cross from Ollie Burns in the 90th minute. Unfortunately, Sherborne pushed for the equaliser but ran out of time. A great game of football for the fans for both sets of clubs.

“NEW GROUNDS LEAGUE DEBUT ENDS IN A DRAW”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 PARLEY SPORTS 2

For the second year in succession Gillingham and Parley started the season in North Dorset playing out an entertaining 2-2 draw. In fact, apart from a relocation to the Woodwater Lane ground, not much had changed, with both teams dominating in short spells, neither really getting a grip on the game mainly due to the tricky conditions and pitch surface, some mistakes and a late goal all adding to the opening day drama. The opening exchanges were fairly even, but after 10 minutes Ashley Clarke broke into the box and beat the Parley defender to the cross to head home the opening goal. As the half progressed both teams found the conditions of a greasy surface on top of a rock-hard ground difficult to master, however both sides attempted to play football and Parley had a couple of good opportunities to level the score before half-time but to no avail, HT 1-0. Parley started the second half well and as Gillingham failed to defend a corner they equalised, the ball rebounded in the box and eventually being forced over the line by Jack Voisey. This seemed to galvanise Gillingham who then had their best spell of the game, which culminated with Ashley Clarke bringing the ball down well in the penalty area, but he was being impeded by a high boot from Parleys Tom Biles, as he was about to shoot. The Penalty was awarded, and Elliot Bevis despatched it to restore the Gills lead. However, Gillingham could not see out the game and a number of Parley attacks towards the end of game resulted in the final one being converted at the far post in injury time by substitute James Shearing to give the visitors a deserved draw.