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“HONOURS EVEN AT MAGNA ROAD”

HAMWORTHY REC 3 PARLEY SPORTS 3



Hamworthy Rec were crowned champions after another excellent season, but this was, perhaps unsurprisingly, a rather tired performance against a very capable Parley side. It was only the third draw for Rec all season, in a game spoiled by the strong wind throughout, making neat football difficult. Rec made another good start and were ahead after 5 minutes when Todd Coombs' cross was controlled by Brad Hill, who in turn, set up John Webb to fire in a low shot from 25 yards - 1-0. Rec then had a succession of chances to build up an unassailable lead, but Ash Boyt, Sam Carter and Brad Hill were all denied. Parley's first real attack of note saw Harry Phillips, in the home goal, make a good save at the expense of a corner. But on 32 minutes it was 1-1 when a speculative, wind-assisted shot from distance by Matt Newberry caught Phillips off his line and ended up in the net for the equaliser, HT 1-1. Rec had more chances in the second period, with Callum Charlton's dangerous cross headed away and John Webb's free-kick saved by the visiting keeper. But a 64th minute corner by Webb fell nicely for Dave Wrixton to fire in and put Rec back in front. A

spirited Parley side were playing some good football and causing problems for Rec and a decent chance soon ruffled the side-netting, but the hosts nearly added another when Boyt's shot was blocked, with the rebound falling to Webb, whose shot was turned onto the post by the Parley keeper. Chris Long and Carl Edwards then combined well, but the final shot was wide. Rec were left to rue those misses when, five minutes from time, Parley levelled when the home defence failed to clear from a corner, resulting in a neat, low shot from Cameron Shaw made it 2-2. The game was almost won, in the dying minutes by the hosts, when Richie Sands' free-kick was headed just wide by Chis Bryer-Ash.

**Above; Captain Rikki Walden receives the League Championship from League Chairman Mike Mock
Below; HAMWORTHY RECREATION – DPL CHAMPIONS 2018 – 2019**



“CORFE GAIN VITAL WIN COMEBACK WIN ON THE ROAD”

SHAFTESBURY RES 2 CORFE CASTLE 3

King Edward the Martyr figures in both these team's history as he reigned at Corfe Castle, was murdered by his mother and later laid to rest at Shaftesbury Abbey. So that's the history lesson out of the way. Onto the game itself, and for Corfe it was a case of must win at all costs, if their games in hand were to alter the bottom 3 places. For Shaftesbury it was a case of taking the points and ending clear of the drop zone. Granted goal difference would mean Corfe somehow firing in 24 unanswered goals in their remaining games starting with this game. The hosts made a few changes to their squad after last week's defeat, bringing in a few senior players to bring the squad up to 14. Blustery winds made the early exchanges interesting, but it was the home side who scored first through a Bailey Hodge free kick from 20 yards out. The Rockies quickly doubled their lead after Eddie Perrett stabbed home past the onrushing visiting keeper. Corfe did drag a goal back before the half time whistle following great perseverance by Courtney Johnstone. He spun his defender who tried his best to haul Johnstone down, the Corfe hitman was able to slot into the far bottom corner., HT 2-1. The 2nd half was a much closer affair, but Shaftesbury should have seen the game out, but for some poor finishing in front of goal, and at times lapse defending. Both teams tried to play neat football, but the strong wind was playing a bigger factor as it increased, Corfe had managed it very well in the first half, and after a well defended Shaftesbury attack, Corfe broke down the right through Josh Baker who squared it in the box finding Johnstone who hit the back of the net for the second time to draw the sides level. The Shaftesbury team by now, had become increasingly frustrated as they were struggling to break Corfe down, they did formulate a very good chance but Corfe keeper Brad Smith produced a fantastic one handed save low to his right. During the closing minutes of the game Corfe were awarded a free kick 25 yards out to the left of the pitch, player coach Jamie Perry was over the ball and dummied a strike which seemed to bring the opposition goalkeeper off his line, young midfielder Marcus Smith then took aim and produced a brilliant lobbed finish handing the result and 3 points to the visitors.

“WESTLANDS ROUTINELY BEAT THE ZEBRAS”

WESTLAND SPORTS 4 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0

Sherborne played their final away match against Westlands in what was a game of two halves. Sherborne started the stronger side despite having no recognised forward and put pressure on the hosts with player manager Glenn Nathan going close on two occasions after beating the offside trap. Joe Mounsell was cashing Westlands problems to finding lots of space in the middle but they couldn't make their pressure count. 0-0 ht. Westlands went up a gear with the wind behind them and soon took the lead on 50 minutes when Ant Herrin curled in a free kick. Westlands then dominated the second half but found it difficult to open town up. The 3 further goals came from errors where town were playing football but dwelled on the ball too long only to be intercepted and punished with some fine finishing from the Westlands front line.

“ROYALS BEAT THE RANGERS”

BLANDFORD UNITED 2 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

In a match that Wareham needed a minimum of a point to not finish bottom of the league, they came up short as the Royals edged a nervy affair by the odd goal. The hosts took the lead in the 17th minute courtesy of Mark Ford and that's the way it stayed till the interval, HT 1-0. Wareham came out for the 2nd half with purpose and got a deserved equaliser in the 48th minute when Suwie Thompson netted. Both sides huffed and puffed with the winner for the hosts coming with 12 minutes to go when Craig Knowles scored to seal the win for the hosts and condemn Wareham to the wooden spoon.

“TANGERINES SIGN OFF WITH WIN AGAINST MCS”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 MERLEY CS 1

Both sides can be proud of their League Campaigns as the hosts beat Merley in what was both teams last League match of the season. Gillingham secured a 5th place finish in the league courtesy of this win, with their goals coming from Dan Cox and Buddy OShea, whilst replying for the visitors was Matt Groves. Despite this defeat Merley CS have secured a 3rd place finish and can now look forward to the League Cup Final on the 9th May where they hope to make it a Cup Double after already securing the Dorset Senior Trophy.

1st May

“ROYALS REIGN AT THE CASTLE”

CORFE CASTLE 1 BLANDFORD UTD 4

Corfe started well playing good football and creating a few chances and went 1-0 up after a Brendon Flockton corner found Karl Littleboy to head in from 6 yards out. Corfe continued to be on top but then let in a soft goal converted by Mark Ford after a mistake from Brad Smith. After this Blandford were on top till half time, HT 1-1. The second half kicked off with Corfe back on top and knocking the ball around well. Creating a few half chances, one courtesy of a Brendon Flockton header being ruled off side. After this Corfe fell apart with a mistake from Marcus Smith getting tackled on the edge of his own area to leave the Blandford striker Steve Smith with an easy 1 on 1 in which he scored to put the Royals in front. 3 minutes later, and another mistake from goal keeper Bradley Smith, when he miss hit a goal kick which fell right to Smith again to lob it back over the stricken Corfe keeper. As the game moved on, a Blandford corner was missed by Corfe's Ocean Smith leaving the Royals Rob Manson with a free header at the back post.

2nd May

“HOLT HANG ON AT THE AVENUE”

DORCHESTER SPORTS 2 HOLT UNITED 3

Dorchester Sports ended their Dorset Premier League season with a tight 3-2 loss to former champions Holt United at the Clayson Stadium. Any hopes of a good start for Ashley James' men were shredded when lethal striker Nathan Saxby latched onto a simple through ball and slotted past keeper Antony Frost in the second minute. Jason Read, 42, playing his final game before retirement, then misjudged a bouncing ball, allowing Saxby to steal in and finish clinically to double the Bulls advantage. Sports gave themselves a mountain to climb when Alex Gould poked a cross into his own net. However, just before half-time Ryan Ross turned and shot on the edge of the box to find the bottom corner, HT 1-3. The hosts spurned three excellent chances to score after the resumption before Read rolled back the years, planting a firm header from Gareth Will's free-kick into the net for 3-2 and atone for his earlier error. In a thrilling end-to-end game, both Holt and Sports had further chances to score but the Bulls held on for the win as Sports remain eighth in the table. Speaking to Echosport, Sports' boss James said: "It was unfortunate we didn't get something from the game because we deserved it. We didn't take our chances, they did, and you can't gift them those sorts of chances. We paid for it. That's the story of our season in one game." Commenting on Read, James added: "He's been unbelievable for us. It's a nice way for him to finish with a headed goal, his trademark."

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4th May

“THRILLER AT THE FORTRESS”

CORFE CASTLE 3 WESTLAND SPORTS 3



Saturday saw Corfe Castle play their final game of the club's inaugural season in the DPL. The visitors were league runners up Westland Sports. In the first meeting between these two teams earlier in the season Westlands won out 10-1. So, Corfe were hoping to see a great improvement on that result. Corfe played an excellent opening 20 minutes but were undone when Westland's striker Dwayne Forshaw appeared to turn the ball into the net using his forearm. However, with the referee and linesman unsighted, the goal stood. Unfortunately, Corfe's overzealous remonstrations with the referee landed Corfe centre back Richard Fieldhouse in the sinbin. Despite being a goal down Corfe hit back when Courtney Johnstone pounced on an unwanted back pass which the nervy Westlands Goalkeeper miss-controlled and scored, HT 1-1. Reserve Corfe Goal keeper Nick Hough was having a brilliant game specifically with his distribution, but mid-way through the second half he was adjudged to have fouled the Westlands striker resulting in a penalty, dispatched by Westlands captain Anthony Herrin. Corfe then responded

and equalised by the head of Karl Littleboy from a corner. Corfe went on to get what they thought would be the winner through Mark Lemon which brought about wild celebrations, unfortunately it was not to be as in a series of throw ins and corners for Westlands eventually led to the ball being bundled in by Aaron Sweet, much to the dismay of the Corfe faithful and home keeper Nick Hough, so this thoroughly entertaining game ended 3-3. Which was satisfying for the home side given the result earlier in the season, however Corfe feel as though they ought to have held on to all 3 points.

Above; WSFC Captain Ant Herrin receives the League Runners-Up Trophy from League Chairman Mike Mock

“BEES SIGN OFF WITH A 9 GOAL ROUT OF THE ROYALS”

BRIDPORT RES 9 BLANDFORD UNITED 0




FANTASTIC FOUR: Josh Hunter scored four goals, including his third from the penalty spot Picture: STEPHEN BARRETT

Bridport Reserves finished their season with an emphatic 9-0 win over Blandford United in front of their home supporters to seal an eighth-place finish in the Dorset Premier League. Bridport opened the scoring after seven minutes when Josh Hunter stabbed home following a right-wing corner from Jaydon Scadding. Hunter got his second two minutes later when he pressured the Blandford defence which

engineered a chance and enabled him to produce a great finish. Three minutes later, great football from the Bees produced a shot from Hunter, but Mark Ford stopped the shot on the line with his hand and the referee awarded a penalty and also showed the striker a red card. Dan Baggs stepped up to take the penalty and his

strike was saved by the Blandford goalkeeper, but Baggs reacted to the rebound and thumped it home from close range. Bridport were awarded another penalty after 36 minutes, when Hunter was brought down in the box and he secured his first-half hat-trick with a confident right foot finish, HT 4-0. Three minutes into the second half, Hunter scored his fourth of the afternoon and Bridport's fifth goal to completely destroy any thoughts of a Blandford comeback. Sam Handyside scored twice within five minutes to make it 7-0, his second a beautiful free-kick into the goalkeeper's left-hand corner to cap off a wonderful performance from the 18-year-old. Robin Jones scored a superb goal after 68 minutes to make it 8-0 with an exquisite first touch and finish to round off a superb season for the talented forward. Blandford received their second red card of the afternoon after 70 minutes, when captain Robert Manson was dismissed for dissent. After 80 minutes, Bridport were awarded a third penalty when Handyside was scythed down in the box from what was now an increasingly frustrated Blandford. However, Sam Day stepped up to take the penalty and smashed his effort over the crossbar. Riley Weedon returned from a groin injury and came off the bench to make the score 9-0 with a neat finish inside the box to cap an incredible finish to the season for the talented Bridport team and end a miserable afternoon for Blandford, which was compounded further by the news that Archie McCarthy, just back from breaking his leg earlier in the season and was substituted in the 32nd minute had sustained another broken leg. We wish Archie well in his recovery. After the match, Bridport boss Shaun Annett's said: "Blandford didn't come down to us with the best attitude, their season was pretty much over, they could not go any higher than seventh, they could not go worse than seventh and I'm not sure they took the game as seriously as they could have done. "We took it very seriously, I took it very seriously, the players took it very seriously and they responded in a wonderful way. It was a very, very good performance."

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FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

| POS | | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|-----|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1 | Hamworthy Recreation | 32 | 26 | 3 | 3 | 82 | 81 |
| 2 | Westland Sports | 32 | 24 | 4 | 4 | 65 | 76 |
| 3 | Merley Cobham Sports | 32 | 23 | 3 | 6 | 85 | 72 |
| 4 | Balti Sports | 32 | 18 | 7 | 7 | 17 | 61 |
| 5 | Gillingham Town | 32 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 30 | 56 |
| 6 | Holt United | 32 | 17 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 55 |
| 7 | Blandford United | 32 | 14 | 3 | 15 | -5 | 45 |
| 8 | Bridport Reserves | 32 | 13 | 5 | 14 | 7 | 44 |
| 9 | Dorchester Sports | 32 | 12 | 6 | 14 | -15 | 42 |
| 10 | Swanage Town And Herston | 32 | 9 | 11 | 12 | -20 | 38 |
| 11 | Portland United Reserves | 32 | 11 | 5 | 16 | -30 | 38 |
| 12 | Parley Sports | 32 | 11 | 9 | 12 | -2 | 36 * |
| 13 | Sherborne Town Reserves | 32 | 9 | 5 | 18 | -30 | 32 |
| 14 | Shaftesbury Town Reserves | 32 | 9 | 4 | 19 | -15 | 31 |
| 15 | Corfe Castle | 32 | 8 | 4 | 20 | -39 | 28 |
| 16 | Sturminster Newton United | 32 | 5 | 1 | 26 | -61 | 16 |
| 17 | Wareham Rangers | 32 | 4 | 4 | 24 | -80 | 16 |