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FA VASE – 2nd Qualifying Round

"SWANAGE LEAVE IT LATE..... AGAIN..... TO PROGRESS"

SWANAGE TOWN & H 3 FAWLEY AFC 2



A late Cameron Beard winning goal enabled Swans to progress into the next round of the FA Vase following their thrilling 3-2 win against Fawley AFC at Day's Park. The match started quite scrappy with both sides unable to get a foothold. Swans had a couple of chances with Graeme Rose and Cameron Beard going close. Leading scorer Cameron Beard fired the Swans ahead after 33 minutes from just inside the box. The second followed on 41 minutes after a great solo run from Aaron Atkinson somehow his shot deceived the visitor's keeper Burch and found its way into the net. Swans

keeper James Langdon had to be at his best to deny Fawley from opening their account just before half time. H.T. 2-0. With a 2 goal lead the second half should have been a formality for the Swans but proved to be far from it. The Oilers had other ideas and struck in the 68th minute through Hartigan who scored with the Swans defence sleeping at a corner, and the visitors equalised in the 75th minute from the same player. James Langdon produced a fantastic save from a free kick to deny the Oilers from taking the lead, and with time running out Cameron Beard struck the winner on 89 minutes



smashing home a close-range volley after skipper Nat Scott headed on from a Jacob Harrop corner. Again, a dramatic end to a fantastic FA Vase tie that sees Swanage continue their road to Wembley. The Draw for the first round will be

made on Monday.

*Cameron Beard (9) scores the Swans Injury Time Winner
Photos courtesy of Haydn Sparkes (Top) & Andy Nunn - @andythephoto (Bottom)*

LEAGUE

"SPORTS TURLAND HITS 6 IN ZEBRA ROUT"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 10 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0

Dorchester Sports continued their fine form at the Avenue Stadium with their biggest win since joining the DPL by putting 10 past beleaguered Sherborne, Sports squad was again stretched to the limits, ever present Cormac Lochrie was missing so in come Dan Peart and Dan Anderson replaced the injured Joel Hewitt and Adam Steele started his first game of the season, Steve Churchill was the only sub, Sports started brightly and went on the front foot and won a free kick on the edge of the box which Peart stepped up to curl into the top corner past Josh Lucas in the Sherborne goal, the lead was doubled shortly later when Gareth wills pin point cross was met by Will Turland to tap in his first of many on the afternoon, Luke Gatehouse was then brought down in the box and Jamie Symes slotted his 11th goal of the season past Lucas from the spot and Turland completed his brace and Sports 4th just before the break. HT 4-0 The second half was one way traffic as the visitors goal came under a pure bombardment from Sports as the hosts hunted more goals and 5 come in quick time, Turland completed his hatrick, then there were further goals for Jamie Samways and Gatehouse before Turland added another 2 to make it 9-0, eventually double figures did arrive late on when Turland added his 6th of the day to also take his tally to 11 for the season and cap perfect day for Sports who moved up to 2nd in the table with Sherborne remaining rooted to the foot.

"BALTI HANG ON AS TANGERINES STAGE FIGHTBACK"

BALTI SPORTS 4 GILLINGHAM TOWN 3



Balti Sports moved back to the top of the table after this win that ably showed their Jackal & Hyde side to their game this season, excellent going forward as demonstrated by surging into a 4-0 lead only for their defensive frailties to be capitalized on by a game Gillingham side. Nick Thomson donned the keeper's jersey to prove he can play in any position he is given for the visitors. The Gills started the better of the two teams, but poor decision making in front of goal meant they couldn't capitalise on their dominance. They were left to rue their missed chances when Balti, after striking the woodwork twice in quick succession, opened the scoring just before the half hour mark. Nick Thomson's effort to clear a cross struck Ethan Devaney inside the six-yard box leaving Devaney with a simple tap in to give Balti a 1-0 lead. Balti were very much in the driving seat now and Gills' defender Brad Hansford cleared a shot off the line, but Balti doubled their lead 10 minutes before half time when Danny Andrews hit a sweet shot from the edge of the area that flew into the top left corner of the goal giving Thomson no chance. So, Balti went into the break with a 2-0 lead and nothing to suggest they

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wouldn't increase their lead if they continued playing the way they were and that is exactly what happened at the start of the second half. It took Balti just 6 minutes from the restart to get a third goal when, what looked like an attempted cross by Liam Taylor looped over Nick Thomson and into the Gills' goal. They went 4-0 up in the very next minute, this time it was Oscar Preece getting on the scoresheet when his volley flew past Thomson to make it 4-0. Nobody will ever be sure if it was the two quick goals that shocked the Gills, Balti taking their foot off the gas after going 4-0 up or a mixture of the two that led to Gillingham getting a grip of the game, but that is what they did. The visitors first goal came just 2 minutes after Balti's fourth when Elliot Bevis beat Balti keeper Andy Nott to the ball and deftly chipped the ball over the advancing keeper into the net. Gillingham really began to believe they could get something from the game when they scored a second goal just 3 minutes later, Harry Smith nicking the ball off a defender inside the area before slotting his shot under Nott. The Gills were the dominant team now in this see saw game while Balti's earlier great play deserted them. When Elliot Bevis scored his second and the Gills' third goal with 12 minutes left it really looked like they might snatch a point or even a victory, to make matter worse for the hosts, they had Sam Nicholls sent off for 2 yellows both for kicking the ball away twice in 2 minutes !! but despite their best efforts and numerous close shaves, they couldn't get that all important fourth goal. Although not a good result for the Gills, it was a gutsy performance to come back from 4-0 down against the team at the top of the table.



"PORT DOWNED BY REC AT THE REC"

MILBORNE PORT 0 HAMWORTHY RECREATION 7

Although they were never at their best this was a comfortable win for Rec in their first ever visit to Milborne Port. Fresh from scoring four times the previous week, striker Chris Long repeated the feat in this match, meaning he has now scored 11 goals in the last three matches. The league new boys looked lively in the opening exchanges and chances were at a premium, but on 21 minutes Rec were in front. A pin-point cross from Marc Fairbrother saw Harry Stokes direct a neat header inside the post for 0-1. And just five minutes later it was two when good work by Stokes set up a chance for Callum Charlton to fire low into goal from the edge of the area. Port looked to get themselves back in the game, but were dealt a blow on 38 minutes when a delightful through-ball from Ash Boyt allowed Chris Long to run on to and drill the ball in for the visitors 3rd. HT 0-3. The second half was only 11 minutes in when Boyt, again, sent Long away to Cooley fire in for 0-4 and just a minute later the Rec hot-shot claimed his hat-trick with a fine header from Lewis Tapley's cross. To their credit Port still looked to attack where possible and saw a shot fly just over the bar, followed up by a dangerous free-kick into the box which keeper Sam Jones gratefully grabbed. 15 minutes from time Long notched his fourth and the team's sixth with another header after Fairbrother's shot had been parried by the keeper and five minutes from time the scoring was completed when Fairbrother slammed in after Long's shot was blocked. FT 0-7.

"MERLEY & MERE SETTLE FOR A DRAW"

MERLEY CS 1 MERE TOWN 1



This was an entertaining game between two well organised sides. Mere showed their intent very early on when Merley stopper Aaron Drayton had to be on his toes to make a good save down low to his right as Mere striker Charles Parry was slipped through. Despite seeing lots of the ball, Merley struggled to get a foot hold and it wasn't until 37 mins that Jack Mills forced a save from the Mere keeper. Matt Groves also saw his effort saved on 42 mins. HT 0-0 Mere started the second half as they had the first, with a shot

deflected away for a corner. On 55 mins Asa Phillips headed just over as Merley began to find their rhythm. The Mere skipper Sam Patterson was shown a second yellow on the hour mark after a nasty looking challenge so reducing the visitors to 10. but it was Mere who reacted better to this, catching Merley on the break, Joe Patterson found himself one on one with the home custodian who had no option but to bring the striker down for a penalty. Joe Patterson dusted himself down and converted the penalty neatly, sending Drayton the wrong way. Josh Pickering went close for Merley on 67 mins, his shot flashing just past the far post. It was all Merley now as they made the extra man count to pile on the pressure in search of an equaliser. Groves twice got through, only to see his efforts blocked with last ditch interventions, before evergreen sub Jamie Moore's finally equalised for Merley on 82 mins with a low drive into the bottom left corner of the net. Merley pushed on for the win, pegging Mere back into their own half but were unable to penetrate a heavily packed Mere defence. Merley will feel relieved they got something out the game, whilst the visitors will be proud that they secured a point after being reduced to 10 men.



"HAMMERS FEEL THE PAYNE AS WESTLANDS WIN"

WESTLAND SPORTS 2 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 0

Josh Payne was the man who provided the cutting edge for Westlands as they picked up the three points with a 2-0 win over visitors Hamworthy Utd. An early flurry of corners caused a bit of panic in the Hamworthy goalmouth but they got their blocks in and eventually cleared the danger. As the visitors grew into the game it became a more even contest with both sides creating chances. The better opportunities were falling to the home side but the shooting was a bit off target so it remained 0-0 at the break. In the

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second half, it was Westlands who began to turn the screw and the visitor's attacks grew less frequent although they squandered an early chance to open the scoring with a shot that blazed over the top. In the 58th minute Westland's Leo Hayward hit the post with a shot from close range then a Josh Payne shot whistled past the far post before the opener finally arrived in the 70th minute. Haydn Hodges drove in a corner kick and Josh Payne smashed it in at the near post. That goal relaxed the home side and six minutes later they made it 2-0. A Jamie Green pass picked out Josh Payne in the box and he hammered in a thumping shot from 15 yards. That ended the scoring and, with Westlands content now to keep it tight and not concede, the game petered out a bit as a contest although there was always a bit of an edge to the game. A couple of minutes from time Hamworthy's Sam Carter blasted a shot into the side netting but apart from that Westland's keeper Sam Watts wasn't troubled and picked up his fifth clean sheet of the season. A good three points for Westlands against a strong Hamworthy team.

"ROYALS PIP THE CHERRIES"

STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 BLANDFORD UNITED 4

Sturminster were left rueing their missed chances after going down 4-2 to Blandford. Blandford fielded the dangerous Ford brothers, Mark and Paul, up front and they scored 3 of Blandford's goals. Mark Ford was somewhat fortunate to escape with just a yellow card after stamping on Stur keeper, Sam Stroud's leg in the 11th minute. He atoned for his foul with a well-taken goal from close range just a minute later. Paul Ford doubled Blandford's lead in the 19th minute with a neat finish. Mark Ford nearly made it 3, but Sam Stroud denied his clever chip. Sturminster missed a couple of chances in the remainder of the half, with James Orchard and Stuart Frear keeping the keeper busy. Callum Frampton flashed a free kick just wide for Sturminster as the half ended. Blandford came out of the blocks quickly in the second half and extended their lead in the 47th minute through Mark Ford's excellent, composed finish. Sturminster's substitute, Ollie Gittins, reduced the arrears in the 67th minute, following a fine cross by James Orchard from the left wing. Blandford's keeper then made three terrific saves as Sturminster continued to press forward. A well-worked Blandford move in the 81st minute culminated in Daniel Vater scoring from Mark Ford's through ball, but the hosts kept plugging away and scored a second goal a minute later when Darren Spiller scored a superb overhead kick from the edge of the box. Dan Vater was sin-binned in the 85th minute for the visitors but Blandford saw the game out to record a fine win.

"BULLS WIN ON THE ROAD AT PARLEY"

PARLEY SPORTS 2 HOLT UNITED 5

Parley started on the front foot playing some great stuff but their early efforts came to nothing as the visitors started to settle however on 12 minutes, Parley's Ally Williams played Josh Moody in down the left-hand side and he beat the Holt keeper at his near post to put the hosts 1 up. Back came Holt and on the half hour mark they were level through Shane Jackson's header. HT 1-1 Into the 2nd half, and the visitors stole a march when in the 49th minute their prolific marksman Nathan Saxby beat the home custodian from the edge of the box, 5 minutes later and it was 3-1 to the visitors as Saxby's lay off

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found Luke Homer to smash home from 20 Yards. With 60 minutes on the clock Mike Haskell headed in Holts 4th. Back came the home side who never gave up and their endeavours were rewarded when Adam Trimby was fouled just inside the box for a penalty which was duly converted by Matt Newberry to reduce the arrears, however any thoughts about a stirring comeback were fully extinguished in the 87th minute when Holt's Mike Haskell capitalised on a mistake in the home defence to square the ball to Saxby to score with ease. After an indifferent start, Holt are starting to show why they were Champions last season.

"PURBECK GOAL FEAST AS THE BEES EDGE 12 GOAL THRILLER"

WAREHAM RANGERS 5 BRIDPORT RES 7

Wareham started the game the stronger and took a deserved lead before conceding 2 sloppy goals to see the visitors go in at the break 2-1 up. The 2nd half exploded with 9 further goals going in from all over the place as both sides defences capitulated. Bridport soon found themselves 4-1 up, however the hosts staged a comeback and pulled 2 goals back but continued to concede further goals from a mixture of poor defensive play and a general lack of effort from their players. Bridport's tally was further helped by an award of a penalty late on that they duly converted. Bridport's scorers were Dan Baggs (2) Brandon Scadding (2) Ryan Gall, Dom Macallister and Kriss Radivojsa. Scoring for Wareham were Storm Graham, Callum Neate, Alex Ringer and substitute Aaron Merredew with 2, this defeat means its now 6 straight losses for a Wareham side desperately lacking in confidence that sees them 15th in the table

