



Match Reports

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“BALTI & BLUES SERVE UP A POINT APIECE”

BALTI SPORTS 1 PORTLAND UTD RES 1



Derek Wall grabbed a point for Portland United Reserves with a late goal to cancel out an Oscar Preece header at Weymouth College in a match that both sides will justifiably regret not winning in the Dorset Premier League. Balti boasted new signing Sean Stewart in their starting line-up, after he signed for the club on dual registration from Dorchester. Both sides had numerous chances throughout the match that went begging, with Wall proving a good threat for Portland and Danny Andrews being a consistent thorn in the Blues' side. Preece got the breakthrough in the 67th minute when Balti broke down the right-hand side and he headed in a pin-point header past Ross Jones in the Portland goal. The Blues came back and, in a frantic finish, Wall saw his looped header secure a point with almost the last touch of the match. After the match, Balti Sports' boss

Marco Nott said: "I think we just edged it, but it is always gutting to concede right at the end. "He is a threat that lad up front (Wall), he caused a threat all night." Portland manager Faulkner said: "I did think it was fair. Although we conceded some chances in the second half they were on top for a good portion and we dug in."

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“HOLT HIT MERLEY FOR 5”

MERLEY CS 1 HOLT UNITED 5

With both sides having a respectable start to their season, the stage was set for a tough, competitive match. The visitors got off to a flying start when a mis-hit cross looped over Merley keeper Aaron Drayton to give Holt the lead in the 3rd minute. With the home side still reeling, Holt piled on the pressure and Nathan Saxby added the second of the game with a tidy finish after a defensive slip. With Merley at sixes and sevens Holt sensed blood and Saxby was on hand again to grab his second and Holt's third on 20 mins. Merley settled and began to make more of a contest of the game but were unable to create a clear-cut chance before the break, HT 0-3. The hosts made a change at half time to try to deal with the lively Saxby and began to search for a way back into the game. Asa Phillips went close on 55 mins and Ellis George made a powerful run into the Holt box on 65 mins but was tripped up resulting in a penalty. Matt groves converted the penalty calmly for 1-3 and now Merley began to get the upper hand. This was cut short on 75 mins when Holt were awarded a penalty of their own, with Saxby stepping up to complete his hat trick for 1-4. Despite their best efforts, Merley were unable to create further goalscoring chances and were caught on the counter on 82 mins for 1-5. The damage was done in the first twenty minutes, leaving Merley no option but to attack but it wasn't to be their day as the visitors ran out convincing winners.

“REC BEAT THE RANGERS FOR ROUTINE WIN”

HAMWORTHY REC 4 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Another three points for Rec, but it was far from a perfect evening. Rec played some neat football, especially in the first half, but tended to over-elaborate at times and conceded possession far too easily to a determined Wareham side that battled hard throughout. The opening few minutes saw Rec have a couple of chances, with Jordan Basing and George Webb going close, but on 5 minutes Sam Carter was on the scoresheet again after John Webb's attempt fell nicely for him to fire in from close-range. Wareham responded with a long-range shot narrowly wide and an attempt from a free-kick saved by Aaron Robertson in the home goal. But on 27 minutes Rec were awarded an indirect free-kick for a back pass in the area. The Webb brothers combined with John teeing up George to slam the ball high into the net for 2-0. Rec were now well on top and on 38 minutes it was three when Jordan Basing fired in a beauty from the angle of the penalty area, after a run down the left and the same player was at it again two minutes later when he sent a thumping header in from John Webb's inviting cross, HT 4-0. Wareham immediately pulled one back at the start of the second period with a great long-range strike from Richard Parsons for 4-1. Rec by now, were struggling to find their normal rhythm, but were still creating chances. Carter saw his shot deflected just past the post and Basing was denied a hat-trick with a goal-line clearance. Carter then threaded a classic ball to Chris Long, but the Wareham keeper bravely smothered his effort. To their credit Wareham kept plugging away and Robertson did well to tip over a goal-bound header, before another chance was cleared for a corner. Long nearly made it five for the hosts with a bullet header only for it to be denied due to a push in the build-up.

“WESTLANDS LIKE THE TASTE OF TANGERINES”

WESTLAND SPORTS 3 GILLINGHAM TOWN 1

This match got off to a flying start with both teams scoring within the first 8 minutes. Westlands were first to strike when a short corner move was finished off by Jamie Irwin's powerful header. Gillingham quickly struck back with a long throw-in which Elliot Bevis converted with a backward header that found the far corner. Midway through the half Jamie Irwin hooked another Westlands corner goal wards but his shot was cleared off the line and the rebound were put over the top. Another long throw from Gillingham again caused Westlands a problem but Sports keeper Rich Pippin made a good save to push the ball out. Just before the break Josh Payne drove the ball across the face of the Gillingham goal and a defender sliced his clearance over his own bar, HT 1-1. A good Westlands move in the opening minutes of the second half opened up the visitor's defence, but Jamie Irwin blazed his shot over the bar from a good position. Then, in the 65th minute, Westlands took the lead for the second time in the game. Ant Herrin muscled his way past a Gills defender out on the left, cut in, and drilled a low ball across the face of the goal and Gillingham's Will Pike turned it into his own net. Ten minutes later it was 3-1 when Jamie Irwin slotted in a penalty after brother Louis had been felled in the box. The last 15 minutes saw Westlands retreat into their shell to defend a barrage of long balls into their box. Some good defending and a good save from keeper Rich Pippin saw them through to the final whistle.

“ROYALS WIN ROYALLY ON THE ROAD AGAIN IN EAST DORSET”

PARLEY SPORTS 3 BLANDFORD UTD 6

Blandford picked up another decent win on the road after last weekend's win at Shaftesbury, this time hitting 6 at Parley. The visitors got off to the perfect start when after just 5 minutes, they took the lead following a long throw on the right fell to Elliot Manson to knock home. Back came the hosts who drew level 3 minutes later when Jack Voisey netted after beating his defender before slotting home. The game was end to end with the visitors regaining the lead on 22 minutes when Taylor Pike ran on to a simple ball over the top of a static Parley defence to run on to and slot home. Again, Blandford couldn't keep hold of their lead as a defensive error allowed Domonic Falco to restore parity for the hosts, just before half time, the same player, Falco edged the hosts in front for the 1st and only time in the game, HT 3-2. The second half predominantly

belonged to the visitors who got a quick equaliser in the 51st minute when another long ball over the top from the Blandford defence saw Mark Ford hold off Parley Defender Tom Biles, to bring Blandford level. On 55 minutes, a ball down the line found Manson again and he rifled in a right footed finish from wide of the 18-yard box to put the Royals back in front. This time the visitors held onto their lead and further increased it in the 69th with a carbon copy of their 4th goal with Manson completing his hat trick. There was still time for the Royals to add a 6th as a poor clearance from Taylor Hibbs in the home goal fell to Luke Pidgeley who sent the ball back over him and into the empty net.

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“SPORTS INFLICT CASTLE’S 6TH STRAIGHT LOSS”

DORCHESTER SPORTS 3 CORFE CASTLE 2



Photo courtesy of Phillip Standfield

Dorchester returned to winning ways after recent defeats with this hard-fought odd goal in 5, win against the League’s bottom placed side Corfe Castle, who on this evidence are not to far away from their 1st win of the season. The Game was very even for the first half hour and the visitors edged in front when they scored through Ryan Cattano’s effort. Shortly afterwards Dorchester equalised when Jamie Quinton notched and then the hosts got their second just before half time with Gareth Wills effort, HT 2-1. Corfe played well at the start of the second half and deservedly got their equaliser through Jack Hectors neat finish. Once again though the visitors failed to preserve their foothold in the game as the hosts again edged in front as Dorchester scored again through Richard Beasley to claim the points.

“ZEBRAS STAMPEDE OVER THE CHERRIES TO TASTE VICTORY”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2 STURMINSTER NEWTON 0

Sherborne came into this game full of confidence after their weekend win at Bridport and town took the game to Sturminster who were looking to get their first points of the season on the board. Sherborne had 3/4 decent chances before finally taking the lead in the 28th minutes through James Budden as he latched on to head home a rebound off the visitor’s keeper. Sherborne created more chances with Ollie Hibbard having 3 good opportunities to increase the lead and it was the young winger himself who got the hosts second with a fine run and cross shot to double the Zebras advantage right on the stroke of half time, HT 2-0. Sturminster came out fighting and battling for every ball in the second half and put some prolonged pressure on the Sherborne defence, also winning a number of corners. Sherborne held strong and they themselves also went close on a number of occasions but couldn’t get that third goal. The best of their chances fell to Raith Plant and Ollie Hibbard, who went close again with a cross shot. Finally, late on, Cian Cabell hit the bar with a tremendous volley that deserved more. So North Dorset bragging rights went to the men from Raleigh Grove.

“BRIDPORT HIT 3 TO FLATTEN THE ROCKIES”

BRIDPORT RES 3 SHAFTESBURY RES 0

The Bees registered a deserved win against the Rockies as goals from Josh Hunter and a brace from Riley Weedon saw Bridport safely home at St Marys field.