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“MERLEY HIT THE CHERRIES FOR EIGHT”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 0 MERLEY CS 8



Sturminster Newton United football club welcomed Merley Cobham Sports to Barnett's Field where the visitors got off to a very quick start scoring their first goal within five minutes quickly followed by their second, third and fourth goals all in the first twenty minutes. The visitors were rampant and totally dominated the game as Sturminster had nothing in reply leading to two more Merley goals so going in at half time 6-0 down. The hosts made numerous tactical changes for the second half to try and steady the ship, but to no avail as they conceded two more goals to see the visitors record an emphatic win. This was the hosts 11th successive League defeat and sees the Cherries firmly rooted to the bottom of the table. Scoring for the visitors were; Asa Phillips x 2, Matt Groves x 2, Lee Wilkins x 2 & Josh Buck x 2.

“REC'S IRRESISTABLE 1st HALF BLOWS SPORTS AWAY ”

HAMWORTHY REC 5 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1

A classy first-half showing, in which they scored four times, earned Rec another win against one of their main rivals. Sports had been on a good run but could not live with Rec in the first period, with the hosts playing their best football of the season so far. The second-half standard dropped a little as a competent Sports side came into the game more, but this was a fine win for Rec. After two near misses Rec went in front on 4 minutes when Carl Edwards was on hand to convert a shot coming back off the post for 1-0. Rec were playing some delightful football and nearly added another when George Webb's shot was pushed away for a corner. Sports first real threat saw home keeper Aaron Robertson tip a long-range shot over the bar. But on 24 minutes the lead was doubled when a great move ended with Sam Carter tucking in after the keeper had parried and four minutes later John Webb's run and cross fell nicely for Carter to make it three. Robertson was forced into another tip over and a fine save as Sports looked to get back in the game, but their hopes were dashed, right on half-time, when another classy move involving George Webb and Ash Boyt saw John Webb drill his low shot through the keeper's legs to make it 4-0 at half-time. Sports came out after the interval determined to put Rec under more pressure and they went close with a header from a free-kick just over the bar. But their efforts paid off on 64 minutes when they pulled a goal back, direct from a free-kick across a crowded penalty area. They nearly added another, but Robertson made a brave save at the feet of an attacker. But Rec settled again and scored a fifth on 73 minutes when Rec Man-of-the-Match George Webb struck his low drive beyond the keeper and into the far corner for 5-1. To their credit Sports kept battling away and nearly added another, but so too, did Rec when Jordan Basing's close-range attempt was beaten away for a corner.

“WESTLANDS WIN AGAIN AT ALVINGTON ”

WESTLAND SPORTS 4 BRIDPORT RES 2

Winter had set in with a vengeance at Alvington, but the two sides put on an entertaining match to keep the spectators on their toes. The visitors broke the deadlock in the 13th minute when their #5 Luke King glanced in a header at the near post following a corner on the left. Westlands responded with an equaliser in the

22nd minute when Jamie Irwin took advantage of some hesitation in the Bridport rear-guard to run through and go around the keeper. Westlands racked up several decent chances after that but couldn't find the back of the net until just before the break. Josh Payne and Ant Herrin combined well to open up the Bridport defence and Josh swept Ant's final cross into the far corner. Bridport almost equalised straight away when a good shot came off the post and was cleared. H/T 2-1 . Both teams came out going for goals and it was Bridport who struck first with an equaliser in the 52nd minute. Westlands defence failed to clear a corner after several attempts and when the ball fell to Bridport's Luke King on the edge of the box he smashed it through the crowd into the roof of the net for his second goal of the game. Five minutes later Westlands got their noses in front once again when Haydn Hodges thumped in a free kick from 25 yards off the underside of the bar. Both goalkeepers then made good saves to keep the score at 3-2 before Westlands finally settled the issue 5 minutes from full-time with the fourth goal. A Bridport defender tried to head the ball back to his keeper but was woefully short and Ant Herrin ran through to drill the ball into the far corner. That effectively wrapped up the points for Westlands in an entertaining match.

“ROYALS & TANGERINES SERVE UP ENTERTAINING DRAW ”

BLANDFORD UTD 2 GILLINGHAM TOWN 2

Blandford hosted high flying Gillingham Town in which would prove to be an extremely difficult contest, the hosts have been in fantastic form recently, but it was the away side who had the lion's share of possession in the early stages. Thing didn't start well for the Royals who had to make a change early due to Billy Arnett coming off injured, but it was the home side who took the lead first after a thunderous volley from Mark Ford on the half hour mark. The away side continued to press but were caught on the counter where they conceded a corner which resulted in Blandford going 2-0 up from a Rob Manson header in of the post, HT 2-0. Gillingham upped their efforts in the second half and forced Blandford on the back foot, the home side struggled to keep the ball and possession but were defending well until Gillingham eventually got their reward and reduced the deficit in the 65th minute with a fine strike on the edge of the area which found the top corner from Elliott Bevis. Things then got worse for the Royals with two more players getting injured and a player sin binned, the away side then equalised again through a Bevis strike that squirmed under the home keeper although Blandford's goal keeper redeemed himself by making a last ditch save late on to make sure the Royals at least came away with a well-deserved point. Today was a point gained rather than 2 points dropped for the hosts, Gillingham are a good side and pushed the hosts to the limit, on another day Blandford could have lost this but also, they could have been 3/4 up by half time if it wasn't for some superb goal keeping from the Gills keeper.

“10 GOAL THRILLER AT THE FORTRESS ”

CORFE CASTLE 4 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 6

Corfe went into this fixture with high hopes of gaining their first League victory of the season but, yet again, left themselves too much to do after some farcical defending saw Sherborne race into a four-goal lead after just 20 minutes. First Sherborne's player manager Glenn Nathan notched in the 11th minute, 2 minutes later and the lead was doubled by Joe Moonsel, Scott Martin added the 3rd on 16 minutes with Paul Johnson getting the 4th moments later as a shell-shocked Corfe side were left reeling. Matt Suttle pulled a goal back on 30 mins, but Castle couldn't add to their tally and went in 4-1 down at the break. Corfe rallied in the second half and Jack Hector scored to bring the home side back in contention, unfortunately for the hosts the visitors scored again to make it 5-2 when Ryan Thurgood struck a wonderful volley in the 79th minute, Corfe still wouldn't give up and Courtney Johnstone scored twice to give them real hope of gaining at least a draw, then a Town player hit a hopeful punt - which caught the wind - and wrong footed home keeper Brad Smith who lost the ball in the gust to a Sherborne attacker and was adjudged to have brought down the Town striker in the area in injury time, to add insult to injury the home keeper received his marching orders, up stepped Scott Martin to dispatch the penalty to finally win the game 6-4.

“BULLS RUN RANGERS RAGGED AT PETERSHAM LANE ”

HOLT UNITED 6 WAREHAM RANGERS 2

Holt welcomed Wareham and put their guests to the sword with this deserved win, despite falling behind to an Aaron Merredew strike, however Holt responded with strikes from Dom Falco, Nathan Saxby x2, Sam Pearce before Emile Ngoy reduced the arrears for Wareham. However, any hope of a comeback was firmly extinguished as Saxby completed his hat trick when scoring the Bulls 5th. Finally, to add gloss onto their impressive display, Erickson Mukuambi made it six late on.

“EAST DORSET STALEMATE ”

PARLEY SPORTS 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 2

Swanage shared 4 goals and the points with Parley Sports in The Dorset Premier League. The visitors started the stronger side and should have been ahead, unfortunately Bennett and Kanyi missed their chances, however at the other end it needed 2 great saves from keeper Beeston to deny the home side. Swans skipper Paul Best fired his side ahead with a vicious 25 yarder after 26 minutes that nestled in the bottom corner of the Parley net. Parley came straight back as the visitors as Swanage's defence switched off a minute before the interval allowing Jack Voisey to take advantage with a firm header which went in off the far post, HT 1-1. The visitors were the better side in the second half with inspirational skipper Best driving his side forward and fully deserved to retake the lead on 75 minutes courtesy of an own goal via John Peats knee !!following a cross shot by Garan Bennett. With the visitors heading for a much-needed win, the hosts rallied and got the equaliser with 3 minutes to go when Voisey scored again with his head following a great cross from the left by Jason Britten to restore parity.

“BALTIS FINE RUN CONTINUES AGAINST ROCKIES ”

BALTI SPORTS 4 SHAFTESBURY RES 1

In a windy first half Shaftesbury started the brighter and took the lead from a lovely cross from the right which found the striker to tap in ten minutes into the game. 0-1. Conceding woke Balti up who had played a hard-fought win on Wednesday evening in the League Cup at Portland and they started to play their football in what was a scrappy first half. Balti got their equaliser soon after from Sam Nichols who came in field and lobbed the visitor's keeper from 25 yards out 1-1. The hosts 2nd came 5 minutes before half time when Danny Andrews raced through one on one and made no mistake to make it 2-1 to Balti at HT. The second half was again a bit scrappy, but Balti stepped up another gear and got the crucial third goal from the very impressive Nichols who again ran from midfield and shot from the edge of the box which hit the post and went in, a great finish. 3-1. the fourth then followed with a solo goal from the young 16-year-old Stef Stourious who brought the ball down, nutmegged a player and then went one on one and Cooley finished past the keeper to seal the victory. 4-1. Overall Balti deserved the win, but Shaftesbury played well in a scrappy game in which the wind played a massive part.

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DPL LEAGUE CUP – 1st Round

"BALTI TOO HOT FOR THE ISLANDERS"

PORTLAND UTD RES 0 BALTI SPORTS 2

Balti Sports continued their fantastic run of form with a confident 2-0 victory against Portland United Reserves in the first round of the Dorset Premier League Cup. An early goal from Ethan Devaney set the tone which was sealed with Sammy Nichols' 55th-minute goal which ensured Balti progressed through. The visitors started brightly and got into the game early which soon paid dividends with a goal. After 15 minutes, Devaney played a one-two with Ricky Lane and the former ran through and fired a shot in which was saved, but the ball came back to Devaney to slot in. Portland forced saves from Andy Nott in the Balti goal, who had an alert performance to claim a deserved clean sheet. Nichols doubled their lead 10 minutes into the second half after Ross Walker squared the ball to him, before Balti saw the game out as they claimed an impressive victory. Balti boss Marco Nott said: "We played really well. It is probably our best performance footballing-wise this season. We played some really good stuff. "The boys were really up for it. "We were just really good from start to finish, we were solid throughout. We deserved the win." Portland boss Justin Faulkner said: "The pleasing thing is that although we haven't played well we still carried a threat but ultimately we've given ourselves too much to do in the end.

Report courtesy of the; **DorsetECHO**

"10 MAN SHERBORNE DESERVEDLY GO THROUGH"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 GILLINGHAM TOWN 0

This DPL league cup tie set up a local derby between Sherborne Town Res and Gillingham Town and it proved to be an entertaining evening, especially for the hosts. Sherborne keeper Josh Attwood saw red after only 6 minutes when he handled the ball outside of the area. Nick Jacobs stepped in goal and he ended up being the hero of the night! With the extra man for 85 minutes Gill threw everything they had at their hosts for the entire match but a stubborn Sherborne defence along with some brilliant saves from Jacobs held strong. And in typical cup fashion, the hosts got their goal on 65 minutes through Scott Martin after a great counter attack. Raith Plant had 2 glorious chances to double the Zebras lead but missed them both. However, Sherborne held on for 96 minutes until the official finally blew his whistle.

"BULLS PROGRESS AFTER EXTRA TIME TO THWART THE BEES"

BRIDPORT RES 2 HOLT UNITED 4 AET – 2-2 @ FT

Holt United made the long trip to St Marys for this midweek tie and it was well worth the effort as they progressed through to the Quarter Finals, this though after extra time in a typical cup tie that ebbed and flowed, Holt took the lead when Dom Falco scored only for the hosts to reply through Robin Jones. Bridport then took the lead when Tom Richardson netted, HT 2-1. Into the 2nd half and both sides created chances however it looked like the hosts were going to progress through as the time ticked on, that was until the final few minutes when Holts Sonny Wilkinson scored to take the tie into extra time. Holt stepped up a gear in the additional 30 minutes and scored twice through Nathan Saxby to finally seal the tie.

QUARTER FINAL DRAW

WESTLAND SPORTS FC v HAMWORTHY RECREATION FC

BLANDFORD UNITED FC v SHERBORNE TOWN FC RES

PARLEY SPORTS FC v MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS FC

BALTI SPORTS FC v HOLT UNITED FC

Date for ties – To Be Confirmed