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Match Reports

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“GILLINGHAM DESERVEDLEY INFLICT RECS 1ST DEFEAT”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 1 HAMWORTHY REC 0



Rec travelled to Gillingham’s new ground and suffered their first defeat of the season. The strong wind and uneven surface meant this was unlikely to be a classic and so it proved. Gill never let Rec settle into their normal passing game in a match of few chances. In fact, Rec only had one shot on target all game and that came after almost an hour. To add to the visitor’s woes, they picked up four yellow cards, two sending’s off and a sin bin. After a cagey opening the first real chance saw the hosts shoot wide following a cross from the left. But Gill began to get on top and returning Rec keeper Aaron Robertson was called into action, making a smart double save, before executing another crucial block to keep the score level. Rec’s only attempts in a cagey half saw Callum Charlton and Dave Wrixton both fire high over the bar, HT 0-0. Rec started the second period with George Webb trying a speculative shot over the bar, before the same player set up Sam Carter, only for him to be denied by the keeper. Then Rec had what was to be their best chance with Chris Long on the end of a cross, only for his header to flash

across the face of goal. Webb tried his luck with a free-kick from 30 yards which was, at least, on target, before Robertson was again the Rec hero, making a great reaction save and turning another chance round the post. But from the resulting corner Gill scored the only goal, on 65 minutes, when a loose ball fell nicely to Buddy O’Shea who rifled the loose ball into the roof of the net. *(see photo – right)*. Rec tried to get back in the game, but the highly capable Gillingham defence easily dealt with their attempts and to complete a miserable day Rec finished with nine players when Richie Sands was sent off on 86 minutes, to be followed by a sin bin for Phil Staples. Manager Kirk Grice was also sent to the dressing rooms after comments made to the referee.



“WESTLANDS WIN AGAIN AT ALVINGTON”

WESTLAND SPORTS 3 MERLEY CS 1

With a strong wind blowing up the pitch, the visitor’s won the toss and chose to have it at their backs in the first half. This paid off in the 18th minute when Merley took the lead. A wind assisted shot from 25 yards was saved by Westlands keeper Sam Watts, but he couldn’t hold on to the ball and Matt Groves was on the spot to knock it in. It was a short-lived lead however as two minutes later Westlands equalised. Josh Payne, who was already looking a danger man, drove into the box and squared the ball across to Steve Ormrod who side footed in from close range. In difficult conditions both teams were serving up a good game of football, but it was the home side that looked more dangerous and they edged in front just before half-time. The merely
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goalkeeper handled the ball just outside his box out near the bye-line. Westland's Jamie Irwin fired the ball low and hard across the face of the goal and Josh Payne supplied the finishing touch. The second half proved to be a bit of a stalemate with both teams having chances but failing to add to the score line. Eventually, with ten minutes to go, Westlands grabbed that important third goal. A throw in just inside the visitor's half caused a bit of confusion as the Merley players appeared to be waiting for a substitution. Westlands took advantage with a quick throw that put Henry Lawrence-Napier through on goal and he lobbed the keeper to make it 3-1 and game over.

"BALTI TO HOT FOR THE RANGERS"

BALTI SPORTS 3 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Balti were in dominating mood at the college and played some great football at times but fair play to the visitors from Wareham who battled hard and made life difficult for the hosts. Balti took the lead following a great cross from Liam Taylor which found Carl McClements in the box to slide home in the 20th min. The Second goal come in similar fashion but this time down the right where Balti was getting a lot of joy, Ashley Smith whipped in a great ball to find Ethan Devaney who tapped in, HT 2-0. The second half was more of the same and Balti got a third through Danny Andrews who had previously missed several chances to put the hosts out of site but this time he made no mistake as he found himself free in the box and slotted home comfortably. Wareham to their credit stuck at it and never gave up and got a goal of their own as a looping header from the edge of the box by substitute Jamie Rowley sailed over the keeper into the back of the net. It became very scrappy after that as Wareham had their tails up, but Balti saw out the game to win 3-1.

"BLANDFORD CASTLE CORFE AT THE REC"

BLANDFORD UTD 3 CORFE CASTLE 1

Blandford's recent good run of form continued as they made light work of recently promoted Corfe Castle. The Royals stormed out the blocks and were 4-0 up after 35 mins through goals by Joe Freak, Mark Ford, Rob Manson and Luke Pidgely as a shell-shocked Corfe had no answer to the Royals attacking prowess, HT 4-0. The 2nd half was a different affair, although the Royals kept the ball well and created a few chances in which they failed to capitalise on, Corfe upped their efforts and started to test the home sides outstanding keeper who was eventually beaten with a postage stamp strike from the away sides centre forward Matty Winspit.

"ISLANDERS BEAT THE CHERRIES"

PORTLAND UTD RES 3 STURMINSTER NEWTON 1

Portland United Reserves took all three points from their Dorset Premier League game from visitors Sturminster Newton on Saturday. The Blues Manager Justin Faulkner was keen to get a response from his side after their disappointing cup upset last time out. It was the visitors who could have gone ahead as they hit the post while the home side were looking for an offside flag to go up, in retaliation to that Sean Zima saw his blockbuster drive well saved by the Stur goalkeeper before the visitor's goal frame was rattled by Manny Roche when his drive hit the crossbar. The deadlock wasn't broken until the 41st minute when Ross Jones found Louis Hankin whose low drive found the bottom corner with the with the aid of a deflection. The Blues doubled their advantage when awarded a penalty after Hankin was fouled after another dangerous run forward, Sean Zima putting the resulting spot kick away. Portland affectively wrapped the game up with 15 minutes to go as Sean Zima's free kick in to the area was despatched in to the net by Aston Butcher for his 1st goal of the season. Sturminster found a goal of their own as Portland failed to clear a ball in to the box which was converted in amongst a melee of players. Looking back at the game Faulkner commented "I asked

for a response from the lads after last week, I think I got that, we controlled the game in the main with Stur sitting in and looking to counter very quickly. We were let off when they hit the post at 0-0 but we've scored 3 and think we could have had more but that is job done and the important thing is that we take the points, that's what it's about at the end of the day." Faulkner also added "Sturminster Newton were better than I expected them to be, they didn't give us a moments peace and very dangerous on the counter attack, if they can play like that for the rest of the season I'm sure it won't be too long before they are putting points on the board. As for our season I think we are probably ahead of where we thought we would be, that doesn't mean we get to take it easy, quite the opposite because we need to work hard to maintain the standards we have seen this season and look to improve again."

"PARLEY BEAT THE BEES IN A CLOSE ONE"

PARLEY SPORTS 2 BRIDPORT RES 1

In an open start to the game, both teams created chances, with John Peat making an excellent, goal saving challenge in the Parley box in the 4th minute to deny the visitors an early lead, On 17 minutes, Bridport won a corner on the Parley right, the ball was swung in, and with the ball evading everyone, it hit Parley defender Cam Shaw's knee and ended up in his own net to give the visitors the lead. With 27 minutes on the clock, a sweeping Parley move saw Harry White spray the ball wide to Dan Sharpe, he fed in Jack Voisey who beat the Bridport keeper to level the score, HT 1-1. The second half was a tighter affair with both sides searching for the winner which duly came courtesy of a Matt Newberry header following a Tom Biles free kick.

"DORCHESTER TAME THE BULLS IN THEIR OWN BACK YARD"

HOLT UNITED 0 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1

Dorchester Sports picked up a massive 3 points away at Holt Utd in the Dorset premier league with a 1-0 win, Sports started with a new 5-3-2 formation and the shape worked in the early stages with sports having more of the ball as they outnumbered Holts midfield two, but sports were soon to change personnel as they first lost Patrick Thomas to a cut head on 15 minutes and captain Lewis Amor in an unpleasant tackle which the Holt player was lucky to only see Yellow, Substitutes Alex Gould and Richard Beasley settled quickly as sports kept pushing but were unable to create any clear cut chances, Holt were the closest to taking the lead when Nathan Saxby turned and shot but Antony Frost tipped over to keep the scores level at the break, HT 0-0. Both teams come out second half looking to win the game and Frost was again in fine form for the visitors by tipping over a Tom Gagan shot and then another long range effort from Saxby but it was the visitors who got the all-important first goal when Joel Hewitt was brought down about 25 yards out, Gareth Wills free kick was fizzed in to the box and found the head of Jason Read who's header smashed the back of net to give Dorchester the lead, Jamie Quinton could of sealed the game for sports late on, but his shot was straight at the home keeper. Frost again in the visitor's goal denied Luke Homer late on and the Bulls Captain had a free kick struck in to the sports wall in the 96th minute as the visitor's defence held firm to pick up a much-needed win.

"ROCKIES IMPRESSIVELY CLIP THE SWANS"

SWANAGE T&H 0 SHAFTESBURY RES 3

Swanage's 8 match unbeaten league run ended abruptly following this comprehensive 3-0 defeat against Shaftesbury Town Reserves at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League. The visitors could have been 3-0 ahead after 10 minutes, but were very wasteful in front of goal, however Tom Carter put the Rockies ahead on 12 minutes and the same player doubled the lead after 31 minutes from the penalty spot. The Swans

produced a very lack lustre and disjointed first half performance and with better finishing from the visitors the game could have been out of reach, HT 0-2. Very little changed in the Swans performance in the second half and Shaftesbury went further ahead after 52 minutes through Andy Baker. Apart from a long range shot from Paul Best and a Garan Bennett free kick which produced good saves from the visitor's keeper there was very little positives to take out of the match for The Swans as Shaftesbury were well worth the 3 points.

