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Match Reports

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LEAGUE

“LUCKY 13 AS STURMINSTER FINALLY UP AND RUNNING”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1

Sturminster Newton United Football club welcomed Dorchester sports to Barnett's Field and at their 13th attempt; they finally got their 1st points of the season with this deserved win. The hosts started the game brightly, creating a few good chances from counter attacks but eventually the visitors found the net from a set piece. A brilliant cross was whipped in deep, headed back across goal with a tap in volley being converted by Sports Jamie West, HT 0-1. The hosts were forced into a change for the second half with Ollie Gittens coming on for younger brother Alfie and it proved to make all the difference. Ollie Gittens provided an assist for Jack Bailey to score the equaliser then five minutes later Ollie converted Sturminster's second goal of the day. The last 15 minutes were backs against the wall time for Sturminster, but they managed to hold on to secure their first 3 points of season.

“HAMWORTHY STING THE BEES WITH 7 OF THE BEST”

HAMWORTHY REC 7 BRIDPORT RES 1

This was another sparkling performance by Rec as they ran in seven goals against a very capable Bridport side who had some good spells during the game, but who simply couldn't cope with Rec's attacking prowess. Rec got under way after only five minutes when Lewis Proudley's cross found George Webb and eventually Chris Long, who fired in for 1-0. Rec were playing some classy football and were denied a possible second when a penalty shout was ignored by the ref. But Bridport settled and had a good chance themselves but were denied by a great double save by Jack Martin, in the home goal. On 20 minutes the lead was doubled when Carl Edwards broke on the left and found George Webb who finished clinically and six minutes later Rec produced a goal Manchester City would have been proud of. A string of passes found George Webb on the right flank and his pinpoint cross was brilliantly volleyed in by Long for 3-0. As in the previous home game Rec made it four by half-time, when on 32 minutes George Webb's corner was headed back by Long for Dave Wrixton to drive in, HT 4-0. To their credit Bridport started the second period the livelier side, but rarely threatened the home goal and on 55 minutes Rec scored again with a goal that challenged the third goal in its technique and finishing. Another classy move saw Brad Hill deliver a cross from the left for Webb to volley in a beauty at the far post. The young Bees side pulled a goal back on 57 minutes, but Rec were not finished and on 75 minutes Long notched a deserved hat-trick, converting a penalty after having been brought down in the box and two minutes later Sam Carter got in on the act when he rounded the keeper and fired in the seventh. It could have been more, but Phil Staples' header from a corner went just over and Long and Carter combined well, only for the latter's low shot to go wide.

“WESTLANDS MAINTAIN CHALLENGE”

WESTLAND SPORTS 4 PARLEY SPORTS 0

Westlands started in top gear and Ant Herrin had the ball in the net after 4 minutes but was offside. Soon after Jonny Manley headed a corner over the top as Westlands continued to press. After 20 minutes Parley hit back with John Cook put through, but he blasted his shot over the top. Then Westlands keeper Sam Watts made a good save from a shot through a crowded box. After half an hour Westlands opened the scoring

when Haydn Hodges rifled home a penalty kick after Ant Herrin had been tripped in the box. HT, 1-0. Two minutes into the second half it was 2-0. Steve Ormrod ran on to an Ant Herrin pass and drilled the ball across the keeper into the far corner. Parley tried to respond with a good effort that flew just past the post but in the 54th minute it was 3-0 when Jonny Manley headed in a corner at the far post. Another chance for Parley came in the 63rd minute when the ball was stabbed just inches wide of the post. In the 70th minute Westlands added goal number 4. Haydn Hodges slipped a nice through ball to Steve Ormrod and he repeated his previous effort, driving the ball across the keeper into the far corner. The game kind of petered out after that although Westlands keeper Sam Watts had to look sharp to save a Parley free kick and preserve his clean sheet.

“ROYALS TRIUMPHANT IN DOGGED DISPLAY”

BLANDFORD UTD 4 HOLT UNITED 1

Holt United were the visitors to Park Rd where Blandford were looking to get back to winning ways after a disappointing display last week. The task would have been made more difficult with talisman Mark Ford and strong midfielder Jamie Turner unavailable, But the Royals had the welcome return of former Poole Town and Wimborne striker Steve Smith after 11 years away from the club. The first half started and for the first 10 minutes the home side struggled to get out of their half as Holt applied the early pressure, but it was the Royals who took the advantage first although against the run of play when Elliot Manson latched on to a flick on and headed home against his former club. The home side settled and soon doubled their advantage after tidy build up play and finished off by Craig Knowles at the back post, HT 2-0. Two minutes into the 2nd half and the Royals furthered their advantage after Craig Knowles latched on to a loose ball and calmly slotted it past the visitor's keeper for his 2nd goal of the afternoon to make it 3-0. With both teams making numerous chances and failing to put them away it was the home side again that found the net, Taylor Pike making an instant impact as a substitute after coming on for the hard-working Paul Ford and calmly finding the bottom corner after beating his man. Holt got a late consolation goal but will, again, rue the fact that they created more than enough chances which on another day could have made things a lot more difficult for the hosts, who themselves were also guilty of wasteful finishing.

“TANGERINES MAKE HARD WORK OF BEATING BALTI”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 BALTI SPORTS 0

Gillingham Town made difficult work of beating a determined Balti side, despite going ahead through Ashley Clarke after two minutes. A teasing cross from Brad Hansford was dropped by the Balti Sports goalkeeper and Clarke was on hand to slot the ball home. Gillingham were guilty of missing a number of chances to double the advantage during the half, but wayward finishing, good goalkeeping and the woodwork ensured that Gillingham only took a one goal advantage into the break, HT 1-0. The second half started in the same way, Gillingham having most of the possession and looking the most likely team to score, but not being clinical in front of goal, allowing the opportunity for Balti Sports to get back into the game. The introduction of Balti substitutes and a change in formation ensured more pressure was put on the Gillingham goal, but it was Gillingham who sealed the victory in the 85th minute when another dangerous cross was put past his own goalkeeper by a Balti defender under pressure from two Gillingham forwards.

“SCRAPPY LOCAL DERBY ENDS ALL SQUARE”

WAREHAM RANGERS 1 SWANAGE T&H 1

Swanage drew 1-1 in the Purbeck Derby with Wareham Rangers at The Purbeck Sports Centre in The Dorset Premier League. Wareham started the better side and gave The Swans a few scares with a couple of near misses, however The Swans created a few chances of their own with Rose-Moore and Bennett going close when well placed. Cody Rose-Moore eventually fired the visitors ahead on 20 minutes latching on to a Garan Bennett shot that was initially saved by the home keeper. The game then deteriorated into a scrappy affair for the rest of the half, HT 0-1. Both sides produced a very poor spectacle in the second half with a lot of

huffing and puffing but very little skill on show. Swanage keeper Dan Beeston rescued his side with two brilliant saves; however, he was finally beaten with 4 minutes remaining when Aaron Merredew headed home at the far post for a share of the spoils. This was a very disappointing and scrappy game with Wareham probably the more happier with their point than Swanage.

“MERLEY TEACH THE ZEBRAS A LESSON”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0 MERLEY CS 8

Merley came into this match as strong favourites although Sherborne were unbeaten in 3, they were taught a footballing lesson from the Merley Men. The visitors showed class and experience across the pitch and won the game 8-0 but it could have been more had it not been for Home Custodian Josh Attwood who made numerous good saves to keep the score line down. Local lad Darren Rowe has re-joined the zebras following his transfer from Gillingham, but he needs some game time to get his fitness back up to what it should be. Merley scored 8 goals without reply 4 in each half and by far have been the best side Sherborne has hosted so far this season. Sherborne gave away 5 goals through mistakes which wasn't pleasing but the 3 other goals scored against them were of high quality, scoring for the visitors were Matt Groves & Josh Buck, both with a hat trick, Asa Phillips and Dan Edwards.



DORSET SENIOR TROPHY

SHAFTESBURY TOWN RES 3 BEAMINSTER 2

This round of 16 match up always had the potential to be a banana skin for the hosts. After 4 away games on the bounce and 3 successive defeats it was good for the Rockies to return to some home comforts. The hosts found their stride very quickly making all the early running. Harry Gough converting a penalty on 11 minutes after he was fouled in the box by a clumsy challenge from the Beaminster centre half. However, the hosts were unable to add to their tally in the first half wasting several good goal scoring opportunities and were made to pay when a partially cleared corner was hammered home from 20 yards to bring the scores level shortly before half time, HT 1-1. The second half started in much the same vein as the first. A sweeping move from Shaftesbury down the right-hand side resulted in Andrew Baker standing an inviting cross at the back post for Aaron Lane Leney to powerfully head home on 46 minutes. Once again, the hosts were pegged back by Beaminster on the hour mark with a fortuitous equaliser when the ball somehow found the net from a cross on the right-hand touch line. Shaftesbury kept playing football and their dominance finally told with Harry Gough finishing well when put through on goal on 75 minutes for the winner and his second of the game. This was a decent team performance by the Rockies and this win moves them into a Quarter Final match against Blandford.