



“REC ROUTINELY BEAT THE CHERRIES”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 0 HAMWORTHY REC 4



A comfortable win for Rec in the sunshine at Sturminster Newton. On the hottest day of the year so far Rec turned in a sizzling performance for the first 25 minutes and went three up, and it could have been more. Not surprisingly given the conditions, the pace then slackened, but another goal near the end sealed victory on 3 minutes Brad Hill

threaded a great through-ball to John Webb who Cooley fired past the keeper to put the visitors in front. It was nearly doubled when Ali Garard latched on to a clearance from keeper Sam Jones, but he lobbed the ball over the bar. Then Lewis Proudley set up Chris Long whose shot was well saved by the home keeper. But on 10 minutes it was 2-0 when Callum Charlton's cross was headed firmly in by Garard. Stur were struggling to get out of their own half, such was Rec's dominance and on 19 minutes Long's downward header from Hill's cross bounced high into the roof of the net for 3-0. Charlton's shot from 25 yards flew just over and both Garard and Long had chances to add to the lead. The hosts only chance of the half saw them fire over following a scramble, HT 0-3. The second half started with a fine run by Josh Pratt, with his left-footed drive just too high. Rec were below the level of the first-half showing as Stur were seeing more of the ball, but never really threatened the visiting defence. In fact, Rec should have added more. The home keeper, under pressure from Long managed to push away Charlton's cross and Long then headed just over from Hill's cross. On 74 minutes the visitors scored their fourth. Long, out on the right, launched the ball into the danger area and the keeper, under pressure, flapped at the ball, but could not prevent it going in. The young Rec striker was then denied a hat-trick when his thunderous left-footer crashed against the post and it could have been five when Hill sent Carl Edwards through the middle, only for the keeper to redeem himself with a good block.



"SWANS CLAIM BRAFFING RIGHTS IN *EL PURBECKIO*"

SWANAGE TOWN & H 2 WAREHAM RANGERS 0

Swanage defeated Purbeck rivals Wareham Rangers 2-0 at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League in the hot sunshine. Swanage survived a couple of early scares, with keeper James Langdon making a good save from the visitors forward. Wareham then hit the woodwork from a rebounded clearance. Swans went close the other end with Cameron Beard ballooning over. Swanage finally achieved the breakthrough in the 30th minute when Aaron Atkinson fired home into the far corner from a tight angle, HT 1-0. Both sides huffed and puffed in the second half as the warm conditions took effect, which resulted in the game becoming a scrappy affair, however the Swans were awarded a penalty after 75 minutes when skipper Paul Best was fouled in the box, top scorer Cameron Beard despatched the resultant penalty to wrapped up the points and the bragging rights for the Swans.

"WESTLANDS WIN ROYALLY TO KEEP PRESSURE ON"

WESTLAND SPORTS 5 BLANDFORD UTD 1



Westlands beat Blandford 5-1 in a bizarre match at Alvington. Sports struggled all afternoon to put the ball in the net although having most of the possession but in the 40th minute went ahead through a Jamie Irwin strike. Two minutes later Blandford hit back with an equaliser when a 20-yard shot from Luke Pidgley slipped under

Westlands keeper Sam Watts and ended in the back of the net, HT 1-1. Westlands toiled in the afternoon sun to take their chances with Ben Robbins in the Blandford goal stopping everything that came his way. Eventually, in the 61st minute a Josh Payne header from a corner was handled on the line and Haydn Hodges tucked away the resulting penalty. Blandford suffered with the player responsible receiving a red card and then in the aftermath a second player was red carded for something he had said to the referee. Some comments from the Blandford bench then saw their coach dismissed also. Down to nine men and a goal behind there was only one conclusion to this game but chance after chance was squandered before Dwayne Forshaw eventually made it 3-1 to Westlands. At this point, a Blandford player departed the field saying he had to go as he was going out for the evening! Unbelievable! That left Blandford with eight men and Westlands took full advantage and scored two more in the last five minutes through Dwayne Forshaw and Ant Herrin. A bizarre game and not one of Westlands best performances but they got there in the end.

"HOLT MADE TO WORK FOR WIN"

HOLT UNITED 2 MERE TOWN 1

The Bulls kept up their charge after this narrow win against a determined and physical Mere outfit who battled to the end even after going down to 10 men. On 14 minutes the visitors were almost gifted the lead as a defensive error led to Mere's Joe Paterson being clean through, he rounded the keeper, but his shot was cleared off line by Nathan Redwood, 5 minutes later Holts Nathan Saxby played in strike partner Mike Haskell, but he shot wide. Haskell wasted a header minutes later, back came the visitors as Joe Patersons strike hit the Holt framework. With 35 minutes on the clock the hosts broke the deadlock when a Luke Homer free kick was headed in by Kyle Clement, HT 1-0. On 55 minutes a moment of controversy as Holt thought they had scored as originally the Referee awarded the goal only for the linesman to intervene and rule the goal offside. On the hour mark Mariusz Kawalar saw his fierce shot well saved by Chris Lynch in the home goal, with 20 minutes to go the hosts doubled their advantage when Tom Gagan tapped home from 2 yards following good work from Saxby. Paterson again hit the Holt frame in the 85th minute and his eventful day then took a turn for the worse as he was then dismissed for collecting his 2nd yellow of the game, undeterred Mere continued to push and scored their consolation through Ben Davies after Holt failed to clear a corner.

"ROCKIES CLAIM WIN IN 7 GOAL 2nd HALF THRILLER"

SHAFTESBURY RES 4 PARLEY SPORTS 3

All the action in this match happened in the 2nd half as both sides cancelled each other out in the warm conditions in the 1st half at Cochrams. The 2nd half got off to a flying start as Parley took the lead through Jack Voiseys 47th minute strike. 5 minutes later and the visitors doubled their lead when the Rockies failed to clear a corner which fell to Ben Bosley who smashed in a left foot volley from fully 20 yards. Shaftesbury then pulled 1 back 6 minutes later as Jo Crane netted, the Rockies then restored parity in the 64th minute when Charlie Brown cut in from the right and took his time to pick his spot before netting. Shaftesbury then sensed they could go on and win the game and found themselves in front only 2 minute later when Callum Bent fired home. The visitors though were not done as they now searched for a way back into the game and with 15 minutes to go they got themselves level when John Peat curled in a delicious left foot volley from the edge of the Shaftesbury box. So, with the scores level, both sides went in search of the winner and it duly came for the hosts in the 87th minute when following an error by the Parley Keeper in spilling a shot, Bent reacted the quickest to the loose ball and slotted home to claim the win and all 3 points after a frantic 2nd half.

“BALTI MAKE MINCEMEAT OF THE ZEBRAS”

BALTI SPORTS 4 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0

Balti went into this game as the favourites, but they were made to work hard for their win against the zebras. In very hot conditions at the College the pace of the game was slow, but it was Balti who settled the quicker and eventually broke down the stubborn Sherborne defence in the 23rd minute Sammi Nicolas tapped home easily following a rebound. The visitors pressed but never really troubled the home keeper, HT 1-0. The second half was much the same as the first half with Balti keeping the ball and making Sherborne work hard and eventually Towns legs had gone and leaked three late goals in the 75th from Ethan Devaney and 2 late strikes from Ricki Lane in the 87th & 90th minute.

“MERLEY CLAIM THE POINTS AT THE COUNTY GROUND”

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 2 MERLEY CS 3

Merley picked up their 17th win of the season at a sunny County Ground as goals from Alan Marsh, Luke Wadey and Lee Wilkins accounted for the Hammers.

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