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TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2018

“SPORTS TAME THE SWANS”

DORCHESTER SPORTS 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0

Sports put a disappointing week behind them after two painful late goal defeats with a comfortable victory at the Avenue Stadium, Sports had conceded 8 goals in the last two games and the main focus for the hosts was to get back to defensive basics and to the players credit they stuck to the plan and dominated for large parts of the first half, Jamie Beasley was causing lots of problems for the Swanage defence down the left hand side and the hosts should have taken the lead but Will Turlands close range strike hit the post following a Beasley cross, but the Sports pressure was eventually too much for the visitors defence and Beasley slotted in after 20minutes to give Dorchester a deserved lead following another Jamie Samways pass, Beasley completed his brace shortly after when good work from Joel Hewitt gave Beasley another close range effort, this time he found the bottom corner of the net, HT 2-0. To the visitor's credit, Swanage come out brighter in the second half, but the Dorchester defence remained strong, Beasley late on, went close to completing his hattrick but his shot was well saved late on.

“REC MAKE HEAVY WORK OF IT”

BLANDFORD UTD 1 HAMWORTHY REC 2

This was a hard-earned three points for Rec against lowly Blandford, who played with plenty of spirit and never made it easy. Rec were the better side in the first-half but failed to capitalise on it. Many moves breaking down on the edge of the area and the final ball was disappointing. After taking the lead and being, seemingly, in control Rec conceded a stupid penalty right on half-time and the second half was a real battle on a very heavy pitch in fading light. Rec settled early and played some neat football. Josh Pratt's cross-cum-shot clipped the bar before Carl Edward's side-footed wide after a good run by Chris Long. Rec continued to spurn chances with Long's header well saved and Ross Hampton-Brown's header blocked. When they did eventually find the net Callum Charlton's effort was correctly ruled offside. Sam Jones made a great block from Blandford's best chance of the half before Rec went in front on the half-hour. A fine run and cross by Lewis Proudley found Chris Long at the far post for a tap-in for 0-1. Edwards saw another shot fly wide and Rec eventually paid for failing to make the most of their dominance when, right on half-time they conceded a stupid penalty which was duly thumped in by Mark Ford, HT 1-1. The Royals saw an early second half chance fizz just wide of the visitor's goal, but on 54 minutes good work by Edwards set up Matt Head on the edge of the area, who placed his shot into the top corner to restore Rec's lead. Ali Garard came on as sub for his first game in a while and immediately set up Dave Wrixton whose effort was well saved. Blandford always looked capable of pinching a goal and put Rec under pressure, but the Hamworthy defence, held firm in the increasing gloom. The visitors themselves nearly added a third near the end, but Wrixton stabbed his shot wide. A far from perfect performance, but given the conditions, a battling display and a vital three points that sees Rec go back top of the table.

WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL 2018

"HOLT DENT THE HAMMERS UNDER LIGHTS"

HOLT UNITED 2 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 0



In a game moved to Bournemouth Poppies FC under lights due in part to the wet conditions, the Bulls ran out winners courtesy of 2, 1st half goals, however the visitors made more of a game of it in the 2nd half with Holt keeper Chris Lynch pulling off a couple of vital saves late on from a Sam Carter effort and a "World class save" to deny Richard Galeg. Both sides took time to settle with Holt looking dangerous going forward with Mike Haskell and Nathan Saxby looking threatening,

however the 1st goal came courtesy of a Hammers mistake when a miss judged back pass by Jack Barton was seized upon by Haskell who made no mistake in slotting home over the advancing keeper. With half time drawing near Saxby rifled in Holts 2nd with a thumping effort following another quick Holt counter attack.

THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2018

"HAMWORTHY MAINTAIN POLE POSITION IN THE PURBECKS"

WAREHAM RANGERS 0 HAMWORTHY REC 2

Another tough game for Rec against lowly Wareham, but another vital three points. The first half was a carbon copy of Tuesdays match at Blandford with Rec having most of the possession, but they missed countless chances and went in goalless at half-time. Two early second-half goals settled things in Rec's favour despite a late Wareham flurry which was easily dealt with by the visiting defence. Rec were in lively form early on and Ali Garard saw his low shot cleared off the line. Chris Long then tried his luck with a neat turn and shot but his effort went just over. He was then denied by the home keeper who produced a fine save after a good run and shot. Rec continued to press, but the nearest they came to breaking the deadlock in the 1st half was Luke Geddes' looping header which landed on the roof of the net, HT 0-0. The deserved breakthrough came for the visitors in the 47th minute. Brad Hill's free-kick from the edge of the area hit the bar and Ross Hampton-Brown was the quickest to react and headed in the rebound from close-range to put his side 1 up. Wareham then had their best chance of the game with a near-post header, which went into the side netting, before, on 57 minutes, Rec scored the killer second goal. Matt Head's shot was parried by the home keeper with Chris Long on hand to slot home and make it 0-2. Wareham rallied late on, but seldom troubled the Rec defence, there was still time and light for the visitors to make it 3, when Callum Charlton found John Webb whose low cross was met by Long, only for a Wareham defender to make a last-ditch block. Another workmanlike performance, their 2nd in 48 hours for Rec who now have opened a 4-point lead at the summit of the table.