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Match Reports

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“ROCKIES WIN AT LAST !!!!!”

SHAFTESBURY RES 2 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0



After a 10-match run without a win, the Rockies recorded a 2-0 win to ease their relegation worries. The game itself was played in a good spirit, with some meaty challenges from both sides, but it never boiled over. The first goal came courtesy of a well-constructed passing move across the pitch which eventually fell to Rob Hatchard who coolly shot low across the goal and sent the home team into a 1-0 lead. Kris Cake in the home goal made some telling saves as Swanage pushed hard for an equaliser, HT 1-0. After the

break, it was a case of the home team trying to kill of the game, and the Swans again pushing for a leveller. All the home substitutes were used and it was one of them who scored the second and decisive goal and gave Shaftesbury the much needed three points. Lewis Fisher playing in his first DPL game, ghosted out to the 18-yard box and was on hand to latch onto a cross and volley into the net, a top finish. Shaftesbury were then able to see out the remainder of the game with little scare to their lead. The Rockies run in to the end of the season is mainly against sides in and around them in the lower half of the League as they bid to secure their survival in the DPL.

“POINTS AND 6 GOALS SHARED IN RALEIGH GROVE THRILLER !!!!!”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 3 PARLEY SPORTS 3

Sherborne played host to a strong Parley outfit who took the game to their hosts with the wind behind their sails. They opened the scoring after a great left foot strike low into the bottom corner from Ben Bosley. Town looked to equalise but found it difficult to adapt to the high winds along with a well organised solid Parley back line. Marc Caine’s had the best chance to score but his shot went just wide of the post. Parley soon after went through on goal but young town keeper josh Attwood made a quality save to keep the score at 1-0, HT 0-1. The second half it was the hosts turn to have the wind behind them and it wasn’t long before they got a deserved equaliser in the 58th minute when Ollie Hibbard scored with a decent volley 8 yards out following a set piece. Parley restored their league as a simple long through ball split the town defence and Matt Newberry ran on to make it 2-1 to the visitors. As the game went on more physical challenges were taking place from both sides and tempers flared when Ryan Thurgood went in on their winger. The ref gave the freekick but a Parley’s Lloyd Cole saw red as he ran 20 yards to push Thurgood to the ground leaving the Match Official with little option but to send him from the field of play. This decision raised Parleys game and they got their third against the run of play when Ben Bosley scored again. Town had 10 minutes to save themselves and in the 85th minute Player/manager Glenn Nathan reduced the arrears after Parleys keeper parried Caine’s initial shot. With time running out, the home side were then awarded a penalty after a Parley defender was adjudged to have handled the ball. Up stepped Marc Caine’s who duly smashed home the penalty to bring the scores level.

“CORFES LEAVE IT LATE FOR A HUGE WIN AT THE BOTTOM”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 1 CORFE CASTLE 2

Corfe visited Sturminster Newton in a bottom of the table clash and it was the side from the Purbeck's that came out on top. The first half was very cagey with Castle dominating possession but neither side created any clear cut chances. The second half continued as the first half with Corfe looking comfortable on the ball and Newton looking to get in behind on the break. The game needed a moment of magic and on 70 minutes Corfe's Ryan Cattano decided enough was enough and hit a 30-yard screamer that cannoned in off the underside of the bar, giving the home keeper no chance. Corfe stopped dominating possession and Sturminster fought themselves back into the game, Castle were grateful to keeper Brad Smith for a fantastic save that looked destined for the top corner. With the clock running down, the game looked destined to finish 0-1. However, with 2 minutes to go Sturminster's never say die attitude looked to have paid dividends when Ben Fowles rounded Smith to equalise, sparking wild celebrations for the Home side, those celebrations were short lived though as Corfe went direct from the kick off and following good work from Josh Barker culminating in a late corner. The first ball in was cleared but the ball found its way to Cattano, who played a fantastic ball into the near post, where the clinical Courtney Johnstone got ahead of his marker to finish neatly past the home Custodian to spark even wilder celebrations from the Corfe players and bench.

“BEES BEAT THE BLUES”

BRIDPORT RES 3 PORTLAND UTD RES 1

Two young teams took to the field at St Mary's on a bobbly pitch with Bridport determined to continue their good form. Bridport started brightly but it was Portland who opened the scoring with their first attack after 7 minutes. Good work down the left-hand side resulted in a fine cross with a fine finish at the back post. This clearly stunned Bridport and it was Portland who created the better chances and they could have doubled their score but for a fine save by the returning billy fleet in goal. Bridport managed to weather the storm created by Portland and toward the end of the first half began to improve their passing and movement in the final third. Bridport came out in the second half having had some constructive conversation during half time and looked better immediately. Bridport's equaliser came on 60 minutes after a period of Bridport pressure. Josh hunter was on hand to steer the ball home from close range after good work from Sam Handyside, Riley Weedon and Robin Jones. This gave Bridport the confidence and belief they needed to go at Portland with increased intensity. Further good Chances fell to Riley Weedon and josh hunter before Bridport took the lead on 70 minutes. Riley Weedon played a cute ball into josh hunter who controlled the ball with his chest before striking a sensational volley with his right foot giving the Portland keeper no chance. Josh hunter completed his hatrick and sealed the 3 points for Bridport with another great right foot finish from a pin point cross from substitute Mika Mamata. A fine game between two good teams and officiated very well but it was Bridport whose second half display from the entire team deserved the 3 points and moves them up to 9th in the league.

“THE BULLS STAMPEDE OVER RANGERS”

WAREHAM RANGERS 1 HOLT UNITED 4

Wareham suffered their 16th reverse of the season against a rampant Bulls side who raced into a 3-nil lead by half time at the Purbeck Sports centre, prolific Holt marksman Nathan Saxby got proceedings underway with a well taken finish. Holts lead was soon doubled as Sam Pearce converted, just before half time it was 3 as Ali Garrard bagged, HT 0-3. The hosts made a better fist of it in the 2nd half but the damage was already done Garrard helped himself to a 2nd and Holt's 4th whilst Nick Bennett scored Wareham's consolation.

“RIDGEWAY BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR HOT BALTI”

BALTI SPORTS 3 DORCHESTER SPORTS 1

Dorchester started the brighter side in this local “Ridgeway” derby but then Balti took over having the wind at their backs, Sean Zima scored the first with a cross come shot free kick out wide left after 20 mins which flew in wind assisted. Balti then saw Ricky Lane fire at the visiting keeper before Kenderdine got brought down on the edge of the box about 20 yards out, he dusted himself down and took it up on himself to take the free kick, a good decision as he placed his shot in to the bottom right to give the keeper no chance and double the hosts advantage, HT 2-0. In the Second half Dorchester were much the better team with the wind now at their backs, they kept applying pressure but without creating too many chances. However, on the hour mark they pulled a goal back as from a knock down in the Balti penalty box, Jamie Rawlings was on hand to finish. After that Balti held on and countered quickly where, man of the match, Charlie Kenderdine should have scored from 8 yards out but somehow shot over. With 5 mins to go Balti’s Dan Andrews put pressure on the Sports defence and the ball fell nicely to Sam Nichols to slot home from 18 yards and seal the game.



DORSET SENIOR TROPHY – SEMI-FINALS

“MERLEY MAKE IT ROYALLY TO FINAL”

BLANDFORD UTD 1 MERLEY CS 3

Blandford were blown away in the first 25 minutes by a very good Merley Cobham side, the visitors punished Blandford’s lapses of concentration in defence and raced into a 3-0 lead to put the Royals hopes of reaching the final firmly to bed. The Royals did create a couple of chances towards the end of the half but failed to convert, they were also denied what looked to many was a stone wall penalty by the ref, HT 0-3. The Second half was a much more equal affair, as the visitors stepped off the gas as they had already done the job and the home side started to relax more and eventually got a consolation goal through Elliot Manson. The Royals had a couple later chances but were left frustrated by their performance on the day. Merley Congratulations to Merley Cobham on reaching the final, who thoroughly deserved their win today.

“REC PROGRESS THROUGH AGAINST THE MAGPIES YOUNGSTERS”

HAMWORTHY REC 4 WIMBORNE TOWN DEVELOPMENT 1

Rec booked their place in the final of the Senior Trophy with this win over a very accomplished Wimborne Development team. It was an entertaining game throughout, with the young visitors taking an early lead and Rec bouncing back to lead 2-1 at the break. Two goals in the last fifteen minutes made it comfortable, in the end, for Rec. From the start the young Wimborne team, managed by ex-Rec star Darren Shepherd, got the ball down and played some neat football and on 8 minutes they were in front with a good finish from a through-ball. They then had a reasonable shout for a penalty turned down before, on 11 minutes, Rec were level. Sam Carter and George Webb combined, with the latter providing a neat, low finish, past the keeper, for 1-1. Harry Phillips, in the home goal, was called on to make a good block, before Wimborne saw a shot go inches past the post. But Rec also had chances with Brad Hill’s drive going just wide and George Webb denied by the visitor’s keeper. But three minutes from the interval Rec went in front when Callum Charlton’s cross was met by the head of Sam Carter, with the ball bouncing off both posts before crossing the line, HT 2-1. Rec needed a third goal to kill off the game and Carter, twice, Chris Bryer-Ash and George Webb all went close, but Wimborne missed a great chance to equalise when a telling ball into the box eluded everyone. Rec

were now on top and the clinching third goal came on 76 minutes with Chris Long neatly heading down for John Webb to fire low into the net. But still the spirited youngsters were not finished and Josh Pratt made a vital block during a goalmouth scramble, to prevent them getting another. Jordan Basing crashed a fine effort against the bar and put another wide before Brad Hill notched the fourth in the final minutes.



SOMERSET SENIOR CUP – QUARTER FINAL

“SPORTS RUN COMES TO AN END”

TIMSBURY ATHLETIC 1 WESTLAND SPORTS 0

Westlands Senior Cup adventure is over for another year as they lost in the last 8 stage. In a close match the hosts got their all-important goal to edge in front and despite trying all they could to get back into the game it was to no avail as the hosts held on to progress.

