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DORSET SENIOR TROPHY FINAL



HOLT UNITED 4 WESTLAND SPORTS RES 1



NATHAN Saxby's double helped Holt United win the Dorset Senior Trophy – and erased the memory of an agonising defeat in last season's final. The Bulls, beaten on penalties by Parley Sports 12 months ago, made sure there would be no repeat after registering a convincing 4-1 win over Westland Sports reserves at the County Ground. Dorset Senior League outfit Westlands had put out Dorset Premier League duo Balti Sports and Dorchester Sports on their way to the final but were unable to claim a third scalp. Their resistance was finally broken on the stroke of half-time when Mike Haskell put the reigning DPL champions ahead after Holt had twice hit the woodwork in the first half. Westlands enjoyed their best spell after the break and deservedly equalised on 71 minutes through the dangerous Szymon Matuszewski. However, their resolute defence was breached for a second time when Saxby's stunning 20-yarder restored Holt's lead just two minutes later. And further goals from Elliott Manson and Saxby in the closing stages ensured the silverware would go to Petersham Lane. The Dorset Senior Trophy was presented to Holt captain Charlie Gajic and chairman Terry Bradford by Steve Whittle, chairman of the Dorset County FA.



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“LONG NETS 4 FOR FORMIDABLE REC”

PARLEY SPORTS 2 HAMWORTHY REC 6

Another excellent win for Rec in a goal-fest at Parley keeps the men in green atop the Premier League. The hosts, as ever, made it difficult for Rec and were only one behind at the break, but the visitors showed their class in the second period and kept Parley at Bay whilst adding three more goals. It was a great night for the Rec front two of Chris Long and John Webb, helping themselves to four and two goals respectively. The first goal came on 9 minutes when a pin-point cross from Brad Hill was swept in by Webb, but two minutes later Parley were level when

keeper Sam Jones brought down an on-rushing forward in the box. The resulting penalty was duly dispatched by Jon Cook to restore parity. Back came the visitors and on 15 minutes they went back in front when good work by Dave Wrixton, who was to go on and have a fine match, teed up Long to drill a low first-timer inside the right-hand post. Rec continued to have chances with Wrixton and Callum Charlton going close. Hill was unlucky when his free-kick was brilliantly tipped over by the home keeper. Five minutes before the break Rec added a third when Webb played in Long, who rounded the keeper and coolly fired in, but, again, the plucky Parley side responded immediately with a speedy break down the left resulting in a fine finish from Ben Bosley, HT 2-3. Rec should have tied up the game in the first minute of the second half when Long broke down the right and teed up Webb who spooned the ball over the bar when well placed. But the diminutive Rec striker more than made amends moments later 49 minutes when he neatly finished off a good move between Long and Charlton to stretch the visitors lead. Despite now being two down Parley were far from finished and had chances of their own, notably a header just wide and a shot across the face of goal, but the Parley keeper was in great form, denying Rec on numerous occasions. But he was unable to prevent Long claiming his second hat-trick in 10 days in the 80th minute when he tapped in on the line following Ali Garrard's shot. And four minutes from time Long was at it again, heading in after good work by Garrard and Wrixton for his 4th on the night and Hamworthy's sixth.

"TANGERINES BEAT BALTI TO KEEP PRESSURE ON"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 3 BALTI SPORTS 0

Balti Sports witnessed a run of two Dorset Premier League wins abruptly halted by second-placed Gillingham Town, who ran out 3-0 victors at Harding's Lane. Town inflicted all the damage in the first half, using the notorious slope to their advantage as an Elliot Bevins double followed Buddy O'Shea's 10th-minute opener. O'Shea strolled through to score after a misjudged call from the Sports' defence created hesitation, before Bevins poked home at the back post. And the midfielder pounced on a defensive clearance to lash home and complete the scoring before half-time. Balti boss Marco Nott told Echosport: "It was literally a game of two halves. "First half we were defending and second half we were camped in their half, but we couldn't break them down, they defended well. "We were forcing it a bit too much, but the effort was there, and everyone put a shift in." Tenth-placed Balti now face 14th-placed Blandford United away on Saturday (3pm), with Danny Andrews and Phil Anderson (both hamstring) doubts, but Carl McClement's and Sammy Nichols are set to return. Nott said: "It should be a good chance to get a win under our belts. It's going to be tough but hopefully we can get a few goals and break them down. Hopefully Danny will be fit for Saturday, it's going to be touch and go."

Report Courtesy of the; **DorsetECHO**

"SPORTS LIKE THE TASTE OF CHERRIES"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 3 STURMINSTER NEWTON 1

Dorchester Sports earned their second successive Dorset Premier League win with a 3-1 dismissal of Sturminster Newton United at the Avenue Stadium. Victory moves Ashley James' injury-plagued men into third in the table, although Westland Sports and Holt United lie two points behind with three games in hand. Sports went 1-0 down in the first half, Jamie Danoris breaching Sports' goal with a stunning 30-yard effort that found the net via the upright. But the hosts battled back in devastating fashion, scoring three times in 12 minutes to take a 3-1 half-time lead. Jamie Beasley was the catalyst for his side, scoring from the edge of the box, before the winger, dual-registered with Hamworthy United, won a penalty that was netted by his brother Richard four minutes later. And Sports' extended their lead further when Jamie Rawlings scored with a crisp left-footed strike from long-range into the bottom corner on 42 minutes. Speaking to Echosport after the triumph, James admitted his side merely wants to finish the season as well as possible. He said: "It's a nice feeling to get back to winning ways, we're just hoping it continues. "We're struggling at the moment, but we were able to get a strong team out and obviously that helps. We just want to finish the season on a high now." Sports face a tussle against the imposing Mere Town on Saturday (3pm), with James expecting another taxing encounter. He said: "It's another physical battle, but they can score a lot of goals as well. It's going to be a difficult game, obviously with a lot of players missing." Adam Steele, Luke Gatehouse and Gary Harvey are all unavailable for Sports.

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"BLANDFORD ROYALLY BEAT MERLEY"

BLANDFORD UTD 4 MERLEY CS 1

The Royals deservedly won this game against an out of sorts Merley side at the Rec in a quiet 1st half each side had good efforts, notably for the hosts, Simon Hyde's header was cleared of the line whilst for the visitors they had an effort hit the base of the post, HT 0-0. If the 1st half was quiet, the 2nd most certainly wasn't as Simon Hyde put the hosts ahead in the 31st minute only for Merley's Jack Mills to equalise 5 minutes later. Not to be deterred, the hosts went back in front 2 minutes later as Archie McCarthy scored with a well taken shot. This time the Royals held onto their lead and further increased it in the 71st minute courtesy of Joe Freaks effort. Rounding of a good night's work for Blandford was Mark Ford who scored his customary goal with 6 minutes to go.

25th April 2018

“WESTLANDS TAME THE ZEBRAS”

SHERBORNE TOWN 0 WESTLAND SPORTS 2

Haydn Hodges came back to haunt his old club as Westlands beat Sherborne Town Res 2-0 at Raleigh grove. The hosts had a good first half against a decent side in Westlands who are challenging for the title. The home side held their own until the 35th minute when they conceded a penalty when Harry Turner was adjudged to have handled in the box. The Penalty was duly dispatched by Hodges to put the men from Alvington 1 up. Craig Royle had Sherborne’s best chance in the half but failed to find the back of the net. Sherborne’s Young Ben Morris then had to come off just before the break due to injury, HT 0-1. Westlands came out stronger and stepped up a gear in the 2nd half and on 65 minutes Hodges scored again as he converted after a quick counter attack following a corner for the hosts. Sherborne huffed and puffed but the well marshalled Westlands defence would not be breached as they safely saw out the remainder of the game.

“ROCKIES SQUASH THE BEES”

SHAFTESBURY RES 3 BRIDPORT RES 0

Shaftesbury comfortably beat Bridport at Cochrams as they controlled the game from start to finish, The Rockies goals came from Charles Brown and a brace from Lee Gale.