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"ANDREWS SERVES UP A LATE BALTI WINNER"

BALTI SPORTS 5 BLANDFORD UTD 4

Balti remain top of the table after another hectic game of football that saw 9 goals. The first half saw the home side in full control of the game as the Royals couldn't live with the flowing football from the hosts who raced into a two-goal lead through strikes from Dan Andrews (10) with a neat finish and Ricki Lane (22) who lobbed the keeper from 30 yards out. HT 2-0

Blandford to their credit came out all guns blazing in the second half and scored in the 51st minute through Rob Manson. This woke Balti up and the hosts responded well on 57 minutes when Rory Zima restored the 2-goal lead with a lovely chip. The game then turned in the visitors favour as Blandford piled on the pressure with long balls and throw ins as they sensed a weakness in the Balti rear-guard, 2 goals in 2 minutes for the visitors saw them draw level, both goals came from long throw ins, the 1st on 58 minutes from Saul Boulton and 2 minutes later Dan Vater. With Balti on the ropes they showed their backbone as they went ahead again from a superb volley from Phil Anderson right in to the top corner which should have been enough to win any game. But back came the Royals who equalised again in the 70th minute through Paul Ford. Both sides went for the win and it came for Balti as Dan Andrews struck the winner in the 85th minute with a rasping shot, a goal good enough to win any game of football as it sent the Home side wild but was extremely tough on Blandford who for their 2nd half showing deserved a point if nothing else.

"WATSON USES HIS HEAD TO WIN IT FOR THE SWANS"

SWANAGE TOWN & HERSTON 3 SHAFTESBURY RESERVES 2



Swanage warmed up for next week's FA Vase tie at home with Ash United with a hard fought, come from behind, twice, win against visitors Shaftesbury Town Reserves in The Dorset Premier League at Day's Park. Swans fell behind after 6 minutes when Lee Gale notched for the visitors but equalized 4 minutes later from debutant Tommy Beard with a neat finish following a great pass from Jacob Harrop. The visitors regained the lead again with a speculative long shot from Lee Gale that sailed over keeper Dan

Beeston. However, the home side restored parity for the second time in the half through Jacob Harrop with a close-range finish on 26 minutes. H.T 2-2. Swans were much improved in the second half and after surviving a few scares, Jack Watson powered home a header from a corner after 60 minutes which proved to be the winner and secure the 3 points to maintain the title challenge and stay 2nd in the League table.

"REC WIN IMPRESSIVELY AT SPORTS"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 1 HAMWORTHY RECREATION 3



An excellent win for Rec against a very capable Dorchester side, for whom this was their first defeat of the season. After an average start to the game, Rec came alive in the final twenty minutes of the first-half and scored three times to lead at the interval. Despite missing some good chances in the second period and conceding a late goal Rec held on for the win. The hosts came close when Sam Jones parried from close-range, with Rikki Walden clearing off the line and the ball bobbling along and hitting the post before being cleared. Rec's moves were breaking down in the final

third, with the home defence never unduly troubled. But as Rec settled they went in front on 35 minutes. Ash Boyt and Callum Charlton were instrumental in a fine move that ended with Harry Stokes clipping the ball inside the post for 1-0. Just two minutes later it was two when Charlton, again, showed great control, this time to tee up Chris Long to slam the ball home for 2-0, Rec's third followed on 42 minutes in controversial circumstances. Another good move saw Long fouled in the build-up, but he managed to nudge the ball to Boyt, who closed in on goal, but fired well over from close-range. However, after consulting with his assistant, the referee brought play back for the original foul. Home protests fell on deaf ears as Ashley Boyt, having missed from yards out, promptly smashed the free-kick in from outside the area for a beauty. HT 0-3. Ash Boyt was having a great game for Rec and could easily have claimed a hat-trick early in the second half. First, he crashed a shot against the bar after Charlton's shot had been blocked, then he robbed a defender, but blazed over. Dorchester were at sorts and struggling to create any real chances, but Jones made a vital block from a good attempt, before Rec conceded possession tamely in midfield to let the hosts pull one back, on 83 minutes. With a nervy closing period in prospect Dorchester missed another chance, with a free header from a corner going over the bar. But Rec composed themselves and held out for an impressive win. FT 1-3.



"HAMMERS LET A 3 GOAL LEAD SLIP AS GILLS RUN CONTINUES"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 3 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 3

This game saw the Gills trying to extend their unbeaten run to four games. It was obvious that the Hammers hadn't read the script though and they were the better team in the first half. They were playing with a confidence that belies their league position and were unlucky not to take an early lead, missing several good chances and striking the woodwork



twice. Conversely the Gills were looking out of sorts and were struggling to keep possession, but their defence of their goal held firm till injury time at the end of the half. Gills' keeper Jamie Beale lost a race for a ball with a Hammers' striker and ended up bringing the player down at the cost of a penalty. This was duly despatched by Jamie Kay to give the Hammers a 0-1 lead going into the break. The start of the second half saw more of the same and it took just 6 minutes for the Hammers to double their lead, Jordan Basing

deftly chipping the ball over Jamie Beale to double the lead. Just past the hour mark Hamworthy scored a third goal when Jordan Basing nicked the ball off a defender and then had the composure to slot his shot wide of the advancing Beale. So, with just under half an hour left Hamworthy were 3-0 up and in control of the game. That was till the Gills scored what most thought was a consolation goal with just 18 minutes left to play. Nick Thomson headed a ball down into the path of Elliot Bevis, who gave the Gills a lifeline by chipping the ball over the Hammers' keeper, Tom Sonner. Just 2 minutes later the Gills were awarded a penalty and Elliot Bevis dusted himself off to confidently blast the ball into the goal from the spot to make it 2-3 with 16 minutes left to play. Hamworthy's confident play had disappeared and it was the Gills who were now in total control of the game, wave after wave of attacks raining down on the Hammers' goal. The Gills 'never say die attitude was rewarded when, with just a minute of the 90 left, they got an equaliser. A long kick by Jamie Beale found its way through to Buddy O'Shea who raced clear of the defence and his shot went under the body of Sonner and into the net to make it 3-3. The Gills pressed hard for another goal in a lengthy period of stoppage time and were unlucky not to get the winner. Overall though this was a fair result but the Hammers will be kicking themselves that they let a 3-0 lead slip away.



"HOLT PICK OF THE CHERRIES"

STURMINSTER NEWTON 1 HOLT UNITED 5

Holt were worthy winners in an entertaining game at Barnett's Field. Holt opened the scoring on 7 minutes when Dan Hawkins' superb strike flew into the roof of the net. Sturminster responded well and were level with two minutes. Darren Spiller's fine pass set Jamie Danoris away down the right wing, and his cross was finished from close range by Tom Carter taking advantage of a defensive error between the Holt goalkeeper and his defenders. Holt however went 2-1 up on 39 minutes following another great strike, this time by Nathan Saxby. Stur will be disappointed in having squandered possession earlier in the same passage of play. Sturminster never gave up, often defending gallantly, but Holt went through the gears in the second half, extending their lead through Saxby's neat finish in the 61st minute, then through Luke Homer's brilliant low drive on 67 minutes. Substitute Ronald Frost made it 5-1 in the 83rd minute with a free header from close range, following a corner.

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"MOONRAKERS HANG ON FOR ANOTHER DESERVED WIN"

MERE TOWN 4 WAREHAM RANGERS 3

This 7-goal thriller really had a bit of everything! Wareham started the brighter of the two sides, playing some nice football but without seriously threatening the Mere Town goal. However, the home side were forced into an early change with Arron Tobin having a recurrence of a hamstring injury as early as the 23rd minute, forcing the Moonrakers into an early substitution. Then after 26 minutes an inaccurate back pass to the keeper crept its way into the net to give Mere Town the lead. This gave Mere a lift and just 4 minutes later they had doubled their lead through Scott Martin who had not scored since a hat trick on the first day of the season. Wareham were then reduced to 10 men by the sin bin rule and Mere Town made them pay when Charles Parry's shot lifted over a stranded keeper. So, 3-0 to Mere at half time. 13 minutes after the restart goal scorer Parry turned his ankle and could not continue, forcing a further change. It was now that Mere, having been in total control, lost their way a bit as they re-grouped and Wareham grabbed a goal to make it 3-1. A further injury for Mere, this time to right back Nigel Benjamin, forced yet another change but Mere started to build some momentum once more. Then in the 81st minute, after some excellent work down the wing by Jack Twyford, ending in an inviting cross, Finn Evans connected with a superb header to give the keeper no chance and make it 4-1. This was when Wareham threw everything they had at Mere and some very effective route one football, saw them claw back two goals in the 82nd and 90+1 minute to bring the score to 4-3. In this last period of the game there was no doubt that Mere were feeling the effects of their monumental effort against Westlands midweek but they managed to see the game out with some dogged defence and hold on to another 3 points at home.

"MERLEY RUTHLESSLY THRASH THE ZEBRAS"

MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 10 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1

Merley started confidently against a Sherborne side looking for their first points of the season and didn't have to wait long. Lee Wilkins headed the hosts in front from a Dan Edwards corner after 5 minutes. Matt Groves made it 2-0 on 8 minutes, catching a Jack Mills cross on the volley at the back post and Edwards went close on 19 minutes as Merley looked to further extend their lead. From nowhere, the Merley keeper had to pull off a strong 1 handed save as Sherborne made a rare appearance in the Merley box on 21 minutes. This spurred Merley into action, with Asa Phillips slotting home after a solo run through the Sherborne defence on 24 minutes for 3-0. Ellis George was next on the scoresheet four minutes later having been put through by Edwards. Groves found the net again on the half hour after a slide rule pass from Ben Satterley for 5-0. Jack Mills followed up his rampage down the left wing with a well struck drive into the roof of the net for 6-0 on 35 minutes. Merley still weren't finished though as Phillips added his second of the game with a tap in from a Wilkins assist. HT 7-0.

Phillips almost grabbed his hat trick on 50 minutes but saw his lob come back off the crossbar. Wilkins made it 8-0 on 55 minutes after a great move down the right side. With such attacking dominance, Merley switched off for a second and were denied a clean sheet when the Sherborne striker Thomas Hargreaves found his consolation goal, finishing well from 10 yards out on 59 minutes. Wilkins completed his hat trick just two minutes later heading home a Jamie Moore's cross for 9-1. The onslaught continued, with Moores,

Phillips and Edwards all seeing headers go just wide, before Groves completed the scoring and his hat trick on 85 minutes after being slid through by Satterley.

"PARLEY EARN 1ST WIN OF THE SEASON AGAINST THE BEES"

PARLEY SPORTS 1 BRIDPORT RES 0

Parley registered their 1st win of the season after this hard-fought encounter against a determined Bridport side. The all-important goal came for the hosts in the 27th minute from Mike La Ronde.

SOMERSET SENIOR CUP

Westland Sports progressed into Round 2 of the Somerset Senior Cup after a convincing 6-1 away win at Hutton FC, meanwhile Milborne Ports difficult start to the season continued as they bowed out at the 1st hurdle after losing 8-2 to Bridgewater Town Reserves at home.

