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Match Reports

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FA VASE

“SWANS BOW OUT AT 1ST HURDLE”

SWANAGE TOWN & H FC 0 LONGWELL GREEN 3

Swanage suffered FA Vase heartache, losing 3-0 against Longwell Green Sports of The Western League Division 1 at Day's Park in the 2nd Qualifying round. The hosts produced a disappointing performance in this eagerly awaited tie and were behind after just 6 minutes when Ali Bamford slotted home for the visitors. Swans custodian Dan Beeston kept the hosts in the tie with some smart saves however it was the team from the higher league who looked likely to add to their score and on 31 minutes Danny Carter doubled his sides lead with a well taken effort, HT 0-2. Swanage needed to get the next goal to get back into the match, but it was the visitors who scored next meaning the tie was over as a contest when substitute Lewis Bond-Kendall added Longwell's third after 53 minutes. The rest of the match was well controlled by the visitors with the Swans offering very little threat to The Greens goal. Swanage Manager Tim Brown was very disappointed with his sides performance and added "We didn't turn up and didn't compete".



LEAGUE

“FIVE OF THE BEST FOR MERLEY”

MERLEY CS 5 GILLINGHAM TOWN 1



Merley settled any nerves they may have had by taking the lead with just 90 sec on the clock when Asa Phillips saw his shot deflected over the Gillingham keeper. Gillingham could have got themselves back into the game soon after, but for two great saves from youngster Oli Lillywhite in the Merley goal. Merley soon re-established control of the game and went 2-0 up on 16 mins when Phillips threaded his way through the crowded defence and finished well. The home side were in complete control for the remainder of the half but were unable to add to their tally, HT 2-0. Merley continued to dominate after the break and realistically put

the game to bed on 55 mins when Josh Buck refused to be tackled and battled his way to goal to make it 3-0. More chances followed but it was Phillips again who slotted home for his hat trick on 70 mins with Matt Groves the provider from the right for 4-0. Groves was the provider once more on 75 mins when his centre was skilfully dummied by Phillips for Buck to double his tally with a tap in for 5-0. In fairness to Gillingham, they never gave up and having forced Lillywhite into two more fantastic saves, they finally got their consolation goal on 87 mins through Nick Thompsons effort.

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“CARTERS GOAL, THE DIFFERENCE FOR REC”

HAMWORTHY REC 1 SHAFTESBURY RES 0

This was a lack-lustre performance by Rec. Following last week's goal fest, they had to be content with a solitary goal near the end of the first half to clinch the points. Shaftesbury were a good, workman-like side, but, like Rec, lacked a cutting edge up-front in a game of few genuine chances, or excitement !! Brad Hill was first to try his luck, but his 25-yard shot went wide, before Pete O'Connor, in the home goal, made a smart save at the foot of his post in the visitors first real attempt on goal. The game was scrappy, with chances at a minimum. George Webb next came closest with a free-kick for the hosts striking the post and Shaftesbury had a half-chance comfortably saved by O'Connor. But ten minutes from the break Rec scored what was to be the game's only goal when Sam Carter hooked the ball in following a corner, for his 12th of the season. Shaftesbury responded immediately, and O'Connor was forced to tip over a long-range attempt to keep Rec in front at the interval, HT 1-0. Rec nearly got the second half off to a perfect start, but their best move of the match ended with George Webb firing high over the bar. Manager Kirk Grace introduced some early substitutions and one of them, Richie Sands, immediately livened up proceedings. His cross to George Webb produced a vital save by the keeper, before Carter's header from Webb's free-kick hit the angle of post and bar. Hill's speculative effort from distance flew high over the bar, before another sub, Carl Edwards, had his low shot saved and was thwarted again by the keeper in a one-on-one situation, near the end. Far from impressive, but League leaders Rec seem to have a good habit of amassing points when being far from their best.

“WESTLANDS WALLOP WAREHAM WITH SEVEN”

WESTLAND SPORTS 7 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Westlands started at a fast pace and hit the visitors with an early blitz that saw them score three times in the first 17 minutes. In the 2nd minute a cross to the far post was controlled by Tommy Frampton who cut inside a defender and drilled the ball into the far corner. Number 2 came 5 minutes later with Tommy Frampton turning provider with a square pass across the face of the goal that Henry Lawrence-Napier side-footed in. Then the 3rd goal came in the 17th minute when a blunder by a visiting defender presented the ball to Steve Ormrod who ran in and scored with a good shot. To their credit, Wareham rallied a bit after this and a couple of shots brought Westlands stand-in keeper Haydn Hodges into the action. Nevertheless, the visitors were glad to hear the half time whistle with the score still at 3-0 to the hosts. After an hour Sports made a couple of substitutions and one of these, 16-year-old Luca Martin, scored with his first touch to make it 4-0, drilling in a Josh Payne pass. Things were to get even better for the young debutant in the 77th minute when Adam Barratt put him in to score his second of the afternoon. That made it 5-0, but with ten minutes to go Wareham got on the scoresheet with a well taken goal after their initial shot came back off the post with Patrick Correia reacting quickest to slot home. However, in the 83rd minute Luca Martin made it a first team debut to remember when he completed his hat-trick from a short free-kick. And finally, a high free kick into the box was headed in by Jack Dicker to complete the scoring in a convincing win for the home team.

“BALTI LEAVE IT LATE TO BEAT THE BULLS”

HOLT UNITED 2 BALTI SPORTS 3

Holt's indifferent start to the season continued with a narrow home defeat to Balti Sports in what was a close and fairly contested game. Balti opened the scoring on the half hour mark when Charlie Kenderdine found the net from a direct free kick. The scores were level 10 minutes later when Dom Falco found Nathan Saxby who rounded the keeper and slotted home, HT 1-1. The hosts were ahead early in the second half when Saxby continued his fine scoring form by lobbing Balti's keeper. Back came the visitors and Balti equalised from another free kick, this time with Ryan Dovell beating the wall and finding the net. The game seemed headed for a draw, but with moments to go, Ryan Dovell doubled his tally and snatched all 3 points for the

away side. Balti's hard work and endeavour had eventually paid off, with Holt again blaming their profligacy in front of goal.

"CORFE LET 2 GOAL LEAD SLIP"

CORFE CASTLE 2 PARLEY SPORTS 2

After picking up their first point of the DPL season last week, Corfe hosted Parley Sports in another tough fixture at the Fortress, ahead of the game Parley were in 5th, so this was always going to be a tricky fixture for the hosts, but they settled to their task well. With Suttle, King and Elm absent, in came first team debutant Brad Smith, Flockton and Ocean Smith. Corfe started well, holding great shape and creating some decent chances, whilst looking reasonably comfortable defensively. And their bright start was rewarded, after Bobby Mccuish won the ball back before playing a through ball for Flockton to volley home. Corfe continued to look solid and were rewarded with another goal. After winning the ball back in midfield, Corfe won a corner which was headed home by top goal scorer Courtney Johnstone - his 5th of the campaign, HT 2-0. In the second half, Corfe had a couple of chances to extend their lead as they looked to put the game to bed. However, after an hour Parley pulled one back through their defensive midfielder Matt Newberry who went unnoticed in the home box before slotting home, game on. With the visitors tails up it came as no surprise when with 10 minutes to go, Matt Newberry notched again to restore parity. Another point against a top 6 side for Corfe, and more signs their early season wobbles were just a matter of adjusting to life in the DPL.

"ISLANDERS BEAT THE ZEBRAS"

PORTLAND UTD RES 5 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1

Portland United Reserves put Sherborne Town Reserves to the sword on Saturday at The Weyline Stadium in The Dorset Premier League. The Blues should have been in front early on, but Derek Wall didn't make the most of a couple of good chances, but the deadlock was broken in the 21st minute when Billy Mitchells drive from wide right outside the area arrowed in to the top left corner of the net. Just a minute later it was 2-0 as Derek Wall scored his 1st of the game to leave the away side shell shocked. Portland put the game beyond the visitors as 16-year-old Sol Roche, with his 1st goal for the club, beat the offside trap before firing a shot inside the post. A minute before half time Wall added his 2nd of the game and Portland's 4th as some neat skill saw him in behind the defence and beating the away keeper with an emphatic finish, HT 4-0. With the managers words ringing in their ears Sherborne came out with a point to prove and found a goal as Alan Hills weak header back to the keeper was cut out by a Sherborne substitute Glenn Nathan who calmly lobbed home keeper Ross Jones. Portland rounded of the scoring with their 5th as Sol Roche found brother Manny Roche in the area who was able to bring the ball down before beating the out rushing away keeper. Looking back at the game Portland United Reserves Manager Justin Faulkner commented "We were worthy winners today, we've scored 5 but we've also had some other really good chances. Second half I think we took our foot off the gas and they came out looking to prove a point, their goal was slightly fortuitous but I didn't at any time think they could get back in to the game. We changed the shape of the team for this game, to get the 2 young strikers in to the side and it has worked very well. They were a constant threat to the Sherborne back 4 all afternoon." Faulkner also added "In terms our season this victory has come at the right time, we picked up 2 wins in our 1st 4 games but we have only picked up one draw in the last 4 games, they were all games against team I think will be in and around the top six come May. No disrespect to Sherborne but that is the type of teams we need to target points against."

"SPORTS CLAIM MUCH NEEDED WIN "

PORTLAND UTD RES 5 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1

Dorchester Sports come from behind to beat Blandford Utd at the Avenue Stadium 3-1 to claim a much needed 3 points, Sports handed a first team debut to 16 year old centre midfielder Jack Steele and he was making sports play good football from the off, sports applied a lot of pressure but were finding it hard to

break down a well drilled Blandford defence, Sports had a lot of the ball and Blandford were hoping to hit sports on the break and it worked on 25 minutes when the home side lost the ball and a clever forward pass found Paul Ford who slotted his shot past Sami Turner in the sports goal to give the away side the lead and it could have been two shortly after when again Ford this time went past Turner but the impressive Alex Gould was there to clear off the line to keep sports in the game, Sports pushed for the equaliser and it come on 36 minutes when Jamie Rawlings slotted his first goal of the season after a Jamie Samways corner wasn't cleared to make the scores level, Sports had a penalty claim on the stroke of half time waved away as a result of the tackle Samways had to be replaced by sports 17 year old top scorer Joel Hewitt, HT 1-1. The second half Sports again had a lot of the ball but this time used it better in the final third and took the lead on 50 minutes when Ryan Ross found Hewitt who slotted his 5th goal of the season, Sports brought on Rich Beasley on 65 minutes and shortly after his pass again found Hewitt who blasted in his 2nd of the game to seal the 3 points for Sports.

“BEES BLOSSOM AT THE CHERRIES ”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 1 BRIDPORT RES 4

Sturminster are still looking for their 1st points of the season after another defeat this time to an energetic Bridport side who deserved their win at Barnetts field. Scoring for the visitors were Sam Handyside, Dan Peart and Riley Weedon with 2.