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“BALTI HIT 5 TO SQUASH THE CHERRIES”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 BALTI SPORTS 5



Balti Sports put in a superb second-half performance to help them eventually cruise to a 5-2 win over Sturminster Newton United in the Dorset Premier League. Braces from Danny Andrews and Ricky Lane alongside a Phil Anderson header sealed the win. A ball over the top from Oscar Preece found Andrews who ran on to it found the top corner with a first-time shot from 20 yards. Balti then handed Sturminster an equaliser as sloppy defending gifted the ball to the hosts who put a ball over the top to Ivan Ivanov to finish and draw the sides level after 30 minutes. Balti regained the lead on 40 minutes when Andrews put a cross in and Lane fired in, HT 1-2. After half-time, Phil Anderson extended the lead with a header when Lane crossed the ball in from a free-kick after 50 minutes. Balti again scored when Lane fired into the bottom corner five minutes later. Preece then pressured well to get the ball to square to Andrews to tap in. Balti conceded a late consolation in the 77th minute but the win had been wrapped up.



“REC OVERCOME THE ROCKIES TO STAND ON THE BRINK”

SHAFTESBURY RES 1 HAMWORTHY REC 2

This was a real battle for Rec, but they won through to maintain their push for the title. Shaftesbury, as expected, proved difficult opponents, but Rec showed great resilience despite shipping a controversial goal and fought back to claim the points. Both sides started in determined fashion, but Rec's final ball was wanting. John Webb's cross was just too high for Chris Long and Josh Pratt's ball into the box was just wide. But on 19 minutes Rec went one-up. LONG received the ball outside of the area, took a touch and hit a left-foot screamer into the top corner - his 38th league goal of the season. But just three minutes later it was 1-1. Two home forwards chased a through-ball with both looking offside, but no flag came from the linesman and the pass was tucked in for the equaliser, much to Rec's players and their vociferous supporters disgust. The Rockies could then have taken the lead, it a good move ended with a shot flying wide. Ali Garard chased a long ball and flashed his shot across the face of goal, before heading wide from Long's pass. HT 1-1. Rec started the second-half looking livelier. Brad Hill's cross just eluded

Long, and Callum Charlton's free-kick made its way to Hill, who volleyed wide. In the 58th minute Rec scored what was to be the winning goal. A neat move on the left ended with Pratt surging into the penalty area and firing his low shot beyond the home keeper and inside the post for 1-2. Rec were now on top and looked to extend their lead. Garard set up a chance for Charlton, whose shot was tipped over and Garard had his attempt saved. In the closing stages Shaftesbury had a couple of chances with Sam Jones comfortably saving the first, before a rasping shot fizzed just wide. But Rec, with Dave Wrixton and John Webb, again having excellent games in midfield, held firm to claim a priceless win and put them needing 1 win from their 2 remaining fixtures to secure the title.

"SWANS LOSE IT AGAINST MERE"

SWANAGE TOWN & H 2 MERE TOWN 4



Swanage suffered a 4-2 defeat at Day's Park against Mere Town in The Dorset Premier League. This game was Swans 4th game in a week which proved one too many against a very determined Mere Town side. The Moonrakers took the

lead after 7 minutes when Charles Parry confidently struck the ball in, however Cameron Beard scored his customary goal to level things after 18 minutes. The visitors were ahead again 2 minutes later when Rhys Mcgrath headed home a Jack Twyford Corner and the same combination again scored their third 5 minutes before half time with a header, HT 1-3. Aaron Atkinson produced a life line with his goal after 53 minutes, but The Swans then had Andy Bartlett sin binned and while the player was off the field for the 10-minute punishment Mere scored number 4 through Jordan Shorrocks to put the contest out of reach. There was still time for the Referee to further sin bin Cameron and Matt Beard and dismiss Andy Bartlett for the hosts in the last 5 minutes.

"WESTLANDS 2ND HALF SHOWING BEATS THE RANGERS"

WESTLAND SPORTS 3 WAREHAM RANGERS 0

This match turned out to be a bit of a struggle for Westlands despite the 2 teams relative league positions. With both centre backs injured, Westlands had to shuffle their pack a bit for this match. In the first half Wareham got men behind the ball and made life difficult for the home team although they were helped by the bar and post on two occasions. Stalemate at half time 0-0. In the 50th minute however Westlands went ahead. Ant Herrin drove the ball across the face of the goal and Dwayne Forshaw smashed it in at the far post. In the 70th minute Westlands captain Jamie Green pulled down Wareham's Suwie Thompson about 40 yards out and was red carded for a "professional" foul. Going down to 10 men acted as a spur to Westlands and they scored twice more in the last 10 minutes. Josh Payne

crossed for Adam Barratt to side foot the ball home in the 80th minute and 9 minutes later it was Adam Barratt again, who repeated the first goal, side footing in a Haydn Hodges cross to secure 3 valuable points.

"THE BEES AND THE BULLS SHARE THE POINTS AT DUSK"

BRIDPORT RES 1 HOLT UNITED 1

In a game which kicked off at 6pm due to a Western League fixture being played earlier in the afternoon, it was a credit to both sides but notably the visitors for getting a side down to West Dorset. The hosts took the lead in the 1st half when Sam Handyside netted and that was the way it stayed until after the break when the visitors got their equaliser. Both sides had chances to win the game, but both had to settle for a point which, was a fair return for an even game.

