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"KEEPER JONES WINS IT FOR REC FROM INSIDE HIS HALF"

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Both sides served up a 7 goal feast at Magna Road with the highlight being Rec keeper Sam Jones scoring with a long clearance from inside his own box in the 2nd half. The hosts took the lead in the 7th minute through Ali Garrads strike with Chris Long doubling the lead on the stroke of half time. It was 3 in the 53rd minute when Mark Fairbrother broke through and finished 1 on 1 with the visitors keeper, 10 minutes later and Parley reduced the arrears when Matt Newberry converted a penalty after Mike La Ronde was fouled in the box, 4 minutes later and it was game on when La Ronde converted following a free kick. Rec went back in front on 74 minutes through Jones wonder strike, Parley however kept plugging away and made for a nervy final few minutes when Josh Moody headed home in the 88th minute to further reduce the arrears, one black mark for the visitors was the sending off for Jason Brittain for 2 yellows received in the 86th & 89th minutes.

"A LACKLUSTRE CHERRIES STILL PICK UP THE WIN"

STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 MILBORNE PORT 0



Sturminster Newton put in a lacklustre performance against Milborne Port on Tuesday evening, but were more clinical when it mattered. The game was littered with mistakes from both sides, on a dry, bumpy pitch. Sturminster took the lead in the 16th minute when Calvin Thomas scored. Stur extended their lead in the 23rd minute through an own goal, following a Jamie Danoris corner. Sturminster never got out of first gear and settled for defending deep, trying to catch Milborne Port on the break. To their credit, Milborne Port never gave up and out-battled the hosts in the second half, but could not finish their chances. Sturminster should have extended their lead in the last minute when Jamie Danoris latched onto a great ball by Darren Spiller, outpaced his marker and ran in on goal, before putting his shot agonisingly wide. Milborne Port will be disappointed with a 2-0 defeat, while Sturminster will be pleased to have 'won ugly' and move up the table to occupy second place in the standings.

"WESTLANDS TOO GOOD FOR THE ZEBRAS"

WESTLAND SPORTS 5 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0



A decent crowd turned up on a nice evening to see the local derby, which, in years gone by, had seen some battles that would have graced the Roman Coliseum. This one however, was a rather tepid affair that was almost over before it began. With Westlands strong favourites and on home turf, the writing was on the wall for the visitors when Ant Herrin knocked in the opening goal after only 3 minutes. And a good goal it was, started by Josh Payne who ghosted past two Sherborne players like a latter day Nureyev and slid the ball to Sam Carney on the right side of the box. Sam picked out Ant Herrin unmarked at the far post and he did the needful with aplomb. In the 20th minute Haydn Hodges hit the deck in Tom Daley-esque fashion and Ant Herrin converted the penalty to make it 2-0. Just before the break Haydn Hodges got on the scoresheet when he knocked in the rebound after a Dwayne Forshaw pile driver hit the bar. Half time 3-0 and it was just really a question of how many? Sherborne battled hard in the second half but in the 61st minute Sam Carney hit the post after a good move but Scott Smith was on hand to bang in the rebound. Finally in the 71st minute a corner to the far post was headed back across by Scott Smith to Ant Herrin who nodded in number 5. In the final minute Sherborne's Rich Maidment picked up the only yellow card of the evening.

"GILLINGHAM CLAIM LOCAL BRAGGING RIGHTS AFTER DERBY WIN"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 4 MERE TOWN 0

This local derby drew in a crowd of over 100 people who weren't disappointed as the two teams put on a cracking show. There was little to choose between the two sides in the early stages, but it was Gillingham who got the first clear chance. With just 9 minutes played Elliot Bevis found himself with just the Mere keeper to beat, but his tame shot was collected easily. You could tell that the game meant a lot to both teams and it was just past the quarter hour mark when Gillingham's Jack Baker was the first player to go into the Referee's book for a hefty tackle. On the 23 minute mark the Gills went close again when a Brad Hansford corner was met at the back post by Nathan Miller, whose volley went about a yard wide of goal. The deadlock was broken after half an hour when the Gills went 1-0 up, Ryan Schouten bursting through from midfield and he had enough composure to slot the ball under the advancing Mere keeper, Miles Fielding. The lead was doubled in the very next minute when a long kick by Gills' keeper Jamie Beale bounced over the Mere defence and into the path of Nathan Miller who, this time, put his shot on target to make it 2-0. The loss of two quick goals clearly rattled the Mere players and with 37 minutes played Jamie Samways was booked for dissent, meaning he was sent to the 'sin bin' for 10 minutes. He was still there when the Gills scored another goal 2 minutes before half time. Joe Smeeton played an inch perfect pass from inside his own half up to Elliot Bevis who, having left his marker, then smashed the ball past Fielding to make it 3-0. So, the Gills went into the break with a flattering 3-0 lead but,

unlike their play during the weekend loss to Holt, this was due to their clinical finishing. The second half started in the same vein with both teams being totally committed and it was just 7 minutes into the half when Mere Town's Joe Patterson saw yellow. Again it was the Gills who had the next good chance though when, on 55 minutes, a low shot by Elliot Bevis drew a great save from Fielding. Gillingham had a player sent to the sin bin on 67 minutes when Buddy O'Shea was cautioned for dissent, but Mere were unable to make their superior numbers count. In fact the next good chance fell to Gillingham just after O'Shea's return, this time Dan Ness testing Fielding, but the keeper was equal to the challenge. Next in the Referee's book was the Gills' Joe Smeeton for a foul tackle. Buddy O'Shea seemed determined to make up for his spell in the sin bin and with just 7 minutes left he hit a screamer from well outside the area that flew low past Fielding and into the corner of the goal to make it 4-0. There was still time for Dan Cox to go close with a header from a corner but there were no more goals meaning the Gills came away with a 4-0 victory.

"SMITH HAMMERS DOWN RANGERS WITH DESERVED WIN"

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 4 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Hamworthy opened the scoring at 16 minutes in with a goal from Jack Barton, Wareham equalised with a goal from Josh Hewson at 20 minutes. Hamworthy then secured a 2-1 lead just before half time with a goal from Steve Smith. Second half continued with both teams battling, Wareham then had Richard Parsons sent off for which the Hammers took full advantage as Steve Smith secured Hamworthy Reserves win and in doing so completed his hat trick with goals in the 87th and 90th minutes.

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"BLANDFORD WIN ROYALLY AT SHAFTESBURY"

SHAFTESBURY RES 1 BLANDFORD UTD 4

A good display from Blandford, and a really bad performance from Shaftesbury. 1-0 to Blandford at half time courtesy of a Paul Ford effort on 45 mins with a header from 2 yards out. In the 2nd half the visitors came out strong and scored two more goals from free kicks courtesy of Bradley Pike on 65 & 70 minutes. Kevin Monaghan for the hosts then got himself sent off for initially getting a yellow card and then swearing at the referee for getting it, leading to a red card. Blandford then capped off a good nights work when Paul Ford scored his 2nd and the Royals 4th on 80 minutes. One small bright spot for the hosts was Lee Gale who scored a consolation goal right on Full Time.

"DORCHESTER WIN AGAIN TO STING THE BEES"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 5 BRIDPORT RES 2

Dorchester Sports made it 4 games unbeaten by beating Bridport res at the Avenue Stadium in a close game until two late goals sealed it for the hosts. Sports started well and were top for much of the first half and looked back to their best and Gareth will in the middle of the park was at the heart of it as he burst through the away defence before slotting in stand in captain Jamie Symes to give sports the lead on 8 minutes, Sports continued to press and Symes got his second when again Will found the front man and Symes made no mistake, Sports then had lots of possession but found it hard to break down the away defence, then a loose pass at the back for sports just before half time was taken by the Bridport front man to give the away team hope, Sports started the second on top again and Symes completed his hat trick when Sam Pashen this time burst through and set Symes one on one and he made it 3-1 but again the bees come back when a free kick found its way to an unmarked bee and he easily slotted past Sam Turner in the Sports goal for 3-2, Bridport now sensed a way back and had a number of corners and free kicks but the sports back line held firm and it was from a Jamie Samways corner that Lewis Amor was able to head home after only being on the pitch a matter of seconds for 4-2 on 80 minutes and Samways completed the scoring late on when he scored the goal of the night by chesting and volleying in from the edge of the box into the top corner to give sports all 3 points.

"11 GOAL FEAST SERVED UP BY SIZZLING BALTI & GAME SWANS"

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Swans suffered a 6-5 defeat to Balti Sports in this top of the table clash at Day's Park. League leaders Swanage welcomed 2nd in the table Balti Sports, who up to date have both scored 15 goals in 3 games this season, to many this was going to be a tight affair, however they shared an incredible 11 goals in a game full of drama, twists and turns. The visitors raced into a 3 goal lead after 13 minutes with goals by Ricky Lane (1) Dan Andrews (3) & Ethan Devaney (13), but a goal from top scorer Cameron Beard 2 minutes later gave his side a glimmer of hope; however Balti struck again 4 minutes later through Devaneys 2nd of the night. Swans hit back through Graeme Rose with a penalty after 33 minutes, but soon after were reduced to 10 men when Perry Mullins saw red for kicking out at a player. H.T. 4-2. The drama continued in the second half as The Swans showed their fighting quality to claw back to 4-4 with goals from substitute Aaron Atkinson and Sam Beale. The home side suffered a major blow when keeper James Langdon was dismissed for bringing down a player in the box, Balti's Lane duly despatched the resulting penalty to give the visitors a 5-4 lead. The 9 men of Swanage refused to give up and Graeme Rose equalised with his second penalty with less than 10 minutes to play. However with just a few minutes remaining Balti scored a dramatic winner through Lanes 3rd to secure the points and replace The Swans at the top of the table. All in all a dramatic at times feisty affair that will live long in the memory of those in attendance.