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DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

"SWANS LIKE THE TASTE OF TANGERINES"

SWANAGE TOWN & H 4 GILLINGHAM TOWN 1



Swanage scored their fourteenth goal in the last 3 league games to defeat Gillingham Town 4-1 at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League. However, the score line did not reflect the close nature of this enthralling encounter. After surviving a few early scares, the hosts took the lead after 8 minutes courtesy of a looping header from striker Graeme Rose, soon after the Gills had the ball in the net, only to see it disallowed, this ignited the game and especially the visitors who were soon down to 9 men with 2 in the Bin, Swanage took full advantage of this and doubled their lead courtesy of Cameron Beard's penalty conversion, HT 2-0. The Gills, now back to eleven started the second half in determined mood and deserved their equaliser, also from a penalty, converted by Elliot Beavis on 56 minutes. The Swans had to defend well but always looked dangerous on the break and missed the chance to put the game to bed following another penalty award which was missed by Cameron Beard. However, they did score their third in the 85th minute with a spectacular effort from Aaron Atkinson, and 2 minutes later skipper Paul Best sealed the points heading home a rebound after Cameron Beard's header hit the bar. Another 3 points for the Swans earned with a great display in their quest for the championship but the score line was more than a bit harsh on a very good Gillingham Town side.

"WESTLANDS BRUSH ASIDE THE BEES"

WESTLAND SPORTS 6 BRIDPORT RES 0

Bridport started this game brightly, testing Sports defence with some long balls over the top, but when Josh Payne headed in the opening goal for Westlands in the 15th minute the tide turned into one way traffic. It was now Westlands who were pressing, and Henry Lawrence-Napier added a second just before the break to give the home side a comfortable 2-0 half time lead. In the second half it was more one-way traffic and when Henry Lawrence-Napier headed his second goal and Westlands third ten minutes into the half the writing was on the wall for the visitors. Skipper Jamie Green headed the fourth goal, Szymon Matuszewski cashed in on a mistake by the keeper to make it five, and finally Dwayne Forshaw banged in the sixth goal from 25 yards out. A day Bridport will want to forget but a welcome three points for Westlands.

"ROCKIES EARN LOCAL BRAGGING RIGHT AT MERE"

MERE TOWN 1 SHAFTESBURY RES 2

This local derby lived up to expectations and must have been a great game to watch for the neutrals but not for anyone connected to both teams! A game full of whole-hearted challenges, yellow cards and goal mouth scrambles ended with Shaftesbury Reserves edging the contest 2-1 in the final moments of the 90 minutes. Mere started the brighter of the two teams and created a few half chances in the opening 10 minutes. Jamie Samways delivered several free kicks right into the heart of the Shaftesbury box but the home side did not manage to get on the end of his excellent deliveries or pick up the loose ball during the second phase of the play, allowing Shaftesbury to clear their lines. How Mere regretted not making the most of their good work when in their very first attack Shaftesbury broke free after 13 minutes to find the ever-reliable Lee Gale to slot the ball home to make it 1-0 to the away side. For a moment or two this took the wind out of Mere's sails but they soon re-grouped and once again took the game to their visitors. Try as they might the 'Moonrakers' just could not break down the resolute Shaftesbury back line led by the experienced Marc Harvey who read the game well for the away side and marshalled his defence. So, it remained 0-1 at half-time. Mere continued where they left off after the break with a lot of possession and much of the territorial advantage. The second half was characterised by a few goal mouth scrambles with Mere so unlucky that the ball just would not fall to one of their players and when it did their shots were blocked by a determined Shaftesbury defence. A change to 3 at the back and pushing Charles Parry into midfield had an immediate impact with Mere pressing with greater urgency for an equaliser. Jordan Shorrocks had a clear-cut chance after 53 minutes only to send his shot over the bar. A headed chance was cleared off the Shaftesbury line after 69 minutes. Maybe it was going to be 'one of those days' for Mere... In the 70th minute Mere were finally rewarded with an equalising goal. Yet another Mere corner sent the ball into the Shaftesbury area and after some pinball Jordan Shorrocks made it two goals in two games when he poked the ball home from close range. This lifted the home side and was entirely justified on the balance of play. Now it really was game on and Mere pushed and pushed to find the winner. Every time Mere got into the final third it seemed to end up with a foul and a free kick. In the 89th minute Mere won a free kick in a central position some 25 yards out. Up stepped Jamie Samways whose pinpoint shot forced an excellent save out of the away keeper. It was all Mere and they looked like the only team likely to grab a winning goal but then in a dramatic twist to end the game the ball found its way to a Shaftesbury player who lobbed Miles Fielding who had abandoned his goal to defend the oncoming attack. So, 2-1 to Shaftesbury in injury time. Much jubilation from the Rockies on an unlikely winning goal.



DORSET SENIOR TROPHY

BALTI SPORTS 1 WESTLAND SPORTS RES 3



In a huge upset at the College, it was Westland Sports 2nd string who upstaged their higher ranked opponents to book a place in the next round, this despite the hosts taking an early lead through Rory Zima's neat finish. The same player should have doubled the hosts lead but missed when in a one on one situation and how costly was that miss to be as the visitors went straight down the other end and earned themselves a penalty duly converted by Steve Ormrod to restore parity, 5 minutes later

and the visitors were in dreamland as Ormrod headed in to make it 2-1. To Balti's credit, they dominated proceedings in the 2nd half but a combination of poor finishing and never say die defending from the visitors kept them at bay and with time nearly up Alex Murphy put the icing on the cake when he grabbed Westland's third to seal their place in the hat.



Photos Courtesy of Steve Hunter - Balti Sports FC

DORCHESTER SPORTS 7 BLANDFORD UTD 1

Dorchester moved effortlessly into the next round after this thumping of fellow DPL side Blandford Utd at the Avenue, Sports goals came courtesy of Will Turland x2, Richard Beasley x2, Jamie Samways, Jamie Symes and Cormac Lochrie.

CHICKERELL UTD 3 PARLEY SPORTS 4

Holders Parley Sports maintained their grip on the trophy after winning this 7-goal thriller at the Stalls against a very good Chickerell side. Parley took the lead through Ben Bosley's neat 11th minute finish, 4 minutes later and Bosley doubled the visitors advantage. 2 minutes later and Jack Voisey made it 3 nil and at this stage the visitors were cruising. To the hosts credit, they shuffled their formation and pulled 1 back in the 37th minute, HT 1-3. The hosts came out all guns blazing and reduced the deficit to 1 when in the 52st minute they scored again with an unchallenged header. Parley regrouped and on the hour mark restored their 2-goal advantage as Josh Moody headed home Jack Shering's pin point cross. Back came Chickerell and with the use of their slope got back into the game again with a thumping finish on 72 minutes. Both sides create further chances in some

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entertaining final 15 minutes, with fill-in Parley Keeper Brad Kendrick pulling off a fine save to deny the hosts an equaliser late on.

MERLEY CS 1 DORCHESTER TOWN RES 0



Merley got off to a great start when Ellis George fired home from 20 yards in the 4th minute. During the move that led to the goal, striker Alan Marsh picked up a heavy knock. Marsh soldiered on for a few minutes but was unable to continue, leaving Merley having to use their only substitute with Jamie Moores takes no to the field. Merley continued to pile on the pressure, but were just

not able to apply the final bit of quality to increase their lead. Merley continued to attack Dorchester after the break until injury forced Ben Satterley to withdraw, leaving the hosts with ten men for the remainder of the game. The visitors seemed to take control of the game with the extra man, but despite creating several chances they were unable to find the net.



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WAREHAM RANGERS 4 STURMINSTER NEWTON 0

Wareham started the game strong and got a deserved lead after a good spell of Possession and control. A well delivered corner from Aaron Merredew was met with a bullet header from John Dent. Despite further opportunities to go into half time with a greater lead, it finished 1-0 at half time. Second half Wareham came out of the blocks and got a great second goal from a superb finish from Storm Graham. Wareham picked holes in the Sturminster defence all afternoon and the link up play from the Wareham strikers was too much to handle as they extended the lead to 3 after a well taken finish from Aaron Merredew after a good delivery from Storm Graham. There was time for a fourth as super sub Shane Orchard met a cross from Aaron Merredew at the far post to make it 4-0.

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 0 HOLT UNITED 2

Holt progressed after overcoming not only a decent Hammers outfit but the County Ground surface that they have lost on the last 2 times they have played on it. Goals from Sonny Wilkinson and Nathan Saxby saw the Bulls make it through to the Quarter Finals.



QUARTER FINAL DRAW

January 6th 2018 – Kick Off 1.30pm

PARLEY SPORTS **VS** *Poole Town Development* / HAMWORTHY REC

Westland Sports Res **VS** DORCHESTER SPORTS

WAREHAM RANGERS **VS** HOLT UNITED

MERLEY CS **VS** *Portland United Res*

