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## **“BEARDS 6 STAR SHOW CRUSHES CHERRIES”**

### **SWANAGE T&H 7 STURMINSTER NEWTON 2**



Swanage demolished Sturminster Newton United 7-2 at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League, with Ace Marksman Cameron Beard helping himself to a Double Hat trick. The Hosts survived an early scare when the visitors had a goal chalked off for handball. Swanage though took the lead after 6 minutes when Cameron Beard

converted a penalty after being fouled by the visiting keeper. The Cherries hit back with the equaliser on 20 minutes through Sam Stockley with a low shot. Two minutes later Dave Best regained the lead for his side with a brilliant header following a great cross and run from Cody Littleford. Then, two goals in 2 minutes by teenage striker Cameron Beard who completed his hat-trick in doing so, put the Swans firmly in the driving seat approaching the break, HT 4-1. The second half continued in the same vein with the hosts dominating proceeding, with Cameron Beard helping himself to another 3 goals as he helped himself to another hat-trick. The visitors, who battled valiantly scored a late consolation goal when Jamie Danoris netted to make the score line 7-2.

## **“WESTLANDS LEAVE IT LATE TO BEAT THE LEADERS”**

### **HAMWORTHY REC 2 WESTLAND SPORTS 3**

The hosts were disappointed to lose this match against one of their challengers, but it was the men from Somerset who claimed the win to tighten things up at the top of the table. The game started well for the home side with a couple of runs down the left with crosses to the centre resulting in corners. The hosts were also winning most of the midfield challenges for the ball as a great deal of the half was in the Westland's half of the pitch, but Rec were unable to capitalise with a goal. Westlands went ahead somewhat against the run of play when they capitalised following an unfortunate slip by a home defender, the ball was accurately crossed in with Henry Napier-Lawrence slamming home giving home keeper Sam Jones no chance. Ham Rec immediately put the visitors under pressure with several runs down the left by Bradley Hill who linked up with Max Wilcock. This pressure finally paid off when the Westland's keeper Sam Watts was unable to hold on to a cross with Max Wilcock running on to the free ball to score and restore parity just after the half hour mark, HT 1-1. The visitors edged back in front in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute when Jamie Irwin's found the net with a good finish. The visitors were then

awarded a free kick just outside of the Rec penalty area and after a set piece, Hamworthy keeper Sam Jones made the first of several excellent saves to keep the hosts in the game. Ten minutes later, Rec forced a corner which was placed accurately in to the crowded Westland's box and following a bit of a scramble Max Wilcock put the ball in the net for his second of the game. 2 – 2 after fifty-eight minutes. Tiredness was beginning to show in the Ham Rec side and after they failed to clear an attack by the visitors in the eighty-eighth minute, substitute Haydn Hodges tapped home the all-important winner to make the final score 2 – 3 to the visitors.

### **"HOLTS HASKELL SCORES 3 TO KEEP THE BULLS IN THE HUNT"**

#### **HOLT UNITED 4 SHAFTESBURY RES 1**

After their midweek Dorset Senior Trophy triumph, there was no signs of a hangover as the Bulls returned to league action in their quest to close the gap on the League leaders. This game was over as a contest after a blistering 1<sup>st</sup> half showing from the hosts which saw marksman Mike Haskell notch 3 times including 2 headers, 1 of which was a superb diving header, to put the Bulls firmly in control. Shaftesbury did pull one back through Callum Bents 81<sup>st</sup> minute effort only for Holts Nathan Saxby to get their 4<sup>th</sup> five minutes later to seal a routine win.

### **"MERLEY GO GOAL CRAZY IN WEST DORSET"**

#### **BRIDPORT RES 0 MERLEY CS 7**

Bridport went into the game without regular keeper Billy Fleet and were forced to play their 41-year-old goalkeeper coach instead. Things started off badly for the Bees when they conceded an own goal within the first 2 minutes following a goalkeeping error !!! and then they found themselves 3 down inside 10 minutes following 2 incredible finishes, both from Lee Wilkins strikes from outside the 18-yard box. Two further goals before half time from Wilkins, again claiming his hat trick in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute and Ellis George in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute saw the Bees go 5 down. The only positive to take from the from the first half for Bridport were 2 decent strikes from long range from 17-year-old Sam Handyside but neither effort forced the visiting keeper into a save, HT 0-5. A formation Change in the second half saw a small improvement in the first 15 minutes, but Bridport conceded a sixth when Ben Satterley maximised on another lapse in Bridport's play. The hosts Josh Hull hit the post following a decent move down the right-hand side, but it clearly was only ever going to be a consolation if he had netted. 3 substitutes were introduced for Bridport after 65 minutes, but another wonderful long range shot from the visitors Asa Phillips made it 0-7 after 80 minutes. A serious knee injury to 18-year-old Jake Mansley which will keep him out for the rest of the season, reduced the young Bridport team to 10 men for the final 15 minutes which capped off a disastrous afternoon for the home team and left the team asking themselves many serious questions about the future. That said, Merley were very good on

the day but if you allow good teams time and space like Bridport did then you will get punished severely and that's exactly what happened.

### **"BALTI WIN AGAIN ON THE ROAD AT BLANDFORD"**

#### **BLANDFORD UTD 1 BALTI SPORTS 3**

The visitors picked up another 3 points after this deserved win at Blandford. The visitors took the lead in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute when Ethan Devaney netted following good approach play. 5 minutes later they doubled their lead when Oscar Preece netted, HT 0-2. Into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and the hosts gave themselves a route back into the game when Joe Freak reduced the arrears with a little over 20 minutes to go. But any hope of a comeback was extinguished just 4 minutes later when Liam Taylor restored the men from Weymouth's 2 goal advantage.

### **"MERE COME FROM 2 DOWN TO WIN AT THE AVENUE"**

#### **DORCHESTER SPORTS 2 MERE TOWN 3**

This was an enjoyable game to watch with both sides trying to play good football. It was also played in a nice spirit with very few reckless challenges or incidents to worry the officials. Mere had the better of the opening minutes, but Dorchester Sports posed a threat and it was the hosts who took the lead after just 11 minutes when Joel Hewitt netted, 15 minutes later they doubled their lead much against the run of play when Will Turland scored for the hosts. Mere sparked into life and stuck together creating some good moments. Joe Paterson hit the bar and Ben Davies saw his follow up header pushed over the top. However, Mere continued to press and in the 40th minute, after some excellent movement and interplay between Ben Davies and Sam Biddescombe, the ball was played to top scorer Joe Paterson who buried his shot in the Dorchester net. Three minutes later Mere drew level when Paterson scored his second with a superb run and excellently judged shot from distance over the stranded home keeper, HT 2-2. The second half was a very open affair with plenty of goalmouth action and chances. Mere continued to push forward and as the 90th minute beckoned, and with the introduction of Mere substitutes Finn Evans and Tom Earle giving the hosts something different to think about, in the final minute of the game Mere forced a corner with Nigel Benjamin rising highest to head the ball home to give the 3 points to the away side.

### **"PARLEY BLUNT THE HAMMERS AND HIT THEM FOR 6"**

#### **PARLEY SPORTS 6 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 1**

The hosts thoroughly deserved to win this encounter as they tore the Hammers apart, they took the lead in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute when Jack Voisey headed home Matt Newberry's corner. 3 minutes later and Billy Whiteley's left footed shot from 22 yards found the bottom corner of the visitor's net increased the hosts advantage, HT 2-0. Right from the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the hosts attacked the Hammers and

After the visitors failed to clear a Mike La Ronde cross, the ball fell to John Peat whose left foot volley rifled into the net. 2 minutes later and it was 4 as a Dan Haynes free kick was curled over the wall and into the top corner. Hamworthy were shocked to say the least but on 65 minutes Sam Carter saw an effort cannon back of the Parley post and away to safety, Carter though wasn't to be denied 9 minutes later when he beat the on-rushing Parley custodian to pull 1 back for the visitors. Back came Parley with La Ronde seeing an effort rattle the visitors goalframe. With 8 minutes remaining Newberry got his customary goal after curling a left footed effort past the Utd keeper. Adam Trimby netted the 6<sup>th</sup> moments later when finishing a good move.

### **"BOTTOM 2 SHARE THE POINTS AND 2 GOALS APIECE"**

#### **WAREHAM RANGERS 2 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2**

Sherborne travelled to Wareham with a bare 11 due to players being unavailable through work and injury but nevertheless they gave a decent performance against a Rangers side who were also scrapping for the points. Wareham started well in the first half and took the lead following a huge mistake from the Town keeper as the ball bobbed over his foot from a straight forward shot from Luke Phillips in the 12th minute. The visitors went pushing for the equaliser and came close on a few occasions with Jack Harvey and Shane Pulling have their best chances. Wareham though got their second goal right on the stroke of half time as they took a quick short corner and eventually the ball fell to Jamie Cooper who hit an unstoppable shot into the top corner, HT 2-0. Sherborne changed their shape for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and pressed their opponents forcing them into mistakes and they got their just reward when Jake Coombes poked in from close range in the 55th minute. With 20 minutes to go, Sherborne were level and deserved to be, as Pulling ran onto a good through ball and placed it into the far corner. That goal clearly rattled the home side and the visitors should have taken the lead moments later, but Jack Hobbs failed to hit the target after being left unmarked at a corner. Wareham themselves pushed forward after bringing on reinforcements in the 75th minute and had 2 to 3 good chances to score themselves, but the Zebras back line were determined not to be beaten.

