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“WESTLANDS TAME THE SWANS”

SWANAGE TOWN & H 0 WESTLAND SPORTS 3



Swanage were comprehensively beaten by Westland Sports at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League. The match was played in hot bank holiday sunshine more suited to cricket and it was top 3 side Westland Sports who had the better of the opening exchanges only being denied by

the brilliant goalkeeping of home custodian James Langdon. However, the visitors deservedly took the lead after 30 mins when Dwayne Forshaw netted, HT 0-1. The hosts endured a disastrous second half, conceding the second goal on 60 minutes when Forshaw got his 2nd of the afternoon and 10 minutes later having skipper Paul Best dismissed for 2 yellows following a late tackle. Things went from bad to worse when they lost Cameron and Tommy Beard to the sin bin, both for dissent. Westlands secured the points with their 3rd goal after 80 minutes, taking full advantage of the depleted Swans as Jamie Irwin converted. The only positive from the afternoon was the brilliant display of keeper James Langdon.

Report & Photo Courtesy of ST&H FC

“GREENS FINALLY WEAR DOWN THE ZEBRAS”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0 HAMWORTHY REC 1

A 65th minute goal from John Webb secured the victory for the visitors in a game where it looked highly likely points could be dropped for the League leaders. Bottom placed Sherborne gave Rec the fright of their lives and defied their lowly position. That said, it was a tired, flat performance from Rec, who were never allowed to settle into their normal game on a day when the weather conditions were even hotter than Saturday and clearly drained the players. Rec's first real chance came when Ali Garard threaded a through-ball to Chris Long, who rounded the keeper, but was denied by a great last-gasp tackle. The hosts were playing with a real determination and wasted a good chance by firing a free-kick well over. Rec's finishing was letting them down and too often the final ball went astray. Dave Wrixton headed over from a corner and Garard saw his run and shot held by the keeper. But Rec had a let-off when a Sherborne corner ran all along the face of goal with no one getting a touch, HT 0-0. John Webb and Josh Pratt combined

well with the latter firing across goal, before Sherborne had two good shots flash just wide. But on 65 minutes Brad Hill wriggled his way down the left and his low cross was coolly tucked in by Webb to put the visitors ahead much to the relief of all around connected to Hamworthy from players, management and supporters! However, the hosts still looked capable of getting an equaliser and the Rec defence had to be alert always to preserve the lead. Rec could have added a second, but. Wrixton's shot was well saved, with the rebound blocked on the line and Callum Charlton and Josh Pratt combined well, only for the full-back's shot to be saved. Rec saw the game out to secure the 3 points and now can concentrate on Holt Utd away midweek.

"STALEMATE AT THE COLLEGE"

BALTI SPORTS 0 HOLT UNITED 0

Balti Sports clung on to claim a valuable point at home against Holt United in the Dorset Premier League. With numerous players playing for Dolphin in their loss to the John Gregory in the final of the Les Hallett Cup on Sunday, Balti were depleted with several personnel suffering the effects of a long, hard season. Ryan Dovell, Ethan Devaney, Josh Burton and Charlie Kenderdine were all missing with Kenderdine injured. Due to this, Balti played 4-5-1 and tried to sit behind the ball. Balti manager Marco Nott admitted: "It is not the way we like to play really. We sort of just said get behind the ball and if we get the chance to counter attack then we will. Sammy Nichols nearly won the game for Balti during the first half, with a superb chance. There was a mix-up between the Holt goalkeeper, who came out, and the defender who headed it straight to Nichols who sliced it wide from 20 yards with the goal gaping after 25 minutes. The only other chance in the half was for Holt as Balti keeper Nott tipped a free-kick over the bar. Other than that, chances were few and far between in the match. In the second half, Nott saved a near post effort after Holt had charged down the right-hand side. Holt also got one-on-one with Nott, but their lobbed effort went over the bar. The Balti player-manager then had to punch away a corner that looked to be heading straight in. A late attack from Holt saw Nott make a double save but took a boot on the shoulder, which dislocated the joint. He was replaced by his brother Andy Nott. Marco Nott said: "We were really well disciplined in our jobs and it was a really good team performance. They had most of the play really, but they just could not break us down. It was good to see us be able to get a result like that. "The defence were outstanding, to get a clean sheet against Holt and on Saturday as well, our defence have not really got much praise this season, but Phil Anderson and Matt Roberts were outstanding at centre back. "It was just good to see us get another clean sheet and hopefully we can try and finish the season strongly."

Report Courtesy of the; **DorsetECHO**

"TANGERINES FLOURISH IN THE SUN AT MERLEY"

MERLEY CS 1 GILLINGHAM TOWN 3

A Merley side seriously depleted by injuries played host to high flying Gillingham at Merley in the sweltering heat. The previous few encounters between the two sides have been closely fought and this was again to be the case. The first half hour passed by with little chances for either side as they battled away in midfield, but it was Gillingham who found the net in the 30th minute mark with a low cross in from the left, was side footed in by Elliot Bevis for 0-1 from close range. Merley though finished the half on top, without creating any clear-cut chances, HT 0-1. With just four minutes of the second period gone, Merley levelled the game when skipper Lee Wilkins nodded home a Dan Edwards long throw. However, Gillingham restored their lead within a few seconds after a goal mouth scramble with Bevis getting his brace after slotting home. Merley were reduced to ten min on 52 mins when Jack Mills was double sin binned for dissent and could play no further part. Merley had to dig deep to chase the game and always looked a threat. Gillingham however put the game out of reach on 81 mins when a corner was deflected in by Elliott Pearce-Bevis for 1-3. Merley never gave up hope and in the final five mins Wilkins and Asa Phillips both went close with headers before makeshift striker Steve Gilbert had his fierce shot cleared off the line, that said, Gillingham held firm to claim the points.

"PARLEY STING THE BEES"

BRIDPORT RES 0 PARLEY SPORTS 2

In a game switched to Parley due to Bridport FC's fixture backlog at St Marys field it was the "hosts" who won in a game played in very warm conditions, oh for those a few weeks ago !!!!!. Parley took the lead in the 6th minute when John Peat headed in following a Dan Haynes corner. In a largely even 1st half where both keepers excelled there was little to choose between the sides, HT 0-1. The 2nd half followed much the same as the 1st as the conditions started to take their toll on the players, again both keepers were forced into excellent saves and it wasn't until the 87th minute that Parley finally made the game safe when Jason Britten played the ball forward to Ben Bosley, who held off his man before racing clear to calmly beat the Bridport keeper to double the advantage, and that's the way it stayed.

"ROCKIES & HAMMERS SHARE THE POINTS AND 6 GOALS"

SHAFTESBURY RES 3 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 3

In a game played in the baking sunshine both sides served up an entertaining game for those in attendance with the hosts coming from 2 down to snatch a point late on. The visitors took an early 3rd minute lead when Richard Galeg scored,

Jordan Basing doubled the Hammers advantage in the 28th minute following a fine move, back came the hosts and they reduced the arrears in the 34th minute after Bailey Hodge scored. 5 minutes later and Hamworthy restored their 2-goal advantage when Basing got his 2nd of the day, HT 1-3. In to the 2nd half and both sides found the going tougher as the conditions started to take effect, Shaftesbury pulled 1 back in the 55th minute when Harry Gough produced a fine finish. Both sides created further chances with none being taken and with the game heading for an away win, up popped Gough again in the 85th minute to equalise for the hosts, so drawing the side's level and a share of the points.

