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Match Reports Saturday 3rd February 2018

"REC LEAVE IT LATE TO SECURE THE WIN AT A WET MAGNA ROAD"

HAMWORTHY REC 3 MERE TOWN 0



In a game played in awful conditions Rec emerged with the three points and their 12th successive League win, but it took until the last five minutes to rubber stamp the victory against a plucky Mere Town side who, at one down, always looked capable of earning a draw. The Magna Road pitch was a quagmire after a morning of rain falling on an already soaked

surface, but thanks to the recent drainage work undertaken at Magna Road, the game was on. With Rec attacking the "New Steps" end it was nearly a first minute goal, but Chris Long's effort was smothered by the visitor's keeper. Ali Garard tried an acrobatic shot that went just over, before on 18 minutes the hosts went in front. Lewis Proudley and Brad Hill combined with the latter supplying a cross for Chris Long to send a looping header over the keeper and into the top corner. Rec were on top but failed to add to the lead, trying to be too intricate at times, given the conditions. Hill set up Ash Boyt who fired over and Garard was thwarted by the keeper. But Mere had two good chances themselves, with a shot fizzing just past the post and a header wide. HT 1-0. The second half started with both sides wasting free-kick opportunities. Callum Charlton saw his attempt for Rec saved by the Mere custodian, before Mere shot wide from a low free-kick. As the conditions worsened play became scrappy. Sam Jones, in the home goal, made a great save to keep Rec in front and it took until the 85th minute for Rec to ease the nerves with a second goal. A free-kick into the box eluded Long but fell nicely for Brad Hill to fire a low left-footer into the far corner and in the last minute the industrious Charlton was brought down in the box and Chris Long's trusty left foot converted the resultant penalty. All credit to both teams for an entertaining game on a miserable, wet day.

"WESTLANDS 1ST HALF BLOWS AWAY PARLEY"

WESTLAND SPORTS 5 PARLEY SPORTS 2

Although the conditions were "testing" at Alvington both teams served up an entertaining match. Westlands got off to the best possible start in the first minute with a goal from Jamie Irwin who cut in from the left and hit a dipping right foot shot over Brad Kendrick, the Parley keeper. In 28 minutes it was 2-0 when Josh Payne was upended in the box, Haydn Hodges tucking away the penalty. A couple of minutes later things went from bad to worse for Parley. A disputed throw in was taken quickly by Westlands, Josh Payne went to the bye line and cut the ball back to Haydn Hodges who just beat a defender to the

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touch to smash in. Parley's protests saw a player sin-binned and a few minutes later they had a second in the bin after a clash out on the wing. Just before the break Westlands Dwayne Forshaw squared the ball across the box for Josh Payne to thump in the fourth. The 4-0 half-time score flattered the home side a bit as Parley had looked quite dangerous going forward in the first half with Jack Voisey and Jason Moody keeping the home defence on their toes. The visitors upped their game in the second half and in the 65th minute Jack Voisey ran through and drilled the ball into the far corner to make it 4-1. Any hope of a fight back however was extinguished 10 minutes later when Jamie Irwin ran on to a through ball, rounded the keeper and slotted the ball in from a tight angle. In the dying moments Parley notched their second goal from the penalty spot when a Westlands defender made a rash tackle on the edge of the box. Jack Cooke side footed in the make the final score 5-2. This was the hosts 6th straight League win as they maintained 2nd spot in the table.

"HAMMERS BASING HITS 3 TO BEAT BALTI"

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 4 BALTI SPORTS 3

The Hammers have been on a fine run of form of late, winning all but one of their last eight games. They were therefore eager to go one better than the 3-3 draw that they played out against their opponents back in September at Cranford Avenue. Balti were able to field a stronger team than of late and included the ex-Hamworthy first team favourite Ryan Dovell in their starting line-up. The first half got off to a quick start with both teams trying to impose themselves on the opposition. It was the Sports who settled first and looked the more dangerous in the opening few minutes, and it did not take them long to take the lead. A good cross from the right to the edge of the box just evaded Hamworthy's defender Liam Meldrum's head as he attempted to clear, but it was met with a bullet header by Balti Simon Proffit following in behind that gave Shane Cooper in the home goal no chance. Things got even worse for the Reserves when Balti scored again with another well struck shot, this time low into the net from Carl McClements with barely fifteen minutes on the clock. Manager Nick Collins made a couple of positional changes, and this led to the Hammers slowly getting back into the game, with their defence now looking far more secure. United gradually got back on top in the latter part of the half and were rewarded with a goal that started from their keeper. He picked out Declan Randle that began a fine move involving Josh Rose and Kyle Spyers and finished with top scorer Sam Carter finding the bottom corner from the edge of the area. When the half time whistle came soon after, Hamworthy must have felt confident that they could get back into the game, HT 1-2. United began the second period in much the same way as they had finished the first, playing the better football and having the edge on their more experienced opponents. It therefore came as a bit of a downer when Balti, a bit against the run of play broke away and scored through Dan Andrews with a shot that brushed the right post before going in as Cooper came off his line to close the attacker. Very much to their credit, and the difference in the team this year was Hamworthy did not give in and continued to press their opponents. The comeback started in the 69th minute when Meldrum broke up play and released a first-time ball over the Sports defence. Jordon Basing jumped with the Keeper who dropped the ball leaving him with a simple tap in for the first of his hat-trick goals. A Balti player was sin-binned for protesting too much to the Referee for what he considered to be a foul on the keeper. This left his team down to ten men and on the back foot as the Reserves took full advantage of the situation to dominate play. Following a

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corner from the Sports only attack in that period, the ball was cleared out to Nick Patrick who in turn found Carter. Carter over hit his pass, but Patrick won it back and fed Spyers who took one touch before delivering a pin point cross for Jordon Basing to powerfully head home in the 77th minute. With the comeback complete the Hammers were now looking for a winner which eventually came three minutes from time. Following a series of corners, the Hammers finally made one count from another fine cross from Coombs which was met again by Jordon Basing to head home for his third and Hamworthy's winner. This was another excellent team display by the best Hamworthy United Reserve Team for years, and they deserve all the credit coming their way from the ever-increasing number of supporters now watching them.

"BULLS DOWN THE ZEBRAS IN TIGHT ENCOUNTER"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 HOLT UNITED 2

A wonder strike from Luke Homer in the 80th minute proved to be a worthy match winner for Holt United as the Zebras battled all the way in what a great encounter with last year's champions in testing conditions at Raleigh Grove was. Holt started brightly and opened the scoring through Mike Haskell in the 12th minute as he rose highest at the back post to head home after Sherborne carelessly gave the ball away in a bad area. Sherborne kept their heads and had a glorious chance to level things up when Royle and Morris were in a two on one situation but Royle sliced his pass and the chance went begging. Morris did however equalise in the 30th minute when he chipped in a glorious shot from a tight angle as he had spotted the visiting keeper was off his line, HT 1-1. The second half proved to be a very entertaining affair as both sides wanted to get ahead in what was an end to end game. Josh Gear, Will Ireland and Craig Royle go close for Sherborne and Holt had their chances too but Kane Woodgate, Harry Turner and Hayden Brown were solid for the hosts at the back. Both sides kept going for the winner and it was the visitors Holt who finally got it as Luke Homer hit a brilliant strike from 30 yards out which flew in the home net giving the home keeper no chance at all. The Zebra's battled to the end but Holt defended professionally and took all three points back home with them. Sherborne will be disappointed not to come away with at least a point but will be encouraged by a fantastic display against last year's champions.

"CHERRIES PICK OFF WAREHAM IN THE PURBECKS"

WAREHAM RANGERS 0 STURMINSTER NEWTON 2

An evenly contested battle in the first half resulted in both teams going into the interval at 0-0. Clear chances for the Wareham strikers were not taken together with a Wareham goal being disallowed for offside, HT 0-0. Into the Second half and the visitors Sturminster were much the better team and their superior fitness levels made the difference as the match wore on. A couple of chances were well saved from the Wareham keeper and some last-ditch challenges from the defence kept the score at 0-0 but it was only a matter of time before the visitors took the lead and they did so in the 77th minute following Jamie Danoris with a well taken finish. The visitors continued to press and made the game safe in the last minute when Danoris converted again to make sure the points left the Purbeck's and headed back to North Dorset.

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"CHERRIES STUN THE ROYALS IN 3 GOAL COMEBACK"

BLANDFORD UTD 3 STURMINSTER NEWTON 3

Full credit goes to the hosts for getting this game staged as it was the only fixture to escape the poor weather conditions. The decision to play were fully vindicated at first !! as the hosts took the lead within 23 seconds as Mark Ford caught the visitors defence napping to edge the Royals in front, played in heavy conditions the hosts continued to press and Ford doubled their advantage in the 32nd minute with a well taken finish, Their 3rd came 10 minutes later as Alex Robbins notched to seemingly put the Royals out of sight, HT 3-0. Whatever was said in the visitors dressing room at half time clearly works as the Cherries started the 2nd half much the brighter side and soon pulled a goal back through Tom Carter, they continued to press and made the game interesting when on 79 minutes they further reduced the arrears when Warren Meadowcroft scored, visitors tails were up now and only 2 minutes they got their deserved equaliser when Ryan Garrod restored parity. Both sides looked for a winner but, in the end, had to settle for a point a piece.

ALL other scheduled Matches POSTPONED due to Waterlogged pitches.

