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Match Reports Saturday 9th September 2017

"THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY CONTINUES COURTESY OF SCOTT"

SWANAGE TOWN & H 4 ASH UTD 3 A.E.T – (2-2 @ 90Mins)



Swanage progressed through to the next round of the Buildbase FA Vase by defeating Ash United 4-3 after extra time in a pulsating tie at Day's Park. Top scorer Cameron Beard fired the Swans ahead after 11 minutes from close range, however the visitors replied with goals from Luke Cairns and Mathew Barclay in the 17th and 37th minutes to give the Combined Counties side a half time lead 1-2. The visitors had full back Whitehead sent off early in the second half but gamely held on until with only 7 minutes remaining of normal time the prolific Graeme Rose headed the Swans level following a great cross from Aaron Atkinson. F.T. 2-2. And so, to Extra time, Graeme Rose scored his second and Swans third after 101 minutes, pouncing following a great save from the keeper. Ash United bounced straight back with their equalizer on 111 minutes through Dan Cox so making it 3-3, and with a replay looming, the Swans poured forward and in an incredible finish, Aaron Scott fired the Swans into the next round coolly side footing home after substitute Tommy Beard hit the post in the last minute of extra time to send the Home faithful wild and book their place in the next round where they will entertain Fawley AFC from the Wessex League on Saturday 23rd September – Kick Off 3.00pm



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DPL LEAGUE CUP – PRELIMINARY ROUND

"LONGS DAY AS REC PROGRESS THROUGH"

WAREHAM RANGERS 0 HAMWORTHY RECREATION 4

In the end, this was a comfortable win for Hamworthy. A patchy first half was followed by a much better second to clinch a place in the first-round proper of the League Cup. The away team were forced into changes, but Brad Hill made a welcome return from injury. The game was a personal triumph for new striker Chris Long who gave the home defence a torrid afternoon and plundered a deserved hat-trick. He has now scored 9 goals in 8 games played for Recreation. Wareham started in lively fashion and keeper Sam Jones was forced into two good early saves for the visitors. Rec were guilty of giving the ball away too cheaply and not really creating any clear-cut chances. A Long header went wide and Dave Wrixton's shot went over the bar were the nearest they came, before, on 42 minutes, Chris Long seized on the ball, broke into the box and fired low into the net to give Rec a somewhat fortunate half-time lead 1-0. The visitors half-time talk outside in the pouring rain must have done the trick, because Rec looked much livelier in the 2nd half as Rangers failed to turn up, the visitors doubled their lead on 53 minutes. Josh Pratt combined with Long to set up Callum Charlton, whose effort clipped the bar, but Hill seized on the loose ball to tee up Long from close-range for 2-0. The Rec striker then had three chances to complete his hat-trick, but two were cleared off the line, with the home keeper blocking the other. Wareham's only real chance of the half saw a classy turn and shot go fizzing past Jones' post, but it was game over on 82 minutes when good play from Richie Sands created a chance for Brad Hill to fire in from the edge of the area for 0-3. Three minutes from the end Long claimed the treble his efforts deserved with a fine run and shot inside the far post.

"ROYALS TRUMP THE TANGERINES IN THE CUP"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 0 BLANDFORD UNITED 2



The Gills went into this DPL Cup game feeling quite confident on two counts, firstly as they reached the final last season and secondly because they beat Blandford 5-0 in the League just two weeks ago. The opening spells of the game saw the Gills take charge and create numerous chances, however these went begging and it began to look like it wasn't going to be the Gills' day. The Gills continued to get the lion's share of possession but the missed opportunities proved costly when Blandford took the lead just before the half hour mark through Jack Jones fine effort. Just before half time Gills' keeper Jamie Beale picked up an injury when he collided with the post and he couldn't return after the break. Their goal saw Blandford grow in confidence and the second half was a much more even affair and either team could have scored 5 or 6 goals. It was incredible how many goal saving blocks the Blandford defence made, whilst up front they just couldn't hit the target. That was until they doubled their lead with 20 minutes left to play when Jack Jones scored again. The Gills threw everything into trying to get back into the game but, yet again, the ball wouldn't go into the net and their cause was made harder when, with 8 minutes left on the clock,



Nick Squires was shown a straight red card. Blandford held on to progress through to the next round and can be very proud of their victory.

DPL LEAGUE

"HAMMERS DESERVEDLEY DRAW AT BALTI"

BALTI SPORTS 3 HAMWORTHY UNITED RES 3

Another thrilling game at Cranford ended 3-3 as the Hammers 2nd string deservedly got a draw at the Leagues early pace setters. Balti started brightly and missed three great chances to take the lead and then found themselves 1-0 down through a ball which fell to Jordan Basing in the box and he made no mistake to put the visitors 1 up. Oscar Preece then set Dan Andrews up for a back-post header to equalise in the 20th minute. Hamworthy then stepped up the pace and quickly edged back in front through Brandon Randall's effort and then they scored their third through Kyle Spyers. Oscar Preece then made it 2-3 just before the break as he battled his way through the defence to slot home for the hosts. HT 2-3. Balti Sports really upped the ante in the second half with plenty of play in the opponents' half. However, the Hammers defended manfully, that was until the 75th minute when the hosts restored parity and finally got their goal following a run from Ethan Devaney who wrong footed the Hammers keeper to slot home. With 15 minutes left it felt it was only a matter of when and not if the home side would edge in front but it wasn't to be as the United players were putting their bodies on the line, coupled with their keeper Shane Cooper making great saves near the end to hold on for their well-earned and deserved point.

"MERLEY DIG DEEP TO OVERCOME THE BEES"

MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS 4 BRIDPORT RES 2

After several Merley chances going begging, it was Bridport who took the lead on the half hour, when their winger picked up the ball on the right and found Riley Weedon at the back post free to head home. Their lead only lasted a minute however when Ben Satterley ran on to a Lee Wilkins ball and finished confidently. More Merley chances followed, but once again it was Bridport who found themselves back in front, capitalising on a misunderstanding at the back of the Merley defence for a Kriss Radivojsa tap in. HT 1-2 Into the 2nd half, and the hosts almost levelled through Ellis George just after the break, then the hosts were lucky not to go further behind when Bridport rattled the home crossbar. Merley again piled on the pressure, but it wasn't until the 70th min mark that they finally found the leveller, when Jack Mills fired home with his right foot from just inside the box. Merley then made a couple of positive changes and went all out for the win. Their rewards came right at the death, with Asa Phillips finally putting them ahead on 89 mins, then evergreen Jamie Moore's scored in injury time making it 4-2 to give the score line a little more gloss. This win sees Merley move up into 4th place in the table whilst the Bees remain in 16th.

"DORCHESTER SPORTS TAME THE BULLS"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 5 HOLT UNITED 2



Dorchester Sports were back to their best at the Avenue on Saturday against last year's DPL champions Holt Utd by beating them deservedly 5-2. The hosts were missing 7 key first team players so gave Luke Gatehouse his first start of the season on the right side of midfield and gave 16-year-old Joel Hewitt just his 2nd start on the left. Sports who were looking to bounce back from last week's disappointing defeat at the hands of Hamworthy Rec got off to the worse possible start by going 1 down after just 3 minutes when Luke Homers shot could only be pushed out by keeper Sam Turner in to the path of Nathan Saxby who taped in from close range 0-1, Sports response was quick and levelled

Shortly after when Jamie Symes, who played in a deeper role to cope with Holts midfield, pin point accurate pass found Luke Gatehouse, who raced through to smash his effort into the top corner 1-1, Sports were now well on top, and Gatehouse and Hewitt were finding lots of space out wide and were braking through the visitors defence on many occasions and Gatehouse got his brace on 30 minutes when again racing through and sliding his shot in to the bottom corner to give the hosts a deserved lead before the break, Sports then started the second half on top again and put the game to bed when Joel Hewitt got in on the goal scoring act by smashing his 20 yard effort into the top corner past Chris Lynch in the Holt goal for 3-1 and then getting his second shortly after by curling his shot low into the corner from the edge of the box past a helpless Lynch for 4-1 on the hour, Sports remained on top and had many efforts to score again but another goal didn't come and when a deflected shot flew past Turner on 75 minutes to give Holt a little hope 4-2. Dorchester though were not to be denied and duly went up the other end and scored, when Dan Andersons pass found Gareth Will to smash home the 5th late on and secure this massive win for Dorchester Sports.

"WESTLANDS SQUASH THE CHERRIES"

WESTLAND SPORTS 5 STURMINSTER NEWTON 0

Early pressure by Westlands soon had the visitors on the back foot and in the 7th minute the pressure paid off with the opening goal. Leo Hayward whipped over a corner and skipper Jamie Green powered in a header 1-0. Westlands kept the pressure on and there were a couple of close shaves before the second goal came in the 13th minute. Some neat inter-passing out on the right wing created an opening and when the cross came over Dwayne Forshaw smacked it into the roof of the net 2-0. It was nearly three when Jamie Green hit the bar and although the chances kept coming, Sturminster managed to keep the score to 2-0 at half time. Any thoughts of a possible fight back were quashed in the 48th minute when a clever ball over the top was chested down by Dwayne Forshaw and buried in the far corner to make it 3-0. Sturminster had a couple of efforts before there was a bit of drama with Westlands Sam Plumley receiving a straight red for verbally abusing the visitor's club linesman! It didn't make much difference as Sports managed to add two more goals before the end. First a driven cross from the right was missed by the keeper and Haydn Hodges knocked it in at the far post for 4-0 and then the same player

cut in from the left and placed a nice side foot shot into the far corner to make the final score 5-0.

"ROCKIES ADD TO THE ZEBRAS WOES"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 SHAFTESBURY RES 5

This result leaves Sherborne Town Reserves still looking for their first win of the season, the hosts introduced 3 new signings, each a former player, but to no avail as the hosts failed to beat their North Dorset rivals Shaftesbury Reserves. The pitch was greasy following a torrential downpour during the warm up which led to some fast flowing football in the opening period, Shaftesbury having the better chances just about edged the first half and went in 1-0 up midway through the half through Lee Gale. Ryan Thurgood had a wonderful chance to equalise when the Shaftesbury back four failed to deal with a wind assisted clearance, the ball looped over the keepers head but Thurgood's swivelled shot sailed agonisingly inches past the post with the goal gaping HT 0-1 With Sherborne looking to get back into the game early in the second half they were dealt a blow when a free kick was awarded on the touchline just in from the corner flag, the direct strike from Charles Browne fooled everyone and the ball hit in the inside stanchion of the goal and for all his scrambling Josh Lucas in the home goal couldn't prevent the ball from crossing the line 0-2. It wasn't long before Shaftesbury got a 3rd through Lee Gales 2nd, but Sherborne did pull one back from the penalty spot converted by Ryan Thurgood, but any hopes of a revival were dashed when the Zebras had 2 players sin binned, going down to 9 men momentarily, before losing Richard Maidment to a straight red card, the visitors capitalized and sealed all 3 points with two more goals from Bailey Hodge & Claudio Jorge Carvalho, so running out 5-1 winners on the day ensuring Sherborne stay firmly rooted to the bottom of the table.