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## Match Reports

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### **“PETERSHAM LANE STALEMATE”**

#### **HOLT UNITED 0 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0**

Holt United and Swanage Town & H finished all square at Petersham Lane in The Dorset Premier League. Swanage started the brighter of the sides with Clark and Atkinson going close with Parslowe also hitting the bar from long range, however Swanage keeper Langdon had to be at his best producing a good save at the other end to deny Saxby. The hosts then took control of the game but produced very little to trouble the visitors who continued to give the ball away cheaply, but the back 3 of Harlowe, Godwin and Bartlett held firm. H.T.0-0. The second half deteriorated into a scrappy affair with both sides creating very few chances and with a goalless draw looking the obvious outcome both sides had great chances to snatch the points in the dying minutes, Atkinson for the Swans had a clear run on goal but hit the keeper's legs and a home forward missed a great header when well placed.

### **“BLANDFORDS LAST GASP WINNER IN 7 GOAL THRILLER”**

#### **BLANDFORD UTD 4 PARLEY SPORTS 3**

The Royals entertained Parley Sports at the Rec, with several changes in the line-up, the home side started brightly and soon found themselves 1-0 up after some tidy play down the left which resulted in a good ball across the box for Steve Smith to show his attacking instincts to tap home. Soon after Parley found an equaliser courtesy of Ben Bosleys left foot shot from the edge of the box, minutes later and the visitors went ahead as the home side failed to clear their lines from a corner with Bosley scoring again, HT 1-2. The Royals started brightly in the second half dominating large periods of the game, constantly filling the box in hope to find an equaliser, their hard work was soon to be rewarded when Mike Johnson latched on to a flicked on ball to fire home. Blandford then took the lead in route one style after the home sides goalkeeper found Mark Ford in space to which he finished off nicely lobbing the visiting keeper to make it 3-2. Five minutes from time the Royals failed to stop a cross and Parley equalised again through Callum Lee's header. Blandford love a last minute come back and that is exactly what happened, as Parleys replacement keeper Brad Kendrick missed his kick so allowing Mark Ford to tap in the winner seconds from full time. This was hard on Parley but full credit to the Royals for their win.

### **“SHERBORNE DESERVEDLEY STUN MERLEY”**

#### **MERLEY CS 1 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2**

Merley went into this match favourites and were unbeaten since the start of October and they were up against a Sherborne side who have recently lost their way picking up 1 point in their last 5 games. The odds further didn't help the away side as work and holiday commitments left the zebras travelling with only 11 players which included their manager. Sherborne started the game well, although Merley had most of the ball it was the visitors causing more problems. Glenn Nathan, Ryan Thurgood had chances to put Sherborne ahead but it was the league leaders who made the breakthrough scoring from decent throw in set piece eventually finished by Lee Wilkins. Town levelled things up 6 minutes later with a similar goal to Merleys. Matt Watson rose highest to head home following Darren Rows long throw in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute, HT 1-1. The second half Merley came out the traps fast and went up a couple of gears but they couldn't find a way through the organised town line up. With all their pressure going forward, they left gaps at the back, and a pin point ball from Paul Johnson led to Town getting their second of the match as Ollie Hibbard beat his full back for pace

and skill and fired into the bottom corner. Merley missed 2 glorious chances to level things up but the rub of the green was on towns side as they held on to win the match 1-2.

### **“HAMWORTHY HAMMER THE BLUES”**

#### **HAMWORTHY REC 9 PORTLAND UTD RES 0**

After two weeks of inactivity Rec returned with a thumping win over Portland Res. After taking an early lead the result was never in doubt, with returning goalkeeper Andy Knights a virtual spectator, barely having to make a save of note. With George Webb out injured manager Kirk Grice shuffled the pack and returned Callum Charlton to his normal wide midfield role - to telling effect, as after only five minutes his low cross was neatly touched in by Carl Edwards to put Rec one up. And on 18 minutes the lead was doubled when Charlton chased the ball and delivered a high cross which was beautifully volleyed home by Brad Hill. Rec were well on top and Hill instigated a good move that saw Ash Boyt's long-range effort fly just over, before Portland had a half-chance go wide. The industrious Charlton then set up Chris Long, only for the keeper to produce a good tip-over. But on 41 minutes Charlton's corner arrived at the feet of Hill to slam in the third, HT 3-0. Three goals in five minutes early in the second-half put Rec in an unbeatable position. On 50 minutes Hill's corner was powerfully headed in at the far post by Chris Long, before Charlton crossed for John Webb to head the fifth and on 55 minutes Long chased and won the ball and slipped a low pass for Ash Boyt to stab in his first goal of the season. A triple substitution then had immediate effect when, on the hour, Josh Pratt supplied a through-ball for Sam Carter to run onto and make it seven. Rec were looking likely to score in virtually every attack and it was soon eight when, on 64 minutes, Carter teed up John Webb for his second goal, before five minutes later Long ran down the middle and slotted in the ninth. It seemed certain that it would be double figures, but some dogged defending by the visitors kept a rampant Rec at bay and in the three-player chase for a hat-trick Chris Long went closest, right at the end, when his clever volley from a Webb corner flew just over

### **“GILLINGHAM WIN ON THE ROAD IN CORFE”**

#### **CORFE CASTLE 0 GILLINGHAM TOWN 3**

A resplendent spring afternoon was the setting for Saturday's game between Corfe Castle FC and Gillingham Town. The previous meeting between the two was a close-run competition which ended 2-1 for the Gills. The first half saw several good Corfe chances, which unfortunately weren't converted thanks to some good goalkeeping from the visitors, the wood work and some inaccuracy from the Corfe marksmen. Gillingham had also made some chances and converted one late on in the first half, when an over hit cross was put back across the box to be nodded in by Gillingham's Matt Samual, HT 0-1. Gillingham took the initiative straight away in the second half. From a free kick in their own half, a direct long ball into the right-hand channel caught out the Corfe back four as Gillingham's Buddy O Shea drove into the box and powered the ball past the keeper at the near post. Gillingham put the game to bed 15 minutes later when a similar ball into the right-hand channel caught out the defence again, this time O Shea lifted the ball first time over the stranded Corfe keeper which completed his brace and an impressive personal performance. The game finished 0-3. Disappointing for Corfe after such a promising first half, they failed to make any impact on the second half. Corfe will have to dust themselves down and look to next week's game against fellow bottom of the table strugglers Sturminster Newton, in a must win for both teams."

### **“BALTI LEAVE IT LATE TO LEAVE STURMINSTER TASTING DEFEAT”**

#### **STURMINSTER NEWTON 0 BALTI SPORTS 1**

Balti Sports continued their assault on fourth place in the Dorset Premier League as a cheeky backheel from teenager Jack Drummond secured a 1-0 victory over Sturminster Newton United. Drummond, promoted to the starting XI at the expense of striker Ricky Lane, repaid manager Marco Nott's faith in him with a deft flick from Danny Andrews' cross in the second half. Victory handed Balti their fourth win in five games, keeping the pressure on Gillingham Town in fifth with the Gills lying six points adrift with two games in hand. The

Cherries has started the brighter of the two sides, belying their position of 16th, with goalkeeper Andy Nott forced into making a flying stop to tip a fierce effort over the bar. Prior to Drummond's goal, Andrews went closest to scoring with a lob that bounced narrowly wide. Drummond then gave Sports the lead with his well-taken goal and Balti had to survive an injury-time header from the Cherries, who passed up the opportunity to take a point with a poor finish. Speaking to Echosport, Nott lavished praise on match-winner Drummond. He said: "That's the good thing about him being a youngster, he's free to do whatever he wants, he tried it and it came off. "I'm really happy for him to get his goal because he's been banging the goals in for the reserves. "We thought we'd give him a chance with not much to play for and try and look at some of the young lads for next season. "Josh Hickman and Liam O'Shaughnessy both looked really accomplished, faultless really." Nott also hailed Balti's defence, who kept a fifth league clean sheet of the season. He said: "Our defence was outstanding, we're so solid at the moment with the back four and Andy in goal. "Charlie Kenderdine was man of the match in the holding role in midfield. They just completely nullified them. "They had one good chance at the end with a header they probably should've scored from. Our defence has been very good for a number of weeks, it's quite a settled back four now and they're getting their rewards. "There weren't a lot of chances in the game in general.

### **"WESTLANDS KEEP UP THE HEAT AFTER SMOTTH WIN OVER THE ROCKIES"**

#### **WESTLAND SPORTS 5 SHAFTESBURY RES 3**

A good competitive match with Westlands prevailing in the end after a good battle. Sports attacked from the start and after a sustained spell of pressure opened the scoring in the 17th minute. Josh Payne won the ball and slipped a nice pass through to Callum Thompson who side footed past the onrushing Shaftesbury keeper. In 24 minutes, it was 2-0, Sam Carney thumped in a good shot that the keeper parried but Josh Payne was following up and he slotted in the rebound. Things looked bleak for the visitors but they kept their heads up and were rewarded in the 34th minute when a cross from the left was headed in at the far post by Rob Hatchard. Inspired by this Shaftesbury came more into the game and the half ended with Westlands holding a slim one goal lead, HT 2-1. The second half started with the visitors pressing for an equaliser which they got after only five minutes with a low free kick by Jason Beal which was missed by everyone in the box and ended up in the far corner of the net. Westlands management then made a couple of substitutions to try and wake the team up and this paid dividends in the 62nd minute when a low free kick from Callum Thompson was thumped into the net off the underside of the bar by Alex Murphy. In the 77th minute Westlands eased back into a two-goal lead with Callum Thompson finishing off an Ant Herrin pass by prodding it past the advancing keeper. Going in to the last 10 minutes Westlands two goal lead looked quite secure but again the visitor's shocked the home side when JJ Hockett drilled the ball into the net after the Westlands defence had failed to clear a long ball into the box. That made it a nervy finish for Sports but they quickly re-established their two-goal advantage when Callum Thompson completed his hat-trick by knocking in a Louis Irwin cross after a good move down the left. There was no time for another Shaftesbury fight back as Westlands played out time comfortably.

### **"BEES STING RANGERS TO THE TUNE OF 5"**

#### **BRIDPORT RES 5 WAREHAM RANGERS 2**

Bridport Reserves smashed five past Wareham Rangers in a big 5-2 victory over Wareham Rangers in the Dorset Premier League. The result sees the Bees up to ninth in the table, and have games in hand over Portland United Reserves and Dorchester Sports above them. The Bees got off to the perfect start, Jaydon Scadding crossed a ball in from a corner for Ryan Gall to head in after two minutes. The corner itself was disputed, and Bridport Reserves boss Shaun Annett's later admitted he did not think it was a corner and believed it should have been a goal kick. The lead was then doubled after 11 minutes, when a ball through from Harry Fleet found Josh Hunter, who clinically finished to the goalkeeper's right-hand side. Wareham were rattled and the Bees were in a very efficient mood, as Robin Jones netted a third after just 13 minutes. Wareham did have their chances however, and a challenge from Dan Baggs gave away a penalty after 30 minutes. However, this was struck firmly against the crossbar and away to safety. Yet the Bees kept their 3-0 lead with them into the break. The second half began on a difficult note for the Bees, losing Riley Weedon

to a groin strain. Yet Hunter pounced to widen the margin not long after, firing in his second and the Bees' fourth after 50 minutes. The Bees became complacent however, and Wareham grabbed a quick double to narrow the scores, netting in the 77th and 86th minute. However, Gall grabbed his second to restore the three-goal cushion after 89 minutes. After the match, Annett's was pleased with the result but bemoaned the concession of the two goals. Annett's said: "I am pleased we were clinical, because I said to the players, the team are bottom of the league, we need to get at them and we need to get at them early and we need to put this team to bed early if we can. "They did exactly what I asked, but then to concede two sloppy goals took the gloss off the result. "Against better teams we would not have got away with that so much."

## **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

### **"ROYAL WIN IN THE PURBECKS"**

#### **WAREHAM RANGERS 1 BLANDFORD UNITED 6**

A young Royals side travelled to Wareham Rangers this evening and came away with all 3 points securing a well-deserved 6-1 win, Blandford scored 3 in each half with Rob Manson (11) Mark Ford (21) & Brad Perry (38) followed up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half by Charles Culliford (50) Substitute Luke Pidgely (64) and finally Mark Ford with his 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Royals 6<sup>th</sup> in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute, replying for Wareham was Aaron Merredew.

### **"REC STING THE BEES WITH HILLS FREE KICK"**

#### **BRIDPORT RES 0 HAMWORTHY REC 1**

This was one of Rec's toughest games of the season, but another precious three points were clinched, late on, thanks to a brilliant Brad Hill free-kick. In the reverse fixture Rec ran in seven goals, but there was never a chance of that happening again as Bridport defended for their lives and continually thwarted Rec's attempts. As you would expect Rec had more of the ball and played some neat football, but too many moves broke down in the final third, thanks to some excellent defending by the hosts. An early Brad Hill cross eluded Callum Charlton, before Bridport saw a speculative shot fly over. Ash Boyt's free-kick found Carl Edwards, but his shot was wide and Richie Sands' long-range attempt was saved by the keeper. But the closest Rec came to a goal was when Edwards charged down the middle and lobbed the on-rushing keeper, only for the ball to bounce and hit the bar. Bridport finished the half strongly and a free-kick was headed only inches wide, before another good move was also off target. HT 0-0. Rec continued to press forward in search of the elusive first goal and Sam Carter showed great control to bring down Hill's cross, only for the shot to fly over the bar. Hill was involved in most of Rec's best moves and he set up another chance, this time for John Webb, but again, the shot was too high. But on 75 minutes came the decisive moment. John Webb was fouled just outside the area and up stepped Brad Hill to send a "Beckham-esque" free-kick brilliantly beyond the diving keeper and into the net - cue best goal-celebration of the season! Bridport were dealt another blow soon after when they were reduced to ten men, for a bad lunge on Todd Coombs and Rec took control in the remaining minutes to see out the game. But there was still time for the hosts to launch a dangerous ball into the box, cleared by the excellent Dave Wrixton. With Bridport down to nine men (a sin bin in the last couple of minutes) Rec nearly made it two when Chris Long's great run and cross found Hill, whose first-time shot was inches off-target.

### **"MERLEY SCALE THE ROCKIES"**

#### **SHAFTESBURY RES 1 MERLEY CS**

Following Saturday's shock defeat for Merley CS, they returned to winning ways with a well-deserved win at Cochrams against hosts Shaftesbury Res, level 1-1 at the break Merley stepped up a gear in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to run out easy winners, scoring for the visitors were Brandon Randall and a pair from Joshua Buck.