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Match Reports

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League

“STUR MOVE OF THE BOTTOM AS THEY SEND RANGERS PACKING”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 5 WAREHAM RANGERS 2

Sturminster Newton United football club welcomed Wareham Rangers to a wet and windy Barnett's Field today in a vital bottom of the table clash. The hosts were rewarded from some early pressure with a penalty on 10 minutes converted by Jamie Danoris and 3 minutes later were awarded again with a rather dubious penalty which was again converted by Jamie Danoris. The Cherries maintained their first half pressure then after 20 minutes Ryan Harrods struck a sweet half volley from the edge of the box which landed in the bottom right hand corner of the goal. The visitors had numerous set pieces which they failed to take advantage of. After 35 minutes Sturminster grabbed their 4th goal where Jamie Danoris was set free down the right-hand side where he beat 1 defender and managed to cut back to James Neal's who converted with a first time shot. Just before half time Jamie Danoris was put through one on one with the goalkeeper in which he rounded the keeper and scored to get his hat trick. Second half with the weather deteriorating Wareham took advantage of a mistake from Sturs keeper to score their first of the day. On the hour mark Wareham managed to score their second with a well converted shot into the right-hand corner. The game finished 5-2 lifting Sturminster off the bottom of the league table for the first time this season. Wareham goal scorers were Patrick Correia and Tim Taylor.

“GILLINGHAM HIT SWANS FOR FIVE”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 5 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0

Gillingham swept to a comfortable victory over a struggling Swanage side at Woodwater Lane. Gillingham dominated proceedings in the first half, despite playing into a strong wind; however, it took until the 34th minute to unlock a resolute Swanage defence, as the ball fell to Ashley Clarke who stroked the ball into the corner of the goal. This was closely followed by Alex Staffie doubling the lead with an impudent chip over the goalkeeper, to send the Gills into the break with a healthy advantage. Gillingham started the second half brightly and with the advantage of the wind, soon added to their tally as Alex Staffie grabbed his second goal of the game. A flowing move was neatly finished soon after by Buddy O'Shea as Gillingham added a fourth. Despite constant pressure it wasn't until the last few minutes that Gillingham added their fifth goal, with Ashley Clarke rounding off proceedings with his second of the game, giving Gillingham a 5-0 wins.

“SPORTS BATTLE ENDS ALL SQUARE”

DORCHESTER SPORTS 2 WESTLAND SPORTS 2

Dorchester sports earned a creditable draw again a top side, but it could have been a lot more at the Clayson stadium as the home side created many chances to win the game but had to settle for a point. Sports lost Alex Gould early on with a hamstring injury he was replaced by Ryan Ross which allowed the away side to gain some momentum and took the lead after 12 minutes when a free kick was not dealt with and Alex Murphy was there to smash the ball past Antony Frost in the Dorchester goal. Sports then stepped it up and created many chances Jamie West had a close range effort well saved by Sam Watts then Jamie Quinton went through one on one but put his shot the wrong side of the post, Quinton then put West through but again Watts saved well, Hayden Hodges missed a one on one to double the away sides lead but sports did equalise

in the 40th minute when Gareth Will played in West and this time he made no mistake, West did have one more chance before the break when played in by Ryan Ross but Watts again saved well, Sports come out looking to take the game to Westlands and got a deserved lead with the goal of the game which started from the sports defence as it found Jamie Rawlings wide on the right and his pass found Will to notch his 6th goal of the season on 47th minutes, Jason read had a long shot well saved but it was Murphy who found the net again with a header from a teasing cross on the hour to bring it level, both teams looked to win the game but it was West who had the best chance to win it but his shot flew just inches past the post to bring a thrilling game ending 2-2.

“CORFE GIVE THE ISLANDERS THE BLUES”

CORFE CASTLE 5 PORTLAND UTD RES 3

Corfe made it 3 wins on the bounce after defeating Portland 5-3 at the Fortress. Both sides started slowly in difficult conditions, but Portland managed to take the lead on 10 minutes with a drive from the edge of the box from Sean Zima. Corfe saw this as wakeup call and came to life and soon equalised when the Portland keeper made a mess of Brendon Flockton's free kick to level the scores. Flockton then turned provider for Courtney Johnstone to race through and finish to put the hosts ahead. Both sides had good chances to add to the score line, but it stayed at 2-1 at the break. Corfe flew out of the blocks at the start of the second half, Johnstone broke away in the area and tee'd Flockton up to smash home at the back post. Flockton completed his hat-trick after a great through ball from Harry Smith put him in to slide past the visiting keeper. To the away sides credit, they didn't fold and got themselves back into the game to make it 4-2 with a neat finish from Sol Roche, this then seemed to spur Castle on and Johnstone grabbed his second and the hosts 5th with 15 minutes left. Corfe had more chances to further increase their lead but to no avail, however the Islanders got their 3rd with 10 minutes to go when Aaron Ryan netted. But couldn't add to the score line but the islanders could to make it 5-3 with 10 minutes to go.

League Cup

“HOLT LICK BALTI IN CUP TO PROGRESS”

BALTI SPORTS 1 HOLT UNITED 3

Balti Sports' boss Marco Nott admitted his side's 3-1 Dorset League Cup quarter-final exit to Holt United at Weymouth College left a "bitter taste in the mouth" as poor availability was again a burning issue. The loss was Balti's fifth in succession during a period of form increasingly reminiscent of last season's uncharacteristic slump in the winter months. Sports had high hopes of mounting a big challenge for the final piece of silverware realistically available to them this season. However, Holt had other ideas and soon cantered to a 2-0 half-time lead in blustery conditions. Balti allowed Holt too much time in possession and the visitors' right-sided winger Ericsson Makaudi was allowed to cut inside before unleashing a shot beyond goalkeeper Andy Nott into the bottom corner from 25 yards. United then capitalised on more generous defending when a seemingly routine free-kick out wide resulted in Holts Ali Garard ghosting in and burying a finish to double the away side's lead. Second-half substitute Ricky Lane pulled one back for Balti when his 30-yard free-kick bemused the Holt gloveman into a mistake. The goal renewed the hosts' spirit and manager Nott's men were unlucky to strike the post before a killer blow with 15 minutes remaining. Hesitance in the centre-back positions between Simon Proffitt and Darren Harding allowed marksman Garard to collect possession and apply a deadly finish to complete the scoring. Speaking to Echosport, boss Nott slammed the poor availability of his squad – despite having a meeting to resolve the issue in midweek. He said: "Credit to the lads, they kept going. But as soon as the third goal went in, it was game over. "It's extremely disappointing to get knocked out of the cup – we did want to go on a run. That's all come to a halt now. "I'm certainly disappointed in the availability of the players – we had 12 and Ricky made it 13. "It's a bit poor for a DPL side to be waiting and begging on players. Ethan (Devaney) didn't make it in the end and Macca (Carl McClements) is away. "That's my bug this season and the whole point of that meeting on Tuesday. "We were at home as well – we'd have a bit more of an excuse if it was away. It leaves a bitter taste in the mouth – that frustrates me."



Dorset Senior Trophy

“ROYALS PROGRESS AT THE EXPENSE OF ROCKIES”

BLANDFORD UTD 3 SHAFTESBURY RES 1

Blandford entertained Shaftesbury reserves today in the Dorset Senior Trophy. With nasty conditions both sides struggled to get any foothold on the game but it was the visitors who looked the more lively creating a few half chances, but it was the Royals who scored first, arguably against the run of play after Billy Arnett whipped a thunderous ball across the box which found Elliot Manson who struck the Bar for Steve Smith to slot home the rebound for his first goal for the club on his return. Shaftesbury replied on the stroke of half time with some fine work down the Left for their Striker to slot it past the home sides keeper, HT 1-1. Second half was an equal affair for 20 mins with both sides creating chances in difficult boggy conditions, but the home side took the advantage again with a cool finish from Mark Ford to make it 2-1. The Rockies continued to push for an equaliser but were caught wanting as they carelessly gave the ball away in the middle of the park and the royals countered with Joe Freak furthering the home sides advantage after finding the bottom corner with another cool finish. The Royals comfortably hung on to book their places in the Semi Final. On reflection the score line slightly flattered the hosts who were worthy winners, with 5/6 regulars out their replacements that stepped in were superb. Good performances from Rob Manson and Dan Holland in the heart of defence, 16-year-old Lewis Freak also had a good game at left back.

“REC STING THE BEES TO KNOCK THEM OUT ”

HAMWORTHY REC 5 BRIDPORT RES 0

Rec take their place in the semi-finals of the Senior Trophy after another convincing victory over Bridport Res. As in the league meeting a couple of weeks ago, Rec played some classy football at times and scored some impressive goals against a more than capable Bridport side. A decision was taken early to play the game on the artificial pitch at the County Ground, which proved a wise move, given the weather, especially in the second half. Both sides started in lively fashion, with Chris Long just failing to make decent contact with George Webb's cross and Bridport heading just over, from a corner. But on 11 minutes a terrible mix-up by the visiting keeper allowed George Webb to steal the ball and tee up Long to fire in from close-range for the first. Brad Hill came close to doubling the lead when his free-kick rattled the crossbar and Sam Carter was unlucky to have his headed "goal" ruled out for offside, following a fine move. But it was 2-0 on 31 minutes when the impressive George Webb crossed from the right for Carter to convert at the far post. Bridport were then thrown a lifeline when they were awarded a penalty, but Aaron Robertson, in the home goal, dived to his left to make a great save. Rec were now looking positive and made it three when George Webb broke down the middle and slipped in Carter for a neat, low finish, HT 3-0. Ash Boyt almost made it four, but his shot was well saved, and Long's effort was just wide, but, to their credit, Bridport were still playing some good football and were unlucky when they hit a post and then drew another fine save from Robertson. As the rain lashed down Rec made it four on 68 minutes when John Webb set up Long, who drilled his left-footer across goal and into the far corner. He then missed out on a treble when he headed wide from Richie Sands' cross, but the scoring was complete in the last minute when John Webb's low cross was thumped in by Dave Wrixton to complete a good day for Rec. FT 5-0.

“ZEBRAS SUFFER SHOCK DEFEAT IN PULSATING TIE ”

WIMBORNE TOWN DEVELOPMENT 4 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 3

Wimborne Town's development side progressed into the semi-final of the DST after a brilliant comeback scoring 2 goals in the final 5 minutes to stun the DPL side. Sherborne had looked to be holding on with only

minutes remaining as they were looking to kill the game off as Wimborne threw players forward in search of the equaliser. Joe Moonsell opened the scoring for Sherborne from the edge of the box only for Wimborne to equalise 10 minutes later. Ollie Hibbard put the away side back in front with a fine strike, but again Sherborne let their hosts in to score through a defensive error to restore parity, HT 2-2. Town had some pressure to deal with as the young Wimborne side pressed high but were made to pay when Ollie Hibbard got in behind the back four to smash home his second of the match and towns third. But the hosts gave their home fans something to cheer about when two quick fire goals with minutes to go, from counter attacks sent them through to the semi-final. All in all, a fantastic match which the hosts just edged.

