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“BALTI TAME THE BULLS AT THE COLLEGE”

BALTI SPORTS 2 HOLT UNITED 0



Goals from Ethan Devaney and Ryan Dovell saw Balti continue their good form in the league with a 2-0 win over rivals Holt United in the Dorset Premier League. Balti are five games unbeaten in the league which, bearing in mind postponements in December, means their last league defeat came in November. The match was dominated by the strong wind, which reduced the chances the teams were able to create. Ricky Lane almost scored after 15 minutes when put through on goal, but was denied by a superb stop from the Holt goalkeeper. However, Devaney produced a moment of magic to open the scoring. He wove

his way past two defenders, before rounding the goalkeeper and slotting in to open the scoring for Balti after 40 minutes. Balti were able to boast a very strong bench, with the likes of Karl Dean, Danny Andrews and Dovell, and it was the latter two who would seal the victory for the home side. With 25 minutes to go Andrews and Dovell came on and went into the attack. Before long Andrews had taken a shot, which was saved, but placed nicely into the path of Dovell who fired into an empty net with five minutes to go. The last five minutes saw Balti apply pressure while seeing the game out which they did successfully to take the three points. As a result, Balti jump to fourth in the table, with 39 points from 21 games so far this season. Balti boss Marco Nott was particularly satisfied with how his side managed the victory over Holt. Nott said: “It was a fantastic result really, we are growing in form and in confidence over the January period at the moment, I think we are five unbeaten now. “We played very well. “We were a little bit disappointed in the first half because I felt like we had the wind with us and we could have gained more of an advantage than we did. “But to be honest I thought we controlled the whole game perfectly. “Our game management was very good. “I thought we won it through our midfield, our midfield was outstanding.”

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“REC RETURN TO WINNING WAYS - COMFORTABLY”

SHAFTESBURY RES 1 HAMWORTHY REC 4

Rec returned to winning ways after last week’s defeat, with a comfortable win at Shaftesbury. An early goal set Rec on their way and the score line could have been much greater but for some resolute defending by the young Shaftesbury side. With a few players unavailable manager Kirk Grice shuffled his pack and moved Dave Wrixton into midfield and opted for a three-man strike force. Andy Knights returned in goal. After having a couple of half-chances Rec eventually went in front on 15 minutes when a good move ended with George Webb firing a classy, low drive past the diving keeper for 0-1- his 18th goal of the season and ten minutes later the lead was doubled when Knight’s long punt downfield was collected by Carl Edwards, who Cooley converted to double the advantage. Shaftesbury hauled themselves back into it on the half-hour with a thumping drive from 20 yards courtesy of Dougie Wilson with what was the hosts first real shot on target, HT 1-2. The decisive goal came on 54 minutes when Brad Hill set up John Webb who hit a screamer from all

of 30 yards to make it three and just four minutes later the hard-working Chris Long, having been denied a couple of times earlier, finally got his reward, turning in Jordan Basing's cross after a fine move, making it 11 goals in his last 5 games. Carl Edwards was denied a second by a smart save from the home keeper and Dave Wrixton's turn and shot from the resulting corner was just over the bar. George Webb wriggled his way into the box, with the ball running to Sam Carter, only for him to prod the ball wide.

"CORFE EARN DESERVED WIN AGAINST SPORTS"

CORFE CASTLE 4 DORCHESTER SPORTS 2

Corfe hosted Dorchester Sports looking for revenge after their 3-2 defeat at Dorchester stadium. A failed clearance from a corner allowed Sports to take the lead early on. However, this woke Corfe up, who then controlled the game and scored 3 times, all through top scorer Courtney Johnstone, including two sublime headers. Another poor defensive display from a corner gave Sports a lifeline at half time as their skipper bagged his second of the game to leave the score 3-2 at half time to the hosts. A string of good saves from the Sports keeper in the second half, kept Corfe at bay. However, he could only parry Johnstone's latest effort on goal to a grateful Josh Baker who tapped home to restore Corfe's 2 goal advantage. From this point on Corfe had further chances to extend their lead, whilst remaining solid defensively. However, the score remained the same, lifting Corfe above rivals Wareham in the table.

"NORTH DORSET SPOILS FOR THE ZEBRAS"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2 GILLINGHAM TOWN 1

This local derby saw the Zebras take all 3 points against local rivals Gillingham Town, where conditions played a massive part in the game. Sherborne had the strong wind behind their sails in the first half and broke the deadlock after 44 mins with Sam Farthing, who has just recovered from a fractured ankle, firing home from the edge of the box. Marc Caine's also went close in a scrappy first half, HT 1-0. The second half Gillingham made better use of the wind, but it was Sherborne looking the more likely to score on the counter. Eventually this paid off as a delightful pass from Caine's found the Sherborne skipper Thurgood who finished low and hard into the bottom corner to double the host's advantage. On 70 minutes, the visitors did eventually score from a set piece but the management staff of Sherborne were left fuming as a player appeared to be standing in an offside position deliberately blocking the keeper, with the linesman flagging for off side, the man in the middle, who had a great game, over ruled it and so the goal stood. The visitors then had a player sin binned which halted their momentum and gave the hosts the boost they needed to stay strong and take the 3 points. Sherborne Reserves have not lost to Gillingham Town in 3 matches they have played each other this season, which is a credit to everyone at the club.

"SWANAGE'S 5 STAR SHOW TO BEAT PARLEY"

SWANAGE TOWN & H 5 PARLEY SPORTS 1

Swanage produced a great team performance in defeating Parley Sports 5-1 at Day's Park in The Dorset Premier League. The visitors struck first after 4 minutes seeing Jack Voisey running through an exposed Swans defence to slot past Beeston in the home goal. Atkinson should have done better when clean through and Paul Best hit the post with a good effort, however Garren Bennett struck a superb equaliser scoring with a vicious shot from outside the box on 33 minutes. Paul Best put his side ahead after 40 minutes with a close-range effort following good work from Dyke and Bennett. Aaron Atkinson made it comfortable scoring the third just before half time from a flicked header from Best, HT 3-1. Garren Bennett completed his brace and his sides 4th after 50 minutes heading home following a good cross from Young. Number 5 soon followed on 57 minutes with Aaron Atkinson completing his brace. Substitutes Beard and Rose-Moore both went close to increasing the lead and visitors Parley Sports missed a couple of good chances, with home keeper Dan Beeston denying Parley with a superb penalty save near the end. A good team performance and 5 goals to boot which has pushed the Swans up to 10th place in the table.

“STURMINSTERS BATTLING QUALITIES EARN DESERVED WIN”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 2 PORTLAND UTD RES 0

Portland United Reserves came back from bottom club Sturminster Newton empty handed on Saturday in The Dorset Premier League. In a game played in difficult conditions due to the weather, the hosts went ahead in the 1st half when goalkeeper Pete Cowne was dispossessed and the Sturminster attacker rolled the ball in to an empty net before adding their second in stoppage time at the end of the second half with Portland pushing hard for the equaliser. Both sides were also reduced to 10 men as Jack Williams saw Red for the hosts for a poorly timed tackle, whilst Che Curren saw Red for the Blues late on after a melee. Post-Match, Portland United Reserves manager Justin Faulkner commented "We dominated possession and created some good opportunities without being able to find a breakthrough but after half time you just couldn't play any football on that surface. It was more like a ploughed field than a football pitch.

“WESTLANDS WIN ROYALLY ON THE ROAD”

BLANDFORD UTD 1 WESTLAND SPORTS 3

In a game played in difficult conditions, visitors Westlands kept up the pressure at the top of the table with this win, they took the lead when following a corner, Josh Payne drove the ball home just inside the near post, HT 0-1. The visitors doubled their lead in the 53rd minute when Leo Hayward scored, back came the hosts and got a deserved goal when Rob Manson converted with 10 minutes to go, however, there was not to be a grandstand finish as 5 minutes later Jamie Irwin made the game safe for the visitors when he bagged their 3rd.

“MERLEY RETURN FROM THE PURBECKS WITH 3 POINTS”

WAREHAM RANGERS 0 MERLEY CS 2

Merley continued their superb recent form with a hard-fought victory in the Purbecks against a resolute Wareham side. Played in poor conditions and on a heavy pitch it finally took goals from Dan Edwards and Matt Groves to break down a stubborn Wareham side and claim the 3 points.