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"BALTI TASTE 3rd STRAIGHT DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF MERE"

BALTI SPORTS 1 MERE TOWN 2



Balti started the brighter of the two teams with more possession and territorial advantage in the first 10 minutes of the game. But as time ticked on Mere gained the momentum and started to take control and force the game, creating several opportunities to open the scoring. None more so than in the 33rd minute when Aiden Beardmore, who was playing his first DPL game for the 'Moonrakers' having re-signed earlier this month, struck a shot which hit the bar. The ball rebounded out

to Jack Twyford who had his shot cleared in a congested box for the ball to fall for Jordan Shorrocks to shoot over the bar from close range. However, the away side kept on pressing and Sam Paterson burst into the left-hand side of the box and forced a good save out of the Balti keeper. Unfortunately, the ball fell to Jack Twyford who struck a fierce shot into the Balti goal to get Mere deservedly off the mark. Mere held the lead for just 3 minutes with the hosts equalising through a miss-hit shot from Rory Zima which somehow crept past Miles Fielding in the Mere goal. So, the score was 1-1 at half time and everything to play for. The game was very open in the second half with both teams not satisfied with one point. As the desire to get in front grew the temperature on the pitch rose and we had a real game on our hands. In the 66th minute Mere made a change bringing on Finn Evans for the goal scorer Jack Twyford who had put in a great shift up front for Mere and in the last couple of games has looked like he was getting back to full fitness having battled a quad injury for getting on for 12 months. The game ebbed and flowed but it was Mere who created the better of the chances and in the 79th minute Sam Biddiscombe picked up the ball as Sam Paterson spread the play to the wide left. Biddiscombe then went on one of his mazy runs into the box before lofting the ball into the danger area for Jordan Shorrocks to rise above the Balti defenders to head the ball firmly into the Balti net. This goal was no more than Mere deserved for a real team effort against a resolute Balti side. So, 2-1 it ended to Mere Town who bounced back to winning ways and in doing so condemned the hosts to a 3rd straight defeat.



Photos Courtesy of Steve Hunter - Balti Sports FC

"N DORSET BRAGGING RIGHTS AS THE TANGERINES BEAT THE CHERRIES"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 STURMINSTER NEWTON 1



Gillingham again were victors in a North Dorset derby on a heavy, difficult pitch in a game which rarely sparked into life, but was controlled by the home side. Gillingham dominated the opening proceedings, however did not break down the Sturminster defence until the 25th minute when a poor clearance fell to Ryan Schouten on the edge of the box, who dispatched the ball into the empty net. Gillingham continued to dominate, until a rare Sturminster break saw two players free on the back post, and they took their only chance of the half to even the game up

going in to half-time. The second half continued in the same vein as the first half, Gillingham dominating, but chances very few and far between. One moment of magic was to win the game as a neat move found Buddy O'Shea clear of the Stur back-line, he danced around the oncoming keeper to slot the ball home, to give the lead back to the Gills. A flurry of substitutions and some sustained pressure followed, however the Gills held on for a deserved victory to move them up to third in the table and extend their unbeaten run.



Photos Courtesy of Terry Lucas Photography

"DORCHESTER STAY TOP AFTER BEATING THE RANGERS"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 4 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Dorchester remain top of the table after this deserved win against a Wareham side who battled throughout but in the end, were no match for their hosts. The hosts kept the same outfield players from their previous game, however with all four Club Goalkeepers unavailable it was centre back Dan Peart who donned the gloves for this encounter. Sports started brightly and were on the front foot for most of the half, and should have taken the lead from the penalty spot after Jamie Symes was fouled, however Symes saw his penalty well saved by the visiting custodian. The hosts kept pressing and on 15 minutes took the lead through Symes Header from a Jamie Samways corner. 7 minutes later and the lead was doubled as Symes notched again, Gareth Will made it 3-0 on 26 minutes with a looped effort that deceived the visiting keeper. The second half was a more mundane affair as the hosts never really got going but midway through the half, Brandon Heal raced through a static Wareham defence to claim his 1st goal of the season and Sports 4th of the afternoon, there was still time for the hosts to see Ashley White's effort smash against the bar from 20 yards out. To Wareham's credit, they kept plugging away and got a deserved consolation their hard work deserved from the penalty spot late on with Luke Phillips converting the spot kick.

"SWANS BLITZ THE ROYALS"

BLANDFORD UTD 1 SWANAGE TOWN & H 5



Swans scored 5 away goals in consecutive weeks to defeat Blandford United 5-1 in The Dorset Premier League. This Despite an early scare of a home goal scored after 20 seconds from Mark Ford. That to be fair was just about the best it got for the hosts as the visitors took over and dominated

especially in the 1st half as the Swans romped in to a 4-1 interval lead with goals from Aaron Atkinson (5mins), Cameron Beard (28mins), Graeme Rose (38mins), and Sam Beale (44mins). H.T. 1-4. Swanage created many chances in the second half but a mixture of poor finishing and good goalkeeping from the home custodian prevented a bigger winning margin. Atkinson, Rose and Beard were a constant danger to the Royals defence. Graeme Rose completed his brace and his sides 5th goal following good work from Cody Littleford. All in all, a good day's work for the men from the Purbecks as they remain in the title hunt, meanwhile Blandford will have to go back to the drawing board after this performance.

"HAMWORTHY KEEP UP THE PRESSURE AFTER SMASHING ROCKIES"

HAMWORTHY RECREATION 6 SHAFTESBURY RES 0

This was a thumping win for Rec, who found themselves three up after just ten minutes against a Shaftesbury side who looked like startled rabbits in the headlights and could not live with their hosts in the opening quarter. Another before the break and two more in the second period completed the score line. The hosts opened the scoring after just 4 minutes, as Dan Manuel delivered a perfect corner from the right, onto the head of Peter Pritchard to head home at the far post for the lead, three minutes later a Manuel free-kick was this time headed in by Shaun Brian to double the advantage. Rec now were pouring forward at will and on 10 minutes Dave Wrixton received a perfect through ball, showed good control, and slotted in for 3-0 to effectively make it game over. The Rockies first attack of note saw their effort go just wide, before Brad Hill saw his free-kick brilliantly saved by the visiting keeper. On 37 minutes it was 4-0 when Wrixton got his 2nd of the afternoon after cleverly heading in from another set piece delivery from Manuel's free-kick. HT 4-0. The second half saw the valiant Shaftesbury keeper make another fine save from Chris Long, before the Rockies best move of the match ended with a low shot a whisker past the post. It took until the 75th minute before Rec added another. Chris Long was sent clean through only to be brought down by the keeper for a penalty. The Rec leading scorer picked himself up and slammed in the spot-kick with his trusty left foot for the fifth. Manuel provided another delicious cross into the box, which Harry Stokes fired just wide, before, in the last minute, Brian's header from a corner found Pritchard for his 2nd to hook in from

close-range to complete the scoring. This win sees Rec go into 2nd place in the League table.

"WESTLANDS LEAVE PARLEY FEELING GREEN"

PARLEY SPORTS 2 WESTLAND SPORTS 3

In a hugely entertaining game, it was the visitors from Somerset who edged the points with a late strike from Jamie Green to leave the hosts feeling a little down in the mouth. The game got off to a sloppy start with several players from both sides making basic errors. But as the half wore on both sides started to play good football and on 33 mins, Parley finally found some rhythm as Ally Williams played it short to Billy Wheatley who found the returning Ben Bosley in space. Bosley played a perfectly measured pass for Jack Voisey to hold off the challenge from a Westland's centre back and finish neatly across the keeper. At this stage the visitors began to lose their discipline as first Scott Smith and then Dwayne Forshaw were sinbinned in the 40th and 42nd minutes respectively, however, crucially, the home side could not make their numerical advantage count. HT 1-0. Into the 2nd half and the visitors upped the anti and drew level on 58 minutes, as Parleys Tommy Freeman was robbed as he tried to play out from the back with Westlands Josh Payne scoring to restore parity. 10 minutes later and the hosts were again masters of their own downfall as this time John Peat Fouled a Westland's player in the box with Haydn Hodges converting the spot kick. Back came the hosts and in the 72nd minute Jack Voisey drew them level with neat finish. However not to be outdone, Westlands attacked and just 34 minutes scored the crucial winner through Substitute Green who was left unmarked in the Parley box to make no mistake and nab the winner.

"ZEBRAS STUN MERLEY TO CLAIM 1st LEAGUE WIN"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 4 MERLEY CS 2

The hosts went into this game bottom of league facing an opponent who have been flying in recent games to take them joint top of the league, but it was the Sherborne side who thoroughly deserved all 3 points claiming their first League win of the season in the process. Sherborne went back to basics after last week's fixture vs parley and took the game to Cobham from the off, creating three good chances to take the lead, but it was the away side who scored with their first shot of the match on 20 minutes, with Asa Philips scoring a great goal from the edge of the box. Sherborne got their heads up and continued with their game plan and they got their reward when Ben Morris scored his first goal for the Club since the new management took over in the 40th minute to draw the sides level before the break, HT 1-1. The Hosts came out after half time flying and took the lead on 55 minutes when Ollie Hibbard scored a great individual goal turning the defender in the box before striking a great shot into the corner. Two soon became three as Craig Royle got his customary goal in the 65th minute scoring with a fine chip after being played through by Shane Pulling. 5 minutes later Royle got his second and the towns 4th as he finished low into the corner following some determined play. Cobham to their credit kept pushing and got one late on through Lee Wilkins 86th Minute effort but the Zebras held on for their first win of the season and a result which, to be fair to many, has been coming in recent weeks.

"HAMMERS HAMMER THE BEES ON THE ROAD"

BRIDPORT RES 2 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 6

In the week ends late game, Hamworthy won the battle of the Reserves against their hosts from Bridport on a crisp afternoon at St Marys field. Bridport started the game well and could have opened the scoring in the first 5 minutes when Riley Weedon found himself in the box and on the end of a cross, but he directed his header wide of the post but should have scored. However, on 8 minutes Hamworthy s first attack resulted in a good finish by Nick Patrick with a right footed shot from just inside the box. Bridport responded well and equalised with the best goal of the game from a wonderful right foot shot from 17-year-old Sam Handyside. Hamworthy made it 2-1 soon after following yet another defensive mistake punished by Sam Carter. A free kick to Bridport was struck well by Dan Baggs, with the visiting keeper only able to parry the ball into the path of Bridport's Captain Alfie Ward who followed up to turn the ball in from close range to restore parity. Bridport were again guilty of shooting themselves in the foot not once, but twice as the visitors added to their tally with Josh Rose & Sam Carter giving the Hammers a deserved lead at half time, HT 2-4. Bridport came out in the second half following some stern words from their manager, with chances again falling to the home side, however the visiting keeper was equal to everything Bridport tried. As the game wore on and with Bridport still chasing the game, their shape was far too open allowing too much space and time for the opposition and the Hammers picked them off and scored twice, with both strikes coming from Sam Carter, so completing his hat trick in the process to record a comfortable win. Hamworthy move into 10th place whilst Bridport need to solve their serious defensive issues quickly if they are to increase their league points tally.