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"REC SHOW CHAMPIONS CREDENTIALS FROM 3 DOWN"

HAMWORTHY REC 4 DORCHESTER SPORTS 3



This was the proverbial "game of two halves"! Rec were awful in the first period and found themselves three down at the interval- and it could have been more to a Dorchester side who ran the show from the opening minute. Rec were grateful to keeper Sam Jones for some vital saves. But a bold decision at half-time by manager Wayne Smith saw all three subs come on, plus some positional changes,

which initiated a great comeback, with the winning goal coming four minutes from the end. Doubts over the Magna Road pitch saw the game switched to the County Ground and our thanks go to our old friends at Ham United for their hospitality. Rec were a goal down after five minutes when a great cross from the left was pushed away by Jones, only for the loose ball to be rifled in from close-range by Jamie Samways for 0-1. Dorchester were dominant in all areas and on 18 minutes it was 0-2, Rec failing to clear following a scramble with Sports Jason Read netting. Jones then immediately pulled off a great save, before Rec had their best chance, but Chris Long's lob was well saved by the visiting keeper. Sports continued to look impressive and made it three just before the break with a low shot from the edge of the area going inside the left-hand post from Joel Hewitt, HT 0-3. With the introduction of three subs and some positional changes Rec immediately looked much livelier and pulled one back on 54 minutes. Sub Carl Edwards, relishing his chance up front, produced a classy chip over the visiting keeper to get Rec back in it at 1-3. Brad Hill was delivering some dangerous corners which saw one Long attempt well saved and a Pete Pritchard header go just wide, before Rec got a second. Recent signing John Webb broke down the middle and unselfishly teed up Chris Long to slam in and give Rec hope. It was now all Rec with Dorchester looking a shadow of their first-half showing and on 78 minutes it was 3-3. Edwards broke down the left and his cross ran nicely for Brad to drill in the equaliser and set up a storming finish. Sports then had a chance of their own, but Jones made another great stop before the winner came on 86 minutes. Webb, who had been a thorn in the side of Sports all second-half, burst into the box and crashed home the winner to the delight of his team-mates and supporters. Rec held out for the remaining minutes, plus a generous amount of stoppage time to record an amazing victory.



"TANGERINES SIT A TOP THE TREE AFTER COMFORTABLE WIN"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 3 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0

Gillingham returned to the summit of the DPL with a comfortable victory over Swanage at Harding's Lane. Both sides squads were depleted for the game, however it was the Gills who started better and dictated the play, a pattern which continued throughout the game. Wasteful finishing kept the game level until Joe Boon found himself some space on the left-hand side of the penalty area, rounded the keeper to give Gillingham the lead their pressure deserved. More missed opportunities at both ends ensured Gillingham led 1-0 at half-time. The second half continued in the same vein, Gillingham dominating, however this time, two strikes within a few minutes of each other clinched the game. On 52 minutes Ryan Schouten out muscled the defender and slotted the ball home and Joe Boon completed his brace guiding the ball home for a 3-0 lead. A combination of good goalkeeping, the woodwork and further missed opportunities kept the final score-line at 3-0, however this was a game Gillingham dominated from the first whistle, thoroughly deserving the three points against a stubborn opposition.

"HOLT SCORE 4 AND THEN SEE RED"

HOLT UNITED 4 STURMINSTER NEWTON 1

Holt continued with their winning ways after brushing aside a determined Sturminster Newton side at Petersham Lane, in fact it was the visitors who took a deserved lead after 12 minutes when Tom Carter netted. The game ebbed and flowed with Nathan Saxby restoring parity before half time. In to the 2nd half and the hosts stepped up a gear and took the lead through Luke Homers well taken finish. Further goals for the Bulls from Mike Barber and Tom Gagan put the hosts firmly in the driving seat only to then see 2 players dismissed, goal scorer Gagan received a straight Red whilst Nathan Redwood received 2 yellows to take the shine of the performance.

"WAREHAM SURPRISE THE HAMMERS"

WAREHAM RANGERS 3 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 2

Wareham faced an inform Hamworthy united side who were sat 3rd in the league and were on the back of two good wins against Swanage and Dorchester. The opening was quite even with both sides having openings to take the lead, but it was Hamworthy who took the lead through a great volley from Jordan Basing that flew past Wareham keeper Doug Shear who had no chance. The lead was doubled after a period of pressure with an in-swinging corner which was bundled home by the Hammers Shane Jackson. At 2-0 down Wareham were getting more into the game and creating chances. They pulled a goal back through leading striker Aaron Merredew after some great work from skipper Lee Phibbs out wide delivering a superb ball to Aaron who finished well, HT 1-2. Into the Second half and Wareham came out the blocks and pressed Hamworthy all over the pitch. The hosts got a deserved leveller, when a great corner from Merredew which was met by centre half Alex Ringer who powered home. At 2-2 Wareham were continuing to mount pressure and were presented with a great opportunity when Merredew went clear after a great through ball. The Hammers keeper, who was at fault for the Wareham equaliser came charging out of his box and made a poor challenge 5 yards outside the edge of the area and brought the on rushing Merredew down. The referee awarded a free kick with the keeper only receiving a yellow card. Young Jack Williamson who had previously been at Hamworthy

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united stepped up and curled the resulting free kick into the top corner to put Wareham in front for the 1st time in the game, and that's how it stayed. This deserved win moves Wareham off the bottom of the table.

"BALTI TOO HOT FOR THE BEES"

BALTI SPORTS 5 BRIDPORT RES 2

Balti Sports ended a 10-game winless run in the league that stretched back to September with a win at home to Bridport Reserves in the Dorset Premier League. Goals from Ricky Lane, Phil Anderson and Oscar Preece secured a valuable and much needed win for Balti. Bridport were boosted by the addition of Alan Hill from the first team, who did not play in their Les Phillips Cup loss to Shepton Mallet. Hill secured a great start for Bridport when a gap opened, and he drove into it, before he fired a low shot into the right-hand corner past Balti goalkeeper Andy Nott after seven minutes. Balti responded strongly when Liam Taylor put a through ball into Lane who finished excellently into the far corner on 10 minutes. After an attempt on goal from Finn Cooper for Bridport, Balti countered quickly and scored a second goal with an identical finish from Lane as he restored the lead in the 18th minute. Bridport drew level when Matt Condliffe struck a shot which was parried by Nott to Sam Handyside who struck a right-foot shot into the net. From a short corner, Danny Andrews chipped it into the back post and Anderson scored with a diving header with half an hour gone. Shortly after, Andrews then fired in from the edge of the box to get himself a goal and widen the lead to 4-2 at half-time. Lane turned provider for the fifth goal, popping a cross over for Oscar Preece to finish into the top corner to wrap up the match in the 60th minute. Balti boss Marco Nott said: "It has been a long time coming to say the least. It was much like our old self really, we played some really good football." When asked if he wondered if it was not going to be their day again after the Bridport equaliser, Nott said: "I always felt that, with what we had on the pitch and how we started that we had another goal in us. "It was nice to see our quality come back out again." Bridport manager Shaun Annetts said: "We were poor. "I thought we had turned a bit of a corner at Christmas. "We fancied our chances there, but they were firing on all cylinders especially offensively."

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"PARLEYS 1st HALF ACCOUNTS FOR MERE"

PARLEY SPORTS 3 MERE TOWN 1

This was a game which the hosts deserved to win. Parley went in at half time 3 goals to the good, mainly due to individual errors from Mere. Parley took the lead on 27 minutes, with a through ball splitting the Mere defence leading to a good finish from Billy Wheatley. In a first half which was very end to end, Parley's second goal came from a Mere corner! A quickly taken corner and a cross that didn't reach its target led to Parley heading clear and in an excellent counter attack move eventually seeing Dan Haynes slot home. Parley's third came from a mis-directed head from a Mere defender, unintentionally setting up Parley's Ben Bosley to score. Not a good first half from Mere and to be fair, had it not been for some outstanding saves by visiting keeper Miles Fielding, it could have been a bigger deficit, HT 3-0. A change of personnel and position saw a far more effective Mere

in the second half. They created several chances but could not get past a resolute Parley defence. Ryan Down headed over from close range and the same player just could not force the ball home after some good work by Aiden Beardmore saw the ball end at Down's feet but after two attempts - a good save from the home keeper and a goal line clearance seeing the host remain 3-0 up. In the 82nd minute Mere got their consolation when Joe Paterson added one more goal to his season's tally after good work down the right. Parley held on for the win their 1st half showing deserved.

“RESERVE STALEMATE AT COCHRAMS”

SHAFTESBURY RES 1 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1

This Dorset derby had two reserve sides both looking for points. Sherborne started the better side in the first half with Haydn Brown going close, but his shot went wide when he was on a one on one with the keeper. Harry Turner then went close from a corner but failed to hit the target. Sherborne played some decent football in this half and they got their deserved goal when Josh Gear put in Brown for him to finish at the second attempt. Shaftesbury stepped up a gear and started creating a few good chances of their own and got an equaliser in the 42nd minute after a defensive error gave Lee Gale the chance to run through and slot the ball into the net, HT 1-1. The second half was very scrappy from both sides and neither team could settle down and play. The game half was constantly stop start as the official branded several cards for both teams as things heated up, yet this was only passion from the players wanting to win and the game itself was never as dirty as the cards will make out. The game ended 1-1 and Sherborne now go into a must win match against Blandford at home next Saturday.

