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Match Reports

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“REC’S 2ND HALF SHOW PIPS THE CHERRIES”

STURMINSTER NEWTON 0 HAMWORTHY REC 2



Another welcome three points for Rec in a game where they never hit top form. Despite having plenty of possession the visitors never really settled or created too many chances against a Sturminster side yet to record a goal so far this season. Rec Manager Kirk Grace had four players unavailable and gave a first start to Tom Parsons, in midfield, who can feel well satisfied with his performance. Tom Hutley also came in at right back and looked the part. The visitors had the bulk of the early play, but it was Stur who had the first

attempt with a speculative shot from distance that went high over the bar. Brad Hill then set up Sam Carter, whose shot was easily saved, before Chris Long’s 25 yarder for Rec also flew high over the bar. Jordan Basing’s shot from a tight angle was beaten away at the near post by the home keeper and Josh Rose fired over following a good move, HT 0-0. Five minutes into the second half the visitors took the lead and it was top scorer, Sam Carter, whose low drive from the left-hand side of the box beat the home keeper and nestled in the far corner of the net to edge the visitors in front. The Cherries then wasted a good chance following some sloppy defending by Rec, before the game was effectively settled on 57 minutes when a Parsons corner was headed down by Basing for Carter, again, to cleverly hook the ball in for 0-2. Parsons was relishing his midfield role and was unlucky when his long-range attempt was clawed away by the keeper with Rec claiming the ball had crossed the line. Sturminster to their credit, pressed forward whenever they could, but never really threatened the visiting defence or created a clear-cut chance and in fact Rec could have added more, but Long was denied by the home keeper and Hill’s clever volley from Long’s pass was well saved. FT 0-2.

“ROCKIES DESERVEDLEY TAME THE BULLS”

SHAFTESBURY RES 3 HOLT UNITED 1

After their poor performance mid-week at Bridport, the hosts had something to prove to themselves as they searched for a confidence boosting win against an in-form Holt side, and that is exactly the home faithful witness at Cochrams as the Rockies ran out deserved winners. The first half was a very even affair with the visitors breaking the deadlock on the half hour mark when a quick counter attack ended up with prolific marksman Nathan Saxby finishing well. Shaftesbury should have been level at the break but for a poor miss from 5 yards out by Tom Carter who somehow hit the bar !! HT 0-1. The hosts started the 2nd half like a train as they took the game to their guests, Carter atoned for his earlier miss when he drew the sides level on 46 minutes with a glancing header from Ton Hardiman’s cross. The home side grew in stature and it came as no surprise when they scored again soon after, this time Sean Colohan header home with a powerful finish, again from a Hardiman cross. The Rockies were totally dominant at this stage as they searched for the killer 3rd goal which duly came courtesy of left back Rob Hatchard who curled in a sweet finish from 18 yards out after some good team build up play. And that’s the way it stayed as the hosts saw out the remainder of the game, with Holt offering little, to claim 3 deserved points.

“SPORTS WIN IN THE PURBECKS”

WAREHAM RANGERS 1 DORCHESTER SPORTS 3

The first home game of the season saw Wareham field a much changed starting XI. Ollie Hepworth, Paul Chivers, Lloyd Cole and Josh Walter making their first appearance of the season. The game started with Rangers playing in the Sports half and could have taken the lead through Bennett after some good work on the left by Chivers. Against the run of play Sports took the lead from a corner on 10 minutes after some poor marking by Rangers. This seemed to spur Sports on and they started to control the game. They scored another goal from another header on 28 minutes. Wareham then conceded a third from a long-range effort on 43 minutes HT, 0-3. Wareham galvanised and dug in the second half and were rewarded with a goal by Jamie Minete after some great link up play with Lench and Chivers on 51 minutes. The game then became a drawn-out affair with a lack of quality from both sides. Half chances came and went for both sides as the hot weather seemed to take its toll on both sides. However, Sports warranted their victory

“CORFE CASTLE UP AND RUNNING.....EVENTUALLY”

CORFE CASTLE 3 BALTI SPORTS 3

Corfe Castle gained their first point of the DPL season with a well-deserved draw against 5th placed Balti Sports. Finally, able to name a strong line up for consecutive games, the hosts manager, Patterson made one change from the midweek 3-2 defeat to Dorchester Sports with Suttle coming in for King. However, Corfe started very slowly, and with Balti's first attack seeing a cross from the left headed on to the Corfe crossbar before their striker tapped in the rebound. Corfe got straight back into it straight away. Jack Hector picking up the ball in midfield, drove towards goal before a through ball struck the hand of the Balti centre back, with the referee awarding a penalty. Up stepped Courtney Johnstone who eventually notched his 3rd goal of the season from the rebound after his initial spot kick was well saved by Andy Nott in the Balti goal. Corfe then began to dictate the play on the deck with Balti's main threat being long balls over the top. Corfe took the lead when Danny Gale was found in the box, with the midfielder managing to squeeze a shot into the bottom corner much to the delight of the home supporters. The game changed again 15 minutes later when the tricky Balti winger Dan Andrews initial shot was saved well by David Elm in the Corfe goal, but the tricky winger picked up the rebound, and brilliantly dummied 3 men before smashing home and restoring parity. There was still time for another goal this half, again for the hosts as Matt Suttle played through Courtney Johnstone, who expertly dispatched his 2nd of the game to put Corfe 3-2 up. And it could have been more despite an impressive point-blank range save by the Balti keeper on the stroke of half time, denying Johnstone his hat trick, HT 3-2. The second half was a lot scrappier with Balti having the better of the chances. And they deservedly got back into the game after 70 minutes when a cross wasn't dealt with properly by the Corfe defence, and was tucked away by their striker for his second and Balti's 3rd. And that's how it finished. Corfe finally off the mark and showing teams that they will not be a walkover despite their wobbly start, now that they have a settled side. This point gained sees Corfe rise 1 place off the bottom of the table,

“MERLEY THRASH THE ROYALS IN THEIR OWN BACK YARD”

BLANDFORD UTD 1 MERLEY CS 5

Merley CS returned to winning ways after their mid-week home defeat 5-1 against Holt by running up the same score line, this time in their favour by emphatically defeating the Royals in Blandford, effectively the hosts didn't show for this game which was a surprise after their recent good showings, this meant Merley took full advantage especially in the 1st half as they took the lead in the 8th minute when Steve Gilbert scored, back came the hosts and they equalised in the 33rd minute through Mark Ford's strike. Merley were not level for long as only 4 minutes later they restored their lead when Matt Groves converted, 4 minutes later and the visitors had their 3rd when Joshua Buck slotted home, HT 1-3. In to the 2nd half and the visitors maintained their dominance, first on 63 minutes, Dan Edwards added their 4th and with 12 minutes remaining Asa Phillips completed the rout. This win sees Merley return to 3rd place in the League Table whilst Blandford drop to 14th place.

“THE BEES AND SWANS SHARE THE SPOILS IN WEST DORSET”

BRIDPORT RES 3 SWANAGE TOWN & H 3

Bridport began the game in confident mood after a convincing win over Shaftesbury on Wednesday evening however 4 players from the midweek game were unavailable with 2 players stepping up to the first team and 2 others unavailable through injury. Bridport started well and after only 8 minutes were awarded a penalty after Josh Hull was tripped inside the box . Dan Baggs took on the responsibility and duly dispatched the ball firmly past the Swanage keeper to put the hosts in front. After 12 minutes Swanage were level when Bridport failed to clear their lines with Paul Best capitalising to draw the sided level. For the next 20 minutes, the hosts created with Josh Hunter , Dan Baggs, Luke King and early substitute Antony Carlile all going close . At this stage Bridport could and should have been 4-1 up but were grateful to their keeper Billy Fleet who made one fine save low down to his left post, however on 35 minutes, Swanage took the lead against the run of play when Bridport failed to clear a high ball at the back post and were severely punished with Cody Rose-Moore scoring. The Swanage lead didn't last long when Antony Carlile scored from close range at the second attempt to level the scores again . With 43 minutes on the clock, Bridport conceded a free kick about 30 yards out and fairly central, up stepped Garan Bennett to strike an amazing shot into the top corner giving Billy Fleet no chance in the home goal, HT 2-3. The second half started with Bridport continuing on the front foot and with the managers ' words ringing in their ears. Chances continued for Baggs, Hunter, Ward , Hull and substitute Brandon Scadding before Hunter finally scored with a fine header from a right-wing cross to deservedly make the scores level again. Bridport were reduced to 10 men after making all their substitutions with striker Hunter picking up a hamstring injury with 15 minutes still to go. Swanage sensed an opportunity, but Bridport defended well and still managed to create chances to win the game .

“VOISEY HITS 4 AGAINST THE ZEBRAS”

PARLEY SPORTS 4 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0

Parley looked for a reaction after their surprise midweek defeat to Blandford and they came out the traps fast and scored with a simple ball over the top from Dom Falco found Jack Voisey, who slotted home after 2 mins. The same ball over the top caught the Sherborne defence out again and again, Voisey slotted home via a deflection. In the 24th min, Sherborne changed their formation and began to play the way they have been in recent games but couldn't pull that goal back before half time, HT 2-0. Sherborne tried to push on in the second half, but Parley ran the show and missed some great chances to extend their league, but Paul Johnson defended well saving two goal bound shots off the line. However, the hosts scored again on 71 minutes through Voisey again, who completed his hat trick when his shot went under visiting keeper Woodgate to make it 3-0. Parley got their fourth in the 87th minute, with that man Voisey scoring again.

“TANGERINES BEAT THE BLUES”

PORTLAND UTD RES 2 GILLINGHAM TOWN 3

Portland United Reserves lost out by the odd goal in 5 on Saturday in The Dorset Premier League at The Weyline Stadium. It was The Blues that went ahead when Dereck Walls effort rebounded off the keeper and fell to Billy Mitchell who finished emphatically. The away side ensured the sides went in to the break level when a shot from outside the box from Will Pike found its way in at the far post, HT 1-1. In the second half Portland drew 1st blood as Sol Roche neat flick found Mitchell in on goal and making no mistake with the finish to put the home side in to the lead once again. The Blues were unlucky not to extend their lead as Sol Roche was felled in the area, but nothing was given before Derek Walls headed goal was ruled out despite the linesman not flagging. Much to the frustration of the home faithful, the visitors were then awarded a penalty themselves when Ben Fowles was Fouled in the box, the resultant spot kick was duly dispatched by Elliot Bevis despite home keeper Sean Lillington going the right way. Portland went behind for the 1st time in the match as Adam Anstey was beaten for pace with 10 minutes to go by Bevis who pulled the ball back for Pike to get his 2nd and the Gill's 3rd. Looking back at the game Portland United Reserves Manager commented "It was one of those days when not much went in our favour, I don't think we have played

particularly badly. They saw the lion's share of possession 1st half but other than the goal I can't remember Lillington being really tested. In the 2nd half, once we've gone in front again perhaps we need to manage the game better, how we haven't added a 3rd before Gillingham got awarded their penalty I will never know. On another day perhaps, we get the penalty and they don't." Faulkner also added "We knew it would be a learning curve this season, we also knew Gillingham would be a solid and tidy outfit, and so it proved. As a club it says a lot about how far Portland United have come in the last 4 or 5 years that our Reserves are competing with some of the best sides in the county. We will continue to work hard, learn our lessons and move on to the next one!"



SOMERSET SENIOR CUP – ROUND 1

“WESTLANDS MAKE IT THROUGH AT CHARD”

CHARD TOWN RES 1 WESTLAND SPORTS 2

The final result looks like a close match but in reality, this was a game that Westlands controlled from start to finish. Kicking up the infamous Chard slope, Josh Payne put Sports in front after half an hour when he cut in from the right onto his left foot and drilled a low shot past the keeper. A good finish and no more than Westlands deserved after a period of patient pressure, HT 0-1. Kicking downhill in the second half, Westlands wasted no time in doubling their lead. Ant Herrin pulled down a cross in the box, swivelled, and thumped the ball into the net. Another good goal for Westlands who were well on top of their Devon & Exeter League side. However, chances came and went for Sports, but they just couldn't find the back of the net. Louis Irwin and Ant Herrin both hit the post and a couple of good chances were put over the bar. With the clock ticking on into the 93rd minute Chard pulled one back with a cracking shot from 20 yards from Max Westlake that flew past Sports keeper Sam Watts. The whistle went straight after the restart to give Westlands victory in a match they should really have put to bed in the second half.