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"BULLS LOVE THE TASTE OF BALTI"

HOLT UNITED 6 BALTI SPORTS 0



Holt United ruthlessly exposed Balti's defensive frailties as they thrashed the League leaders 6-0 at Petersham Lane. The Bulls 1st half performance completely dominated a Balti side who couldn't stem wave after wave of attacks, the goal scoring started in the 9th minute when Nathan Saxby's cross was turned in at the near post by Sam

Pearce, 10 minutes later Saxby doubled the advantage after lobbing the visitor's keeper following a Mike Haskell flick on. Moments later the bar came to Balti's rescue as a Saxby effort crashed onto the bar and was eventually scrambled away to safety. The visitors finally mustered a chance mid-way through the half but Sam Nicholls effort was scrambled away by Chris Lynch in the home goal. Back down the other end went Holt and Haskell made it 3-0 when finishing well after holding off a Balti defender, with 30 minutes on the clock Haskell turned provider again, this time to Sam Pearce who grabbed his 2nd and Holts 4th as the visitor's defence were all at sea. Still the scoring wasn't over as on 45 minutes a Luke Homer pass found Saxby to score low down. HT 5-0 The 2nd half was a much tighter affair partly due to the damage already done by Holt in the 1st half however efforts by Balti's Nicholl's and Devaney kept the hosts on their toes and it wasn't until the 90th minute that Holt secured their 6th when Saxby got his 3rd of the game.



"MILBORNE GET 1ST DESERVED WIN TO STING THE BEES"

BRIDPORT RES 2 MILBORNE PORT 5

Milborne picked up their 1st points of the season at their 10th time of asking after they deservedly beat Bridport Reserves at St Marys field. Bridport started the game well and found themselves in good positions early on but couldn't find the final pass to create a clear opportunity. At the other end, Milborne started to build confidence and created a couple of half chances of their own. Bridport took the lead after 25 minutes when a left sided corner from Sam Handyside was met by Dan Baggs who planted a firm header past the visitor's keeper. Milborne equalised almost immediately when Bridport failed to shut down a long range shot from Macualey Biddle, whose effort found its way into the home net. Milborne took the lead soon in the 32nd minute, following a left-wing cross which was turned into his own net by Alan Hill at the far post. Bridport equalised 1 minute later after another Sam Handyside corner, this time met by Ryan Gall to restore parity. However, the

visitors scored again before half time due to more poor team defensive mistakes capitalised on by Johnny Harvey HT 2-3 The second half started well for Bridport who found themselves in good positions but poor decisions and final passes failed to get the equaliser their play deserved. As Bridport pushed forward, Milborne scored again through Jake Rawlings. Bridport made substitutions and changed their shape in search of a way back into the game but were caught on the break again as Milborne's Rawlings notched his 2nd and the visitors 5th of the day. This was a really poor performance from Bridport but huge Respect to Milborne who deserved their win and put in a performance that made a mockery of their current league position would suggest.

"SWANAGE FINALLY OVERCOME THE STUBBORN ZEBRAS"

SWANAGE TOWN & H 2 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1



Swans gained 3 valuable points in a frustrating afternoon at Day's Park, missing a host of chances and finding it difficult to break down a resilient Sherborne Town Reserve side. The visitors who are bottom of the table shocked The Swans and took a 15-minute lead through Craig Royal's fine effort. The home side responded with a number of missed chances, notably from Graeme Rose and Cameron Beard. Swanage

finally produced the equaliser a minute before half time, with Graeme Rose heading home from an Aaron Atkinson corner HT 1-1 The second half replicated the first with the Swans again producing and missing chances, and were further frustrated when Sam Beale and Dave Best hit the woodwork. The Swans finally produced the winner on the hour mark as Aaron Atkinson ran on to a pass from Cameron Beard before Cooley slotting past the keeper. All in all, a very frustrating performance but 3 valuable points which last season may have seen just 1 point gained.

"HAMMERS EASILY BEAT THE ROYALS"

HAMWORTHY UTD RES 4 BLANDFORD UTD 0

This game was the Hammers first Saturday home game this season and they were boosted before a kick as Blandford's side saw notably absentees in both Paul & Mark Ford not present. The game began scrappily as both sides battled for possession. In the early stages of the game it was apparent that the pace of Josh Rose & Sam Lench was going to cause the Blandford back 4 some real issues. That was the case in the 14 minute as Sam Lench picked the ball up on the left-hand side, cut in on his favoured right foot and played in a neat pass to Sam Carter who played through Josh Rose first time only for the oncoming visitors keeper Ben Robbins to be beaten to the ball and bring Rose down for a penalty. This was duly converted by Jamie Kay. Blandford were rattled and struggling to have any hold on the game and were 2-0 down 8 minutes later as Sam Carter latched onto a loose ball and went through 1 on 1 only for his effort to hit the post, however he made no mistake with the rebound to double the Hammers lead. It was looking a comfortable afternoon for the home side, Blandford were soon 3-0 down and finding it a tough afternoon against a pacey Hamworthy front line. Sam Carter again the provider as he set up Josh Rose who neatly finished. HT 3-0 As the second half began, Blandford dominated the early proceedings as the home side sat back to defend their goal. There were a few

pot shots from the Blandford forwards but still to this point Shane Cooper hadn't made a save with his defence standing firm. Next the visitors went down to 10 men as Saul Boulton was adjudged to have been the last man when bringing down Josh Rose. The referee sent him to the changing rooms to the dismay of many in attendance. This meant Blandford were playing the next 35 minutes with 10 men and 3-0 down. Hamworthy now got themselves well on top and missed a string of chances and with the defence having very little to nothing to do apart from clear the odd ball forward. 16-year-old Jake Workman was introduced in the 75th minute and almost had an instant impact as he ran through on goal but to be caught by the rushing defender. The next 10 minutes were much the same with Hamworthy creating chance after chance but not being able to finish them off. Finally, in the 86th minute Workman got the ball down the left, played a ball inside to Liam Lindsay who then laid it off for Josh Rose who took on 2 players and rifled a shot into the top corner. The game ended with a very dominant Hamworthy display and their first clean sheet of the season.

"PARLEY ADD TO WAREHAMS WOES"

PARLEY SPORTS 6 WAREHAM RANGERS 0



The hosts heaped more misery on Wareham as they deservedly ran out convincing 6-0 winners with the home sides Jack Voicey helping himself to a hat trick, his 1st senior goals for the Club. Parley started the game well and in 10 minutes a 40yard ball from Ally Williams found Voicey who finished well under pressure (*see left*). 6 minutes later and the lead was doubled courtesy of neat half volley from Adam Trimby

which crashed in off the bar. HT 2-0 The second half didn't really spark into life until the final quarter when 1st an effort from a Wareham player hit the bar direct from a free kick in the 68th minute. 3 minutes later and Trimby played in Voicey who easily beat the advancing keeper to make it 3-0. A minute later and their post came to Rangers rescue as Voiceys effort cannoned back and away to safety. 5 minutes later and the youngster wasn't going to be denied his hat trick as he completed his treble after being played in by Jonny Cook. In the 81st minute the post again saved Wareham as this time Mike La Rondes effort hit the woodwork, Matt Newberry got his customary goal and Parleys 5th in the 84th minute and there was still time for Ally Williams to crash in a 25-yard effort in the 87th minute. All in all, a good day for the hosts whilst Wareham's troubles seemingly mount. *(Photos courtesy of S. Harris)*



"ROCKIES SQUASH THE TANGERINES"

SHAFTESBURY RES 4 GILLINGHAM TOWN 2

As North Dorset derbies go this was a rather tame affair, with Shaftesbury deservedly taking the spoils. Gillingham started brightly however that did not last long as Shaftesbury dominated the game, they went ahead from a long-range effort from Bailey Hodge mid-way through the first half. Gillingham, through Elliot Bevis fashioned an equaliser from a cross, which was taken by the wind and the ball nestled in the far corner of the goal. Shaftesbury again took the lead with another long-range effort, this time from Arran Lane –Leney. Jamie Beale in the Gillingham goal was constantly called into action and made several fine saves to keep Gillingham in the game. Just before half-time though, Gillingham were given a lifeline as Shaftesbury gave away a needless penalty for handball, which Elliot Bevis scored. So, the sides went in level 2-2 at the break, which did not reflect the dominance that Shaftesbury had exerted in the 1st half. The pattern of the match was repeated in the second half; however, the visitors did not have the fortune of scoring any goals, whilst Shaftesbury scored further goals from Charlie Browne and Sam Harris to wrap up all 3 points and claim North Dorset bragging rights, albeit tamely.

"MERE LOSE AT HOME FOR THE 1ST TIME"

MERE TOWN 0 HAMWORTHY RECREATION 3

Rec made their annual trip to Wiltshire and inflicted a first home defeat of the season on Mere, in an entertaining game. An early goal put Rec on the front foot and a second on half-time put them in a strong position. Rikki Walden and company, at the back, repelled the home attack in the second half and a late penalty made the game safe. The game was only 3 minutes in when Josh Pratt supplied a delicious cross from the left, which found Harry Stokes to fire in for the lead. Immediately keeper Sam Jones was forced into action, blocking a goal bound attempt from the hosts with a Joe Patterson effort for the hosts also coming to nothing. The home keeper was also seeing plenty of action, claiming a dangerous cross under pressure from Chris Long and then tipping over a rasping drive from Callum Charlton. But on 42 minutes the visitors doubled their lead. A fine team move with Ash Boyt at the heart saw Chris Long slam in from close-range. HT 0-2. Rec started the second period in lively fashion and Pratt went close when his close-range effort was blocked by the keeper. Mere were having plenty of the play, but rarely troubled the Rec defence and on 70 minutes it was 0-3 when Richie Sands burst into the box and was upended, for a penalty. Long stepped up to convert and make the game safe for the visitors. The only downside for Rec was a harsh looking sending off for Lewis Proudley, with a home player making the most of a harmless scuffle. But the 10 men held out for a vital three points. In the second minute of added time Jamie Samways for Mere picked up his second yellow of the game to add to Mere's woes. This win puts Hamworthy top of the league and deservedly so. In truth, the 3 points went to the better side. An under-par Mere side tried their best and worked hard but just found Hamworthy Recreation too good on the day. For Mere their unbeaten home record has now gone as they suffered only their second defeat of the season. They now need to look forward to a Wiltshire Cup game against Melksham Town from the Toolstation Western League Premier Division on 16th October.

"SPORTS BOUNCE BACK TO WIN A TIGHT GAME"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 1 MERLEY CS 0

Sports battled hard to bounce back from last week's defeat to Westlands by beating a well drilled Merley Cobham side at the Avenue Stadium, Having been hammered by them twice last year, the home side started with a more defensive set up with Jason Read being pushed into midfield along with the returning Lewis Amor and there was also a debut For Taylor Hibbs in the Dorchester goal, Sports had the two best early chances of the first half firstly Gareth Will blazed over from a Luke Gatehouse pull back, then Gatehouse coasted past three players but his shot was also skied high and over, Merley come back strong towards the second half but Hibbs made a good save to deny Matt Groves late on to go in 0-0 at the break, The visitors come out on the front foot in the 2nd half and should of taken the lead but Groves blasted wide from close range and Merley would regret that miss as Gatehouse again weaved his way into the box and was taken down for a penalty. Dorchester's Jamie Symes made no mistake from the resulting penalty to edge the hosts in front. Merley made a triple substitution looking for the equaliser but the home defence along with Hibbs in the hosts goal were in fine form blocking and heading everything that Merley threw at them to hold out for an impressive battling win and 3 points.



SOMERSET SENIOR CUP

"SPORTS PROGRESS AFTER DOWNING ROVERS"

WESTLAND SPORTS 3 MIDDLEZOY ROVERS 1

A blistering start saw Westlands race into a two-goal lead inside the first ten minutes. Josh Payne posted an early warning to the visitors in the 2nd minute when he raced clear and rounded the keeper, only to see his final shot from an acute angle drift wide of the far post. But the first goal wasn't long in coming and in the 7th minute Haydn Hodges made himself some space in the box and fired a low shot into the corner of the net. What a start for Sports and more was to come. Only 2 minutes later Scott Smith went up for a corner, lost his marker with a good run, and thumped a powerful header into the net. The visitors were rocked but gradually they began to settle into the game and began to show their quality. It was an even contest after this but 5 minutes before the half time break Middlezoy pulled one back. Westlands keeper Sam Watts came charging out for a cross and only got a hand to it. A shot from a Middlezoy player was blocked but the rebound was thumped into the back of the net. That was a good time to score for the visitors and they came out for the second half with renewed belief and tested Sam Watts with a low shot that he gathered by the post. Once again it was an even match but Westlands always looked the more likely side to score and so it proved in the 62nd minute. Henry Lawrence-Napier fed a nice through ball to Josh Payne who took a touch and drove the ball across the keeper into the far corner. The third goal took a bit of the sting out of the visitors and they resorted to long balls, mainly by their goalkeeper, that were mopped up by Jonny

Manley and Scott Smith. Sam Carney came off the bench for Westlands now and his calm precise passing set the tone as Westlands just lowered the tempo and played out time. One last chance for Sports to increase their lead fell to Charlie Gay when he got on the end of a low cross only to see his shot hit the post and rebound into the keeper's arms. Another good result for Westlands against difficult opponents.

