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“SWANS IN 7TH HEAVEN”

SWANAGE TOWN & H 7 PARLEY SPORTS 0



Swans smashed 7 goals past Parley Sports without reply to record a 7-0 win in the Dorset Premier League at Day's Park. Playing their 3rd game in 5 days, the hosts showed no signs of the fixture backlog catching up with them as they tore into their visitors. The hosts raced into a 4-0 interval lead thanks to goals from Cameron Beard 2, Paul Best and Richard Best, HT 4-

0. It became even more one-way traffic in the second half and further goals from Dan Godwin with his first of the season, Paul Best with his second of the game and prolific striker Cameron Beard completing his hat-trick which is an incredible 18 goals in 7 games and 35 for the season. This win sees the Swans still challenging for a top 5 finish.

“HILLS LATE WINNER SEES REC GAIN VALUABLE WIN”

HOLT UNITED 1 HAMWORTHY REC 2

This was a massive win for Rec, in a battle with one of their main challengers for the title. Holt threw everything at a re-jigged Rec defence and despite some hairy moments they held firm for the most part. Holt went in one up at the interval, with Rec equalising early in the second-half and seemingly happy to settle for a point, but two minutes from time Brad Hill popped up with an unlikely headed goal to clinch a crucial victory. Holt were first to show and a chase for a long ball ended with a lob over the bar. Max Wilcock then won the ball on the edge of the area but shot over. The Bulls were looking dangerous and a great ball into the box saw Luke Geddes do just enough to thwart dangerman Haskell. But on 39 minutes Holt went in front. A momentary lapse in the Rec defence let in Nathan Saxby to fire across Sam Jones, in the Rec goal, and into the far corner for a 1-0 lead at half-time. It took Rec just four minutes into the second period to draw level. The tireless Wilcock produced a snap-shot from the left-hand edge of the area which had the home keeper struggling, the ball ending up with Chris Long whose shot sneaked in at the near post with the keeper fumbling the ball over the line. This heralded a lively period of play, with Jones producing a great block from Saxby and at the other end, Callum Charlton seeing his 25-yard shot well saved. Rec

were having their best spell and Hill and Long worked the ball to Wilcock, only for the Holt keeper to save. Then John Webb's free-kick was brilliantly tipped over the bar. Holt were desperate for the win and put more pressure on the Rec defence. A fine move saw Saxby volley over, before, on 88 minutes Rec scored the deciding goal. Webb, who had had another outstanding game in midfield, flighted a perfect cross from the right and there was Hill at the far post to thump in his header to put the visitors ahead, cue scenes of delight from players, management and supporters. Still Holt were not finished and in the last minute an almighty scramble ensued in the Rec area, with the hosts looking certain to score, but, somehow, the ball was cleared, and the final whistle sounded.

"MERLEY OVERCOME A SLUGGISH START"

MERLEY CS 3 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Merley made a slow start to the game unsurprisingly with it being their 3rd game in 5 days. Wareham were putting the Merley defence under pressure but failed to score thanks to some smart saves from Aaron Drayton. However, the visitors took a deserved lead on 25 minutes with a goal scored the counter attack and finished off by Storm Graham. This brought Merley back to life and they finished the first half the stronger of the teams but couldn't reply so they went in 1 down. The second half saw the hosts shake off their lethargy to come out and play with a much quicker tempo, this paid dividends and they found the equaliser through Dan Edwards. From this point on Merley made their superior quality show and had numerous attempts on goal. Merley finally went ahead when Lee Wilkins stabbed home from a Jamie Moore's shot and they made the game safe late on when Alan Marsh converted a Dan Edwards cross.

"SPORTS WIN CONDEMNS THE ZEBRAS TO BOTTOM"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 DORCHESTER SPORTS 2

The hosts faced Dorchester in their final game of the season and they tried to build from where they left on bank holiday Monday by putting in a great performance vs ham rec. Sherborne started the brighter of the two teams and it didn't take long for Sherborne to open the scoring through Marc Caine's after some fine play from Oliver Hibbard set the marksman up. Both sides stayed quite after that, but Dorchester struck back in 40th minute through Jamie Beasley's effort to level things up at half time against the run of play, HT 1-1. Neither side really took control of the second half, but it was Dorchester who got themselves in front on the 80th minute when Gareth Will converted, and the visitors hung on to victory, so the zebras narrowly missed out on a point again and this result confirmed they would finish the season bottom of the table.

"HONOURS EVEN AT BARNETTS FIELD"

STURMINSTER NEWTON 1 SHAFTESBURY RES 1

The Cherries and the Rockies shared the points and the goals in this typical end of season game that meandered its way through to the final whistle. After a goalless 1st half, the visitors took the lead after 55 minutes through Callum Bent with the hosts equalising 10 minutes later through Jamie Danoris, and that's the way it stayed

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"WESTLANDS WIN IN WEST DORSET"

BRIDPORT RES 1 WESTLAND SPORTS 3



In an entertaining match, Westland Sports eventually beat a stubborn Bees side under the lights at St Marys field. The visitors took the lead in the 41st minute when Jamie Green headed in from close range, however, the hosts were not to be outdone as Riley Weedon scored a deserved equaliser in the 44th minute, HT 1-1. The tempo was maintained in the 2nd half, and against the run of play the visitors edged in front when Dwayne Forshaw fired home from the edge of the box. It took until the 86th minute for the men from Alvington to make the game safe when Anthony Herrin headed in their 3rd to secure the win. *See photo*