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## Match Reports

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### **“HAMWORTHY HIT THE BULLS FOR 7 IN THEIR OWN BACK YARD”**

**HOLT UNITED 0 HAMWORTHY REC 7**



Another excellent result for Rec against old rivals Holt, at Petersham Lane. Rec brought their fine form from the previous week into this game, building up a three-goal lead at the interval and adding four more in the second half. It was another good, all-round performance, with Chris Long notching his second successive hat-trick. There was an early scare when, following a Holt free-kick,

keeper Aaron Robertson was forced into a fine save from his own defender. But Rec settled and went in front on 13 minutes. A George Webb corner was fumbled by the home keeper (*see picture above*) at the near post and the linesman was on hand to spot the ball had crossed the line, to give Rec the lead. And it was soon 0-2 when, on 17 minutes, George Webb drilled over a low cross, from the left, for Chris Long to fire in at the far post. Rec were playing some impressive football and just three minutes later a Brad Hill free-kick found its way to Sam Carter to tap in the third. Long and Carter both had chances to add more, but on half-time Rec were grateful to Dave Wrixton for a good defensive challenge as Holt looked to get a goal back, HT 0-3. Three goals in the opening fifteen minutes of the second half put Rec in complete command. On 52 minutes Ash Boyt sent Carter away, who set up Long for the fourth and two minutes later George Webb was the provider as Long completed his treble. Ex-Rec favourite Ali Gerard was easily Holt's most impressive player and he had a good attempt saved by Robertson and was then thwarted by a fine challenge from Richie Sands. But on 59 minutes it was six when Carter teed up George Webb to round the keeper and score. Robertson produced another fine save from Saxby before, on 83 minutes, a great pass from Sands found Carter who supplied his third assist of the game for Jordan Basing to thump in a beauty at the far post. George Webb missed out on a double when his late penalty was well saved by the home keeper, diving to his right, however all in all a very good day at the office for the men in Green.

### **“BALTI GAIN WIN IN THE PURBECKS”**

**WAREHAM RANGERS 1 BALTI SPORTS 3**

Balti Sports came from behind to secure their third win in a row against Wareham Rangers in the Dorset Premier League, to move three points behind second-placed Merley Cobham Sports. Goals from Carl McClements, Sammy Nichols and an own goal saw Balti recover from an early deficit to claim their third win in a row. The match however, started poorly for Balti, when Rangers Patrick Corriea got down the left-hand side, fired a cross in, which Andy Nott got down to save, only to see the ball ricochet off his elbow and into the net to hand Wareham the lead. Balti were able to respond and saw numerous corners and they were on top but could not find the breakthrough. When it came however, they would not look back. After 35 minutes, [DPL 2018-2019 – NEWSLETTER 25](#)

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a cross from Liam Taylor saw Ricky Lane head against the bar, but on hand was McClements to tuck in the rebound. Soon after, Balti took the lead for the first time, when Nichols dived in to head the ball into the net. The third goal came on the stroke of half-time, when quick play down the left allowed Lane to fire across goal only for a Wareham defender to tap into their own net with Charlie Kenderdine lurking close by, HT 1-3. The second half was, compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> half, pretty uneventful. Balti had chances to extend their lead, yet time and time again saw their chances foiled by the resolute Wareham defence. Balti boss Marco Nott said: "It was a tough game, to be honest, it was a real tough battle and played on a terrible pitch. "We went 1-0 down and then we got it back to 3-1 before half-time and just saw the game out in the second half. "It certainly was not a pretty game to watch, it was really dull." Simon Proffitt and McClements earned particular praise from Nott, with the former having had to endure a tough start to the season, due to starting late due to his cricket commitments. Nott said: "I thought those two were absolutely outstanding. "Proffitt I am really, really pleased with him. He is one of that cannot get there at the start of the season due to his cricket commitments, so he always finds himself on the bench at the start of the season, and he is really good at waiting for his chance. "He has had a run of eight to nine starts at centre-back now and he is really making that position his own now." Wareham entertained Balti sports at the Purbecks Sports centre in what would be a tough game for the hosts given the difference in places in the League table. Wareham got off to a great start and kept the ball well and created some decent half chances. Wareham kept pushing and their reward came when a shot from Patrick Corriea somehow squirmed underneath Andy Nott in the Balti goal. Wareham then conceded 3 goals gifted to the visitors after 3 mistakes were punished, firstly Carl McClement's, then Sam Nichols and to cap of a poor passage of play for the hosts, Balti's 3<sup>rd</sup> came courtesy of an own goal, HT 1-3. Into the Second half and the hosts continued to press but Balti were not making it easy for them. 2 good chances for Wareham caused the visitors to look worried but ultimately the visitors remained strong and got the 3 points.

Report Courtesy of the; **DorsetECHO**

### **"ROUTINE WIN FOR THE MEN FROM ALVINGTON"**

#### **STURMINSTER NEWTON 0 WESTLAND SPORTS 4**

Westlands left Barnett's field with all 3 points after a solid performance. Sturminster struggled in the opening exchanges and found themselves 3-0 down after 25 minutes with a stunning strike from Anthony Herrin and a brace from Harry Vandervell putting the visitors firmly in control of the match. The cherries then started to get in the game more and created a few chances but found the Westland defence hard to break down, HT 0-3. A better performance from Sturminster in the second half but Westlands always looked a threat going forward and got their 4th and final goal of the game from Alex Murphy. Sturminster battled to the end but on this occasion, Westlands were worthy winners.

### **"9 MAN MERLEY HIT CORFE FOR 6"**

#### **CORFE CASTLE 3 MERLEY CS 6**

Corfe Castle hosted Merley Cobham Sports at the weekend hoping to bounce back from last week's display. Unfortunately, they fell behind early on from a quick free kick into the box, a flat-footed Corfe were not able to react quickly enough and an accurate strike into the bottom corner saw Cobham go one up. After this goal Cobham took control of the game until Corfe got a free kick roughly 25 yards out, up stood Brendon Flockton who hit an exquisite strike that brought the game level. Cobham's lead was not lost for long though when Corfe struggled to clear the ball and a cross into the box saw them go 2-1 up. Shortly after this a scuffle with Flockton and Cobham's centre back who forgot he was playing football and decided to left hook the teenager saw him see a straight red followed by Cobham's keeper recreating Zinedine Zidane's last moments in football with Marco Materazzi meant he was also off for an early shower. Flockton also got sent off for his part to play, HT 1-2. The Second half saw Corfe making use of the extra man and a quick throw from Andy

Mccuish and a cheeky flick from Kay saw Josh Baker through on goal who stylishly lifted the ball over the keeper's head. Unfortunately, Corfe were unable to capitalize on the match and from further sloppy marking Cobham scored two goals making it 4-2. With not long left Corfe were able to bring one back when Jack Hector picked the ball up around the half way line and put a nifty through ball to Kay who slotted it home. Unfortunately, Corfe were unable to equalise, and Cobham were able to dominate and score 2 more goals finishing the game 6-3. A classy display from the Cobham midfield and man of the match performance from their left winger.

### **"STALEMATE AT WOODWATER LANE"**

#### **GILLINGHAM TOWN 0 BRIDPORT RES 0**

Gillingham kept another clean sheet at Woodwater Lane; however, they were unable to register a goal of their own as both teams played out an attritional goalless draw on a difficult pitch. Bridport started the brighter, however Gillingham found their way into the game, both teams creating half chances, however neither really testing the goalkeepers by half-time, HT 0-0. The second half continued in the same manner, there was an early penalty shout for Gillingham which was waived away by the referee. Further pressure saw Gillingham create a few chances; however, Bridport broke well and looked dangerous when moving the ball at pace. Sadly, neither team could find that breakthrough and the game ended as it had begun, scoreless.

### **"THE ISLAND BLUES LEAVE THE ROYAL BLUES FEELING BLUE"**

#### **BLANDFORD UTD 3 PORTLAND UTD RES 5**

Portland United brought all three points back from Blandford United on Saturday in The Dorset Premier League. This was Blandford's 1st home defeat since September, in that time they have played eleven games home and away only losing 2, both against Portland United Reserves. It was the home side that went ahead as a ball in behind was converted after 17 minutes by Craig Knowles. Portland hit back almost immediately as Lloyd Beal's rifled his shot in to the top corner of the net before edging ahead as Che Curran stooped to head home from an Ed Bastick centre. Portland made it 3-1 when Curran completed his brace when played in by Sean Bessant, Curran's fierce shot ended up in the home side's net despite the best attempt of the home keeper. The Blues seemed intent on putting the game to bed before half time as the home stopper pulled off superb saves from Josh Camps header and then from Camps drive from close range. Camp was a thorn in the home side as he went clear, but his finish was tame and held by Blandford's number one. Blandford also had their chances hitting the post twice in the half. Just before half time Blandford reduced the arrears with a breakaway goal from Jo Freak to make it 3-2 and remind Portland of their attacking prowess on the break, HT 2-3. The second half couldn't have started better for The Blues of Portland as they won a corner, Camp delivered a pin point ball for Bessant to head home to extend the away side's advantage. Blandford again came back with a goal from Knowles, with his 2<sup>nd</sup> of the game, following a quick counter attack after the Portland rear-guard failed to deal with the pace of the Blandford frontman. Portland sealed the win in the last 10 minutes when substitute Derek Wall was played in by Sol Roche with Wall rounding the keeper before rolling the ball in to the net from an acute angle. Looking back at the game Portland United Reserves Manager Justin Faulkner commented "It's widely known Blandford is a very hard place to come, they've got some good pace in the team and they look to get it forward quickly. I don't mean that disrespectfully because they have some good players and they play to their strengths. They caused us problems playing that way in both games and they have and still will cause a lot of team's problems this season. It suited them that we had the ball as we like to do and play on the counter attack. We re-focused ourselves at half time and I think we coped much better after the break. I think we should have probably scored more but I'm happy with the win and the 3 points."

## **"ZEBRAS STUN THE SWANS FOR 3 VALUABLE POINTS"**

### **SWANAGE T&H 1 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 2**



Swans suffered a Day's Park defeat against Sherborne Town Reserves in The Dorset Premier League. Swans produced a poor first half performance and were punished with 2 first half goals in a 3-minute spell from the Zebras Oliver Hebbard, H.T 0-2. There was a significant improvement in the second half performance and substitute Jack Watson pulled a goal back on 70 minutes with a neat finish. However, the drama unfolded when Watson received his marching orders for a foul in the box which resulted in a penalty for the visitors, home keeper Beeston was then sin binned for disputing the decision which left substitute and stand in keeper Paul Best to face and save the spot kick. The visitors went close to scoring their third, and Swan's striker Bennett went close for the equaliser.

## **"POINTS SHARED IN EAST DORSET"**

### **PARLEY SPORTS 2 DORCHESTER SPORTS 2**

Honours were even after this entertaining game at Parley, the visitors took an early lead when Ryan Ross pounced on a poor ball out of defence from Jason Britten. Undeterred the hosts got themselves back into the game 5 minutes later when Billy Wheatleys cross was met at the far post by Cameron Shaw who just needed to tap in to restore parity. With half time approaching, the visitors got themselves back into the lead when another Parley clearance was blocked by Jamie Samways who shot 1<sup>st</sup> time only to see his shot take a wicked bounce over a beleaguered home keeper and into the net, back came the hosts again and within minutes they were level again, this time courtesy of Ben Bosley who reacted quickest after Josh Moody's initial shot was blocked, HT 2-2. The second half was a nip and tuck affair with both sides cancelling each other out, both created opportunities but none were taken meaning both sides had to settle for a point apiece.