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Match Reports

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“SWANS AND THE BLUES PLAY OUT A DRAW”

SWANAGE TOWN & H 1 PORTLAND UTD RES 1



Portland United Reserves came away from Days Park with a point in a game where either side could have taken all three points with both sides creating several good chances. Portland went in to the game without a recognised striker but didn't have to wait long for their goal as Caleb Tennant played in Josh Camp who smartly took the ball away from the Swans keeper Dan Beeston before rolling it into the empty net. Three minutes later Sean Zima saw his header rattle the home sides crossbar before Shane Evans poor back pass let in Cody Moore but his effort was well saved

by Ross Jones in the visitors goal. The Blues Leon Attree couldn't find the target with a free header following a corner to extend The Blues lead. On thirty five minutes Sean Zima found himself with just the keeper to beat but elected to pass the ball across the goal to Camp who was challenged by a Swans defender and saw the ball squirm just wide of the upright. A minute later Portland were made to pay for their missed chances as Swanage's Cody Moore got in behind the Blues defence before laying the ball back to the edge of the area, the initial shot was dragged well wide but fell to their right wingback Mo Kanyi to tap in to the unguarded net and draw the sides level, HT 1-1. After half time the hosts forced a succession of corners with the visitors defending resolutely, Moore going close on a couple of occasions. With the game getting more stretched The Blues were dangerous on the counter attack as Portland's front three found space against the back three of Swanage. Josh Camp went through one on one but checked back and the chance was lost whilst substitute Tom Arliss saw his initial effort blocked and the follow up deflected over the bar. Aaron Ryan also fired over when the pass across the box was probably the more favourable decision. Rory Zima's pull back from the byline to Caleb Tennant was well blocked with the ball destined for the bottom corner of the net. Despite the chances created by both teams, they were unable to add to the score line and both had to settle for a point each.

“REC MAINTAIN 100% START”

MERLEY CS 0 HAMWORTHY REC 3

An excellent result for Rec at old rivals Merley Cobham who themselves went into this game with a perfect record after 2 games. Rec had to dig in at times during the first half and survived a few scares but went in two goals up. A third goal on the hour secured a deserved win. Manager Kirk Grice gave first starts to Josh Rose, Todd Coombs and Tom Hutley and all three can be well pleased with their efforts. It was an eventful opening, with Merley having a good shout for a penalty turned down, in the first minute. Rec steadied themselves and in their first venture forward Dave Wrixton played a neat one-two and fired a beauty into the top corner from outside the area to put the visitors 1 up. Merley though, were having the majority of the play and missed a great chance to equalise when an almighty scramble in the Rec goalmouth was somehow cleared. But Rec caught their hosts on the break on 24 minutes when Sam Carter ran on to a through-ball and took advantage of a defensive slip to Cooley slot home to double the men in greens lead. The confident Carter then had a neat turn and shot well saved, before a fine move saw him prod his effort just wide before the half time whistle blew, HT 0-2. Rec started the second half in lively mood. Jordan Basing broke on the left and crossed for Carter to volley just wide and then Rose saw his attempt cleared by the keeper. Merley had

plenty of the ball, but lacked a cutting edge up front, but they did come close when a header flashed narrowly wide. But the game was settled on 57 minutes when Basing set up Carter, only for him to be fouled in the box. Carter picked himself up and smashed in the resulting penalty to extend Rec's lead. The hosts were still pressing forward, but skipper Rikki Walden was in great form at the back for Rec and was well supported by keeper Aaron Robertson who did all that was asked of him, in confident fashion as the Magna Road men saw out the game.

"HOLT HOLD THEIR NERVE & TONGUES !! TO GAIN IMPRESSIVE WIN"

WESTLAND SPORTS 0 HOLT UNITED 2

Following their mid-week debacle at Parley which saw Holt reduced at a time to 7 men due to dissent issues, the Bulls impressively regrouped as two of the more fancied teams this season squared up at Alvington and it was the visitors who took an early lead after 10 minutes. A Westlands defender completely missed a long ball and Holt's Nathan Saxby ran through, rounded the keeper, and slotted the ball into the empty net. Westlands tried to respond but with a lead to defend, Holt were battling for every ball and making life difficult for the home side, HT 0-1. It was much the same story in the second half with Westlands pressing for the equaliser but unable to find that finishing touch. Good saves by the Holt keeper and last-ditch blocks by defenders kept the home team out time and time again. In the dying seconds of the match Westlands pushed everyone up for a corner including goalkeeper Sam Watts. From the kick Josh Payne put in a strong header that looked to have crossed the line before being scooped away by what appeared to be a Holt defenders' hand. Both officials claimed not to have seen the ball cross the line or any handball. While the Westland players appealed the ball was played up to Holt's Nathan Saxby who was standing on his own on the halfway line and he ran through unchallenged and planted the ball into the empty net for the second time in the match to secure the win and the points. The Holt striker will never score two easier goals in a game. That secured it for the away side but the aftermath for the home side was three red cards to incensed Westland players for their protests to the match official. Not a nice way to end what had been a hard fought, but fair match and the subsequent suspensions could be very costly to Westlands title hopes.

"PARLEY'S 2nd HALF SHOWING DOWNS SPORTS TO REMAIN UNBEATEN"

DORCHESTER SPORTS 2 PARLEY SPORTS 4

Dorchester Sports threw away an early 2 goal lead on a disappointing afternoon for the home side, the home side had key defenders Lloyd Beals and Pat Thomas missing and 1st choice keeper Antony Frost from the win vs Balti Sports midweek, but the hosts started strong and took an early lead when Jamie Samways found Gareth Will who placed his shot past ex sports keeper Taylor Hibbs in the Parley goal, Dorch kept pressing and doubled their lead when Lewis Amors long range clearance found Joel Hewitt who blasted past Hibbs in the Parley goal to give what seemed a promising lead, Samways had two further shots well saved from Hibbs to keep Parley in the game, who then in turn gave themselves a lifeline back into the game just before the break with a 40 yard screamer that flew past Phil Fusco in the home goal from left back Jon Cook, a superb strike, HT 2-1. The next goal was going to be so crucial in this game but there was only one team that was going to score it and go on and win the game as the visitors dominated the half from start to finish as Dorch had no way of stopping the yellow onslaught, Dom Falco was too much to handle for the home defence as he went through and chipped his shot past the rushing Fusco to draw the teams level, Falco then completed his brace on 70 minutes to give Parley the lead with a 25 yard screamer that flew past Fusco, finally Ben Bosley added a 4th late on when his tame shot went under Fusco to send the away side back with 3 points so maintain their impressive start to the season.

"BEES STING THE MEN FROM CORFE IN INJURY TIME"

CORFE CASTLE 2 BRIDPORT RES 3

Corfe hosted Bridport Reserves in their 3rd Dorset Premier League outing of the season. Both sides were pointless prior to this game, so both were fired up looking for their first points of the campaign. Corfe couldn't

have started better with youngster Brendon Flockton scoring an early entry for goal of the season when he arrowed a 25-yard strike into the top corner. Corfe continued to dominate the first half but could not further add to the score line despite good chances, with Bridports only attack of note being a long-range shot which hit the top of the bar, HT 1-0. After the break Corfe started well and continued to press for a second. However, it was Bridport who would turn the game on its head after 2 long balls in a row weren't dealt with by the home side, and Corfe were punished both times to see the visitors go ahead. To the hosts credit they kept battling and with 5 minutes remaining Corfe got themselves level through Matt Suttle with a composed finished after a scrap from a corner. However, there was still time for late drama, when Bridports number 10 Josh Hunter tried his luck from distance, and his shot rifled into the bottom corner of the hosts net, with little to no time remaining on the clock for the hosts to respond, a superb strike that saw the bees register their 1st win of the season.

“GILLS DRAW AGAIN, AFTER LEADING AGAIN AS ROCKIES DIG DEEP”

SHAFTESBURY RES 2 GILLINGHAM TOWN 2

Gillingham could not get their first win of the season in their local derby with their North Dorset rivals, despite for the third game running taking the lead and not being able to hold on. Whilst it was not quite a game of two halves, both teams did score their goals shooting up the slope. Both teams started brightly, and the tempo was frantic, as expected, however as the game settled down, Gillingham started to dominate, and when a corner was not cleared properly by the home defence, Darren Rowe headed the ball back into the area and Buddy O Shea climbed highest to head home the opener. Shaftesbury were further rocked when Gillingham doubled their lead after 20 minutes when a Dan Hawkes clip through found Elliot Bevis who deftly headed it over the Shaftesbury keeper and into the net. Both teams might have added to the goal tally before half-time, with a dangerous ball bobbling across the Gillingham goal, but no home player could apply the vital touch, whilst Gillingham had numerous efforts but rarely troubled the Shaftesbury keeper, HT 0-2. The second half was a different affair, Shaftesbury started well and were rewarded when Gillingham failed to organise themselves from a Shaftesbury corner and Sean Colohan headed home into the corner of the goal to reduce the arrears. This galvanised the Rockies, who made some attacking substitutions to try and get something from the game. They were rewarded when Gillingham failed to capitalise from another attacking corner and a fast break ended with Jamie Danoris finishing a sweeping move to level the scores. Chances came at both ends, Gillingham had the ball in the net, however it was disallowed as the ball was adjudged to have been in the goalkeeper's hands and Shaftesbury were denied by a marginal offside decision. So, honours were even in North Dorset and whilst Gillingham remain unbeaten, they are rueing now dropping six points in their first three games, from winning positions.

“ZEBRAS GET TAMED BY RANGERS DEEP INTO INJURY TIME”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1 WAREHAM RANGERS 1

Both sides went into this fixture on the back of mid-week draws. The game didn't really have any flow in the first 25 minutes but on 26 minutes the hosts, Scott Martin was fouled in the box and after dusting himself down, he tucked away the resulting penalty to give the hosts the lead, HT 1-0. The second half saw Wareham push more men up and put a lot of pressure on the Sherborne defence, but the zebras stood strong and this led to a number of counter attacks. James Budden had 2 great chances to put his side 2 up but failed to properly connect with the ball giving the away keeper two easy saves. Budden did get a decent strike on goal and again the visiting keeper made a crucial double save. Ollie Burns then had a decent goal ruled out due to an off the ball incident and two penalty claims were also dismissed as Sherborne struggled to get the ball into the net, and so all those misses proved costly as in the 95th minute Sherborne paid the ultimate price, as with the last kick of the game Wareham's Aaron Merredew scored with a brilliant free kick to secure a point apiece.

“BALTI & THE BLUES SERVE UP A TASTY DRAW”

BALTI SPORTS 2 BLANDFORD UTD 2

In a scrappy game, the match ended in a fair result as neither team did enough to win the game.

Blandford started the brighter and scored when Taylor Pike chased a long ball down to Cooley lob the oncoming Balti goal keeper to go 1-0 up after 20 mins. In the 30th min Balti were awarded a pen with Andrews going down in the box under a challenge. Ricki Lane stepped up and scored the resulting spot kick by sending the visiting keeper the wrong way, HT 1-1. Blandford took the lead again ten mins after the break from a cross into the Balti Penalty box that wasn't dealt with again by the home defence, this time Like Pidgely headed home to put the Royals back in front. Blandford throughout the second half went very direct and it was causing problems for the hosts, however, Balti continued to play and finally got there goal their play deserved as Andrews went down the right and fired a cross across which Ethan Devaney neatly finished from close range.

