



MATCH REPORTS

16th - November 2019

HEADLINES

- **Gillingham Claim North Dorset Bragging Rights**
- **Swanage win 8 goal thriller 5 - 3**
- **Purbeck stalemate**
- **Rec progress in Trophy**

LEAGUE

"TANGERINES TASTE SWEET DERBY VICTORY"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 SHAFTESBURY RESERVES 0



Gillingham hosted near neighbours Shaftesbury reserves in the Dorset Premier league. This was the first of 6 home games in a row for Gillingham who were looking to get back to winning ways in the league. Gillingham were boosted by the inclusion of Jamie Jordan who joined on dual registration forms from Westbury United FC. Aaron Rodriguez was also passed fit enough to start after suffering from a groin injury recently. Dan Hawkins was also back available for selection after serving his game ban at Wimborne Development last weekend. However, the Gills were without Fred Chorley and Matty Samuel both missed the clash through injury. The Gillingham Town ground staff had worked tirelessly on the pitch all week to ensure a game was played this weekend. It must be mentioned they done a superb job once again. The pitch was in very good condition but heavy under foot given the amount of rain we

had. Gillingham got off to a good start when they played the ball out wide but Bevis shanked his cross behind for a goal kick. Dan Hawkins then had a shot from long range which he dragged wide. The visitors created a half chance of their own when their right winger turned inside and out and fired across goal. His cross eluded everyone in the box and harmlessly out of play for a goal kick. Gillingham Town's Jamie Jordan weaved past a few of the Shaftesbury players. Jordan then unleashed a powerful drive which smashed the face of the cross bar and out of play. Aaron Rodriguez was starting to find little pockets in the Shaftesbury side and he threaded the ball to Bevis who's Cross missed everyone in the box. At the other end Shaftesbury had a half chance of their own when Gillingham's Bevis lost possession. However, the strikers powerful low drive was well blocked by Josh Mead. Gillingham's defence was well Marshallled by Nick Thomson with Shaftesbury having very little clear cut chances. It was a fierce local derby which saw 3 Shaftesbury players in the referee's book during the first half, HT 0-0. The second half was very much dominated by the hosts. Great midfield play by Buddy O'shea, Dan cox and Dan Hawkins saw Jamie Jordan released down the left. Jordan then delivered a delightful ball into the box which agonisingly flash across the face of the goal. Dan Hawkins was whiskers away from connecting after sliding in. Gillingham did break the deadlock when the ball was slipped through for Aaron Rodriguez. He danced through challenges before being hauled to the ground by the visiting goalkeeper. Unfortunately, there was some ugly scenes of vented frustration by the visiting manager which left him seeing red and rightly so. After a lengthy delay Eliot Bevis stepped up to slot the ball home giving the Gill faithful something cheer. Gills nearly increased their lead when again Aaron Rodriguez produced a moment of magic with some fine skill. Unfortunately, the end product didn't match his individual build up play as the ball sailed over the bar. The hosts nearly got themselves level when a long ball from a free kick in the box caused Gills problems. The ball lofted in wasn't dealt with by home goalkeeper Scott Armstrong and the striker nipped in front only to see his effort drop short of the goal. Bevis then mopped up the falling ball out of danger. The hosts did put the game to bed when again Aaron Rodriguez passed the ball off to

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Jamie's Jordan despite pulling up injured. Jordan showed a bit of class cut inside on the edge of the box and smashed the ball into the bottom corner 2-0.

"BEES STUNG BY THE SWANS AT ST MARYS"

BRIDPORT RESERVES 2 SWANAGE T&H 5

Bridport gave debuts to Tom Hyde, Dane James and Lloyd Beales in a new look team following yet more injuries, illness and unavailability. Bridport got off to a perfect start when some good football from Antony Carlile and Robin Jones found Ryan Leader in a little space on the corner of the 18-yard box and his left foot strike rifled in to the top corner to give Bridport the lead. Swanage replied immediately from the kick off when an unfortunate slip from defender Dane James gifted Swanage striker Paul Best and he finished superbly past Jordan Scadding. The frenetic side saw the hosts retake the lead after 10 minutes, following a right wing corner, the Swanage keeper spilled the ball and when it fell to Antony Carlile he drove the ball through a crowded 6-yard box into the bottom right hand corner. Bridport failed to keep the lead for more than a couple of minutes again, as another defensive slip was severely punished, again by Best to level the scores. Bridport were grateful to their keeper Jordan Scadding who made 3 fine saves to ensure the scores stayed level at half time, HT 2-2. Bridport came out for the second half with the instruction to try to manage the next 45 minutes but pretty much pressed the self-destruct button by conceding 3 goals in a crazy 10-minute spell, to effectively hand the 3 points to the visitors, Jamie Harlowe with the Visitor's 3rd and Tommy Beard with their 4th. Completing the scoring was Paul best with his 3rd of the games and the Swans 5th. Bridport changed their formation and brought on Callan Strelley and looked better for it almost immediately. After 65 minutes, home skipper Brandon Scadding pulled a goal back with a rare header. A combination of Swanage taking their foot off the pedal and Bridport showing significant improvements resulted in a frenetic final 20 minutes to the game. Bridport had good chances that fell to Dean Hyett and Robin Jones to get back on level terms and snatch a point but it wasn't to be and Swanage returned to South Dorset with all 3 points, leaving Bridport scratching their heads as to where it went wrong, yet again.

"PURBECK STALEMATE AT THE SPORTS CENTRE"

WAREHAM RANGERS 0 CORFE CASTLE 0

The afternoon started with a minutes silence, remembering Wareham's former player, manager, treasurer and friend Micky Gauntlet who sadly passed away recently. The hosts thanks go to Corfe and the officials for allowing the hosts, this moment to remember him. Wareham were hosts to Corfe Castle in this Purbeck derby and as a result all form usually goes out the window. Wareham started well and kept the ball and made some nice passages of play and really took the game to Corfe. Wareham's first chance came from a corner which was headed straight over the bar. Wareham again threatened with a Simon Lander header from a free kick which was glanced just wide of the post. Corfe should of been down to 10 men when Simon Lander one on one with keeper was bought down by him resulting in a yellow card and free kick. Wareham won every set piece in first half with a hat full of chances with keeper saving 2 one on ones with Steve Pryor, HT 0-0. The Second half again started well for Wareham dominating possession and keeping the pressure on the away side. More set pieces came with Wareham winning every one comfortably only with efforts going wide. Wareham defending well and limiting Corfe to hardly any chances, however both sides clearly had left their scoring boots at home as the game fizzled out to a tame draw, however the hosts will feel they dropped 2 points in a game they should have comfortably won.



DORSET SENIOR TROPHY

"REC GET THE BETTER OF BALTI TO PROGRESS"

HAMWORTHY REC 4 BALTI SPORTS 0

Rec returned from their "Autumn Break" to record an emphatic win over a plucky Balti side. The visitors made it difficult for Rec and held out until just before the interval, but an early second half goal and two more in the closing stages completed Rec's passage to round three. Rec started on the front foot and showed few signs of the recent weeks inactivity. George Webb x2, Sam Carter and Sam Thompson all went close, before the latter had the ball in the net following Brad Hill's cross, only to be denied, correctly, by an offside flag. Balti replied with a long-range shot just over and another attempt pushed over by Aaron Robertson, in the home goal. Josh Pratt's delicious cross went begging and George Webb fired over from a free-kick and just when it looked like being a goalless first half Rec struck, on 41 minutes, when George Webb's corner found Brad Hill, who fired home from an acute angle, to put Rec in front, HT 1-0. The lead was doubled on 52 minutes when Pratt's cross from the right was effortlessly

side-footed in by George Webb, for his 16th goal of the season. Balti were not finished and a neat move saw Robertson tip a goal bound shot round the post. But it should have been three for Rec when John Webb teed up Carl Edwards, only for him to blaze over the top of the visitor's goal. Edwards nearly made amends with a good shot on the break, again well tipped over by the visiting keeper. But on 88 minutes George Webb broke down the middle and unselfishly set up Edwards to tap in the third and right at the death Thompson thumped in number four against a tiring Balti defence. A good performance against a decent side on a very heavy pitch with the score somewhat flattering the hosts.

"AFC TISBURY STUN THE BLUES"

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The Blues bowed out of the Competition at the hands of Dorset Senior League side AFC Tisbury, who blew the hosts away with all their goals coming in a dominant 1st half performance, to their credit the hosts put in a better showing in the 2nd half and pulled a goal back, however the damage was already done.

Dorset Premier Football League

League Table							
POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Hamworthy Recreation	11	11	0	0	36	33
2	Gillingham Town	14	9	0	5	15	27
3	Balti Sports	12	7	5	0	19	26
4	Merley Cobham Sports	11	8	1	2	37	25
5	Westland Sports	10	8	0	2	13	24
6	Blandford United	10	6	3	1	19	21
7	Dorchester Sports	11	6	2	3	12	20
8	Bournemouth Sports (Parley)	13	7	1	5	5	19*
9	Holt United	12	6	0	6	7	18
10	Swanage Town & Herston	12	4	2	6	-10	14
11	Corfe Castle	13	4	2	7	-14	14
12	Shaftesbury Town Reserves	13	4	0	9	-17	12
13	Portland United Reserves	13	3	1	9	-25	10
14	Bridport Reserves	14	3	0	11	-23	9
15	Sturminster Newton United	11	2	2	7	-32	8
16	Wareham Rangers	13	1	3	9	-21	6
17	Sherborne Town Reserves	11	2	0	9	-21	6