



MATCH REPORTS

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HEADLINES

- **Difficult conditions dictate play across League.**
- **Merley CS hit Portland Utd Res for 10.**
- **7 Away Wins out of 8 Games played.**
- **Rec start title defence with win.**

“WESTLANDS WIN AT A WINDSWEPT CHAPEL GATE”

B-MTH SPORTS PARLEY 0
WESTLAND SPORTS 2

Last season's runners up got their campaign off to a perfect start with a hard fought 2-0 win at Chapel Gate, not only did the visitors have to contend with a determined home side making their debut at their new ground, they also had to contend with the very Blustery Conditions that at times spoilt the game, to their credit, both sides tried to play some decent football, however the tricky conditions saw lots



of disjointed play. The opening phase of the game was nip and tuck as both sides probed, however too many times the final ball from both sides was lacking, that was until the 38th minute when the ball was lost in the home defence, allowing Westlands Luca Martin to capitalise and slot the ball past the home keeper, HT 0-1. The second half followed much the same pattern as the 1st with both sides struggling in the face of worsening conditions. The visitors finally doubled their lead in the 68th minute when a great cross from out wide was met by Martin to head home for his 2nd of the game, and double the visitors' advantage. Conditions then took further control of this game. Bournemouth Sports kept the ball well with no final product, whilst the visitors were happy to defend their advantage, at the end of the day, Westlands were very clinical in front of goal and took their goals when presented.

“REC START THEIR DEFENCE WITH SWEET WIN AT THE TANGERINES”

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2
HAMWORTHY RECREATION 5

An excellent start to the new season for Rec with this impressive win at Woodwater Lane, home of Gillingham Town. The Gills have been Rec's bogey team for the last couple of seasons, but that was well and truly laid to rest with this showing. A good all-round performance saw the visitors produce some classy football, especially in the first half when they could easily have been four up. Sam Carter showed his undoubted talent with his best game for the club, helping himself to a brace of goals and there were plenty of other good performances. Gillingham started well and Rec were indebted to young keeper Callum Watson for a great reaction save from a close-range effort that could have altered the course of the game. But Rec soon settled and looked dangerous going forward with Carl Edwards, Callum Charlton and Sam Carter giving the home defence a torrid time. George Webb's glorious
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through-ball found Carter, whose shot was Inches over the bar, before Rec went in front on 23 minutes. Richie Sands' pass was chased by Carl Edward who took advantage of a defensive slip and coolly shot low into the net for 0-1. Carter then headed narrowly wide, before a home free-kick in a dangerous area came to nothing. On the half-hour the lead was doubled when Sands' pinpoint cross was firmly headed in by the impressive Sam Carter. Rec were now well on top and Carter had another attempt blocked before Rec were brought back to earth. A terrible defensive mix-up, in the 40th minute led to the hosts Elliot Bevis being fouled in the box, with the resultant penalty dispatched by Tim Trevor to reduce the arrears. However, the hosts joy was short-lived as Rec went straight on the attack and duly got a 3rd, Carter's shot was parried by the home keeper and Richie Sands was on hand to head home the rebound from close-range. HT 1-3. Gillingham got off to a great start to the second half, with a goal in the first minute, a cut in from the right by Aaron Rodriguez followed by a good low shot made it 2-3. Back came the visitors and on the hour, it was 2-4. George Webb went on a determined run and his shot fell nicely for Carter to notch his second and it was five on 74 minutes when Edwards and George Webb combined to set up John Webb to fire home. It could have been six soon after, but Edwards' close-range attempt went inches over.

“ROCKIES START SEASON WITH A WIN IN 7 GOAL PURBECK THRILLER”

SWANAGE T&H	3
SHAFTESBURY RES	4

Swanage suffered an opening day Dorset Premier League defeat at Day's Park against Shaftesbury Town Reserves. The hosts gifted the visitors a dream start conceding 3 sloppy goals in the opening 13 minutes with Aaron Lane-Leney x2 and Aidan Shepherd benefiting so giving the Rockies their solid start. Home Skipper Paul Best reduced the arrears after 23 minutes, however the comeback was short lived when the visitors regained their 3-goal advantage, courtesy of Aidan Shepherd with his second and the visitors 4th, HT 1-4. The Swans started the second half more determined and began to create chances of their own. After 71 minutes Paul Best reduced the arrears producing the final touch in a goal mouth scramble following good work from Scott Dando. Swanage were now playing their best football of the game and the Shaftesbury stopper Dave Cull produced good saves to deny Elliot Parslow and then Paul Best. With 2 minutes remaining however, Paul Best completed his hat-trick striking from inside the box. The hosts poured forward in search of an equaliser their 2nd half showing deserved and in the final minute striker Frankie White had a great chance to salvage a point but narrowly shot over. A good comeback in the second half by the hosts, but how they will be kicking themselves after gifting the Rockies their goals.



“PORTLAND BATTERED BY A RAMPANT MCS IN TESTING CONDITIONS”

PORTLAND UTD RES	1
MERLEY COBHAM SPORTS	10

Last season top scorers are at it again after this thumping win against the Islanders, who at times were completely helpless in the face of the conditions and a rampant Merley who seemed to score at will. The Visitors strengthened their side in the summer and 2 of their new recruits both bagged hat tricks on their debuts, Nathan Saxby & Ali Garard, *both ex Holt United*, getting 3 apiece. Merleys other scorers in this one-sided rout were Matt Groves x2, Lee Wilkins and with arguably the goal of the game, substitute Harry Clent who cut in from the left and whipped a beautiful strike into the top corner. This was the perfect start for a side many consider to be title favourites this season, as for the Hosts, Chris Wilson young side will learn from this defeat and are sure to come back stronger for it.

“BALTI & ROYALS SHARE THE POINTS IN LIVELY ENCOUNTER”

BALTI SPORTS 2
BLANDFORD UNITED 2

Honours were even at a windy Weymouth College as both sides battles against the elements in what turned out to be a good encounter with the right result in the end, the windy conditions made it very hard for both sides to play football, a draw was a fair result. Balti went 1-0 up with a Scott Walker bullet header from close in only for the visitors to dominate proceedings after this and get a deserved equaliser through Stephen Smith in the 41st minute finishing well following a pin point cross, HT 1-1. Balti came out well in the 2nd half as they went on the front foot and they edged in front again with another headed goal through Sami Nichols. Both sides huffed and puffed in the testing conditions, chances came and went for both sides, however the visitors got their deserved point after a poor mistake in the Balti defence allowed Bradley Pike to equalise with a well taken finish into the bottom corner of the net.

“SPORTS TAME THE BULLS AT PETERSHAM LANE”

HOLT UNITED 1
DORCHESTER SPORTS 4

A windy day at Petersham lane didn't prevent either side from trying to play out from the back. The first chance came on 10 minutes but Holts Lewis Sainval's headed chance went over. 10 minutes later and Dorchester were ahead. A flighted diagonal ball from Gareth Will beat the defender and Jamie West lobbed Chris Lynch from 25 yards. Holt replied quickly and one minute later the scores were level, when Erickson Mukambi crossed from the right and this time Sainval's header found the net. Just before the half hour mark, the defining moment in the game occurred as Holt's Shane Jackson found himself as the last man and brought down the Dorchester striker. As a result, he received his second yellow card of the game and had to leave the field of play, Holt survived until the break, HT 1-1. The second half against 10 men, Sports were dominant and added 3 more goals without reply. Gareth Will put the visitors in front from a Jamie West cut back, closely followed by a curling shot from Alexandru Stafie after another Gareth Will cross to make it 3-1 to the visitors. The points were sealed on the hour mark when a precision through ball from Pat Thomas found Jamie West in on goal, and the Dorchester marksman made no mistake in slotting past Chris Lynch in the home goal.

“THE BEES STUNG AT THE LAST BY THE CHERRIES”

BRIDPORT RES 1
STURMINSTER NEWTON 2

Bridport Reserves and Sturminster Newton took to the field at St Mary's on a bright but blustery afternoon. Both teams started well with Bridport playing some nice possession football but without the quality needed in the final third of the pitch that would have given the Sturminster Newton defenders more work to do. The first clear chance of the game fell to Sturminster when a diagonal through ball was misjudged in the air by the Bridport defence and the ball fell kindly to the Sturminster striker, his fierce right foot shot was well saved by Billy Fleet. Bridport took the lead after 41 minutes when a deflected pass fell kindly to Josh Hunter who finished superbly to open the scoring, HT 1-0. The second half began with Bridport knowing that the next goal would prove crucial, Bridport had a golden opportunity after 49 minutes to make it 2-0 but a lack of composure in the penalty box meant that the chance was wasted. As the second half wore on Sturminster Newtons confidence grew visibly and they began to trouble the Bridport defence and take control of the midfield .Sturminster levelled the score after 63 minutes when a hopeful ball into the Bridport penalty box was parried by Billy Fleet into the path of the William Guppy who was able to score easily. This gave the visitors the belief that they could go on and gain all three points and on 84 minutes another ball into the Bridport box was not defended as it should have been and it found its way to two Sturminster players unmarked, Cameron Vinning took full advantage as he slotted home, giving Billy Fleet no chance to made the score 1-2 . Bridport changed their formation and threw caution to the wind to try to salvage a point, a final chance to equalise found Riley Weedon in a good position but he was unable to keep his shot on target and the ball went well over the cross bar without troubling the keeper.

“CORFE WIN NARROWLY ON THE ROAD”

SHERBORNE TOWN RES	0
CORFE CASTLE	1

In a game highly impacted by the strong winds, both sides battled hard and given the finishing positions of both these teams, a 1st day win would do wonders for confidence. The game started very evenly in which both teams were very combative in midfield and looked to wide areas to attack. Both teams had their chances to score in the first half but Sherborne were the team looking most threatening with Scott Martin missing two fantastic opportunities at the far post. Sherborne continued to attack but Corfe Castle were resilient in their defending, HT 0-0. The second half saw both teams with opposing tactics as Sherborne looked to press high whereas Corfe were very effective on the counter attack. Sherborne continued to attack and created many chances. However, Corfe were again resilient in their defending and distributed the ball well to their forwards which caught the Sherborne defence out a few times. However with time running out, It was Corfe in the last five minutes of play who took the lead, following a great long pass in behind the Sherborne defence which was collected by Ocean Smith who slotted past the home goalkeeper for the winning goal.

