

SUNDAY LEAGUE

Shoulder of Mutton close in on title

Shoulder of Mutton need three points from their two remaining games to clinch the **DIVISION TWO** title after Jamie Kay and substitute Will Gale gave them the edge 2-1 against NMO who replied through Liam Roberts.

Nearest rivals Vienna Suttoners, the only team who can catch the leaders, were 2-0 winners against AFC Branksome thanks to goals from Matty Chapman- Burnett and Lewis Hall. It was a fourth successive defeat for Branksome who had, at one time, looked the most likely to challenge Shoulder of Mutton for the title.

Luke Barnett struck twice in AFC Burton's 5-3 success against Portchester with Ben Collie, Sam Nash, and substitute Sam Cooke adding one each while the visitors replied through Stuart Marshall and a couple of goals from Shane Fox.

AFC Tavern relentless in title win

With teams dropping out in the course of the season, the only thing that's been constant in **DIVISION THREE** is AFC Tavern's relentless drive for the title. They were already home and dry before their 9-2 triumph over AFC Wimborne courtesy of Shane Barney's hat-trick and two apiece from Connor Stagg and Martin Warren. Martin Sault was also on target for the unbeaten champions as they went ten points clear of their nearest rivals while Will Ireland scored both Wimborne goals.

Kirkfield flying as Rushmere slip again

Former pace-setters Rushmere suffered their sixth defeat in their last eight outings when they went down 3-0 to Kirkfield United whose recent form has given them an excellent chance of a creditable top four finish. James Stephens gave Kirkfield a 21st minute lead and Alan Berjemo added a second just after the interval. Dani Mirto put the result beyond doubt when he scored United's third goal after 78 minutes.

Jayden Taylor's four goal blast proved decisive when AJ got the better of Alderney Manor Reserves 7-3. AJ's other goals came via Zac Nicholls and a couple of goals from substitute Joe Hall while Alderney replied through Adam Janes and a Jamie O'Hara brace.

Athletic hot on heels of the leaders

Grange Athletic are a point adrift of **DIVISION FIVE** leaders Poole Rovers with a game in hand after their 3-0 victory over Forest United courtesy of a Jordan Monks brace and a goal from substitute Charlie Ryan.

Alex Dobson netted for Windgreen Corfe Mullen but West Howe Reserves shaded it 2-1 thanks to Rhys Evans and Mark Gardner.

Champs get a lesson from Academy

DIVISION SIX champions Hordle Spurs were on the receiving end of a 6-0 drubbing against Academy who netted through Joel Bennett, Elliot Powell, Carl Bulman, Billy Bailey, and a couple of goals from Liam Phillips.

Shane Stanley are second on goal difference after their 4-1 victory over Branksome Liberal Reserves thanks to Kyle Spyers, Matt Terry, and a couple of goals from Jordan Basing.

Adam Bradshaw struck twice in fourth placed AFC Burton Reserves' 4-1 success against Southside Vipers with Ananda Nair and substitute James Carmichael adding one each.

Mihai-Adrian Voina netted for Longfleet but Muscliff Dynamos ran out 5-1 winners courtesy of Ben Mead's hat-trick and further goals from Edward Gibson and Morgan Jackson.