

## Big two meet again in Dorset Sunday semi

Abbey and Talbot Rangers are set for another semi-final showdown when they both blasted their way through their respective **DORSET SUNDAY CHALLENGE CUP** quarter finals.

Luke Burbidge notched a hat-trick when cup holders Abbey hammered Blandford United 13-0 with Max Wilcock and substitute Simon Bereznicki adding two each. Jack Holland, Mickey Hubbard, John Webb, and Luke Dawe were also on target with the other two goals coming courtesy of Blandford defenders.

Steve Flynn led the way with a hat-trick when Talbot Rangers swept Forest United aside 6-1 with Manny Ohameje, Marcus Cullen, and substitute Ryan Johnson adding one each. Reece Miller scored United's consolation goal.

Abbey host Rangers in the semi-final this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April.

AFC Branksome booked their place in the semi-finals when Max Evans, Lee Corbin, Martin Johnson, and an own goal gave them the upper hand 4-2 against Famous Old Spa and they will meet AFC Gloucester who just got the better of AFC Wimborne 1-0.

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## East at the double in Christchurch derby

East Christchurch SSC struck three times in the last ten minutes to subdue local rivals AFC East Christchurch 3-0 at Grange Road in **DIVISION ONE**. Mitch East opened the scoring in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute and he struck again two minutes later before substitute Dave Midgley added a third goal in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute.

Ritchie Whiting netted for West Howe but unbeaten leaders Loch & Quay opened up a four point lead at the top when River Smith, Matt Steer, and substitute George Hatch ensured a 3-1 success.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the table, first half goals from Matt Livingstone and Hugo Tweedie were not enough to save tailenders Bournemouth Athletic from a 5-2 defeat against Alderney Manor whose goals came via Gary Earl, Liam Holland, Adam Janes, Luke Powell, and Dale Walters.

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## Suttoners held by Burton

Second placed Vienna Suttoners netted through James Bainton and Lewis Hall in **DIVISION TWO** but they had to settle for a point when Roberto Da Rocha and Sam Nash earned AFC Burton a 2-2 draw.

Danny Harrison-Little and Sharam Sam-Daliri nabbed two each in Wiseguys' 5-0 victory over Cameron with the other goal coming from Sam Ellaway while Kevin Crabb and substitute Grant Norman ensured a 2-0 success for Bournemouth Sports Mercury against bottom placed NMO.

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## 'Vale unable to halt Tavern's run

Dan Chan netted for third placed AFC Stourvale but hundred per cent AFC Tavern remain five points clear at the top of **DIVISION THREE** after upending them 3-1 through Joe Moore and a couple of goals from Martin Warren.

Meanwhile second placed TGC accounted for Poole Borough 4-0 thanks to Joel Bevan, Harry Bunce, Liam Carpenter, and an own goal.

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## No change at the summit as top four all win

Substitute Iraa Horwood put Rushmere in front in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute and Lascelles Richardson added a second ten minutes from time to give the **DIVISION FOUR** leaders a 2-0 majority over Branksome Liberal.

Second placed Kraken Sports remain just three points behind after their 3-1 victory over Kings Park Rangers. Ocean Smith scored Kraken's first goal after 20 minutes and Pete Jones added a second six minutes after the interval. Kraken clinched the points with a 73<sup>rd</sup> minute penalty from Ross Dominey while Rangers consolation goal came from Lee Vint.

Unbeaten FC Hadjuk remain five points adrift of the leaders with two games in hand after shading it 2-1 against Kirkfield United who were reduced to ten men when Carlos Martinez Brown was sent off after receiving two yellow cards. Dani Mirto struck for United in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute while Hadjuk's goals came from substitutes Elliott Dawson and Jack Fawcett.

Jordan Osmond scored all three Scott V goals in their 3-1 win over Upton Sociedad who replied through Josh Roe while Lloyd Pearce's 31<sup>st</sup> minute strike earned Winton Athletic a 1-1 draw with AJ.

## Late drama as Celtic topple Rovers

There was late drama at Broadstone when Poole Rovers' two-year unbeaten league run came to an end in a 2-1 defeat against Boscombe Celtic Reserves who take over on top of **DIVISION FIVE**. Celtic dominated the early exchanges and led with a 10<sup>th</sup> minute goal from Carl Phillips. Chances were few and far between in a very keenly contested game but Rovers equalised three minutes from time when Sam Ashford swept home a cross from the right. They were barely level for a minute when John Bailey's free kick was headed home by Richard Alderson to give Celtic the verdict.

Woodville Wanderers move up to third place after sweeping Nelson Athletic aside 3-1 thanks to Phil Maidment and a couple of goals from Linton Robinson. Jason Knight was the Athletic marksman.

Charlie Ferguson was the four-goal star of Grange Athletic's emphatic 7-1 triumph over Parkstone Athletic. Michael Lindsey, Billy Cooper, and Lee Tabor added one each for Grange while Kyle Joyce provided some consolation for Parkstone.

Aaron Redmond netted for West Howe Reserves but New Milton Borough just got the better of them 2-1 with goals from Charles Bedding and Adam Broom.

## Shane Stanley's unbeaten record goes for a Burton

Sam Carter and Jamie-Ray Minett struck for second placed Shane Stanley but their unbeaten record in **DIVISION SIX** was ruined when AFC Burton Reserves upended them 3-2 with goals from James Carmichael, Scott Downer, and Craig White.

Shoulder of Mutton take over in the runners up spot after their 5-1 triumph over Muscliff Dynamos courtesy of Liam House, Kieran Shirley, Jimmy Reilly, and a couple of goals from Nasim Meddah. Lewis Fellows was the Muscliff scorer.

John Armour and Aidan Reynolds netted for Southside Vipers but Branksome Liberal Reserves doubled their points total when Jack Campbell and Ashley Stafford earned them an impressive 2-2 draw.

Joe Bennett led the way with a hat-trick when Boscombe Celtic 'A' chalked up their third successive victory by tonking Longfleet 6-1 with Danny Styles, Max Broughton, and Paul Sarge adding one each. James Horvath scored Longfleet's consolation goal.

In the other Division Six game, Academy were 2-0 winners against Quayside thanks to Billy Bailey and a last minute strike from substitute Charlie Rees.