



Sherborne Town 1-0 Millbrook

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| Ref Number | 5636/1; Page 1/2 | Competition | Toolstation Western League |
| Date | Saturday 30/07/2022 | | Premier Division |
| Kick-Off | 3pm | Referee | Graeme Martin |
| Ground | Consol Stadium, Raleigh Grove | Assistant-1 | Stuart Griffiths |
| Visit Number | 7 (previously Mt.#5412; April 2019) | Assistant-2 | Louis Stone |
| Conditions | Cloudy, humid | Adjustments | 90+7 |
| Temperature | 23°C | Other Notes | Online programme |

Match Details:

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| 61 | 1-0 | Mapletoft | |
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**Sherborne
Town**

| No | | sub | gl | YC | RC |
|----|----------------------|------|----|----|----|
| 1 | Josh Attwood | | | | |
| 2 | Aaron White | | | | |
| 3 | George Mapletoft | | 1 | | |
| 4 | Matthew Brown | | | | |
| 5 | Tom Budden | | | | |
| 6 | Josh Williams | | | | |
| 7 | Ashley Guppy | 67 | | | |
| 8 | Ben Hughes | 86 | | | |
| 9 | Anthony Herrin | 90+4 | | | |
| 10 | Sam Farthing | 78 | | | |
| 11 | HenryLawrence-Napier | | | | |

Sub 5/5 (4 named):

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|----|-----------------|------|--|--|--|
| 12 | Jack Cutmore | 90+4 | | | |
| 14 | Sam Carney | 86 | | | |
| 15 | Haydn Hodges | 67 | | | |
| 16 | Brett Cotterill | 78 | | | |



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|----|-------------------|------|----|----|----|
| 1 | Chris Wearing | | | | |
| 16 | Jason Richards | | | | |
| 3 | Laurence Murray | | | | |
| 4 | Jack Wood | 90+3 | | | |
| 5 | Hayden Greening | | | | |
| 6 | Ed Goodman | | | 72 | |
| 7 | Keiran O'Melia | 78 | | | |
| 8 | Josh Toulson | 62 | | | |
| 9 | Callum Kenny | | | | |
| 10 | Sean Thomson | 78 | | | |
| 14 | Tylor Love-Holmes | 05 | | | |

Sub 5/5:

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| 12 | Caleb Summerfield | 05 | | | |
| 17 | Ryan Knight | 78 | | | |
| 19 | Josh Johnson | 62 | | | |
| 15 | Jake Foster | 78 | | | |
| 11 | Noah Maund | 90+3 | | | |

THERE'S something special about the first game of a new football season; it's the writer's equivalent of celebrating a New Year. Conversely, when December moves into January it's mid-season and doesn't quite have the same appeal. So, a new season opens, some step 5 leagues beginning on this day and still in July; an all-time favourite - the Western League - being one of them.

I was present at Gillingham when Sherborne confirmed their Division1 title win on Good Friday to return to the Premier Division after five seasons at the lower level. Millbrook are in their second season in the league having finished mid-table last time (and a first sighting since February 1984!).

It was a rather humid day in Dorset as the match commenced but it quickly finished for Millbrook's Love-Holmes who went down on the right-wing and was unable to continue with just five minutes played (and probably the earliest substitution noted at the commencement of a season!). The remainder of the first half saw two sides who generally struggled to get any sort of foothold on proceedings. The early visitors sub Summerfield found space on the right and his firm shot was well beaten out by the advancing Zebras keeper Attwood. Shortly after, Summerfield found Thomson whose effort was well cleared by home defender White. Guppy pulled the ball across for the Zebras and Herrin's firm hit was well blocked by Goodman. Those were the highlights of a half that never looked like being anything other than goalless.

The deadlock was broken just after the hour mark when White crossed from the right and picked out **Mapletoft** who got his head to it and the ball drifted into the far corner. The game did need a goal but Millbrook didn't make too strong a response, at least not until the closing minutes as Kenny's shot was off the mark, a cracking defensive header by Williams averting further danger as the home side made a winning return to the Premier Division. FT: 1-0.

It's far too early to tell but these teams could well be accompanying each other in a mid-table place come the end of this campaign. We will see!

There are now five subs from five available to use at steps 5 and 6, which in the writer's view, is far too many as the 'beautiful game' is meant to appeal to spectators as well as players (wouldn't it be great to see all ten made at the same time?!). But it's not August yet and it's 'off and running' once more. Happy New Year or perhaps more appropriately 'Compliments of the Season'!! [Gary Day]

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Photo Gallery:



Match action – Millbrook successfully defend a home corner during the first half on the opening day of the Western League season at Sherborne Town.