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Unsavory scenes as George's match abandoned

FOOTBALL

Ormskirk and District Premier League

Mariners 1 Fantail 1
IN A TIGHT balanced contest, Fantail needed a late penalty to grab a share of the points.

Mariners had led for most of the game thanks to a John Prescott goal, and although end to end football had been the order of the day, that's how it stayed till the late disputed penalty converted by Rob Morgan ensured a share of the bounty.

● Standpark v Salisbury was given as an away win as Standpark failed to field a team.

Division One Database 3 Sacred Heart 2

DATABASE recorded yet another vital win against promotion chasing Sacred Heart.

Truth was though that Sacred Heart played a major part in their own downfall as they gave away two penalties and had a man dismissed as they found to their cost that Database were not the pushover they had predicted. John Bond scored twice from the spot with Mike Gilbert crashing home the winner. The Sacred Heart scorers were Liam Welsby from yet another spot kick and Harry O'Callaghan aided by their mom John Gibson.

Lanes End 2 MCA 4

IN A FRIENDLY spirited game of football, MCA managed to take both halves by two to one to ensure all three points on a pitch that left a lot to be desired.

A brace from Mike Cummings got the MCA off to a great start before Scott Dillon reduced the arrears before the break.

MCA quickly restored their two goal cushion with a Liam Morrison strike on 50

minutes and Tom Burns made it four on the hour. Lanes End finally got their second after some intense pressure when Craig Maddox headed home from a pinpoint cross delivered by Mike Anderson.

That was that scoring wise though both teams continued to play good football in the right spirit right to the final whistle.

Civil Service 2 Falcon 4

FALCON maintained their push for the championship crown with another away win, this time the Civil Service were on the end of a defeat that never really reflected how close this game was for over an hour. Falcon opened the scoring after 18 minutes with a fine strike from Mike Manning only for Kevin Hall to grab an equaliser ten minutes later.

Though both teams attacked with determined force that underlined how close this division can be, the

scoreline didn't alter till just before the half time whistle when Glen Lamb put Falcon ahead again.

The second half had Hagan and Ball efforts go astray before Falcon were again hit on the break as Steven Finn set up an easy finish for Hall to equalise once again.

This had the desired effect on the Falcon players who fearing a major upset found their true form for the last twenty minutes, moving the ball around crisply and scoring twice again with a brace from Danny Clarke to seal the points.

Coach & Horses 0 Ambrose Ellis 3

THE SHOCK of the day came from Ambrose Ellis who turned over high flyers Coach & Horses on their own patch.

Truth was Coach never really got going in this encounter and were three down by the break with goals coming from Lee Judge and

Will King with a brace as Ambrose dominated the play. The Coach did improve in the second half but failed to take their chances, making it a comfortable win for Ambrose in the end.

The Liver 2 George's 3 (Abandoned after 82 minutes by referee for gross misconduct)

THIS GAME will be remembered for all the wrong reasons, as the youngsters from Georges were subjected to some crude and bullying tactics from an out of control Liver team after going into the lead in the 75th minute. Two dismissals and a torrent of abuse left the referee with little option but to abandon the game, as he was left fearing for the safety of players as this game became in his words uncontrollable.

Shame and question marks over the Liver, who face the County FA before the League management can investigate the incident further.

Bank back at last with a victory

AT LAST after nine weeks without a fixture, Hesketh Bank returned to action last Saturday with a comfortable 2-0 home win over Turton FC in the quarter finals of the Presidents Cup.

Before the match West Lancashire League Chairman, Frank Heaton presented the team with two awards. These were awarded back in November, Team of the Month for Division One and Manager of the Month for the entire league as the team won all four matches without conceding a goal.

After 12 minutes the opening goal was crafted with a pass from Peter Henerty splitting the Turton defence to find Dan Birkby who in turn gave fellow striker John Stead the relatively easy task of scoring from close range.

Minutes later a fantastic one handed save by Turton's keeper as he palmed away a diving header denying Stead his second.

The second goal arrived five minutes from the interval but was really a fluke with Ian Dickinson's far post wind assisted free kick somehow finding its way directly into the top corner of the net. Keeper Paul Sergeant was eventually brought into action on the stroke of half time when he dived full length to push away a direct free kick which looked as though it was about to nestle into the bottom corner.

The second half began with the home side remaining in control and when a Turton player was given a straight red card for an off the ball incident in the 55th minute it appeared as if the game was over as a contest.

To the visitors' credit they upped their game and it was difficult to see who was actually playing with ten men. Despite this spirited display keeper Sergeant was rarely troubled and Dan Birkby had the best chance of the half with five minutes remaining but hit high over from close range.

Turton are the visitors again on Saturday when Hesketh Bank return to league action (3pm).

Meanwhile the reserves who have not played since early December had their fixture at Turton postponed and will be hoping they can play their first match of 2014 as they visit Hurst Green which also kicks off at 3pm.

The Sunday team managed their first game of the New Year and maintained their 100 per cent league record with a 3-0 win at home to Frenchwood.

On Sunday they travel to Preston College's 3G pitch to face current league leaders Fishwick Rangers kicking off at 11am.

Kirk launch girls team



The newly formed Ormskirk Girls team

RUGBY

ORMSKIRK Ladies have begun coaching the next generation of rugby players as they launched the brand new Ormskirk Girls Rugby Section.

There is little doubt that Ormskirk are one of the most ambitious and inclusive rugby clubs in the North West and further evidence of this was demonstrated this week as the newly formed Ormskirk Girls Rugby Section was

born.

A number of the Ormskirk Ladies XV, headed up by Meghan "Monty" Montgomery and supported by RFU Community Rugby Coach Chris Lowden, have been delivering rugby coaching sessions in a number of local schools.

The level of interest was so high that Meghan invited the girls to begin training as Ormskirk Girls with a view to playing matches against other local teams.

Meghan said: "The girls

are really enjoying their rugby training and are eager to start to play matches.

"We train each Wednesday evening at Edge Hill University at 7pm and I think we are going to have one of the biggest girls rugby sections in the area at this rate."

Girls who are in Year 6, 7 and 8 play as Under 13s, whilst girls in Year 9 and 10 play as U15s.

Meghan also suggested there was also the possibility of starting an

U18s team for girls in Year 11 and 12: "The coaching is being done by qualified coaches many of whom play for Ormskirk Ladies XV. We have been delighted with the response so far and we would love for more girls to come and try this brilliant sport."

Ormskirk's Ladies coach John Foster said: "It's great to see our players working with the girls like this. They are passing on their knowledge and experience and having great fun too. Hopefully we will see some

of the girls feed into the Ladies team in a few years' time, who knows there could be a future England International beginning her rugby career here."

Community Rugby Coach Chris Lowden said: "Monty and her team have done a marvellous job and the girls are progressing well. We are looking forward to seeing the new team play their first game competitive game against Southport girls at Ormskirk RUFC's Green and Blue Day on Saturday, March 1 at 1pm."