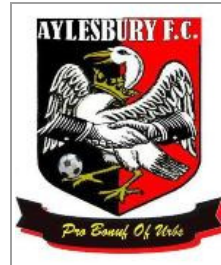




Aylesbury 1 Hanwell Town 1



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Ref: A Aylott

Hanwell kicked off the new season in a well contested match that saw the points shared in what was almost the classic game of two halves. The home team started their campaign in fine style by controlling the ball from the whistle and forcing Hanwell to defend in numbers. James Faulkener had the first attempt on target heading over from the full back's cross and he missed a glorious chance on ten minutes shooting wide having broken free from his defender. Aylesbury pressed and a ball played wide to Kieran Schmitt resulted in a shot over the bar. Hanwell were finding it tough to get any flow to their game a kick from the keeper Jimmy was headed backward by Baverstock to the feet of Ben Stevens for Aylesbury who fed Nathan Graham only to see Leon Skinner slip as the forward ran at him leaving just the keeper to beat. Jimmy was quick off the mark and narrowed the angle as Graham's shot beat the keeper and just beat the post.

It was some twenty minutes into the game before the first Hanwell attack made it into the Aylesbury box, Shaun Lucien slipping a ball into Baverstock who was solidly dispossessed. Aylesbury then forced a series of corners as Leon Skinner was forced to clear as the home pressured Jimmy's goal. This period of play saw several chances for the home side as Greg Williams failed with an attempted overhead kick, Mark Boyce shot over, Danny Mead shot straight at Jimmy and Alderidge's crosses into the box were invariably met by Skinner who seemed equal to the task. Hanwell were limited to a sole effort by Mills which was wide. In the forty third minute as it appeared that for all Aylesbury's effort the half would remain goalless, Leon was for once beaten by Schmitt and another corner was conceded. The corner count at this point was 10 to one in favour of the home side. The ball was delivered low and bouncing along on the hard ground it eluded almost everyone save Nathan Graham who poked it home for the lead that Aylesbury so richly deserved. Hanwell almost responded immediately as a long diagonal ball from Buckley was collected by Chris Mills but he couldn't keep his shot down. The only significant incident was Baverstock limping out the last ten minutes of the half having clearly received a knock.

Graham almost doubled his tally 5 minutes into the second half heading straight at Kieran Jimmy from Alderidge's cross. Faulkener was replaced by the home team on 62 by Heney. Hanwell's best move of the match saw the ball moved one touch from Marvyn to Matt O'Brien forward to Shaun Lucien to Aaron Wise who nudged it on to Mills whose shot went across the goal and wide. It was arguably the best football of the day and hinted that Hanwell still had plenty in the tank.

Mead played a lovely ball to Graham who beat Watson to deliver a cross that Skinner cleared. Tucker cleared from a corner up to Charlie Baverstock who thankfully at last showed signs of having run off his injury that so clearly had hampered him either side of the break. The equaliser came on 74 as Charlie flicked the ball on to Shaun Lucien on his left foot who ran at a back peddling Kevin Meacock, cutting inside to strike it just outside the box with his right foot low into the left hand corner beating Smith at his near post. Mapes replaced Wise two minutes later and this created a bit more width as Hanwell finished the game the far stronger team. Two injuries stopped the flow of the game as firstly Ben Stevens received treatment and then Buckley and Butter received treatment for a clash of heads.

Hanwell were pressing and a ball floated over by Skinner saw an awkward clash in the box resulting in Charlie being hauled to the ground but referee Aylott refused the shouts for a penalty. Mapes was making headway down the left as Aylesbury struggled to cope with the fresh legs. The last clear cut chance of the game fell to Mills (as it did at the end of the first half) but his volley ran though to the keeper. As the final whistle blew each side had to settle for a point in what been well officiated card free game seen by a healthy crowd of 114.

Hanwell Town**Aylesbury**

1	Kieran Jimmy		1	Steve Smith	
2	Marvyn Watson		2	Mark Boyce	
3	Ian Jimmy		3	Danny Mead	
4	Michael Buckley		4	Ben Stevens	
5	Jason Tucker	Captain	5	Kevin Meacock	
6	Leon Skinner		6	Greg Williams	Captain
7	Matt O'Brien		7	Gareth Alderidge	Sub 7 on 67
8	Chris Mills		8	Matt Butter	
9	Shaun Lucien		9	James Faulkener	Sub 12 on 62
10	Charlie Baverstock		10	Nathan Graham	
11	Aaron Wise	Sub 16 on 76	11	Kieran Schmitt	
12	Matt Kidson		12	Craig Heney	Sub 12 on 62
14	Andreas Pilides		14	Stuart Corbould	Sub 7 on 67
15			15	Kyle Kilmartin	
16	George Mapes	Sub 16 on 76	16	Matt Hayward	
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Goals: Lucien (74)

Goals: Graham (43)