

AYLESBURY FC (2) v HANWELL TOWN (1)
WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2010
MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION CUP FINAL AT LONDON COLNEY FC

Going into the Premier Division Cup Final in our worst form of the season having not won for the previous nine games and meeting a side who had clinched the League title the previous Saturday on the back of a seventeen game unbeaten run, we produced a tremendous display and were most unfortunate to suffer a 2-1 defeat in a game in which a number of the neutrals present felt that we were the better side on the day.

Playing down the London Colney slope, we made an excellent start and Blaise O'Brien had a shooting chance inside the opening five minutes but pulled his shot wide. Shortly after, an excellent ball forward by Jason Tucker gave Charley Baverstock a chance but he drove the ball wide of the near post. Another great ball by Jason then set up an even better chance for Blaise but under pressure he sent his shot high over the Aylesbury bar. Aylesbury then began to come more into the game but they rarely looked like troubling Keiran Jimmy in our goal such was the dominance of our back line of Antony Rowlands, Tucker, Matt O'Brien and Aonghus Martin. The only time in the half that Keiran was called into real action was when he palmed away a cross shot by Craig Henney. Chris Mills had a shooting chance on his left foot but fired over and then shortly before the interval, Jason volleyed wide from close range from Chris's corner kick.

The opening five minutes of the second half saw us again pushing forward and after a good run by Aongus, a cross shot by Charley went just wide of the far post with Aaron Bufton in the Aylesbury goal beaten. At this stage of the game it was against the run of play when Aylesbury took the lead in the fifty second minute. From a speculative long ball forward, Matt O'Brien scorned the opportunity to launch the ball into the grandstand when challenged by Henney and before he could recover Henney had latched onto the bouncing ball to lift it over Keiran's head into the vacant net. Worse was to follow when five minutes later, Henney got clear on the right and despite Keiran making a great save to block his fierce shot, the ball spun up off Keiran's body to bounce slowly into the far corner of our net. Shortly after, Keiran made sure we kept in the game by denying Henney his hat trick with a fine save. Just after the hour mark, we reduced the deficit when receiving the ball from Chris at a short corner, Yassine Fehmi-Gil scored with a low cross shot that somehow found its way through a sea of players into the far corner. We pressed forward almost continuously for much of the remainder of the game but were unable to score the equaliser that on our overall performance we richly deserved,

Side: Keiran Jimmy, Antony Rowlands, Aonghus Martin, Matt O'Brien, Jason Tucker, Aaron Wise, Yassine Fehmi-Gil, Chris Mills, Charley Baverstock, Blaise O'Brien and Michael Buckley.

Substitute: Connor Duffy for Aaron Wise (81)