

**HANWELL TOWN (1) v AYLESBURY FC (2)**  
**SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2010**

**MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**

Meeting Aylesbury on a heavy pitch, only made playable thanks to all the efforts of Adam and Arthur Rowlands, a game played in excellent spirit by both sides and very well controlled by referee Liam Walsh ended with us being beaten 2-1, a fair reflection of the game overall.

Aylesbury, looking to maintain the pressure on league leaders Chalfont St Peter were much the better side in the opening stages and had it not been for Keiran Jimmy in Town's goal, the game might well have been decided in these early stages. He made excellent saves from a deflected shot by Danny Mead and then turned a shot by Greg Williams over the bar. We also survived several dangerous corner and free kicks into our penalty area but Aylesbury's pressure at last brought its reward in the 23rd minute when an excellent cross by Keiran Schmidt found the unmarked Grant Carney on the far post and he volleyed home. We fought back after this goal and began to enjoy an equal share of the game and almost drew level when Tashan Bradshaw ran on to a pass by Charley Baverstock but he shot wide as Aylesbury's keeper Steve Smith advanced to narrow the angle. After Keiran had made another tremendous save to deny Williams, we drew level five minutes before the interval when another good ball by Charley, this time into the path of the overlapping Aonghus Martin gave Aonghus the opportunity to score his first goal for the club slotting the ball calmly across Smith into the far corner of the Aylesbury net. The half finished with a flowing movement by Aylesbury from one side of the pitch to the other, culminating in Gareth Price's shot flashing across the face of our goal.

Two minutes into the second half, Tashan should have done much better when clean through on goal but his shot lacked any real power, giving Smith the chance to save diving to his left. Compared with the first half, the second half lacked a little of the enterprising football shown by both sides in the first period but both keepers were forced into action, Jimmy saving from Nathan Graham whilst at the other end, Smith parried away a low shot by Chris Mills. Aylesbury, scored what proved to be the winning goal with twenty minutes to go. From a corner on the left, a header goalwards was blocked on our goal line but Kevin Meador was the quickest to react as the ball ran loose driving it into the net from point blank range. We used all three of our substitutes, switching to three at the back in the final minutes as we strove for an equaliser but Aylesbury held on, the closest we came to snatching a point being when Tashan missed the target from the edge of the penalty area after being set up by Charley.

**Side: K Jimmy G Adan, A Martin, M O'Brien, J Tucker, M Buckley, Y Fermi-Gil, C Mills, C Baverstock, B O'Brien and T Bradshaw.**

**Substitutes W Jackson for Fermi-Gil (65), A Wise for Buckley (77) and J Abelson for Martin (85).**