

BRIMSDOWN ROVERS (0) V HANWELL TOWN (2)

WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2010

MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE-PREMIER DIVISION

Fielding a much changed side to that which had been beaten 4-1 by Brimsdown in the London Senior Cup just eight days previously, we recorded an excellent 2-0 at Brimsdown on Wednesday night.

The side was captained by Jason Tucker on his 37th birthday, Jason having taken over from Matt Kidson who has left the club to join Corinthian Casuals, Matt having found the travelling to games and training from his home in Wimbledon increasingly difficult.

We were much the better side in the opening twenty minutes of the game, taking the game to our opponents and as early as the seventh minute, Charley Baverstock gave notice of things to come with a fine individual run before firing just wide of the far post. Five minutes later, Charley might have done better when a low cross from Yassine Fehmi-Gil found him unmarked at the near post but he scuffed his shot wide. Having survived this early pressure, Brimsdown came more and more into the game but without seriously troubling Keiran Jimmy in our goal. Their first real opportunity came on the half hour mark when Ryan Dear headed a dangerous free kick by Dale Archer just wide. There were no more goalmouth incidents of any note prior to the half time whistle.

Whilst we were the better side in the opening stages of the first half, the roles were completely reversed in the second period and it was Brimsdown who looked by far the more likely side to score. They almost took the lead when Keiran under severe pressure from Ryan Dear from a long free kick spilled the ball but Antony Rowlands was on hand to clear the ball to safety. We then somehow survived a right wing corner where the ball bobbed about in our goal area before we managed to scramble it clear. Somewhat against the run of play at this stage of the game, we took the lead after sixty five minutes. A long clearance from Keiran was headed on by Tashan Bradshaw and Yassine played the ball into the path of Charley who had timed his run to perfection. Racing clear, Charley showing great composure cleverly chipped the ball past the advancing John Hickman into the Brimsdown net. Shortly after a tremendous individual effort by Charley culminated in him shooting the ball across the face of the goal. Brimsdown's cause was then not helped by their captain Tim Cole being sent off after a volley of abuse at the match referee and our win was confirmed in the final minute when Michael Buckley who was tremendous for us all night in mid-field was fouled just outside the penalty area and Chris Mills stepped up to arrow the free kick high into the corner of the net past the helpless Hickman. Other than Michael, special mention should be made of our back four Antony, Jason, Matt O'Brien and Ryan Fenton who were a formidable back line all evening.

Side: K Jimmy, A Rowlands, R Fenton, J Tucker, M O'Brien, M Buckley, Y Fehmi-Gil, C Mills, C Baverstock, A Wise and T Bradshaw.