

## **BROXBOURNE BOROUGH (3) v HANWELL TOWN (2)**

**THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2010**

### **MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH IDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**

Travelling to meet Broxbourne Borough with only five players who had been in the starting line up in our excellent semi final win at the same venue a month earlier in our side, we produced a spirited and committed display in which every player played their part, and none more so that two of our Under 18 Allied Counties Youth team squad, Jemal Gohil and Darryl Harris, both of whom appearing in the first team squad for the very first time. As was to be expected, Broxbourne made the better start against our makeshift side, but we held our own with both Gulad Adan and Jason Tucker in excellent form at the centre of our defence although we were fortunate not to fall behind when Murat Karagul got clear only to see his shot cannon back to safety off the post with Keiran beaten. We took the lead in the twenty seventh minute when Jemal who worked tirelessly up front all night was bundled over in the box by Broxbourne's Ross Price and Blaise O'Brien rifled home the resultant spot kick. Minutes later, Keiran denied Broxbourne an equaliser as he blocked Len Brennan's shot on the edge of the area. Rather surprisingly, considering the amount of possession that Broxbourne had enjoyed we went two up with eight minutes to go to the interval. From a free kick out on the right, Gulad made an ariel challenge and the ball bounced back into the path of Blaise who drove it low past Obey Murefu into the Broxbourne net. On the stroke of half time, Karagul free on the right ignored the claims of better placed colleagues to drive the ball into the side netting from an acute angle.

The second half was mainly one way traffic with Broxbourne in almost total control but time and again, we cleared our lines and when Keiran was beaten, Jason was on the goal line to block Fred Dooling's goal bound shot.

Broxbourne made a double substitution, bringing on two new attackers, changes that in the end were to prove very effective. The woodwork again came to our rescue when a shot by Darryl Mitchell hit the outside of the post before going behind. At the other end, for virtually the only time in the half, Murefu was brought into action diving to his right to turn Aaron Wise's shot around the post. With fifteen minutes remaining, Broxbourne at last broke through with Rob Kemble heating home Mitchell's corner kick. Three minutes later they drew level when a cross by Nicky Marsh was turned home by Dooling on the far post and then with just four minutes remaining on the clock, a surging run forward by Kemble culminated in him playing the ball into the path of one of the two substitutes Danny Ward and to the delight of the home side and their supporters, Ward steered the ball across the valiant Keiran into the far corner of our net.

**Side: K Jimmy, I Jimmy, M Watson, G Adan, J Tucker, M Buckley, Y Fehmi-Gil, A Wise, J Gohil, B O'Brien and D Harris.**

**Substitute : C Patterson for Buckley (75).**