

BROXBOURNE BOROUGH (2) v HANWELL TOWN (4)
TUESDAY 2ND MARCH 2010
PREMIER CUP SEMI FINAL

We reached our first cup final since the 2002-03 season following a terrific 4-2 win at Broxbourne Borough in a game that was a credit to both sides and which was very well controlled by match referee Bill Henderson.

On an excellent playing surface, both sides started well and play swung from end to end at a fast and furious pace but without either side being able to seriously trouble either of the keepers. However, we took the lead in the sixteenth minute with a fine goal. A long ball forward by Antony Rowlands was headed on by Tashan Bradshaw into the path of Yassine Fehmi-Gil who delivered an inch perfect cross into the goalmouth where Blaise O'Brien headed home. In the twenty fifth minute, Broxbourne's appeals for a penalty after Mick Nathan was sent tumbling in our penalty area were waved away and play immediately switched to the other end where Blaise latching onto a pass by Ryan Fenton was able to turn before firing a speculative shot goal wards. The Broxbourne keeper Obey Murefu fumbled the shot and before he could recover the ball had rolled behind him into the net. Broxbourne fought back strongly and after the Division's leading goalscorer Murat Karagul has shot across the face of our goal when well placed, Nicky Marsh surged forward from his full back position to round Ryan before firing across Keiran into the far corner of our net. On the stroke of half time we scored a vital third goal when Charley Baverstock was tripped on the edge of the penalty area and skipper Chris Mills stepped up to drive the resultant free kick unerringly low into the far corner of the Broxbourne net. Broxbourne came out for the second half with all guns blazing and we came under considerable pressure, but the back line and Keiran behind them stood firm and it was us who might have scored again when Murefu fumbled Charley's shot but Tashan was just unable to turn the loose ball home from close range. Broxbourne pulled a goal back through a fierce cross shot by Jimmy Martin but we replied immediately, Michael Buckley who had a tremendous game in midfield winning the ball before playing it into the path of Blaise who in turn set up Tashan to race through before calmly side footing the ball past the helpless Murefu as he advanced from his goal. Broxbourne threw on another forward as they fought to get back into the game, leaving gaps at the back and both Tashan and Yassine should have increased our lead before the final whistle, Tashan being denied by a block on the line by Matt Watts after he had raced away and rounded Murefu before firing goal wards. We will now meet Aylesbury in the final some time in April.

Side: K Jimmy, A Rowlands, R Fenton M O'Brien, G Adan, M Buckley, Y Fehmi-Gil, C Mills, C Baverstock, B O'Brien and T Bradshaw.
Substitutes : M Watson for Rowlands (55), A Wise for Buckley (84) and W Jackson for Fehmi-Gil (90)