



Hanwell Town 3 Hillingdon Boro 4



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Spartan South Midlands League

Ref: L Lungarella

Meeting local rivals Hillingdon Borough in our opening home league game of the season, we were beaten 4-3 in an entertaining game that must have been enjoyed by a good crowd at Reynolds Field. Our side showed just one change from that which had gained such a useful point from our meeting with Aylesbury just seventy two hours previously. Marvyn Watson failed a late fitness test and was replaced by James Healy with Ian Jimmy switching to right back. The game began brightly and in the opening minutes both Michael Buckley and Shaun Lucien fired wide when in good shooting positions. However, it was Hillingdon who came closest to scoring when a good run and cross by Alec Gediking, culminated in Myron Ramsey heading against our crossbar with Keiran Jimmy beaten. A minute later Hillingdon did take the lead when Lucas Williams was given the time and space to cut inside onto his left foot before firing the ball past Keiran into the far corner. Mid way through the half, Hillingdon who were now looking dangerous every time that they attacked went further ahead when more good work by Gediking on the right enabled him to sent the ball low into our goalmouth where Ramsey turned it into our net at the near post. Worse was to follow on the half hour mark when an astute through ball by the Hillingdon captain Matthew Jarvis completely split open our defence enabling Sam Jolliffe to slide the ball past the advancing keeper . At this stage we changed our formation, George Mapes replacing Healy as we switched to playing with just three at the back. A dangerous strategy bearing in mind the speed and footwork of the Hillingdon front players but it paid off as we immediately began to come more into the game and were unfortunate not to pull a goal back when a good move resulted in Charley Baverstock firing across Ben Harris in the Hillingdon goal into the far corner only for the goal to be ruled out by a marginal offside decision. Chris Mills then saw his cross come shot go over Harris and strike the inside of the far post before the ball rebounded to safety. With the last kick of the half, we reduced the deficit when from a corner kick by Chris Mills, Leon Skinner headed home.

Our hopes that this goal would transform the game failed to materialise as within two minutes of the restart, Gediking, gained his reward for some of his play in the first half cutting in from the right to drive the ball low past Keiran at his near post. Five minutes into the half we scored our second goal and it proved to be a replica of our first, Leon again heading home from Chris's corner kick.

At the other end, Ramsey should have done better than shooting straight at Keiran after he had cut in from the left to create an excellent shooting opportunity for himself.

On the hour mark we made our second substitution, with Jake Jenkins making a welcome return to the club coming on to replace Jason Tucker in the centre of our defence. As the game progressed so we in similar fashion to our game at Aylesbury, began to enjoy more and more possession with Michael Buckley, Aaron Wise and Matt O'Brien seeing more and more of the ball in midfield. Harris did well to turn an effort by Aaron over the bar and then George Mapes fed by some clever passes by O'Brien in behind the Hillingdon full back twice in quick succession raced clear to drive the ball across the face of the Hillingdon goal with nobody on hand to apply the finishing touch. A good move down the right by Michael and Shaun Lucien resulted in Charley meeting Shaun's low cross at the near post but his effort

struck the top of the Hillingdon crossbar much to the relief of the stranded Harris. This was virtually Charley's last contribution to the game as he was

injured in a heavy challenge in the Hillingdon box and had to be helped off to be replaced by Tashan Bradshaw. With fifteen minutes remaining and Hanwell committed to all out attack, Gediking broke right clear but with only Keiran to beat pulled his shot wide of the post. With ten minutes to go, we scored our third thanks to a tremendous run down the left by Bradshaw who outstripped several defenders before pulling the ball back into the path of Lucien, who maintained his goal a game record by firing home from close range. This goal set up a pulsating final ten minutes with Hillingdon introducing all three of their substitutes as they tried to run down the clock.

In the very last minute, another good run by George down the left almost gained us an equaliser, his low cross beating Harris but Jarvis was on hand to turn the ball clear of the danger area and shortly after to the relief of the Hillingdon team and their supporters, referee Mr Luigi Lungarella brought a pulsating game to an end.

Hanwell Town			Hillingdon Boro		
1	Kieran Jimmy		1	Ben Harris	
2	Ian Jimmy		2	Ben Payne	
3	James Healy		3	David Pugh	
4	Leon Skinner		4	Gareth Long	
5	Jason Tucker	Captain	5	Ashley Fongho	
6	Matt O'Brien		6	Mathew Jarvis	Captain
7	Michael Buckley		7	Lucas Williams	
8	Chris Mills		8	Myron Ramsey	
9	Charlie Baverstock		9	Lewis Craze	
10	Shaun Lucien		10	Sam Jolliffe	
11	Aaron Wise		11	Alec Gediking	
12	Gillmar Rodrigues Galean		12	Jason Marney	
14	Tashan Bradshaw		14	Daniel Boateng	

15 George Mapes

15 Richard Engleman

16 Jake Jenkins

16 Alex Simmons

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Goals: Leon Skinner (2)

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