

HANWELL TOWN (1) v BRIMSDOWN ROVERS (0)
TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2009
PREMIER DIVISION CUP-SECOND ROUND

We reached the quarter finals of the Premier Division Cup, earning ourselves an away game at Hertford Town after a solitary goal win over Brimsdown Rovers. Following our abject performance just seventy two hours earlier against Hertford in the League we produced a much more spirited and committed display and just about deserved our win, particularly as we played the last twenty five minutes of the game with ten men after Tashan Francis-Adeyinka had been sent off after a second yellow card, the referee deciding that he had dived when tackled from behind when inside the Brimsdown penalty area.

We suffered a blow in the twelfth minute of the game when Blaise O'Brien limped off to be replaced by his namesake Matt. However, one good thing that came out of this was in the resultant reshuffle that Charley Baverstock moved back into his more accustomed centre forward role. There was very little goalmouth incident in the first half with neither keeper seriously troubled although Mark Virgo in the Brimsdown goal should have been as we created the best two chances of the half, both of which falling to Charley. Firstly from an excellent free kick by Chris Mills to the far post he headed into the side netting and then a good move down the right involving Ian Jimmy and Tashan Bradshaw sent him through with only Virgo to beat but he shot far too hurriedly straight at the keeper.

Early in the second half, Brimsdown wasted their first real chance of the game, Paul Campbell shooting straight at Berkeley Lawrencein from close range. It was not long after that Tashan was sent off leaving Charley to plough a lone furrow up front. With the extra man advantage, Brimsdown now began to enjoy the greater amount of possession but with everybody working extremely hard, particularly the midfield duo of Michael Buckley and Matt O'Brien, we held them at bay although we were fortunate when from a cross by Lee Sontag, Jermaine Hughes coming in from the right headed over our crossbar. Berkeley then made a good save to block Jackson Gash's shot and then from the resultant corner he was again in action, half blocking Sontag's header before Ian cleared from our goal line. As the game moved into the third minute of injury time, we scored what proved to be the decisive goal and it was appropriate that it should have been scored by Charley after he had worked so hard, closing defenders down at every opportunity. A Brimsdown attack down the right broke down, giving Antony Rowlands the chance to play the ball through into Charley's path and he moved in from the left and as Virgo advanced, Charley steered the ball across him into the far corner of the net much to the delight of his team mates and our small band of supporters. **Side: B.Lawrencein, A.Rowlands I.Jimmy, J.Tucker, M.Buckley, T.Bradshaw, C.Mills, C.Baverstock, B.O'Brien and T. Francis-Adeyinka.**

Subs: M.O'Brien for B. O'Brien (12) and Y Fehmi-Gil for Bradshaw(82)