

**HANWELL TOWN (1) v HATFIELD TOWN (0)**  
**SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2009**  
**MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE**  
**PREMIER DIVISION**

Meeting Hatfield Town for the first time ever, we at last managed to break our run of 1-1 draws as we scrambled our way to a single goal win, but it could have been so different as with the very last kick of the game, Hatfield's Daniel Staples had a golden chance to equalise but his weak shot was safely gathered by Berkeley Lawrencein and the three points were ours.

In a similar fashion to our game against St Margaretsbury seven days earlier, we dominated possession in the first forty five minutes to the extent that Berkeley did not have a single save to make throughout the half. We should have taken the lead in the twentieth minute when after a corner had only been half cleared, Charley Baverstock returned the ball into the goalmouth only for Matt Kidson just yards from goal to fail to turn the ball into the gaping net. Blaise O'Brien's follow up effort was driven wildly over the bar. A good move between Keith Rowlands and Charley culminated in Charley flicking the ball past the advancing Sam Lacey in the Hatfield goal but it sailed well clear of the far post. Lacey then made an excellent save to his left after Charley, who had an excellent first half, pulled the ball back into Blaise's path who's shot was goalward bound until Lacey's intervention. Just before half time, Jason Tucker plating in a mid-field role for the first time this season found Keith with a fine through ball but Keith's effort was well wide.

It was not until an hour had passed, before our goal was seriously threatened when a cross by substitute Jay Welsh was headed wide at the near post by Matthew Standen. A fierce free kick by Hatfield's Lewis Owen was only parried away by Berkeley but fortunately we were able to clear our lines. Both sides made substitutions but it looked as if the game was going to peter out into a goal less draw before in the eightieth minute, Charley, who had been largely anonymous in the second half following his excellent first half display, was tripped by Owen as he advanced into the Hatfield penalty area and referee Andy Crawford just yards from the incident had no hesitation in awarding a penalty. Blaise made no mistake, sending Lacey the wrong way from the spot. Hatfield threw men forward in an effort to gain an equaliser and this left gaps at the back and Keith should have done a lot better when right through with only Lacey to beat. We could well have suffered the consequences of this miss had it not been for Staples's poor effort just prior to the final whistle.

**Side: B.Lawrencein, M.Watson, I.Jimmy, G.Adan, M.Kidson, J.Tucker, T.Bradshaw, K.Rowlands, C.Baverstock, B.O'Brien and M.O'Brien.**  
**Subs: S Potter for Tucker (70) and Y Fehmi-Gil for Bradshaw (75)**