

HILLINGDON BOROUGH (3) v HANWELL TOWN (0)
SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2010
SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Our dismal run of form continued as we were beaten 3-0 by relegation threatened Hillingdon Borough. Since beating Harefield United 4-1 a month ago, we have lost six and drawn three of our subsequent games, certainly not the sort of form we need to go into our Premier Division Cup Final against League Champions Aylesbury FC on Wednesday.

Hillingdon had obtained seven points from their previous three games and knowing that six points from their remaining three games would assure them of staying up, they got off to the perfect start when after just five minutes from a good cross by Ryan Phillips, Aaron Lansiquot glanced a header wide of Youth team keeper Rhys Marshall making his debut in our goal. Twice in quick succession shortly after, Ricardo Engleman for the home side saw his efforts drift just wide of the far post with Marshall beaten. We gradually began to get a foothold into the game, enjoying quite a lot of possession but without ever seriously testing Tristan Thomas in the home goal and Hillingdon always looked the more dangerous of the two sides going forward.

At half time, Michael Buckley keen to prove his fitness prior to the final came on in place of Chris Mills and immediately began to influence the game from mid-field and we were much the better side for the opening fifteen minutes of the half. Michael almost notched the equaliser when Blaise O'Brien knocked Charley Baverstock's cross back into this path but his shot just grazed the top of the crossbar before going behind. From a free kick in a central position just outside the penalty area, Michael then sent the ball just wide of the post with Thomas stranded.

Twenty minutes into the half, Hillingdon went further ahead when Scott Ensom gave the ball away on the half way line and chasing back brought down Phillips just on the edge of our penalty area. From the resultant free kick, the ball was headed up into the air almost under our crossbar and Engleman was able to turn in home from very close range. Five minutes later, our fate was sealed when Gulad Adan, who along with Matt O'Brien were by far our best players on the day, got into a mix up with Marshall as the young keeper raced from his line and Gulad prodded the ball past him into his own net. Shortly after Rhys made a tremendous save to block James Froud's shot from close range whilst at the other end, we knew it was never going to be our day when Yassine Fehmi-Gil's header from Connor Duffy's cross hit the far post before the ball rebounded to safety.

Side: R Marshall, S Ensom, A Martin, M O'Brien, G Adan, A Wise, Y Fehmi-Gil, C Mills, C Baverstock, B O'Brien and C Duffy
Substitutes: M Buckley for Mills (45) , A Rowlands for Ensom (65) and H Hopkins for Wise (74).