

KENTISH TOWN (3) v HANWELL TOWN (2)
SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 2010

MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

It is difficult to understand, how a side that performed so well earlier in the week against much better opposition could produce such an inept and poor performance as we did in the first forty five minutes of our game against Kentish Town. We may have thought that we only had to turn up to win against a side that had only won three league games all season but if we did we very quickly came unstuck as we went in at half time three goals behind. The game on a difficult playing surface began in mundane fashion with the only incidents of note in a very ordinary first twenty minutes being when the Kentish Town centre forward Lee Scott rounded Jason Tucker before firing across the face of our goal and then saw a good effort turned over the bar by Keiran Jimmy whilst at the other end Blaise O'Brien volleyed wide with a clear sight of goal after a good through ball by Chris Mills. The home side took the lead midway through the half when Anthony Clark, seemingly in an offside position was allowed to continue and he ran through to round Keiran before firing into the empty net. Kentish Town scored twice more in the five minutes leading up to the interval. The first of these goals came when they broke clear down our left flank and for some reason three of our defenders tried to close the ball down and the ball was switched to the right where James Lindsay in yards and yards of space finished clinically, looping the ball over the advancing Keiran into the net. The second came when Scott, who was a constant thorn in our side before being substituted in the second half raced through the centre of our defence and was clear on goal when Keiran brought him down as he raced into our penalty area. There followed an anxious wait to see what colour card referee Andrews pulled from his pocket and there was considerable relief when it was yellow. Jason Donlon stepped up to drill the spot kick into our net. Kentish Town should have gone further ahead two minutes into the second half when Jason, who had his poorest game in memory, allowed the ball to bounce over his head leaving Clarke with another great opportunity but he chipped the ball over the bar. From this point onwards, except for the odd breakaway we dominated the game and almost pulled a goal back ten minutes into the half when a free kick by Chris Mills hit the crossbar and the Kentish Town keeper Damien McCarthy made a fine save to block Blaise O'Brien's follow up shot. With twenty minutes to go, Yassine Fehmi-Gil pulled a goal back with an overhead kick from close range and when Blaise after being set up by Charley scored again with five minutes to go, hopes that we might snatch a point from the game were high, but despite us camping in their half for the remaining minutes it was not to be and we came away with what we deserved, nothing!

Side: K Jimmy, M Watson, A Martin, M O'Brien, J Tucker, A Wise, W Jackson, C Mills, C Baverstock, B O'Brien and T Bradshaw. Subs: Y Fehmi-Gil and G Adan for Watson and Martin (65)