

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS (3) v HANWELL TOWN (2)
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2009
MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Our winning run of four games came to a desperately disappointing end when two mistakes by keeper Berkeley Lawrence in the final minutes of the game enabled Kingsbury to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

During the twenty minutes after the interval when Kingsbury were in control, Berkeley had made two outstanding saves to keep us in the game so if there was ever an occasion of hero changing to villain this was it.

Both sides began the game very brightly playing some high quality football, but neither keeper was seriously troubled until the seventeenth minute when Chris Mills's free kick from the edge of the box struck the post with the Kingsbury keeper Siki Kambila beaten. This set off a period when we dominated the game and Kambila did well to palm away another free kick by Chris at his far post when under severe pressure. Charley Baverstock then played the ball into the path of Lee O'Leary who's shot was deflected just over the bar. We took the lead in the thirty ninth minute when Chris's corner kick from the left was scrambled home from close range by Matt Kidson. We then suffered a major blow when Michael Buckley who had been outstanding in midfield limped off to be replaced by Aaron Wise.

On the stroke of half time the home side almost equalised when a good ball by Adil Salih sent Henry Emenike racing through. He rounded Berkeley but was forced wide. He pulled the ball back into the path of Edson Cata but he delayed his shot and we managed to scramble the ball to safety.

The roles of the sides were reversed in the period after half time with Kingsbury controlling the game and our cause was further damaged when the influential Mills limped out of the game. Emenike headed over at the far post and a mistake by Aonghus allowed Cata a free run to goal but Berkeley made a tremendous save. However, he was left helpless in the fifty eighth minute when Artiomias Barinovas drove a low cross from the right back across him into the far corner of our net. Two minutes later, Berkeley again came to our rescue diving to his right to save Barinovas's point blank effort. We gradually got ourselves back into the game and Tashan Bradshaw on for Yassine Fehmi-Gil missed a great chance with fifteen minutes to go after been set up by Blaise O'Brien. A minute later we were back in the lead Keith Rowlands following up to score after Kambila had blocked Charley's initial effort. With Kingsbury running out of steam it looked likely that we would record win number five in a row but Berkeley inexplicably allowed Emenike's cross shot to slip through his hands into the net and then deep into injury time, Elton Almieda's close range header slithered under Berkeley's body to the unconcealed delight of the home side. **Side: Lawrence, Watson, Martin, Kidson, M O'Brien, O'Leary, Fehmi-Gil, Mills, Baverstock, B O'Brien and Buckley. Subs used: Wise for Buckley (39), K Rowlands for Mills (56) and Bradshaw for Fehmi-Gil (62)**