

HANWELL TOWN (3) v LANGFORD (1)
SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY 2010
MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

Playing our first home game for close on a month, we completed a league winning double over mid table Langford, thanks in no small measure to a hat trick by Blaise O'Brien, his second in consecutive home games.

On a good playing surface considering all the rain that had fallen in the previous twenty four hours, both sides produced some fine flowing football in the opening fifteen minutes and both sides had opportunities to open the scoring. In the eighth minute good work by Charley Baverstock set up a shooting chance for Michael Buckley, but the Langford keeper Scott Walters made a fine save diving to his left. At the other end, the Langford centre forward Mark Wright missed a good opportunity heading over our bar when completely unmarked on the edge of the six yard box after a cross by Luke Nicholl. Chris Mills then robbed Adam Pitcairn on the right touchline before crossing low into towards the near post where Tashan Bradshaw just failed to make a meaningful contact. However, a minute later we were in the lead when after receiving the ball from Yassine Fehmi-Gil, Chris played the ball into Blaise's path and he beat Walters with the firm drive just inside the near post. Eight minutes later we were two ahead when Blaise headed home Chris's corner kick at the near post. At this stage of the game, we looked in complete control but Langford reduced their deficit just after the half hour mark when another Nicholl cross went unchallenged and this time there was no mistake as Adam Wombwell headed past Berkeley from close range. We suffered a blow at half time when the influential Mills limped off to be replaced by Wayne Jackson.

The second half was notable for the lack of goalmouth incident, particularly at our end where Berkeley did not have a shot of any significance to save throughout the half. The one good chance that Langford created came on the hour mark when Wright from a cross by Ross Scotney headed just over our crossbar. Walters was by far the busier of the two keepers and he made a fine save to turn a fierce drive by Tashan over the bar. He then did well to turn a free kick by Michael wide at the near post. Both sides made substitutions, one of which for us was the replacement of Antony Rowlands by Jack Abelson making his debut for the club. As the minutes ticked away it seemed more and more likely that our single goal lead would suffice for the three points but in time added on at the end of the ninety minutes, Langford gave the ball away some twenty five yards from goal and spotting Walters off his line, Blaise completed his hat trick with a fine lob that the keeper was unable to prevent dropping into the net just under the crossbar.

Side; B Lawrencein, A Rowlands, I Jmmy, M Kidson, M O' Brien, M Buckley, Y Fehmi-Gil, C Mills, C Baverstock, B O'Brien and T Bradshaw. Substitutes used: Wayne Jackson for Mills (45), J Abelson for A Rowlands (75) and J Tucker for Buckley (90)