

OXHEY JETS (4) v HANWELL TOWN (1)
THURSDAY 15TH APRIL 2010
MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Playing our sixth game in the space of thirteen days, we suffered a further defeat, this time 4-1 against Oxhey Jets. Once again, we had to rely on our Allied Counties Under 18 side to be able to field a full side with four of them in the starting line up and the other being our only substitute. All five of these lads had already played on the Monday and Wednesday prior to this game and all five acquitted themselves very well, not least being Harry Hopkins who worked tirelessly in midfield and who was rewarded for all his efforts with our only goal of the evening.

Oxhey Jets could and should have taken the lead in the opening minutes of the game as in quick succession, Keiran Jimmy made a fine save diving to his left to turn a shot by Spencer Bellotti around the post and then he made an even better save to deny Lee Armitt's close range effort. In between these saves, Yassine Fehmi-Gil cleared from our goal line with Keiran beaten by Bellotti's header. We gradually got into the game and play was relatively even for a period before Oxhey opened the scoring on the half hour mark when Keiran blocked Lee Inch's shot but was powerless to prevent Inch from driving the rebound back into our net. We fell further behind on the stroke of half time when Bellotti on the far post turned home Lee Grace's low cross.

We made our one and only substitution at the interval with Darryl Harris coming on to replace Chris Mills, but as in our game earlier in the week against Tring, the game was effectively over as a contest inside the opening minutes of the second half with the home side doubling their advantage. Their third goal came when Luke Beardsworth raced clear and squared the ball for Lee Armitt to slide it into our empty net from what seemed to be an offside position. Two minutes later, Beardsworth scored the goal of the game cutting infield across our row of defenders before scoring with a fierce shot across Keiran into the far corner. We responded immediately with Jamal Gohil setting up Harry who beat the Oxhey keeper Sam Styles in the race for the ball before scoring. Play swung from end to end for the remainder of the half with the home side always looking the more likely side to score but our back line of Connor Patterson, Jason Tucker, Matt O'Brien and Ian Jimmy stood firm and when Oxhey did get through they found Keiran in fine form, despite him hobbling in the final minutes following a strong challenge by Beardsworth as he tried to volley the ball clear.

Side: K Jimmy, C Patterson, I Jimmy, M O'Brien, J Tucker, H Hopkins, Y Fehmi-Gil, C Mills, J Gohil, A Wise and T McMaster.
Substitute: D Harris for Mills (45).