

Match Report for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
Northants Combination League  
Division Three away fixture

Ristee Towers FC      2      Punjab United      1

Referee Mr J Boss

Ristee Towers FC players, James Pitchford, Phil Williams, Andrew Pocock, Mickey Braines, Iain Smith ( c ), Paul Harrison, Kieron Harris, Dean Hadaway, Jimmy Randall, Danny Harris, Steve Williams.

Substitutions Adam Taylor for Jimmy Randall at 35 minutes, Gary Rose for Danny Harris at 65 minutes, Daryl Millard for Steve Williams at 70 minutes, Ben Wadsworth, Paul Briggs unused.

Manager Dave Parsons

Man of the Match Andrew Pocock

Ristee Towers FC played away with 10 men for 60 minutes to break the 5 match unbeaten run of Punjab United with a 2 - 1 win.

Ristee Towers found themselves back at the scruffy, soul less football factory that is Weekley Glebe for the first time in many years. Thankfully the sun shone and the travelling circus that is the heart of Ristee Towers was out in force, wives, girlfriends, children, babies, ex players, wanabee players, ex manager, dogs all came along to give noisy support. The home side had enjoyed a special extra training session in Towers honour the week preceding the game whereas Towers training was called off due to colds and work commitments. Anyway, the whistle blew and away went Punjab playing excellent football and dominating proceedings for the opening 20 minutes. Fortunately for Towers the goals were standard size, had they been 15 yards wider or higher then Punjab would have been 10 goals up.

Punjab threw everybody forward to carry on the onslaught when all of a sudden the ball popped out of mid field followed by the on side Dean Hadaway all on his own. Now Dean can put the ball in the net from a corner but is likely to hit the corner flag when in front of goal, so he hit the brakes, drew the keeper out and then tapped the ball through his legs for a stunning nutmeg to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> goal for Towers at 25 minutes. The Towers faithful went wild, the celebratory banners went up and the bubbly broken out.

This season Towers has an influx of fuzzy haired youngsters who seem to have short fuses. This time it was Kieron Harris who got himself booked for dissent rapidly followed by another card in a handbags incident that put Towers down to 10 men at 30 minutes. Punjab pressed on until at the 56th minute they finally got one into the net. Meanwhile Towers grimly hung on against the one way traffic until Adam Taylor burst through only to be taken out in the box and rewarded with a penalty. Up stepped Gary Rose who nailed the ball into the low corner at 67 minutes to cause a touchline frenzy and Maxwell, the travelling Ristee hound, to bark himself hoarse. Still Punjab attacked with a corner right at the death that was hoofed away just as the final whistle blew.

What a game, what a win.

Next fixture Cold Ashby Rovers away.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 06 ko 1430