

Match Report for Saturday 29th September 2007
Northants Combination League
NFA Lower Junior Cup away fixture

Northampton Obelisk United 1 Ristee Towers FC 2

Referee Mr Morrison

Ristee Towers FC players.

Steve Clark, Phil Williams, Kev Davis , Micky Braines, Conor Gordon, Dean Hadaway, Sean Wesley Jimmy Randall, Simon Kent, Steve Emery, Leon Nicholls,

Substitutions .

Gary Rose for Simon Kent at 49 minutes, Mark Seaman for Leon Nicholls at 57 minutes, Karl Guy for Steve Emery at 57 minutes, Leigh Butler, Simon Emery unused. .

Scorers.

Phil Williams at 68 minutes (penalty) Gary Rose at 72 minutes.

Manager Dave Parsons

Man of the Match Phil Williams

Ristee Towers FC enjoyed an away win in the opening round of the NFA Lower Junior Cup and became the only Northants Combination side to progress from the teams that did play, with all the remaining teams having byes.

The opening moments produced a 5 a side type frenzy from the home side with Towers hemmed in and clearing balls for all they were worth. In the 37th minute a Towers blooper handed Obelisk the lead as the keeper was robbed and the ball tapped in. Much of the rest of the action saw plenty of skyball with resultant time lost fishing around in the countryside for vanished footballs. The first half dragged on for 50 minutes with the last action being the customary home side attacking corner and ended up with just the one goal scored.

Right after the break Simon Kent was clattered and went off with an ankle injury bringing Gary Rose into the action. Manager Dave Parsons then turned up the heat as he brought on Mark Seaman and Karl Guy in the 57th minute. The increased pressure paid off as Towers were awarded a penalty in the 68th minute, which Phil Williams put away. A couple of minutes later Dean Hadaway provided a neat assist to put Karl Guy in for a fierce shot which the keeper parried only for the charging Gary Rose to arrive at full speed with the ball bouncing towards him at head height for a headed goal at 72 minutes.

All this provoked the home side into a relentless attacking onslaught as they could see Cup dreams vanishing. Towers blocked out everything thrown at them but rode their luck as both Jimmy Randall and Kev Davis cleared off the line and right at the end Obelisk missed an open goal. Just the 48 minutes for the second half then and Towers could breath out again as they came away with the win.

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