

Match Report for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007  
Northants Combination League  
Northants FA Lower Junior Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Round

Ristee Towers FC      1      Daventry Drayton Grange      1

Ristee Towers win 6 - 5 on penalties after extra time

Referee Mr P Honeyman

Ristee Towers FC players.

Steve Clark, Jimmy Randall, Micky Braines, Alex Fisher, Mark Linnitt, Andrew Pocock, Mark Seaman, Simon Emery, Adam Taylor, Simon Kent, Sean Wesley.

Substitutions . Karl Guy for Andrew Pocock at 70 minutes, Conor Gordon for Simon Kent at 74 minutes, Kevin Davies, Leigh Butler, Steve Emery unused. Kevin Davies ran the line - thank you.

Ristee Towers FC full time scorer. Mark Seaman at 23 minutes

Man of the Match Mark Seaman

Manager Dave Parsons

Ristee Towers FC faced a serious challenge with the visit of top of the table Daventry Drayton Grange in the first of 4 encounters the sides will play each other this season. What odds could you get on drawing each other in both the NFA Lower Junior Cup and in the Divisional Cup ?

The weather too decided to do it's worst with a howling wind straight down the pitch so strong that it actually bent over and snapped 2 corner flags before kick off - both replaced in time.

Towers had undergone a reshuffle for the day and it looked like it may become their undoing as the defence stood still for an offside decision that never came and the visitors trundled the ball in on 6 minutes. Free scoring Grange must have thought that they were in for business as usual then but it was legend Mark Seaman who gave them a nasty surprise as he set off into the teeth of the hurricane to run 30 yards uphill through the field just like the good old days of his youth to play a one / two with Simon Kent and fire in for his goal on 23 minutes. The huddled Towers faithful, featuring Ladies clad in Michelin Man subsuits, then awaited an onslaught from the visitors which never came.

After the break the game opened up with Towers gaining most of the chances whilst rebuffing the odd challenge, mostly from set pieces and corners, until Karl Guy burst through moments before full time with a shot that just went to the outside of the post. Extra time came and went with the visitors very much playing for penalties.

The turbo assisted downwind goal was selected and each side duly banged in 5 penalties, with Sean Emery, Jimmy Randall, Mark Seaman, Adam Taylor and Alex Fisher scoring. Into sudden death it went and Number 16 for the visitors pinged his ball off the post ! Up stepped Karl Guy to seal the win in a no nonsense style and Towers were through to the 4<sup>th</sup> round on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008