

Match Report for Saturday 19th April 2008
Northants Combination League
Daventry Drayton Grange away fixture

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Referee Mr J Maynard

Ristee Towers FC players.

Steve Clarke, Andrew Pocock , Micky Braines, Iain Smith ,Phil Williams, Gary Rose, Mark Seaman, Sean Wesley, Dean Hadaway , Adam Taylor, Karl Guy.

Substitutions .

Mark Linnitt for Dean Hadaway and Jimmy Randall for Gary Rose at 85 minutes, Conor Gordon, Kevin Davies, Simon Kent unused.

Ristee Towers FC scorers

Karl Guy at 17 minutes, Sean Wesley at 71minutes.

Man of the Match Adam Taylor

Kevin Davies ran the line thank you.

Manager Dave Parsons

Ristee Towers FC promoted themselves back into Division 2 with this away draw in their final fixture of the season. Going into the game Towers knew that a win or a draw would see them through and leave the home side unable to gain promotion. Never having done anything the easy way it was destined for weeks that everything would come down to this one final game.

The home side appeared surprisingly relaxed considering what was at stake and Towers should have taken the early lead as a one on one went wide and another couple of clear chances were fluffed or missed.

Then, horror of horrors, the home side took a toe poke from distance which grass cut its way into the goal on 8 minutes to put them ahead. Ristee Towers continued to spring the home side offside trap with the home side keeper making all kinds of saves but in the end, after 17 minutes, Karl Guy picked up a Dean Hadaway assist to zip in and score. The Towers Faithful went berserk - but how would they hold on for another 73 minutes? The second half saw the home side really wake up as if they had just clicked as to what the day meant to both sides as they put on consistent pressure with Towers keeper Steve Clarke on fire as he kept them out. But Towers veteran hard man Sean Wesley was having none of it as he produced a wonder goal from distance following a throw in to plump the ball straight into the top right hand corner of the net.

2 - 1 up - was this the moment, was this it ?

No, because on 86 minutes the home side finally got through for the equaliser and piled forward keeper and all right up until the 48th minute and 37 seconds when, with Towers desperately defending a ball bouncing around in the box from a corner, the whistle finally went and Towers were up and Daventry were out.

Congratulations to the Manager and the squad, a big thank you to The Towers Faithful for freezing along with us all season long, all our supporters, sponsors and the press for being there for us this season. Thank you all.