

Subject: MATCH REPORT V KEW ASSOCIATION VETERANS - 26/9/2010.

Sunday 26th September 2010.

Brentham Veterans v Kew Association Veterans.

Team:-

Richard 'Tricky' Kirk

Dave Grose
Pete Hoban
Paul James
Alan Hedley

Nigel Green
Eamonn Malone
Tom Rice
Tony Georgiou

Mick Duffy
Jon Rhodes

Subs

Chris Firmin
Colin Livingstone
Paul Navarre
Unused Sub - Mick Eames

On a grey, cold and windy Autumnal day, Brentham Veterans were entertaining Kew Association Veterans (Kew), looking to bounce back from their defeat the previous week, which instigated a raid on the transfer market with Richard Kirk (Tricky) being brought back to Brentham after his one and only appearance for the Veterans a few years previously in Weston Super-mare. In addition, a French striker, Paul Navarre, was purchased for a couple of crates of Stella Artois, and he took his place on the bench. Nigel Green had celebrated his 40th birthday the night before with several Veterans, and Pete Hoban presented Nigel with a yellow frogmans mask to go with Nigel's banana boots. Photos will be published in due course.

Brentham took to the pitch to find Kew had already taken the 'home' end. The Big Tosser won the toss and decided to keep the 'away' end to play with the wind attacking the bowling green end of the pitch. Kew kicked off and had the majority of the possession as Brentham began slowly, however, Tricky was a virtual spectator as Eamonn, Tom, Nigel and Tony fought the main battle in midfield. Chances were few and far between until around the half hour mark when in the space of a few minutes, Nigel Green hit a fine shot from 20 yards which hit the Kew crossbar and went over, and Duffy had a close range effort well saved by the Kew custodian. Shortly afterwards, Eamonn Malone had to retire injured with Paul Navarre making his Brentham debut. Pete Hoban and

Paul James were solid at the back, ably assisted by Dave Grose and Alan Hedley, who's distribution was excellent. Tony Georgiou had the final chance of the half but his drive from outside the box went 10 yards wide of the Kew post. John Capps brought the half to an end with both sides unable to break the deadlock.

Half Time; Brentham Veterans 0-0 Kew Association Veterans.

Brentham kicked off the second half and took the game directly to Kew in a new 4-3-3 formation to that of the first half, with the emphasis on taking the game to Kew, with the Firminator in the holding position in midfield. On 55 minutes, Brentham eventually broke the deadlock when Tom Rice played Jon Rhodes in down the right hand side of the Kew penalty area. Jon crossed superbly for French Paul to head in his first goal for the club - c'est magnifique! Within 10 minutes he had doubled his and Brentham's goal tally when a through ball from Big Colin was headed on by Jon Rhodes to French Paul who calmly finished past the Kew keeper. 2-0. Nigel Green filled in at the back to replace Pete Hoban who had performed admirably, and Nigel was proving a capable understudy as Kew found it difficult to break down the Brentham formation.

On 70 minutes, French Paul cut in from the Brentham left wing before firing in from 20 yards beating the Kew keeper inside his near post, a fantastic debut hat-trick from the Frenchman who was showing the regular Brentham strikers how to finish. To be fair to Kew, they continued to play attractive football and they soon reduced the deficit with a fine strike from 25 yards which flew past Tricky - an excellent strike to make the score 3-1 to the hosts. Kew almost reduced the deficit further within 5 minutes when another strike from outside the box was spilled by Tricky, however, he recovered incredibly to thwart two Kew strikers who failed to convert the chance with the ball eventually coming off Tricky, onto the bar and out for a corner.

On 82 minutes, Dave Grose won a challenge in his own half and played the ball to Duffy who played Jon Rhodes in on the left hand side of the Kew penalty area. Jon crossed to French Paul, who from a tight angle, fired past the Kew keeper into the far corner of his net to record his fourth goal of the game on a brilliant debut, much to the amazement of the Kew defence who claimed the Frenchman was offside, but Mr Capps was adamant there was no offside, a view which was made abundantly clear by the official to the Kew players. As the game petered out, Brentham forced one more corner which Jon Rhodes delivered into the Kew box. Tom Rice won a header despite the Kew keeper punching him in the face and cutting Tom's lip in the process, but more importantly the ball dropped onto Duffy's head who headed home from 3 yards (his kind of distance). 5-1. With Tom shedding blood for the cause, Mr Capps blew his whistle for full time so that Tom could numb the pain with a few pints. A better performance from Brentham this week who returned to winning ways. A fantastic debut by Paul Navarre who marked it with a four goal haul. Fine performances also from Jon Rhodes, Nigel Green, Tom Rice and Alan Hedley.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Full Time: Brentham Veterans 5-1 Kew Association Veterans.
(Navarre 4, Duffy 1,)

Next game away v Old Richmond Lock - Sunday 3/10/2010.