

Sunday 3rd October 2010

Old Richmond Lock Veterans v Brentham Veterans.

Team:-

Mick Eames

Dave Grose  
Paul James  
Pete Hoban  
Alan Hedley

Nigel Green  
Tom Rice  
Colin Livingstone  
Tony Georgiou

Paul Navarre  
Jon Rhodes

Subs:-

Mike Miley  
Eamonn Malone  
Mick Duffy

The weather was awful with wind and rain falling as the captain inspected the pitch at Old Tiffinians ground, but the pitch was in perfect condition. Duffy got changed even though he was nice and early ensuring his ankle bandages were nice and tight, his sprays and lotions covered the aches and pains of a veteran footballer and his kit was gleaming as he put on his training top over his nice yellow shirt, then he waited for the rest of the Brentham Veterans.....and waited.....and waited. Suddenly Duffy's phone rang, it was a call from Dave Grose informing the skipper the game was being played at the Bank of England ground "I'm sure I told you Mickey" "Where are you?" In 2010 it is amazing how lines of communication can so easily break down. Unfortunately this match report can be read by women and children, so the replies to Dave's two statements cannot be printed, however, they were somewhere along the lines of "No you didn't tell me you wanker, otherwise I wouldn't be here on my fukin own" I'm at fukin Old Tiffinians ground you Tossler" The Captain and reporter were not amused as they both made their way to the other side of West London. By the time they arrived at the Bank of England ground, the first 30 minutes of the Brentham Veterans game against Old Richmond Lock Veterans (OLR) had already been played with Brentham leading 2-0 through goals by Paul Navarre and Colin Livingstone.

On 35 minutes OLR reduced the arrears with a well taken goal that gave Mick Eames no chance. OLR went pushing for the equaliser and Eamesey had to make two fine saves to keep Brentham's lead intact. On 40 minutes Nigel Green played Jon Rhodes in down the right hand side of the OLR penalty box. Rhodesey crossed to Paul Navarre who scored with aplomb to take his goal tally to 6 goals in 2 games as alarm bells began to ring in Duffy's head as he had been the leading goal scorer for the Brentham Veterans for the last 15 years! There was still time for Paul to return the favour by crossing to Jon Rhodes who somehow managed to put the ball over the OLR crossbar from 1 yard out. The referee brought the half to an end with Brentham in a commanding lead.

Half Time: Old Richmond Lock Veterans 1-3 Brentham Veterans.

ORL began the brighter in the second half and took the game to Brentham whose defence were standing firm, repelling the hosts attacks. On 55 minutes French Paul had a chance to complete his hat-trick, however, he shot wide when in a good position in front of the ORL goal. On 65 minutes,

ORL pushed forward and their striker took aim from 20 yards with the ball squirming under Mick Eames's body and into the far corner of the visitors net. 2-3 and the hosts were buoyed by the opportunity given to them to get back into the game. Brentham did not have the same fluency they had in the first half but were still managing to hang onto their lead despite a few long range shots just clearing Mick Eames's crossbar.

On 82 minutes the hosts equalised when another tame effort from just inside the Brentham box found it's way past Mick Eames and into the far corner of his net. 3-3. Brentham pushed forward in search of a winner and forced several corners as time ran out but they could not find the winner with the referee blowing his whistle as the hosts repelled yet another corner. Brentham's stuttering start to the season continues but they need to ensure they are on their game next week as they entertain North Greenford Veterans in the Middlesex cup.

Thank you to everyone who took part, and for the directions to the game Mr Grose!

Full Time: Old Richmond Lock Veterans 3-3 Brentham Veterans.  
( Navarre 2, Livingstone 1,).

Next game Home v North Greenford Veterans. West Middlesex Veterans cup, Sunday 10th October 2010.