

Kent Vets Final

Tunbridge Wells O40s 4 Brom Becks 3

Following the disappointment of the club's Over 50's last week, Wells were desperate to win some silverware. Having beaten the favourites, Holcombe, in the semi-final, Wells travelled to the Chatham ground to take on Brom Becks.

In the first fifteen minutes Brom Becks made few attacks, but struck lucky. The ball spun wickedly, bemusing keeper Hale and the creeping apologetically into the goal. Wells were quick to respond. Andy Wood completed a wonderful running dribble down the right wing, then sent in a crisp cross. The ball was flashed into the roof of the net by Bill Priestley. Before half-time Wells moved into the lead. Their short corner routines had been causing problems for BB and they were at last able to capitalise. Jon Perris slipped the ball to the right for Bill Priestley to slide home his and Wells second.

Into the second half and Wells were on the attack again. The ball was intercepted by Jerry Giles in midfield, who released Bill Priestley for a clear run on goal with just the keeper to beat. And this he did, emphatically ramming the ball home for a deserved hat-trick.

Wells began to tire and BB took advantage. They exerted increasing pressure as they desperately sought goals and scored a brace of goals which were well-worked affairs passing round and through the defence.

Wells introduced their "super-sub" Alan Nicholson late in the game to bring fresh legs into the fray. With less than ten minutes remaining the ploy reaped reward. From another short corner Nicholson fired home as the ball ran free. Never a team to make things easy for themselves, another yellow card meant Wells had to hold on for the remaining minutes with 10 men.

Match squad: Nick Hale, Nick Jordan, James Barden, James Wattenbach, Jerry Giles, Bill Priestley, Jon Perris, Andy Wood, Nigel Bateman, Vinnie Holden, Phil Newington, Alan Nicholson, Will Reynolds, Nick Taffs, James Bailey Manager/Coach Adrian Schweitzer