



TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOCKEY CLUB

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EH Vintage Cup Round 1

Tunbridge Wells 3 Bromley & Beckenham 2

After a competitive opening few minutes TW took the lead as BromBecks were caught napping by TW's sweeper Jenner. Pushing forward on the right there was no opposition and a firm cross found Holliday who made no mistake. This set BB back and TW controlled the game especially down the flanks. It was no surprise then that TW doubled their lead, except that Lang scored with a reverse stick shot that confused the goal keeper.

BB rallied using their strength down the middle, and a cross from the right found a forward and TW could only give away a stroke that Beaumont converted. By now TW tactically had the measure of their opponents, Harrison was strong up front providing a focal point for the attack. Burton supported well from right half while Knight confused the BB midfield by continually drifting out of position.

The second half saw more of the same except by now the TW right flank was dominant with Shimell & Morson creating space and chances at will. One of these fell to Bowden, who with composed skill took the ball strong and finished in the corner. At 3-1 TW could relax and play possession hockey and defend sensibly. However as the minutes ticked away BB pushed forward forcing TW to defend the top of their circle leading to several short corners which were repelled. Eventually BB scored through Brewer with a fine shot from the top of the circle, leading to a frenzied final few minutes. Jago, Mayes and Macnamara all made some good tackles and it was left to Digweed in goal to make a great save from the last shot of the game. An excellent team performance.