

Blackheath 5's 1 TW Monarchs 3

A torrential downpour during the warm up clearly wetted the Monarch's appetite as they started the match at full throttle creating numerous chances. Skipper Nyren was back to his poaching best scoring twice, but reality suggests that the Monarchs wasted a golden egg of an opportunity to put the game to bed .

As ever the missed chances came back to bite TW, when Enrique ran from half way showing a level of skill lacking in the rest of his team mates to score a quacking goal.

TW continued to play their eggciting passing game with Sam Spence, Coot Fyson and Andy Elley making good progress down the right. This was interrupted at half time when Blackheath reorganised, stiffening their defence, and suddenly had much more of the game. Despite this Hale only had short corners to save, and when mid way through the half Nyren completed his hat trick, feathering the ball into the net, the game was safe. Indeed TW Monarchs reasserted control after this and controlled the ball to run down the clock. Nine points clear in the promotion race two more wins will see the team safe, with the title still up for grabs.

EAST GRINSTEAD SAINTS 5 TUNBRIDGE WELLS VETERANS 3

After recent weeks when programming had gone awry, we were back to 'Thou shalt let in 5' or, 'normal service is resumed'

However, rather than in the past when goals were gifted to the opposition to ensure the magic number, here today, bodies were placed on the line. Time and again The Defensive Hammer, The Dentist, Capability Barr, and The Black Toenail (giving away an amazing 24 years to his forward opposition) intercepted, disrupted, bulldozed, bullied and generally thoroughly annoyed the EG front line. Even when this doughty line was breached there stood the Sat Nav Maestro, displaying keeping qualities of old, blocking crisp shots and rifled bullets (and admitting the dribblers of course)

0-2 at half time represented a triumph – EG had earned a dozen short corners and scored from just the one.

The second half was drawn 3-3 as the stand-in skipper blurred the rules and generally kept the EG 1st XI coach at bay. Breakaway goals, our favourite (or only) scoring method resulted in a glorious goal started from the aforesaid defensive line and finished off by The Hat courtesy of that rare bird, a pass from our third of the folk rock supergroup.

Our second favourite scoring method, the short corner routine other teams would die for, resulted in another rarity, a flicked goal from Shearer, together with a second, unstoppable, shot from The Hat. Mention should be made of the midfield trio of our Accomplished Stick Tackler, Don't Disturb The Haircut, and The Joker who worked tirelessly and sometimes in the right place as well – also, not to forget our wandering Aussie mate Digger, labouring under a weighty chest.

Each and everyone contributed to a hugely cohesive TEAM performance, well done all.

Other Mens results: 1s lost 5-3, 2s lost 3-2, 3s lost 2-0

Tunbridge Wells Ladies II 3 Old Williamsonians I 1

Wells came to this game on a dismal run of losses. However buoyed by a good second half the previous week they started with new heart. The first reward came with a welcome goal by Tracey Boorman and from then on it seemed success would follow. Sarah Martins had a fine game at the more familiar right half. Emma Allington played with her usual spirit and scored a goal and Di Dunmall was only denied by an excellent save at a short corner.

Old Wills came back with a goal for themselves, but Georgia Nokes put the game beyond doubt for a well-deserved win.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies III 2 Canterbury III 3

This was another game that Wells probably should have won. They had most of the ball in midfield in the first half although goalie Maria Lambert had to pull out several saves. Against the run of play Canterbury opened the scoring, ensuring that Wells had to renew their attacks. The inevitable happened and Canterbury broke away to score a second.

Wells had corner after corner, but failed to make the telling strikes. Finally Wells made the breakthrough. A shot on target was saved by the goalie. The ball cannoned off her helmet onto the crossbar and Sarah McClelland was able to score from close range.

However, Canterbury quickly restored their lead. Heads did not drop and Becky Law slapped home the ball. Sadly there was not enough time for the equalizer.

Other Ladies result: 4s won 2-0