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Premier League - Tigers vs Brookvale at "THE DEN"



Get ready for the big one!!!

The Wakehurst Tigers Premier League team take on last year's champions, Brookvale, this weekend at Lionel Watts 2, Saturday 30th April.

Kick-off times are:

1pm - Reserve Grade

3pm - First Grade

There will be a BBQ put on during and after the game so do yourself a favour and get down to Lionel Watts this weekend to support Wakehurst's number one team while chewing on a sausage sanger.

Match Reports

First Grade – The Beers Taste Good Once Again

Score: 1-0 Goal Scorer(s): Nick Rainey



A dominating performance by the boys wasn't reflected on the scoreboard but victory is sweet none the less. I'm sure everyone will agree it was great to hear the Tiger's victory song ringing out loud in the dressing room once again and to see the smiles on everyone's faces after the game. The beers always taste better after a victory!

It was by far the best performance of the season with several standouts around the park. Having Towns back in midfield, battling hard and winning plenty of ball, enabled Nick Sheather to play a more attacking role which he relished in. There was a notable difference in ball retention with Nick up front, relieving pressure on Nick Rainey and Ash and enabling the halves time to push up in support and provide that vital link with the front men.

We created plenty of chances from start to finish with the first chance falling to Rains after a mistake by a Beacon Hill defender left him with only the keeper to beat. Unfortunately, not realising he had oodles of time to place the ball in the back of the net, instead he smashed his shot against the cross bar from close range and rebounded to safety.

There were too many chances in the second half to list with several scrambles in the opposition's 6 yard box not falling our way. The game was won with a well timed angled run to the near post by Nick Rainey whose first touch set him up for an excellent finish giving the keeper no chance.

There were some fantastic passages of play throughout the game with the team showing a lot more patience on the ball compared to previous weeks with everyone putting in a 100 percent. Congratulations to Benny and the defence who kept their first clean sheet of the season which was without doubt the difference between winning and losing. John O'Leary was also outstanding at right half and found himself with plenty of space by offering out wide in attack, tucking in while in defence and working tirelessly till the last minute. A well deserved man of the match.

Congratulations boys. I'm sure the upcoming week will be much more enjoyable.

Man of the Match: John O'Leary



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Reserve Grade

Score: 3-2 Goal Scorer(s): Dwayne Beazley (2), Guy Halpin



A bright start to the game saw Andrew Reid crack an ambitious volley from long range which unfortunately crashed against the cross bar and out to safety. The first goal was setup by an unlikely source with our keeper, Andrew Stahl, punting a long ball to Dwayne who made the most of a one on one with the keeper by delicately chipping him after he came off his line. Shortly after a lapse in defence saw a Beacon Hill attacker equalise by slotting the ball between the keeper's legs. Guy had a golden opportunity to put the team ahead when a dreadful Beacon Hill error saw him with the keeper to beat but somehow fluffed his shot against the post. He made amends soon after when another defensive mistake saw him one on one with the keeper but this time he calmly slotted the ball in the left hand corner.

The boys were cruising along in the second half until we fell asleep in defence once again allowing an unchallenged near post tap in after a left hand side free kick and subsequent cross. Fortunately Dwayne came to the rescue once again after one of numerous raids down the right saw him cut back inside and hit a shot that the Beacon Hill custodian should have saved but somehow dove over it.

Well done lads another victory to the good guys.

Man of the Match: Dwayne Beazley

Stinker of the Week

John O'Leary - Drooling over Nick Rainey's sister in the dressing room while her young boys were standing next to him. This column won't repeat what was said but fortunately his clothes were still on at the time!



Player Profile – Eddy Fong

- Nickname(s): Fongy, Fat Boy, Hef
Position: Under the thumb
Favourite Team/Player: Playboy Bunnies & Man U / Hugh Hefner
Most Despised Team: Any English National Team
Favourite Junk Food: Ogallo Chicken Burger (extra chilli)
Favourite Beverage(s): Chilli Sauce
Hobbies: Raising a young family, Eating
Favourite Sportsman: Tiger Woods
Favourite Movie/Actor: Apollo 13 / Tom Hanks
Favourite Band/Song: Anything from the 80's when I grew up (Suspicion has it that Fongy actually grew up in the 70's)
Best Sport Moment: Joining the Wakehurst Tigers
Worst Sport Moment: Joining the Belrose Raiders / Losing 2004 Grand Final in a penalty shootout to Brookvale
Personal Motto: Balance! - in the words of Grasshopper (David Carradine)
Comments: Yes, I really am 37 years old

