



England Fire Service Football Section—Match Report

Season 12-13 Match 2 v RAF Police

6 December 2012

Venue:
Met Police Sports Club, Bushey,

Hickling brace helps England to comfortable 6-1 win

Squad;

- 1 S Taylor (London)
- 2 R Whelan (GMC)
- 3 J Oatley (London)
- 4 R Stapleton (Cornwall)
- 5 Rob Tonks (South Yorks)
- 6 C Meakin (GMC)
- 7 G Hickling (Lancashire)
- 8 B Sebuliba (London)
- 9 R Ravis (North Yorks)
- 10 C Lock (London)
- 11 M Price (West Mids)
- 12 P McAllister (Lincolnshire)
- 14 R Georgiou (London)
- 15 W Brown (London)
- 20 D Gilbert (Lincolnshire)

Future Fixtures:

- * **V Wales (Kidderminster)**
24th Jan '13
- * **V RAF (Cosford)**
14 Feb 2013
- * **V Scotland (TBC)**
4th April 2013

England cruised to a comfortable win against the RAF Police on a bitterly cold day in Hertfordshire. With a couple of hours to kick off, the game looked in doubt, but as the temperature lifted, both teams agreed the game could go ahead.

Despite the cold, England made a bright start and with only 4 minutes on the clock, they took the lead. Rick Whelan did well to keep the ball alive on the left and his pass to Sebuliba enabled a first time cross which was met by new boy Gary Hickling who headed past the keeper. England were well in control throughout the first half and the midfield pair of Meakin and Price gave the RAF Police very little room to play. Meakin's early effort was well over the bar though. Tonks and Stapleton were commanding at the back for England, giving very little away to the opposition. Ravis was the next to have a good chance but he hit his shot well over. England made it two on the quarter hour mark when Chris Lock flicked a ball through to Meakin and this time, he made no mistake, firing past the

keeper into the bottom corner. The RAF Police were restricted to only one chance in the first half, but debutant Joe Oatley was on hand to clear for a corner. Ravis again had a good effort which was tipped over by the keeper and despite the solid first half display, England lead by only two goals at half time. The second half started in much the same way, with England in full control and creating chances. Sebuliba again provided the cross, this time for Chris Lock, who slid the ball into the net to make it 3-0. The RAF Police then pulled a goal back after some poor marking to make it 3-1 but the lead was immediately restored as Stapleton scored after Lock failed to make

contact with the ball. Lock again missed a great chance to score from a header, when it surely would have been easier to score. Substitute Richard Georgiou added a fifth goal before a second from Hickling wrapped up a convincing 6-1 victory. Manager Wayne Brown was delighted with the performance and particularly with the debutants.

Murphy's Lucky Escape

Best Wishes go to Neil Murphy of Cheshire Fire Service who was involved in an RTC en route to the game and had to return to his Brigade. Fortunately, his injuries were slight and he will hopefully return for the next match



England Squad & Management Team v RAF Police