

England Fire Service Football Section

Season 2021 / 2022

Match Report 17/11/21

Royal Marines 0 v English Fire Services 2



Squad: Back Row Left to Right – Lee Thompson Ass Manager. Rob Tonks Player Manager South Yorkshire FRS, Adam Freeland GMFRS, Chris Ibbson LFB, Adam McHugh Durham FRS, Dane Smith GMFRS, Marcus Hussey Buckinghamshire FRS, Tom Foley Merseyside FRS, Ben Wood LFB, Tyla Clements Kent FRS

Royal Marines v English Fire Services

Our annual fixture between the Royal Marines and ourselves got underway at 1pm on a beautiful sunny day with the back drop of Chinook helicopters training (a truly wonderful sight).

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The game started at a high tempo from both teams however the final pass lacked the quality to breach both defences. That said the fire team were growing into the game and looking to dominate their opponents with good spells of possession.

The game ebbed and flowed until on 30mins Jack Hont (MFRS) delivered a superb cross which was headed low into the Marines goal by Tom Foley (MFRS) 0 - 1. The fire side looking for the all-important second goal pressed and on 41 mins a corner from the left went across the face of the Marines goal only half cleared falling to Lee Grimshaw (DFRS) who unleashed a thunderbolt strike only to see the Marines keeper pull out a world class save to keep his side only one behind.

Both teams went in at halftime to receive their instructions with the fire side looking in control of the game their halftime team talk would have been “keep up the work rate and the result will come”.

The second half got underway with the fire side again taking control and on 54mins Hont again supplied Tyla Clements (KFRS) who turned inside to find Alex Francis (T&WFRS) free in the Marines penalty area who added the second 0-2. With the fire side fully in control of the game the chances started to come thick and fast however the Marines keeper was having a great game for them limiting the score line as it was all one way traffic.

The Marines made more changes and this brought about a spell of possession resulting on 75mins Dane Smith (GMFRS) being called into action making a wonderful fingertip save from the Marines number 9.



Marcus Hussey (BFRS) was the Man of the match