

East Grinstead 2 vs Whitstable Town 2

By Bruce Talbot

Substitute Seidou Sawogo was Grinstead's hero with an injury-time equaliser which preserved their unbeaten League record.

The powerful midfielder, promoted to the first-team squad after some impressive performances for the under-23s, struck in the second minute of stoppage time as Wasps twice came from behind against lively opponents.

Sean Clohessy's corner dropped to Sawogo inside the box and he somehow threaded a shot past keeper Dan Eason through a mass of bodies.

Wasps were far from their fluent best, particularly in the first half, but manager Leigh Dynan will have been pleased with their resolve to twice come from behind and take something from the game.

The visitors were the more threatening team in the first half as they defended solidly, energetic in midfield and broke quickly, while Wasps struggled to find any rhythm.

It took a great block from Cameron Reardon to prevent Aaron Millbank from scoring in the sixth minute before Ryan Flack's skimming low drive was only just wide of the target.

Grinstead gradually began to get a foothold in the game but they failed to defend a long ball on 36 minutes and the powerful Luke Medley beat Jacob Adams with a powerful shot into the bottom corner.

Skipper Danny Waldren twice went close to equalising before the break when his shot on the turn was pushed away by Dan Eason for a corner which Waldren headed straight at the keeper.

Wasps improved after the break and levelled in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute. They stretched play from left to right and Michael Uwezu laid a simple ball into the path of Clohessy whose drive had too much power for Eason.

The home side might have fancied their chances of collecting three points at that stage but Whitstable were always a threat and they went in front with nine minutes to go when Millbank's angled effort was parried by Adams but still had enough power to trickle over the line.

But Grinstead weren't finished and their late pressure got its reward.

Grinstead: Adams, Clohessy, Gasson, Reardon, Harrison, Beckles (Sawogo 66), Wedgeworth (Uchechi 60), Uwezu (Smith 89), Waldren, Amoo, Theophanous. Subs not used: Omrore, Carvalho.