

## **East Grinstead Town u23s 2 v Faversham Town u23s 2 - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

By Andy Willis

The young wasps played an hour with 10 men after Goalkeeper Andy Pead was dismissed on 29 Minutes in their opening league game. Even so the 10 men dominated and found themselves unlucky not to take all 3 points.

A brisk confident start saw the young wasps heavily dominate possession as chances started to flow. On 23 minutes Harvey Burgess intercepted a pass between the Faversham defenders to go through on goal and coolly round the keeper and slot home to give the wasps the advantage.

On 29 minutes although the wasps fully dominant a lose back pass ended with Gk Andy Pead bringing down the Faversham forward for a penalty. Defender Evan Tinsley had covered round which made the red card the referee produced bewildering for everyone in the ground.

Midfielder Diego Carmo took the gloves and was unlucky in his attempt to save the penalty getting a hand to the ball. 1-1.

Just moments later a shell shocked wasps – still reeling from the red card – put a poor ball into the Faversham box to which they broke on the counter attack and scored as Faversham lead 1-2.

The wasps re-found their dominant mojo – Motobaluti got away down the righthand side and whipped in a wonderful cross to the 6 yard box and was fouled in the process. However Igbesoko headed in – only for the goal to be disallowed as the referee bewilderingly (again) brought play back for an EG free kick. Had the official allowed a 2 second advantage to run the young wasps would have been level and more then deservedly so.

Half Time 1-2

Half time changes were rung by Andy & Grant as Tom Wallis and Ryan Murphy replaced Shae Cascoe Rogers & Jonas Lopes to adapt the 10 men.

The 10 men of the wasps were rampant for most of the second half and created chance after chance.

Igbesoko was brought down in the box for what seemed like a clear penalty which the referee once again on a major decision decided to turn away.

Eventually the pressure paid off. In the 72nd Minute a neat move into the Faversham box saw Mock-Kent bundled to the floor in which Harvey Burgess duly despatched the resulting penalty for his second of the game levelling proceedings at 2-2.

Again the 10 men of the young wasps pushed and chances came and went as the game finished 2-2

A decisive & positive performance by the 10 men deserved all 3 points as Faversham Town escaped with a point which even for a night game was daylight robbery!!