



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

## Flore Park Rovers – Match Report



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A fine hat-trick from makeshift striker Charlie, along with goals from Adam, Morgan and Sam ensured FPR returned to winning ways at a gloomy and damp Moulton Park. Once again FPR had to rise to the challenge of a physically tough encounter with plenty of robust challenges giving the referee some decisions to make.

FPR showed their intent from the first whistle, immediately getting on the front foot. In the third minute Thomas played a wonderful through ball for Sam, the striker taking one touch before sending a fierce shot goalward and drawing a fine full stretch parried save from the Tigers keeper.

A minute later FPR did take the lead thanks to a sublime goal from Charlie. Collecting the ball wide on the left Charlie nonchalantly nutmegged a defender before curling the ball home from 25 yards out.

FPR continued to press forward and the influential George saw a fine effort clip the crossbar from 18 yards out. Sam then went close after Charlie flicked the ball round a defender and into his strike partners' path. Unfortunately, Sam saw his shot go narrowly wide.

On 18 minutes Sam won the ball midway in the Tigers half, he stepped forward before slipping the ball inside to Charlie who instantly arrowed another strike into the top corner from just outside the area.

Still FPR dominated, Sam seeing a shot deflected wide, before Elliott and ET combined superbly to set Charlie in on goal, this time his cross shot drifted wide of the goal.

Sam saw another shot turned round the post by the busy keeper while James first saw a header from Adam's corner go just over the top before seeing his shot on the turn from Morgan's cross well saved.

FPR were not to be denied a deserved third goal though as they produced some excellent football to cut through the Tigers defence. Lewis started the move on the left; playing a neat pass into James who flicked the ball onto Charlie, the striker then played the ball infield to the on-rushing Morgan who unselfishly slipped the ball on once more to Adam who fired a fierce effort into the back of the net off the legs of the keeper.

A fourth was nearly added prior to the break when Morgan's athletic run and fine cross was only cleared as far as George who saw his volley shave the post before going wide.

To their credit the Tigers dusted themselves off during the interval and came at FPR with some force.

On 49 minutes, after a patient period of possession, they worked an opening and saw a well-placed shot leave Caleb with no chance.

The Tigers has their tails up, so it was imperative that FPR responded positively; just three minutes later they restored their three-goal advantage. Adam's corner found Charlie at the back post, he neatly twisted and wriggled round two defenders before planting the ball in front of Morgan who gleefully fired home from four yards out.

On the hour mark the Tigers were awarded a penalty after Thomas was adjudged to have brought down the striker. The spot kick was neatly dispatched and once again the battle was on.

FPR continued to work hard, however, chances were hard to come by. Defensively and in midfield FPR continued to win most of the fifty/fifty challenges to nullify the threat posed by the Tigers.

On 76 minutes Charlie got a deserved hat-trick and again provided some breathing space. Morgan's long throw was flicked on by Lewis to Sam who showed good strength to hold off his marker before laying the ball back to Charlie who smashed the ball beyond the keeper.

The Tigers came again and were offered a lifeline in the 82nd minute when a shot from range slipped from Caleb's grasp and went in off the post.

FPR responded positively again as they added a sixth goal on the 87th minute. Caleb rolled the ball out to Finn on the left, the defender playing the ball forward to Lewis who instantly flicked the ball into the path of James who spotted the run of Morgan, the striker seeing a fierce shot parried into the path of Sam who, after seeing his first shot come back off the keeper, fired home at the second attempt.

This time, despite 10 minutes of mysterious injury time, the Tigers could not respond and FPR got the result that they did ultimately deserve.

The lockdown means that this will be the last game FPR play for at least a month, signing off with a victory will hopefully ensure confidence when football returns.