



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

## Flore Park Rovers – Match Report



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(Adam R., Ethan)

FPR slipped to their first defeat of the season following a slightly below par performance away at Wootton St George. A failure to monitor and manage WSG's key player contributed significantly to the defeat, indeed his hat-trick was the difference between the two sides.

FPR started sluggishly and found themselves on the back foot. Lucas comfortably saving an early free kick from a dangerous position. On 12 minutes Lucas could do nothing as WSG's hat trick hero opened the scoring with a fine low and accurate drive from 20 yards out. FPR were guilty of allowing the player too much time and space in the build up to his strike.

FPR responded well and started to get a foothold in the game, even if their usual passing game was not to the fore. On 22 minutes Caleb saw a free kick from distance go narrowly over the top, however, a minute later and parity was restored as FPR's man of the match ET found some space in the middle of the pitch before picking out Adam with a perfectly weighted and placed pass. Adam cut inside two men before steadying himself and firing a fierce shot into the top right-hand corner.

There was a healthy ebb and flow to the match, however, WSG showed a more clinical approach. On 32 minutes the winger found space on the left and was able to play in a cross that was headed home by the striker.

6 minutes later and FPR were found themselves further behind. From an FPR throw in WSG stole the ball with a player burst got forward through a rather porous defence before squaring to a teammate who finished with ease.

FPR's woes continued early in the second half as the midfielder scored another fine goal as once again, he found space drove forward and fired a low shot beyond a helpless Lucas. His hat-trick came in the 59th minute when he again drove forward and smashed an unstoppable effort into the top right-hand corner.

FPR did endeavour to get back into the game and did have a considerable amount of possession in the last quarter of the match. Sam saw a shot go narrowly wide before ET scored a superb goal; instinctively firing home from distance when the ball was partially cleared to him.

With key injuries to Riley, Morgan and Souts, and with Thomas having to withdraw at half time, it was always going to be a tough afternoon for FPR. It is fair to say that they never really reached their usual high standards; failure to do so in this league is likely to be punished.

Unfortunately, for FPR their next test is against the highly fancied Brixworth Panthers so they have to prepare for another significant challenge this weekend. However, one thing we know about FPR is they are resolute and always seek to respond positively.