



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

Flore Park Rovers – Match Report



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West Haddon Albion

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(Morgan, Caleb, Riley, Adam R. (2))

FPR produced another fine display to maintain their 100% start to the new season, scoring five excellent goals and keeping a second consecutive clean sheet in the process.

There appeared to be some nerves from both sides initially as they struggled to keep the ball on the deck in the blustery conditions. Fortunately, FPR adapted to the conditions more expediently than their opponents and found themselves in front on 12 minutes through Morgan's crisp strike following a sumptuous move.

Elliott picked the ball up on halfway and played a neat pass infield to Alan who in turn found Riley who clipped the ball into Adam's path on the right, the winger instinctively curled a beautiful pass into Morgan who emphatically finished first time. Had Liverpool or City scored a similar goal the pundits would have been purring.

8 minutes later FPR doubled their lead in almost similar circumstances, once again Adam played in a great cross from the right for Morgan, however, this time a defender managed to intercept the ball but his clearance fell to Caleb on the edge of the penalty area, the skipper firing a first time effort into the bottom right-hand corner of the net.

Haddon responded positively but found the FPR rear-guard in resolute mood; Thomas heading a dangerous looking free kick away to ensure the advantage was maintained.

Debutant Sam came very close to opening his FPR goalscoring account with his first touch on 33 minutes. James went on a buccaneering run down the left flank before feeding the ball to the over-lapping Finn whose low cross picked out Sam, the striker shooting just wide on the turn.

Thomas saw a free kick from some 25 yards comfortably saved before FPR survived a scare just prior to the break. A free kick on the right was headed goalward, however, Lucas was up to the challenge and made a fine stop just on the goal line.

In truth FPR has allowed their opponents a foothold in the game just prior to the break, however, after the interval they effectively extinguished any hope that Haddon had of getting back in the match with another fine goal on 50 minutes.

The impressive ET once again picked up a loose ball, controlled it well and then played an exquisite ball through to Riley who took two touches before firing passed the on-rushing goalkeeper.

FPR dominated proceedings for the remaining 40 minutes, controlling play at the back and in midfield and always looking threatening in attack.

In the 59th minute Sam forced the keeper into a fine save. Lucas's huge clearance cause havoc in the Haddon defence allowing Riley to steal in and find his strike partner. Sam's low, goal bound effort, clawed away by the keeper at full stretch.

Two minutes later FPR had their fourth goal when Morgan's perfect corner was met by the on-rushing Adam who applied a neat right footed flicked finish beyond the helpless keeper.

Sam went close again in the 75th and 76th minute, his first effort going just over the crossbar after Adam had curled the ball to him, and his second shot being well saved - this time Morgan providing the assist with a lovely flick.

On 79 minutes exceptional football from Lewis, Morgan and Caleb resulted in the latter skipping passed a defender down the left flank before playing a terrific ball across the face of goal for Adam to smash home from 6 yards out. Once again, pundits would have been drooling over the goal.

FPR saw the game out without any significant problems ensuring that the positive start to the season was enhanced.

Once again, all the lads contributed. Lucas was superb, all the defenders really well organised and committed, while the midfield worked industriously to snuff out any danger and put FPR on the front-foot (Charlie, George and ET completing a lot of the hard yards!). In attack it was great to see the lively Morgan back, Riley picked up from where he left last week with another fine showing, while Sam showed real promise on his first FPR outing.

While we cannot afford to get ahead of ourselves the performances, we have seen so far this season put the team in good stead and will certainly have future opponents worried. An excellent performance.