

Reserves

Wrexham 1-3 Stags (Central League Division 2)

Tuesday 11th September 2012
Kick-off 2pm

Colliers Park



Stags dominant in North Wales

Andy Todd's Second string claimed their first victory of the Reserve League season on Wednesday as a dominant display saw the Stags brush aside Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Wrexham 3-1 at Colliers Park, Wrexham's Modern training base.

The visiting Stags fielded a strong side against a relatively young and weak Dragons line up, the difference in ability shone throughout as Mansfield firmly controlled the first half. Chris Clements, Ryan Tafazolli and hit man Nick Wright all came close in the opening twenty minutes however it was on the 26 minute mark when the Stags determinative nature paid off.

Lee Stevenson was influential in starting and finishing the move, a neat interchange down the right hand side with Nick Wright saw Stevenson fire in from the edge of the box on the return from Wright. The hosts offered little response and had goalkeeper Andy Coughlin to thank as he twice denied Wright before the interval, one a stunning one handed save following a twenty yard drive and the other a neat palm away following a close range bullet header.

After the break the Stags showed no intention of slowing things down, Jamie Hand and John Thompson both came close before Lee Stevenson thundered an effort against the post, alas the Stags only held a one goal lead. Things soon changed when trialist Michael Boateng, who was 'A.Trailist' in the game against Port Vale, came onto replace Wright with 15 to go. Within Minutes of entering play, the former Bristol Rovers man fired a wonderful left footed drive into the bottom corner after strong hold up play by Ben Hutchinson.

Minutes later it was 3-0, Andy Owens slotting neatly underneath the keeper from six yards after a smart and quick 1-2 give and go with Chris Clements. Substitute Scott Rogers came close to adding a fourth but it was George Pilkington next on the score sheet, however the Stags skipper wasn't celebrating as he bundled a hopeful left sided cross into his own net with two minutes remaining, Wrexham didn't celebrate either as they knew it was only a mere conciliation goal.

Andy Owens again came close following the restart but time ran out and the Stags finished the game as winners to move top of the league standings on games played, there next Central League Division Two outing however is not until October 16th as Todd's men welcome Bradford City to the One Call Stadium.

Referee: R Cheosiaua (Birmingham)

Line Up: Redmond, Thompson, Pilkington (C), Tafazolli, Beevers, Wright, (Boateng 75), Hand, Stevenson (Rogers 75), Hutchinson (Jake Green 85), Clements. **Subs Not Used:** Gregory, Turner, Flint. **Thanks to Wrexham & Mansfield for additional information**



Name - Appearances (Sub)		GOALS
Adam Murray	1	
Alan Marriott		
Andy Owens	1	1
Andy Todd		
Anthony Howell		
Ben Hutchinson	1	
Chris Clements	1	
Colin Daniel		
Exodus Geohaghon		
Gary Roberts		
George Pilkington	2	
Godfrey Poku	0 (1)	
Jake Green	0 (1)	
Jake Speight		
Jamie Hand	2	
Jamie Tolley		
Jobe Shaw		
Joe Flint		
Joel Holland		
John Dempster		
John Thompson	2	
Kurtis Turner		
Lee Beevers	2	
Lee Stevenson	2	1
Lindon Meikle		
Louis Briscoe	0 (1)	
Luke Jones		
Matt Green		
Matt Rhead	1	
Michael Boateng (T)	1 (1)	1
Nick Wright	2	
Ritchie Sutton		
Ross Dyer		
Ryan Tafazolli	2	
Scott Rogers	0 (1)	
Shane Redmond	2	
Jason Gregory		

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	Fixture Category
29-Aug	Port Vale	H L1-0	Central League DIVISION 2
11-Sep	Wrexham	A W3-1	Central League DIVISION 2
03-Oct	Gateshead	H 7pm	Central League, League Cup 7pm
16-Oct	Bradford City	H 7pm	Central League DIVISION 2
24-Oct	Burton Albion	A 2pm	Central League DIVISION 2
31-Oct	Rotherham United	A 2pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
13-Nov	Hartlepool United	H 2pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
28-Nov	Hull City	A 7pm	Central League, League Cup 7pm
11-Dec	Bradford City	H 7pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
16-Jan	Hull City	A 7pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
30-Jan	Grimsby Town	A 2pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
19-Feb	Gateshead	H 2pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
12-Mar	Chesterfield	A 2pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
20-Mar	Grimsby Town	H 2pm	Central League DIVISION 2
25-Mar	Gateshead	A 2pm	Central League DIVISION 2
17-Apr	Morcambe	H 7pm	Central League DIVISION 2
TBC	Hartlepool United	H	Central League, League Cup 7pm

The Central League - Division Two TABLE

	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	POINTS
STAGS	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
Bradford	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Port Vale	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Gateshead	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Grimsby	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Wrexham	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
Burton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morcambe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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