

Reserves

Rotherham 1-1 Stags (Central League: East Division)

Tuesday 30th October 2012
Kick Off: 2pm

Roundwood Pavilion
(Parkgate FC)



Briscoe on Target as Stags claw back a Draw at Rotherham



Louis Briscoe was the moment early today as his second half effort grabbed Mansfield a 1-1 draw at Rotherham United as their Central League East Division Season got underway.

An entertaining encounter could have ended in double figures for each side however the excellence of both Liam Mitchell and Millers keeper Tony Thompson in the respective goals.

Paul Cox and Richard Cooper were both present to cast their eyes over players ahead of the FA Cup match with Slough on Saturday and were encouraged as Stags enjoyed the early chances, Lindon Meikle's lively fourth minute run saw Briscoe fire wide from close range before Chris Clements saw a 25 yard pile driver blocked by Gareth Evans for a corner.

Liam Mitchell was then called into action for the first time on twelve minutes when he denied the lively Odejayi, minutes later Nick Wright spurned a golden chance after beating two men before firing horribly over.

Lee Stevenson, who captained the side, registered an effort on 28 minutes but failed to find net as he drilled wide from the edge of the box, the hosts than grabbed the lead three minutes later as Jason Taylor cut the ball back across the six yard line for Mark Bradley who fired in at the back stick.

From the restart the Stags should have been two behind as Rotherham's Gareth Evans broke free, Liam Mitchell again on hand to keep the Millers front man at bay with a neat save before The Stags looked for a response, registering three chances in the final three minutes of the half. First it was Briscoe who fired over from a Meikle cross, the latter then teed up Ben Hutchinson who thundered against the bar. Skipper Lee Stevenson then had the final chance as he scuffed a long range shot straight at the Millers keeper.

After the break Mansfield did find their break through, however first they needed Mitchell to be on form as Rotherham broke free—the Notts County loanee denying O'Connor and Odejayi within the opening two minutes. With 52 played Mansfield's break through came as Stevenson threaded a pass through to Briscoe, the creative wing man tucking home inside the box.

Five minutes later Evans missed a golden chance for the hosts as he missed an open goal, on the hour Mitchell again was on hand to keep things level, this time keeping Nick Walker at bay. Late on the Stags enjoyed the best chances for a winner, Luke Jones saw a thunderous header pushed away by the keeper on 74, John Thompson then crossed for Nick Wright to threaten on 89 before Chris Clements' 25 yard pile driver was blocked by the keeper in the final seconds. The full time whistle signalling an entertaining draw moving Mansfield to third in the table.

Line Up: Liam Mitchell, John Thompson, Luke Jones, George Pilkington, Andy Owens, Louis Briscoe, Chris Clements, Lee Stevenson (C), Lindon Meikle, Ben Hutchinson, Nick Wright

Substitutes Not Used: Joel Holland, Jobe Shaw, Scott Rogers, Jake Green.

Player	Apps (Sub)	Goals
Adam Murray	1	
Andy Owens	4	1
Andy Todd	1	
Ben Hutchinson	4	3
Chris Clements	4	1
George Pilkington	3	
Godfrey Poku	0 (1)	
Jake Green	1(1)	
Jamie Hand	2	
Jobe Shaw	1	
Joe Flint	0 (1)	
John Thompson	3	
Lee Beevers	3	
Lee Stevenson	4 (1)	1
Liam Mitchell	2	
Lindon Meikle	1	
Louis Briscoe	3 (1)	1
Luke Jones	3	1
Matt Green	1	
Matt Rhead	1 (1)	
Michael Boateng (T)	1 (2)	1
Nick Wright	4	3
Nuha Jabbi	0 (1)	
Ryan Tafazolli	3	
Scott Rogers	0 (2)	
Shane Redmond	3	
Solomon Taiwo*	2	

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	
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	W1-0 Central League League Cup 7pm
16-Oct	Bradford City	H	W7-0 Central League DIVISION 2
30-Oct	Rotherham United	A	D1-1 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
19-Dec	Burton Albion	A	2pm Central League DIVISION 2
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 - EAST DIVISION

Team	PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	POINTS
Hull City	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Gateshead	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Mansfield Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Rotherham Utd	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Chesterfield	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Bradford City							0	0
Grimsby Town							0	0
Hartlepool Utd							0	0

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