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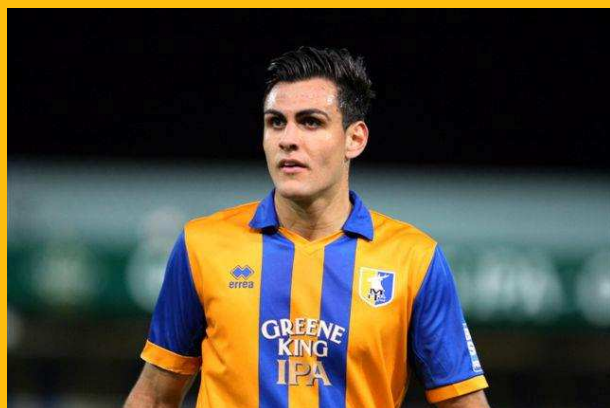
Stags 3-1 Bradford (Central League: East Division)

Wednesday 3rd April 2013
Kick Off: 2pm

One Call Stadium



Stags In Control as Bantams are beaten Again



Ryan Tafazolli put in a controlled display at the heart of Mansfield's defence this afternoon as Andy Todd's Reserve team added another three points to their tally, beating Bradford City 3-1 at the One Call Stadium.

It's the second time this term that Stags second string have beaten their Bradford counterparts, back in October a rampant performance in the Division Two fixture saw Stags run out comfortable 7-0 winners. It was a little more close run this time, however it was controlled, defenders Exodus Geohaghton and Ryan Tafazolli netting either strike of the break and adding to Nick Wright's opener from the spot which was cancelled out by Scott Brown.

The Stags began well and had opportunity to open the scoring inside the opening two minutes as Ben Hutchinson's right sided cross picked out Todd, the player coaches effort deflecting away off the legs of Jack Stockdill. A minute later Todd and Hutchinson were involved once again as Chris Clements picked out the former with an excellent long range pass to the left hand side. Hutchinson was then fed into space by Todd but saw his path blocked by Ross Hiza before the front man could pull the trigger.

Hutchinson and Todd both registered further efforts before Stags' opener on 14 minutes, Nick Wright, would scored a treble the last time the sides met, converting a penalty beyond Stuart Morrision after Todd was tripped six yards from goal. Ten minutes later Bradford levelled in style as Stags failed to clear there lines following an attack down the left hand side, Forrayah Bass cutting the ball inside for Scott Brown whose driven effort proved too much for Shane Redmond in the Stags goal.

Despite being pegged back, Mansfield continued to impress and on the half hour mark swept the ball well across park, Hutchinson and Todd again linking up down the left hand side. Todd's pacey cross had the visitors stretched but Nick Wright missed timed his run and failed to connect with the teasing ball. Exodus Geohaghton the restored Mansfield's lead three minutes later seconds after Hutchinson dragged an effort wide - The giant Stags defender headed home from close range following Chris Clements' deep free kick.

After the break Stags added to their lead on the hour mark as Geohaghton's defensive partner got in on the act, thumping in a header from Jamie Tolley's pinpoint corner. Stags had further efforts to add to their lead through Tolley, Thompson and Wright—however Stuart Morrision kept out the Stags attack and time soon ran out, the full time whistle sealing three points for Todd's men, overseen on this occasion by Richard Cooper.

Man of the match: Ryan Tafazolli

Referee: Duncan Carratt (Rotherham)

Stags [4-2-3-1] Shane Redmond, Ritchie Sutton, Exodus Geohaghton, Ryan Tafazolli, George Pilkington, John Thompson, Chris Clements, Nick Wright, Jamie Tolley, Andy Todd, Ben Hutchinson (Ross Lamb HT).

Substitutes not used: Ryan Hopkins (GK), Matt Jones, Billy Simpson.

Name - Appearances (Sub)	GOALS
Adam Murray	2
Alan Marriott	2
Amadou Barry	0 (1)
Andy Owens	4 1
Andy Todd	5
Anthony Howell	2 (1)
Ben Birch	1
Ben Clark	0 (1)
Ben Hutchinson	8 6
Blake Vincent	1
Chris Clements	8 2
Danny Barke	0 (1)
Exodus Geohaghton	4 1
George Pilkington	9
Godfrey Poku	0 (1)
Jake Green	1(1)
Jake Speight	1 1
Jamie Hand	2
Jamie Tolley	3
Jobe Shaw	1
Joe Flint	0 (2)
John Dempster	1
John Thompson	6
Jordan Vilums	2 (1) 2
Junior Daniel	2 1
Kurtis Turner	1
Lee Beevers	3
Lee Stevenson	7 (1) 2
Liam Marsden	3 (1)
Liam Mitchell	2
Lindon Meikle	1
Louis Briscoe	5 (1) 2
Luke Jones	5 1
Matt Green	1
Matt Rhead	5 (1) 3
Michael Boateng (T)	1 (2) 1
Nick Wright	10 5
Nuha Jabbi	1 (2)
Ritchie Sutton	5
Ross Lamb	0 (1)
Ryan Tafazolli	6 1
Scott Rogers	0 (2)
Shane Redmond	8
Solomon Taiwo*	2
Tom Clarke	1

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
28-Nov	Hull City	A D0-0	Central League League Cup 7pm
04-Dec	Hartlepool United	H L3-2	Central League League Cup 7pm
19-Dec	Burton Albion	A 2-2	Central League DIVISION 2
08-Jan	Hartlepool United	H W5-0*	Central League EAST DIVISION
30-Jan	Grimsby Town	A W3-0	Central League EAST DIVISION
13-Mar	Hull City	A L2-1	Central League EAST DIVISION
20-Mar	Grimsby Town	H W4-0*	Central League DIVISION 2
25-Mar	Gateshead	A 2pm P-P	Central League DIVISION 2
03-Apr	Bradford City	H W3-1	Central League EAST DIVISION
17-Apr	Morcambe	H 7pm	Central League DIVISION 2
23-Apr	Chesterfield	A 7pm	Central League EAST DIVISION
30-Apr	Gateshead	H 2pm	Central League EAST DIVISION

All stats are accurate bar one match, Burton Away - There was no reporter for either club at the match

The Central League - EAST DIVISION								
Team	PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	POINTS
Hull	6	6	0	0	19	5	14	18
Mansfield	5	3	1	1	13	4	9	10
Rotherham	7	2	2	3	9	8	1	8
Bradford City	6	2	2	2	11	11	0	8
Hartlepool	6	2	1	3	9	16	-7	7
Gateshead	4	1	2	1	5	6	-1	5
Chesterfield	6	1	2	3	11	14	-3	5
Grimsby	6	0	2	4	5	18	-13	2

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*Played at Cornonation Park - Eastwood Town FC