



Bradford Park Avenue 4 Hucknall Town 2 League Challenge Cup Quarter Final Monday 7th March 2011

A comfortable victory saw Avenue ease through to the semi-final of the League Challenge Cup where they will face an away trip to Northwich Victoria. With keeper John Lamb absent due to holiday it meant assistant manager Mark Hume took up an unfamiliar role in the Avenue goal.

A bad challenge early on from Hucknall's Danwell Francis on Knowles earned him a booking as the Avenue defender lay on the pitch requiring treatment. The first opportunity of the game fell to Hucknall's Callum Lloyd who attempted a lob which landed past Hume's far post. Moments later James was brought down in the box by Martin Bell and the referee made no hesitation in pointing to the spot. O'Brien converted as he drove the ball low to the keepers left. On 18 minutes Avenue were 2 up when Boshell floated in a cross from the right which James connected with to send a looping header past Ross Whalin in the Hucknall goal. As Avenue continued to control the half the Hucknall's defence were kept busy. Firstly Whalin had to palm away a curling corner from Boshell before he watched on as O'Brien struck a shot that flew over the bar. Hotte went close to scoring number 3 but his low shot across goal went wide of the far post. Hucknall's best chance of the half resulted in a goal mouth scramble which Knowles had to clear off the line. An early sub for the home side saw O'Brien go off to be replaced by Tiani. On 41 minutes it was 3-0 when Greaves put a ball into the box from the left to James who lashed the ball into the back of the net. Greaves should have done better with an attempt on the right but struck his effort agonisingly wide. The final action of the half almost saw Avenue's lead increased as James hit the crossbar and then from the re-bounce he fired over the bar.

Half Time - Bradford Park Avenue 3 Hucknall Town 0

At the break Savory came on in place of Claisse while a double substitution for the visitors saw former Avenue forward Tristram Whitman on in place of James Jepson and Jared Holmes on in place of Joe Phesant. From the kick off Hucknall broke into the Avenue box and Danwell Francis was brought down in a crowded penalty area. Fabian Smith stepped up to take the kick but failed to strike the ball cleanly and it went horribly wide. On 57 minutes Hucknall full back David Boafa was penalised for hand ball and Avenue were awarded another penalty. With O'Brien off the pitch the responsibility was left to Boshell. Sadly he didn't have the same accuracy and skied his spot kick way over the cross bar. Within minutes Hucknall won their second spot kick of the evening for a foul in the box. This time they made no mistake as substitute Jared Holmes drilled his kick straight down the centre to make the score 3-1. Hucknall then replaced Smith with forward Tyiesse Nightingale. A clumsy challenge then left Tiani on the receiving end of a yellow card. This was followed by Lloyd also getting himself in the referee's book. As the game approached the final quarter the intensity had died down and the game looked over. There was still time however for a late flurry of goals as James struck Avenue's fourth to complete his hat trick when he slid in at the far post to turn the ball in after it had squirmed free from the visitor's defence. In the dying seconds Whitman scored a consolation goal when he struck a low angled shot that found the back of the net.

Full Time - Bradford Park Avenue 4 Hucknall Town 2

Goal Scorers – Rob O'Brien 10 pen, Matty James 19, 41, 88, Jared Holmes 60 pen, Tristram Whitman 90

Bradford P.A. – Mark Hume, Henry McStay, Martin Drury, Rob O'Brien (c) (Tiani 45), Adam Clayton, James Knowles, Tom Greaves, Nathan Hotte, Matty James (Gibson), Tom Claisse (Savory 45), Nicky Boshell

Subs - Aiden Savory, Brice Tiani, Luke Gibson, Liam Shepherd, Matty Plummer

Hucknall Town – Ross Whalin, David Boafa, James Jepson (Whitman 45), Wayne Duik (c), Joe Pheasant (Holmes 45), Martin Ball, Callum Lloyd, Fabian Smith (Nightingale 63), Robert Gill, Danwell Francis, Josh Burge

Subs – Tristram Whitman, Tyeisse Nightingale, Jared Holmes

Referee – A Clayton

Assistants – T Direkler, S Parker

Attendance: 106