

Cray Wanderers 2 v East Grinstead Town 0 – Saturday 1st September 2018

Match Report by Richard Tramontin

Wasps produced a spirited performance on Saturday, but this defeat nonetheless leaves them bottom of the table after four straight defeats.

Admittedly, two of them have come against sides boasting 100% records but manager Matt Longhurst will be hoping for an improvement when they return to league action on September 15th after next Saturday's FA Cup trip to Fleet Town.

With striker Sid Sollis heading back to Margate after a brief spell with the club, Longhurst introduced midfielder Abodje Yao after signing from Kingstonian and he had a solid debut in midfield but the home side possessed more of a cutting edge up front and that made the difference.

Grinstead had a let-off in the fourth minute when Junior Dadson's shot from 14 yards came back off the underside of the bar.

Callum Emptage went close with a header as Grinstead responded brightly but the defender was involved when the visitors fell behind in the 25th minute. Jerome Frederico got away down the right and his cross was deflected off Emptage and past helpless keeper Sheikh Cessay.

Neither side created a great deal for the rest of the first half and it was apparent that the next goal was going to be crucial and Cray got it just before the hour mark when Karl Dent's corner was headed home by an unchallenged Ben Mundele. Another new signing George Landais, who has joined from Horsham, came on for the last 30 minutes.

O'shaye Giraud Hutchinson made a lively impression after coming off the bench and twice went close but Grinstead struggled to create many clear-cut chances and Cray saw the game out comfortably enough.

Wasps: Ceesay, Boulding, Miller-Neave, Emptage, Johnson (sub: Springett 77), Yao, Everett (sub: Landais 60), M Wilson, Elliott, Smith, Mazzone (sub: Giraud-Hutchinson 72) Unused Subs: Bray, Ben Wilson