

East Grinstead Town 3 v VCD Athletic 1 – Saturday 15th September 2018

Wasps climbed off the bottom of the table, claiming an impressive first League win of the season against a VCD side who came to East Court boasting a 100% League record.

It was a deserved success too. Manager Matt Longhurst was able to name the team which had made history with the FA Cup win over Fleet Town a week earlier and Grinstead were excellent throughout.

Grinstead started strongly and took a deserved lead on 25 minutes when defender Karn Miller Neave found the bottom corner with a free kick from the edge of the penalty area.

The Wasps extended their lead six minutes later with a strong run and finish from distance by Freddie Yao across Joe Mant in the VCD goal and into the far corner.

Within three minutes VCD got themselves back into the game when the ball was allowed to drop in the box and Jonathan Adebayo finished well but Grinstead nearly extended their lead a minute later when the combination of a good save from Mant and an unbelievable clearance off the line from the excellent Junior Joseph-Baker denied the home side.

On 82 Grinstead settled the game when a pinpoint cross from the right by Dan Hogan was swept in by George Landais. VCD pressed and committed men forward to try to get back into the game but their efforts were thwarted by the Grinstead defence with Ryan Johnson and Callum Emptage outstanding in the heart of the back four.

Grinstead: Ceesay, Boulding, Miller-Neave, Johnson, Emptage, Yao (sub: Hogan 45), Mazzone, Wilson, Hutchinson (Bray 75), Landais, Mongoy (Jones 83). Unused subs: Cooney, Conway.

Attendance: 92