

FA Cup – 1st Qualifying Round - Fleet Town 1 v East Grinstead Town 2 – Saturday 8th September 2018

Match Report by Richard Tramontin

Wasps made history on Saturday when two late goals secured victory over Fleet and a place in the FA Cup second qualifying round for the first time.

They now face Bostik Premier outfit AFC Hornchurch in Essex on September 22nd which is a tougher assignment being a level above both ourselves and Fleet, but Matt Longhurst's team have nothing to lose and have had some good performances against Bostik Premier outfits in pre-season and friendlies this season. If they can repeat Saturday's heroics then an upset could be on the cards.

Despite the Wasps dominating play and possession, Fleet went ahead from one of their rare attacking moments in the 27th minute when Danilo Cadete's free kick 25 yards out found Imran Uche who used all his height to guide a powerful header past Sheikh Ceesay.

The pattern continued after the goal with Grinstead controlling but unable to find a way past home keeper Brendan Norris and George Landais squandered a good opening just after the break when he hit the side netting.

Fleet nearly doubled their lead in the 70th minute from a rare attack when substitute Abdul Rajab hit the post after the hosts had broke down the left. The rebound fell to Riccardo Andradý but Ceesay got down to make a good save. It was to prove a costly miss as Grinstead hit back with two goals in as many minutes to win the tie.

They equalised in the 77th minute when substitute Steve Sargent's pass released Landais and his shot had too much power for Norris.

Then Mongoy powered through the home defence and coolly slotted past Norris to make it 2-1, much to the delight of the travelling supporters.

Wasps saw out the rest of the game and must now concentrate on replicating their Cup form in the Bostik League, starting at home to VCD Athletic on Saturday.

Team: Ceesay, Boulding, Miller-Neave, Wilson (sub: 66 mins Sargent), Emptage, Johnson, Mazzone, Yao, Landais, Mongoy (Everett 82), Giraud-Hutchinson (77 Jones) Unused subs: Cooney, Bray, Hogan, Taylor.

Attendance: 159