

Ashford United 0 v East Grinstead 3  
By Bruce Talbot

Louie Theophanous took his goal tally to nine in five games as Wasps produced a much-improved second-half performance to maintain their 100% record after three league matches.

The striker struck twice in five minutes just after the break before Peter Wedgeworth added a late third for Grinstead.

In the end it was a comfortable afternoon for Wasps, but they were fortunate not to fall behind in the first half when they struggled to find any fluidity.

Having said that, Jacob Adams only had to make one save of note before the break when he blocked Johan Ter-Horst's shot. Jono Richardson headed over from a great position and Jack Steventon also went close but Grinstead had arguably the best chance of the half when Theophanous was sent clear by Danny Waldren's pass but his shot was deflected off the line.

Grinstead immediately found another gear on the re-start and Theophanous was inches away from heading in Wedgeworth's cross before breaking the deadlock in the 49th minute when Danny Thompson cleverly chested the ball into his path and Theophanous swept the ball past Sam Mott.

The Ashford keeper was beaten again five minutes later. Thompson's pass split open the home defence and Theophanous beat Mott to the ball to make it 2-0.

Theophanous nearly had a hat-trick when he charged down Mott's clearance but watched the ball roll agonisingly across the line.

Ashford huffed and puffed but Grinstead remained defensively resolute while Adams' handling was exemplary and he preserved a deserved clean sheet late on with an acrobatic tip-over from Ter-Horst's header.

By then Wasps had wrapped up the points with a third goal on 85 minutes when Sean Clohessy pulled the ball back from the line to Wedgeworth whose shot had enough power to beat Mott.

Team: Adams, Clohessy, Gasson, Reardon, Harrison, Wedgeworth, Waldren, Uwezu (sub: Cooney 89), Theophanous, Thompson (sub: Carvalho 79), Davies (Sub: Omrore 45).