

East Grinstead 4 v 1 Ramsgate  
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The Wasps good start to the league campaign continued with a comfortable victory over Ramsgate.

Former Grinstead manager Matt Longhurst endured a torrid return to East Court and after Grinstead had raced into a three goal lead inside twenty-five minutes the result was never really in doubt.

Ramsgate had seven former Grinstead players in their starting line-up but Grinstead were never going to make it an easy evening for Longhurst and his men and it took no more than three minutes for Grinstead to take the lead.

Ramsgate struggled with Grinstead's set pieces all evening and it was through one of these they took the lead. A cross into the box caused problems for keeper Brannon Daly, who had a difficult night, resulting in his weak punch falling at the feet of Louie Theophanous who made no mistake from 12 yards out

Twelve minutes later, Grinstead had doubled their lead. Another set piece saw Sean Clohessy's free kick from out on the left fall to an unmarked Theophanous who volleyed home with Daly in no man's land, for his seventh goal of the season in just six games.

The best goal of the night and Grinstead's third came in the 24 minute. A well worked move down the right ended in Clohessy finding Daniel Thompson with a pinpoint cross and Thompson made no mistake with a first time volley past Daly.

Game over inside twenty five minutes and having secured their three goal lead Grinstead took their foot off the pedal. Ramsgate did start to see plenty of the ball but never really threatened although they should have reduced the deficit just before half time when Will Thomas latched onto a cross from Tom Chapman but somehow shot wide with the goal gaping.

The second half was a bit of a non-affair with the Wasps clearly settling for what they had and once again although Ramsgate had plenty of possession Grinstead's keeper Jacob Adams was a virtual bystander. Out of nothing Ramsgate did notch a consolation with twelve minutes remaining through a free kick from the edge of the box from substitute Henry Arnold which took a wicked deflection past the stranded Adams.

This goal stirred Grinstead into life again and they regained their three goal cushion just four minutes later. Another free kick from wide on the right from Sean Clohessy was totally missed by Daly although there may have been a slight touch from Danny Waldren as it nestled in the far corner.

Team: Adams, Clohessy, Harrison, Beckles, Gasson, Wilson (Reardon), Davies(Musungu), Waldren, Theophanous, Uwezu, Thompson(Smith). Subs not used: Carvalho, Uchechi