

RAF SRT vs East Riding County FA (Chalk Lane FC) in the Royal British Legion Cup – 7 Nov 18 at the Roy West Centre, Hull



The RAF SRT travelled to East Riding for their annual Royal British Legion Cup match. With East Riding FA represented by the current Humber Premier League Champions, Chalk Lane FC. With a small squad it was again another opportunity for Manager Sgt Kev Barry to run his eyes over a few options in preparation for the Inter Services in March 19.

The RAF started the game very slowly and it took 20 minutes for them to fully engage in a fast a furious game. The hosts were having the better of the possession and managed a few half chances.

Cpl Mike Campbell was a threat going forward and periodically asked a few questions of the East Riding defence, who were very well organised, disciplined and made very good decisions. On 40 minutes Campbell broke the deadlock with a neat finish from 10 yards. HT 0-1. The theme of the half time team talk was clean sheets and starting quicker than the first half!

The second half exploded into life immediately. The RAF were made to pay this time for coming out of the blocks slowly and East Riding score twice inside the first 3 minutes of the restart. On 50 minutes Campbell equalised and the Sgt Carl Evans put the RAF back into the lead from a well worked corner from Cpl Tom Claisse. Within minutes the game was all square again when East Riding broke quickly and a deflected shot looped over keeper Cpl Chris Adams. The game settled for 10 minutes and in the last quarter SAC Rhys Harbottle restored the lead with a well taken individual goal and the SAC Ben Cullen played in MOM Campbell to make it 5-3 with a blistering shot to complete his hat-trick.



Kev firstly outlined the importance of the annual fixture and as always commended East Riding on all the work they do with the military and the RAF in particular. His thoughts on the game were quite relaxed, he stated *'we had a small squad and many of the lads had travelled many hours to get to the game, their commitment levels were massive. It was important to get minutes into some and also give others the opportunity to let me know that they belong. It was a great game for the neutral more than a coach or manager, however it gives us plenty to work on the next time we meet up.'*

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