AFC Shirley 2-0 Hedge End Rangers

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Ref Number	5809/3	Competition	uhlsport Hampshire Premier
Date	Tuesday 05/08/2025		League – Senior Division
Kick-Off	6.30pm	Referee	Cameron Kingston
Ground	Mansel Park	Assistant-1	Club
Visit Number	9 (prev.Mt.#5771; October 2024)	Assistant-2	Club
Conditions	Sunny, warm	Adjustments	-
Temperature	22°C	Other Notes	-

Match Details:

01	**1**-0	Brogan	
48	**2**-0	Callaway	



AFC Shirley

No		sub	gl	YC	RC
1	Dylan Wild				
14	Craig Hunt			05f	
3	Liam Hammond	62			
4	Lewis Austin				
5	Liam Richardson	30			
18	Callum Read				
7	Mitchell Wood	72			
8	Tinomudaishe Mandigora	54			
9	Toby Brogan		1		
10	Alex Kim	HT			
21	Jack Ormiston				
Sub 5/5:					
12	Glen Freeman	30			
2	Nehal Mehta	72			
19	Jordan Brooks	54			
15	Morgan Callaway	HT	1		
16	Joe Hughes	62			



Hedge End Rangers

No		sub	gl	YC	RC
1	Ash Downs				
2	Will Hammerton			50f	
3	Finn Parker				
4	Tom Bickley	57			
5	Corbyn Brown				
6	Tom Nichols	57			
7	Owen Hurst				
8	Joe Courtney				
9	Jake Gould	57			
10	Brandon Caws				
11	Max Hillier	66			
Sub 5/5:					
12	Jack Sansome	66			
14	Wes Regular	57		76f	
15	George Sharpe	57			
16	Luke Massey	57			
17	Ben Meehan				

AFC Shirley made their Hampshire Premier League debut with a home win over Moneyfields Reserves on Saturday and they swiftly followed that up with three further points in their midweek match with Hedge End Rangers. The Owls, including most of the team that took them to the Southampton Premier title last season, achieved their victory due to a goal early in each half.

They struck when an Ormiston through pass sent **Brogan** clear of the Rangers' back line and he sent a most delightful chip over the 'halfway house' keeper and into the net. Goalscoring can be a thing of beauty and there's little better finishing than that and just forty seconds had been played. The remainder of the half saw the Rangers dominate the ball and threaten but they were up against a home defence that were well organised and restricted their opportunities on goal. With the half reaching its latter stages it was Shirley who almost increased their lead when Brogan passed to Kim who blazed over the bar. Hedge End had a couple of chances late in the half when Bickley's corner was headed downwards by Courtney but was deflected wide by a defender and Hammerton had a chance but knocked it over whilst under pressure from defenders. HT: 1-0.

Callaway was introduced as a substitute for Shirley at the break and he made an impact three minutes into the second half. He applied a neat touch home to score from close range from Wood's low ball in from the right. Downs did extremely well in the visitors goal, blocking successive efforts by Mandigora and Hammond with his legs. Parker for the visitors sent a cross in, the ball coming off the far post, the box being devoid of attacking players to take advantage of any follow up. Callaway had a half chance for the Owls but his lunging effort put the ball over. With time progressing the Rangers had a free kick and Caws put it into the box which Sharpe, from a tight angle, headed into the side netting at the back post. Home keeper Wild was called upon late in the game, pushing away a low Hurst free kick through bodies to concede a corner and, from that, he was down low to save Sharpe's effort. A fine Shirley move with Brooks, Callaway and Ormiston involved, saw Brogan's header directed at Downs. Moving into added time and Rangers attacked but Courtney blazed wide and Caws stabbed it just wide from a Massey cross. Those last two opportunities summed up the visitors evening somewhat. FT: 2-0.

Well, the Owls are off to a flyer (excuse pun!). They showed fine defensive qualities this evening and along with midfield invention and goalscoring ability too, it could be another successful season. However, two wins at the start may not be season defining but it certainly helps to make a statement within their new league. Twit Twoo!!! *[Gary Day]*