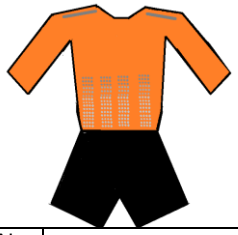
Kintbury Rangers 1-1 Cove

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Ref Number	5810/4	Competition	Velocity Wessex League
Date	Saturday 09/08/2025		Division 1
Kick-Off	3pm	Referee	Tony Foster
Ground	Gladstone Memorial Recreation Gd	Assistant-1	Olu Oglewole
Visit Number	5 (prev. Mt.#3788; August 2004)	Assistant-2	Paul Moore
Conditions	Sunny, hot, warm breeze	Adjustments	H4
Temperature	23°C	Other Notes	Previously Recreation Ground

Match Details:

22	0-**1**		Connolly
63	**1**-1	Cook	



Kintbury Rangers

No		sub	gl	YC	RC
1	Jack North				
2	Isaiah Williams				
3	Harry Way				
4	Jesse Bowers				
5	Terry Patten	89			
6	Josh Wallin	HT			
7	Jamie Wallin	80			
8	Jack Alfonso				
9	Sean Cook	68	1		
10	Silus Whitehead	HT		36p	
11	Clement Duodu				
Sub 5/5:					
12	Tyrese Georcelin	HT		78c	
14	Reece Daly	HT			
15	Owen Jenner	80			
16	Muzi Mpofu	68			
17	Dinesh Gurung	89			



Cove

No		sub	gl	YC	RC
1	Stuart Norman				
2	Mark Fawley				
3	Finlay Higgs				
4	Ryan Jones			78c	
5	Cavan Atkinson				
6	George Gill	64			
7	Armani Riley				
8	Louis Chin				
9	Will Okine-Peters	59			
10	Jack Melbourne	76			
11	Nathan Connolly			H2f	
Sub 5/5:					
12	Kay Hampson	59			
14	Sean Welch	76			
15	Reece Talbot				
16	Jaden Konda	64			
22	Mackenzie Sarling				

Kintbury Rangers v Cove

A meeting between two clubs formed in the 19th century but as Kintbury are affiliated with Berks & Bucks FA and Cove with Hampshire, it may be unlikely that their paths had crossed before. This was Kintbury's home Wessex League debut at an idyllic tree-lined ground on a sunny and warm afternoon.

The visitors opened well as Kintbury defenders Josh Wallin and Terry Patten defended sternly as both Will Peters and Mark Fawley threatened, and later Josh Wallin was once again in the right place to head clear from a Fawley cross. Ref Tony Foster allowed the game to flow and played a good advantage in midfield and this resulted in Cove's Nathan Connolly's low cross just failing to pick out Peters in the middle. A little later Connolly worked a similar position and crossed low again but this time no teammate had moved into the box to receive the ball and the chance was lost. Cove took a deserved lead on 22 minutes when a free kick from half-way was placed into the box, Fawley headed on and **Connolly** ghosted behind a defender to apply a finish past the keeper. Kintbury continued to work hard defensively as Cove attacked further, Jesse Bowers covering well to concede a corner as Connolly appeared to be put through. In a Kintbury attack, Bowers chipped a ball into the box but Cove keeper Stuart Norman held high under pressure. In first half stoppage time Jamie Wallin's shot for Kintbury was deflected into the path of Jack Alfonso, who fired over. HT: 0-1.

Kintbury made a couple of changes at the break and enjoyed greater possession in the second half. They almost conceded early in the half though as a defender missed a header and Connolly was in but he slipped and lost control. Isaiah Williams linked well with Tyrese Georcelin for the home side and Williams received a return ball but fired wide. Connolly almost increased Cove's lead as he was in space on the right and fired past the keeper but the ball came off the far post. There was a goalmouth scramble in the Cove goal which resulted in a corner and Harry Way's flag-kick went to the far post where **Sean Cook** netted with a classic striker's downward header, one-all. Cove attempted a response as Jack Melbourne took the ball inside a defender but his shot was well tipped over by home keeper Jack North. Cove hit the post with a Cavan Atkinson header from a corner. Bowers and Clement Duodu were involved in a good home move that produced a shooting chance for Georcelin but it was held high by Norman. Cove tried hard for a stoppage time winner but Kay Hampson's shot was deflected clear and the final move of the game saw Muzi Mpofu cross but Fawley covered to clear for Cove. FT: 1-1.

Cove enjoyed the greater possession in the first half. It was a tough half for Kintbury but they had more of the game in the second period and fought hard to earn their first point as a Wessex League side.