

NORTHAMPTON TOWN 5-1 CREWE ALEXANDRA

Sixfields Stadium, Saturday 24th January 2009, Kick off 3pm Attendance:
Away

The Line ups

Northampton Town: Chris Dunn, Paul Rodgers, Danny Jackman, Mark Hughes
Liam Davis, Chris Doig, Giles Coke, Leon Osman, Adebayo Akinfenwa, Leon Constantine,
Billy Clarke SUBS: Liam Dolman, Colin Larkin, Andy Holt, Ryan Gilligan, Ron Robert
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Crewe:

Crewe Alexandra:

Northampton Town entertained league one strugglers Crewe Alexandra on a chilly late-January afternoon. Just 100 seconds had past when debutant Billy Clarke fired past Alexandra keeper Steve Collis at the second attempt. After a spell of comfortable play Crewe came in search for ^{of} an equalizer, leaving gaps at the back. Giles Coke cut through the visitors stretched defence. In a desperate attempt to stop Coke, Julien Baudet brought him down and earned himself a straight red card. From the resulting free-kick Danny Jackman fired the hosts into a 2-0 lead. A long spell of preme involving 4 corners from Crewe eventually lead to the visitors putting a goal back. Colin Daniels beating Chris Dunn to the ball. In the aftermath of this goal Mark Carrington was booked for kicking the ball away. In the 28th minute Chris Doig was booked for unsporting behavior. Adebayo Akinfenwa hit the crossbar with a header in the 37th minutes, Liam Davis set up the big forward. Crewe made their first sub of the afternoon when Danny Woodwards

Came on for Luke Murphy in the 42nd minute

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At the start of the second half Giler, Cole, thundered a strike over the bar, before Paul Rodgers shot wide well after a storming run from Full back. The Cobblers retained their two goal lead on 55 minutes when Abdul Osman played in Danny Jackman, he squared the ball for Akinfenwa to header a ball across goal. Billy Clarke nodded in his record of the match.

The cheers had barely died down when Liam Davis drove a fierce left foot strike beyond Tomlinson in goal to make the score 4-1. Andy Holt replaced Liam Davis in the Cobblers first change of the match. Just minutes later Billy Clarke had completed his debut hatrick thanks to the quick thinking of Adebayo Akinfenwa, Bayo played in Clarke ^{but} Colin Daniels brought him down. A penalty was given and Daniels was yellow carded. Micheal O'Connor was also booked for dissent. Bayo stepped aside and Billy Clarke stood behind the ball. Stuart Tomlinson stood between Billy Clarke and a dream debut hatrick. Clarke stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way. Akinfenwa then left the field to a standing ovation & Colin Larkin came on for him.

George Abbey then replaced Micheal O'Connor for Crewe, followed by Ryan Gilligan coming on for man of the match Billy Clarke, the end of a dream debut. Leon Constantine shot over the bar from a Larkin cross on 75 minutes. Cobblers keeper Chris Dunn made a good save from Clayton Donaldson. A very good 3 points for the

Cobblers. Thankyou for reading.

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COBBLERS MATCH STATS: (first half in brackets, match total out of brackets)

SHOTS ON TARGET: (6) 10

SHOTS OFF TARGET: (1) 8

CORNERS: (0) 3

FOULS: (6) 13

Yellow cards: (1) 1

Red cards: (0) 0

Caught off-side: (1) 2

CREWE MATCH STATS: (first half in brackets, match total out of brackets)

SHOTS ON TARGET: (2) 4

SHOTS OFF TARGET: (3) 3

CORNERS: (4) 9

FOULS: (6) 11

Yellow cards: ~~(1)~~ (1) 3

Red cards: (1) 1

Caught off-side: (3) 4

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