

## **Match Report- Millwall vs Tranmere Rovers**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

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### **The Teams:**

Millwall: Forde, Dunne, Martin (Craig 76), Frampton, Whitbread, Laird, Robinson, Fuseini (Abdou 46), Harris, Kandol (McLeod 46), Grabban.

Subs Not Used: Pidgeley, Alexander.

Booked: Laird, Whitbread, Harris.

Goal: Laird 73.

Tranmere: Coyne, Shotton, Taylor, Chorley, Goodison, Kay, Jennings, Sonko, Shuker, Savage, Moore.

Subs Not Used: Achterberg, Edds, Cresswell, Barnett, Gornell.

Booked: Kay, Goodison.

Ref: Roger East (Wiltshire).

Before the game, Millwall legend, Neil Harris received an award after breaking Millwall's all time scoring record by beating Teddy Sheringham's astonishing 108 goal record.

### **First Half**

The first shot came after 10 minutes after Ben Chorley hit one which brought Millwall keeper, David Forde into action, which was after a Chris Shuker corner which had been turned away by former Liverpool player Zak Whitbread.

Straight after that, another Chris Shuker corner but was again cleared by the home defence. And after 15 minutes, Ronnie Moore's men were taking the game by the scruff of the neck, they were really playing well.

And after about 20 minutes new loan signing Ryan Shotton was back in Tranmere colours as he was in on the action as his terrorising long throws brought David Forde's handling skills into action. Straight after that Chris Shuker had a shot but was well wide.

After 32 minutes Tranmere had yet again another corner by right midfielder Chris Shuker and from that corner Anthony Kay let one fly but went well over.

The first booking of the match came as Bas Savage was fouled by Marc Laird and Mr R East had no choice but to book the midfielder. And 5 minutes later the referee had to get his book out again but for Zak Whitbread this time after fouling Bas Savage.

Less than 2 minutes later the Tranmere captain Anthony Kay was in the book after a foul on Lewis Grabban and after 40 minutes both teams could not take control of the game.

A minute later another 2 players were in the referee's book, Tranmere's Ian Goodison and Millwall's Neil Harris after unsporting behaviour and at half time the score was 0-0 and neither team brought any of the keepers into any major saves.

## **Second Half**

After a minute of the second half, Millwall manager, Kenny Jackett decided to make a double change as Tresor Kandol made way for new signing, Izale McLeod and Ali Fuseini replaced Nadjum Abdou.

And the first shot of the second half came after 62 minutes as Chris Shuker struck it but was blocked by the Millwall defence, and then 2 minutes later Millwall's Lewis Grabbon let one fly but was well wide. A few minutes later after a Chris Shuker throw in, Edrissa Sonko had a header which was well tipped over by David Forde. Another Edrissa Sonko attack as he had a shot but was off target on this occasion.

And after a foul on Alan Dunne by Bas Savage, Millwall's Paul Robinson put in a free kick which was well headed by Marc Laird and it found the back of the net. 1-0 to Millwall after 73 minutes.

2 minutes later Edrissa Sonko had a shot but was well over David Forde's crossbar. Straight after that shot, Kenny Jackett made his 3<sup>rd</sup> and final substitution as David Martin replaced Tony Craig. After 80 minutes, Millwall were in control of the game. Just before the final whistle, was there a twist in the tail? No, it wasn't to be as Bas Savage's shot was over the bar. Straight after the goal kick which was resulted from Bas Savage's shot, Mr Roger East blew the final whistle as Kenny Jackett's men took all 3 points whilst Ronnie Moore's men took a very long journey back to Prenton Park without any points after a very hard battling game by the 2 sides.

Venue: The New Den

Attendance: 8,257