

SATURDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2007

BROMSGROVE ROVERS 1-1 TIVERTON TOWN

BGB Southern League Premier Division

Another away day in the Midlands was the next hurdle for Tiverton, and a visit to Victoria Park, Bromsgrove. Rovers and Tivvy had met five times previously; Tivvy had won all of them. But records and sequences get broken, and in what was ultimately a non-event of a match this sequence was indeed broken thanks to a last minute penalty from home left winger Kevin Banner. A particularly uninspiring game barely sprung to life throughout, and but for a few audacious attempts neither goalkeeper had much to do for the majority of proceedings. Jak Martin did push one shot away from beneath the crossbar, and there were only five minutes before the interval when Town finally looked like scoring. Knighton, proving to be a real livewire in recent games lifted one effort just wide and then brought the best out of Bromsgrove custodian Chris Taylor with a rasping shot from the edge of the area, before the Devon team finally made a breakthrough. Carl Cliff-Brown muscled past his marker wide on the right and unleashed a pile driver that Taylor could only help inside the post. The Rovers players protested Clifford's use of arms and elbows (the linesman had initially flagged for a foul) but the goal stood.

That was 1-0, that was half-time. In the second half it was all one way traffic but for one further effort from Knighton which Taylor smothered well. Marlon Walters went close on more than one occasion, as did Matt Birley and Wayne Dyer, but the Yellow's defensive line was holding firm and the points appeared destined for a trip south on the M5. But with just three minutes left on the clock Bromsgrove were given salvation - a hopeful ball was drilled into the area from the right wing, Tom Gardner got his body in the way, and the referee pointed to the spot. Handball, penalty, Banner, goal! That was that, except a wildly ballooned shot from Dyer, and the spoils were shared for the first time in six meetings.

Bromsgrove Rovers: Chris Taylor; Matt Birley (Paul Lloyd 45), Jamie Petty, John Snape, Chris McHale, Marlon Walters, Sam Allsop, Mark Taylor (David Bridgwater 72), Jermaine Clarke (Wayne Dyer 24), Nathan Lamey, Kevin Banner

Goals: Banner 87

Booked: Walters 29, McHale 44, Snape 45, Dyer 70

Sent Off: None

Tiverton Town: Ray Johnston; Luke Clarke (Lewis Irish 90), Chris Vinnicombe, Matt Villis, Jak Martin, Tom Gardner, Lee Groves, Will Gardner, Carl Cliff-Brown, Glenn Gould (Paul Wyatt 77), Tom Knighton

Goals: Cliff-Brown 45

Booked: Cliff-Brown 26, Martin 85

Sent Off: None

Attendance: 363