

KAPONGA V NP RANGERS MASTERS

The Masters had to recruit a few junior players this week due to a high percentage of the senior players being unavailable. This however did not stop them from playing their usual passing game with the new additions fitting in to the style of play.

The game started off at a good pace with Rangers peppering the opponent's goal but with very little success at bulging the onion bag. Yet again a defensive slip let the opponents take the lead, which they held onto until halftime.

A few words of wisdom at the break brought the players back onto the field full of determination to produce a better half than the first one. Lady luck seemed to have other ideas and Kaponga were awarded a penalty which they duly converted, to lead two-nil. Rangers were yet again playing the better football and the opposition was at times out played and yet Rangers could not score that important goal. With the side pushing for a break-through it came but at the wrong end, Kaponga broke away and a deflected shot only just beat the goalkeeper. A bitter blow, but not deterred Rangers still pushed forward and were rewarded with a penalty. Up stepped Rex Gilbert who was adamant that he was going to burst the net only to pass the ball back to the goalkeeper. Will not take another penalty, EVER. Kaponga finally wrapped up the game with a fourth goal, again from a break away down the flank and a shot from an acute angle beat the goalkeeper.

Rangers did however have the final say in the game, with some slick passing and interplay Rob Stuart drilled a low shot past the despairing dive of the Kaponga keeper. Final score Kaponga 4, NPRangers Masters 1.

Man of the Match Ben Stewart.