

PETERBOROUGH V NORTHAMPTON MATCH REPORT

This big local derby was the second one of the season between Northampton Town and Peterborough United. The game started off brightly for the Cobblers dominating for the first 6 minutes. Peterborough hardly got the ball off the Cobblers. Then things got even better for the town when Posh defender Gaby Zakuani was rightly red carded for a vicious tackle on Cobblers centre forward Ikechi Anya. Danny Jackman was to take the free kick for the town and he came agonisingly close by hitting the post. The teams became a bit more even after the red card but Chris Doig was having a nightmare in defense having to deal with two of the fastest and best strikers in the league- Peterborough's Aaron Mclean and Craig Mackail-Smith. Then in the 33rd minute completely against the run of play Peterborough scored. A fine free kick into the area by Paul Coutts and Charlie Lee outjumped Chris Doig to score for Peterborough. More chances came for both sides before half time but neither team could take them. The second half began like in the first half. Northampton were beginning to play brilliant football. In the second half Northampton made three subs, ON: Davis, Constantine and Rodgers and OFF: Doig, Magney and Holt. Just before Andy Holt was subbed off he missed a great chance when he smashed the ball against the bar and it went out of play. Constantine ages ago used to play for the Posh so he was determined to do well. When Paul Rodgers came on he changed the game. He was fantastic in defense for the town and stopped The Posh's two great strikers. Then deep into added time Northampton had a chance. Jackman crossed it into the area, the ball dropped for Leon Constantine. He was three yards out, he must surely score everyone was thinking. The next thing anyone knew the ball had gone so far over the bar that it went out of the stadium. The game finished Posh 1-0 Cobblers but on a different day it could have finished differently.



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Here at last, sorry for not writing the February issue, that was to be the W.I., birthday meal but due to the snow W.I. was cancelled.

Now March came in like a lamb except that evening of our meeting the weather was horrendous, nevertheless it still took place. Our speaker gave a good talk about 78, Derrigate. Northampton and if anyone is familiar with that address they will know it was the only house in England designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Architect, Artist, Designer. Everyone seemed to enjoy the interesting talk. Well done to all who braved the weather. Look forward to seeing you all on the 7th April.

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