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Stockholms Cup:24th October 2007, Visättra IP, KO: 20.00

#### VISÄTTRA 4 LÅNGHOLMEN FC 8

This match was a potential banana skin for Långholmen on a bitterly cold night at Vissättra. The division 8 side must of strongly fancied there chances when they scored their three penalty kicks before the game started. Keeper McConnell was visibly frustrated at not being able to stop at least one as he did in the previous round of the competition. When the home team scored a fourth it looked like an uphill battle for the Division 5 team.



*Radford scores from the spot, Some of the 17 fans who braved the sub zero conditions, Mole fails to stop penalty number 3 for Vissättra.*

It took Långholmen six minutes of the ninety to get on the scoreboard when Gary Phillips scored from close range, a fine piece of play by Nino on the left wing saw an inch perfect pass find the number 12 who slotted home from six yards.

The home team replied five minutes later when the sturdy looking number 10 superbly chipped Mole from 20 yards, the big keeper will be the first to admit his positioning could of been a lot better.

At 4-1 down Långholmen still didn't panic and resorted to a smooth free flowing football that has been somewhat of a trademark of late. You could sense that when Derri Thomas scored number two Vissättra seemed to understand what was about to happen. The red shirted Stripes then pummeled their lower league opponents into submission, Thomas again hitting the target just before the break with a finely placed header which saw the keeper go down like a sack of potatoes. Captain Robbie Graham had a great goal chopped off after an earlier infringement to keep the score at 4-3 at half time to the hosts.

Directly after the break and once again Derri Thomas found the back of the net when the keeper botched a clearance giving the Welshman the easiest of tasks in knocking the ball net bound. Graham made it five with a header and centre back Barrie Radford added another from the spot.

Young Oskar Hentmark placed a hard shot under the keeper for seven. Långholmen made a couple of changes ensuring the subs got a bit of warmth in the minus 2 conditions.

The away team saved the best for last when a great team build up saw a perfectly weighted ball find young Adam Lindgren who outpaced his marker and coolly drew out the keeper before delicately chipping it over him to wrap things up.

Nick Short watched this one from the sidelines as he is recovering from cosmetic surgery but was quite lyrical about his teams performance. Långholmen will play KRIS in the next round in the new year.

Crowd: 17 The whole crowd were travelling Ultras on a cold night with Champions league football on the telly.

Refwatch: A very good performance by the man in charge, one of the best this year.

Korvquiden: Nice little sausage this one with a slight tinge of pepper topped off with a slither of mustard.

**All the best and for the last time this season Scottie.**

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Stockholms Cup:15th October 2007, Hammarby Höjden BP, KO: 20.00

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## FOLKSAM 2 LÅNGHOLMEN 4

### Stripes stick to task and progress.

The Stockholm Cup always provides shocks and excitement. With the implementation of a handicap system whereas a team that is drawn against a higher league team will be given a certain amount of penalties depending on how many divisions there are between the teams.

Folksam came to Hammarby with a potential 3 goal advantage, however Mole had other ideas and managed to save the first effort getting down well to parry the Folksam players effort. Two strikes followed and the division eight team started the game with confidence.

The Stripes went about there business methodically and didn't panic, playing some very neat football and creating numerous chances.



**Mole was satisfied with his input in the match on a dark night in Hammarbyhöjden.**

Pete McConnell got things off to a great start on seven minutes when he struck a fine effort past the keeper to put his side well and truly back into contention. To be honest at times the teams were miles apart in terms of class, Långholmen with a much more settled approach and a higher level of fitness. The Stripes really have been given an extra dimension of talent with the addition of Pete McConnell and will for sure be a key player next term, not only does he have a calm head but also great distribution and superb control. Robbie Graham as always battled away and could of added to the score sheet on the half hour mark, his shot being cleared by the rather portly defender. Nick Short was unavailable as he was in hospital undergoing treatment for a knee injury, the man at the helm was Chris Latham who has worked hard for the team this year. Latham maintained calm in his side by telling them just to keep playing the same type of game but with a sharpness to their passing. This team talk seemed to work as his side fired in three goals after the break. A fine Mark Evans double, the first being a well worked goal where he headed in a looping ball to the back post. Top scorer Andy O'Sullivan scored from the spot after a penalty was awarded, thus reducing Folksam down to ten men. It was more or less one way traffic after the third goal, but credit to Folksam who tried hard to break through a solid Stripes rearguard. Långholmen will face Vissättra in the next round of the cup. Another division eight side who finished strongly in their division this season. If the Långholmen boys perform as good as they have done as late there really should be no problems with advancement.

Stripes Man of the match: Mark Evans for his battling performance, intimidation of the opposition and two good goals.

Crowd: 14

Refwatch: Best this season actually, the young man let the game flow.

Korvguiden: Nope.

All the best/Scottie with the help of his trainee Julian.

**POST-MATCH AUDIO INTERVIEW WITH MARK EVANS [HERE](#)**

Special report: 10th October 2007, Hökarängen BP, KO: 18.30

**LFC Korpen 90 vs Umeå Utd: final match of season 2007.**

### BLUES JUST MISS OUT.

The korpen boys showed the kind of spirit that runs through Långholmen Football Club with a sterling never say die approach for the whole ninety minutes of this crucial match. Coach Phil Hopkin had told his lads not to be wound up by their opponents and just play the game as they know and had they taken a couple of the numerous chances they created in the second half they may of been sitting in contention for the league title. Umeå all but secured that same title by keeping the score down to a single strike.



It was the team dressed in a mish mash of different shades of green who created more scoring chances in the opening twenty minutes but keeper Kelly, who once again put in an excellent performance, stood firm to everything they could throw at him. Manchester Mike looked firm at the back accompanied by Barry the hairdresser.



At times the Långholmen boys played some very efficient and direct football Julian the quizmaster linking up well with Coventry Pete and Pete Simpson. Mick Jagger had a glorious chance to put his team ahead just before the break, his finish was not however of the same standard as the great build up involving boysband Robbie. The second 45 minutes saw Långholmen pin Umeå back and create chance after chance without reward. That was until Långholmen veteran Johnny the massageman literally put the ball through the keeper after receiving a sublime pass from Andy the cameraman and made it one nil after 65 minutes. Time after time the korpen blues tried to break down the goat herders and deer slaughterers of Umeå but the men from the North stood fast and can look forward to getting back home and helping Santa with his winter work. This was Phils last match in charge and cannot fault any of his boys who have put in a great effort this season.

Crowd: 17 Ultras

Ref: Overweight !!!

Rum Guiden: A nice bottle of Captain Morgans to keep the sidelines warm on a freezing night.

All the best, Scotty.

Saturday 6th September 2007 Gubbängen IP. KO: 16.00

**LÅNGHOLMEN FC 6**  
**SOLBERGA 1**

#### STRIPES FINISH IN FINE FORM

Långholmen were more than aware of their task before this final game of the season kicked off. A win by a margin of at least five goals and hope that other results went their way was required for automatic promotion, in the end captain Robbie Grahams strike to make it six was to no avail as elsewhere Gunners Utd secured a division four berth with a two nil victory over Fruängen who in turn had nothing to play for. The other side who gained automatic promotion are Eriksberg who won a handfull of points by lodging 6,457 protests this season, some of these including Sköndals korv kiosk was too small and Tullinge had a player with red hair, they also complained to STFF about God as he made it rain during one of their matches, this protest has however been overlooked.



Some of the Ultras who braved the cold.

On the field of play it was Solberga who started off the brighter of the two sides dominating the first ten minutes and creating three great chances to take the lead. Långholmen got their act together and took the lead on 12 minutes when Derri Thomas and Andy O'Sullivan combined with some neat swift passing resulting in Thomas placing the ball past keeper Mats von Solberg, who had a few good stops in this game. The Stripes' offside trap failed to work when Kristian af Klinteberg picked up a loose ball and easily lobbed over the oncoming Stripes keeper Mole McConell.

It wasn't long before the home team got their lead restored when the front pairing of Thomas and O'Sullivan once again came up trumps when roles were reversed and Thomas turned provider and O'Sullivan converted. Two goals followed in as many minutes as counters from O'Sullivan and Oscar Hentmark made it four goals in the first half an hour. Solbergas player coach Matts von Ostburger denied O'Sullivan his hat trick when he blocked his penalty kick effort on 37 minutes, the strikers effort and then rebound shot were very poor. The same man however made up for this when he made it five before the break.

Solberga once again tried to play some football and were also awarded a penalty which was blasted wide by Stig Björn Borgberg.



Solbergas player coach wins the ball from a corner.

News filtered through to Gubbängen that Gunners were leading by two, Långholmen kept plodding on and Robbie Graham closed their league account for this year when he slotted home from 10 yards and see his side score 66 goals this season. Not bad for a team that play "boring" football.

What now lies ahead is a complicated process for Nick Shorts men as league restructuring and qualification matches in higher divisions determine whether their will be an eventual place in Div 4 next year. One thing is for sure they won't be leaving in any protests.

The balding boss was lyrical about his teams input this season and will no doubt strengthen his squad during the winter.

Crowd: A very disheartening 49. A shame considering the club has so many members and players.

Refwatch: Let the game flow without incident

Korvguiden: A pretty average effort today, although the mustard was tasty on the tongue.

All the best. I am proud of you boys.  
Scottie

**POST-MATCH AUDIO INTERVIEW WITH NICK SHORT [HERE](#)**

Saturday 29th September 2007 Bruna IP. KO: 14.00

**LOS COPIHUES 1  
LÅNGHOLMEN FC 5**

#### **FAB FIVE KEEPS DREAM ALIVE.**

Långholmen now head into next weeks game needing results to go their way after the top two teams clashed today resulting in a win for second placed Eriksberg.  
Nick Shorts boys stuck to their task and should really have taken this tally into double figures with some dreadfull finishing in front of goal.

The game was only two minutes old when Deri gave his side the lead after some well worked ballplay. The home team created a couple of fine efforts but keeper McConnell was equal to them.



Two players are yellow carded.

The Stripes doubled their lead when they were awarded a very dubious penalty when defender Chico Lopez was adjudged to have bundled over striker Andy O'Sullivan, in all fairness it looked like the number 3 won the ball fair and square. O'Sullivan dusted himself off and placed the ball hard and low past the keeper Martinez.

Three minutes later and the referee made another blunder when he awarded the home team a spot kick for a hand ball just inside the box. Hector Gonzales-Ramirez scored with a fine shot past Mole.



Some of the 69 persons present

The game descended into a scrappy affair with some yellow cards being flashed and some harsh challenges distributed. A major turning point came on 63 minutes when Los Copihues lost their keeper due to a bad ligament injury, in stepped pint sized Juan Fernando Gomez to let in another three goals. Number three saw Nino connect with an exceptional pass from Gary and gave the goalie no chance. The fourth goal was an absolute gift as the keeper completely fluffed his kick allowing O'Sullivan the easiest of tasks and roll the ball into the gaping net. Goal five was a well worked effort when Johnny Dub found Adam Lindgren with acres of space and the young wonder kid closed the Stripes account. Glorious chances were squandered in the last fifteen minutes which could easily of seen the boys in black and white hit double figures.



Mole reaches the ball first to clear

Next week and all eyes will be on Eriksbergs game with the hope they drop the points at the same time Långholmen beat Solberga, a team they have yet to beat in a league fixture.

Stripes man of the match: Andy O'Sullivan for his never say die attitude and a couple of goals to



boot.

Crowd: 69

Refwatch: The man in the middle looked very keen to impress his supervisor.

Korvguiden: A 3 was the mark given by the judges of korv.

All the best/Scot James.

**Post match report with coach Nick Short >>> [HERE](#)**

Saturday 22nd September 2007 Gubbängen IP. KO: 14.00

**LÅNGHOLMEN FC 2  
HÄGERSTEN 1**

### **SHORTS MEN PULL IT OFF IN THE NICK OF TIME.**

The dream of playing a division higher next year is very much alive for the Stripes as they worked hard to gain all three points against a determined Hägersten side. Right from the start the home team took control and looked lively in and around the box with Derri Thomas once again showing why his pace is so valuable, time and time again he out ran his marker and created a fair bit of ball for his striking partner young Oscar Hentmark. Hägersten were not just there to make up the numbers and showed this with a well worked move after 9 minutes when Johansson passed the ball to Johanssonson who shot just wide of comeback boy Moles upright. McCormack at the back was once again a rock for the black and white Stripes and along with Barrie Radford the defence mopped up nearly all their opponents could throw at them. Thomas had a great chance when he ran unchallenged into the box from the flank and saw his shot canon off big defender Jonsonliganson and onto the crossbar.



**Robbie Graham blasts home the winner**

At this stage in the game the feeling that a goal was not far away was in the air and after a handful of efforts Långholmen were awarded richly for their endeavours, a lofted ball into the box evaded everyone and a slight knock on fell to Hentmark who blasted past the keeper to put his team in front with two minutes remaining to the break. The half time entertainment was provided by reserve coach Chris Latham who got down on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend Jenny, the Hägersten substitutes warming up must of wondered what the hell was going on.



**The Ultras enjoy a bit of sun.**

Hägersten battled bravely in the opening exchanges of the second half and deservedly scored an equaliser when Johanssondottersson poked the ball home after McConnell failed to hold a free kick effort.

This appeared to be the wake up call the homesters needed and once again started to press hard on the Hägersten defence.

A set piece effort saw Ciaran McCormack draw away a couple of players and in the ensuing mellee on the six yard line the ball fell to captain Robbie Graham who soundly shot past Johnson in goal.

Hägersten were reduced to ten men when an over zealous challenge on Graham was rewarded with a red card. A minute later and it should of been three when Adam fired over from close range.

A good day at the races for Långholmen and a climb up to second in the table on goal difference.



**Congratulations to the happy couple**

Stripes best man: It was a toss up between super model Nick "Naomi" Phillips and Ciaran McCormack which Mackers narrowly edged.

Crowd: 52 the banter among the ultras was of the highest standard today.

Refwatch: A very good performance by the officials today, although Hågersten will probably disagree.

Korvguiden: A delicately spiced sausage today with strong mustard that created a euphoric sensation on the taste buds. 4.5/5.

All the best/Scot James

**AUDIO report with skipper Robbie Graham >>> [HERE](#)**

Saturday 15th September 2007 Stuvsta IP. KO: 13.00

### **LÅNGHOLMEN FC 3 STUVSTA IF 2**

#### **ANDY O'SOLOVAN STEALS THE SHOW.**

A moment of superb close control by striker Andy O'Sullivan made sure the Stripes came away with all three points after a close encounter. With 20 minutes left to play he picked up a loose ball and went on a darting run down the left handside beating all and sundry in his way before unleashing an unstoppable shot past the keeper, a finer goal has not been witnessed on the newly laid Stuvsta pitch.



**Långholmens defence holds strong as Stuvsta try for the equaliser.**

The home side will feel agrieved by not taking at least one point from this game after coming back from a goal down and then going on to lead 2-1. But as the old addage says it's a funny old game and Långholmen battled back into it to give themselves a real boost in the run in.

Nino and Jean Sibani combined well for the first goal after a fine through ball found the stalky Sibani who kept his cool and fired his team in front.

Both sides managed to cope with a strong wind and create a few chances. Stuvsta coming close with a powerful effort which was well saved by the keeper Bergquist. Just as it looked like the Stripes would hold out until half time Svensson took advantage of some dreadful defending and shot past Bergquist to make it even at the break.



**The burgers were lovely.**

With the wind behind them Långholmen came out for the second half looking to turn the heat up on

their hosts but were shocked when Stuvsta went ahead when an innocent looking cross from Bobby Svensson took a wicked deflection off team mate Tommy Svensson and ended up in the Långholmen net.

The game started to get a bit physical and some harsh challenges saw the referee produce more than a handful of cards in the second 45. Sibani who was later red carded, set up Nino for the equaliser after he survived a clumsy challenge in the box, he composed himself enough to send in an inch perfect pass to Nino and he wasted no time in putting the ball away.

The home team pushed for a winner but were hit by that sucker punch of O'Sullivan's on 70 minutes.



The picture says it all.

Manager Short had a broad smile on his face after the final whistle and admitted that his side were lucky to get a victory. The onus is very much on his team now with three games remaining of the season. Should results go there way they could very well be appearing in Division Four next term.

Stripes man of the match: One man stuck out today with his tireless commitment and excellent work rate his name is Stuart Lascelles.

Crowd: 97

Ref watch: The ref in this one kept to the standard of division 5 refereeing. Enough said.

Korv guiden: Excellent organisation by Stuvsta with half time music and a barbecue on the go selling burgers.

**AUDIO report with goal scorer Andy O Sullivan [HERE](#)**

All the best/ Scottie

Saturday 25th August 2007 Gubbängen IP. KO: 14.00

## **LÅNGHOLMEN FC 1 FRUÅNGEN 1**

### **BATTLING STRIPES EARN A POINT.**

Before this game kicked off, this looked like it could be another tough day for Långholmen. The first team were on a run of two straight defeats, missing at least five regular starters, they were fielding an untested keeper who apparently hadn't played in seven years and manager Nick Short was absent due to personal reasons.



The Stripes press for the opener

A blustery wind threw itself across Gubbängen but it didn't stop the teams putting on a decent game of football. The Stripes even with a depleted team were looking to emulate their win of the first encounter between the two earlier in the season when they were 1-0 victors.

Shooting with the wind in the first half the home team looked lively down the right side with Jean Sibani always looking like a threat when approaching the box. It was big Irish back Ciaran McCormack who produced a golden chance when his header was well saved by the Fruängen keeper. It took a full 28 minutes before the away side mustered a chance, a fine effort that was well held by stand in keeper Alexander Zailo, who it must be said had a fantastic game, showing a good understanding and always well positioned. Understanding and positioning could not however prevent the opening goal just five minutes before the break. Completely against the run of play Sven Svensson played in what looked like a half hearted effort into the Stripes box and it seemed to bobble and bounce and somehow found its way into the bottom corner of the net. Just at that moment it looked like the Långholmen run of bad luck was about to continue, but credit where it is due the boys in the black and white won a free kick and a perfectly flighted cross by new acquisition



**This time the keeper had the free kick covered**

Peter McConnell was met by the head off McCormack, the defender rising like a salmon on a fine autumn evening to send an unstoppable header into the net and even things up. The wind was Långholmens main opponent in the second half but they nevertheless had a couple of good chances to claim all three points. A point was secured and the Stripes will look forward to a strengthened team and hopefully an away win against Sköndal on Friday night.

Stripes Man of the match: Jean Sibani battled constantly and created more than a couple of chances unlucky not to get at least two goals in this match.



**Referee Vukovic had a great game**

Crowd: A very disappointing 27 on a sunny day.

Refwatch: This was the best performance seen this season by match officials. Referee Nasar Vukovic let the game flow and used good sense when telling players off instead of reaching for his cards.

Korvquiden: Two nice ely cooked and quicly served sausages. 4/5

**>> After -match audio interview with Chris Latham [HERE](#)**

**All the best/Scottie**

Sunday 19th August 2007 Brunna IP. KO: 12.00

**ERIKSBERG 3  
LÅNGHOLMEN FC 1**

#### **DISASTEROUS FIVE MINUTES SEALS STRIPES FATE**

Långholmen once again pressed the self destruct button and lost their second sucessive away match. This game had everything a neutral could wish for, an own goal, a penalty save and four sending offs. Långholmens sinners on the day however were Marc Evans and Barrie Radford for their sending offs and spot kick taker Stuart Lascelles, had the big man taken advantage of the 87th minute award a draw would of seemed a fair result. Instead they came away empty handed and rather unjustifiably so. After Barrie Radford was sent off for pointless back chatting the boys in red knuckled down and played much better football than they did with eleven men and if lady luck had been on their side they could of came away with a decent victory.



**Keeper and defender look at each other in despair as the ball nestles in the net.**

and can be proud of their performance. At times they really pinned back the home team and Sean in particular had a few great chances to level things.

Eriksberg stuck to their task and scored a third goal in the dying seconds when a loose ball was picked up and the big forward placed a low hard shot into the bottom corner.

On another day Långholmen would of come away with at least a point and to sum up a bad day at the races they even squandered a penalty kick, when the keeper got down and parried a very poor effort with three minutes remaining on the clock.

It looked rosy for Nick Shorts team at the break, his team were one nil up after a rather embararssing own goal by Eriksbergs fullback and the home team were down to ten men. But a crazy five minute spell saw the referee completely lose control and sent off Evans after a very dubious decision, from the side lines it looked like a very innocent challenge on the Eriksbergs midfielder but the man in charge did not hesitate in bringing out his red card, straight after Barrie Radford, who made one or two comments, was also given his marching orders costing his side dearly. Eriksberg got the boost they needed and scored two goals in as many minutes after some terrible defending. Some hesitation by keeper Mole was a factor in the second on 51 mins and left the Stripes with an uphill struggle.

The nine men left on the pitch battled admirably in particular had a few great chances to level things.





Lascelles misses the chance to square things up from the spot.

Nick Short was furious with the referee after the match and quite rightly so, it was blatantly obvious he was going to even things up after a first half sending off. Problems that Långholmen now face are players suspended after sending offs and injuries, these factors can put paid to any division four

aspirations next year.

Eriksberg on the other hand strengthen their claim for promotion.

Stripes man of the match: Comeback keeper Mole had a string of fantastic saves and deserves to be the number one choice.

Crowd: 34

Refwatch: Completely lost control and even the respect of his own linesman with one of the sending offs, this man will never make the top grade and should seriously think about handing in his whistle immediately. Minus twenty three points out of a possible ten.

Korvguiden: Couldn't be arsed walking half a mile to buy one.

**All the best/Scottie**

Saturday 28th July 2007 HammarbyHöjden IP. KO: 15.00  
- Mid season friendly match.

**LÅNGHOLMEN FC 3**  
**BLUE HILL IFK 3**

#### **MISSED CHANCES COST STRIPES.**

Stripes veteran and reserve team regular Mark O'Sullivan turned out for the first team in this friendly match and proved that he still has a lot to offer. Nick Short was absent for this match but will surely hear good things from stand in boss Chris Latham. Why he hasn't made an appearance for the first string this season is a bit of a puzzle and he added something that has been missing for parts of this season for the Stripes, long accurate defence splitting passes.



It was like a step back in time to watch the Ying and Yang pairing of O'Sullivan and Radford at the back.

The game was barely three minutes old when the first of many strange refereeing decisions popped up, the Blue Hill player charging in on Kelly in goal and seemed to throw himself down in the box, this was given by the ref and converted without problems by the Blue Hill skipper.

Mark Evans as usual looked lively in the opening exchanges and wasn't afraid to test the stand in keeper in the oppositions goal. The "have a go from

distance" tactic paid off on twenty minutes, all be it from a free kick, the Englishman stepped up and drove a hard shot past the wall, the keeper made a complete mess of it and fumbled the ball into the net.

Långholmen were missing a handful of first team players in this encounter, but even so should of dismissed a poor Blue Hill team by a comfortable margin. Adam Lindgren, Evans and Andy O'Sullivan all

missed glorious second half chances to put the game beyond doubt. The most clear cut being Lindgrens open goal effort where he somehow managed to play the ball off an oncoming defender when it looked easier to tap the ball home.

The Långholmen boys went up on twenty five minutes when a well placed free kick found the head of skipper Robbie Graham, who put in a workmanlike performance. The lead lasted all of ninety seconds as Blue Hills fake tanned super model wannabe no. 77 collected the ball sidestepped a couple of challenges and executed a fine shot which flew past Kelly and into the top right hand corner.

Then those three or four chances followed for the Stripes which really should of been good night for Blue Hill.

Stand in boss Latham made somewhat of a tactical blunder, gifting the visitors a goal and the lead on 66 minutes.





Goal number three did come for Långholmen after a sublime piece of passing by Mark O'Sullivan to his namesake Andy who collected the 60 yard pass and homed in on the keeper, the nippy forward bravely forced the ball into the net and was roughly barged by the keeper for his trouble, he was able to continue the action though but not able to add to his seasons tally. The game then petered out in true friendly fashion giving the teams equality in bragging rights.

The season continues soon for the Långholmen boys after the break and a serious concern for the coaching staff will be the fitness level of the players. A fine example is two or three players relieved at being taken off after admitting not being able to keep up with the pace. A bit worrying when a man of forty can outrun players more than half his age.

Crowd: 12

Refwatch: Seen better...lots

Korvguiden: Not a sausage

Stripes man of the match: Hard to call, but given to Mark O'Sullivan because he never lost concentration and proved he still has what it takes.

All the best/Scot James (*with new born daughter Ebba*).

Saturday 16th June 2007 Gubbängen IP. KO: 12.00

**LÅNGHOLMEN FC 3**

**TULLINGE 1**

#### A GAME OF ONE HALF

The old adage a game of two halves did in no way, shape or form describe this encounter. The second forty five was so dull the Stripes Ultras spent most of their time making up humorous songs aimed at their favourite players. The only real positive happening after the break was a well taken goal by Andy O'Sullivan, who is looking good for hitting the thirty goal mark this season.

Tullinge didn't come to Gubbängen to play exciting football they came to try and wear down Långholmen and at times were painful to watch. They did however put up a bit of a fight in the last twenty minutes and even managed a goal in injury time, when a wind assisted effort by Svenningssonsonsonson soared over Edwin Bergquist and into the net.



Tullinge try to break through the Stripes defence

Derri Thomas got things off to a good start for the Stripes in thirteen minutes when captain Robbie Graham won the ball in midfield, Andy O'Sullivan cleverly interacted with Challe Mörkdal on the right side, the young Swede whipping in a dangerous ball into the area, hesitation by the Tullinge defence was punished when Thomas blasted the ball high into the net for the opener. Ciaran McCormack and Barrie Radford ensured the Långholmen defence was unbreachable and Nino ran at the Tullinge stoppers with great skill and pace, the young man is proving a real asset to the Stripes and picked up his second man of the match award.

Chances fell to both Robbie Graham and Nino ,the first a powerful downward header that bounced up and over the bar, the second a fine effort that canoned low off the upright.



Two Långholmen legends discuss the state of play at half-time.

One of the best goals in regards to build up was witnessed in the second counter, McCormack won possession before playing a great pass forward, the ball steadily swept out to the right where O'Sullivan played in an inch perfect cross to the big Irishman who wasted no time in producing an unstoppable header past the rather portly Tullinge keeper. The anticipation of more goals from the Stripes could be felt on the sidelines but unfortunately the game petered out in the second half with very few clear cut chances being created. Tullinge lost their

keeper on 77 minutes when Andersonson limped off. He was replaced by Hansonson who had a couple of fine clearances. He was made to pick the ball out of the net on 85 minutes when O'Sullivan rounded things off, latching onto a through ball and running in on the keeper before firing hard and low into the bottom right hand corner. Tullinge will entertain the Stripes on Wednesday night in the last game before the summer break. A win for Långholmen will put them firmly in the top three.



57 people didn't pay to watch

Stripes man of the match: Nino once again for his endless running good distribution and tricky footwork.

Crowd: 57

Refwatch: Played a game of even things up the whole time. The linesman kept the fans amused with a great exhibition of keepy up during a break in play.

Korvquiden: A nice sausage with fine all round taste 3 out of 5.

All the best/Scot James.

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Tuesday 12th June 2007 Vårberga IP. KO: 20.45

**SRBIJA 1**  
**LÅNGHOLMEN FC 2**

#### LIGHTS GO OUT ON SERBIA

Srbija looked out of sorts in this game as they let Långholmen dominate for most of the match. They only really looked interested when they were given a new lease of life with nine minutes remaining. Långholmen could of dropped two valuable points in this one thanks to some terrible second half finishing.



Andy O'Sullivan encourages Serbia to get on with it

At times Långholmen played some great passing football, wonderful accurate one touch play sweeping from left to right and back again. It was no surprise that the visitors took the lead when young Challe Mörkdal played an in perfect pass to leading goal scorer O'Sullivan who slotted past the keeper to make it one nil.

The short passing game continued to work on the slippery surface and three or four clean cut chances fell to the Stripes before the break, one saw a great point blank save by Keeposovic and another was a blistering drive by Marc Evans from all of 25 yards.

The home team looked tired and uninterested as the second half got under way. A minute had gone on the clock when young Danny Whalley won the ball and supplied Andy O'Sullivan with the opportunity to volley the ball swiftly into the back of the net. Two minutes later and Evans found himself through on the keeper but once again Keeperovic came out tops in a one on one situation.



**Mr Hentmark broke the floodlights by urinating on them**

There were twenty minutes left on the clock when the floodlighting failed, the game however continued and it was Serbia who seemed to benefit from the partial darkness as for once they took the game by the scruff of it's neck and started to create a chance or two. On 83 minutes they reduced the Stripes lead when Nodthebollic scored from a corner, the big man rising above everybody to head strongly past Jefferson in goal. The Stripes had the ball in the net for a third time but this was dubiously chopped offside by the farside linesman. With two games left before the summer break Långholmen will be looking to improve on their finishing.



**Another chance goes begging for Långholmen**

Another factor of their game is the standard of discipline, they seem to be picking up yellow cards for very stupid remarks to the officials, this could cost them dear in important games to come. The small band of away supporters will be happy after seeing another good footballing performance from their team. Srbijas keeper left the field of play with a suspected broken collar bone, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Stripes man of the match: Nino Zouagui, he never stopped battling the whole match and created a few chances for himself.

Crowd: Sometimes 37 sometimes 23

Refwatch: Decent enough, no major talking points.

Korv Guiden: A grilled affair on dry bread. A miserly two out of five.

All the best/Scot James.

**[AUDIO POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH MANAGER NICK SHORT HERE](#)**

Wednesday 6th June 2007 (Swedens National Dag), Västberga IP. KO: 14.00

**FRUÅNGENS IF 0  
LÅNGHOLMEN FC 1**

#### **STRIPES HOLD OUT FOR POINTS**

This was a must win game for Långholmen against a Fruängen team four points ahead of them in the table. The Stripes can hold their heads up high after producing a superb second half display that showed sheer grit and determination as they completely dominated Fruängens youthful side.



**Fun in the sun**

It could of gone very wrong in the first half as the home team pumelled Steve Jeffersons goal, but the Stripes number one was more than a match for the frustrated strikeforce who saw no less than



seven close range attempts stopped by the Englishman.

The Långholmen midfield, for not the first time this season, seemed to have gone a.w.o.l in the opening period of the match as Fruängen seemed to just stroll through the middle at will. The home fans, who were much more vocal than their opponents supporters, must of sensed a goal was near as their team closed in on Jefferson who succeeded in stopping three attempts in a two minute spell. The away team managed to muster a couple of clear cut chances too, notably young Oscar Hentmark, who had an effort go just wide in the last minute of the first half.



Långholmen legend Artur Czapinski  
and his baby daughter Olivia

Nick Short obviously made it clear to his team that the midfield had to be tightened up for the second half as Långholmen took over and earned themselves all three points. A combination of Derrri Thomas with his fine first ball deliveries and Andy O'Sullivan's pace up front was causing all sorts of problems for a bewildered Fruängen team. It was star man Barrie Radford who provided the Stripes with a growing confidence from the back, as he mopped up every loose ball and supplied numerous crucial tackles just when it mattered. Mark Evans battled away and could of got more than just the one goal he was credited with. That goal came just ninety seconds into the second half when Nick Phillips broke away down the left flank and executed a fine ball into the penalty area where Evans was waiting and with the deftest of touches knocked the ball past the keeper who tried in vain to claw the ball back over the line, he claimed that the ball in fact never crossed the goal line but his protests were hurriedly waved away by the referee.



The Stripes players thank their loyal fans.

Långholmen will be relieved to be back to winning ways after a recent slump in form and if they continue to perform like they did in the second half of this match they will be more than a match for any of the teams in the top half of the league.

Crowd:88

Ref watch:A good performance by the yellow shirted officials today, the best so far this season.

Korv quiden:Not a sausage !!!

Stripes man of the match:Barrie Radford

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