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Division 3 match reports



Scot James, a long time supporter of LFC has supplied all our club members, fans and friends alike with his match reports written direct from the terraces as the games unfold.
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Saturday 28th August, 2010. Stora Essingen IP, ko:14.00



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 2



TELLUS (0) 0

LÅNGHOLMEN CLAIM FIRST HOME WIN IN SUPER LATE SHOW

Two goals in the closing minutes of this game ensured Långholmen secured their first home win of the season. Seven hundred and twenty minutes had past with football on Essinge without a victory for the Stripes but when referee Thunman blew his whistle the Långholmen players could at last punch the air in celebration.

The omens were not good before the game as Ciaran McCormack, Stuart Lascelles and Wilhelm Sund were all missing from the starting line up. The re-shuffled side however coped admirably and were hardly threatened by a physical Tellus side. Tellus needed a win to more or less guarantee safety in division 3 this year. The Stripes had no other alternative than to win and the eagerness to achieve this was apparent as they chased the game right to the final whistle.

The first half was not for the faint hearted, Tellus made it clear from the start that they were not going to be bossed by the home team. Ian Mack was the key man for Tellus as he was in the first match at Aspudden, his no nonsense approach and his attempt at persuading the referee to book a couple of Långholmen players didn't go unnoticed by the band of Långholmen fans and he was subjected to some lighthearted banter throughout the match. You have to feel sorry for Chris Allen, the ball is just not falling kindly for him this term. The young striker had two clear cut chances in the first half, one in particular when he picked up on a pin point pass from Kenny, his final touch letting him down. Stevie Jefferson in goal had another excellent game and is growing in confidence; his punching, collecting and distribution were all first class and he played a huge part in his teams victory. Tempers flared up in the 37th minute when a bit of pushing and shoving involving a few players took place near the centre circle, referee Thunman and his assistant were quick to defuse the situation in a fair manner.

Moving into the second half and the Stripes were much more dominant and even when the clock hit the 80 minute mark there was still a real belief both on and off the pitch that they could win the game. Paul Sullivan had a great effort saved by Johan Gull in goal, the Tellus stopper made 4 or 5 first class stops to keep his team in with a chance. Långholmen had a scare on 58 minutes when Tellus beat the offside trap, the ball ended up behind Jeffersons goal, that was one of only a couple of real chances they created during the whole match. Erik Thorell put in another fine shift and could of been the hero of the day when he collected the ball in his own half and then stormed down the flank, he then made his way into the penalty area, his shot however had no pace and Gull saved easily. Sammba Sow replaced Allen in the second half and as always posed a threat whenever the ball got near him, he should have scored when he found himself one on one with Gull, but once again the keeper denied the Stripes.

The clock was ticking down fast and it looked like draw number 8 for Långholmen this season, that was until Sow received the ball from Colm Kenny, his initial touch was poor but his strength and presence ensured he had a second bite at the cherry, turning onto the ball and slotting the ball low into the net, it was more than the hard working Stripes deserved. Tellus were shell shocked and even more so when Kenny added a second two minutes later, Andy O'Sullivan finding the Irishman unmarked in the box to fire home from close range.

This was just what the Stripes needed and this should set them up nicely against a mid table Tyreso side next week.

Goalscorers

1-0 Sammba Sow 87 mins

2-0 Colm Kenny 89 mins

Stripes Man of the Match: Once again a sterling performance by Paul Sullivan

Crowd: 48. Very poor.

Refwatch: Par for the course in Division 3

All the best Scot James



Sunday 22nd August, 2010. 14.00 KO

PANELLINIOS (0) 0
LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 0

STALEMATE AS BOTTOM CLUBS BATTLE FOR A POINT

This was a do or die match for Långholmen, maximum points against relegation certainties Panellinios were required if Långholmen are to secure the play-off place in the league table. Enhörna claimed a valuable point against a faltering Spårvägen 24 hours previous, that should of spurred the Stripes on even more.

Långholmen were missing defending stalwart Ciaran McCormack and Pete McConnell, two important players at this part of the season.

The home side had a few new faces in their side from the clash earlier in the season, one of these was keeper Lennart Sandahl, the young man had an exceptional match and he alone was the reason the game ended goalless. In the opposing goal stood Chris Allen, last seasons top scorer had very little to do, in fact Panellinios had only four attempts on goal the whole game. Långholmen for their part created a lot of chances in this encounter and were by far the better side.





It should of been one nil inside 16 minutes to the visiting side, first Deri Thomas had a shot blocked then up came O'Sullivan, the ball then rebounded to Colm Kenny whose shot failed to hit the net, pinball action at it's very best.
No matter how much Långholmen controlled and created they just could not break down Panellinios, who in fact had their first shot on goal on the 35 minute mark.
Calls of a change in tactics from the Långholmen fans fell on deaf ears as they kept to the same system.
Chris Allen had a scare when Andy McClelland failed to connect properly with an attempted pass back, the keeper showed great skill and control and dribbled the ball to safety inside his own box.
The second half saw a lot more chances for Långholmen as Harkness, Kenny, Samba and Sullivan all came close but not close enough. The inception of Bodini to the field of play failed to inspire Långholmen.
The home team almost stole the points when Dalakis fired into the side netting as did Deri Thomas shortly

after.

The result felt more like a defeat for the Långholmen side who have now drawn 7 games this season.

The odds are now firmly stacked against the Stripes and the fact that they have yet to win a game on home soil this season points towards another draw or worse on Saturday.

Stripes Man of the Match: Erik Thorell.

Crowd: 90. About 20 Långholmen fans made the trip.

Refwatch: The referee and his team had a good match today in a game that was played in good spirit by both sides.

All the best Scot James

Stora Essinge IP, 14th August, 2010. 14.00 KO



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (1) 2



HUDDINGE (2) 2

TEN MEN STRIPES CLAIM POINT

This game was always going to be a tough one for Långholmen against a Huddinge side enjoying a six game unbeaten run. The visitors like their hosts were missing some key players, but were in confident mood going into this game against a side who have failed to record a win at home this season. It looked as if this was going to be Huddinges day when referee Ekwall blew for half time, the Stripes were two one down and had been reduced to ten men after Ciaran McCormack was dismissed after twenty eight minutes. Enis Al-Guwary was forced to leave the field of play due to an off the ball incident from McCormack and another suspension which will further add to his sides selection problems for the game away to Panellinios next week.

Långholmen opened brightly and created a couple of fine chances early on, man of the match Colm Kenny was unlucky when he just failed to control the ball inside the box after some neat play on the wing by Chris Allen. Steve Jeffersson was then forced into action when he made a fantastic reflex save from Huddinges star man Carl Major, Emil Helander giving the ball away just inside his own half of the pitch.

The first goal of what was an entertaining game came from Major, he managed to steer his effort past Jefferson, who was a bit slow to react to the shot, into the net and give his team a deserved lead. The game was played in warm conditions and the referee wisely held up play for a water break on a couple of occasions.

Långholmen got back on level terms when Kenny saw a great effort rebound back to Sowe who fired high into the net past the keeper, shortly after came that moment of madness when the Stripes were reduced to ten men.

On 34 minutes it looked like it was going to be another one of "those" days for the home team when Major once again gave his side the lead, this time his low free kick effort found the net past an unsighted Jefferson.

So many times this season Långholmen have been in a position when they are behind by a goal and come out chasing the game like it was a cup final with ten minutes remaining, this was the case until the half time whistle.

The second half saw a more composed and patient ten man Stripes team, using the ball wisely and being patient in there build up. Huddinges players seemed to have the attitude that the game was already won and instead of taking control of the game and make sure they left Essinge with all 3 points they decided it was more appropriate to throw themselves to the ground and play act at any opportunity, at one point their own trainer told one of his players to get up and get on with the game.

Colm Kenny came close a couple of times as did Sammba Sowe as Långholmens patient ball play started to pay dividends.

Chris Allen left the field of play and Paul Sullivan was brought into the fray, this proved to be Långholmens saving grace. Sowe made a darting run and then knocked the ball back to O'Sullivan whose ball across the goal mouth found Sullivan alone at the back post to knock the ball home and make it all square.

Stripes Man of the Match: Kenny was an inspiration to his side and abttled relentlessly.

Crowd: 75. Once again a poor showing from the Långholmen fans

Refwatch: The near side linesman waited on the referees actions before flagging nearly the whole game.

All the best Scot James

STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP
Östermalms IP, 10th August, 2010. 19.00 KO

LÅNGHOLMEN FC SELECT (2) 8
TARTAN ARMY SELECT FC (0) 1

STRIPES LIFT THE CUP AT A CANTER

There were a few anxious faces minutes before the kick off in the this challenge match between Långholmen and the Tartan Army. The Scottish sides keeper got lost on the way to the ground, rumour has it he took a flight to Stockport instead of Stockholm, there were loud cheers for Dougie Hunter when he hurriedly joined the teams for the national anthems before the match. The result may look embarrassing from a Tartan Army perspective but in fact they gave a very good account of themselves for an hour. The players representing the home side are currently in the middle of their season and fitness levels were obviously higher, apart from one or two of the veterans of the Långholmen team. The Tartan Army also had at least six new faces to their squad so it was a guessing game for manager Jim Black in his team selection.

The game witnessed the teams being welcomed by the national anthems, Flower of Scotland for the visitors and the music to a song sung by the Stripes fans at their games. The crowd was just under the 200 mark and the visiting fans out numbered the Långholmen fans, a pretty poor showing from the hosts considering the nature of the match.

The Tartan Army started brightly enough and were kicking themselves when German superstar Michael Gralla steered the ball into the net on 6 minutes, a lack of concentration in defence caused the opener. The Stripes then created two chances shortly after when Fredrik Björklund fired into the side netting and Brazilian Fabio Santos missed from close range. The Scottish team created a couple of chances through Gary Nimmo who has played Unibond League football with Spalding Utd, the closest of these was a headed effort which just went over the bar.

The banter was flowing in the main stand and it was obvious all present were enjoying the proceedings.

Långholmen got a second counter when Gralla headed home from a corner and ensured his team went into the dressing room in confident mood.

Jim Black more than likely gave a Mel Gibson inspired speech during his half time pep talk as his team came out looking hungrier and much livelier than the Stripes. A fantastic goal came early in the second period when Nick McIntosh, playing his first match for the side, showed a fine piece of skill when he fired in an unstoppable shot past fellow Scot James McConnell in the Långholmen goal, without a doubt goal of the match and one the young man will remember for many a year.

With half an hour on the clock the floodgates opened on the Tartan Army side as their hosts scored 6 without reply, including counters from Santos and Marc Evans.

It was decent match played in great spirit and a credit to the fans who made the trip to Östermalms IP. The party at the Southside afterwards rounded off a great night for the club.

Crowd: 198. A big thank you to the Scottish fans who made the trip.

Refwatch: A decent enough performance by the men in yellow, which is more than can be said for the men in yellow the following evening.

Beerwatch: Mr Kenny kept things running smoothly

All the best Scot James(Killie Viking)

Match program can be read/downloaded from here >>



ENHÖRNA IF (2) 2



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 3

INJURY TIME STRIKE JOY FOR LÅNGHOLMEN

It is **very doubtful** that Friluftsgården has witnessed such a veciforous away support as the Långholmen one on Saturday, the classic footballing line "the twelfth man" really did apply for this match and when Sammba Sowe chased down a through ball and slammed into the net in the 93 minute of the game the away support exploded with joy. This was always going to be a difficult fixture for Långholmen, bottom of the table clashes always are especially when you are missing four or five first team regulars and maybe most importantly an established goalkeeper. This week the roulette wheel stopped at Andy McClarens name and the big Northern Irish defender pulled on the number one jersey and apart from a couple of heart stopping moments he acquitted himself really well.



Långholmen, despite their problems with selection this season have found two fine players in Alex Bodini and Sammba Sowe, the first is now settling into a fine midfield role, the other is fast proving to be a match saving talent. A fine start to the match saw Långholmen play a controlled passing game and soaked up any chances Enhörna tried to create. The first chance for Långholmen fell to Deri Thomas who fired past. It was a frustrating start for the home side, who desperately needed the points in this one. On 25 minutes Jansson sent in a hard low effort from 20 yards, his effort failing to hit the target. Derri Thomas then found himself in a good position in the box and seemed to have been bundled over, referee Carlsson waved play on, Långholmen were robbed on that occasion. Enhörna took advantage of a five minute spell when Långholmen once again lost concentration and in that period let in 2 goals. The first of these came when Sebastian Jansson managed to pick up on a loose ball and fire past McClaren on 34 minutes, this was really against the run of play.

One would have expected the Stripes to have been somewhat deflated 4 minutes later when local boy Tobias Gunduz double his sides tally when he ran onto a inch perfect through ball and fired a hard shot into the back of the net. Despite Långholmen having a fine first 30 minutes it was Enhörna that finished the stronger of the teams at the break. The teams came back out for the second half and it was Långholmen who dominated this one completely, in previous games this season they have chased teams with too much urgency, in this game they calmed things down and picked out there moments to punish their opponents.

Alex Bodini had a fine effort saved by Olsson in goal as did Sammba Sowe moments earlier. The first goal came soon after when Sowe got the slightest of touches with his head and the ball made it's way into the net. This combined with a great vocal support from the away supporters stand really spurred on the Stripes. Derri Thomas made it 2-2 with a finely placed effort after some good work by Colm Kenny, it was more than the black and white men deserved.

Enhörna tried to claw their way back into the game and came close when Andy McClaren dropped the ball onto the post on 59 minutes. Andy O'Sullivan had a chance with ten minutes remaining then Pete McConnell had an effort cleared off the line and that was the last chance the away side had in regulation time. The Långholmen fans were urging the referee to blow for full time and would of taken a draw gratefully, their side had other plans , Sowe picked the ball up just inside the Enhörna half and sprinted past the oncoming defender, he then kept his cool and shot low and hard past the helpless Olsson in goal and sent everyone connected with Långholmen into a frenzied state.



Goalscorers

1-0 Sebastian Gunduz	32 mins
2-0 Tobias Gunduz	36 mins
2-1 Sammba Sowe	53 mins
2-2 Derri Thomas	57 mins
2-3 Sammba Sowe	90+ 3 mins

Stripes Man of the Match: This was a close one but Sammba got the vote after his great second half performance.

Refwatch: Mr Carlsson and Co missed a couple of very strong penalty claims.

Crowd: An away support of over 20 that made the noise of 2,327. Excellent stuff.

Cheers/Scot James

LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 2
MÄLARHÖJDENS IK (2) 2

SAMMBA MAGIC SAVES THE DAY FOR STRIPES

Mattias Larsson returned to Stora Essinge with a determined Mälarhöjden side intent on adding to Långholmens woes.

The industrious midfielder even had the audacity to score against his former club and led his team into the dressing room at the break with a two goal cushion.

Steve Jefferson once again stood in goal for Långholmen and coped well with the little that Mälarhöjden threw at him. The big talking point of the evening was the remarkable return of Deri Thomas to first team action, the plucky Stripes player decided to hang up his boots earlier in the season due to recurring injury problems, but hard work and strong will saw him make a comeback in the Långholmen midfield and gave his side a much needed lift . He could of been the home sides hero with the very last kick of the match, his screamer of an effort just going past the upright.

Mälarhöjden were by far the better side in the first 45 minutes and showed they were not just there to make up the numbers. They took the lead on 32minutes when Ciaran McCormack handled inside his own penalty area, up stepped former Stripe Larsson to steer the ball past Jefferson in goal. This seemed a bit harsh on Långholmen as Mälarhöjden really hadn't bothered Jefferson up until that moment. The away sides second goal was a well taken effort, Martin Granelund controlling the ball well and slamming high into the net from 8 yards, Långholmens defence were once again caught sleeping.

It was maybe a bit of fortune that Långholmen were not up against a stronger side than Mälarhöjden or they could have been on a hiding to nothing for the second game on the trot. Definitely a first half they will want to forget.

The game was going according to plan for the visitors, that was until the 56th minute mark, Alex Bodini managed to connect with the ball close in and nudged the ball over the line, it was a fine goal with some great passing play involved in the build up to it. Långholmen started to dominate and Mälarhöjden were on the backfoot, when Sammba Sowe was introduced to the field of play, their midfield and defence for that matter seemed clueless in how to contain him, the pacey player will be a great addition to the first team, he has everything, good first touch, strong, very fast and a keen eye for goal, collecting the ball just inside the box he ran towards the Mälarhöjden area, he then lost the ball but proceeded to make headway back to his own penalty area, covering that distance in around a four seconds and finished his sprint off with a well timed sliding tackle. On 77 minutes the game was all square when Sammba steered the ball past the keeper, much to the delight of the home fans.

Mälarhöjden will be pleased to have escaped with a point from the rock, Långholmens troubles continue and it does not bear well for the away game to Enhörna on Saturday, with key players missing due to other commitments and suspensions . A point will be hard to win at Friluftsgården in a match they need to win, defeat for them means the reality of Div 4 football next season edges closer.

Goalscorers

0-1 Mattias Larsson(pen)	32 mins
0-2 Martin Granelund	36 mins
1-2 Alex Bodini	56 mins
2-2 Sammba Sowe	77 mins

Stripes Man of the Match: Deri Thomas

Refwatch: Mr Bäcklund did not have a great game tonight and missed a blatant hand ball in the Mälarhöjden area, he took an age when talking to players and booking them and never added on the 3 minutes(at least) of injury time.

Crowd: 70. A disappointing turn out once again, shame to see the fair weather support has abandoned Långholmen FC when the club need them the most.

Saturday 19th June 2010 / Essinge IP. KO 14.00



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 1



ÄLVSJÖ AIK (3) 4

AIK PUNISH SLACK STRIPES

Goalkeeping problems have plagued Långholmen this season and the news that Edwin Bergquist will be sidelined for at least 3 months comes as a major blow to the club. Steve Jefferson stepped up to the plate for this tough fixture against Älvsjö who have found a bit of form of late. Långholmen were looking to emulate their superb away result against Mälarhöjden last weekend, unfortunately Älvsjö had other ideas and put the home team to the sword. Brunzell had a shot on target for the away side on 8 minutes but this was well held by Jefferson. Långholmen played a patient game and knocked the ball around well enough without making any real impact on the Älvsjö defence, in fact it took to the 17 minute before they created any goal scoring chances. Billy Harkness won the ball in midfield before he stormed his way forward, the ball found it's way to O'Sullivan who found Colm Kenny unmarked in the area, the Irish striker really should of done better with his effort from six yards, unable to get his body over the ball he blasted high over the cross bar.

It was another crazy five minute spell that saw the game won for Älvsjö, they were able to slice through the Långholmen rear guard at will and could easily have been five goals to the good at half time. The opening goal came when Bo Pettersson charged through on goal and neatly tucked the ball into the net on 37 minutes and 3 minutes later he did the very same thing much to the despair of Jefferson in goal. The Stripes must learn to plug up the holes that teams are able to exploit or this season will end with a very high goals against tally.

Långholmen were visibly shocked, when Christopher Bruzell added a third on 42 minutes it was game over.

Chris Allen, who is finding it hard to find his good form of last season was brought down in the box and the Stripes were given a chance to try and get back into the match, Felix Borgquist however was equal to Billy Harkness' spot kick and got down to save his shot. It really wasn't Långholmens day and the frustration continued when Kenny failed to score when he was one on one with keeper Borgquist

The belief that Långholmen could still get something never died and that in itself is a great tribute to the players and their supporters. The fourth goal was the pick of the day, Douglas Palm scored a superb solo effort after relieving the ball just inside the Långholmen half, he then executed a great shot past the keeper, the goal given a round of applause by the home fans and deservedly so.

Långholmen did manage to score with five minutes left but the game was done and dusted by then, Harkness nagaed to pick the ball up in the box and steer his shot hard and low into the bottom corner.

With 3 teams facing automatic relegation and a play-off place for the fourth bottom side things are not looking rosy for the Stripes. Two very tough matches against top team Spårvägen in the space of six days is not an ideal end to a dismal first half of the season.

Man of the Match: Billy Harkness despite his penalty miss

Crowd: 71. The positives despite a low attendance are the amount of women and kids supporting Långholmen. Great to see.

Audio interview with Billy Harkness: >>

The LFC match program can be viewed here >>

All the best / Scotty

Sunday 13th June 2010 / Mälarhöjdens IP. KO 16.00



MÄLARHÖJDENS IF (0) 0



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (1) 2

SUPER STRIKE EARNS STRIPES THE POINTS

Pete McConnells fantastic bottom corner effort on 50 minutes made sure Långholmen claimed an historic first three points in Div 3. In fairness it was a deserved victory for the Stripes as they showed that they wanted to win this game more than their hosts did.

Mälarhöjden fielded a strong team that included former Långholmen player Mattias Larsson, who has returned to action after a long spell out injured. Team captain Larsson was given a warm reception by the Långholmen fans who made the trip for this fixture.

Långholmen were missing Ciaran McCormack and Paul Sullivan, this meant Andy McClaren paired up with Stuart Lascelles at the back and Pete McConnell took up a midfield role.

The first real effort of the game came when Billy Harkness played a fine free kick to the head of Colm Kenny, the Irishman steering his header just over the bar, minutes later Edwin Bergquist was forced to make a save from Mälarhöjden veteran Jonas Silving. The big keeper was in action shortly after when he got down well to save a ferocious shot from Johan Westling, that was about as close the home team came to scoring in the first forty five minutes. Långholmen on the other hand were playing good football and applied a fair amount of pressure on a very suspect Mälarhöjden defence, Chris Allen in particular made some great darting runs down the right flank and his delivery into the box was flawless throughout, in particular a super cross to the back post which was met by O'Sullivan whose effort hit the post.



Two set pieces for Långholmen paid dividends. First up and a perfectly flighted free kick from Harkness found it's way to Colm Kenny who outjumped his marker and nodded the ball into the bottom corner of the net, this was a goal in the making. Mälarhöjden adopted a game plan of sitting off the ball and let Långholmen do the running, it may of worked last week against Assyriska but today they had no such luck.

Långholmen needed a second goal to give them a bit of a comfort zone and oh how it was worth waiting for. Harkness played a cheeky hard driven corner low to the front post, the ball was knocked out of defence twice before falling to the foot of McConnell who unleashed a screamer of a shot from all of 20 yards, keeper Akerberg had absolutely no chance in stopping the ball. A finer goal will be hard to find this season.

The hosts were then allowed to come back into the game, this is a pattern we have seen many times this season from Långholmen, they tried time and time again to close in on Bergquists goal but to no avail, the big keeper pulled off a handful of decent stops to make sure his team finished on top.

A very important win for Långholmen and a much needed one. Collectively they played very well and looked dangerous going forward.

Goalscorers:

0-1 Colm Kenny 30 mins

0-2 Pete McConnell 50 mins

Man of the Match: Once again Pete McConnell led by example and scored one the best goals of his career.

Crowd: 53

Audio interview with goal scorer Pete: >>

All the best / Scotty

Saturday 5th June 2010 / Essinge IP. KO 14.00



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (1) 2



ENKÖPING (0) 2

DRAW SPECIALISTS DO IT AGAIN

Långholmen approached this match in confident mood and rightly so after some decent performances in previous outings. The only set back for Stuart Lascelles and Max Hallberg was that Edwin Bergquist once again would be missing from the line up due to illness, this meaning that last seasons star striker Chris Allen would again be positioned between the sticks. Lascelles conceded after the match that goalkeeping cover is a real problem for the club at the moment, hopefully this will be resolved soon.

As expected Långholmen looked very keen to impress the 60 or so fans that made the trip out to Essinge on such a sunny day and it didn't take long before the ball found it's way past Ropeter in the Enhörna goal. Colin Kelly stole the ball from a very hesitant defender and made his way towards the penalty area before releasing a perfectly timed pass to the oncoming Oscar Hentmark who drilled his shot low into the net, nine minutes on the clock and it was looking very good for the home side. Enhörna had not been looking forward to the journey to Essinge but they did not fold, they dragged themselves back into the match and started to grow with confidence after some initial pressure by the home team, a second goal for the Stripes at that point would of made a huge difference, sadly it didn't materialize in the first half.

The visitors had an excellent spell in the first twenty minutes of the second half, which included their first goal, James Ataseven picked up a defence splitting pass and steered the ball past deputizing Allen in goal. Långholmen seemed to be lacking any kind of dominance in any area of the field but managed to get their noses in front went man of the match Andy O'Sullivan picked up a very poor kick out and knocked the ball onto Callum Kenny, who made up for a dreadful miss just minutes earlier , the bustling striker made no mistake this time when he tapped the ball home from 4 yards.

The minutes that followed that were filled with Enhörna trying to forge a way into the Långholmen penalty box and really should have equalised when Hillstedt fired a shot against Allen, the ball then rebounded off his thigh and back onto Allens right hand post and the Stripes had a lucky escape. Anders Wennberg then had a golden chance to score put his effort went wide, then James Ataseven was one on one with Allen but he too failed to find the target.

Wennberg did make the game all square on 78 minutes when he fired a shot at the Långholmen keeper, the ball fell kindly to him after a first good save and he slammed the ball into the corner of the net.

Had it not been for Allen the game would of been settled on 85 minutes when Gabriel Baydono latched onto a fine inswinging pass, but Allen was equal to it and pulled off a fantastic one handed save.

All attention turns to next Sunday for the bottom of the table clash between the Stripes and Mälarhöjden, who incidentally had a great result away to Assyriska, one thing is for sure it will be an intense battle in a match that means a great deal to both sides.

Crowd: A very poor attendance, but a lot of noise from the 63 who bothered to make the trip.

Stripes Man of Match: Andy O'Sullivan, never gave up the cause and won a lot of challenges.

Match program can be viewed here: [>>>](#)

All the best / Scotty



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Saturday 22nd May 2010 / Essinge IP, KO 14.00



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 2



PANELLINIOS (0) 2

PENALTY DENIES STRIPES OF VICTORY

The sun shone gloriously

upon Essinge IP for this crucial bottom of the table clash. Both sides were in the hunt for their first 3 points of the season. The end result was disappointing for the hosts as they created much more goalscoring chances than Panellinios.

Långholmen saw a return to action for Paul Sullivan and also Pete McConnell to the bench after his suspension. The visitors had a strong troop for this match and had something to prove after their horrendous start to the season. Colm Kenny showed that he meant business from the off and saw his chance in the first minute firmly held by keeper Sanchez. A minute later and defender Andy McClelland was booked for a clumsy challenge on Lounis. Oscar Hentmark then saw his headed effort go just over the crossbar.

A positive start for the Stripes in front of an unusually subdued crowd. Panellinios

for their part took a better grip on proceedings and started to make their way inwards on Bergquists goal, Bobo Bola missed a golden opportunity from close in on the twenty minute mark as did Lounis moments earlier.

Alex Bodini left the field of play at half time and was replaced by McConnell and Chris Allen then replaced Oscar Hentmark on 58 minutes. This proved to be a turning point for Långholmen as he stroked the ball into the net inside 60 seconds of entering the field of play, placing the ball hard and low into the net from 6 yards out. The Stripes increased their lead on 61 minutes when Kenny scored, the ball was played in to him and he fired home, he was also booked for his shirt lifting antics during his celebration.

At 2-0 in front, Långholmen

seemed to press forward in search of a goal to kill off the game, when perhaps it would of been wiser to close things down and keep it tight at the back.

Panellinios got themselves back into the game when their best player on the day Lounis saw his effort canon off McCormack and into the goal. This second half saw the Panellinios keeper put in a very good performance and he saved his side on a handful of occasions.

The match was square on 82 minutes and not without controversy. A penalty kick was awarded when Lounis was upended just inside the box, Rassol took the spot kick which appeared to come straight off the post to the same man who slammed home the rebound, referee Camel disallowed the goal and was then flagged over by his assistant referee who said that the ball had touched keeper Bergquist on the way back into play.

Another topsy turvy day for Långholmen who can consider themselves very unlucky indeed. The Stripes moved up one place in the table after Mälarhöjden were put to the sword by Älvsjö.

Goalscorers:

1-0 Chris Allen 58 mins
2-0 Colm Kenny 61 mins
2-1 Pangiotis Lounis 74 mins
2-2 Nabel Rossol (pen) 82 mins

Attendance: 71

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Thursday 13th May 2010 / **Aspudden IP.**



IK TELLUS (2) 3



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 3

The fans that turned

up for this fixture at the scheduled kick off time of 1.30 pm will no doubt feel a bit cheated. Referee Niclas Carlsson found it in his wisdom to start the match 5 minutes earlier and due to that many people missed Tellus storm into a two goal lead. Långholmen were left shell-shocked as Thomas Carlsson scored almost directly from the start with a well worked goal. The Stripes were trying to rally round and compose themselves when the same man added a second goal two minutes later and signal what could of been the start of a landslide victory against a Långholmen side, who for the second time in three games were forced to play last seasons top scorer in goal. Chris Allen for his part took it all in his stride and once again put on a superb display of goalkeeping skill. It took around twenty minutes for Långholmen to get into the swing of things and soon started to create one or two problems for Tellus. The home side were not physically dominant or in any shape or form faster than Långholmen , but they did match them for sheer grit and determination. Billy Harkness had a snap shot effort on 32 minutes that just went over the cross bar and born again Colm Kenny looked like he meant business as he hustled and bustled in and around the box. It was real shame the pitch was in the terrible state it was, devoid of grass in some areas and extremely bumpy in others, otherwise this match could of produced even more goal opportunities than it did.

A breath of fresh air for

Långholmen this term is the introduction of some new younger faces to the field of play and one of those players stepped up to the plate at Aspuddens IP and fired a fine double. The first was a patient build up involving a nicely put together passing movement which finished off with a great shot from Alex Bodini which saw the ball landing high up into the keepers left hand corner of the net. The same young man was on hand for number two on 60 minutes when he got onto the end of a Colm Kenny cross and with an acre of space headed into the gaping net to square the match. Referee Carlsson had a busy day in respect of cautions and the home team saw at least a handful being dished out as well as a red card on the 85th minute mark when Moberg was sent off for a double offence. Tellus were never the better side in this match but edged ahead on 63 minutes when Törnlund picked up a pass just inside the 18 yard box and fired low past a helpless Allen in goal. The Stripes supporters in the crowd lifted their team with a fine selection of songs from the terracing and their vocal abilities were rewarded when Colm Kenny got onto a fine swinging free kick from Harkness, the striker rose for the ball heads above the rest to steer the ball home and make sure his team did not go home pointless.

Next weeks match at home to Panellinios is a vital one for the Stripes and the most important this far in the season.

Stripes Man of Match: Colm Kenny. For the first time in a long time Colm showed real hunger and passion, top that off with a fine goal.

Goalscorers

1-0. 1 min Thomas Carlsson
2-0 3 mins Thomas Carlsson
2-1 56 mins Alex Bodini
2-2 60 mins Alex Bodini
3-2 64 mins Christoffer Törnlund
3-3 85 mins Colm Kenny

Attendance: 123



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 0



TYRESÖ FF (0) 1

WINLESS STRIPES FALL AGAIN

Going into this match

at Essinge IP, Långholmen haven't won a single competitive game in 2010 and that unfortunately is still the case for the newly promoted side. It was a very different side who so bravely battled at Vagnhärads last week. Charlie Mörkdal made a welcome return to the club after a long absence and is a great addition to this years squad. New signings Kecci, Sund and Bodini all started the game, but failed to make an impact on a stubborn Tyresö side. Player manger Lascelles was absent due to the fact that he became a father for the first time a few days ago, that meant a pairing of Vilhelm Sund and Ciaran McCormack. It was cold rainy day at Essinge IP, but the wet conditions didn't get to the small band of vocal Stripes supporters who sang constantly and tried, albeit in vain to spur on their favourites.

There was a real air of optimism

among those same supporters before the match and a first home win was eagerly anticipated. The away side however refused to let a home win materialize. Colm Kenny found himself in a good position inside the box on 7 minutes but was fairly charged off the ball and the keeper managed to collect. Tyresö had the ball in the back of the net minutes later but the effort was adjudged offside by assistant referee Nyman. Långholmen battled hard in the opening twenty minutes without any real conviction. Tyreso always managing to break down any moves from the midfield area. The away team gave no space to Andy O'Sullivan or Chris Allen and that in effect made for the lack of real goal scoring opportunities in this match.

At the break there really was nothing between the two sides and when the rain eased it felt that maybe the Stripes could take something from this game.

The second half was only four minutes old when the outcome was settled. Tyresö won the ball on the far side and played in what looked like a harmless ball towards the center spot, the home sides defence should of coped with it problem free, however it fell kindly to Viktor Weidnitz who slammed the ball low and hard behind Bergquist in goal.



Långholmen have their number

one choice keeper to thank that the score remained only 1-0, the tall Swede pulled off a string of world class stops to keep his team within touching distance of Tyresö. The save of the match came on 83 minutes when Mattias Andersson sent in a verocious half- volley which saw Bergquist fly up to his top right hand corner and turn the ball round the post for a corner. The Tyresö number one hardly had a thing to do the whole of the second half and with that his team deservedly took the points . Långholmen will now put this behind them and look to kick starting their season, if safety is to be achieved in Div 3 this season they must defeat teams like Tyresö at home. The next two fixtures are crucial for them. Aspudden is the next port of call on Thursday, it will be interesting to see how the players react after an under par performance on Saturday at Essinge.

Goal scorers:0-1 Viktor Weidnitz 49 mins

Stripes man of the match: Edwin Bergquist who made sure the score remained only one nil

Attendance: 85



Thursday 29th April 2010 / Håradsvallen, KO 19.00



VAGNHÄRADS (0) 0



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 0

STUBBORN STRIPES MAKE THEIR POINT

Vagnhärads will be bitterly disappointed

that they did not take more from this match against a weakened Långholmen side. This far in the Stripes have had various injury and illness problems, missing from action last night were two key midfielders in Billy Harkness and Deri Thomas, the latter may not return to action due to a troublesome knee problem and will be sorely missed by his team mates.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the announcement that Edwin Bergquist was being replaced by Chris Allen in goal. Absurd as it may sound it actually worked out pretty well for Långholmen and he was undoubtedly his side's star man on the night. It was all very hap hazard stuff before the match in trying to get a full team together and former first team goalkeeper James McConnell was called in as a reserve at the very last minute to bolster the Stripes squad.

Vagnhärads did not enjoy Långholmens no nonsense approach to the game and had great difficulty in breaching the Stockholm teams back line. Ciaran McCormack and company did a sterling job in protecting Allens goal and it took the home team all of twenty minutes before they even came close to bothering the stand i



Sunday 7th march 2010 - Pre-season friendly

KUNGSÄNGENS IF (1) 4

LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 0

TIRED STRIPES TAKE A TUMBLE

The result in itself was not such a strange one, Kungsängen have already a handfull of games under their belt so far in their pre season build up, Långholmen have not kicked a ball in a match since 15th of October. The Stripes had a few first team regulars absent for this one , but brought in a couple of new faces. Paul Sullivan was back in action after a very long lay off. The Irishman slotting into a central defending role alongside Andy McClelland. Playing a 4-5-1 formation meant that Colm Kenny was the lone striker at the start. Kenny also missed a lot of games last season due to injury and it may take a while for him to get his goal scoring touch back. He was presented with several chances today and unfortunately just could not force the ball home, a lack of competitive match fitness and a few early nights before games may put that right however. When the first 45 minutes were up, there was nothing to indicate Långholmen could not at least take a point from Midgårdsvallen, fifteen minutes later and it was very clear there who were walking away as winners. The Stripes team just ran out of steam at around the hour mark and were punished by some clinical finishing by their opponents.

Långholmen played some neat football in the first period and as early as 4 minutes Pete McConnells blistering drive was tipped round the post by Ensa Sinyan in goal after some fine play by Harkness. Several chances went a missing after that with Kenny being the main culprit when it came to not seizing the opportunity, he did however have the ball in the net on 23 minutes but the referee dubiously made an offside decision.

Kuungsängen took the lead against the run of play on 29 minutes when Adam Hsissen knocked the ball home off his chest after a floated cross ball defied Bergquist in goal. It could of been two when they hit the bar from only 8 yards when it looked easier to score. Sinyan nearly became sinner on the 46th minute mark when he gifted the ball to Kenny in the box, it was a comical sequence of events as the keeper failed to collect and clear, then Kenny tried to round the keeper but lost his balance and ended up on the floor, reminiscent of Bambi on Ice. Sri Lankan player Sanka Weraraathna double his sides lead after his team was awarded a free kick. The defence were caught sleeping and he had the simplest of tasks in prodding the ball into the net from all of five yards.

The game was put to bed by a two goal salvo by Sebastian Hauswald to make it a very unflattering 4 goals against scoreline for the visitors. Defender Gary Phillips, seemed a bit off his game today and just to round it all off he was sent packing with nine minutes remaining for a very clumsy challenge. The new coaching duo of Lascelles Hallberg are conscious of the areas that need to be strengthened and what exactly ha to be worked on. It could be an intensive month or so on the training ground for the Stripes squad. Kungsängen are looking well equipped for their venture into Div 3 next season and may cause a few upsets.

Sunday

4th October 2009, KO: 14.00, Stora Essingen IP



LÅNGHOLMEN FC (0) 3

Oscar Hentmark 46

mins, Chris Allen 56, 60 mins



REYMERSHOLM IK (1) 1

STRIPES CROWNED CHAMPIONS AFTER NAIL BITING FINISH

The last time the

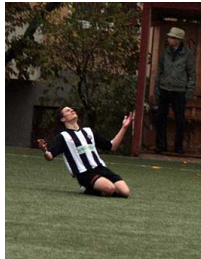
match reporting team can remember this much drama at the end of a game was back in 1989 when Arsenal's Michael Thomas scored in the last minutes against Liverpool at Anfield to claim the league title for the London club. This was more dramatic as the Långholmen players waited in a huddle after the match in the centre of the pitch, waiting and waiting to know their destiny and then came the signal from chairman Mats Gustavsson who had contact with the match between Marieberg and Boo that their match had finished 2-2 and this sparked scenes of wild jubilation at Essinge IP as fans hugged each other and then the players, a



historic moment for a club that has only been in existence for seven years.

It could of gone all so wrong for the home side as their opponents and local rivals Reymersholm had no intention of joining in the party spirit. Earlier in the week they had publicly said they would spoil Långholmens chances of winning the league and when Reymers captain Martin Bengtsson stepped up and fired home a free kick past Bergquist on 38 minutes it looked like they were intent on keeping their promise. It was a half decent strike but to be honest Bergquists positioning could of been a lot better.

Reymersholm were very physical in the first half and the officiating team, who it must be said were not at their best today, let many hefty challenges go unpunished.



Time and time again

the bulky midfielders closed in on the Stripes and made things very hard for them, the very wet conditions didn't make matters any better on a slippery surface.

On 11 minutes Pete McConnell sent in a rasping shot which was turned round the post by the keeper. The same man was carded after a challenge on 32 minutes which brought an angry response from the Reymers players and at least two of their players should of been shown a yellow card.

As always the home fans kept up the tempo on the sidelines with chant after chant , trying to urge on their favourite team.

The management team were forced to make some changes. Anton Björklund Bergström was introduced as was Oscar Hentmark and the second half was barely a minute long when the changes payed dividends, a goalmouth scramble saw the ball fall to Hentmark who managed to toe poke

the ball home from 8 yards and thus creating a crescendo of noise from the terraces.

There was a real positive flare now to Långholmen and it wasn't long before they grabbed a second. Mr dependable and leading scorer Chris Allen banged the ball home from just inside the box and made it sound like there were 20,000 inside Essinge IP instead of the 206 fans present.

Reymers home were visibly shaken and were arguing amongst themselves, their dream of spoiling their rivals big day was gradually being dissected.

On 60 minutes a very brave header by Allen once again found the back of the net, it was 3-1 but the forward took a mighty blow to the face for his trouble and was forced to leave the field of play.

Reymers caught a second wind and tried to ply their way in towards goal, but Lascelles and co held firm, especially young Wilhelm Karlsson who had a superb game.

Tension was mounting

as news that Mariberg were also leading 3-1 filtered through, this thankfully proved to be false information, but nevertheless the Stripes pushed on looking for number four and it nearly came when Deri Thomas rattled the upright with two minutes on the clock.

The seconds ticked

away and the whistle went, but it wasn't until two minutes later that the Stripes were confirmed as champions and seal what has been an unbelievable league season for all involved at the club.



Stripes Man of the Match: The supporters on the terracing and Wilhelm Karlsson

Crowd: 206 on a wet and miserable day

Refwatch: We have definitely seen better

Audio interview with [Chris Latham, manager:](#)

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Audio interview with [Mats Gustavsson, Chairman](#)

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Audio interview from inside the changing rooms, post win

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Tuesday 28th July 2009 - pre 2nd half season friendly.

MÅLARHÖJDEN (1) 6

LÅNGHOLMEN FC (1) 2

Andy O'Sullivan 10 mins, Anton Björklund Bergström 48 mins

STRIPES HIT FOR SIX AGAIN

Pre season is always a time for off the wall results and at half time no one would of predicted such a convincing result for the home team. Both

sides were missing key players for this encounter but that didn't really make a difference for the Div 4 South league leaders as they time and time again exposed Långholmens weaknesses in defense. It was

very much the same game pattern as Sunday, Långholmen dominated the

match for the first half an hour, led the game and then let their opponents walk over them in the second period. The forwards never gave

up the cause and even when they witnessed the sixth goal they still tried to play attractive football and make a breakthrough. Andy O'Sullivan got himself on the score sheet on the ten minute mark after some neat play just outside the box, as so many times this season Chris Allen was involved. It took the hosts almost half an hour to get on level terms when the lively centre slammed the ball past Bergquist , who was a tad slow off his line.



The second half started

promising enough for the Stripes and things looked rosy when young Anton Björlund Bergström nodded in a header after some nice work by his team mates just outside the box. On the sixty minute mark the walls started caving in. Målarhöjden hit five times without reply. The big No.27 had a sterling game and showed that he is more than capable of getting a few goals in the second part of the season.

This result shows just how much the defensive pairing of Lascelles and McCormack are missed. The Stripes will now get down to the serious business of getting match fit and get back to winning ways. Målarhöjden look strong candidates to take the step up to Div 3 next year.

Stripes Man of the Match: Andy O'Sullivan

Crowd: Around

40 people watched this including 20 Långholmen fans. The real man of the match for this game was Ultra Jenny Timgren who never stopped with

her positivity and support for the Stripes.

Refwatch: Ok performance, nothing spectacular



Audio interview with Chris Latham, manager : [>>](#)

All the best/Scotty.



Scotty

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Kärrtorps IP, saturday 9th October
2010 KO: 14.00

BAGARMOSSEN (0) 1
LÅNGHOLMEN LADIES (1) 1

POINT SEALS GREAT WIN FOR STRIPES

Bagarmossen played their second match in 24 hours. The Friday evening game against Rågsved finished 2-2 and meant that Långholmen needed only one point to secure a second place berth. The coaching staff have done wonders for the Långholmen side this season and dressed smartly in suits they nurtured their side through an evenly matched game at Kärrtorps IP.

The sun shone brightly as the teams got things underway and it was the home side who had the first attempt on goal with a free kick effort directly at Tina Israelsson who had an outstanding match between the sticks. Bagarmossen were a much younger side than the opposition and looked the fresher side at the end of the game despite playing two days in a row. The Stripes had the first real attempt on goal when a well placed corner by Ellinor Adelöw found Rebecka Lange and she fired in a ferocious first time shot that went just past the post. Bagarmossen proved that they were a good side and worthy of their third placing in the league, their captain being instrumental in a good close passing game during the first half. The Stripes should have taken the lead on 17 minutes but Sofie Askefors mis-kicked in front of goal and Bagarmossen were off the hook. Långholmen looked very comfortable in the opening half an hour and handle things in an orderly fashion. When Bagarmossen did pose any threat in front of goal Tina Israelsson in goal was always at hand, she played a major part in this historic result for her team.

The first goal of the match was an absolute peach of an effort. Långholmen were awarded a free kick from 25 yards out, up stepped Adelöw and sent a screamer of a shot high into the net behind Julia Johansson in goal and gave the Stripes fans in the crowd something to shout about.

A more determined Bagarmossen started the second half and had it not been for some astute keeping the score could easily have been turned around. The visitors seemed to sit back and soak up the pressure and make the odd foray into Bagarmossens half of the pitch, when Rebecka Lange was on the pitch she always looked capable of creating something and the same can be said for Cecilia Norberg, who despite her 43 years was the fastest player on the park. The home team were given a lifeline when Amanda Jacobsson levelled. Kjerstin Blomquist struggled to chase the ball back and let the speedy forward in to toe- poke past Israelsson. It looked as if Bagarmossen had the will power and strength to go on and win the match, but the Långholmen rear guard held firm and saw out the remaining minutes and claim second place in the league. It really has been a great achievement for Alexis Pappas and Nisse Renström and all involved with the ladies set up at Långholmen.

Crowd: 41 and at least half of those were Stripes fans
Korvguiden: Rubbish
Långholmens best på plan: Tina is simply the best.

All the best/Scotty

Gubbängen IP, saturday 12th June
2010 KO: 16.00

LÅNGHOLMEN FC (1) 2
RISSNE (0) 2

LÅNGHOLMEN EARN POINT IN FOUR GOAL THRILLER

For seventy minutes of this game Långholmen dominated things and had they not missed a first half penalty it could have been oh so different for the Stripes.

Rissne were a younger fitter side than the Långholmen team and that match fitness showed in the closing stages of the match as they controlled the game. It was no real surprise when they got a goal with 11 minutes remaining to give themselves hope. Emma Svedberg was the away teams star player and almost everything Rissne created involved her. Långholmen keeper Tina Israelsson was sharp off her line on 7 minutes when Svedberg chased down a fine through ball, but the towering figure of Israelsson came charging out and booted the ball to safety. Långholmen player Åsa Jonsson opened the scoring when she fired in a corner on 18 minutes, Camilla Korpela in goal made a complete hash of things when she attempted to punch the ball away from danger, instead she missed and the ball ended up in the back of the net. Keeper Israelsson was then forced to make a great save at the near post a minute later.



Långholmen proved that they have a great belief in themselves this season and started to dominate proceedings. Jenny Solbreck, the veteran of this Stripes side was hauled down in the box on 41 minutes, the referee pointed to the spot directly, Åsa Jonsson placed her kick against the post, the rebound fell to Rebecka Lange who smashed the ball high against the bar thus Rissne had a real let off.

The second period saw Långholmen start off exactly where they had left off and came close on a couple of occasions before eventually finding the net again. A great piece of passing play saw the Rissne keeper palm the ball out, it was then hoofed away, eventually falling to Lange who took one step to the right before unleashing a swerving shot that defied everyone and two nil was the scoreline.

There were around 20 minutes left on the clock when Rissne really took the game by the scruff of the neck, a combination of tired legs and Långholmens inability to close down quickly ensured they came away from Gubbängen with a point. On 77 minutes Israelsson saw a looping effort crash against the bar after some loose defending. The visitors did get one on 79 minutes when Svedberg forced in a low effort just inside the box, this was a lift for her team and the equaliser came four minutes later when a rebound was knocked in after a great stop by the Stripes keeper.

The home side had the last chance of the match when Jonsson had a snapshot go wide.

Crowd: 7
All the best/Scotty

Gubbängen IP, Saturday 2nd May 2009 KO: 13.00

LÅNGHOLMEN FC LADIES (0) 0
DJURGÅRDEN TFF LADIES (2) 5

STRIPES PUT UNDER THE COSH BY YOUTHS.

Långholmen were very much the underdogs against a very youthful Djurgården side who have been scoring goals for fun this far into the season. It took the away team all of 17 minutes to open the scoring against a hard working Stripes troop.

The home team have a few things to work on if they are to steer clear of the bottom of the league table.

Undoubtedly one of the biggest assets in the team is keeper Tina Israelsson, who has developed into a great shot stopper, time and time again she saved her team throughout this match, the pick of the bunch being a great double save from Djurgårdens tricky center on 34 minutes.

A major difference in the two sides was fitness and game plan, they made Långholmen chase the ball and inevitably the older legs became tired in the second half. They also utilized their keeper as a sweeper on occasions, thus creating extra passing alternatives as they pushed forward. The Stripes were unable to close down quickly enough and this cost them dear. The two first half goals came after some very neat play from midfield, forward to the last third and the young striker for Djurgården was able to slide the ball past Israelsson for the opener. The goals that followed were a combination of tired legs and slack defending.

The Stripes are definitely improving and moving in the right direction and have the foundations of a good team taking into consideration the club has no youth set unlike their counterparts.

The spirit in the squad and on the bench is fantastic and all involved can be commended for their positive approach.

Stripes best player: Tina in goal
Crowd: 27

All the best/Scotty



LÅNGHOLMEN FC LADIES 2
VÄRMDÖ 4

Gubbängen IP, Saturday 10th May 2008 k.o. 12.00

STRIPES RUN OUT OF STEAM

Långholmen ladies were unable to keep their lead in this game and lost out and justifiably so to a better Värmdö team. The Stripes did battle but were overpowered in the last twenty minutes that saw the away team net three times.

The game got off to a terrible start when Karin Brulin was adjudged to have handled inside the box and Värmdö made no mistake from the spot.

The Långholmen team then composed themselves and played some tidy football and were rewarded on 26 minutes when Elin Magnusson chased onto a forward pass and coolly shot past the keeper.

Tina Israelsson in goal pulled off a couple of great saves to keep it even at the break.

Magnusson once again netted when some clever interplay between herself and Elin Gyllenhammar saw the ball breeze past the keeper and into the net.

From that point another goal would of settled the home team, however it was not to be as Värmdös pint sized striker ran the Stripes defence ragged and made sure her team came away with all the points.

Crowd: 22
Chris Latham did not lose any flags today.

All the best Scottie



LÅNGHOLMEN FC LADIES (2) 3
SÄTRA SK (0) 1

Gubbängen IP, Saturday 26th April 2008 k.o. 12.00

Premiere joy for Stripes ladies

Långholmen Ladies made a historical start to their league campaign. Not only was it their first ever competitive match but also their first ever victory as a team. This is a team that have suffered heavily in their pre season matches, but that was put well behind them today with a performance of great team spirit and never say die determination.

Team manager Jenny Timgren was overjoyed to the point of spilling a few tears at the end of the match. Långholmens management team instructed their girls to play counter attacking football and with a very successful 4-5-1 line up this proved the key factor in this game.

The game could not of gotten off to a better start when in the 2nd match minute Sofie Askfors picked up the ball shrugged off her markers and elegantly finished to give her team the lead. Sätra were hungry for a quick response but some solid defending and some fantastic goalkeeping by Tina Israelsson prevented the away side from netting.

Långholmen kept their work rate up and with Kerstin Blomqvist commanding at the back started to play some attractive football. With 23 minutes gone the Stripes doubled their lead when an inswinging corner was punched high in the air by the Sätra keeper, when it returned to the penalty area Elin Magnusson was first to react and stroked the ball home from 6 yards.



The second half saw Sättra play strong attacking football and were rewarded when they scored from close range on 55 minutes. Some good goalkeeping by Israelsson kept the Sättra forwards from adding to their tally.

A moment of magic was witnessed as the game approached 70 minutes Askefors stormed through the middle of the park and proceeded goal bound but instead of taking a shot she cleverly back heeled the ball to the on coming Viola Martinsson who cracked the ball home high into the top left hand corner from 22 yards, sparking wild celebrations on the Stripes bench. The girls stuck firm to the final whistle and will now look forward to their next fixture with hope and confidence.



Crowd:28

Långholmens

best player: It would be unfair to pick out any particular player as this was a great team performance and all who bore the Långholmen colours can be very proud of their achievement.

Audio interview with manager Jennie Timgren >>>

All the best Scot James.

DIV5 Ladies versus LFC Korpen *(friendly)*

Långholmen BP saturday 16th February 2008 k.o. 12.30

(LFC Korpen won 8-0).

LADIES IN BRAVE BATTLE

This match was a historical milestone for the club as Chris Lathams ladies team played together for the first time on an outdoor pitch as a team. Their opponents were no other than the newly formed Korpen two team. Many of the Korpen team may of thought they just had to turn up for this match to win it, the truth was many of the registered players didnt bother turning up at all. The girls kicked off in glorious sunshine at Långholmens Stadium of Trees and were unlucky not to take the lead in the second minute when the ball bobbed over Kristina Locknes foot and went wide. It took a good ten minutes for the mens team to open their account with a very dubious offside goal. They then added another two, one of which was a blatant offside counter, before the break.

The girls more than matched their opponents in commitment and with a bit more match practice and shape in their play they should have a good season ahead. Korpen ran away with the match at the end but another four of their goals were offside, so really the score was 1-0 to the lads.


Apart from this being the ladies first match it was also historical for another reason, the legend that is Mark O Sullivan played in goals for 25 minutes of the match for the ladies thus making him the first player at the club to have played for all teams. Well done Mark.

Crowd 15

Man of the match: The whole of the ladies team

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K1 vs FC Uyghurstan, Saturday 30th October 2010. KO: 12.30, Östermalms IP

FC UYGHURSTAN (1) 3
LÅNGHOLMEN FC (4) 4

EARLY SHOW JUST ENOUGH FOR STRIPES

This cup final witnessed a riotous start to it. Långholmen were 3 goals to the good after only 5 minutes of play. The game was barely a minute long when Robbie Graham nudged the ball over the line to stun Uyghurstan side. They then won the ball when play was resumed and it was time for number two, Fabio Santos this time the goal scorer. Uyghurstan didn't now what had hit them and when goalscorer turned goal provider for Colm Kenny, everyone in the stand watching expected a very easy Stripes victory, Uyghurstan however had other ideas and even when Mark O'Sullivan fired home a free-kick effort to make it 4 in the 35th minute the game still didn't look to be totally out of reach for the opposition. Uyghurstan managed to get a goal before half- time, a low hard shot was well saved by Lyons in goal, unfortunately the rebound fell to the Uyghurstan captain who drilled the ball home from 18 yards out.

The Uyghurstan fans in the crowd were given reason to cheer on 55 minutes when a well taken free-kick effort flew past Lyons and into the net. Långholmen were missing in action at some stages in the second half and when the Uyghurstan striker scored from close in with 15 minutes remaining it looked like they could at least take the game to penalties and they nearly did when the ball fell to the big striker who took a touch too much inside the box, his final shot was well saved by Lyons with only 3 minutes left to play.



Långholmen made hard work of things in the second half but managed to hold out and cap off what has been a superb season .

Man of the Match: Mark O'Sullivan, once again a solid performance and a goal to boot.
Crowd: A crowd of 63 watched this and was mostly made up of the other teams fans.

All the best Scottie

K1 vs LMU FC, Wednesday 27th October 2010. KO: 20.30

LÅNGHOLMEN FC KORPEN (1) 3
LMU FC (2) 2

HAT TRICK HERO LEADS THE WAY

You could have heard the roar all the way to Östermalms IP from Västberga when Colm rammed the ball into the net in the 86th minute to seal a memorable win for the Stripes and set the lads of Korpen up for a big final showdown on Saturday afternoon. This was a night more suited for staying home and watching re-runs on telly than watching football, but the six Långholmen fans who bared the elements witnessed a great comeback performance. LMU showed that they were not here just to make up the numbers and were two goals ahead inside 15 minutes.

Dave in goal had no chance really with either of the goals, LMU used the strong wind and torrential wind to their advantage as both goals came from wind aided punts into the box.

Colm managed to pull one back when an LMU defender handled inside the area, he slotted home confidently and gave his side a foundation to build on.

At half-time not one single Långholmen fan or player felt that a defeat was on the cards as Långholmen had the bulk of the play in the first half and brought out some fine saves in the from LMU keeper Markus, who incidently had never played football before tonights match let alone stand in goal, a late call off due to sickness meant that LMU were forced desperately to find a keeper and the young man stepped in, buying football boots and gloves on the way.

It took 20 minutes of the second half for the Stripes to even things up, Mark played a sublime pass from his own area towards Colm who outran his marker and lobbed the keeper from 20 yards, it was a breathtaking piece of finishing of the highest calibre.

Långholmen controlled the game well at times and some of the older heads showed all their class and experience, Morty and Paul were once again outstanding as was Mark, he may have lost some pace during the years , but he certainly makes up for it with his ability to read the game and do the simple thing with the ball.

As the game was edging towards penalties, a wrong move by the LMU defence once again let in Colm who rifled the ball into the far corner out of the keepers reach and secure a hat trick for himself.

Another great night in the clubs history and it must be said Långholmen Korpen deserve a good crowd for their final match on Saturday afternoon.

Man of the match: Colly

Crowd: 9, it was a terrible night weather wise, let's hope the club are represented on Saturday at Östermalms IP. They bloody well deserve it.

Rainwatch: 6mm

All the best Scottie

K1 vs Söder United, Sunday 24th October 2010. KO: 12.30

LÅNGHOLMEN FC KORPEN (0) 2
SÖDER UNITED (0) 0

SLICK STRIPES SEAL SEMI SPOT

Långholmen did all the right things in this game and secure a semi-final berth to be played on Wednesday night.

The veterans of the side, O'Mahoney, McCarthy and Skinner hardly put a foot wrong the whole match and soaked up everything the younger United side could



throw at them.

The first half belonged to Långholmen and an in form Colm Kenny looked dangerous every time he got near the opponents goal area, had it not been for the heroics of young Viktor Snygg in goal the game could have been safely in the Stripes' hands by half-time.

Robbie Graham was a key figure in the middle of the park and his experience helped those around him and gave them an added confidence to their play. Kenny was definitely the hit man and it didn't take Söder too long to work it out as they tried to subdue his movement, regardless, he managed to carve out space time after time and if he wasn't having a pop at goal himself he was distributing with precision to his teams mates around him. Nathan Parker had an excellent chance on 14 minutes when he latched onto a fine cross but his effort landed firmly in the trees behind the goal.

Söder United didn't create too many chances in the first forty five minutes, but did contribute to a superb match played in good spirit on a dreadful day for football. Chances came and went in the first half with several players coming close, notably towering forward Isse and Jair who failed to hit the target from 5 metres.



The second period saw a bright start from Söder and the younger legs were starting to make way towards the Långholmen penalty area, they were a well organised side and for the first fifteen minutes had a good grip on the game and for a short spell it looked like they might make a breakthrough, that was until the 63 minute when a free kick from distance ended up in the back of the net, in fairness the keeper was unlucky as the ball took a couple of deflections on a greasy surface and then via the upright. Isse then saw a headed effort canon off the bar minutes later as Långholmen looked to kill the game off. Kenny beat the offside trap and stormed in on goal when he was upended inside the box, referee Miguel signalled directly for the ball to be placed on the penalty spot and the striker slammed the ball home to give the Stripes a two goal cushion. Fine teamwork and two fantastic saves near the end of the game by Jefferson in goal ensured it will be Långholmen who take pride and place in the semi final on Wednesday night at Västberga IP.

Man of the match for Långholmen: The whole team

Rainwatch: Wet enough

Crowd: 11

All the best/Scottie.

Korpen 2 vs FGStkhlm, saturday 2nd October 2010, Hagsätra IP, 14.30 KO.

FUNNY GUYS STOCKHOLM (0) 0
LÅNGHOLMEN FC 2nd KORPEN (9) 14

PAYBACK TIME AS RAMPANT STRIPES DESTROY HIGH FIVE UTD

This was a game the Långholmen Korpen team dearly wanted to win against a team who had beaten them 18 goals to nil earlier in the season. FG Stockholm are in no way a sporting team as they showed in the previous game between the two clubs, the fact that you are in a league where for the most the motion and kicking the ball are the important factors, a team has to be formed with a foundation of players who already play at teams established in the senior leagues. The manner in which they celebrated their 18 goals was on the verge of ridicule, with high fives and whoops all round, the goal keeper couldn't even be bothered standing up for most of the game, such was the arrogance displayed.



The game kicked off late due to the fact that the referee didn't turn up, Aidan took the man in the middle role in the first half, he didn't have such a torrid time as Långholmen stormed into a 3 goal lead inside 7 minutes, by the end of the half it was nine and more than twenty goals were definitely not out of reach for a defiant and well organised Stripes team. One magic moment was when Aidan handed out an invisible yellow card to one of the FG players it was non-existing card theatrical madness at it's best.

FG were a team without identity, they changed their goalkeeper 37 times during the match but to no avail as Kenny, Max and Julien all added counters. The first goal keeper stormed off in protest at letting the fifth goal in and it was only the 15th minute. The 12th goal was a bit of a mystery as the home team decided to change their keeper right in the middle of a Långholmen attack, Julien easily firing home from long range. Baffled, bewildered and dazed FG still persisted in playing only three at the back at times, it was no hard task for the black and white Stripes to score at will.

The game saw many fine goals, but nothing as fine as Kenny's tenth counter of the day, the striker picked up the ball mid way into the FG half of the field and decided to go on a mazy run and beat half a dozen players, three times each, before rounding the keeper and cheekily back heeling the ball into the net, it was Maradona, it was Cruyff, it was magic.

The home team, despite missing all their star players due to international duty and Champions League games this week, created a few chances but Dave "Kitten" Lyons was equal to everything they came at him with.

With at least 20 goals anticipated the FG referee decided enough was enough and brought the game to a close with at least twenty minutes left to play saying that "It is not fun to get beaten by so many goals". The Långholmen fans who made the trip had a field day on the sidelines with mexican waves and high fives all-round.

Robbie Graham said after the match "No one messes with this club" and truer words have never been spoken, no one messed with the Stripes today.

Man of the Match: Every single Långholmen player and fan

Crowd: 17 and didn't we have a lovely time

Refwatch: Well done Aidan and the invisible card scenario, the other teams ref was a complete...erm... joke

GOAL COUNT: 14 and if the game had finished it would of been way over 20.

All the best/Scottie.

K2 vs Åsens BK, thursday 11th June 2009, 20.40 KO at Farst IP/Grus.

K-1 (1) 2
ÅSENS BK (2) 2

We started the game with 9 brave men - Johnny Laws in goal, Murray left back, Richie centre/right back (?), Owen centre back, Patrick at left mid, Brian Dub mid, Sam mid, Will right mid, Salam midfield/defence... Åsens BK had a full strength line up...

...after 10-15 minutes we were 2-0 down... but not one single Långholmen player had their head down. On 15 minutes, Niklas turned up and jumped into action in right midfield... now we were 10!

Then what happened? We started playing football. Simple. Balls to feet, nice one twos, through balls worked from the back, and some neat left wing work from the man who scored our first goal... Patrick. Running almost the entire length of the wing, taking on 2 players, a neat one two, and looping the ball over the keeper into the net - game on!

Half time and we were 2-1 down... but not out. Early in the second half and after some neat midfield interplay between Will, Sam and Brian, Niklas found himself free on the right wing and broke through their last line of defence, placing a well timed ball passed their oncoming keeper and into the net... 2-2!

Our defence held out well. A few comedy moments were surpassed by sublime distribution out to the wings, for our speedy midfield to work through the pack. Murray cleared superbly, and was thanked with a ball to his nether regions early on! Owen, solid once again and cut out many a through ball during the game. Brian, playing in midfield and occasionally finding himself up front also had a great game - good to see you out of goal! Sam looked good in midfield and worked well with Will, nice communication and link ups with both Niklas and Patrick who were working the wings. Salam also contributed with some well timed clearances.

The opposition attacked well and Johnny Laws was called into action on numerous occasions, particularly late in the game when they seemed to win endless corners and pile on the pressure - the final 40 seconds saw their keeper come up for a corner and almost put the ball into the back of our net... but it wasn't to be.

Johnny Laws kept the score even!

The game finished 2-2. A fair result, but felt more like a win for the 10 Långholmen players who made the journey out to Farsta on an extremely enjoyable Thursday evening... we'll feel it tomorrow lads!

Each and every player gave their all tonight and showed true Långholmen spirit! Well Done!

/Richie Wright/K2 Manager

LFC K1 vs FK Ulven, sunday 31st May 2009, 10.30 KO at Gubbängen BP.

FK ULVEN (1) 3
LÅNGHOLMEN KORPEN 1st (0) 1

TEN MAN KORPS SHOT DOWN IN SUN



Långholmen did the black and white stripes proud in a blistering 30 degree heat at Gubbängens BP.

It was very much a make shift team that took to the field against an Ulven team who were also missing a couple of key players. Ulven could easily of won this game by a few more, but some shoddy finishing in front of goal put paid to that, Sebastian Gustin in particular missing a couple of clear cut chances from close in. This was class Sunday football at it's very best.

The sinner of the day was Richard Thomas who was sent off early into the match, this putting his team under pressure in the searing heat. The Stripes held on and created a few chances, Gio had a super headed chance that just

blazed over the bar after some very neat play down the flank. The main problem for the young talent is that he is far too stationary, his control is good and he can produce a good bit of speed when needed.



The opening goal for Ulven was a peach of an effort, former Stureby player Andreas Chisena fired home an unstoppable shot into the top corner to put his team ahead at the break. It should of been two but stand in keeper Johnny Laws pulled off a cat-like save to keep the score to one. Långholmen tried to push forward but the one man deficit was proving too much at times and Ulven started to create more space in the middle of the park. The second goal eventually came on the 70 minute mark when Johan Mesterton knocked the ball into the net much to the despair of Laws in goal. It was the very same man who got the second after some fine play with seven minutes remaining.

Credit to the Stripes who kept pushing and showed that Långholmen spirit and pushed for a goal.

They were rewarded when Josef found Joe Murphy unmarked in the box and he fired low and hard past the keeper, much to the delight of the Långholmen supporter.

Morty McCarthy will be hoping for better things on his teams next outing.

Crowd:8

Stripes Man of the Match: Johnny Laws for some inspired goalkeeping.

All the best/Scottie.

KORPEN SEMI FINAL

LÅNGHOLMEN KORPEN (0) 2
GARY GLITTER FC (0) 1

Saturday 18th october 2008, 15.00 KO.

STRIPES IN POLE POSITION AFTER CUP WIN.

Polish striking sensation Artur Czapinski grabbed a second half double to secure a final berth for Phil Hopkins' team.

This game was played very much under Sunday League conditions, no changing rooms, players turning up ten minutes before kick-off and one of the teams had a mix match of shirts for a kit.

It was a match that saw Långholmen Korpen pitted against old adversaries, the unfortunately named Gary Glitter team, matches between these teams are always close encounters and after the first 45 minutes any of them could of booked a place in wednesdays final. The Stripes had a much tighter grip on things in the first twenty minutes and produced a couple of fine chances, both efforts just sliding past the post.

Nathan Parker, who had a match he will want to forget, was carded on 15 minutes for a clumsy challenge on Danny Svensson.

Big Johnny Dub also saw a chance go a begging on 32 minutes after being on the pitch only a few minutes.

Glitter had a chance just before the break, but 0-0 was just about right.



Glitter come close

The second half saw Glitter open brightly and Andreas Svensson-Svensson picked the ball up from Johan Svenson but his shot just went past the upright.

On fifteen minutes the Stripes suffered a major set back when captain Dave Watters was carried of with a head injury, he was sent immediately to hospital with a nasty gash and received some stitches for his trouble.

The Glitter forwards tried to break through but the Stripes defence held tight. Then came the opening goal, a flighted corner had reached Lascelles who managed to find Artur Czapinski who rammed the ball home from 6 yards. This was just what the game needed.

Two minutes later it was all level when Svenne Svensson took advantage of a slip of the brain by Parker and latched on to a dreadful back pass and slotted easily home past Kelly.

Långholmen then slowly looked to be falling out of the game and some careless passing could of cost them dear.



Stripes captain Watters closes in

Then on 76 minutes a piece of magic by the Polish striker sealed it.

Evergreen defender Jim Taylor flighted in a free kick which eventually found it 's way to Czapinski who took the ball on his chest , swivelled on the same movement and slammed high into the net, causing much jubilation for the Långholmen Ultras.

The Stripes will have to step up their game a little if they are to overcome the likely winners of Sundays other semi-final, Gamla Tyresö.

Audio interview with 2-goal Arttoo: >>>

Crowd: 24 brave people saw the Stripes on a cold day

Refwatch: Korpen

Beer guide: Excellent

All the best Scottie

Special report from 2007:

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

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K-Ladies vs Älgarna BK, Bandhagen BP, tuesday 4th May 2010, 19.00 KO

ÄLGARNA BK (0) 0
LÅNGHOLMEN FC (2) 3



The Korpen Ladies consolidated their place at the top of the table with a fine win against Älgarna. The home side had a much bigger squad than the Långholmen side but it made no difference as Åsa Malmqvist and her team totally dominated from start to finish. The game was merely a minute old when the blue clad Långholmen side created their first chance, a blistering effort from Anja Liljefors crashing into the side netting after some neat close control around the penalty area. Kristina Lockne who was this evenings best player for her side always looked dangerous whenever she picked the ball up in front of goal and was really unfortunate to see her double effort on goal well saved by the home sides keeper on 3 minutes.

Lockne was on hand again on the 14 minute mark when she sent in a blistering drive which left the keeper watching dust, the ball never found the net as it rattled of the metal upright and past for a goal kick. Anja Liljefors grabbed her first of the evening when she picked up a fine through ball and shot low and hard past the goalkeeper to make it one nil. The same player made it 2 nil just before the break, but if truth be told it could easily have been 6 or 7 for Långholmen.

The girls of Älgarna had really nothing to throw at Långholmen, any attempt was quickly swept aside by Karin Kappe, Lina Wald and Helge Gimse. The only real effort they had was well blocked by Jenny Solbräck in goal. With little over five minutes left Helge Gimse killed off the game with a well taken effort. A quickly taken corner found the foot of an Älgarna defender, she failed to make contact properly and the ball fell sweetly to Gimse who knocked the ball into the bottom corner of the net. The Korpen Ladies sit proudly at the top of their league with maximum points and on this form look like real contenders.

Crowd: 10

Short audio interview with Kristina Lockne >>

All the best/Scotty.

K-Ladies vs Hoyzen, Bandhagen BP, tuesday 11th august 2009, 19.10 KO

FOUR IN A ROW



Långholmen Ladies Korpen team recorded a fine win against Hoyzer Girls at Bandhagen tonight. Hoyzer had already notched up a win against the blue shirted Långholmen side, so revenge was sweet for Åsa Malmqvist and her battling side. Hoyzers were no dumb team and played some nice football, but just couldnt seem to make way past Jenny Solbräck, the LFC goalkeeper, who by the way had a fine match. The world of 7 a side football can be a tiring one and it was for the Långholmen Ladies as they had no substitutes for this match.

Former Ladies first team player Kristina Lockne always looked dangerous when she was near the ball and is also a fantastic compliment to the Ladies Korpen side. She showed her worth when Malmqvist played in a ball to the box that Lockne met it with her head and it was one nil to Långholmen after 16 minutes.

Hoyzer, in their fashionable brown kits, came out looking more determined in the second half and had a couple of great chances, one of which just went wide into the side netting. Carina Nyberg had a fine second half for the Ladies and despite looking tired, battled on relentlessly. Lockne could of sealed the match with five minutes remaining when she received a fine through ball. She then twisted one way then the other before sending in a low hard effort which just went past the keepers upright. A fine victory for the Långholmen side in a match that was played in good spirits. Man of match: Åsa Malmqvist for her stability and dependability plus setting up the winning goal.



Crowd: 7 including two Hoyzer legends Carlis and Daniel and our very own Morty McCarthy.

All the best/Scotty.

DIV5 Ladies versus LFC Korpen (*friendly + some K.Ladies present in the squad*)
Långholmen BP saturday 16th February 2008 k.o. 12.30
(LFC Korpen won 8-0).

LADIES IN BRAVE BATTLE

This match was a historical milestone for the club as Chris Lathams ladies team played together for the first time on an outdoor pitch as a team. Their opponents were no other than the newly formed Korpen two team. Many of the Korpen team may of thought they just had to turn up for this match to win it, the truth was many of the registered players didn't bother turning up at all. The girls kicked off in glorious sunshine at Långholmens Stadium of Trees and were unlucky not to take the lead in the second minute when the ball bobbled over Kristina Locknes foot and went wide. It took a good ten minutes for the mens team to open their account with a very dubious offside goal. They then added another two, one of which was a blatant offside counter, before the break.

The girls more than matched their opponents in commitment and with a bit more match practice and shape in their play they should have a good season ahead. Korpen ran away with the match at the end but another four of their goals were offside, so really the score was 1-0 to the lads.

Apart from this being the ladies first match it was also historical for another reason, the legend that is Mark O Sullivan played in goals for 25 minutes of the match for the ladies thus making him the first player at the club to have played for all teams. Well done Mark.




Crowd: 15

Man of the match: The whole of the ladies team

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