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## Evens Stevens in Stripes opening game

Skarpnäck IP. 5th April. 20.00 KO

## Redbrick City 1

Långholmen opened their 2019 account with an entertaining 1-1 draw in Skarpnäck. The stripes will however feel disappointed not to walk away with all 3 points after squandering a hat full of chances in the first half. The stripes had is knew signings in the Squad. New golkepeer Victor Pålsson Lundell, André Lundqvist, Jonas Ohrzén, Mattias Yousif, Nicklas Rehnby and Jamie Steel is back with the squad of the stripe of the squade of the squade

with the Stripes after returning from England.

The game stated exactly how Långholmen had planned. Maintaining possession well and not allowing Rebrick to get our of their own half. The stripes had the first opportunity of the game when high pressure lead to a mistake at the back for Redbrick in which Chris Allen treid an ordative, bir from 25 yards that just cleared the crossbar with the keeper well beaten. The famous black and white stripes were looking slick not just in their new home jerseys but in their combination play in the final third and after only 14 minutes of play Långholmen opened the scoring. Jamie Steel provided the assist after the full back made a clearer un drawing defendes out of position and slipping in Allen who lifted a shot above the on rushing keeper back across the face of the soal to open the scoring.

sulphing in hier wind inted as his above die on his hing keeper back actors the face of the goal to open the scoring. Directly after kick off it could of been two. Some fantastic interchange by central midfield pairing Danny Patridge and James Baldwin lead to Allen providing a teasing cross which Jacob Flygare did ever so well to lose his marker but couldn't direct his attempt on target from 6 yards out.

Moments later new signing Nicklas Rehnby had a golden opportunity to score when the ball fell kindly at his feet from a corner, but unfortunately he dragged his shot wide of the post. Flygare then saw another effort go agonisingly wide a feer a looping header over the keepert. Alignophism by his time could of been 5-0 up a ther 30 minutes. Redbrick then started to come into the game. Former Langbolmen goal machine Sammba Sowe was a new addition to their squad this season and was starting to cause LFC problems. A wave of pressure from the home side resulted in a 10 minute passage of play which tested the stripes at staying focused. Redbrick had obviously been working on set pieces in training and looked close to scoring on seven conscious but new goalkeeper Victor Pâlsson was spectacular and the back four weathered the storm.

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They say football is a game of two halves and this game summed that old fashion saying up. Redbrick came out of the trans flying putting pressure on the stripes back line which reverted to Lângholmen to giving the ball away cheaply and in dangerous areas. After 60 mins Redbrick hit Lângholmen on a dangerous counter attack, both wingers were exceptionally skillful and explosive. Redbricks left midfielder found himself 1 on 1 from the halfway line but man of the match bonathan Jan used his athleticism and speed to force off balance and a brilliant reflex sayer from Pâtsson again to keep the score at 1-0.

Smitutes later however Redbrick got their deserved equalizer. Their pressure from set pieces finally paid off when an unmarked Assan Nije headed home powerfully. The 300 home supporters went into party mode. This was going to be a real test some consumer of Lângholmen.

The final 20 minutes saw both teams have more chances and turned into a right ding dong affair.

As the clock struck 90 minutes both teams could say a draw was a fair result. Lângholmen on another day could of gone into half time at 5-0 and collected 3 points but it wasn't to be.

Respect to Redbrick who have a very talented squad made this opening game of the season a real spectacle for the fans

LFC manager Perry Wild:

"Loads of positives to take from the game. Work ethic and willing to put in the guards yords for each other possibly the most pleasing aspect of the performance. To keep going even on tired legs that had been drained from an intense 45 minutes of pressing the bail had and high.

The whole team from first delenders Nicklas and Flygare to centre bocks and goalkeepers lost filter, hallelinges were everything we need to see from the team without the bail.

The enthy things missing from the performance were taking a couple more of our good chances and being able to manage the game better with the ball when they switched to a high press.

Laphghalmen cannot become the team that concede from set pieces and drops points from standard situations that should be easily preventable.

While you can accept that you will be bearten by a good ball accasionally the one we conceded from was a high looping ball and he got or un and a jump on our zonal players who stood no chance. We have to be more organised and aggressive in our defensive set pieces.

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Overall when the dust has settled there are far more positives than negatives! With the most incredible thing of all is how calm and composed we were with the amount of cynical and bod fouls we were getting. Hats off for not kicking aff lads!!!\*





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