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RAF FA Plate Final - RAF Honington vs RAF Leeming

Marsh Lane Stadium, Oxford City FC, 15 May 19 – RAF

Honington 4 – RAF Leeming 1



RAF Honington ran out comfortable winners against RAF Leeming in a 4-1 victory which saw them retain the RAF Plate.

It could have been an uphill battle from the start for Honington as Cpl Shardlow missed a glorious opportunity from close range for Leeming after a flick on in just the second minute. Leeming continued their early pressure with Honington struggling to have a real attempt on goal until a corner in the 24th minute saw a goal line scramble somehow not cross the line after some heroic defending.

Six minutes later the holders found themselves one nil up after the impressive Cpl Michael Campbell capitalised on a good through ball and showed his composure by calmly slotting the ball past Leeming's goalkeeper Flt Lt Hadfield



As Honington's confidence grew they piled on the pressure for the rest of the first half with Cpl Priddle unlucky not to add to their lead after seeing his effort come back off the post. It was Leeming though that found themselves level on the stroke of half-time with SAC Ryan Frazer finishing well after catching the Honington defence off-guard.

Leeming looked to capitalise on the change of momentum at the start of the second half with Leeming No 9 curling a shot just wide.

At the other end though Campbell reminded the Leeming defence of his threat after a great effort that flew just wide saw the Leeming goalkeeper scrambling across his line to cover it. The striker then gave his team the lead for a second time in the 55th minute with another excellent finish that gave Flt Lt Hadfield no chance.

Looking for their third goal, Honington seized control of the game and dominated the rest of proceedings with their superior fitness showing through in the hot conditions. Several more chances came and went before Honington's Cpl Priddle finished off a rebound from a good save in the 82nd minute.

Just one minute later it was 4-1 as Priddle got his second goal and gave no way back for Leeming as RAF Honington sealed their second Plate win in two years with striker Michael Campbell also taking the man of the match award.



Manager, FS Steve Harrison said about his team's victory: *'A fantastic performance from the team who set the pace from the start, that is 4 out of 5 finals won in the past 3 seasons and I cannot praise the players and staff enough. Our last game as the staff ends in victory! We wish those who take it on from here all the best in the future.'*

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