

National Cup 2015 - South East Final Crystal Palace National Sports Centre - Sunday 1st November 2015

Uxbridge Amblers, travelled to Crystal Palace National Sports Centre to play Bexley Old Boys in South East Final of the 2015 Walking Football National Cup. The game consisted of 2 halves, each lasting 20 minutes.

The winners would travel to Birmingham to play in the National Final.

Amblers went in to the game in a confident mood, but did realise that their opponents were a good side and could definitely cause them a problem.

From the start, though, Amblers showed their attacking capabilities and after a couple of half changes went 1-0 up with a goal from Dave Ball.

Amblers seemed a little anxious after taking the lead, with numerous players being penalised for running. Uxbridge did, however, have a few further chances, but the Bexley keeper made some fine saves to keep the half time score as 1-0.

Second half saw Bexley start strongly, having made changes that stifled the Amblers attack.

Despite this, Amblers continued to play their two touch game which resulted in Ray Crook having two screaming shots at the Bexley goal, both rattling the crossbar, Amblers unfortunate not to go 3-0 up.

There came a point in the second half when Uxbridge realised that not further goals were coming, so changes were made to the shape of the team. Amblers played the game out with a more defensive style of play, securing the win by just the one goal.

Uxbridge now go on the National Final, where they'll play Burton Albion, Stroud (2014 Runners Up) and Leggy Mambos (2014 Winners).



Back Row L-R John Handell, Ray Crook, Mick Geraghty (Manager), Dave Gentry, Dave Richardson, Alan Mathieson, Colin Dennison,, Peter Dean (Physio)
Front Row L-R Dave Walsh, Dave Ball, Mick Harvey, Barry Butler