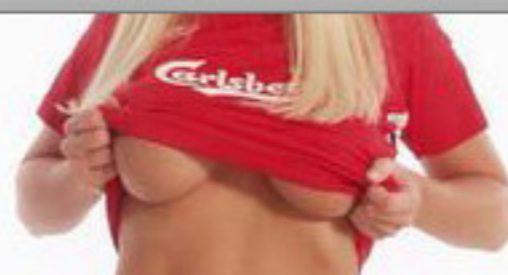




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## A.A.P.L.A. 1 – 8 F.C. BRITANICO

### Britishicos continue to set the pace at the top

The pre-game talk was of "the danger man" number 8, as Britishicos welcomed back Ryan and Dave Hughes to the starting eleven in an attack-minded line-up. Britishicos got off to a nervy start, with several losses of possession and failure to control the play. Then the deadlock was broken on 15 minutes. Dave Hughes had a one-on-one thwarted by the onrushing keeper, with the ball falling to Dave Pugh on the edge of the box who lobbed the ball over the stranded keeper into the empty net. 0-1 Britishicos. Could this goal change the course of the game? Sí señor. Britishicos began to pass better and create more opportunities. Dave Hughes shaved the post and went close several times in the first half, Prince and Soray also came close. However, A.A.P.L.A. got back into the game forcing various corners, and were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box after Felipe handled outside the area. Number 8 "The danger man" took the free kick but was blocked superbly by the 5-man wall. The "danger man" was then nowhere to be seen after that. The first half drew to a close with Britishicos asking all the questions. The half time message was clear. A second goal would wrap this up.

Or could A.A.P.L.A. snatch a goal and get back into the game? No way Jose! Within 5 minutes of the restart Britishicos were 3 goals to the good. The second coming from Ryan, who won possession in Midfield and drilled the ball into the bottom corner with his left peg. The third from Hughesy, who dispossessed the keeper and scored with ease. Britishicos then ringed the changes, with Mente, Simon and Ojo being introduced. Britishicos continued to dominate, forcing several corners, with Hasim's out-swinging corner headed in for number 4 by Ryan. Then Prince added a fifth and Britishicos' new Ole Gunnar Solskjaer super sub, Simon, scored the sixth from close range. Britishicos weren't happy with six, and continued to pile on the pressure on the opposition with the team dominating in every area of the park. The pressures paid off as Mente took advantage of some slack defending to score with a cheeky back heal. A.A.P.L.A. didn't throw in the towel, and after they saw a fantastic effort come back off the crossbar they were rewarded with a goal. Keeper Felipe came out of his goal to clear the ball and among the confusion the ball was returned towards the goal by the A.A.P.L.A. striker, trickling into the net for a consolation goal. In the dying seconds Ryan's clever through-ball found Dave Pugh in acres of space with only the keeper to beat but to the astonishment of the travelling Britishicos fans, the keeper out fazed Pugh and made a fantastic block, which fell to Simon who made no mistake as the rout was complete. Game over.

This week's "Whisky man of the match" went to stand-in left back Jonas (see photo). After a fantastic defensive and attacking display. With Unión Selección losing 2-1 to San Martyn Mayco and Faustos with a tough way game at Prolube. Who will be this week's league leader? My money's on the Britishicos. Who do you trust?

Madrid, October, 12th, Ass-roving reporter Dave Pugh

Britishicos: Felipe, Diego, Jonas, Omar, Gary, Ryan (2), Dave P (1), Hasim, Dave H (1), Prince (1), Soray, Mente (1), Simon (2), Mike O

