

Mariner sinks opposition with record-breaking five goals

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Kilburn

FIVE of the best for George Mariner included a hat-trick inside 19 minutes and broke Dragons' best for most goals in a match.

In fact, the man in and out of the side might not have been close to a sniff of breaking the 13-year-old record had Kensington been able to put out a first-choice XI.

Strikers Maddy Mkoloma, Geoff Nalu Moso and two others were unavailable, and it needed someone to plug the gap.

Mariner signed, sealed and delivered the win long before Andy Scheck made it half a dozen as a weary Kilburn ran through treacle.

However, as per tired old script, Kensington conceded first.

Mariner righted the usual wrong inside five minutes and then got lucky when a fouled Kilburn player somehow kept hold of the ball, only to lose it seconds later, and a punt upfield was gobbled by

Mariner for 2-1.

Keeper Ryan Moore got it in the neck in more ways than one when he lost a lofted ball in the sun and it hit the bar and the back of his head before dribbling over the line for a Keystone Cops goal.

Mariner got him off the hook with his hat-trick, but Kilburn notched a second equaliser.

When the man in the zone got a fortunate ricochet for 4-3, this time he added another straight after and the points were headed to the league leaders.

On the adjacent Birkbeck

Playing Fields pitch in Osterley, Dragons reserves were 4-0 up before they eased off the pedal and conceded twice to a FC Deportivo Galicia Reserves side littered with first-teamers.

Undaunted at facing a supposedly superior side, Jamanhi Henry netted after 25 minutes.

A pair of strikes from man of the match El Habib Oumar was followed by a clincher from Lamelle Williams with his first touch after coming on for injured captain Adam Finch to ice the cake.

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