

CRAY VALLEY (PAPER MILLS) 3-2 CROYDON
London Senior Cup (Sponsored by Coventry Scaffolding) Quarter-Final
Wednesday 7 February 2018

Holders Cray Valley booked their place in the London Senior Cup Semi-Finals after ending Croydon's interest.

Kevin Watson's men will be on the road to either Metropolitan Police or Tooting & Mitcham United after claiming a 3-2 win over Harry Hudson's impressive young side.

Cray Valley keeper Andy Walker pulled off a great early save, tipping Nathan Campbell's free-header onto his crossbar after Daniel Hector's cross from the right.

Ryan Flack centred for Jamie Day, whose long-range drive was spilt by shaky Croydon keeper Alex Hewitt.

Cray Valley opened the scoring after 18 minutes when Ben Francis cut the ball back for Day, who floated in a cross for striker Calum Willock to control before planting a shot sweetly into the bottom right-hand corner. Left-winger Flack then hit a sublime volley into the top right-hand corner from 25-yards to give the home side a 2-0 lead, after Alex Nelson clipped in a cross from the right.

Croydon turned the game around by scoring twice in 130 seconds towards the end of the half. Bradley Wilson placed a beautiful 20-yard free-kick into the top left-hand corner before keeper Hewitt launched a big kick over the top of the Millers defence for striker Lauris Chin to dink the ball past the advancing Walker to equalise.

Croydon were the better side during the second half. Winger Hector released Chin down the right and he cut the ball back but Andy Mott skied his shot over from the edge of the six-yard box. Day had a free-kick saved by Hewitt and Willock headed Day's free-kick over for the home side, before they grabbed a winner with five minutes left. Substitute winger Sam Bailey hit a dipping 30-yard drive, which was parried by Hewitt, diving to his right and Joe N'Guessan slotted the ball into the bottom far corner from the rebound.

Cray Valley (Paper Mills): Andy Walker, Connor Dobson (Tommy Osborne 65), Nick Harvey, Jamie Day, Cem Tumkaya, Ashley Sains, Ryan Flack (Sam Bailey 78), Alex Nelson, Calum Willock, Ben Francis (Jordan Sandiford 87), Joe N'Guessan.

Subs: Simon Glover, Junior James

Goals: Calum Willock 18, Ryan Flack 26, Joe N'Guessan 85

Booked: Nick Harvey 52

Croydon: Alex Hewitt, Bradley Wilson, Matt O'Donoghue, Nathan Campbell, James Fotheringham, Jamie McGeoghegan, Daniel Hector, Bryan Akongo, Lauris Chin (David Owusu 70), Andy Mott (Fidan Fejzi 65), Raekwon Bailey-Allen.

Sub: Rio Davidson-Phipps

Goals: Bradley Wilson 43, Lauris Chin 45

Booked: Lauris Chin 68, James Fotheringham 84

Attendance: 47

Referee: Mr Gerry Heron (West Wickham)

Assistants: Mr Valentine Anekwe (Bromley) & Mr Silvester Aina (West Drayton, Middlesex)