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MATCH REPORT
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FA Vase

Roffey 1 | 1 Kings Langley KL

Kings Langley won on penalties

Bailey Moyo — PJ Christie

Horsham FC (groundshare) Friday, 9 October 2026 Attendance 149

BOARS' VASE DREAM ENDS IN SUDDEN-DEATH HEARTBREAK

Roffey's FA Vase campaign ended in sudden-death heartbreak as Kings Langley won a penalty shootout to settle a fiercely contested tie at Horsham FC.



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The Boars led through Bailey Moyo's first-half strike and looked capable of adding another chapter to their encouraging start under Naim Rouane. But PJ Christie's equaliser brought the visitors back into the contest, before penalties delivered the final, painful verdict.

For Roffey, this was a night of promise that finished with disappointment.

With ten victories from their opening 15 matches across all competitions, the hosts arrived with confidence. Rouane, appointed ahead of the campaign, has brought an attractive style of football, helping the Boars compete well in the Southern Combination Premier Division.

Their progress has come despite upheaval away from the action. Pitch problems have forced a two-season groundshare with Horsham, with a return home planned once that arrangement is complete.

There was little sign of that disruption affecting Roffey's early approach. They started with purpose, showing greater bite in the tackle and carrying the more immediate threat going forward.

Inside eight minutes, Moyo almost gave the home side the perfect start, his effort striking the foot of the Kings Langley post.

It was a warning the visitors could not afford to ignore. Fourteen minutes later, Roffey made their

pressure count.

Moyo found space inside the penalty area and fired home, giving the Boars a deserved lead and leaving Kings Langley with work to do.

The visitors had entered the tie eighth in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division, taking 16 points from nine matches. Narrow victories over Risborough Rangers and Cockfosters had demonstrated their ability to win close contests, although recent setbacks had interrupted their momentum.

They gradually found their footing here, keeping possession more effectively and creating chances as the half developed. Roffey, however, reached the interval with their advantage intact.

Just after the hour, the game turned.

Christie beat the offside trap, catching out the Roffey defence before lifting the ball over the goalkeeper to make it 1–1.

With the lead gone, the tie became a test of nerve as well as endeavour. Both sides pushed for a winner, knowing one decisive moment could secure their passage and spare them the uncertainty of penalties.

That moment never arrived.

The final whistle left the teams level, and the shootout stretched into sudden death before Kings Langley emerged victorious.

For the Boars, it was a bitter conclusion after establishing such a promising position. Their attention must now turn quickly to the league, where another demanding challenge awaits.

Roffey face leaders Haywards Heath Town on Tuesday 13 October, with kick-off at 7.45pm. It offers Rouane's side an immediate opportunity to respond, although they will need to recover quickly from the disappointment of seeing their Vase ambitions ended by the narrowest of margins on the night.

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