

Shamrock Rovers vs Tottenham Hotspur

TEAM NEWS - Harry Redknapp names a much changed side from the one that faced PAOK in November with Cudicini, Kaboul, Assou-Ekotto, Dos Santos, Kranjcar, Townsend and Sandro all coming into the side. STARTING XI: Cudicini; Assou-Ekotto; Kaboul; Livermore; Rose; Townsend; Kranjcar; Sandro; Pienaar; Dos Santos; Defoe. SUBS: Gomes; Carroll; Kane; Kalque.

1952: Right, time to head inside for some post-match reaction. Cheers for following and see you on Sunday for the Premier League clash with Sunderland.

1951: The lads did very well to win so comfortably here and for a while it looked like we might be on the verge of a miracle, but it wasn't to be.

1950: Confirmation from Greece that PAOK and Rubin have drawn meaning we're out of the Europa League.

92.16: FULL-TIME : SHAMROCK 0-4 SPURS

89.50: GOAL - SPURS - Harry Kane makes it 4-0 with a finish from a yard or so out after Townsend cut it back to him from the byline. Two minutes of injury time to be played.

Shamrock 0-4 Spurs

89.03: PAOK are still level with Rubin, so barring a last minute turnaround we're heading out of the competition.

87.32: SAVE - SPURS - Carlo dives to his left to palm away Pat O'Sullivan's half volley. Good effort, good save.

85.41: WOODWORK - SPURS - Falque takes a fantastic shot from a central position, 25-yards out, but it hits the bottom of the post and rolls across the goal. Very unlucky.

83.42: CHANCE - SPURS - Just before the sub, Niko went very close to making it 4-0 with an angled shot from the corner of the penalty area.

83.42: SUB - SPURS - Falque on for Assou-Ekotto

79.12: CHANCE - SPURS - Harry Kane makes a good run from midfield but his shot from the edge of the area is straight at Brush.

77.29: CHANCE - SHAMROCK - Very close, Gary Twigg heading inches wide from the penalty spot.

75.10: SUB - SPURS - Harry Kane coming on for Jermain Defoe.

73.41: SUB - SHAMROCK - Ciaran Kilduff replaces Karl Sheppard up front.

72.12: Andros really is having a great game, this time he twines a couple of players before winning a corner.

70.40: Brilliant, brilliant defending by Kaboul who dispossesses Karl Sheppard in the box just as the striker is about to bury it.

66.22: Younes breaks into the Shamrock box and passes squared to Jermain, who in turn gives the ball to Andros in the box. His shot gets deflected over for a corner, which comes to nothing.

65.20: A dangerous looking Shamrock cross is dealt with superbly by Sandro at the

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back post.

63.40: CHANCE - SPURS - Benoit loops a ball over the top for Sandro to run onto, the Brazilian sort-of-lobbing-but-not-really the Shamrock goalie. Anyway, the ball nearly finds a way into the net but falls just wide.

60.42: CHANCE - SHAMROCK - O'Donnell drills a shot just wide from the D. Good attempt.

59.03: SPURS - YELLOW CARD - Steven Pienaar booked for a foul in midfield.

56.31: SUB - SHAMROCK - Gary Twigg comes on for Ronan Finn.

55.33: Dan Murray, who has already been booked, takes Jermain out just outside the penalty area, out wide. Pienaar's shot doesn't trouble Richard Brush in the Shamrock goal.

54.42: Some great defending by Benoit, who chases Dennehy all the way back to our area and muscles the winger off the ball.

53.07: Andros is having a superb game on the left, getting cross after cross into dangerous areas. This time, it's just slightly overhit.

49.12: Bad news from Greece where Rubin have equalised. The Russian side is down to ten men though, so all is not lost.

47.25: The second half begins much as the last ended with the match being played almost entirely in the Shamrock half.

45.00: We're underway.

45.00: SUB - SHAMROCK - Stephen O'Donnell coming in for Stephen Rice.

1859: Here come the teams for the second half.

1848: After an extremely uneventful opening 25 minutes, we've scored three goals and now have a genuine chance of reaching the last 32 IF PAOK can beat Rubin. We still need a further two goal swing in our favour but qualification looks far more realistic than it did 45 minutes ago. See you for the second half shortly.

45.30: HALF-TIME: SHAMROCK ROVERS 0-3 SPURS

44.32: GOAL - SPURS - Jermain is making the dream turn into a possibility! A superb break from Jake in midfield sees him release Andros down the left, his cross bundled in by Jermain a couple of yards out.

Shamrock 0-3 Spurs

42.37: CHANCE - SPURS - Jermain hits a shot straight at Brush from just inside the area, I think we all expected to see the ball hit the back of the net there.

41.00: CHANCE - SPURS - Andros, from almost the exact same position as where he scored his goal from, curls a shot inches over the upright with another excellent effort.

37.28: GOAL - SPURS - A fantastic finish by Andros Townsend! He receives the ball from Jermain just inside the Shamrock area, and curls the ball in from an angle with his right foot to give us even more hope.

Shamrock 0-2 Spurs

35.52: CHANCE - SPURS - A nice piece of skill from Niko about 25-yards out opens up space for a shot but it's straight at Brush.

32.42: SAVE - BRUSH - Gio forces Brush into a diving save with a good hit from the edge of the area.

30.25: CHANCE - SPURS - So almost another one! Dos Santos goes on a mazy run through midfield and breaks into the Shamrock box, his square pass to Defoe in the



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centre is *just* too far ahead of the striker.

28.44: GOAL - SPURS - Steven Pienaar gives us the lead! He takes a shot from the edge of the penalty area that appears to be pretty harmless, but it finds a way through a crowd of players and dribbles into the bottom left corner of the goal. Not sure if Brush was unsighted there but it looked quite harmless.



Shamrock 0-1 Spurs

27.56: SAVE - BRUSH - Danny Rose floats a cross over from the left that turns into a shot, the Shamrock 'keeper forced to tip the ball over.



26.51: Niko booked for a foul (or a bit of dissent) in midfield.



24.52: Jermain balloons a shot over from 20-yards out.

23.25: A Shamrock corner finds Dan Murray at the far post but his header is weak and straight at Carlo. Murray is then booked for a foul on Dos Santos.



20.54: Our first attempt on target, Jermain collecting the ball about 30-yards out before advancing towards the area, his shot from 20-yards takes a deflection and bobbles through to Brush.



17.52: PAOK are beating Rubin 1-0, very interesting. If we can get a goal and open the floodgates, you never know.

17.00: Nothing comes of it, despite my use of '...'.
15.55: I'm conscious of the fact that I've only done five updates so far, but very little has happened. Shamrock have a throw out by the corner flag...

11.40: Ken Oman goes quite close with a snap shot in the area after the ball comes to him following a free-kick out wide on the right, decent effort that goes a couple of yards wide.



10.12: It's going to be very tough to score goals tonight if Shamrock continue to defend in the numbers that they currently are. Jermain was just crowded out about 25-yards from goal by about five Rovers players. Not much space to use at the moment.

5.42: A nice run by Benoit down the right there ends with the defender cutting the ball back to Jermain who is positioned in the middle of the penalty area, but the shot is blocked.

4.30: Shamrock pressing our players whenever we're in possession and as you'd expect, they're up for this contest. No real chances to speak of yet.

1.40: A great curler from James Paterson is buried in the net, but the striker was offside. A great finish anyway!

1800: Shamrock get us underway.

1757: Younes captains the side tonight. Here we go!

1753: We'll be kicking off shortly. Go put on your Spurs shirt, dusk off your PAOK hat and let's hope for a big of magic tonight.

1750: The Shamrock Rovers theme song is delightful. Not particularly rousing but I definitely feel like having a dance to it.

1743: There are only three stands here at the Tallaght Stadium but I reckon it'll be a loud atmosphere tonight, the game is sold out and it's Shamrock's last game of the season.

1734: Just settling down in the press seats now, we just had to move from our original position due to not being able to see one of the goals. Could have been a problem.

1710: As you can see above, the team looks very different to the one that faced PAOK a couple of weeks ago. We need a six goal swing tonight coupled with a Rubin defeat in Greece. Unlikely? Yes. Impossible? No.

1705: Good evening from Dublin! We face a mammoth task to make it through to

the last 32 of the Europa League, but you never know...