

Bird & Bush 4 - 2 Hexton Reserves 02/09/07

Not a great start to the season. To be honest we were a bit nervous and a little disorganised to begin with, with them taking the lead after ten minutes. Their first goal was a simple long ball over the top and an easy finish for their centre forward. That woke us and we started knocking it about with more confidence. We equalised after twenty five minutes with a great through ball from Alan to set up Young Matty and he coolly lobbed their keeper in style. So it was 1-1 and we were looking more solid despite the thirty yard attempt by their winger, which Nick comfortably tipped around the post. At half time we were quite happy.

We had the worse possible start to the second half when they scored straight from kick off, a deep cross into the box where their winger just got ahead of Nick and it bobbed into the net. We fought back hard, Alan and Jason both came close with shots outside the area that narrowly went wide. We then equalised after fifty five minutes when Matty broke through their defence, his shot was saved by their keeper but Jason was there to finish it off. We looked good for the next ten minutes or so, flying into tackles, winning headers and feeling confident. We were knocking it about well until a dubious decision by the linesman let us down when he didn't raise his flag when their forward was offside and tucked in their third. (He was definitely offside honest!!). Obviously we were gutted but we fought on. Once again Alan came close with another long range effort. I feel we ran out of steam after that, which possibly resulted in them scoring their fourth. When their central mid-fielder broke through and lifted the ball over our keeper and Henry produced what can only be described as a scene out of 'My Left Foot' when he failed to clear it off the line.....haha (sorry gaffer). We went all out in last five minutes and really put them under the cosh. We came close when our very own, attractive captain rose like a salmon from another of Alan's superb deliveries but my header just narrowly went over (about two miles!!!). To sum it up, if we cut out needless and silly individual mistakes and keep on passing the ball as we did in periods of the second half, I believe we'll do okay!

Starting line-up:

		Nick	
Peter	James S	Gilly	Henry
Christian	Alan	Dan	Deano
	Jason	Matty	

Subs: Ryan (84 mins)
Frank (70 mins)
Taylor (60 mins)
Ben

Regards

Daniel 'Paulo Maldini' Gill