

# Comberton Crusaders FC

## Swavesey Spartans 2 v 5 Comberton Crusaders U10 29th Sept 07

**Goals - Ross Isbister (3), Oliver Ardrige, Hugh Barker**

**Man of Match -Louis Young**

How the premier managers cope with the pressure of a big game and how they keep all the players happy I don't know. With the increase in ability and desire to win the greatest challenge is getting the balance of players' minutes versus results. I know this is only mini soccer but very quickly after under 8s do the players get that winning instinct. The greater tests in this age group are still to come but as long as the commitment and skill level stays as it has been so far no one can complain.

We had played Swavesey four times before and the honours have been shared so we expected a close game. From the start this is exactly what we got although as the half progressed we took control thanks to some tremendous effort from all involved. Sometimes we can criticise the lack of effort but not in this game as we worked hard both with the ball and not. Again Harvey Jacklin was immense in defence ably assisted by the most annoying defender in the league (Rhys May) only because he always seems to get a foot in the way when required. The four new boys have contributed much so far and today it was the turn of goalkeeper Louis Young to get man of the match for two outstanding saves. He was challenged very closely by Hugh Barker who ran the show in the first half and on this performance can make the centre midfield berth his own. We started to dominate and Hugh scored with a fierce shot into the top corner. Unluckily we conceded an own goal in trying to clear an attack and came to half time level. A special mention for Grant Edgley who after being keeper last year today showed why he can make a big impact in midfield with an intelligent and hard working display.

### **Half time 1-1**

All change at half time with a completely new outfield team and this had an immediate effect with two quick goals to settle the team. Both were scored by Ross Isbister who (nepotism aside) is still our best outlet in attack and best finisher. We then had our worst 10 mins and conceded a goal to make the score 3-2. However this was short lived and further goals from Oliver Aldridge and Ross (hat trick) settled the game. One last move nearly saw the goal of the season (yes in the 2nd week) when an overhead kick by Will Turner nearly sneaked in the top corner but for a great save from the goalie.

Lots of harder games to come but a sound start and starting to develop well as a team. Well done boys.

**Kenny**

