

Comberton Crusaders FC



U10 Boys

15th Sept 07

Girton Colts 0 v 1 Comberton Crusaders (under 10s)

Goals - Thomas Blatch

Man of Match -Will Turner

At last the new season got underway with a very hard fought and close game at Girton. All the players have certainly improved since last season and their competitive nature shown in training was clearly evident in the match. If we keep up this commitment, passing and skill levels we will do well. With a little more organisation the team can progress and continue to improve throughout the season. A challenge for the coaches!

We had never beaten Girton before and only managed one draw in 4 games at under 8 and then 9 level. We started well and Comberton had far the better chances. Our defence in the first half was outstanding with Harvey Jacklin playing probably the best he ever has and denying Girton any clear chances. They had one shot all half on target, which was comfortably dealt with by the debut keeper Louis Young. Midway through the half we made several changes and in this period before half time played our best football with Thomas Blatch and Oliver Aldridge running midfield. How we did not score is a mystery and Valium on the touchline was certainly needed.

Half time 0-0

More changes at half time and again we made most of the running although Girton were coming more into the game and had definite chances to score. Our defence was getting sucked into the ball leaving gaps which luckily they did not take advantage of. Changes were needed as Girton were starting to dominate midfield and this seemed to make the difference. Midway through the second half we eventually scored the goal our pressure deserved. Another fine passing movement left Thomas Blatch in front of goal and he calmly put it away. This was well deserved considering the balance of play. We then did well to hang on as Girton had several chances to score, only being denied by some excellent goalkeeping by Louis Young and defending by Adam Bradbury. We were all glad to hear the final whistle.

This is a much harder league than last year and we will come up against some very good sides but as long as we keep the attitude right we should be ok. Finally a mention for man of the match Will Turner who showed, on his debut, how football should be played with always playing the simple ball and not losing possession. Well done!

Looking forward to the next game and off for a lie down

Kenny