

# Comberton Crusaders FC

## Comberton Crusaders 2 v 4 Walpole Warriors – 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Goals - Ross Isbister, Thomas Blatch**

**Man of Match - Thomas Blatch**

Our first home game of the season and turned out to be one of the most competitive we have ever played.

Walpole had beaten Bar Hill the previous week and considering they had only lost one game in three years we knew it would be hard. It was also a very niggly game and I would like to commend all our players for playing the game in good spirit under some intimidation throughout. Seeing 9 year old boys diving with no contact and pushing players after losing the ball fairly is not what it should be about.

I thought we played very well and the commitment and hard work was total. In fact although losing and being 4-0 down seconds into the second half we dominated large parts of the game and hit the woodwork twice with their keeper making 4 or 5 fine blocks. If we keep playing like this we can look forward to a good season.

Walpole had a squad of only 9 players compared to our 14 and were very well drilled and with no shortage of skill.

We started well and Rob Horsnell hit the post from a corner before defensive lapses lost us 3 goals all of which could have been prevented. More defensive work in training required. Late in the half Hugh Barker, again outstanding, hit the post.

### **Half time 0-3**

Kicked off straight to the opposition and they scored within 10 seconds of restart. A long steep hill to come back from this. Thomas Blatch then took control and we dominated the rest of the game with their small squad tiring. Goals from Thomas and Ross Isbister brought us back in the game and with many chances going begging we could have at least scraped a draw.

Much still to work on but very pleased and let's take the commitment into Bar Hill in two weeks.

Kenny

