

Comberton Crusaders FC



Match Report



Bar Hill 2 Comberton 4

24th September 2011

Attendance; 42

Scorers; Joseph Benson (17, 30, 40) Harvey Agg (22)

Normal order was resumed today as the under 10's manufactured their first win of the season. A big crowd drawn by the beautiful early autumn, mid morning sunshine and an early season visit of the champions were treated to a much improved performance after the nervous gridlock from a week earlier. Bar Hill took the lead through a theatrical farce when the ball rebounded off goalie William Dyer who after pulling off a fine save bounced upon the defender's knee and finished trickling over the line without an opponent in sight, the only piece missing from the comedy was a Sydney James cackle and a slapped thigh. Dyer continued his best display throughout the match and was most influential from defence all game. James Edwards running like a two stroke engine was a constant thorn in the side and was sorry not to be wearing his scoring boots as a fluid passing move ending with a dinky one – two shaved the foot of the post. He was praised for his work by a referee who was worth the admission fee alone –an obsessive, correct, caricature who shared the boy's innocence and passion and whose personality perfectly represented the ideals and reason why we all get up early of a Saturday morning.

Joe Benson was in a selfish mood. Having already tested their keeper with a couple o' long rangers drew the scores level with a devilish daisy cutter from range. Teddy Lee (nee Elliot) joined in the long shot party and also came close, he was hungry for a goal today but his real gift to the team is his ability to create, and as a provider of others goals for the cause will probably see him top the assist list this year. Bar Hill played with real skill and flair, they impressed out wide and made it very difficult for the Crusaders to completely take control. Toward the end of the first half the ball came over from the left hand side and finding himself a great position on the right edge of the box Harvey Agg swivelled onto it and sweetly planted it deep into the back of the goal from the curled instep of his trusty left peg. 1-2.

Following a motivational team talk from the crafty gaffer, the orange pips were squeaked and the second half was a much improved show and Comberton quickly took the game on. James Pitford was excellent; he read the game very well and conducting most of the good stuff for the early period. Another monster blow from Benson knocked the goalkeeper unconscious , he thankfully stumbled back to his feet quickly and from the ensuing drop ball Benson gave him a bit more for good measure and was rewarded with a fine second goal, an important early life lesson for the lad in goal – charity should be a choice not an obligation. Pitford and Edwards again came close and both deserved goals for their sheer effort and Isaac Ormesher when he came on outfield resembled

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a saluki hound with his never say die attitude to the game. Daniel Bates was his usual brusque self and gave away very few scraps from his bountiful pantry. Three more close chances from Calum Martin, Ormeshar, and Agg were followed by the trusty right boot of Benson who completed his deserved hatrick and sealed the game for Comberton who were the worthy winners of a game whose score line slightly flattered the home team.

Man of match Joseph Benson



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