

Gamlingay 4 Comberton 1

7th January 2012

Attendance 27

Scorers ; Teddy Lee (24)

Sounds like a very happy turf accountant. Botanists amongst us were treated to a rare glimpse of the lesser spotted timid crusader, picked off by an organised and functional unit in cherry red at home in its regular habitat of basic and sloped burrow. To their credit the home side were well marshalled and stuck rigid to a game plan which was backed up with a full squad of decent players with good energy and without prima donnas.

Comberton started brightly enough with James Edwards sprinting as the crow flies, route one and came close with a neat two step just going wide, and the inspirational Nicholas Mobin lobbing over from 12 yards showing good technique with just a little too much whoosh underneath the ball. Gamlingay took the lead from a corner when a crowded penalty box and a lot of torque on the keeper resulted in a soft opener. Much squad rotation ensued through force and fancy and a few minutes later conjured the crusaders best move of the game – Joe Benson meandered around four opponents before slitting the ball through for the grateful Teddy Lee who poked home from close range, 1-1.

The second 30 minutes proved to be as hard as any these boys have faced over the last couple of years, in mitigation it was the first game back after a long avaricious break and key players were below par, communication was mute and the legions were second to ball regularly, the tricky position of goalkeeper is still unresolved and with the team mid way through their third season together should by now know their best positions and be working on what it means to play there.

The return leg is next week at home and will be interesting to see what lessons are learned and whether collective pride galvanizes a rocking recovery.

Player of the week

Sir Nicholas of Mobin