

Comberton Crusaders FC



Match Report



Saturday 8th October

Result: Spartak 1 – Comberton 5

Goals: Teddy (3), James E, Joe

Player of the Week: Nick

As the crowd of 28 gathered at pitchside on a cold autumnal morning for the First Round Cup match away at Spartak 78, the speculation amongst the away fans focussed on how the Crusaders U10's would respond to their first competitive defeat last weekend. It was with some relief therefore that the first goal of the morning was greeted just 5 minutes after kick-off. A lovely flowing move saw the ball passed upfield from goalkeeper James P to Joe to James E and inside to Teddy to confidently net. The response from the Spartak team was almost immediate. The pink ball being picked up on the left wing by their dangerous number 7, who successfully took on Dan before passing inside to the number 8 who neatly slotted home. Comberton were not disheartened though and continued to chase hard and harry the Spartak defence. Fifteen minutes had passed when Harvey hit a shot at goal that the keeper could not gather, and James E pounced sharply to claim Comberton's second. A minute later and Harvey was disappointed to have his excellent shot into the roof of the net from a free kick just outside the box disallowed for not being indirect. However, with half-time looming, Joe stole the ball in the centre of the pitch, moved purposefully towards the goal before unleashing a trademark unstoppable shot high into the net from distance. 3-1 up at half-time and the boys were playing well.

Callum took the goalie's jersey for the second half, with James P moved to midfield in order to counteract the Spartak number 8 who'd been a threat for the entire first half. With only a minute on the clock Teddy displayed excellent close control and skill before passing into the awaiting net to take the lead to 4-1. Teddy's hat-trick was completed a minute later when on hand to dispatch the ball after the goalkeeper had parried a shot from Harvey. The Spartak goalkeeper was called upon time and again throughout the remainder of the half to deny Crusaders and did so with a brave performance, and the help of both posts. Thomas, Nick, Dan and James all had good efforts saved but kept going to the end. The full-time whistle brought the match to a close with the 5-1 victory for Comberton being celebrated with Haribos courtesy of Dan (Happy Birthday Dan!). Player of the week for his strong performance today was Nick.

