

UNDER 10 KNOCKOUT CUP 19th NOVEMBER 2011

**FOXTON 0 V COMBERTON CRUSADERS 4**

Attendance: 54 or thereabouts!

Goal scorers: Harvey Agg, Nick Mobin (2) and Thomas Whitmore.

The long awaited meeting of these two rivals had the nerves jangling from the start so much so that before the kick-off, eight of the Foxtton team were seen trying to settle them by watering the bordering high grass verges. In contrast to the height of the grass, manager Steve Duff was sporting a very neatly trimmed barnet!

The first half started shakily for the Crusaders and it wasn't long before goalie Pitchford had to put in a save and gather the ball to safety. At this point, the Comberton supporters were beginning to wonder whether their team should have paid their own visit to the long grass! But their worries were soon alleviated when a corner ball was ricocheted from boot to boot until it met Agg's capable left foot and found the back of the net. GOAL!

Foxtton were not giving up though and kept pushing forward forcing Pitchford to make another save.

The Crusaders now rediscovered their natural passing game and the ball soon found its way up the other end again for a corner to reach Elliot who flicked it marginally wide. Benson chipped a lofty shot that found its way into the neighbouring field and the ball was substituted for a pink one. The boys remembered that the pink ball was a good thing and had served them well in the last cup game. A cross from Benson was cleared by a defender but only as far as Mobin who booted the ball and scored in the top corner. GOAL!

The white ball came back!

There followed some great passing play; Bates to Dyer to Benson to Mobin. Edwards was joined by Whitmore and the attacking duo both scurried about relentlessly in front of goal hungry to find the back of the net. Any balls that found their way towards our goal were cleared out again swiftly by the ever reliable Martin and Bates.

The pressure was on!

A corner from Edwards found Benson who passed it goalwards where Whitmore's predatory instincts for goal resulted in a neat tap in. GOAL!

Elliot was next with a super shot from the right which was met by an equally super diving save from their keeper.

Edwards had the ball again and made a great attacking run but agonisingly the whistle blew for half time before he could shoot.

The second half started in a similar vein and a corner from Edwards was headed over the crossbar by Benson. The play was end to end but for a time but any attacks were stifled before anything could be

made of them. Edwards dazzled 3 players with his tricks and it appeared he had hypnotised his opponents who stood about in awe.

A quick one two and cross fell to Agg whose shot narrowly missed. Another attack had Edwards in front of goal only to be dashed by a great tackle from No. 7.

The hackles were up; Benson received the ball from an Edwards throw and dribbled up the left wing passing 3 players to cross to Mobin who gathered his second of the day. GOAL!

A shot from Foxton was cleared up by Elliot who wanted to stand between the posts and try out the oversized grey top and "jazz hand" gloves.

Pitchford now out of goal scurried around pouncing on any opportunity that came his way and put in some pin point passes.

A Foxton counter attack was underway but quickly quashed by a great tackle by Dyer who was terrier like in midfield. Bates was, as ever, solid in defence clearing up any ball that made it through with confidence.

Davies was now up front sending everyone dizzy as he ran around energetically trying to escape his marker. It paid off, he got the ball but sadly his shot went wide, but regardless, he treated us all to a celebratory somersault. With very little time to recover the ball came his way again and as he looked at the goal a sound tackle meant his shot went wide.

The whistle blew for full time leaving Davies having to wait for another day to open his account.

Man of the Match: Daniel Bates