

Comberton Crusaders FC



Match Report U11 Boys



Fulbourn Falcons 4 - 3 Comberton

8th Oct 2011

A windswept Netherhall School was the venue for a top of the table clash between Fulbourn and Comberton U11s. Crusaders were unbeaten coming into the match but Fulbourn had also produced some impressive results.

After a one minute silence to remember a Fulbourn senior player who sadly collapsed after a game the previous Sunday the referee got the game underway. Perhaps contrary to the script it was Comberton that controlled the early stages. They played their signature passing and movement game but there was no end product as the Fulbourn defence held firm.

On fifteen minutes Josh took a corner for Comberton on the right. He whipped the ball into the box with pace and height. George Taylor met it perfectly and directed it into the back of the net to put Comberton ahead.

Crusaders looked to be on top and settled into to a comfortable rhythm. Fulbourn continued to push forward and got the ball into the box close to the goal line. In a moment of Comberton panic the ball was played back into the path of the oncoming centre forward who made no mistake from close range to level the score.

Right from the kick-off Comberton Josh Price sent the ball over the top of the Fulbourn midfield into the path of Ciaran Coyle. In one movement he controlled it and shot from distance. The ball sailed into the net giving the keeper no chance. Comberton were back in front 2-1.

As if not to be outdone Fulbourn surged forward straight from the restart and passed the ball through the midfield. After swerving past two players the Fulbourn man placed the ball just inside the post to equalise again for 2-2.

In the second half Fulbourn seemed to grow in confidence and their big number 8 started to dominate in midfield with some powerful runs. They were awarded a free kick for handball just into the Comberton half. In a well practised set piece the ball was played high and to the back post where the left winger had evaded the defence and swept the ball into the net.

With their tails up Fulbourn were pushing through the Comberton defence at will and only for some excellent goal keeping by Ciaran Coyle they would have extended their lead much further, The crowd noise grew as the game became end to end with Comberton searching for an equaliser. But it was Fulbourn who exploited the spaces left



Comberton Crusaders FC



Match Report U11 Boys



at the back. The number 8 went largely unopposed through the defence and shot hard and low to Ciaran's right to take the score to 4-2.

Despite the two goal deficit Crusaders kept going forward and creating chances. Ciaran lofted a huge kick from the edge of his box into the path of the mercurial Tom Dawes on the right wing. Tom headed straight for goal and placed the ball wide of the keeper and into the bottom left corner to make it 4-3. The last five minutes were nerve jangling. Comberton were in the ascendancy and created lots of chances. Tom and Aaron both went close before the final whistle but Fulbourn held on to win the match,

This was a hugely entertaining game to watch and both teams played some wonderful carpet football. Comberton looked to have the game won in the first half but it is strange how a few lapses of concentration can completely change a game. In the end it was Comberton's failure to do the simple things well, particularly in defence that allowed Fulbourn the space to do damage. Both teams will have learned from the experience and the supporters will surely be looking forward to the return game later in the season.

Squad: Ciaran Coyle, George Taylor, Joe Cary, Matthew Coyle, Josh Price, Owen Coyle, Tom Dawes, Aaron Biggs, Felix Serby, James Mikelson, Chris McFarlane, Joe McNally

Player of the week: Ciaran Coyle



catfishwebdesign



Leeassociates
Independent Financial Advice

ROSSWELL
ELECTRICAL

The Blue Lion
Hardwick