

# Comberton Crusaders FC



## Match Report



### Newmarket Town White 1 – 2 Comberton Crusaders

The windswept Dullingham Polo Club was the venue for Crusaders U11 Boy's second league match of the season. Injuries and social engagements had depleted the squad to just ten players.

In the early stages of the first half both teams played some good attacking football and entertained the crowd. Maybe it was home advantage but Newmarket began to take more of the possession and made good progress into the Comberton half. George and Matthew coped well but found it difficult to clear any distance. Slowly their confidence grew and Newmarket were pegged back.

Tom forced a corner on the left side after a trademark mazy run that left defenders twisted and turned. Aaron placed the corner into the centre of the box but it ricocheted out to Ciaran who was on the edge of the box. He flicked it back in where Owen was waiting and just got a touch on it to put it past the keeper and open his account for the season.

As Newmarket took the restart a huge black cloud came over the pitch and for the next ten minutes a mini-Winter engulfed the game. The gale gave Newmarket a great advantage and within a few minutes a midfielder had lobbed a high ball towards goal and into the net to equalise.

In the second half the sun returned and so did Comberton's normal play. James looked sharp at sweeper and Joe McNally was giving the Newmarket defence all sorts of problems up front. The game opened up and it was end to end stuff for long periods with last ditch defending keeping the score level.

Ciaran then took a quick kick-out to Tom on the right side. Tom slipped past the defenders and crossed the ball into the box through a crowd of players. Josh was waiting at the back post and he placed the ball neatly into the net to put Crusaders into the lead 2-1.

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In the last ten minutes Newmarket threw players forward to try to get something from the game. They almost succeeded when one break from midfield saw three players un-marked in the box. A blistering shot was saved by Ciaran who had been mostly an observer up to that point. The ball found its way to a Newmarket player but despite the open net he couldn't convert and the ball went harmlessly wide to the great relief of the Comberton defence.

Comberton played out the last few minutes with some good possession football and just about deserved to win the game.

**Player of the Week:** Joe McNally

### Squad

Joe C, George, Matthew, James, Tom, Josh, Aaron, Ciaran, Owen, Joe M



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