

Match Report - Sunday 28th February

Boys Under 18 Wessex League

Trojans 2 Woking 7

Well done to the team on a comfortable victory today against Trojans by 7-2 in a rather scrappy match, which was achieved without ever really being extended.

The first congratulations go to Stefan and Sam who managed to change a wheel on the way down after first damaging it by driving into the curb. They still managed to arrive 5 minutes before the start, so we had a full team to start with, which is more than could be said for the opposition who started with 9 as two players were delayed on their way back from a party the night before.

Trojans were not a strong team, and we spent most of the first half playing down to their level. With the first 20 minutes goalless, we then managed to score 3 goals in 5 minutes, with one lovely passing movement in particular from inside our own half culminating with Mike finishing the move. However, we then conceded 2 in 5 minutes ourselves just before half time to leave it 3-2 at the break.

As we had travelled without a coach, it was left to Stefan as Player/Coach to deliver the Alex Ferguson "hairdryer" treatment at half time, and nobody disagreed with his analysis of the sub-standard first half performance. The team stepped up the pace in the 2nd half, scoring 4 unanswered goals with some improved passing and movement, but we never really moved out of 2nd gear, and indeed, nor did we have to. Trojans contributed to their own downfall by receiving 3 yellow cards (compared to none for us), and played out the last 5 minutes with only 9 players on the pitch - not that we managed to score during that period.

The full list of goalscorers was LJ with another hat trick (that's 3 consecutive hat tricks in U18 matches, a total of 10 goals in 3 games - very impressive), Mike with 2, and Sam and Phil with one each.

Particular thanks to Stefan for combining the role of Payer/Coach, and to Chris Stone for managing the one sub that we had in the end. Also congratulations to Gary Page who made his debut for us today having just joined the club at Christmas, having a good match even if he didn't have a great deal to do, and is a very welcome addition to our squad.