

Match Report : This was a double header and was possibly a 3rd place play off.

The opposition had no player above 22compared to our average age of about 40. So the result was that they started like greased lightning and despite Stuart's best efforts we were still 4-0 down by half time!!. The next three halves were a different story. We started to play some good football and they became unsettled. This was more evident when Mark Newman slotted home a penalty and Andy Middleton made it 2-4 which was the final score.

We continued our better form into the second game. Quite solid at the back and Mark, Jevon and Andy Middleton doing lots of hard graft and their underestimated speed causing problems. Couple this with Richard maze like runs and Tom and Ewen and of course Grant winning heading battles we were on top.

The pressure building on oppo finally paid off as Jevern sprang high at a corner and headed home (probably only his second header on target all season and that statement was vindicated by Jev's joy) . Indeed he almost made it two a few minutes later.

Then on the counter attack they scored from a curling chip that came out of nothing. 1-1 was not a fair scoreline.

Then Andy Mid picked up a knock and couldn't play the last half. On strolled Greg as a Centre Forward ????. Needless to say he did less running than Andy and probably won less headers. But we were grateful to him for sacrificing his defensive urges and pushing on up front.

We still looked the better team and a fine break resulted in Richard

smashing home for 2-1 with aplomb.

Richard then broke into the box. We were all expecting the traditional

drop of the shoulder BUT he squared the ball to an empty penalty area.

Greg had not gambled and gone in there. Fortunately they both saw the

funny side of this but hoped we did not rue this missed chance.

With the clock running down old experienced heads were now clearing the

ball miles out of play.

Then disaster. Their striker went down like Torvill & Dean slipping on

the ice from a faint touch of a boot.

So up stepped their main man with the pen. Only glory went to his head

and he blasted straight over !!

Then moments later they almost had another pen but this time the foul

was just outside of the box. A good free kick was floated over but

Stuart had read and took easy catch to seal the win.

If we win our last game we can now finish 3rd.

Great work and spirit boys.