

Match Report - Sunday 15th November

Boys Under 18 National Cup

Winchester 0 Woking 2

In what turned out to be a rather bad tempered match today, Woking defeated Winchester 2-0 in the 2nd round of the U18 National Cup.

Apart from the first few minutes, Woking were generally on top throughout the match, but struggled to convert chances into goals. The first half ended scoreless, although Woking had a number of goal mouth scrambles, and cards comfortably outnumbered goals, 3 green for us, and one yellow for Winchester which was upgraded from 5 to 10 minutes after he swore at the umpire. Tim was very solid at the bottom of the midfield diamond, and the defence dealt comfortably with any danger.

The 2nd half looked like ending scoreless as well, but Tim scored with a drag flick with 15 minutes to go. The Winchester goalkeeper was lucky to stay on the pitch after verbally abusing our forward line, and then after some more Woking pressure, with 5 minutes to go, Ollie Greenhalgh crowned a "Man of the Match" display by diving full length to get the final touch under pressure. Both teams then had to be warned to cut out the verbal abuse, and after that, the game calmed down, and we held our nerve in the face of some questionable umpiring decisions.

Thanks very much to Billy and Stefan for coming all the way to coach - let's hope for a home draw in the next round which is in 2 weeks (I will let you know when I hear the draw).