

Match Report - Sunday 18th October

Boys Under 18 Mercian League

Woking 5 Guildford 1

The U18s started their season yesterday with a victory - 5-1 against Guildford. Interestingly that was achieved without ever really hitting top gear and with too many passes going astray. Nevertheless, we were on top for most of the match and the result never really appeared in doubt. In what was a very fast game, Woking maintained a high tempo and with a strong squad of 14, and were constantly able to rotate.

It's difficult for me to remember everything (or anything?) that happened in the game as I was umpiring, but we took the lead half way through the 1st half and only held it for 5 minutes. Then in less than a minute we were 2-1 ahead, and made it 3-1 before half time when Tom converted a flick very emphatically. Moley made it 4 early in the second half with a very good finish, and Sam scored his second of the day in the final minute from all of 2 inches. Pikey, our coach, reckoned that Fergus was Man of the Match for his ability to scan the pitch before receiving the ball so that he always knew what he was going to do with it.

It was particularly pleasing and shows our depth in the squad as we played without Tim, Garth and Mike, let alone Ollie, Chris Way and Giles who, although U16s, are all capable of playing at this level. Well done, it's good to see that we are top of the league after one match - on goal difference, so I suppose we have Sam to thank for that.

Thanks to Girish for umpiring at short notice when Guildford turned up without an umpire.