

Match Report - Sunday 25th October

Boys Under 18 Mercian League

Woking 2 Canterbury 3

What a match - a narrow 2-3 defeat to Canterbury was no disgrace in a top quality and exceedingly fast and skilful match. We controlled large parts of the match with some brilliant triangles, passing and movement, and it was a pleasure to watch for all concerned.

The match started fantastically when we were ahead in just under a minute - Canterbury had only touched the ball once (to knock it out of play on the side line) when Stefan rifled in a reverse stick shot. Then Canterbury equalised after 15 minutes, and then 10 minutes later, scored 2 in 2 minutes to take a 3-1 half time lead, and it could have been worse but for an excellent save by Justus from a drag flick going into his top right corner. We scored very early in the 2nd half when a Stefan flick from a short corner was going wide of the right post but it was nicely turned into the net by a Canterbury defender. After that, we had a lot of possession and pressure, but couldn't convert chances into an equaliser.

For a change, we didn't pick up any cards today, whereas Canterbury got 3 green and 1 yellow, as well as a yellow for their Manager.

Congratulations to Chris Way who was Man of the Match and played impressively at sweeper, with Will Swain as runner up for throwing his body around the astro for the team. Tom Leggett was Dick of the Day for trying to control an aerial from Stefan on the back of his head.

Many thanks to Karel Deeley for umpiring at short notice, he only agreed to it at 8pm on Saturday.

And finally, many thanks to everybody who brought food and contributed towards a splendid lunch, and in particular to Nora for co-ordinating it (and Sandy for that delicious chocolate cake, Sally for the brownies, etc). Canterbury have sent me an e-mail asking me to pass on their thanks as well for the kind hospitality.