

League

Almondsbury Youth U10 4 v 4 Cadbury Heath U10

Sun 04Dec11

Overall: This was a match where we created enough chances to win the game and whilst it is encouraging that we got in plenty of shots, we still were unable to direct them past the defenders or 'keeper, Defending needs to be improved but overall a 4-4 result against a tough and determined Heath team was probably a fair result.

Match 1: Almondsbury Eagles U10 1 v 3 Cadbury Heath U10

We started a little more positively this week but still lacked that cutting edge necessary to keep possession and to dominate games early on. Simple errors in defending, for example failing to press and jockey, created chances for our opponents and we found ourselves 2 down. We must defend more effectively! On the right Danny Seymour troubled the visitors defence and Josh Richardson was robust in defence and creative when in midfield. Max Burge provided some extra impetus when he came on and seemed to inspire and motivate the team. Max was rewarded with a coolly headed goal from Adam's pinpoint cross on 30 min but as we pushed and pressed we conceded a penalty late on that was converted by Heath to secure their 3-1 overall victory

Star Man: Josh Richardson - Excellent defending and confident midfield work..well done Josh

Match 2: Almondsbury Hawks U10 3 v 1 Cadbury Heath U10

The Hawks also appeared to struggle to get into their rhythm and at times were a little slow off the mark. Ryan Davey soon got into the game and posed a threat down the right, while Saud and Cameron linked well in midfield. It was from a neatly taken right foot strike that saw Cam Wilton open the account for the Hawks. As the game progressed the Hawks grew in confidence with Josh Hudgell linking well with the midfield and Will Baldwin setting up some creative play. Will put us two up but we were pegged back as Heath came back at us to open their account. As the game progressed we started to pepper their goal but down to great 'keeper positioning, we just could not breach their defence. Unperturbed we pushed and pressed with Fin Norton getting his toe on the ball to prod home for the Hawks' 3rd and to ultimately secure a battling 4-4 draw on aggregate.

Star Man: Fin Norton – A battling and courageous midfield performance with a well deserved goal.

Coach's Note: At times we played reasonably well whilst at other times we struggled. We must believe in our own ability but we must also focus on doing the basic stuff right. We are still "jumping" into tackles and thus letting our opponents beat us with ease. Whilst I was very pleased with the shooting we must try and ensure shots are away from defenders and 'keepers.

Training: Please ensure you attend training, 5pm 'til 6pm , Fridays at the "The Ridings". If you are unable to get your boy there please call/text...arranging a lift/drop-off will not be a problem...their regular attendance is to the benefit of the whole squad. If you cannot make it a text to indicate non-attendance will be appreciated.