

League

Downend St U10 7 v 1 Almondsbury Youth U10

Sun 13Nov11

Overall: In my view this courageous and committed performance did not really deserve the final score. Despite being 5 players short everyone played their hearts out on a soggy, heavy pitch. Had the pitch been marked clearly it would have been obvious that Danny's goal had crossed the line and putting us 1 up will have made all the difference to our confidence. Unfortunately it was not to be but despite not scoring many goals the movement and passing was much, much better, where at time the opposition struggled to cope with our creativity, but put simply, they took their chances in front of goal.

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With absences forcing a change around the 7 men Eagles squad set about their task with enthusiasm and passion. James Lynch put in another competent shift in goal and was ably supported by a rejuvenated Joel Davis-Brenchley. Some clever passing moves between Max Burge, Taylor Wright and Danny Seymour resulted in a few half chances but were not of good enough finishing quality to trouble our hosts. Shortly into the 2nd half a Danny Seymour strike hit the bar, "ballooned" the net, crossed the line and back into play. No Goal! Disappointed and frustrated we became unstructured and disorganised with Downend seizing on the opportunity go 1-up shortly after. At the back, Adam Thorne's form was resilient and impressive all game but he suffered the misfortune securing the hosts 2nd from a misdirected clearance. As we pushed, pressed in the 2nd half Callum Finn grew in confidence created some good chances, but with no substitutes, we tired and undeservedly conceded in the last minute leaving Downend with a flattering 3-0 victory.

Star Man:

Adam Thorne - Solid defensive work and excellent counter-attacking play.

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Put simply, the Hawks put in some fantastic and impressive interchange play. Ryan Davey, Saud Alyaseen and Cam Wilton looked like they were old "pros" passing and moving with agility and fluency. Despite this early pressure Downend caught us "napping" to secure the opener in game 2 following a counter attacking move. Unperturbed we pressed and harried with Saud levelling the scores shortly after. In midfield and then in defence Josh Richardson demonstrated he has improved with some excellent possession, passing and tackling. In the second half Cam Wilton sparkled with his tricky, mazy runs resulting in high quality crosses and attempts at goal with Will Baldwin trying to drive the team forward. Saud continued with his silky skills and intelligent football. As we tried to push forward we left ourselves a little exposed, too often, leaving the hosts to capitalise on our lack of concentration and conceding a few more goals. We still kept trying with Haydon Somers battling, Jack Thorne making a few good stops and Ryan creating some decent chances. In my view the result flattered the hosts and a 4-1 defeat, 7-1 on aggregate, was certainly not justification to the manner and style in which you all played today. Do not let the result disappoint you, you played football in the way it should be played, it simply just was not our day.

Special Note: Thanks to all boys who respected the pre-game "minute silence" for Remembrance Sunday. You were a credit to yourselves, your families and the club.

Star Man: Cam Wilton – Was a real handful today, tricky wing play, good crosses and some good chance