

League

Almondsbury Youth U10 4 v 3 Hanham Ath U10

Sun 20Nov11

Overall: Well!!..at times it wasn't pretty, we rode our luck on many occasions and were very fortunate to come out of this game with a much needed victory. However, both teams put in a committed performance and although it looked scrappy and unorganised I think we got some luck that had deserted us over the last few weeks! Plenty to work on but for now let's enjoy the victory!!

Match 1: Almondsbury Eagles U10 2 v 1 Hanham Ath U10

We started this game a little slow (again) with Hanham pressing and pushing forward. Thanks to great multiple reaction saves from James Lynch we managed to avoid conceding. As the game progressed we grew a little in confidence but were still slow to the ball and passing could have been more effective (Remember: decide/distance/direction/displace?). 00- at half time and we were still in it! In the second half we continued to push and press with Calum Finn beginning to get more involved, Danny Seymour continuing his hard work and Adam Thorne defending stoutly. This pressure was rewarded on 30m with a Callum Finn strike, and despite conceding soon after, Tommy Dougall completed his "swansong" of his last game for the Almonds with a crisp, long distance strike to secure a 2-1 win for the Eagles.

Star Man: James Lynch – Superb reaction saves and positioning gave us hope all the way through.

Match 2: Almondsbury Hawks U10 2 v 2 Hanham Ath U10

Despite a neatly taken Fin Norton opener on 2min, the Hawks also struggled to hit the crisp and fluent passing form of last week. Again we struggled to get the ball under control and find the right direction and distance to passes. We worked hard but showed a little reluctance to get stuck in with the tackles or the 50:50 ball. The visitors kept pushing and despite controlled and confident defending by Michael Winnett, they managed to claw the score back to 2-1. Cam Wilton played with great endeavour, Will Baldwin rarely missed a tackle and Saud tried his hardest to create opportunities. Late in the game we seemed to seize the momentum and appeared to be inspired at the potential of our first win in 4 weeks. Ryan neatly controlled the ball and exquisitely struck from distance to see the ball hit the back of the net to the delight of the team and the crowd. 2-2. It was all hand to the pump for the final 3 minutes, where Michael and Will continued with their effective defending to keep the visitors at bay and to secure a 4-3 victory overall

Star Man: Michael Winnett – Virtually won every tackle in defence and distributed the ball away from danger very well

Coach's Note: For me, and the coaching team, it was important to get a positive result to restore the boys' confidence and self belief. Some may have played in different positions and some may have had more/less time on the pitch than normal. I am not normally "result driven" but I felt that the final result was important to the overall benefit of the team. This was a "one-off" and normal service will resume next week!!

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.