

Folkestone Invicta 1 Dartford FC 4

Kent Youth League - Central Division

On a very good surface, on a good sized pitch, Dartford started the game in an attacking frame of mind. In the 4th minute, a turn and shot from the edge of the box by Jack Walter was palmed away by the Folkestone goalkeeper and James Jordan was first to the ball and scored the easiest goal he'll have all season. In the 9th minute James Jordan returned the favour by setting up the opportunity for Jack Walter, who delicately lobbed the goalkeeper for the 2nd goal. We continued to create chances and we used the wide areas particularly well. This led to some good crosses coming in from Luke White, Lewis Sutherland and Danny McNeill-Nash. We created some excellent chances but the Folkestone goalkeeper pulled off some very good saves. In the 29th minute the ball fell to Danny Crouch on the edge of the area and such was the power of the shot the goalkeeper couldn't get a hand to it. In the 34th minute, a high ball into the Dartford penalty area was claimed by the goalkeeper but given that he had to come through a number of bodies he couldn't collect it cleanly and the loose ball was prodded home to make the half-time score 1-3.

The half-time teamtalk centred on continuing to pass and move and not to take our foot off the pedal to really push home our advantage.

The 2nd half was much the same as the 1st and the scoreline should have been added to in the 50th minute when a Danny Crouch header clearly went over the line but was not given, even the Folkestone players agreed that it was over but their linesman wasn't having any of it!!!! In the 70th minute JoJo Baiden replaced Danny McNeill-Nash. Callum Nye went on a strong, powerful run from the right back position into the penalty area, only to be upended by a Folkestone defender. The ref had no hesitation and pointed to the spot. The penalty was put away convincingly by Danny Crouch, for his 2nd and Dartford's 4th goal on the day, and his 6th goal in 4 league games.

Chances continued to be created but the Folkestone goalkeeper was equal to whatever we could throw at him. So the game ended 1-4 which pushed Dartford up to 3rd place in the table.

Team:- Billy Senington, Callum Nye, Lewis Sutherland, Sean Heather (C), Tom Eyres, Jordan Keenleyside, Danny McNeill-Nash (JoJo Baiden 70), Danny Crouch, James Jordan, Jack Walter, Luke White,

Goals: James Jordan (4), Jack Walter (9), Danny Crouch (29, 79 pen)

Men of the match: Jordan Keenleyside & Danny Crouch



Jordan Keenleyside



Danny Crouch