

Walderslade FC 1 Dartford FC 7 (played at Princes Park)

KCFA Youth Cup – 3rd Round

Going into the 3rd round we knew it wouldn't be the walk over we had in the last round. Walderslade are an U18's side (all 2nd year) sitting top of their league in The Medway News League unbeaten so far this season. However, within 2 minutes, Dartford went 1 nil up after a foul resulted in a free kick being awarded and Dan McNeill-Nash finding the back of the net from 35 yards out. Grant Wilks was then fouled in the 20th minute in the area and Dan McNeill-Nash took to the centre spot and calmly slotted home his 2nd of the day. Now 2 nil up some good passing and a good cross from Lewis Sutherland bypassed James Jordan and went straight into the back of the net saw Dartford cruising at 3 nil. Walderslade then went on the attack when Ashley Issuree did well to step forward and intercept the ball. Unfortunately the pass went astray and found the Walderslade player who played the ball into the box to an unmarked player who just had to tap the ball in to make the score 1-3. ***Half-time 1-3***

Within minutes of the 2nd half, Dartford were awarded a corner. Taken by Dan McNeill-Nash, he crossed it in from the right, the goalie came out and got a hand to it, knocking it out for Matty Man to head it in to the goal to make the score 1-4. Walderslade then went on the attack again in 60th minute where their forward flicked the ball up and over a Darts defender to shoot and what looked like score only for Deren Ibrahim to make a fantastic one-handed save. A double substitution was made in the 65th minute with Ashley Issuree making way for the return (after a long term injury) of Tom Eysers and Callum Nye on for Grant Wilks. Within 5 minutes, Callum picked the ball up from 45 yards out, turned sharply and unleashed a shot from 25 yards that flew into the top right hand corner of the goal to bring the score to 1-5. Sami Kadri came on for Matty Man in 75th minute, with Callum Nye then replicating his 1st goal scored again in the 80th minute to make it 1-6. Luke White tried to chip the goalie from 25 yards, where the goalie did well to push the ball onto the bar with James Jordan reacting the quickest to head it into the goal to make it 1-7. James Jordan then fired home from the edge of the area, but this goal was disallowed (offside?!)

Final score 1-7

All in all a well battled game, with some great passing from Danny Crouch and Dan McNeill-Nash. A very solid display and a well earned MOTM to JoJo Baiden with covering challenges in the centre of defence which were nothing short of fantastic. One saving tackle towards the end of the match prevented Walderslade from scoring a 2nd goal. This was from someone who doesn't normally play at the back! The U18's are now through to the Quarter Final on Sunday 24th February away at Chatham Town.

Team:- Deren Ibrahim, JoJo Baiden, Lewis Sutherland, Jack Walter, Ashley Issuree (Tom Eysers 65), Danny Crouch (C), Dan McNeill-Nash, Matty Mann (Sami Kadri 75), James Jordan, Grant Wilks (Callum Nye 65), Luke White

Sub not used:- Mat Wanless

Goals:- Dan McNeill-Nash (2), Callum Nye (2), Lewis Sutherland, Matty Man, James Jordan
Attendance: 70

Man of the Match:- JoJo Baiden

Next match:- Sunday 3rd February VCD vs Dartford FC (Away)