

Dartford FC 3 Ebbsfleet Utd 2

Kent Youth League - Central Division

This eagerly awaited game between the 3rd & 4th placed sides was always going to be a tough, but entertaining game. Dartford started well but in the 4th minute the 1st Ebbsfleet attack resulted in a penalty for them when Sean Heather was judged to bring down the Ebbsfleet forward, which saw the 1st goal of the game scored. Dartford equalised in the 21st minute when James Jordan outpaced the Ebbsfleet defenders, drew the keeper and put the ball across him into the far corner. Ebbsfleet fought back and through a corner, an unchallenged header, came back across the goal, but one or two Darts players were guilty of ball watching and allowed an Ebbsfleet player to fire in a good shot which squirmed under the goalkeepers body. With the score now 1-2, an excellent kick by Deren Ibrahim in the Dartford goal, was flicked sideways by Danny Crouch on the edge of the Ebbsfleet box and Danny McNeill-Nash took his time and composed himself to put the ball across the keeper to level the scores.

Half-time:- 2-2 This weeks half-time talk was all about ignoring the niggly fouls and interruptions to play and to concentrate on playing the type of football that has got the team into 3rd place!

In the 2nd half, Dartford soaked up some pressure but always looked likely to add to their tally while limiting Ebbsfleet to few chances. In the 75th minute a flowing move from back to front, left our opponenents chasing shadows and a great ball in by James Jordan found Jack Walter who slotted the ball home from 10 yards. The goal was of such quality that it deserved to win the game and despite further chances and some good defending by the young Darts, the score wasn't added to.

This was a really rewarding win for the side and while we passed the ball very well last week, to do so against a side of Ebbsfleet's quality, shows what can be achieved when principles are stuck to and everyone believes in what we're doing. Well done lads this was a result and performance to be proud of.

Team:- Deren Ibrahim, Callum Nye, Lewis Sutherland, Sean Heather (C) (Ashley Issuree 78), Harley Forbes, Jordan Keenleyside, Danny McNeill-Nash (JoJo Baiden 80), Danny Crouch, James Jordan, Jack Walter (Sami Kadri 85), Luke White

Subs not used:- Sami Kadri

Goals: James Jordan (21), Danny McNeill-Nash (35), Jack Walter (75)

Man of the match: Sean Heather (C) for filling in at centre back and performing as though he'd always played there!



Sean Heather