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Cold and Gloomy Day For AC

Musselburgh Windsor Colts 7 AC Oxgangs 1

Half-Time 5-0

Scorer
James

ACO Man of the Match

It was tough today as there were some very strong performances. Cillian is today's man of the match with some great defending, some fantastic challenges and stopping a couple of goals that looked certain

ACO in only their 4th seven-a-side match ever, came up against a very strong and quick MW team. It was a freezing cold windy day down at Pinkie, not a day for standing around.

AC looking cold and nervous, got off to a very slow start with MW showing signs that today's match could be one sided. MW scored the opening goal of the match and it was a screamer to begin the season. A shot from 20 yards, finding the top corner of the net, leaving Aaron with no chance.

MW kept the ball going forward towards the AC goal, only good defending was keeping the score down. Zac came in with a couple of very important challenges to stop MW being through on goal. It took AC until the 5th minute to have their first attack when Christopher was running at the last defender, only a good challenge from the defender stopped Christopher being through on goal.

The score was being kept to a single goal margin by Aaron making some great saves to keep AC in the game. It took 11 minutes for AC to get their first shot away, Aaron H with the shot, which was well saved by the goalkeeper. MW then managed a second goal, with MW having a shot which was well saved by Aaron, who could only push the ball out to the edge of the area and MW finishing well past a defender on the line.

Aaron H and Christopher were linking up very well, with a couple of passes through to each other and a nice one-two with each other to set Aaron H away down the line and was able to get a cross into the box.

The game began to open up, MW, in the final 5 minutes in the half, began to attack again and managed a third goal with a good pass across goals and MW couldn't miss. The game was put to bed when MW scored a fourth with a good finish past Aaron. Just before the half time whistle, MW finished another good move off with a low shot under a helpless Aaron.

Half-Time 5-0

AC began a lot better in this half, getting the ball down and passing it around. James broke through down the left side and played a great ball over to Christopher who took a great first touch and got his shot away after being put under pressure - only to hit the goalkeeper.

MW then broke up the other end, finishing well past substitute goalkeeper Liam (Aaron going off at half time with an upset stomach).

A Shot by James was then very well saved by the MW goalkeeper who had been brilliant all day. A short corner between James and Christopher gave James another chance to get a shot away at goal, only to find the side netting. Liam then produced a couple of good saves to stop further goals going in and increasing the score line. James again broke through, getting another shot off, again well saved by the MW goalkeeper, this time he could only parry and there was a scuffle in front of goal, with Leo finally getting the opportunity to get another shot away when the ball broke to him and his shot crashed against the bar.

An AC corner was the next chance in front of goal, with a cross by Christopher and James with a brilliant header which was brilliantly saved again by the MW goalkeeper. With the game going into the final 5 minutes MW began an attack which should have been a goal. Luckily for AC Leo was there at the right time to make a sliding tackle and get the ball away from the goals for a corner.

MW broke away for what ended up being their final attack of the match and turned it into their seventh goal of the game. A good shot from about 12 yards out, which was well saved by Liam, but as he parried up into the air, the wind blew the ball back into the other side of the goals.

AC had one final attack in them, James again using the left side to get the ball and get past the MW defence. This time he cut inside finding a space to have a strike with his right foot and the ball found the top right corner of the net for AC to score their first goal of the new season.

Full-Time 7-1

Coaches Message: “Well done to the boys today, very hard opening game to start with. Boys done well to keep the ball on the ground for most of the game, kept the ball moving at all times, also getting a good number of shots away. Taking the result away from the match, we believe the boys performed very well, listened to the coaches at the beginning and during the game, understood which role they were playing and should now hopefully understand where they should be on the pitch. Good to see training is paying off for the kids and they are beginning to gel as a squad.”

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