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AC Too Strong for Beechwood as AC Win Again at CMP

AC Oxgangs 9 Beechwood 4

Half-Time 3-2

Scorers

Kieran, Aaron H (2), James(2), Zac(2), Christopher(2)

ACO Man of the Match

Today's MOTM was a tricky one with a lot of the boys playing well in tough conditions. Today's MOTM goes to Cillian. Having to deal with the wind and the ball in the air a lot of the times, Cillian did well to get the ball under control and pass to a red jersey. Good tackling also. Well Done.

In their first competitive game this session, ACO took on newly-promoted Beechwood at a very windy CMP.

ACO attacked from the off, with James' shot forcing an early save from the Beechwood keeper. James then sent a neat pass to Kieran, who made the keeper save again, and then had another shot just off target. James was troubling the Beechwood defence and dribbled into the box but was denied by a last minute block. Beechwood were very quick on the break, but Cillian was defending well and blocked the ball before allowing Aaron H to bring the ball out from the back. At the other end Kieran sent a neat pass into James in the box, but the ball was cleared, then Leo crossed into Aaron H in front of goal and he was unlucky not to score. James then ran into the box and his shot hit the far post, but Kieran was racing into the box and knocked the ball in to give ACO the lead.

From the restart, ACO won the ball back and Kieran raced down the left and fired in a cross but with the wind behind it the ball shot across the box before anyone could connect. Beechwood then broke quickly and Aaron saved well, and Cillian shielded the ball perfectly by sitting on it, before clearing it! ACO then broke back with an excellent move, James finding Kieran, and he sent a quick ball up to Aaron H who lifted the ball over the keeper to score. Kieran then sent a ball in to James, but his shot was wide, and then soon after he hit the post with another shot. Beechwood were still a threat, and Liam made a massive clearance into the wind, and Aaron needed to make a good save with his feet. He then had to race out to close down the Beechwood forward and forced him to shoot wide.

James then scored a great solo goal, racing from the halfway line through to the Beechwood goal and knocked the ball past the keeper at the near post. ACO then took their foot off the pedal a bit, and Beechwood grabbed a goal back. Aaron was seeing more of the ball and had to palm a couple of shots round the post. Beechwood had a lot of pace in attack, and soon after they broke through the ACO defence again and pulled another goal back.

ACO rallied a bit before half time, and Kieran had a shot blocked on the line, but ACO went in to the break with a narrow lead.

Half-Time: 3-2

ACO started the second half like the first, and attacked straight away, but they were leaving the defence short, and Cillian cleared well when Beechwood broke again. They then had a shot that narrowly missed past Aaron's post. ACO piled forward again and Christopher sent in a great cross from the right that was cleared behind for a corner. Max sent over a great ball and Christopher laid the ball off for Aaron H but his shot was deflected just wide. Aaron H then sent a good ball in to Zac in the box but his shot was wide. Beechwood started to pressure ACO more, and Aaron had to make a good one handed save, but then Beechwood scored with a shot that might have been a cross, sailing high over Aaron and in off the far post.

This seemed to spur ACO into action again, and Liam sent a long free kick in to Zac in the box but his shot was saved, and Christopher's follow-up went over the bar. Zac then made a great run into the box, but the ball was cleared to Aaron H who fired in a great goal into the bottom corner to restore ACO's lead. ACO then scored another after Christopher ran with the ball and passed to Zac who finished well past the keeper. ACO were piling on the pressure, and another Beechwood clearance fell to Christopher who turned and sent in a shot that deceived the keeper and bounced into the net.

Beechwood then had a bit more possession and Aaron saved well with his feet. Beechwood then scored again after Aaron saved well but the ball fell to an opponent and he knocked the ball in. ACO bounced back, and Max sent in a great cross that was cleared to Christopher who sent in another great shot low down past the keeper. At the other end Beechwood broke again, but Kieran and Liam were organised, and covered each other's positions well to clear the ball.

Before the final whistle there was time for ACO to score two more goals. First, Christopher laid off the ball well for James to fire a great shot into the top corner. Then, Kieran sent a long ball down the line to Christopher who placed a pass in to Zac to score with almost the last kick of the game, and give ACO a well-deserved victory.

Full-Time: 9-4

Coaches Message:

Good start to our 3rd and final term of the season. Passed the ball well in places, good shooting, some nice goals. Few things we need to work on though, spoke about them after the game, will be working very hard on them on Thursday. Keep up the good team work. Well Done today. See you Thursday.

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