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Squad members:

Alex B, Iwan, Mikey, Lewis, Kiran, Sam, Aaron, Elis, Alex W, Ryan, Macauley, Gwydion

Managers: Jason and Colin

Results

Played 21 Won 6 Lost 13 Draw 2 For 31 Against 34

29th November 2008, Maindy Stadium.

Llanrumney	3 - 4 Loss
Grangetown	2 - 3 Loss
Maindy Blacks	1 - 2 Loss

A very cold morning at our home ground. Max 4 degrees but at least it was dry and still. A few boys only just made it and two missed the first half but in the end we had a full squad.

Llanrumney

They took the lead on 3 minutes. From a corner Alex punched it up and away and Kiran tried to head it clear. It fell to one of their players on the edge of the box and he hit a very sweet volley which flew into the net. Ryan went on a lovely run and played a good ball in to Mikey. His tame shot was straight at the keeper. Moments latter Ryan hit a long range shot just wide. Their goal kicks were falling short and Sam blocked one and set Ryan up for another long range shot which was pushed wide. The next short goal kick fell to Ryan. He hit it and it took a slight deflection off a defender and evaded the keeper for our first equaliser. We switched off and our defence pushed up for a corner. The ball broke for them and one of their guys dribbled the length of the pitch, manfully chased by Mac and Mikey. But they couldn't catch him, Alex stayed on his line and the ball was slotted into the net for 1-2 at half time.

The second half started well with Mac keeping a cool head in front of goal and bringing us level. The ball was played in from the right and it fell for Mac on the right post. He managed to control it and calmly slot it in while the keeper and defence bore down on him. We then took the lead from a mistake by their keeper. We had a good shot well saved but as the keeper went to ground to gather he fumbled the ball and it fell into the net! 3-2 up. The game went straight down our end and Gwydion put in, at worst, a clumsy challenge which won them a free kick. They played it back to their big striker and he blasted it through the crown and into the back of the net, a very good equaliser. We continued to play well and push for the winner. However they took the lead following a lovely flowing move with some great inter passing around our retreating defence and ended up two on one with Alex and simply passed it around him to score. We pushed forwards in the dying seconds and Lewis had a chance to steal a draw at the end but his shot was hit way over the bar. It had been a very good game and but for one or two moments we were the better side.

Grangetown

They took the lead early on when Ellis and Gwydion pinned their right wing in the corner. He managed to wriggle free and hit a hopeful cross in. It was too close to Alex on the near post but it unfortunately deflected off him into the net. We equalised shortly after. Mac controlled the ball very well ,after it had been crossed in from wide, pulled it back for Alex W and he slotted it in. We then went on to take the lead. Mac went on a lovely run and had a very good shot parried. However, Mikey was following up and pounced on the rebound and slotted it in. They then drew level with a very well taken volley, from a throw in, that went in off the inside of the post. Mikey had a few chances at the death but the half finished two each. The second half started with Iwan picking the ball up and going on a run. He found Ryan but his shot went over the bar. Ryan's next shot looked like the equaliser but was very well saved by the keeper. We were pushing forwards and Kiran was the last man and had to rush up to take the ball off the strikers toes, he just won the race, and then squared up and hit a long shot which brought another good save by their keeper. Ellis made a good tackle and forced another save with a good shot. We were putting the keeper under all sorts of pressure and he was keeping them in the game. Alex hit a shot over the bar. We were all pushing up again and a good goal kick by them put two against Alex on his own and he had no chance of stopping them taking the lead. We again pushed forwards, Ryan had a shot over the bar and Kiran had the last chance but again the keeper denied him. The game finished 2-3 but it had been a very good game and the boys had all played really well.

Maindy Blacks

Last up was the derby match against the Blacks.

We started well with Ryan running through the defence and winning a corner. From almost their first attack the ball was headed up over Alex and was heading goalward when Lewis, covering back, hooked the ball off the line keeping us in it. Lewis's luck turned moments latter when a cross powered in from the left, which looked well covered, came off his head as he flicked his leg out and deflected into the net. The Blacks were ahead. From a corner to us the ball was thundered into the underside of the cross bar and bounced the wrong side of the line and was cleared. We equalised late in the half when Mac was put clear on goal by a long ball over their defence. He again kept a cool head, controlled it and slotted the ball in. One all at half time. The second half started with Alfie going on a very good run down the left. He managed to get around Kiran, who resisted sliding in and/or taking him out and Alfie hit a thunderous shot into the roof of the net to take the lead. The game got more and more frantic. Gwydion hit a shot, Lewis and Gwydion were covering back well and Alex made a good save from another excellent shot by Alfie. Alex had a chance to steal a draw at the end but hit it over the bar...the story of our day. It finished with the Blacks winning a famous victory...the boys were gutted.

Even though it had been a day of defeats we had acquitted ourselves well. The boys had played some very good football and scored a lot of goals. Lewis was awarded player of the day.

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