

Tunbridge Wells Mens I 3 Old Bordenians I 6

TW started brightly enough against toptable opposition and once again had the run of possession, territory and opening chances.

As it was, the opposition ground away and delivered the transferring game which has been TWs hallmark for much of the season - vitally, they upgraded their possession and territorial control as they stepped up pressure and control. They also put away chances. 9 Penalty Corners in the first half produced 2 goals and 1 more in open play.

The 2nd half message was clear. Team play was good but not efficient enough; all round tightening and concentration was required.

So it was that once again TW responded quickly and clinically - a goal in the first minute from a PC. Shortly after that another electric fast attack from a deep midfield pass, saw Priestley sprint straight towards the top of the D. Appearing to have taken the ball too wide right then to do anything other pass across to goal mouth empty of other attackers, he simply but powerfully hammered the ball from the narrowest of margins into the top left roof of the net. A goal that will not see its equal.

The quality of the oppo showed through however and they did not rock back on their heels for long. More tidy possession and a breakdown of the TW press, saw 2 goals from swift plays out of midfield.

TW were still undaunted and scored another PC. Yet OBs were always likely to be able to break against the TW running game and did so to score a 6th.

A much more even 2nd half. How different the result might have been had even one popped into the net. It is not too fanciful to think point(s) might have been ours.

MMOM - Priestley.

Tunbridge Wells Vets 2nds 2 Horsham Vets 1

Tunbridge Wells Vets team this week took on a Horsham side, who in their previous two games had drawn with league leaders Sevenoaks and put 8 goals past Reigate. Stand in captain Holliday made an immediate impact by leaving Captain Mitchell's team list and formation in the pub, but despite this, the Wells took control of the game from the start. The central spine of Digweed, Knight, Burton, Goodwin and McNamara played superbly throughout and with Jago bottling up the left hand side of midfield, the Wells played some good hockey. After 15 minutes Jago struck a flat pass to Barker on the right who ran strongly into the D past a couple of defenders before slipping the ball under the goalkeeper for the opener. The second quarter of the game saw Horsham dominate, with their youngsters causing problems, but some stout defending and some poor finishing saw the Wells retain their lead at half time.

The second half saw Wells dominate throughout. A second goal came after 10 minutes when the goal keeper was caught on the edge of the area, Holliday slipped a ball around him, Jago, or was it Goodwin?, crossed, and there was McNamara six inches from the line to expertly deflect the ball in. A third should have followed when a well executed short corner presented an opportunity of an open goal, and other chances followed. Horsham made little headway, with their attacking threat being largely snuffed out by a well organised midfield and defence generally before the 25. A late penalty corner allowed them some consolation as Wells defence contrived to flick the ball over the diving Digweed from their shot.

A good team performance continues the Wells' team's meteoric rise up the table in 2010.

Other Mens results: 2s lost 1-0, 3s lost 1-0, 4s won 3-1

Tunbridge Wells Ladies I 5 Broxbourne I 2

Tunbridge Wells faced Broxbourne at home this week, and after a convincing victory last half of the season, were looking to achieve a win. The game started at a quick pace, and although scrappy to start, by half time Wells were 2-0 up. Courtesy of a flick by Tanya Minns, and a great deflection into goal by Emma Allington.

After the break, Broxbourne came out strongly and scored quickly. However Minns scored a further 2 more goals, one from a penalty flick, to make it 4-1. Broxbourne managed to break the defence once more, but on a superb counter attack, culminating in a short corner, Captain Jen Hunt struck a shot straight into the bottom right corner to make the final score 5-2. Special mention to Jess Foster in defence, and player of the match Ali Playle in goal. Wells look forward to a competitive game against Southend this Saturday

Tunbridge Wells Ladies IV 3 Blackheath IV 1

Facing Blackheath for the second time this season, Wells ladies 4s were keen to secure another win and retain their chances of promotion. A tough game from the start, Wells played with determination and purpose. Some excellent individual play from Sarah Martins and Tess McClelland in the midfield provided progression well into their attacking half. Martine Atkinson, Jennie Bowler and Chris Poth were particularly strong in defence and made a number of timely clearances to relieve the pressure on Wells although this did not prevent Blackheath scoring in the first half. Wells were not downhearted and thanks to some clean crosses from Sarai Howkins and the positioning and vision of Sasha Spink and Tess McClelland they were able to score before the whistle to take Wells 2-1 into the lead. A firm team talk at half time from captain Emma Goff and goalie Chris Poth gave Wells a clear way forward and ultimately led to another goal, well taken by player of the match Tess McClelland on the reverse stick.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies V 5 Gravesend IV 1

Wells set out for revenge for the draw at Gravesend played on an unfit pitch. Wells were on the attack from the start and but for excellent play by the Gravesend goalie would have soon been up. However the breakthrough came when Tessa Harrison taking advantage of an opposition kick, drove the ball into the net. Following a frustrating time, Harrison was on hand to push in the second goal.

The second half continued in the same vein, with the Wells defence having to deal with sporadic breakaways. From deep in defence Xanthe Stebbing won the ball and passed it on. Neat play by Harrison and Hilary Breeze led to goal from Denise Holme and another good build up from Elisabeth Floyd and Hannah Humphrey-Baker gave Holme a second.

Gravesend pulled one back, but the final goal went to Niamh Blackburn touching in deflection to cap an excellent game on her return to the team.

Other Ladies results: 2s lost 3-1, 3s won 3-2, 6s lost 2-1

Mixed lost 7-1