

BEDWELL LIONS 0 – 5 RTYFC COLTS

Royston Town Colts under 14's long wait to play a competitive league game finally came to an end this afternoon when they took on Bedwell Rangers Lions in their first division one fixture of the season. With one new coach, a step up in divisions and no less than nine new faces in the Colts squad this season, the book of excuses was ready and waiting just in case things started badly at Stevenage today but ye of little faith I am because this town is fast becoming a happy hunting ground for the Colts. The last league game this team played was way back in April when they took on and beat the previously unbeaten champions elect Stevenage Migs so facing a depleted Bedwell side we've had the better of on several occasions shouldn't pose too many problems and so that proved to be the case.

From the whistle it was like an attack v defence training exercise as Royston Colts kept the home side pinned in their own half for the first fifteen minutes. The eight strong Bedwell lads held firm as we tried to create something in front of goal but our shooting looks a little rusty at this early stage of the season to say the least. In the 20th minute a rare counter attack from Bedwell resulted in a free kick just outside our penalty area and suddenly the nerves were on edge as it looked like the Lions might draw first blood but the free kick only found the Royston wall. Minor scare over, we went back on the attack moments later and Harry's shot in the 25th minute deflected into the Bedwell net and we could all breath a huge sigh of relief. One nil to the Colts at half time.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first with Royston looking to take advantage of having more players on the field than their opponents and within five minutes of the restart Jems shot looked certain to extend our lead but the home keeper made a good save, tipping the ball onto the post and away to safety. Five minutes later the score was finally doubled as Jacks low driven shot from the edge of the area found its way into the net via a touch off Stan Kitcheners boot. If Harry's cheeky enough to try and claim the first goal, Stan might just try to claim this one but Jack might think otherwise. That's one for the goals panel to debate! There was no doubt who scored the third goal as Ollie's shot passed under the Lions keeper to put the Colts three nil up and Ollie doubled his own personal goal tally for the match when a move resulting from a Max Reader throw in was headed home to make it four nil. Despite some decent goal keeping from the Bedwell number 1, Royston managed one more goal before the final whistle as Max was involved again, this time making a strong tackle in midfield which lead to a slick passing move between the two Stan's who managed to find Ed in space who slotted in the last goal of the game.

Jack Thrower took the man of match honours for his solid performance in both defence and midfield and Andy commented on a satisfactory result for the team.

There will no doubt be tougher tests for the boys in this league. The finishing will need to improve, the passing will need to be slicker and the tackling stronger but no-ones complaining about this start to Division one life. Fourth place, no goals conceded and the AA team, Adam and Andy's new look side are up and running.