

RTYFC COLTS 8 – 1 HATFIELD

The Colts took on Hatfield this morning at home venue Roysia school in what was the boys first league cup tie of the season. The omens looked in our favour this week as the match got under way with an almost fully fit squad of players at our disposal, a perfect looking home pitch to play on and an air of confidence about the squad gained from last weeks league win. There was still a job to be done however and the AA (Adam and Andy) were looking for a smooth running performance with no break downs.

Royston started confidently, looking solid at the back, winning the 50/50 challenges in midfield and passing well and it only took ten minutes before we took the lead when Harry beat Hatfields last defender with some neat footwork and side footed home a well placed shot from the left hand side of the box. Just a few minutes later Harry doubled his tally and the Colts lead with another cleanly struck shot that looped over the away sides keeper and into the roof of the net, this time from the right hand side of the penalty area. Mid way through the first half, a good passing move found Jem in space who played Harry in and he was able to complete his hat-trick by passing the ball into the corner from close range. As the half went on, any attack from Hatfield was usually getting snuffed out by some firm tackling from the likes of Jack Thrower and his fellow midfielders and the well organised defence which gave the ever alert Marcel in goal very little to do and only one particular shot that skimmed our goal post was the closest Hatfield came to scoring in the first 35 minutes. At the other end things continued to go our way as Ed found himself with a scoring opportunity ten minutes before the break as the ball fell kindly to his favoured left foot. Ed rarely misses such chances and this was no exception as he drilled the ball home to put us 4-0 up. Just before half time Jem helped himself to a goal to put the game well and truly beyond Hatfield and at 5-0, the coaches were able to rotate the squad and give everyone a run out in the knowledge that the game was pretty much done and dusted.

As the second half got under way there was a danger the game may go a little flat with the score line heavily in our favour and to their credit, it was ten man Hatfield who scored the first goal of the half as the Colts seemed to temporarily switch off and Marcel found himself picking the ball out the net for the first time this season. Any thoughts of a miracle comeback were soon put to bed though as the Colts continued to press from back to front. Ollie, Harry and Morgan found themselves offside on a few occasions as they all strove to get in behind the Hatfield defence who played a higher line in the second half but eventually the floodgates opened up again as Ollie managed find the gaps and score the 6th, 7th and 8th goals of the game to continue his rich vein of scoring form.

So with the final score line being an 8-1 victory, this was a very satisfactory performance. Last years Colts and Diamonds top scorers Harry and Jem are finding their scoring touch again which bodes well. The new recruits Sonny and Lucian made steady debuts this morning and with the likes of Fred and Stan working hard and motivating the team, the Colts/Diamonds team mix is already beginning to gel well.

After the match, Adam gave to special praise to Jack for his ever dependable, solid midfield performance and congratulated Ollie for his second half hat-trick. Harry was awarded man of the match for his first half hat-trick which Adam said gave us just the kind of start the coaches were looking for. Well done boys, keep it going!