

League – 5th October 2008

WOODSIDE 2 v 4 MK ATHLETIC

Although the rain decided to come back for this match, the pitch looked in good condition.

The early exchanges were fairly even with no clear chances for either side. After about ten minutes we forced a corner on the right. Edward produced an excellent delivery, which Macauley met with a firm header to give us the lead. Woodside responded and forced two or three corners but were unable to convert these. Our pace in attack was causing problems for the Woodside defence. First Aaron broke through but the keeper got to the ball, then the same happened with Dan, with the keeper making a good follow up save from Timi.

We looked to have increased our lead when Dan broke through down the left and when the keeper parried his shot Timi knocked in the loose ball. However the linesman flagged for offside, which was debateable since Timi appeared to have been behind the ball when Dan shot. However a second goal arrived from another of Edward's corners when a Woodside defender, under pressure from James, headed into his own net.

Woodside fought back hard, and although our back four denied them any clear shooting opportunities, this was at the expense of several corners. Woodside got the reward they deserved from the pressure, with a firm header from a corner to make it 2-1 at half time.

The match continued to be contested well by both teams in the second half. Levi burst through down the right with his shot going narrowly past the far post, and a shot from Woodside went just over the bar. A clever dribble and cross by Woodside down our left led to their equaliser when the cross was nicely volleyed home.

Our boys responded well to this, and when Aaron found himself in space on the left, he produced a stunning shot into the far top corner to put us back in front. Five minutes later Macauley was brought down in the area, a clear penalty flagged by the linesman, but unfortunately not seen by the referee. However Macauley was not to be denied, and when Reece delivered a fine cross from the left, he found space to score with another well placed headed goal, shortly before the final whistle.

Team

Aaron, Connor, Daniel, Dom, Eddy, Edward, James, Josh, Levi, Macauley, Reece, Robbie, Timi

Goalscorers

Aaron, Macauley (2), OG

Man of the Match

Macauley