

## **League – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

### **CITY COLTS 5 v 1 MK ATHLETIC**

A tough game was expected against a team who were well placed in last year's first division.

Our team started well, and for the first five minutes penned City Colts in their own half, and created a couple of half chances. Our opponents then started to settle and began to take control of the game in midfield, pressing our players very quickly who found it hard to string passes together. Our reshuffled defence came under increasing pressure, and when a City Colts' player found space inside the area they took the lead after about fifteen minutes. This lead was doubled shortly afterwards when City Colts converted a penalty awarded for a push in the area.

Our goal scoring chances were limited to a couple of shots from Macualey, and it took a good save at the near post by Dom to prevent us falling further behind. However shortly before half time City Colts again found space in our penalty area to add a third goal.

The second half began much the same as the first ended with our opponents on top. Our defence was changed twice in the second half, and only a continued fine performance by James, aided by another good save by Dom, was keeping City Colts from increasing their lead. Unfortunately our opponents could not be continually denied, and added a fourth goal.

Our performance had been better after the break, and with fifteen minutes left, we won a free kick in a good position on the left hand side. Reece made a fine delivery, and James managed to head the ball down for Aaron to score from close range. This did lift our players, and we started to look more threatening. If our final passing had been a little better, and we had avoided running offside, we could have created some good opportunities.

Before the end City Colts added a fifth goal with a good volleyed shot, and we were unlucky not to score a second when, following a save from Robbie's shot, Macualey was denied what appeared to be a certain goal by an excellent clearance off the line.

#### **Team**

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

#### **Goalscorers**

Aaron

#### **Man of the Match**

James. An excellent and determined defensive performance.