

League – 19th October 2008

MK ATHLETIC 1 v 1 Woburn Lions

Our third league was against the team that beat us 4-1 in the cup quarter final last year.

The first half found us kicking into the breeze, and although neither team created any clear chances early on, our opponents had the better of the possession. Our defence, back to its usual line up, was coping well with quick Woburn forwards, whilst our forwards were finding it difficult to create shooting opportunities against what we knew was a well organised defence.

The deadlock was broken after about twenty minutes, when Woburn cut through our defence on the right, and the pass into the centre was knocked into our net. Half time came, with no further real opportunities for either side.

With the breeze at our backs in the second half, we started to get more possession and had the better of the play as the half progressed. We could have made more of our possession if our passing had been better, but we were posing more problems for the Woburn defence. Eddy hit a long shot just over the bar and Macauley made a dangerous break into the penalty area but his cross was cut out just before it reached Robbie. At the other end Dom had to make a fine save, and Connor an excellent chase and tackle, to deny our opponents.

We continued to test Woburn's defence. Robbie shot just wide, Reece had to be stopped by a foul just outside the area, and it needed a last ditch tackle to stop Connor after he made a strong run into the penalty area.

With thirty seconds left, (I know this because Connor asked the ref), Connor took a throw in to Macauley, who took the ball forward and with an excellent pass found Reece coming in from the left, who fired an accurate shot into the far corner of the net.

There was just time for Woburn to kick off before the final whistle went.

This was a late, late equaliser, but I believe deserved for the effort shown by all the boys in the second half.

Team

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

Goalscorers

Reece

Man of the Match

Josh. As part of a change to our formation he was asked to defend higher up the pitch, and he adapted to this very well and put in a fine performance.