

Round 1: v Otahuhu @ Michaels Ave

HT: 1-0

FT: 2-0 (Brad Greenfield 2, Otahuhu 0)

Although we won 2-0 a fair result would have been about 3-0 if we were to be honest about the performance. Division three brings with it this year, referees every week. Our first referee this year was unfortunately stone deaf and failed to notice the pea in his whistle had fallen out in his gear bag on the way to the ground. He blew it about 6 times wondering why we hadn't started the game. It was quite uncanny that here was the referee without a working whistle, trying to start a game. What an absolute idiot. An embarrassment to the sport really and I hope he loses his job(s).

This delayed the start of the game by 5 minutes or so as we looked for it in the changing rooms where we noticed the first team from Lynn Avon warming up naked whilst our Over 30's team had their pre game shower and talked about their horse racing. It must have worked for Lynn Avon because they were in control of the game for the first 89 minutes.

Our game however was different. We started with a hiss and a roar and hit the post 4 times before kick-off. Our corners in the warm up looked deadly so we decided the strategy was to gain as many corners as possible during the game. It's fair to say our set piece has been a strength of ours since 2007 when we started doing them. By halftime the team were looking tired so we all had a rest on the sideline where we had a drink and discussed the lack of corners. The second half was much the same with a lack of corners hindering our performance.

Our best performers on the day were our outfielders and special mention goes to Josh who overcame a really nasty psychotic episode before kick off to star in the win with some really fantastic plays. Usually calm and quiet, Josh showed us another side to him when he arrived with a dead kitten in his kit bag and it's a testament to his demeanour it didn't affect him. Although an odd thing to do, it shows the calibre of the man.

Work ons for the team remain our dismantling of the nets after the game as they too easily become tangled in the farmer stakes. It's fixable so no real dramas there. We just need to focus more and remember the order they go in. A wee gripe, the new corner posts don't fit into the holes in the wheelie bins because of the splayed flanges on the bases so that's something for the club management to sort out because it's not good enough frankly. You need to take a long hard look at yourselves and question whether you're up to it.