

Sunday 7th November 2021

Saga 3 Ancient Britons 4

ABs started the 1st quarter with good possession working the ball forward from midfield finally missing out to a quick interception by SAGA who then mounted a counter attack with a pass that found its way wide of goal. A long corner to ABs was collected well by **Pete Perryman** who slotted the ball in the far corner to open the scoring on 3 minutes. Another attack by ABs ended with **Tony Taig** shooting or was he passing. Sadly, it was going too far left of the goal, but "**Poacher**" **Peirce** was on hand to net. 2-0 to ABs. The quarter continued with both sides involved in end-to-end attacks, but all were rebuffed by solid defences. Solid passing by ABs came from the back by **Frank** to **Robin** to **Tony** on the wing producing yet another promising attack, but the cross evaded all. The first quarter ended 2-0 to ABs.

The 2nd quarter began with a mistake in ABs midfield. The ball went to **Eykey** who passed to **Tony Wilmot** who made no mistake from 5 yards past the stranded **Quinnie** in ABs goal. SAGA played 10 yards higher and were putting pressure on the AB midfield. A fine run from **Mike Verity** resulted in a great pass to **Richard Turner** whose first time shot was saved.

ABs were starting to gain dominance after the early shock and after clever work by **Tony Taig** a short corner was awarded. **Pete Perryman's** first shot was well saved by **Tony Swales** in goal, but **Peter** made no mistake with his second shot - a powerful flick into the roof of the net. SAGA continued to push forward and several chances went begging or were dealt with by **Quinnie**. SAGA finished the quarter on top.

The 2nd quarter ended 3-1 to ABs.

The second half began steadily with ABs deciding on shorter passes and moving as a unit. Unfortunately, **Robin Conway** (now playing as sweeper) tried a crossfield pass and passed it straight to the SAGA centre forward. A lucky escape as he tried a hopeful reverse shot but **Quinnie** was all over it. There was some nice build-up play by the ABs but sadly leading to no goals.

Another long ball to the SAGA centre-forward and **Quinnie** made two great saves. SAGA started changing their game, playing high and wide causing some problems for the AB defence. This was stretching them wide, but the AB defence kept talking to each other and working well.

A very opportunistic goal was then scored by SAGA, as few deflections from both sides was clinically finished as it luckily fell just right for the SAGA player, **Tony Wilmot**.

The 3rd quarter ended 3-2 to ABs.

ABs started this final quarter with the ball out from the back to **Tony Taig** who moved it swiftly on to **Mike Verity**. **Mike** ran it past 5 defenders into the D but just too far in front to reach with only the keeper to beat. ABs then pressed hard with a ball out to **Peter Reid** who played the ball into the D, where it bobbed over **Tony Taig's** stick to **John**

Peirce who calmly slotted in the goal from 7 metres away – rumour has it == the furthest he's ever scored from!

SAGA pressed hard on the rebound, with a shot that was well taken but went wide of **Quinnie's** right post.

Backup the pitch, the ball reached **Mike Verity** and after a good wobble and shot in the D the ball went wide of the left post. SAGA again pressed building patiently and got into the D but shot wide, but a deflection gave them a long corner which was well defended. Still SAGA pressed in our 25 then found a spare man (**Tony Wilmot** again) on **Quinnie's** left post who scored - now 4-3 to ABs. HAT-TRICK GOAL.

ABs bounced back pressing the SAGA defence, trying to build but still not able to convert. **Robin's** stick now had a "hole in it" so changed it and whilst off the pitch SAGA won a penalty corner which **Frank Colwill** (helping SAGA who had 2 injured players) nearly converted. Backwards and forwards again until SAGA crossed hard into the D for their player to end up in the back of the net fortunately without the ball.

Back to the other end with a fierce strike down the middle of the pitch by **Pete Perryman** which could not be controlled, then back to the other end and **Pete Perryman** stole the ball back off a SAGA player on our penalty spot to save a certain easy shot on goal.

Both teams now played out a few passes back and forth, when a SAGA player suddenly fell hard, respite for everyone while he recovered (now off the pitch rubbing his head and neck) 3 minutes to go.

Even with 10 men SAGA pressed with renewed determination and another cross was nearly deflected into our net. **Mike Verity** then flying down the right wing taken out by "**Doc**" (hip and bum flicked), but the ball fell to **Pete Perryman**, then on to **Tony Taig** but too far in front to reach. SAGA pressed back but were halted by **Robin** as the game came to a close.

Final Whistle ABs win 4-3.

Man of The Match – Pete Perryman.

Paul Sharratt (Captain), Quinnie (GK), Richard Turner, Robin Conway, Paul Woodward, Frank Colwill, Peter Reid, Mike Verity, Pete Perryman, Ian Hill, Steve Taylor, Tony Taig, John Peirce and Paul Bateson.

Note Takers: Richard Turner, Robin Conway, Paul Sharratt & Paul Bateson.

Supporters Karen Daly, Trevor Davies, Julia Bateson, Clive Kendall and Phil Hall.

