

Sunday 24th July 2016

LX Over 60s 1 v Ancient Britons 4

ABs v LX Over 60s

A positive start from ABs moving the ball up the right hand side with good passing between Jan Ahmed, Paul Woodward & Mike Wingent this resulted in a hard cross from Billy Jawanda which was just deflected wide of the goal by Mike. More pressure resulted in an ABs short corner won by Billy that ended with a shot just wide from Paul Woodward, still more good attacking work down the right hand side, with passing between Mike & Paul resulted in a cross from Paul to Billy who dragged the ball back for a reverse stick strike into the corner of the goal 1-0. LX then started to get into the game and nearly drew level after getting the ball into the net but this was disallowed for a previous foul. LX then had a short corner which was received at the top of the D and shipped left but the shot was just wide. ABs defence then soaked up a 5 minute period of pressure with 2 more short corners, which led to a number of last ditch tackles from Phil Hall & Clive Kendall. The defence then turned this round to a period of attack with skilful work from Jan on the right, turning his man on several occasions and making telling passes out of defence. ABs started yet another attack with more excellent runs from Billy & Mike opening up the LX defence, bringing the 1st quarter to an end.

The 2nd quarter started with end to end attacks from both teams which resulted in 2 more short corners for LX but ABs defence held firm with Lee Baron making some excellent tackles. Good build up play by the midfield of Bruce Baron, Graham Moore & Robin Conway resulted in 4 short corners in quick succession with ABs coming close to scoring on 2 occasions, 1 of which hit a defender on the line. This particular incident resulted in a prolonged discussion between the 2 umpires to try and decide exactly what happened with ABs being awarded a penalty stroke at one point, but this was changed to another short corner. ABs continued to control the game with Bruce, Phil & Robin bringing the ball out and confidently driving up field and winning yet another short corner but no goal as half-time approached

An early chance for LX at the beginning of the 3rd quarter went past the post. ABs then came back strongly to earn a short corner from which Phil Hall's shot was well saved. LX continued to break quickly but another attack by ABs saw Billy reverse stick a shot over the bar, ABs then lost possession but the danger was cleared and Mike Wingent then broke well but couldn't get his shot on target. Fine play by Robin earned ABs another short corner but again the shot was saved, ABs midfield of Robin, Bruce & Billy were working hard to keep good pressure on the LX defence and another good attack through Graham Moore and Brian Hopkins nearly led to a chance for Mike. A fine pass from Billy found Mike whose excellent pass nearly let Brian in but ABs kept up the pressure and Billy scored with a lovely reverse stick lob to make it 2 - 0. ABs began to play really well in

midfield with Robin & Graham prominent earning ABs yet another short corner which resulted in one of the LX defenders receiving a card. Again an ABs routine led to a comfortable save by the LX keeper, as the usual routine was discarded. With Paul Woodward, Bruce and Robin working well down the right ABs were now the better side as the 3rd quarter came to a close.

At the start of the final quarter Mike Wingent got down the right but couldn't find a cross to a colleague, LX broke but Clive intervened and once again the ABs began to dominate, only for Robin to shoot past the post. ABs continued to press through Jan & Graham. ABs were really playing good possession hockey and a sweeping move from the back to the front deserved a goal but the expected result failed to materialise. LX were now really struggling to get into the game as Frank Colwill then made a belated appearance after Paul Sharratt had departed. A fine pass from Billy to Brian resulted in a third goal with a crisp finish, ABs continued to dominate and a fourth from Billy at a well worked short corner as LX began to fall away but the LX surprised everyone with an open play goal near the end, Frank had an opportunity but shot wide. An excellent team performance from ABs ended in a resounding 4 – 1 win.

Man of the Match: Billy Jawanda

Richard Boutcher, Phil Hall, Billy Jawanda, Jan Ahmed, Clive Kendall, Paul Woodward, Bruce Baron, Robin Conway, Graham Moore, Mike Wingent, Brian Hopkins, Frank Colwill & Lee Baron.

Supporters: Trevor Davies, Pam Sutton, Sue Danson, Ann Lewis, Hazel Hopkins, Karen Daly, Diane Boutcher, Sharon Wingent, Teri Baron & Trevor Denison.

At the conclusion of the post-match meal Clive Kendall took the opportunity to thank the following:-

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Our numerous supporters, who in addition to vocal encouragement, contributed to the selection of the Man of the Match Award.