

LX Over 65s 3 v Ancient Britons 2

Prior to the game Clive announced that the ABs had a very strong side out today and when all arrived it would get stronger. Unfortunately Frank Colwill missed the team talk but did arrive just in time for the start, delayed due to farm traffic on the M6. It was suggested that next time Frank didn't come on the tractor.

ABs started well and the first quarter was a joy to watch with accurate passing and movement off the ball. It was no surprise when they took the lead thanks to a quick reaction from Richard Turner. According to one player, Mike Christie crossed the ball hard into the circle and Richard Turner ghosted in at the far post to net. An attempt to verify this showed that this goal was actually scored in the Regional Championships in May. This seemed to spur LX, but ABs controlled the game until the first break.

The break didn't help ABs at all and LX took control of the game. Within a few minutes they equalised as the ABs defence went missing. ABs tried to fight back but a further lapse of concentration saw LX take the lead. LX then kept control all the way through to half-time.

Clive Kendall tried to impress on the team in his half-time talk that it was necessary to keep possession. ABs took this to heart and began accordingly, but LX kept them at bay and then counter attacked. The AB defence held firm with sweeper Paul Sharratt in control. Play swung from end to end but LX increased their lead just as the 3rd quarter finished, with the score at 3-1.

The 4th quarter started with the ABs up against it, but the team rallied and managed to pull a goal back with just a few minutes remaining. Constant pressure was applied but unfortunately to no avail and LX ran out 3-2 winners. Credit was due to ABs for their fighting spirit and the 4th quarter showed their true character.

Man of the Match: Paul Sharratt.

John Chong, David Read, Allan Sutton, Vince Smith, Richard Turner, Paul Woodward, Peter Danson, Colin Newman, Mike Christie, Frank Colwill, Paul Sharratt, Dudley Walker.

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:- Trevor Denison for his efforts in yet again organizing the Olton venue on behalf of the two clubs.

Umpires Steve Hoban & Graham Reynolds for keeping us on the straight & narrow. The various match note takers (Richard Turner & David Read – Game 2) together with Paul Woodward & Bruce Baron who will produce the match reports.

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