

## U13A 1 Aldwickbury 2

Aldenham started the new season brightly and dominated on chances created in the first half only to find themselves 1-0 behind. As the big pitch took its toll in the second half the opposition's strength proved decisive and they gained territorial advantage. Aldenham showed real character though and equalised through a well created move involving the year 7 trio of Paul Kehoe, Miles Hillaire-Hutchinson and Theo Campbell who finished it off. Unfortunately Aldwickbury scored a winning goal with just 3 minutes remaining. Some very promising debuts and a good team performance with the MOM going to another Year 7 Oliver O'Sahon-Lubel.

## Under 13B V Aldwickbury Won 4-3

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### "Walking on Sunshine"

On a warm sunny afternoon after much preparation the B team were ready for their first encounter of the season. The cameras were there in anticipation of a goal feast and they were not to be disappointed, assuming they were pointing in the right direction! Aldenham started strongly and imposed themselves on Aldwickbury. The first goal of the game came from Tomo Hashiba-Charlton who stuck the ball past the competent Aldwickbury goalkeeper after some nifty footwork in the box. There were many chances to follow in the next 10 minutes but the keeper was playing a "blinder". Aldenham took their foot off the gas and Aldwickbury came in to the game. Adam Regan was called upon to defend his goal, which he did successfully. Unluckily it was one of his own players that beat him with a deflection from a corner. 1-1. Aldenham picked up the pace and Tomo Hashiba Charlton chased down a through ball to give Aldenham a 2-1 lead at half time. Much needed water was taken on board and James Neilsen and Ben Garfield entered the fray.

The second half saw Aldwickbury exploit some positional lapses as players went "walkabout" leaving gaps in defence. Their No. 9 was 1 on 1 with Regan and with such a big goal there was only one outcome. 2-2 with everything to play for! The pleasing point was that heads did not drop. Aldenham picked themselves up again and it was Ben Garfield this time that knocked the ball home to give a 3-2 lead to Aldenham. By this time fatigue was setting in as both teams battled in the heat for the next goal. It was to be a hat trick for Tomo to crown a first class display. At 4-2 Aldwickbury did not stop attacking. They gained a free kick on the edge of the box which found its way in to the net. 4-3. A nervous final minute before the final whistle was blown and by which time all players and the ref were literally walking in sunshine!

## Under 13 Match Report L3-2

Optimism was in the air as the under 13c's approached their first match of the season. The game went to plan with the tactics employed proving highly successful. At half time with the possession and territory being in our favour at a ratio of 9:1 only one main piece of advice was given to the troops. "Hit the target, please."

Unfortunately as the second half mirrored the first, Mr Mainwaring and all of the spectators were thinking the same thing 'you can lead a horse to water, but....'

Irony had its part to play as Aldwickbury scored their first and second attacks of the game giving a 2-0 lead to the travelling team. Aldenham finally got one past the Aldwickbury goal keeper (who was ultimately Man of the Match) giving hope that things could change. As they pushed on to close the gap. Aldwickbury sneaked another against the run of play and a final long range effort to the home team meant the first match ended in a 2-3 defeat.

The post match team talk was filled with 'what-could-have-beens' and 'what-should-have-beens', but alas that is the way it goes sometimes. The statistics speak for themselves: Aldwickbury had four shots and scored three goals; Aldenham had forty shots (at least) and scored just two!

Aldenham U13D 5 –Aldwickbury 0

5-0 to Aldenham. This was an excellent first performance by a D team with great potential. It could have been a lot more as well as possession was dominated by the Aldenham midfield especially by MOM Chuka Akudu. Brandon Wolmark always looked threatening up front and the clean sheet by Dan Murphy was very impressive.