

U13A Berkhamsted 2 Aldenham 0

The U13A side were left to rue missed opportunities to snatch a draw and maybe even a win from this game. The home side went ahead early and largely dominated the 1st half although Aldenham did have a goal from Hillaire-Hutchinson disallowed for offside which was a very close call. Having survived the 1st half Berkhamsted onslaught the U13A side (with six year 7's in the starting X1) came out a different team in the 2nd half and proceeded to dominate the game, playing some fantastic football and opening what looked a strong Berkhamsted defence up at will. Chances for Campbell, Taylor, Marlow, Charlton & Atkinson came and went and with that the chance of getting a gaining a deserved result.

Berkhamsted scored a late second from the penalty spot after Campbell had brought down the Berkhamsted captain after the home sides first attack in the half.

Aldenham certainly should not be disappointed with the result and with such a young team have plenty to look forward to in the future.

MOM – Brown-Light – solid defensive display

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Aldenham fell 1 goal behind following a superb 20 yard strike in the first minute. However they were not fazed by the set back and the passes started to flow. Midway through the first half Josh Roston scored with a 20 yard left foot drive into the top corner to level proceedings only to see a breakaway goal from Berkhamsted just before half time to secure a 1 goal advantage. Following the half time oranges Aldenham continued to pass the ball and having been encouraged to shoot more the team pored forward. A well created equaliser by Ben Garfield was followed by a speculative 20 yard shoot from Tofi which was spilled by the goalkeeper and Ben stepped in to score his second. In the last 15 minutes Berkhamsted pushed forward for the equalising goal as Aldenham tired but inspired defending from the captain Dev Patel and Jack Sinclair plus some extraordinary goal keeping from Adam Regan , including a Gordon banks 1970 special, thwarted the home teams efforts. With a minute left Aldenham failed to clear a bouncing ball and Berkhamsted secured the equalising goal. Shares were spoiled as we marched off to the new canteen for sausages chips and an exciting trip under Castle Bridge!

MOM Adam Regan for bringing back memories of the 1970 World Cup

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Following on from the disappointing loss to Aldwickbury, the C team had much to prove as well as places to fight for in the squad against Berkhamsted School. In the sunshine everything went to plan in the first half with a goal to settle the nerves early on. The substitute Chris Joyce's bullet-of-a-right-foot was practically unstoppable. However the Berkhamsted players matched Aldenham but could not breakdown the ever energetic central defensive partnership of Eric Chu and Lewis Nicholl. At half time the talk was positive but the passing could still be improved upon. Unfortunately after some early pressure a long range effort had Kevwe Oguferu misjudge the flight of a dipping shot and after an initial attempt at a save the ball wimpishly trickled over the line despite the sprawling goalkeepers final last ditch attempts of redemption! This turned out to be a critical turning point and led to a change in the tempo of the game; Berkhamsted gained much confidence from the equalled balance sheet and they went on from strength to strength. Apart from two half-chances, it was all one way traffic until the final whistle. No

complaints at the end of the match with the better performance over the two halves claiming victory. Final score 4-1 to Berkhamsted.