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SHOREFIELD PENALTY, LAST KICK OF GAME, ENDS INSTITUTE CUP RUN

NAUGHTON BACK TO HIS BEST FORM.

Shorefield 2 Institute 1

Institute enjoyed 80% of the play but were well below their best form and Shorefield were deserved victors simply because they made the most of the chances that came their way. Our recent disappointing form reared its ugly head in the very first minute. Regan beat his man on the right and sent across a perfect centre. 20 times out of a hundred Diable would have 'gobbled up' this chance but on this occasion he placed his header over the bar from an unmarked position just two yards out. Institute continued to mount all the pressure with Phillipson playing well in midfield. After 10 minutes we gave away an unnecessary goal. Bennett was beaten by the winger and hesitant defensive play allowed Shorefield in to score. Chelley was now showing a return to form and as the first half progressed he took control of the middle of the field. However the final pass was not going right and we rarely put the Shorefield goalkeeper under real pressure. At the other end a tendency to try and dribble the ball out of defence was putting us under unnecessary pressure. First Lawson and then Naughton came to the rescue with fine play. Indeed Lawson had settled down well into the right back position. Chelley let a thundering free kick 'beam' in on the Shorefield goal but the ball was two yards off target.

As the second half started Shorefield pushed hard for the vital second goal but despite some half hearted Institute tackling Shorefield had not the necessary superiority to score. They missed some easy chances caused by our defence lacking the necessary bite. Lawson made a great tackle to relieve pressure and in the second half Naughton brought off a series of fine saves. All our pressure was bringing us nothing and just three minutes from the end it looked as if Shorefield had 'committed suicide' when a defensive blunder let Diable in to score the equaliser. Institute were overjoyed for if we could draw, playing as badly as this surely we would 'take Shorefield apart' at Mersey Road. In injury time a long ball down the middle was watched by everyone and it bounced out for a corner. From the corner Shorefield were awarded a penalty. The last kick of the game sent us to our 4th successive defeat.

Ratings.	Naughton	9	Lawson	7	Bennett	4	O'shaughnessy	5	
Johnson	5	Phillipson	6	Chelley	7	Regan	6	Diable	3
Langford	6	Hamilton	5						

MANAGERS TALK POINTS WAY TO VICTORY

St. Augustine B 2 Institute 3rd year B team 3

Institute played this game with only ten men. The pitch was icy and very bumpy making ball control very difficult and dribbling almost impossible. Institute did not adapt themselves to the conditions in the first half and play was mainly in the Institute half. The midfield and attack repeatedly lost the ball by trying to beat a man instead of passing the ball. In the 2nd half they played the football best suited to the conditions i.e. one touch football, the final ball played into space behind the opponents defence and with our forwards running on to the ball. The attack played well with Maddox and Farley combining well

continued.

Naughton

Hooper

Freckleton

O'Stoughnessy.

Halewood

Regan

Challen

Phillips

Langford.

Hamilton

Dinble

Sher

Johnson

Bennett

Roberts

Phair

Ventie

Stuart

Hanlon

Bostock

Hussell

Lawson.

Pimblett.

Rogers
Madgin
or McGee

Warburton

however Hooton who seemed very unhappy with the conditions was not as prominent as in previous matches. The midfield played well when attacking but was non-existent when defending. The defence played very well with Ellis and Harrison covering for each other and the full backs. The full backs kept the wingers quiet and one of the turning points of the game was when Roberts tackled one of their forwards, with Wiggins out of position, 6 yards from an unguarded net. At this time the score was 2-1 against Institute. Wiggins kept goal very well and had no chance with either goal. He very nearly gave a goal away in the second half when the ball passed through his hands but hit his leg and rolled inches wide. Points from the game to be noted.

1. Harrison is captain of the team but on field I expect there to be 11 captains. It seems as if ten boys are afraid of opening their mouths.
2. When the team see the conditions they should realise what the right tactics are and not wait to be told by the master in charge.
3. From goal kicks the midfield players should be able to judge whereabouts the ball will reach and should stand in that area. Quite often the goal kicks were won by St Augustine players with not an Institute player within ten yards. (4th years please note also)
4. When shooting at goal the ball must be hit at all times as hard as you can no matter where you are. I would sooner see the ball struck with venom and go over the bar or around the post than be on target and bounce half a dozen times before it reaches the keeper.

(note if the keeper is a complete twit the latter might be more advantageous)

Ratings.	—	Wiggins	7	Roberts	6	Ellis	8	Harrison	8
Holmes	6	Cowan	5	Johnson	5	Maddox	8	Earley	9
Hooton	5								

The above report has been typed from a tape recording made by the team manager.

ICY PITCH AND 'A' TEAM OPPONENTS PROVE TO BE TOO GREAT A HURDLE

St Augustine A 7 Institute B team 4th year 1

As well as the above difficulties St Augustine fielded a 5th year player. If one counts the number of goals our players scored the score should read 4-4. This was because our defence got into a right old tangle on several occasions. Phair 2 and McGee scored goals past Roberts, whose job was not made any easier by the terrible pitch conditions. Tackling was a dangerous activity. After being 0-3 down at half time Institute fought back hard. McGee went on a long run and Madgin converted from close range. The midfield, however, were way below form. Pimblett turned out to be man of the match even though he was substituted at half time. The team must learn to play more together. Far too often players play out of position leaving gaps in defence.

Ratings._	Roberts 5	Phair 4	Ventre 4	Stuart 5	Bostock 6
Hassell 6	McGee 7	Rogers 4	Madgin 3	Pimblett 6	Hanlon 6
Warburton 4					

MITCHELL HITS FOUR AS 3rd YEAR GO TO TOP OF SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Institute 8 St Augustine 0

This was an overwhelming victory for the 3rd year. One of Mitchell's goals came from 20 yards and Lawlor scored after a fifty yard run

continued.

SAME OLD STORY FOR SECOND YEARS

St. Margarets 3 Institute 2

For most of the game Institute played as well as at any time this season and Rooke in goal had little to do, but again they were made to pay dearly for their few mistakes. It is easy to blame the defence who should certainly have prevented all three of St. Margarets goals but it must also be remembered that the forwards missed several good chances.

With Dudley unfit, Hassell came in at left back and played well apart from one unfortunate moment in the 10th minute when he failed to clear the ball and St. Margarets took the lead. This pattern was to continue throughout the match with nearly everyone playing well but making just one vital mistake. St. Margarets increased their lead after 20 minutes following hesitation by Lintott who otherwise played very solidly. Best Institute efforts in the first half came from Parry who shot just wide from the edge of the area and Long who headed against the underside of the bar following a long throw by Jamieson.

The second half began with Institute well on top and after 5 minutes they reduced the deficit with a goal by Ego who beat 2 defenders before scoring with a great shot from 25 yards. 3 minutes later the scores were level when Flanagan pushed home a cross from the right wing. It now seemed that there could only be one result as Institute piled on the pressure but a disastrous own goal put St. Margarets back in the lead. Ego lost the ball in the middle of the field and a through ball found Wright attempting to pass back to Rooke but succeeding only in slipping the ball past the oncoming goalkeeper and into the net. Institute came back again and Flanagan 'scored' but was adjudged offside. Several chances failed to produce the goal Institute deserved and so it is St. Margarets who go through into round 4.

A very disappointed Institute team left the field at the end having fought so well, had the better of the game but failed to do what counts, score more goals.

School League

	P	W	D	L	P	A	Pts
Third Year	6	6	0	0	32	8	12
First Year	7	4	2	1	26	8	10
2nd XI	8	3	2	3	38	24	8
Fourth Year	6	3	0	3	16	18	6
1st XI	6	3	0	3	15	15	6
3rd Year B	3	2	1	0	11	9	5
Second Year	4	0	3	1	11	16	3
4th Year B	2	1	0	1	13	9	2

Grand quiz league.

Han 4B 3 points
 Craig Johnstone & Nicholas Harrison 2 points
 Eme 1 point.

Editors jottings.

I am very grateful for the match reports prepared by Paul Mchugh who keeps us in touch with the progress of the 2nd XI. Mr Mockler and Mr Cooke have been awarded the cross of supreme optimism and valient support. We actually went to watch Southport on Saturday. If ever anyone is fed up with their teams performance I can fully recomend a visit to haigh avenue. The football there is so awful that it makes any other team look world class. We stood in the freezing cold for 90 minutes seeing little Runcorn run rings around Southport. I have just heard that they (Runcorn) have won the replay. There was an enormous crowd on Saturday 3,900. Usually Southport get about 1,093. You could almost suffer from agoraphobia at Haigh Avenue. (look it up in a dictionary) Of course this put the lid on our (Mr Mockler and myself) day after seeing our teams knocked out of the cup in the morning. Still nothing ever gets a true manager down so we are working on new tactics to move up the School league (I am beginning to think that it was a stupid invention of mine - the school league)

I suppose our Saturday could have been worse. I might have found myself at Goodison Park. Even though they had a flukey win that would have been an awful fate so horrible it does not bear thought.

At games on Monday Phillipson's XI hammered Tan's XI (no reflection on Tan) The score was 9-2 . Chellew ran all over the field most times without the ball and Hassell spent most of the time making oscar winning dives like an olympic swimmer. He went into goal and then pulled off a suprb save. Regan and Hooper were the best players. Any contributions for the bumper Christmas edition will be most welcome anytime. Did youm hear about the Irish Ref who played extra time first in case there was a power cut.

Well I am rambling again so will stop. This weeks games are against New Heys and details will be put up on the notice board.

2 GOALS IN TWO MINUTES FOR EYO.

INSTITUTE 4 HIGHFIELD 1. CUP GAME.

Eyo scored after 5 seconds and then added a second after 2 minutes. In the 2nd half Gibilru scored from a header after a good run and cross by Brown. Gibilru soon added his second and Highfield scored a consolation goal 10 minutes from time. Only continual offside decisions prevented us from adding to our score.

TEAM GALVIN, SMITH, LEE, PETERS, SULLIVAN, STANLEY.
 CONROY, BROWN, PERESCHINE, EYO, GIBILRU SUB EME.

The pitch was slightly frosty on top, but the sun helped to soften it up. The play was rather scrappy at first as both sides could not control the ball on the hard surface. There were good attacks by both sets of forwards, but the 2ND XI put the first opening as the ball came in from the right, from DUNN; it landed near the GIFFORD, who slotted home from the edge of the 6-yard box. This was the goal that the 2ND XI wanted. The following quarter of an hour saw some good right-wing attacks by DUNN and WHITEHEAD supported by McHUGH. A temporary lapse in concentration meant that LEUNG left his man, who fastened onto a through ball and slotted it past WILKINSON, who was hesitant in advancing. This put spirit into St. Augustines, but the 2ND XI were playing well up the wings, especially the left where LEVY and LONG combined well. St. Augustines won a corner on the right, and from this, an attempted clearance by NORBURY failed, and after WILKINSON saved well from a shot, the rebound was headed home.

HALF TIME:- L.I.H.S. 2ND XI 1 St. Augustines 1ST XI 2

The 2ND XI began the second half in a rampant mood as two goals came in as many minutes. A quick break down the right-wing produced a good cross, and as the ball bounced out, a fine left-foot shot from LEVY beat the St. Augustines keeper. Straight from the kick-off, another right-wing break brought a corner for the 2ND XI. JOHNSTON took this and his well-placed kick beat all the St. Augustines defenders, it fell to LEVY, whose left-foot shot rebounded out to GIFFORD, who struck out a foot and steered the ball home as he fell on the floor. This was great attacking play by the 2ND XI as they searched for more goals. WHEELER was playing well at left-back, and LEUNG was controlling the St. Augustines forwards along with NORBURY who had played well overall. A break down the right forced McHUGH to obstruct the left-winger after he had received the ball and made a dangerous run on the left. The resulting indirect free-kick produced a short pass, and a deflected shot was out of WILKINSON'S reach, and ended up in the net. After this goal the 2ND XI could not find their smooth play. A break down the right caused NORBURY to move out of position and as the ball was put over his head, a St. Augustines forward chipped over WILKINSON for their fourth goal. Soon after this, another break up the right produced a low cross which beat WILKINSON, and could only be directed into the net by LEUNG as he attempted to clear. This goal would probably have killed off any other team, but not the 2ND XI; they kept on fighting and plugging away for a goal. This goal came after great play by LONG, who completed his fine run with a great right-angled shot that found the far corner of the St. Augustines net. This put the 2ND XI back in the reckoning, but time was running out for them. ST. AUGUSTINES laid a lot of pressure on the 2ND XI defence, but they held out well. A tremendous scramble in the 2ND XI goalmouth produced clearances by McHUGH and LEUNG. With the score at 5-4 the 2ND XI were looking for a possible draw. Another break down the right resulted in a high cross which WILKINSON seemed to have, but he dropped the ball and it ended up in the net. This was not one of the 2ND XI's better performances, but the defeat was not due to lack of fight.

FULL TIME:- L.I.H.S. 2ND XI 4 St. Augustines 1ST XI 6

TEAM:- WILKINSON. R. McHUGH (capt.). WHEELER. NORBURY. LEUNG. JOHNSTON. LONG. WHITEHEAD. DUNN. GIFFORD. LEVY.

Pld	W	D	L	F.	A.	Pts.
8	3	2	3	37	24	8

PAPER

COLLECTION

Why not join in the collection of old newspapers, magazines etc.

Here are the details.

Bring any bundles of newspapers or magazines to MR. Cooke in room 33 and I will record your contributions in my special book.

All the paper collected will be sold and the proceeds will go towards financing the School trip to Russia next summer.

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Do try and help in our efforts to raise money for the School Visit.

Thank You.

RJT Cooke EDITOR

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Hidden in here are all the Scottish league teams except 5. Two must
 be the 5 teams not present.

3 points for winner, 2 for the second and 1 for the third.

Game three. Name 5 of the original Busby babes.

Game four. What is the largest number of overs bowled in a single
 innings in a test match by one individual bowler.

See you all in number 10