

**Sunday 4th January 2009 – League
Dartford FC 5 Sevenoaks 1
Weather – freezing....!!**

This was the first time we'd played Sevenoaks this season and although they are at the foot of the table, their results haven't disgraced them. It didn't help matters that we only had 11 players yet again, suggested that we were in for a tough match. If it wasn't for the returning Danny Nash and Connor Heffernan, we would have been left short of numbers!!

From the outset, it was clear that Sevenoaks are a powerful side who are particularly good in the air and for the first 20 minutes we tended to play to their strengths rather than ours. However, in the 30th minute, Connor Heffernan found himself on the right hand side and his great crossing was met by Frazer Bent who planted his header past the goalkeeper from a very tight angle. This settled Dartford and we started to play more football as the half went on. Another cross in from the right was met perfectly on the volley, unfortunately this was a Sevenoaks defender and the ball flew into the net for a finish that any striker would be proud of. The only other action in the first half centred around 2 penalty decisions the first was for Sevenoaks when Billy Eves slid in just inside the box for a well timed challenge and luckily the ref did excellently in being up with play and spotted a deflection on the ball. The other decision involved Danny Nash being pulled down by the goal keeper and this, in my opinion, was a clear penalty.

Half-time score 2-0 - You couldn't quite say we were controlling the game at half time but we were on top, and this was what was said to the players at half-time. I pointed out that for us to control the game, we had to control the ball better in midfield to allow the more advanced players to hold their positions and drag the visiting defenders out of shape. I maybe laboured the point but we just weren't holding our wide positions and we were sometimes killing our own space with 5 v 5 in an area narrower than the penalty box.

The 2nd half started much brighter with Dartford playing more and more football. The 3rd goal came from a corner, when Danny Nash put the ball in for Danny Crouch to side foot home a volley from 8 yards. The visitors were then awarded a very soft penalty when a bouncing ball was adjudged to be handled by Billy Eves. Resulting spot kick was put away and this was really the first time Adam was called into action!! Dartford's 4th came via Frazer following some very good work that he himself started in the left back position when Karl Dent played a cross from an ill dealt corner for Frazer to score again with his head. This boy can't stop scoring at the moment and long may it continue! There was still time for Dartford to add a 5th when Karl Dent persevered to put his shot away at the 2nd attempt and a further goal was scored but a dubious decision saw this chalked off to deny Callum Nye a goal following a good run and calm finish.

We host Maidstone next week at 11am on the Community Pitch.

**Team:- Molloy, Issuree, Eves, Evers, Heather ©, Nash, Heffernan, Dent, Crouch, Nye, Bent
Goals:- Bent (2), Crouch, Dent, OG**

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Dartford	10	9	0	1	33	9	24	27
2	Corinthian	8	5	2	1	26	12	14	17
3	Ebbsfleet	6	5	0	1	22	10	12	15
4	Welling Utd	10	5	0	5	20	22	-2	15



MOTM:- Frazer Bent – for his continuing contribution of goals

Dartford U18 Scorers Table

[O Ayoola](#)
[D Crouch](#)
[F Bent](#)
[K Dent](#)
[T Evers](#)
[C Heffernan](#)
[J Jordan](#)
[D Nash](#)
[C Nye](#)
[Jack Walter](#)
[Luke White](#)

Lge Cup Total

0	1	1
7	8	15
9	3	12
3	2	5
2	0	2
4	1	5
3	1	4
1	1	2
2	4	6
1	1	2
0	2	2

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