

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2008
VCD 3 DARTFORD FC 5 - KYL CENTRAL DIVISION
WEATHER:- RAIN, WIND & SNOW!

When we looked out of the window and saw the snow settling, we were half expecting this game to be called off. However, the pitch was fine and we were made more than welcome by VCD Athletic FC. Having had 3 of our players playing reserve football the day before and players out with injuries etc, a few changes were made to the winning team from last week. I like to give all players a chance and James Jordan and Connor Heffernan had both waited patiently on the bench the previous week so they deserved a start.

Five minutes in to the game and Dartford started to put VCD on the back foot with some quick and decisive attacking play. It was when the ball was cleared from one of our attacks that it landed at the feet of Karl Dent. Karl had a quick look up and hit a driven chip from 45 yards. The home goalie was slightly off his line and the ball flew in over his outstretched hand – one of the best individual goals I have seen so far this season.

Five minutes later and the lead was doubled. James Jordan stayed strong and cool to beat the keeper from 12 yards out. Another five minutes passed and the young Darts were at it again! JJ added his second goal of the game when he fought to keep possession and waited his chance to beat the keeper.

By now the Darts were well on top and no one could blame VCD for being a little slow out of the blocks as the were put well and truly under the cosh by some great passing and moving and the visitors looked to be creating opportunities at will.

JJ got his hat-trick goal in the 35th minute. The home defence was struggling to cope with JJ's pace, power and technique and he used all of these attributes when he fire home at the end of a lightning quick counter-attack. This was a simple move with the player in possession simply putting the ball in to the weakest defended area – simple stuff but very effective.

The home side pulled a goal back through a corner that should have been dealt with better but the four goal lead was soon restored when Connor Heffernan volleyed home just before half time. H/T Score VCD 1 – Dartford 5.

The interval was a great deal more peaceful than last week, with the main highlight seeing my assistant coach jump on the table when he spotted a tiny little mouse – honestly, what a tart! The players were sent back out with the instruction to play nice football and enjoy the game but to try and improve our goal difference.

I don't know what was said in the home dressing room – maybe the mouse was a spy! – but VCD came out as a team possessed. We seemed to be containing their much improved play but they put us under a great deal of pressure. They pulled a goal back after an hour when their quick and strong number 9 tore through our defence before squaring the ball to an unmarked team mate in the six yard box. I don't think this unsettled us but VCD were playing some good stuff at this stage and they quickly got a third with an unchallenged header from a corner. I made changes with Callum Nye replacing Danny Nash and Connor Heffernan being replaced by Frazer Bent.

We shut up shop at this stage and JJ was unlucky not to add a fourth for himself and a sixth for the side when his shot hit the post and dribbled along the line in to the welcoming arms of the home keeper.

Final Score VCD 3 – Dartford 5

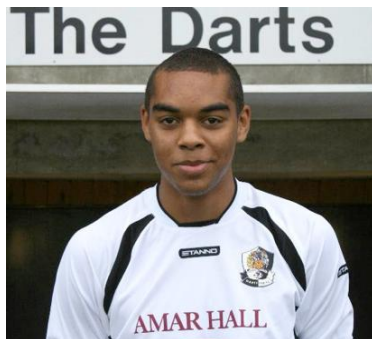
This was a great game played in an excellent spirit and all credit to VCD for such a spirited fight back in the second half.

We now switch our attentions to the KCFA Youth Cup this coming weekend with the visit of Thamesmead Town to Princes Park. Up for grabs is a place in the quarter finals. I hope to hear you cheering on the lads this Sunday with a 10.30am k.o. on the main pitch.

TEAM: MOLLOY, ISSUREE, AYoola, EVES, DENT, HEATHER ©, NASH, CROUCH, JORDAN, HEFFERNAN, SUTHERLAND.

SUBS: IBRAHIM, NYE, BENT.

GOALS: JORDAN (3), DENT, HEFFERNAN
MOTM: James Jordan



JAMES JORDAN – HATRICK HERO



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