



Somerset Soccer Club

EST 1979

UNDER 18'S 22/05/2010

70 minutes, not quite enough

The day started early again as we got on the bus just after 7:00 in the morning. There were less people on the bus than there was the first trip but still a bus trip none the less. The team was very undermanned this week as we only had 9 of our original players able to play so I had to rope in a few other players and bring back some of the senior guys to help out on the bench. I bought in Joel Garnett to start on the field as well as reserves player Nick Richards who was keener than anyone as he was told he would be getting his first ever full game at the club. I also had to bring back the likes of Nick Treloar, Brody Denehey, Mark Ackling and Leroy Mcdougall to sit on the bench.

It was my early decision to use the under 18's as much as possible and to not use the senior guys unless needed. The game started in a frantic rush and rangers got one early goal. This was quickly done back to them as we scored through our reserves player Nick Richards for his first ever goal at the club. This was the highlight of my day as he normally is a bit rushed on the ball but he beat his man and realised that he had time to compose himself. He waited til he was ready to shoot and simply put the ball on target and I believe that this is the best individual goal by a Somerset player all year as it was made to look so very easy. We continued to play a high quality brand of football for the rest of the half as everyone was willing to work for each other and hit some hard tackles and we created the most chances we have all year.

Half time score 2-1.

We came back out after I had nothing but praise for the boys at half time but this appeared to be a backfire for the boys and we were lack lustre, quiet and half asleep for the next 15-20 minutes and the rangers really got on top scoring another quick 3 goals. Once we settled and started playing football like we know how to, we were fine and looked to be matching the rangers team.

Although we let another goal in very late in the game I was very pleased with the boys endeavour as we only had to bring 2 of the 4 senior guys on and I would like to thank them for helping out.

This was one of those games that the scoreline didn't reflect what the game was actually like. The boys played a quality outfit but just couldn't convert the numerous chances we created. Again guys please keep working hard as this first half of the year is only the beginning of what can be a great learning experience for you.

Good luck guys, final score 6-1.

Bobby Eaves