



# Somerset Soccer Club



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### So Close.....Yet So Far

In the first round against Devonport we probably had our most convincing loss of the year to date. A 5-0 smashing and we were pretty determined not to let it happen again. Our redemption game possibly didn't start the way we wanted to as we were 1-0 down in about 5 minutes courtesy of a replica first goal from the last game, a long throw to Chris McKenna's head and



then nodded in by an unmarked defender. Not a great start but we had a moment to settle and try and play the ball around like we knew how and then you guessed it. We had another lapse in concentration and were two nil down again to some poor marking up and a lack of people chasing down the attacking forward. 2-0 down, and looking worse than the last game. We were putting immense pressure on ourselves and the one time we put pressure on their defence in the first half it resulted in their defence coughing up the ball and a desperate lunge to beat the next defender, Bobby eaves found himself sat up in front of goals only to smash past the keeper. 2-1 and we were back in the game. It was a bit of a fairer contest until just before half time when our next defensive mishap resulted in a goal to Devonport about 30 seconds before the half time whistle.



Half time 3-1 down.

As we talked at half time we were sure that we weren't getting comprehensively beaten, just beaten. Which meant in our heads that we were still in the game and we went out with that exact same attitude.



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This was short lived as Devonport slammed home their fourth through Chris McKenna, who found himself on the lucky side of a suspect off side call. Out of all the goals we had let in this one seemed to be the one we needed to kick into gear and it took about 15 minutes before the score board ticked over again but by god it went fast when it started. There was about 15 minutes left in the game and a beauty of a through ball landed perfectly at Keegan Wells' feet only for him to calmly slot his first goal of the season and start the mighty comeback. Only about 5 minutes later and a long free kick made it through nearly everyone for Danny Eaves to slam home his first for the day, 4-3 and we were going for more.

We were on top and going for the points and it didn't take long before we had Devonport completely rattled and another chipped through ball was again belted past the Devonport keeper for a Danny eaves double and a 4-4 score line. Everyone was pumped up and all said we were going for a win. The experience from Devonport then came through a bit and they held their feet to hold us out for 5 minutes just to halt the momentum and with only seconds in the match we thought we had pulled off the amazing come back and fought ourselves back into a gutsy draw only to have our hearts ripped out by substitute Alan Eadie who snuck behind the defence and give Devonport the 3 points they desperately needed. We took the kick off and the whistle blew, and with that sound, everyone at Somerset let out a small sigh as they knew that the point they just worked so hard for had slipped through their fingers.

Final score 5-4 loss.

So close lads, hold those heads up, that win is coming. Bobby Eaves

