

Match Report 20th November 2011

U10s A Team

The squad of 9 players Ollie Dale, George Hunt, Sam Nichols, Henry Houseman, Archie Lawson, Flynn Mullins, Matthew Newman, Ben Collinson and Joel Bardon travelled to St Peter's York to take part in the North Yorkshire Minis tournament.

Thirsk A 1 – 1 Harrogate

The first game was a very even with end to end play but unfortunately Harrogate had a break which resulted in the ball at the back of the net. Thirsk battled on and eventually found the equaliser with Flynn slotting a ball past the keeper to end the game with a 1 all draw.

Thirsk A 2 – 0 Thirsk B

Joel Bardon had his debut game for Thirsk A team on the left wing helping to create opportunities for the forwards and settled into the game. The B team defence were under pressure from the beginning and Daniel Garlick, Thirsk's B team keeper, had a fantastic game saving several shots at goal but eventually Henry managed to slip one through to the right corner. Thirsk A's continued to keep up the pressure and saw plenty of possession before Matthew put the ball away to finish with a 2 - 0 win.

Thirsk A 2 – 4 York A

This was an end to end game but unfortunately York were stronger on their breaks and despite George taking on the attackers Ollie was left at times with insufficient support and York had too much space in the D. Thirsk had a number of good breaks up front and several strong shoots at goal, but were just unable to find the back of the net. Eventually Flynn and Ben's pressure resulted in a goal each and Thirsk were unfortunate not to add more to the score sheet.

Thirsk A 4 – 1 York B

Thirsk dominated this game which saw Flynn putting away a hat-trick along with a goal from Henry. An overconfident midfield pushed a little far forward and a York break left the defence weak which York took advantage.

The boys played extremely well today winning 2 games, drawing one and losing one. Joel Bardon had his first run out for Thirsk and it was also Ben Collinson's first tournament of the season. Ben returned to the game playing strong down the middle, created opportunities and was a threat to the opposition.

All the boys are growing with confidence and enthusiasm. Some good opportunities were created but we need to continue to build on passing the ball to each other and marking up the opposition to reduce their breaks.

Well done boys there were lots of positive really good play on the pitch you are growing in strength.

Thank you to parents and to Dan Lawson for umpiring.



Thirsk A's (pink bibs): Left front Matthew Newman, Ben Collinson in shorts, Joel Barden behind.
Thirsk B team: left to right: William Molyneux, Sebastian Graham and Tom Molyneux

U10s B Team

Thirsk entered a boys U10 B team into competition for the first time this season with a full squad of ten, allowing regular rotation across the team which consisted of GK Dan Garlick, Tim Durkin, Guy Wilson, Arthur Webster-Jones, Tom Molyneux, Fred Hunt, Adam Dallaway, William Molyneux, Connor Wilkinson and Sebastian Graham.

Thirsk B 0 – 2 Thirsk A

The first game was a repeat of the practice match 2 days earlier and the B team showed significant improvement with a more organised defence taking care of most of the A team attacks, with Tim and Guy prominent. Eventually sustained pressure resulted in 2 goals for the A team.

Thirsk B 2 – 0 York B

The second game was the best chance for Thirsk to record a maiden victory. Tim pushed forward ahead of his 2 co defenders allowing William to push further forward from midfield. Thirsk dominated possession throughout, taking an early lead, which was doubled towards the end, both by Adam, but with important contributions from Connor and Sebastian. The defence was rarely bothered, but dealt efficiently with the occasional threats.

Thirsk B 0 - 3 Harrogate

Harrogate presented the sternest opposition of the day and thoroughly tested all the defenders, even with William assisting Tim in the centre. Dan closed down attackers in the D whenever possible, but some pinpoint shots into the corners were too good for Thirsk. However, the team kept battling until the end and occasionally threatened a breakaway goal.

Thirsk B 0 - 2 York A

The final game of the day was against home team York A, but was much closer than expected. The team worked hard for each other, with Guy starting in central defence using his wider players to clear the Thirsk lines. Thirsk started to push forward for an equaliser with Sebastian, William and Adam all enjoying some good runs, but York settled matters with a second goal.

Overall, this was an excellent start for a new team, now entered into the regular Yorkshire Youth League in Division 3, where on 11 Dec they will meet the York team they have already beaten. Thanks to the whole squad for their efforts.

Player of the day: Adam Dallaway

Thanks to Jonny Scaling for umpiring each match, and some extra ones.