

FOOTBALL NEWS.

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POOR PERFORMANCE RESULTS IN FIRST DEFEAT AT COLLEGIATE

An uncharacteristic performance at Collegiate resulted in a capitulation in the second half and the home side were well worth their 5-1 victory. At no time in the game were Institute in control but thanks to a typical Langford goal just before half time a 2-1 deficit should have been pulled back, with the aid of the sloping pitch. However, poor play in the second half allowed the position to deteriorate and Collegiate added 3 more goals.

Right from kick off Collegiate attacked and after only 2 minutes Chelley dived to turn a fierce shot on to the upright. Minutes later Chelley dropped a cross from the wing and a Collegiate forward had the simple task of tapping the ball into goal. Collegiate were playing fast attacking football and Institute did not settle down at all. After 5 minutes terrible marking and a noticeable lack of tackling allowed Collegiate to score a second goal. This stirred the school to greater efforts and for the only time in the game they looked as though they might salvage something from the game. Langford, once again, proved his value to the team when he persisted in attack and forced his way through to a shooting position. Once there he made no mistake. This opportune goal made the score 2-1 and Institute should have won the game from this time as the sloping pitch was to their advantage in the second half.

The second half was a disaster, lack of drive and a noticeable lack of imagination and skill allowed Collegiate to control the game right from the restart. Chelley continued to find trouble with the slippery ball and the defence clearly could not cope with Collegiate corners, their forwards finding time and space to shoot at goal. We must cut out this 'luxury' to opponent's strikers. On several occasions Collegiate showed what pressure and harassment can lead to when Johnson, rushed by an attacker, sliced his clearance and put Chelley into a difficult position. On one occasion Bennett played himself out of trouble with a fine tackle but shortly after everybody was standing and watching as Collegiate scored number 3. Langford, completely unsupported, came close soon after and Warburton, showing a glimpse of his best form, nearly scored with an intelligent lob that just went wide.

We continued to waste our chances, Halewood who was way below his best sent in a feeble corner and nobody offered any real shots at goal. 15 minutes from the end Rogers who had tried hard with little luck was pulled off and Bennett sent into the attack. However this had no effect and although Chelley made 2 fine saves near the end, Collegiate 'walked through' our defence time and time again. O'shaughnessy played hard all through the game and Langford tried hard with little success. It is hoped that the errors of this game will be 'digested' and corrected before the important cup game against St. Teresas. If this is the case this match could prove to be a valuable experience.

FINE WIN FOR B TEAM

HASSELL LEADS SIDE TO 7-0 WIN.

MANSLEY SCORES HAT TRICK.

Institute 7 Quarrybank 0.

A fourth minute goal was given offside but this did not deter the B team who more than made up for the disappointing result at Collegiate. Stuart played solidly in defence and after 6 minutes Mansley opened the scoring. Hamilton was tackling hard and this led to a terrific goalmouth scramble, the ball being scrambled away. Roberts had very little to do and after 17 minutes Mansley scored his second goal. Shortly after, he hit the post and it was obvious at this stage that Quarrybank would find it difficult to hold Institute in this form. Hanlon kept a firm grip on the play in midfield and the half time score was 2-0.

Ventre came on for McGee in the second half and with Bostock pushing forward further goals soon came from Pimblett 14 minutes and 16 minutes, Hamilton 16 minutes, and Mansley 18 minutes. Pimblett was denied a hat trick when his shot was kicked off the line. Hassell finished off a fine day by scoring the seventh goal 3 minutes from the end.

The whole team clearly showed that competition for places in the cup game is very intense.

By Stephen Brunskill Football News reporter at Mersey Road.

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A) As yet this weekends fixtures are not known. Paddington cannot play as they are involved in a cup game. St. Michaels (Everton) might be A team opponents. Confirmation awaited. Although we have a pitch at Mersey Road available it is proving difficult to arrange a B game. For all latest news this week watch the notice board today and friday.

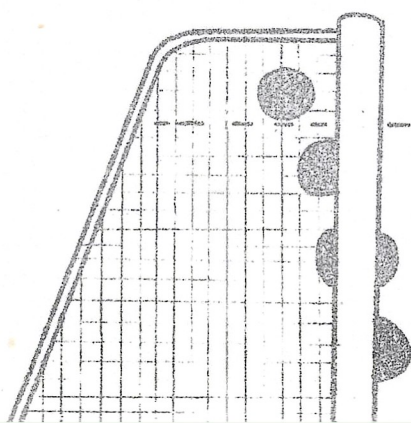
B) This weeks Football News is a little brief because of delay in news about Saturdays fixtures. A larger edition is assured for next week. Any contributions for inclusion will be very welcome.

C) Last weeks crossword was won by Bennett, Bostock and McClelland of 20.

D) B Team goalscorers. Mansley 5 Pimblett 5 Hassell 3
Woods 1 Lawson 1 Diabale 1 Hamilton 1 Rogers 2.

REMEMBER.

To score a goal, the whole ball must pass over the goal-line, between the posts and under the crossbar.



GOAL

NO GOAL.