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Bishopstrow College versus Warminster School Football Friday 19 May, 2017

Bishopstrow College faced Warminster school in a local derby, which for many would be their last competitive fixture for Bishopstrow... a must win fixture! After last week's unfortunate postponement of the match, the boys were more than ready to give it their all. During football sessions this term, the boys have worked hard to play together as a team, as well as focusing on individual skills and performances.

We arrived at Warminster School with a squad of 9 players; John, Peter, Giovanni, Nikita, Enzo, Egor, Pavel, Ivan and Sam. As well as the main squad, the remaining Middle Boys came along to support their peers, which was great to see! The 6 a-side starting line-up including John (GK), Sam, Peter and Giovanni (defence) Nikita (midfield) and Enzo up front.

The game started well with both teams having good chances and possession. The first goal to Warminster School came in the 5th minute, after a player turned in a well saved shot from John. This however did not dampen Bishopstrow's spirit. The team continued to fight and were rewarded moments later with a cool finish from Enzo, 1-1. Game on! The players continued to press in search of more goals and before long, Enzo had slotted home his second with an excellent solo run and calm and collected finish. Warminster 1-2 Bishopstrow. A few nervy clearances and mistakes in defence, presented Warminster with some clear chances to score. However, John was excellent in goal and when called upon made some fantastic saves that at times kept us in the game. It was from one of these saves that a quick counter attack saw Enzo strike his third goal, after a brilliant cross from Giovanni the substitute - Hatrick hero!

In the second half, the two goal cushion meant that the team started to play with more confidence, with great attacking football, which in turn created the fourth goal of the game scored by none other than Enzo! Bishopstrow became even hungrier for goals and continued to search for more, often leaving gaps in defence which allowed Warminster to counter attack. However, Peter the substitute in defence cleared up a few opportunities and harried the opposition, often winning possession.

With 5 minutes to go, Bishopstrow thumped in their fifth and final goal of the game, a sweet strike from Egor, who had hit the cross bar moments before scoring on his debut. A reasonably nervy last 5 minutes then followed, with Warminster creating chances and coming close and hitting the post on two occasions. The final whistle was then blown, with the Bishopstrow team happy to have won their last fixture of the term! An awesome performances from the whole team. Man Of The Match has to go to Enzo who was involved in all 5 goals for the team. Well done!