



BISHOPSTROW COLLEGE

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Middle Boys Football v Sherborne International College Thursday 23 February, 2017

On Thursday the Middle Boys took to the field for the first home football fixture of the year against Sherborne International College.

In preparation, during sports sessions, the boys had demonstrated that they are all capable individuals with a good range of skills and qualities; the next test therefore was to prove that they could work together as a team!

For the first 10 minutes of the match, Bishopstrow went on the attack, creating some brilliant opportunities! Unfortunately however, Sherborne scored against the run of play.

Despite this early setback, the team continued to apply pressure and attack well and were soon rewarded with a goal, making it 1-1. This pattern continued! Every time Sherborne scored, Bishopstrow would hit back straight away and get the equaliser!

Our goals came from 3 different players. Niyaz scored the first goal after the goalkeeper made a save and the ball fell to his feet, with a calm and collected finish. The second goal came from Enzo, who saw plenty of the ball as striker and was rewarded for his hard work and persistence. The third and final goal came from a brilliantly struck ball by Dmitry, after the ball rolled passed a number of players for him to finish into the bottom left hand corner.

The score was 3-3 with 10 minutes to go. For the next 5 minutes both team fought hard to get the winner, with Niyaz hitting the bar and a few other great chances falling to Nikita and Pavel. Unfortunately, Sherborne's fourth goal came in the last 5 minutes, from a free kick just outside the area. Again, Bishopstrow continued to fight back, but just fell short and ended up losing 4-3.

Special mention must go to the defence, Nikita, Pavel, Peter and Wilson, without whom the score could have been 6 or 7. The MVP for this fixture has to go to Sam who had never played in goal before and did an excellent job, making some fantastic saves that at times kept us in the match and gave us a fighting chance. I would like to congratulate the whole team for all of their efforts - it was a great game to watch! Thank you also to those who came down to support; the chants and cheers definitely helped the team and created an awesome atmosphere.