



League Cup Match: 14-02-10

Match Report 10

Man of the Match: Ciaron Lyons

Special Mention(s): Nick Gallagher / Josh Parker

Goal Scorer(s):

CPR Spartans 0 Pinewood Pumas 3

Sunday 14th Feb - Our 3rd meeting with Pinewood in as many weeks. This was a league match away at Pinewood.

First Half:

Having witnessed last weeks performance against Pinewood, it was clear that expectations were high amongst the travelling support. Sadly, we were not to see a continuation of the previous match, more, a lack lustre start by the lads. As you know, these reports can be quite lengthy at times, this is almost certain to be one of the shortest. I look to record good passages of play, great attempts on goal or examples of individual skill. James was the only one to catch the eye in the first half, commanding his area and launching some great kicks. It tells it's own story that the first recorded action on my digital recorder, was Pinewoods 1st goal, 1-0. Given the drive and determination witnessed last week, the hope was that this would spark us in to life and we'd see the Spartans go on the offensive. This was not the case. Instead, we continued in a similar vein. Sadly within 5 minutes, we saw Pinewood extend their lead when a little confusion at the back allowed a Pinewood striker the opportunity to seize on a misplaced back pass and calmly put the ball in to the back of our net, 2-0. Thankfully half time arrived, 2-0.

Second Half:

Gary appeared to read the riot act to the lads during the break, and it was really pleasing to see the change in attitude as the 2nd half got under way. Gary had also made a tactical switch, moving to a 4-4-2 formation. Leading by example was Ciaron who put in a gut busting performance. Happily others around the team really started to show more of the fight we saw just a week ago. Whilst this was really good to see, we still weren't seeing the confident football from the previous week. So whilst there was a great deal of fight out there our passing and final ball was not great. Whilst we had the occasional shot at their goal, their keeper never had a shot to save. They went 3-0 up from a penalty half way through the 2nd half, and that effectively ended the game as a competition. Final score, 3-0.

Whilst it wasn't the best of the Spartans, Ciaron's effort was superb and he was rightly awarded with the MOTM trophy.

Man of the Match: Ciaron Lyons

Ciaron, your commitment to the team and the way you are playing at the moment is absolutely a pleasure to see, your desire, spirit, attitude and workrate was faultless. We have played possibly one of the leagues potential winners back to back and I must say that on both occasions you stood out by demonstrating the qualities you have. I am very please with your all round game at the moment, every week I've noticed, with improvement, that you are learning fast in your position for what is needed to compete at this level. Keep it going, not all defenders will stop you, you will certainly have your time in front of goal, just be patient, it will come. Well deserved.

Special Mention: Nick Gallagher

Nick, I was pleased with your first halves positive display, you played with more ambition, desire and determination. The Nick I remembered is starting to come back, a much better performance this week, I just need you to stay in the game more with regards to workrate when your off the ball. You must sustain this form, well done Nick.

Special Mention: Josh Parker

Josh, you had a very important man marking job to do for this game, your task, stop their tricky pacey wingers involvement in the game. With some very important well timed challenges, you done a great job and for most of the game you coped really well by keeping up with his pace and shut the door on most of his threatening runs, well done Josh, keep it going.