



## CHICKERELL UNITED UNDER 14s



### DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION 2

**DATE: 11/09/2011**

Chickerell United 2            v            Gillingham 3

On a very windy afternoon, this was always going to be difficult conditions in which to produce free flowing football, but both sides battled well against the elements producing a good game.

Chickerell started the better of the two teams, adapting to the conditions, and came close on a couple of occasions; Ollie Barnes playing a lovely through ball to Hayden Winter, whose resulting shot took a deflection behind, and after another defence splitting pass it was Ollie Barnes who after finding himself one on one with the Gills keeper screwed his shot wide.

The signs were there for Chickerell, and with a little more composure in the box, they could have been two up by half time, but it was the away team against the run of play who took the lead, a cross from the right wing lofted into the box was caught by a gust of wind, floating it over Josh Golsby's despairing grasp and into the net.

Chickerell continued to press, maintaining a good shape, their defence marshaled well by new signing Rob Weldon, and captain Rhys Meagher, but even after good link up play between midfield and forwards, they still failed to hit the target.

Gillingham's second goal came from a free kick on the halfway line. The ball was angled in high from the right and the Chickerell defence stood still as the Gills forward had time and space to get the ball down and curl a great shot into the net from about 15 yards out.

After half time, Gillingham pressed forward and started to ask questions of the home defence, creating chance after chance, but failing to finish, Jake Jones the Chickerell right back having a great debut, intercepting crosses and Sam Churchill who came on as a replacement for the injured Aiden Park, also impressing.

But it was from another free kick the visitors scored, again, a ball played into the area that was not dealt with, leaving the Gillingham forward to knock the ball past the Chickerell keeper.

Chickerell then upped their game, and finally got a goal back, when a throw-in from the right, found Ollie Barnes who beat his marker and fizzed in a low cross, that eluded the visitors defence, but not Hayden Winter who, on his debut, was on hand to knock the ball in from six yards,

Chickerell then won a penalty, when the hard working Hayden Winter was adjudged to have been fouled in the area, but the resulting kick was blazed over by Daniel Harrington.

Undaunted by this, Chickerell managed a second goal, when, from a poor clearance in the Gillingham defence, Neil Wilcox found the ball at his feet, and he coolly slotted the ball home from 12 yards out.

Overall, Chickerell, for all their hard work and endeavour can count themselves unlucky to have come away with nothing from this game, however there are still plenty of positives to draw on from this performance.