



CHICKERELL UNITED UNDER 14s
DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION 2



DATE:

Portland Utd 4 -v- Chickerell Utd 0

A lacklustre second half performance at Portland contributed to Chickerell's downfall, after matching their opponents for long periods of the first half, and in spite of going in one nil down at the interval, they looked more than capable of achieving a result.

The conditions were not ideal, with a strong wind gusting across the home teams ground, it was Portland who nearly made a breakthrough after only a minute, when a curling shot from Lee Watkins cannoned off the cross bar and out to safety, serving a warning of what was to come.

However, the visitors did manage a couple of strikes on Portland's goal, the most notable being Ollie Barnes run and shot, latching onto a pass from Hayden Winter but shooting wide.

After sustaining some pressure, Portland broke quickly out of defence, and from a relatively tame shot Golsby in the away goal failed to hold onto the ball, dropping it at the feet of Portland's number 11 , who knocked the ball over the line for his teams first goal.

Portland then took over, winning the battles in midfield allowing the lively Lee Watkins to fire in shots from all angles, causing panic in the visitors defence, where Jake Jones and Connor Hill were having a torrid time trying to shackle him.

Injury to Chickerell's Aiden Park forced him out of the game, Neil Willcock dropping back to cover at left back while Park received treatment, the change in shape causing confusion, and nearly a second goal, when from a corner, Lee Watkins tried an audacious bicycle kick that Jones threw himself at to deflect over the bar.

The second half , Portland were totally dominant as Chickerell lost their way, struggling to clear their back line often lofting searching balls up to the lone striker Barnes who left on his own for long periods up front ,could do nothing, as the home defence quickly snuffed out any threat.

Portland meanwhile broke at pace and were catching the Chickerell's defence off guard on a number of occasions, allowing Lee Watkins to score two fine goals, both from defence splitting balls across the area, applying a clinical finish to both.

Even after winning some late free kicks in the final third, and forcing some corners, Chickerell could not find a way through a stubborn Portland defence, so it was only a matter of time that Portland scored a fourth, a fine break away goal with Lee Watkins this time the supplier, feeding a pin point pass through to Brandon King, who finished well from inside 18 yard box

Chickerell must now regroup, to rediscover the passion and belief that was evident in the second half performances of there first two matches, and apply it from here on in if they are to win games.