



CHICKERELL UNITED UNDER 14s



DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION 2

DATE: 20 Nov 2011

CHICKERELL 1 -v- PORTLAND 4

Chickerell returned to league action hoping to rediscover the form which took them on a 4 match unbeaten league run, only to come up against a very good Portland side who controlled this fixture for long periods.

The away side had recently hit a great patch of form and were in no mood to give up easily as they applied pressure from the start, the lively Lee Watkins at the heart of everything they created and their defence remaining solid against the threat of Chickerell's attack and also midfield playmaker Ryan Meagher making a welcome return to the side after injury.

But midway through the first half Chickerell conceded two quick fire goals, the first coming from a corner when Portland's number 11 was found unmarked at the near post and allowed to score from close range, and the second again from Chickerell failing to pick up players, allowing the same player to fire in from six yards out

Chickerell had their chances, Neil Willcock coming close after a run and shot and Ryan Meagher's free kick which went just over the bar, meanwhile Portland's number 10 causing havoc in the Chickerell area forced a great double save from Golsby, as he pushed his first shot onto bar, the rebound falling to Portland's number 11, whose tame header was safely gathered by the keeper.

Chickerell reduced the deficit when Ollie Barnes intercepted a Portland throw in on the edge of their area, turned and fired an unstoppable shot high into the visitors' goal giving the home team a glimmer of hope.

In the second half Chickerell pressed for the equaliser with a much improved performance, Jack Kent providing super passes for Barnes and Willcock to send them clear of the defence only to see their shots go agonisingly wide.

As Chickerell pressed for an equaliser, Portland broke out of defence and scored a third, and after missing a penalty, Lee Watkins rounded off a fine performance by waltzing through Chickerell's defence and slotting confidently past Golsby to make the final score 4-1 to Portland.

Man of the Match – Josh Golsby.