



CHICKERELL UNITED UNDER 14s



DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION 2

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Gillingham 3 -v- Chickerell Utd 4

A contentious penalty decision in the eighth minute of injury time nearly cost Chickerell their third league win on the bounce.

Chickerell buoyed by recent improved performances, set about Gillingham with purpose, creating chances for Benson and Barnes through neat build up play, so it was no surprise when Barnes picked the ball up out on the left from a throw-in, cut in to the edge of the area and unleashed a rasping drive low into the host's net to put the 'Chickens' 1-0 up.

Gillingham created their own chances, coming close on a couple of occasions but any threat was snuffed out by an impressive away defence, and some comfortable handling from keeper Golsby.

Chickerell continued to press, and it was not long before Barnes scored his second, after being allowed time and space in the box to turn and fire a shot high into the net, to give the visitors a two goal cushion into the break.

After half-time, Gillingham started to attack, trying to stretch Chickerell's defenders and force errors in a resolute back four, however whenever Chickerell broke a goal always looked on the cards, and it was from a penalty given for handball, that Ollie Barnes completed his hat-trick and gave Chickerell a comfortable three goal lead.

But then Chickerell's early confidence seemed to desert them, as Gillingham forced them onto the back-foot scoring two quick goals, both coming from poor defensive clearances, the host's new found belief flooding through their team as they pressed for an equalizer.

As the home side pushed forward, it left gaps in their defence which Ollie Barnes started to exploit, his pacy run and cross setting up Neil Willcock to score Chickerell's fourth from an acute angle.

With time running out Gillingham would not give up as Chickerell started conceding free kicks in and around the area, an unusually hesitant defence failed to clear their lines allowing the Gill's forward to bundle the ball past Golsby.

But the real drama came when the home side were awarded a disputed penalty seconds from the end, which was fired wide and as the final whistle blew, Chickerell were relieved to have collected all three points.

Man of the Match Jake Jones