



CHICKERELL UNITED UNDER 14s



DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION 2

DATE: 23rd October 2011

Sturminster Marshall 0 -v- Chickerell United 1

Chickerell United travelled to Sturminster Marshall in a determined mood focused on continuing their recent run of good form, but this was always going to be a tough contest between two sides that have been evenly matched over recent seasons.

The home side exerted the early pressure winning a series of corners which required some excellent defensive work from Connor Hill and Rob Weldon in the centre of defence and strong goalkeeping from Josh Golsby.

Chickerell's first attack of the game came after 10 minutes when an excellent through ball from Dion Benson allowed Ollie Barnes in on goal but he was thwarted by a brave dive from the Sturminster keeper who was injured in the process. But the main pressure still came from the home side and Chickerell had to defend their flanks with Matt Williams and Aiden Park both putting in strong performances under continued attacks.

After 20 minutes and against the run of play Chickerell went into the lead, Ollie Barnes once again breaking through on goal and despite having his first effort blocked he was rewarded for his perseverance as the ball eventually found the net. With the goal came increased Chickerell confidence and it was the home keeper who was the busier for the remainder of the first half with efforts from Haydn Winter and Jack Kent.

The second half saw increased Sturminster pressure and more resolute defensive work from Chickerell with Sam Churchill and Jake Jones battling well in midfield and Neil Wilcock working hard in defence and then almost scoring when a fine attacking break ended with Wilcock's effort just the wrong side of the post.

The final minutes saw the Chickerell back line under pressure once again with a fine save from Josh Golsby pushing the ball wide from a shot low to his left the last act of a hard fought game.

Overall the Chickens were deserving winners and will look to continue their current winning streak when they travel to North Dorset to face Gillingham next Sunday.

Man of the match Neil Willcock