

## **COBHAM COLTS U10 MATCH REPORTS 2008/09**

### **29 March 2009: Cobham v Bredhurst**

Cobham were a little slow out of the blocks after the clocks went forward and had to come from behind in both matches against Bredhurst Juniors in order to get 4 of the 6 points on offer.

In match 1, Bredhurst held their 1-0 lead until midway through the 2nd half when Colts striker Oliver Greenwell's persistence finally paid off, slotting home the equaliser to earn a 1-1 draw.

In game 2, Bredhurst were 2-0 up before Cobham pulled one back on the stroke of half time. That paved the way for a second half fight back with Ben Church completing his hat-trick and Captain Sam Moakes also volleying home to take the win 4-2.

### **22 March 2009: Cobham v Milton & Fulston Zebras**

Cobham were unlucky to come away with just a point after their visit to Milton & Fulston Zebras. In match 1, the Zebra's had the upper hand, Cobham only coming to life at 3-0 down. Lewis Drysdale's goal with 10 minutes to go gave the Colts a glimmer of hope, but a fourth from Zebra's killed the game off and it finished 4-1.

In match 2, it really didn't look like it would be Cobham's day after missing a penalty and then going one down. But a Sam Moakes stunner from well inside his own half revitalised Cobham and when Harry Grimes added a second late on the game looked in the bag... until the Zebra's equalised in the dying minutes to square the game at 2-2.

### **1 March 2009: Cobham Colts v Oak Athletic**

Clean sheets and 4 points were Cobham Colts reward after 2 very close games against Oak Athletic. Cobham scored first in game 1 with a Ben Church's volley, and unfortunate not to get more despite good possession. After Colts keeper Sam Perez-Ugarte broke his wrist last week, striker Billy Tivey had a solid performance between the posts and it finished 1-0 to Cobham.

Match 2 was equally tight, with excellent scoring opportunities at both ends, neither side could break the deadlock. Colts keeper Luke Cross made great stops, but in the end 0-0, fair result in an evenly matched game.

### **22 Feb 2009: Cobham v Horsted**

Cobham were unlucky to come away empty handed after their away trip to Horsted Youth. Match 1 was incredibly tight. Horsted scored an early goal, and looked to hold onto their lead by defending well and playing on the counter attack. Cobham

went close with a number of chances and keeper Luke Cross pulled off some good saves to keep the Colts in with a shout, but in the end Cobham were unable to find the breakthrough and it finished 1-0 in Horsted's favour.

Match 2 also went the way of the home side. Horsted were 5 up by half time, The Colts keeper had been injured making a save and Cobham captain Sam Moakes had to take over in goal. Tia Mak hit the bar from the half way line, and Striker Billy Tivey scored a consolation goal, but it just wasn't going to be Cobham's day, and it finished 7-1.

Better luck next week back on home turf!

### **Cobham v New Ash Green**

Cobham Colts put in two battling performances on their visit to New Ash Green, and came away with four of the six points on offer. In match 1, Lewis Drysdale's strike gave the Colts a deserved first half lead, but as New Ash Green piled on the pressure after the break it was up to Cobham's back line to hold firm and maintain their slim advantage. Strong performances from Jack Tierney and Josh Corden in defence, and a last minute save from stand-in keeper Oliver Greenwell ensured the clean sheet as the Colts took the win 1-0.

Match 2 was equally as gripping as the scoreline see-sawed in favour of each side. The home side took an early lead, only to see Cobham reply, the 1st one from Ewan Greenway, then with a fantastic end to end team goal, tucked away by Ben Church after a series of one-touch passes. Two more goals from New Ash Green, and an equaliser from Ben Church tied it all up to finish 3-3, but the hero of the day without doubt was Colts keeper Sam Perez-Ugarte who's string of superb saves kept the visitors in contention all the way to the final whistle.

### **30 Nov 2008: Cobham v Borstal 88**

Cobham Colts ended up sharing the points with visitors Borstal 88 after enjoying two contrasting games.

In match 1 The Colts struggled to take full advantage of their chances and were unlucky to finish the half 1-0 down. In the 2nd half, Cobham pressure paid off and Mitchell Barham's equaliser looked to have grabbed a point, until Borstal scored on the break, holding out to take the win 2-1.

In game 2, Cobham recorded their highest victory of the season so far as the Borstal defence struggled with the pace of Colts striker Oliver Greenwell who scored six before coming off midway through the 2nd half. Borstal scored twice, but further Colts goals from Josh Corden (2), Ryan Bailey and Billy Annis put the result beyond doubt, Cobham taking the win 10-2.

### **12 Oct 2008: Cobham v Omega 92**

It was honours even as Cobham Colts hosted visitors Omega 92. In match one, Cobham had the lions share of possession, but had to wait until the second half before the goals finally came. One from Oliver Greenwell, and two from Ben Church, the pick of them a solo run all the way from his own penalty box to score, combined with a clean sheet from Colts keeper Luke Cross, gave Cobham the 3-0 win.

Game two looked to be going in Cobham's favour after Ewan Greenway's quality header put them 1-0 ahead against 5-man Omega. But despite being a man down, Omega pressed hard and struck an equaliser before half time. The second half saw Cobham launch attack after attack, but they were unable to find a way past the Omega keeper... or the woodwork. Inevitably, it proved costly as just moments from the end Omega scored on the break to win it 2-1.

### **5 Oct 2008: Cobham v Royal Princes Park (League Cup)**

3rd Division Cobham were edged out 4-3 on aggregate by 2nd division Royal Princes Park in a competitive encounter in dreadful conditions. Match 1 looked all but over as The 2nd division side took an early 2-0 lead, but Billy Tivey's second half goal for Cobham set up a dramatic finish, and only the Royals' keepers fingertips, and the crossbar prevented Colts striker Lewis Drysdale from equalising with the very last kick of the game, the match ending 2-1 in Princes Parks favour.

Match 2 saw Cobham straight on the attack trying to rescue the tie, and Oliver Greenwell's early goal from an acute angle looked to have put Cobham in the driving seat, but the Royals countered with two quick goals... Cobham replied with a deserved equaliser from Ben Church, but torrential second half rain stifled creative play and took its toll on both sides and the game ended at 2-2, leaving the Colts hoping for better luck in the John Leeds Cup.

### **28 Sept 2008: Cobham v Horsted Youth**

Cobham Colts welcomed Horsted Youth for their first home game of the season, and were unlucky to emerge with just one point from two very closely fought games. Lewis Drysdale opened the scoring for Cobham against the run of play and Horsted's equaliser was quickly overcome as Billy Tivey made it 2-1 to the Colts. Horsted's all out attack was met by a man of the match performance from Colts goalkeeper Sam Perez-Ugarte, but at 2-1 up with just 5 minutes to go, even Sam's heroics couldn't prevent Horsted scoring two in quick succession to emerge 3-2 winners.

Game 2 was equally as closely contested, this time Horsted taking the lead, and a determined Cobham defence, marshalled by man of the match Mitchell Barham, and an outstanding performance from Luke Cross in goal keeping them in with the shout. Horsted looked on to take the win until late on, when last years under 10's keeper, Oliver Greenwell, playing his home debut outfield, took on two defender and lobbed the keeper to salvage Cobham a hard earned point.

### **21 Sept 2008: Cobham v Oak Athletic**

The U10s recorded their first wins of the season in Sittingbourne, picking up all 6 points at Oak Athletic. In game 1, Cobham were three up within 10 minutes, and a determined Oak side had to fight hard to pull a goal back. In the end though, a brace from Billy Tivey and a hat trick from Lewis Drysdale, Cobham running out 5-1 winners.

Game 2 was much closer, with both goalkeepers making fine saves to keep the match in the balance. Cobham took the initiative when Oliver Greenwell's pinpoint corner was headed in at the near post by Ben Church. Oak replied early in the second half, but Colts Ryan Bailey made sure with a quality strike giving Cobham the 2-1 victory.