

## **Beacon Hill Rovers Third Team Report 2009-10**

With the previous seasons goal of ensuring we get a team out each week achieved it was important that the 09/10 season pushed on.

With my first season in charge I wanted us to make progress so we began to play 3-5-2 which let us hold the ball up top for longer and simplify the defending. Finishing joint second and gaining a promotion has gone some way to justify that decision. If the club as a whole had had a bit more luck in the last third of the season with illness, injuries and absences a stronger third team squad would have comfortably finished second.

The 09/10 season managed to produce more good performances than bad with 63 goals scored in 31 games. We conceded 5 goals only once, 4 goals three times and 3 goals six times, but this season we scored 4 goals seven times and 3 goals six times which is a massive improvement.

In the divisional cup competition we played some great football on our way to a semi final game with E2V. Unfortunately in an echo of the National team some of the team can 'fail to turn up', on this occasion allowing an average opposition to race to a 2 goal lead. We then found our 'balls' so to speak, and started playing much better bringing the game back to 3 all after 90 minutes. We then went ahead in extra time, only to hit the self destruct button again and go out on penalties.

Over the season all the players had their moments, positive and negative ( if you want a training session in top draw own goals we have a few instructors!!), but overall we had a great season.

This coming season we must be tougher. With more competition for places players will realise that last years efforts will need to be the bare minimum. The level of opposition will be higher so the effort, drive and commitment will need to be raised to match.

A special mention to Tom, Alex and Will who are all off to uni this autumn to become soap dodging students - unless of course they come back and play at weekends, then all will be forgiven.

A third of the way through the season we were top of the league and expectations were raised, quite rightly so. The squad were understanding their roles and were taking on board the more structured approach to the game. We may have come up against some more gifted individuals but we were determined to be the better team.

So heads held high for a very good season gone and roll on the season to come.

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