

Match Report

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19/02/06 **U14 Blue** 5 v 4 Rockets A

Forest edge out Rockets in end to end thriller!

Forest and Rockets played out what surely must have been one of the games of the season. On a pitch which was by no means perfect, both sides played open attacking football and the scoreline certainly reflected that.

Forest took the lead after a bright start when Jack Still scored after a neat move but we were pegged back straight away when their player shot low into the corner to level things up.

Forest went back on the attack and Alex S was unlucky when his shot had to be tipped over the bar by their goalkeeper. However, from the resulting corner Forest took the lead again when after a scramble, Sam A smashed the ball in from just inside to box.

But once again Rockets equalised with a goal which mirrored their first. Then slightly against the run of play, a mix up in defence saw their player hit the ball into the top corner for 3 - 2 to them. It was harsh on Forest who always looked dangerous on the break with the midfield releasing Sam E and Joe M and their pace caused real problems.

Forest got a deserved equaliser when Joe M put a dangerous ball in the box, they failed to clear and Alex S smashed in the leveller at back post just before half time. With the score 3 - 3 at half time the game was nowhere near over.

Forest knew if they kept playing their football then they would get the result they needed. Forest took the lead again when Alex S slipped the ball through to Sam E who shot past the keeper for 4 - 3. Forest then had numerous chances to put the game beyond doubt. Although not scoring today, Joe M was a constant threat and provided great balls to team mates and he himself was unlucky a few times.

The game was almost won with 5 minutes left. Substitute Jamie slid a ball into Jack M's path and he scored from a tight angle for 5-3. However, Rockets grabbed a goal back with not long to go to set the hearts racing again.

But Forest weren't going to let it slip and held on for a memorable victory. And in case I lost you in the match report the result was 5-4 to Forest. 3 wins on the trot for the Blues now. It's just a shame that the run of form as come just to late to mount a title challenge.

Team:

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| Matt Lazell | David Scrivern | Sam Alexander | Chris Wong | Sam Marsh |
| David Smith | Jack Moxley | Jack Still | Alex Stephen | Joe Maskell |
| Sam Elliott | Jamie Merritt | Alex Virrell | Aaron Magnus | |

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