

NPR Prems traveled to Eltham on Sat with 3 wins under their belt and quietly confident of getting all 3 points, although a lot of teams struggled last year getting any. We had bit of a disjointed week with a couple of players pulling out and traveled with 2 subs 1 being me!!!! We were top of the league going into the game but still hadn't played as well as I knew we could with too much long ball and not enough passing to feet and patience, once the guys got their heads around this I knew we could really punish a team and this is exactly what happened on Sat.

The game started off pretty well with both teams having corners but nothing really coming from them. The guys got the ball on the deck from the start and the movement and passing were great to watch still need to work on the talking. Our first goal came from a nice move down the right and Finn Peters putting a nice ball across for Scotty Evans to smash into the roof of the net, a great start and the good thing was the boys didn't sit back and rest up they carried on attacking. Finn Peters and Scotty Smith added another 2 before half time. The half time talk consisted of making sure we carried on playing good football and being ruthless in front of goal. For such a small pitch the boys were finding a lot of space with their movement and it was great to watch. The second half was even better with the boys notching another 7 goals all from great team play, sharp passing and good movement. The final lists of goal scorers were Finn Peters 4, Matt Goodey 3, Scotty Evans 1, Scotty Smith 1 and Shane Kidby 1.

It was hard from a coach's point of view giving M.O.M after the team display. The defence played well with some great passes out from the back to start attacks. Jeff Yates didn't have a lot to do in goal but what he did do was good. Joe Bailey at left back was solid and his work rate excellent, Matt Thomson and Matt Siggie were composed and never looked troubled from the long ball Eltham played. Liam Munro probably had his best game of the season at left back and his distribution started a lot of the moves which ended in goals. The Midfield was solid and work rate unbelievable, the short sharp passing was great. Mark Wood out wide added some experience to the midfield from last week and his passing and crossing made a difference, Michael Somers and Matt Goodey ran the show in the middle of the park Somers work rate the back bone of the team which helps Goodey get forward and into those goal scoring positions. Scotty Evans had his first start of the season at left midfield and didn't disappoint his crossing was always a constant threat for Eltham. The forward line was a changed one with Scotty Smith coming into the team to partner Finn Peters up front and they gelled straight away. We worked on movement up front on Thursday and Scotty's experience helped Finn have a lot more space with some intelligent runs both outstanding. Gareth Turner came off the bench to slot in at right back and looked like he had been playing all game playing some great balls into the front 2 and midfield. I couldn't vault anyone on the weekend a great all round performance. Also thanks to Craig Gibson who through injury made the trip down to be the Manager for the day. Well done to all the lads' top of the table with a big game against WPR next week.