

5<sup>th</sup> June 2010

NPRangers Masters were hosted by Moturoa Heating Gurus for a second week, this time it was league duty, Rangers had more or less the same squad as last week with the inclusion of Ben Stewart.

No referee was to be seen and it looked like the game could be postponed. Into the breach stepped the one and only Mr. Yorkshire himself "The Baldrick", to officiate the first half. The game started off at a good pass with both teams playing good passing football and a battle was being played out for control of midfield which Moturoa won in the first half. Rangers were on the back foot for the first 10 minutes of the game and were slow to pick up the pace of the game (don't know why as most of us can't run much more than 5 paces). Once we had got over that 10 minute period we began to play some good football with some slick passing and our usual sharpness in front of the goal soon paid off with a good finish for Chris Jury, his first of the season. This was shortly followed up with his second from a well worked move down the flank which found Chris who then controlled the ball and drilled it passed the keeper. This was the start of Rangers dominating the rest of the 1<sup>st</sup> half with further goals from Ted Grey who managed to run onto the ball without turning. Rob Stuart also added to his tally with a finely placed shot into the far corner. This ended the first half at 4-0.

The manager was not too pleased with the amount of space that we had allowed the Moturoa midfield players to have and a few stern words were said during the break and a few changes were made.....

Into the sweepers position went Joe Munro, off came Mr Reliable (Didn't score cause there were no trees at Moturoa's park). Off came Ronnie van Dillen only to take up the whistle from Baldrick, on came Dickie Smith and Callum Stuart.

The second half kicked off with Rangers out to dominate the game in the same fashion as they did in the first half but only for a very bad showing, we lost all our shape and there was no cohesion in the team, nobody seemed to know each other, this did not feel good and a few choice words from the captain worked for a while. Chances were still being created but were always being spurned. Dickie Smith had a few shots on goal (Just because Rugby is the national sport does not mean you have to convert the ball over the bar, in the onion bag is what we require Dickie). Callum Stuart had another good run out and was unlucky not to get on the score sheet - he is improving all the time. Other changes were made with Greg Hull and Baldrick coming on and Ted and Callum going off. This brought further positional changes with Joe now a striker, and with some with some clever play he scored his 2<sup>nd</sup> in as many games and should have had another but an air shot put paid to that.

Final score 5 – 0 to the Masters.

MOM (Man of the Match) went to Rob Stuart for his tireless running down the flanks and his boyish energy, wish I was 45 again.