

Sevenoaks Town vs Dartford FC
Score 1-2

John Ullman Memorial Cup

Dartford were drawn away to Sevenoaks Town, the venue for their 5-1 friendly win during pre-season. The big pitch at Sevenoaks suited our game but the approach to the game taken by our opponents left us with little or no time to get our passing game going. We went behind early on when we failed to clear a corner and the Sevenoaks striker smashed the ball home from 6 yards. Dartford worked their way into the game and equalised through Grant Wilks when he finished off an easy chance created by a great run of pace and power by Callum Nye. By this time, Dartford were controlling the game and we went ahead just before the break when Danny Crouch took his time and calmly beat the goalkeeper from 12 yards. Half-time score 1-2. The game continued to have an edge not helped by excessive appealing by the home bench, and vocal support on the side-line. Twice players were pulled back when clean through on goal and twice home players appeared to strike out at a Dartford player. Despite controlling the game and creating several chances it was left to Deren Ibrahim to pull off a great save that resulted in the ball striking the post late on. Several comments were made about the good fortune and ability of the young Dartford side but Dartford were worthy winners and can take a lot of pride in this result having out-battled a battling side so soon after their extra-time efforts on Sunday. The reward for the win is a trip to Herne Bay in the next round.

Team: Deren Ibrahim, Jack Walter, Lewis Sutherland, Mathew Wanless, Harley Forbes, Sean Heather (C), Danny McNeill-Nash, Danny Crouch, Callum Nye, Grant Wilks, Luke White

Subs: JoJo Baiden, Jordan Keenleyside, Ashley Issuree

Goals: Danny Crouch, Grant Wilks

MOTM:- Deren Ibrahim – some great saves!



Deren Ibrahim