

Match Report

Dartford 1 Crockenhill 0 – 25th March 2008

The young Darts were looking for their second win in 3 days with the visit of Crockenhill to Princes Park. The reverse fixture having been a 1 – 0 win to Dartford on their visit to Crockenhill earlier in the season.

The home side started very brightly with the confidence from Sundays win over Thamesmead there for all to see. The dangerous Conner Heffernan looking particularly lively on the right hand side. It was, Conner, the Darts youngest player, who found Callum Nye early on only the pace and the height of the ball deceived the striker and the visitors' goal stayed intact.

Dartford looked dangerous each time they had the ball and with Danny Crouch playing slightly deeper due to the absence of Sean Heather, he was able to display a greater range of passing. This was helped by some great running into the channels by both Callum Nye & Matty Man.

With about 3 minutes to go until the break, Dartford made the much deserved break through. A ball in to the left hand channel found Nye and he ran the ball to the dead ball line and cheekily nut-megged the defender and found Crouchy in the centre who slotted the ball home first time on the run.

H/T Score 1 – 0

The second half started as the first had finished. A lot of the play was in midfield and it appeared that Dartford would add to their lead at any time. However, with 15 minutes of the half gone the visitors produced their best spell of the game. During this time Dartford had Ibrahim the goal-keeper to thank for 3 quality saves. The best of which was to get down quickly to his left and hold on to a ball that had come at pace through the crowded box.

Dartford made their only substitution when Nash came on for Heffernan in the 80th minute. This helped shore up the right hand side and ensure that the crosses continued to come in. The latter stages of the game saw chances come and go for both sides but Dartford stood strong for their second win in 3 days, which lifted the side to 4th in the league.

The young Darts are at home again this coming weekend when they entertain Lordswood. Another 3 points here would close the gap on the teams above and help to ensure that the target of the top 3 is within reach. As this went to print, this match has since been postponed.

Team: Ibrahim, Walter, Sutherland, Eyers, Issuree, Keenleyside, Heffernan (McNeill-Nash 80), Crouch, Man, Nye, White (C)

Goal:- Crouch (42)

Subs not used: Senington, Baiden, Forbes, Wilks

MOTM: Matthew Man – a nuisance to the Crockenhill defence all match