

Teams – Boxted Reserves v Glemsford & Cavendish
Comp – ESBL Res. Div. 1 League Match
Venue – Cavendish

After having to settle for a point a piece against Holland Reserves the week before, We were keen to get back to winning ways and take all three points from Glemsford & Cavendish. The team was without five key players from the previous week, but managed to keep the services of Jon Hume and added a fit again Dean Ford to the starting line up. A lack of centre half's meant the Gaffer had to resort back to a 4-4-2 formation with Jon Barker, Jon Weedon, myself and my old playing partner Dean Ford making up the back four whilst across the middle we had Ryan "Luka" Trussler, Charlie Holohan, Ben "Bingo" Harrison and Andy "Diego" Driver leaving Andy Gibb & Jon Hume the two up top. Although the Gaffer was not happy with the pace in which the team started we took control straight from the whistle and settled down into a nice passing game playing the ball out from the back with confidence and finding our wide men very well. It didn't take long for us to get off the mark after some tenacious work in the box from young "Luka" to scramble the ball over line for his first of the season. I did my best to level the score on two occasions with a header that was just wide of our upright and a deflected cross which Stretch managed to turn round the post to save me the embarrassment of an og (*I owe ya one mate*). We were soon in the driving seat as Humey latched on to the ball and headed home for his first of the afternoon but the lead was short lived as Glemsford pulled one back not long before half time.

Half Time – 2-1

We soon realized that the Glemsford defence was susceptible to the long ball over the top and although this is not the style of sexy football we like to play, we could see that this system could bag us a hat full of goals and it was that man Humey who picked up where he finished the 1st half as he picked up a 40 yard "Hollywood Ball" from Fordy and despatched pass the Glemsford goal keeper. The Gaffer was forced to make some early changes due to injury with Nick "Nose" Ellen coming on for Barker and picked up were Jon had left by having a great game in the right back spot. Then Dan Foulkes came on for Bingo which meant that Diego was moved into the middle of the along side Charlie and looked very comfortable for the remainder of the game. The Gaffer also fancied a goal for him self so he came on for Gibbo and not long after picked up another "Hollywood Ball" from myself, walked the ball around the keeper and slotted home, this was followed not long after by the goal of the day, possibly a contender for the "Goal of the Month" as the shot had left the opposition keeper stranded and curled into the top right hand cornerjust a shame it was an og from their centre half. We then started to take our foot of the gas by now and Stretch wanted to join in and came running to the edge of his box only to miss both the ball and their No.10 but I got back on the line to head out for a corner (*now we are even*), not long after Glemsford did manage to get a consolation goal after some lack luster defending in our box. The last word of the day went to Mr Hume who had worked his socks off all afternoon and bagged his first and hopefully not last hat-trick of the season.

Full Time – 6-2

A well deserved 3 points and let's take the positives into our next game!