

## **F.A. Youth Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round Qualifier**

### **Woodley Sports Youth V Altrincham Youth**

**HT: 0-0 FT: 1-1 AET: 1-1**

Final Result: Woodley Sports win 3-2 on Penalties

**Scorers: Woodley**, Jason Wilde - 75 min – **Altrincham**, Sam Madeley - 64 min

#### **Squads:**

##### **Woodley Youth:**

1. Dom Hughes, 2. Joel Atkinson, 3. Tom Sellers (C), 4. Arran MacFarlane  
5. Mike Conoma (Jay Bebbington), 6. Dan Fradley (Jason James), 7. Jordi McNally,  
8. Remi Wadley, 9. Jermaine Hunt, 10. Jack Wilson (Jason Wilde),  
11. Jamie Sanckson

**Subs:** Rick White, 12. Jason Wilde, 14. Jay Bebbington, 15. Jason James,  
16. Kris Dickinson

##### **Altrincham:**

1. Andrew Jones; 2. Jack Kimber, 4. Alex Murphy, 5. Jake Leigh-Watson,  
3. Ben Oliver; 7. Daniel Killilea, 6. Steven Crane, 8. Danny Browne,  
11. Chris Francis; 9. Tom Bailey, 10. Sam Madeley

**Subs:**12. Declan Wakefield, 14. Dominic Lillie, 15. Jason Melling-Fong,  
16. Emanuel Ladu, 18. Lee Berrill

Firstly, on behalf of the Youth team, I would like to thank everyone for turning out and supporting us. It was a great boost for the lads and I know that they appreciated it. Also a mention to any Alty fans who may look in for their contribution to a great cup atmosphere.

The game got off to a scrappy start with play skipping from one team to another as both sides were showing nerves and giving away possession all too easily. Altrincham settled down after 10 minutes and started to show some good possession and it became apparent that they had some very sharp players on show. Woodley could not get any rhythm going in their game and Altrincham continued to dominate the play. Indeed had it not been for the quality of Dom Hughes in goals then Altrincham would probably have gone in at half time 2 goals up. Woodley spent the half working hard to contain an Altrincham side that were in full flow.

#### **HT: 0-0**

The second half kicked off pretty much where the first had left off and Altrincham pressed for the goal that they must have felt they were due. Woodley remained dogged throughout this spell but on 64 minutes Altrincham scored when from a long throw the ball was cleared to the edge of the box where Altrincham's Sam Madeley was waiting. He brought the ball down well and drove a low hard shot

through the crowd of players and into the net. You could not begrudge Altrincham the goal as they had dominated the first half but ironically, this goal came as Woodley were starting to get into the game and it was starting to appear to be a more even contest.

This was the moment of truth. Were Woodley going to fold or would they stand up and be counted. To a man they stood up and showed a great belief and determination that this game was not going to slip away from them. The game ebbed and flowed at a great pace. With quarter of an hour to go Woodley were rewarded and scored from a corner. Jason Wilde who had come on to replace Jack Wilson in centre midfield, showed great strength and determination when he powered in a far post header from a magnificently delivered in swinging corner from the left foot of Jamie Sanckson. A substitution was made with Dan Fradley coming off and Jason James going on. A tactical reshuffle was made with Joel Atkinson going into centre mid, Tom Sellers going to right back, Jamie Sanckson going to left back and Jason James going to left mid. The game continued to ebb and flow although Altrincham's attacks still had more edge about them than Woodley's. The game reached full time with the teams still locked.

#### **FT: 1-1**

The game went into extra time, which was played out at an unrelenting pace. Altrincham were still playing the better football but Woodley were having their moments and were defending resolutely showing great character and commitment across the back four. A change was made when Mike Conoma, at centre half, picked up an injury and was replaced by Jay Bebbington. Another reshuffle took place with Joel Atkinson going into centre back, Remi Wadley into centre mid, Jordi McNally to right mid and Jay Bebbington going up front. The first half ended with both teams still locked at 1-1.

The second half of extra time saw Altrincham beginning to fade out of the game and Woodley actually looking the stronger and fitter side. It was looking as though Woodley could take the game in this period but it was not to be.

#### **AET: 1-1**

#### **Penalties.**

A talk with the lads left us feeling that we were all really positive about the situation and determined to take the spoils. The five penalty takers were, Joel Atkinson, Remi Wadley, Jamie Sanckson, Tom Sellers and Jordi McNally.

Remi, Tom and Jordi all converted and Dom Hughes made two great saves to give Woodley the result that the lads had so badly wanted.

**Woodley win 3-2 on penalties.**