

North West Youth Alliance League Premier Division 2007-08

Daisy Hill Youth V Woodley Sports Youth - 16th December 2007

HT: 0 - 1 FT: 1 - 2

Scorers: Woodley, Dean McGregor, Marcus Samuels

Squads:

Woodley Youth:

GK. Rick Holt 2.Remi Wadley 3.Tom Sellers(C) 4.Arran MacFarlane 5.Dan Fradley 6.Jack Wilson 7.Jordi McNally 8.Jason Wilde 9.Kris Dickinson 10.Jay Bebbington 11.Jason James

Subs: 12. Dean McGregor, 14. Marcus Samuels 15. Matthew Brady

Woodley travelled to Daisy Hill with a relatively young side. Six of the starting 11 were U17's and the 3 subs were an U17 and two U16's.

Woodley started well and were playing some confident football on a very soft pitch. The game progressed well with Woodley creating some very good chances but a combination of 2 top quality saves from the Daisy Hill keeper and the condition of the pitch meant that the score line remained at 0 - 0.

About 30 mins into the game Woodley were forced into a substitution with Arran MacFarlane who had struggled through the game having to leave the pitch for treatment on an injury picked up in the warm-up. This meant a re-shuffle and Jason Wilde joined Dan at centre back, Jay dropped to centre mid and debutant Dean McGregor went up front.

Within 5 mins Dean had his dream start. A fine ball to wide right was picked up by Kris who took the ball to the bye line and drove in a low cross for Dean who as making a diagonal run across the goal deftly touch the ball into the bottom far post corner. A fine finish and a great start on his debut.

Woodley continued to press but could not increase their lead before half time. Daisy Hill had not really caused Woodley any major problems although their centre forward looked a very good player and was showing signs of being dangerous if given the chance.

HT: Daisy Hill 0 V Woodley Sports 1 (Dean McGregor)

The second half started again with Woodley looking fairly comfortable and again creating a couple of chances and again being brilliantly denied by the keeper who by now was emerging as Daisy Hills best player. The second half had seen Daisy Hill as a more dangerous threat on attack and indeed their No9 was causing quite a few problems with his control, strength and speed.

Around the 60 minute mark Daisy Hill broke forward and into the box when the referee deemed a challenge by Remi to be a foul and so a penalty.

The Daisy Hill centre forward stepped up and scored only to have to retake the spot kick for player encroachment. He coolly stepped up and again despatched the penalty.

Daisy Hill 1 - Woodley Sports 1

Buoyed by this goal Daisy Hill had the better of the following 5 minutes. Pleasing to see, Woodley stuck to the task.

On 70 mins Jason James had picked up a groin problem and had to be replaced. On came Matthew Brady another player making his debut and one of the U16's. Straight away he was in

the thick of the action and handling himself confidently and showing good skill. Another bonus for the management team.

Woodley were now back in control of the game but Daisy Hill were defending resolutely and were determined to hold on to the point. With around 10 minutes left Kris Dickinson was replaced up front by Marcus Samuels, the other U16. Marcus was lively and sharp and this just seemed to give Woodley a gradual edge to their attacks. With a couple of minutes to go and yet another Woodley attack Jordi McNally jinxed his way to the bye line and pulled back a fine ball that young Marcus slotted side foot passed the Daisy Hill keeper and into the net.
Daisy Hill 1 V Woodley Sports 2

The game finished with Woodley the worthy victors but I am sure Daisy Hill would have been disappointed having managed to hold on till the dying minutes.

Full Time: Daisy Hill 1 V Woodley 2

Great positives for Woodley on the day were the fact that this was a very young team and indeed the impact of the three subs on the game.

This was a tricky fixture and Woodley negotiated it well. It now leaves Woodley in joint second spot in the league sitting two points adrift of the leaders Altrincham who Woodley play away from home in the next game.