

National League Division 3 – Weekend 2 – Nottingham 22/23rd September 2007

Team:

1. **Simon Metcalfe**
2. **Dave Baxter**
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5. **Steven Cuthbert**
6. **Elliot Robertson**
7. **Stevie Adams**
8. **Ryan Laird**
9. **Robert Tate**
10. **Stewart Carlile**
- 11.
12. **Andrew Woodall**
13. **Calum Fraser**

Game 1:	Caledonia	19	Bedford	12	
Per 1:		6		3	
Per 2:		3		2	(9 – 5)
Per 3:		5		4	(14 – 9)
Per 4:		5		3	(19 – 12)

Goal scorers		Exclusions		Extra man situations	
D Baxter	6	S Cuthbert	2	Gained	9
C Fraser	4	D Baxter	1	Scored:	3
					33 %
S Adams	3	E Robertson	1		
R Laird	3	R Laird	1		
S Cuthbert	1				
S Carlile	1				
A Woodall	1				

Comment:

This was a positive performance from a relatively inexperienced team and a very important result to root Bedford at the bottom of the league. After establishing a 3 goal lead at the end of the first period the team won every period thereafter. The attacking aspect of play was much more patient than weekend 1 and it was encouraging that we were able to score from the centre forward position and also from the perimeter. It was encouraging that we created 9 extra man situations but from this phase of play we missed several excellent chances and often took the wrong option scoring only 3. Defensively a combination of system 1 and 3 was very effective at times but a lack of awareness against opposition driving lead to avoidable goals being scored against us. It was encouraging

though that all 10 listed players enjoyed decent water time and the inexperienced players acquitted themselves well.

Game 2:	Caledonia	13	Otter 1869	8	
Per 1:		2		0	
Per 2:		5		3	(7 – 4)
Per 3:		1		4	(8 – 7)
Per 4:		5		1	(13 – 8)

Goal scorers		Exclusions		Extra man situations	
D Baxter	3			Gained: 8	Conceded: 1 match penalty
C Fraser	1	S Adams	3	Scored: 3 38%	Goals lost: 0
R Laird	3				
S Carlile	2				
S Cuthbert	1				
E Robertson	1				
S Adams	1				
A Woodall	1				

Comment:

This was another positive performance that started very well, had a major dip in the middle coinciding with an unfortunate match penalty and then a very controlled and effective final period. The whole performance was based on a hybrid defence that was carried out most effectively due to improved communication and the goalkeeper making several vital stops. The most satisfying aspect of the performance however was having been 8-4 up and pegged back to 8-8 two minutes into the last period that we were able to up our tempo in defence and stay calm and controlled in offence converting the chances we created as the possession time clock counted down. Conceding only one exclusion was also positive but disappointing that a little carelessness cost us a vital player for the final game. Finally 4 players who are 18 and under all gained valuable match experience in this game.

Game 3:	Caledonia	20	Newton Abbott	12	
Per 1:		9		2	
Per 2:		2		4	(11 – 6)
Per 3:		5		2	(16 – 8)
Per 4:		4		4	(20 – 12)

Goal scorers		Exclusions		Extra man situations	
D Baxter	3	S Cuthbert	2	Gained: 6 + 4 pen	Conceded: 5 (2 at once) + pen
C Fraser	8	E Robertson	2	Scored: 4 + 3 67%	Goals lost: 1 + 1 pen 80%

R Laird	5	A Woodall	2		
A Woodall	3	R Laird	1		
S Carlile	1				

Comment:

This was an excellent performance against a strong Newton Abbott side. It was based on high energy defence, excellent goalkeeping, a strong counter attack and a controlled organised attack against both press and drop defence. It was all the more commendable that it was played with only 9 players.

We got off to a dream start racing to a 9-2 first period lead. A most encouraging feature however was as Newton Abbott reduced the lead to 10-6 towards the end of the 2nd period we managed to regroup and pull away to 16-8 by the end of the 3rd and 20-10 mid way through the 4th period before losing two late goals.

All players worked extremely hard and lets hope this is the springboard for 3 weeks good preparation before a difficult 3rd weekend when we play Warley, Newton Abbott again and Reading.

Running totals:

Player	Games played	Goals scored	Exclusions
Simon Metcalfe	5		
David Baxter	5	15	2
Alan Shepherd	2		2
Neil Comerford	2		1
Davie Stewart	2		3
Callum McGregor	2	5	4
Elliot Robertson	5	1	3
Ryan Laird	5	12	3
Stewart Carlile	5	4	1
Mark Speed	2	3	2
Calum Fraser	5	21	5
Andrew Woodall	3	5	2
Robert Tate	3		
Stevie Adams	3	5	3
Steven Cuthbert	3	2	4