

Senior Men Scottish Championships Weekend Match Report

Considering the players that were unavailable for the weekend (6 regular seniors for Saturday and 4 for Sunday) I think actually getting to the final was a big achievement in itself. Our performance against Menzieshill was brilliant with everyone sticking to the pre-match game plan of good defence. Our press was strong throughout the entire game, giving Menzieshill very few options in attack, while at the other end we played a controlled attack, taking turns in the pit and covering well towards the end of our 30secs.

The final was always going to be a tough ask against an experienced Portobello team who had won the cup for 7 years running as well as finishing in the top 5 of the BWPL last season. A lot of credit is due to the players (8 out of the 12!) who despite having already played a tough under 21's final a few hours before hand (some also played in the 94's final too!) were still able to raise their game for the final. Having said that, to only lose by 3 goals shows the great determination and never say die attitude of our team and with a little bit more composure and strength on the ball it might have been a different outcome.

Moving on from here, all the players (those who weren't involved as well as those who were!) need to continue / start attending training as numbers haven't been good enough so far, and this is the only way that we can continue to progress for the upcoming Scottish National League matches and beyond.

On a positive note, I think a big well done should go to Neil Vidler, Joe Thomson, Luke Thomson and Daniel Woodall who despite playing well above their age groups, weren't phased by the opposition, got stuck in and performed admirably well over the weekend.

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