

12 October 2008
Hampshire Cup
Pickwick Youth A 12 v Granley Rovers 1
Rugby Camp

It was a beautiful afternoon and we had the luxury of all players being available.

Pickwick started brightly, but an early scare when Granley hit the crossbar and the ball flicked over. Pickwick however continued to impress with an early chance for Harvey White whose shot was saved, but Zack Smith's pass forward found Stanlie Hopkins who lobbed the keeper to put Pickwick 1-0 up. Connor Hood came close to making it two, but put the ball just wide as Pickwick piled on the pressure with two close off-side calls. Pickwick were passing and getting the ball up to Stan and Harvey who both had several scoring opportunities, but it was Reece Hughes who made it two after his break down the wing. Reece's electric pace down the wing was causing Granley all sorts of problems and Reece got his second of the day to put Pickwick 3-0 up. However, another scare came from Granleys's kick off when they shot from the half way line to catch Derek Harding off his line, the ball hit the corner of the frame and was cleared by the defenders! George Martin and Malick Doumbia also came close to getting their names on the score card, but it was Luke Nixon who got the fourth when he put the ball over the keeper and into the net just before half time.

Half time: Pickwick A 4 – Granley Rovers 0

Any thoughts of a strong come back by Granley were quickly dissolved when within minutes Dan Errington scored to make it 5-0 and it was Dan who set up Malick for the sixth! Malick was also involved in the seventh goal when he broke down the wing, crossed the ball to Alvin Mubiru who slammed the ball into the goal! Pickwick were flying and Zack's pass over the top of the defence again found Malick who side-footed it into the net to bring the tally to 8. This was getting embarrassing! Harvey wasn't going to miss his opportunity either and he came down the wing, beat the defender, and coolly placed the ball into the corner of the net. A great goal kick Derek over the top to Malick who rounded the keeper and scored his hat-trick and Pickwick's tenth goal!!! George picked up a cross to score his first goal back with the team to make it eleven and Connor Hood who had worked tirelessly down the wing got his reward when he put Pickwick 12-0 up. A consolation goal for Cranleigh towards the end of the match after a formation change which involved the defenders playing up front and the strikers in defence brought the final scoreline to 12-1.

What a performance and good to see so many different names on the score sheet.

Man of the match – Harvey White
Managers Player – Reece Hughes