

Thursday 19th April

The boys travelled to Willow Farm looking to continue their excellent run of results this year. Having been narrowly denied progression through the county cup finals on Tuesday night, the boys were looking to put themselves in a strong position to win their division with a victory.

The game started brightly, with both sides looking dangerous. But it was Sacred Heart who took the lead when Dean showed good strength and turned well before finishing superbly. A strong Willow Farm side battled their way back into the game and deservedly equalised 5 minutes before half time. However, the reaction from Sacred Heart was excellent. Dorian's shot being parried by the Willow Farm keeper but only into the path of Dean who put Sacred Heart back in front before a few deflected shots then found the ball with Dorian who finished well to send Sacred Heart into the break with a 3-1 advantage.

Willow Farm showed great resilience in the second half. In a half which saw lots of good attacking football, Willow Farm battled their way back level with around 10 minutes to play having scored soon after the break. Sacred Heart had many attempts which failed to extend their scoring, Dorian hitting the post and seeing another effort go narrowly wide. While Sam, Seb and Ryan all had shots blocked during the second half. At the other end Kyran W was defending strongly against a very good opponent and Harvey made a string of outstanding saves. Just as the game appeared to be heading towards a respectable and fair draw, Willow Farm broke. Harvey did superbly to block the initial shot, however the ball ricocheted back off the shins of a player and trickled agonisingly into the far corner to give Willow Farm a 4-3 victory.

It's been a tough run for the boys team with a number of matches in a short space of time. They have acquitted themselves excellently though. We move on to Netherfield away on Friday evening still battling to try and finish top of the division.

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On the back of their first defeat of the season the boys played away at Netherfield looking to bounce back to winning ways. Having beaten Netherfield 6-4 before the Easter break Sacred Heart knew they would have to be at their best to take the win. As in the first game, Netherfield started brightly and took a lead within the first minute. Sacred Heart responded well and came back into the game strongly. Having probed for an equaliser, a long clearance from Harvey was bouncing awkwardly but Dean controlled his shot superbly to make it 1-1. The sides continued to trade blows, and after Cam had gone off with a knock on his ankle Kyran L had joined Kyran W in providing solid cover for Harvey at the back. Seb tested the Netherfield keeper with a shot from distance before good work from Seb and Dorian allowed Ryan to shoot. His shot was parried by the keeper but Dean pounced to send Sacred Heart into the break leading 2-1.

The second half started with Sacred Heart on the front foot. The game turned on its head in the space of 5 minutes early in the second half. First Dorian ran at the defence before slotting home to make it 3-1. Dean was quickly threaded in soon after to complete his hat-trick and make the score 4-1. 2 more goals were to follow with Dorian again stroking home, and Dean arguably scoring the goal of the game with a great header following a superb cross by Sam at the end of great build up involving most of the team. This left the score at 6-1 to Sacred Heart. The rest of the 2nd half played

out with Sacred Heart constantly looking to add to the scoring. With Dean adding one more bringing his tally to the game to 5 the score ended 7-1.

Some of the football played by Sacred Heart during the second half was outstanding throughout the team. Huge credit must go to every single player for a phenomenal performance. The boys showed great spirit to end a week, in which they have had to deal with some knocks on the pitch, in such fantastic style.