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The College laboured to overcome a well-organised Taunton Study Centre team at Sherborne on Sat 9th of February. After a cagey start, Ahmed went through on goal only to blaze his effort over the cross bar.

TISC came close through a sweet volley from the right winger that shaved off some paint from the upright.

But the College broke the deadlock with a "freak"(or brilliant???) goal scored from the right flank. Only Karl Westphal can explain what he meant to do. A long range shot or a cross?, the question remains , but whatever Karl intended it to be , what mattered most was that the high ball landed in the back of the net for the opening goal.

And as Taunton pressed in the final stages for an equaliser Bernhard Kock picked up a loose ball in the midfield and drove towards goal before drilling the ball low past the Taunton goalkeeper.

The College employed a 4-4-2 formation that packed the midfield. The effect was to frustrate Taunton who, despite some good passing moves, were unable to fashion many clear-cut chances for much of the early stages.

Abdullah whipped the ball across the Taunton goal at the start of the second half , but Ahmed's attempt was too weak to bother the goalkeeper.

Taunton then had some long distance shots with one effort sailing mere inches over the cross bar of the College goal guarded by keeper Ruslan.

Ruslan was again called to action when their central striker burst through and with the help of defenders, Edwin, Patrick and Artyom the storm was weathered. The College had Luffy to thank for keeping the scoreline at 2-0 when he made a goal-saving tackle as the powerful Taunton striker was about to shoot from six yards.

Into the second half the challenges got a bit more robust, forcing referee Mr Bonelli-Bean to give some verbal cautions.

With minutes to go, the College captain Tommaso passed up chance to add to the scoreline when he over-ran the ball into the keeper's hands after skipping past three opposing players.

But with the TISC pressing as the match came to a close, ICS boys did enough to keep them at bay and claim victory.