

**ICSS U15     1**  
**Millfield     0**

The home match against Millfield was eagerly anticipated by the IC team. Much preparation had been done in the weeks leading up to the game and the IC were now starting to play some nice football despite their recent defeat to Chilton Cantelo.

The IC started the game well with some nice passages of wing play which saw Sergey and Jonathan work the space in the right hand channel very well. Some dangerous balls were sent into the Millfield area but the chances were not finished by the IC's attackers.

The Millfield goalkeeper was in fine form as he prevented the IC taking the lead on several occasions. After one particularly good save Millfield enjoyed a spell of possession during which several speedy counter attacks were foiled by some last ditch defending from Jonathan, Dmitry, Kyle and David. IC goalkeeper Igor was also performing to his usual high standard, taking the ball off the toes of the Millfield striker (who was also a former IC student himself,) on several occasions.

Another attack by the IC saw a well struck shot heading for the Millfield goal. A difficult shot to handle for the Millfield goalkeeper who struggled to deal with it, the ball hit the post and went out as the goalkeeper floundered at the ball.

After a stoppage for a Millfield injury, the IC seemed to be the team who had coped with the delay the best as they thundered forward again. Jonathan picked up the ball from the winger and drove towards the goal, hitting a hard shot from distance, the Millfield goalkeeper was beaten and the IC were leading 1-0.

The IC played out the first half well and took a well earned rest at the half-time break. As play started for the first half the IC looked as though they wouldn't be able to hold on to their lead as the opposition played with some renewed enthusiasm. A combination of hard work, determination and good fortune, prevented Millfield from getting into the game.

As legs tired, Benny, Pro, Danylo and Mikhail came on to bolster the defence and midfield. Millfield pushed forward in the hope of getting a goal but only succeeded in opening up the game for the IC. An end to end game ensued with the IC counter attacking quickly after every Millfield possession. David in particular should be commended as he utilised the space he found in front of himself with several surging runs down the left channel. Unfortunately several of the excellent crosses into the Millfield area weren't finished by the IC attack.

Time eventually ran out for Millfield who lost the game. The IC recorded their first U15 victory over Millfield for two years. The boys deserved their victory in what had been an exciting match. A return fixture at Millfield before the end of term is sure to be another exciting encounter.