

Team:

1. Gilbert	7. Jonathan
2. Tom	12. Ruslan
3. King	13. Shaaz
4. Jason	14. Victor
5. Nick	15. Illya
6. Goga	16. Felix
9. Matiya	
10. Blake	
11. Marc	

The second match of the season away at Clayesmore was less successful for the IC team who struggled with the smaller pitch and the powerful opposition.

The team was very similar to the one that started the first game of the season with Marc and Jonathan swapping wings and Blake moving up into attack.

Although the IC kicked off with some early possession it wasn't long before Clayesmore were on the attack and with their first attack resulting in an indirect free kick, the score was quickly 1-0.

The IC refused to give up though and a good break by Jonathan crossing the ball to Matiya from the right hand side led to the IC equalising with a goal that they deserved. After this the IC found themselves under some severe pressure with the stronger opposition threatening to score with every attack. It was only some last ditch defending by Jason and Tom that prevented the opposition strikers from scoring a hatful of goals.

At half-time in the match the IC were trailing by 3-1.

Some changes of roles occurred at half time. Goga moved back to defence and Nick tried to add to his goal in the first game by playing as a striker. Ruslan also replaced an injured Jonathan on the right side of midfield. The IC knew that they would have to attack in the second half to try and get themselves back into the game. Although this was a risky tactic the IC enjoyed some periods of possession with Marc putting what we had practised in training into a match situation. There was an excellent long range effort from Goga beaten out by the opposition goalkeeper, but the IC paid for their attacking style by conceding two break away goals in quick succession.

At 5-1 Marc restored some pride to the team by scoring directly from a corner and even with Shaaz, Felix and Illya coming on to bolster the team, this ended the IC scoring. Unfortunately some late mistakes and the strength and depth of the opposition resulted in the final score being 9-2.

There were some good individual performances in the match and the team were heartened by being able to use skills developed in training during the game. It is clear now though that the team will have to train even harder to try and get a positive result in the next game.