

International College 1 Park School 2

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| 1.Egor | 7.Marc |
| 2.Nathan | 8.Nick |
| 3.Jonathan | 9.Matiya |
| 4.Goga | 10.James |
| 5.Ye | 11.Pavel |
| 6.Shaaz | |

The International College Under 15 football team started 2008 with a loss against the Park School. The team was much changed after the arrival of new students into year 10 at the beginning of January. There had only been time for a few short practice sessions due to bad weather and waterlogged pitches which meant that the team that took to the field was relatively untested.

The team started the first half playing into a wind which quickly developed into a hail storm. The first half was very scrappy with the College defending as looping balls that were aided by the wind tested Egor and the defence.

The defence remained solid throughout the first half with Goga and Jonathan putting in their usual well disciplined performances and Ye and Nathan showing good composure on the ball and making some good tackles at key moments. Egor battled with the worsening conditions, making some good saves in the process.

Just before the match was about to be called off the weather took a change for the better and buoyed by this the College made some purposeful attacks with some good wing play from Pavel. The College found themselves in front at half time with a goal from James making his debut in attack alongside Matiya. At half time the score was one nil.

After the toil of the first half, the IC were looking forward to playing with the elements in their favour, however this was not to be the case as in true British fashion the wind subsided and the sun began to shine!

The first half effort had exhausted the team and as the Park School piled more pressure onto the defence, an equaliser was inevitable. A good movement split the defence and Egor couldn't keep out the shot. The College battled on though, looking for the winner and were unlucky when two or three goalmouth scrambles came to nothing. The excellent start was completely overcome when the Park School broke quickly on the counter attack and took the lead with only a couple of minutes to go. Try as they might the College were unlucky not to get at least a draw from this game but with some new faces in the team the boys remain optimistic.