

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE U15 V SHERBORNE SCHOOL FOR BOYS U15 C

1.Egor	8.Nick
2.Jonathan	9.Shaaz
3.Ye	10.James
4.Goga (c)	11.Max
5.Nathan	12.Xu
6.Marc	13.Benny
7.Matiya	14.King

Although the College Under 15 team were extremely nervous going into a match against Sherborne School for Boys on Tuesday afternoon, the afternoon would prove to be very successful and see the first win of the season.

Following a delay, the College kicked off playing into the wind. There were some nervous early exchanges of shots from both sides which produced some good saves from Egor who goes from strength to strength with each game. Some strong tackling and quick passing saw the College break quickly and with Max bear down on goal in his first start of the season. His shot sailed past the opposition goalkeeper and into the back of the net.

It was perhaps the lack of concentration caused by the surprise of taking the lead that allowed Sherborne School to equalize shortly after. The College were disappointed to find themselves back level and when the opposition sprung the offside trap, Egor could do very little to stop the ball rolling past him into the goal.

With the half drawing to a close there was one last attack from the College with Matiya surging forwards through the middle. He beat the defence with a pass to Max who had a shot parried by the goalkeeper. A scramble in the Sherborne School goalmouth followed and just as the goalkeeper tried to clear the ball Nick managed to get his body in the way and the ball ricocheted off him and into the net. At half time the College were level at 2-2.

The second half was a much tighter affair with both defences and midfields working hard. Neither team wanted to give a goal away and even the introduction of substitutes, Xu, Benny and King could not break the deadlock.

The College sensed that the match was coming to an end but managed to dig deep and increasing pressure through shots and three quick corners meant that the opposition were starting to rock. The opposition defence made a mistake which resulted in an indirect free kick to the College, Max laid the ball off to Goga who rocketed a shot straight into the goal. The College were winning 3-2!

The College managed to hold out the onslaught from the opposition as they battled to try and get back into the game and even had a fourth goal disallowed for offside before the referee blew the final whistle. The College Under 15 team have recorded their first win and with the team starting to gel with it's new influx of players, confidence is high that another victory will soon follow.