

## CHADDY BATTLE HARD BUT IT WAS NOT OUR DAY

Shawclough v Chadderton Park

Ellis Jenner, Cameron Horner, Adam Fisher (c), Tom Dean, Zac La Touche, Matthew Cunningham, Sam Jackson, Elliot Bennett, James Todd, Lennon Pilkington, Ben O'Brien.

Subs: Joe Henderson, Josh Lees, Lewis Goulden, Nathan Lees

Chaddy started the game well, executing some good passing football that allowed them to break forward, one such attack lead to Matt receiving the ball out on the line. He whipped in a cross that had Lennon been a few inches taller he would have been able to give Chaddy the early lead but it was a good sign from Chaddy. From the back Shawclough were able to break forward but the attack was comfortably dealt with by Ellis. Chaddy were on the attack again and were awarded an early penalty after the Shawclough defender hand balled the ball in the box. Matt stepped up to take it and firmly buried it in the bottom corner to give Chaddy the lead, 0-1.

Shawclough then broke forward again but the attack was put out for a corner, the corner was then dealt with by the Chaddy Park defence and again we pushed forward but nothing was to come of it. However, it wasn't long before Chaddy were on the attack again this time with James down the left wing but nobody was there to latch on to his cross. Shawclough were then awarded a rather dubious free kick that was taken well and dipped Ellis, 1-1.

Shawclough were then on the attack again but the back four stepped up early and caught the defender offside. But then Chaddy Park gave away a silly free kick that Shawclough were able to convert and again dipped Ellis to take the lead, 2-1.

Shawclough broke forward again and a cross was laid into the box, fortunately Ellis was out early to punch it clear which fell at the feet of the Shawclough forward who shot but Ellis was up quick to deflect the shot which was then cleared. Seconds later Shawclough were on the attack and again the safe hands of Ellis were able to prevent a goal. But it wasn't to be third time lucky as again Shawclough broke forward and were able to dip Ellis and further their lead, 3-1.

But just before the half time whistle Matt was able to break forward down the line, he pulled the ball back to Sam who shot first time but the ball skimmed the post and went wide.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

Chaddy started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half on the attack and were determined to force their way back into the game. Sam Jackson powered his way forward and shot, his shot was parried but the keeper was up early to save Matt's follow up shot. It wasn't long before Chaddy were pushing forward again after the ball was played forward from Cameron up to Matt, who controlled the ball and shot only for it to be saved. Cameron was soon pushing forward down the line and after taking on 3 players was able to get a cross over to Matt who then played it back to Ben who shot but unfortunately it went wide. Chaddy Park won the ball in midfield and were able to break again after Lennon played the ball through to Matt who was through one on one but the keeper was out early to protect his goal. Matt had another chance to put Chaddy Park in the game when we were awarded a free kick but it wasn't to be our day and the shot went wide. Chaddy Park tried to score again minutes later when Matt played the ball through to Nathan who shot but it was saved. Chaddy were finally rewarded for their

efforts when Cameron was taken down in the box, the ref awarded a penalty and again Matt stepped up and again he delivered a brilliantly taken penalty to close the gap, 3-2. However, there wasn't enough time left on the clock for Chaddy to get another and despite spending the last ten minutes of the game completely in the Shawclough half Chaddy Park were unable to get the equaliser and the game ended.

Scorers: Matthew Cunningham (2).

Man of the Match: Lennon Pilkington.