

Match Report 2012

14th April 2012

vs Lynn Avon

Michaels Ave # 3

Ellerslie 3, Lynn Avon 2

Goals: Andy Wallace 2, Alex Witteveen

When I left you last reserves had been trudging through something of a sticky patch. With this in mind they had their 2nd home meeting of the season against an in form, undefeated Lynn Avon.

Despite coming off a loss there was still confidence in the group and it showed as Ellerslie started brightly passing the ball smoothly in the opening exchanges. Lynn Avon were applying immense physical pressure on the lads, but across the park Ellerslie were coping well fighting hard and sticking to their game plan to break down Lynn Avon with football. Alex soon broke the deadlock with an absolute screamer about 5 yards over halfway. Receiving the ball and turning Alex saw the keeper off his line and decided to pop one in the top left corner. Gaining momentum Ellerslie pushed for another and was rewarded with a brace to Andy.

Either side of the brace Lynn Avon managed to pull one back keeping them interested. Towards the end of the half it began to show that Lynn Avon's physicality was starting to exert pressure and diminish much of Ellerslie's earlier composure. In an attempt to calm the lads down and provide more steel to the midfield Aus Shabbot was introduced – in only his 2nd game back after a lengthy absence due to a knee injury Aus has been a welcome breath of fresh air. Lynn Avon fought hard in the 2nd half and managed to pin Ellerslie back for much of the half. The pressure told off a corner which Lynn Avon managed to turn in after what appeared to be 2 or 3 fouls not seen on Rene in goal. Despite continued pressure Ellerslie held firm and prevented Lynn Avon from creating any further clear cut chances.

The end result was Lynn Avon's first defeat of the season thoroughly deserved after a hard fought encounter.

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