



WELLESLEY HOUSE

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Wellesley House 2nds v Dover College Match Report by Georgie Carter (Block 2)

On the 6th October, Wellesley House's two U13 football teams left to play Dover College away.

It would be an exciting set of matches. The 1st XIs needed a quick win to rescue their winning momentum. Their opening 3-0 win over JKS had been wiped out after Northbourne beat both the 1st and 2nd XIs (1-0 against the 1st and 6-0 against the second XIs). The 2nd XIs had just lost to Northbourne, and needed a win to stay in the game.

As the two teams went to their games, we knew just what we were up against. The 2nd Dover College team was larger. Their players were larger and looked like they had been training hard for this fixture.

Mr Parfitt had made some tactical changes to the team. After Mr Martin kindly donated the Obees, (hopefully for the whole season) we had a good attacking line, with the Obees on the wings and Thomas Solley and Jorge up front. Matteo Solesio went in midfield, with Raf Cable, Kerry Kong and I in defence. Barnaby Williams stood proudly between the posts. Mr Parfitt told us to play firm but fair.

The match kicked off. It was a bad start for Wellesley. Before we could get our acts together, Dover smashed through our defences and got a quick goal in the first minute. 1-0 down, we looked on. However, with speedy dribbles, quick passes and some stinging fouls we fought back. The Obees pushed up, delivering the ball to Jorge who smashed it like a bullet into the Dover net. 1-1.

The attack was repeated. Henry Obee got a lovely goal and Jorge made his mark once more. Henry O finished off the first half with a second goal. 4-1 to Wellesley House.

In the second half, we played very well. The defence soaked up any major attacks, and Barnaby was invincible in goal (apart from a slight hazard). Jacky Xu came on for Matteo. Jacky was a rock in midfield. Matteo returned, replacing Kerry and boosting an invincible line of defence.

By the end of it, the score was 6-2. Both Henry and Jorge had hat tricks. Mr Parfitt looked particularly pleased. We were all very happy.

Our first win of the season was a good 50 minutes. All of us had played a great part. Victorious, we strolled off, heads high, to see the 1st XIs lose 4-2 to Dover College. It added to a disastrous run of defeats, starting with Northbourne's 1-0 win against them. Oh well. I am sure they will bounce back strongly this week!