

# MATCH REPORT

## League Game

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

### Coulsdon Athletic FC 2 – 1 Reigate Town FC

A very late post due to being on me holibobs, however here's a catch up on last weeks action from The Mount.

Coulsdon Athletic FC entertained Reigate Town - a team that had won their opening two games as well, so someone's, or even both 100% records was going to go.

We started the match as we've always started recently, on the front foot.

We were really playing well, moving the ball well, and we were a handful.

Josh, always a handful, won a free kick some way out of the penalty area, but still within striking distance for the likes of Nath.

He stepped up and curled a beauty heading top bins.... Hang on, the keeper was diving - was he going to make this? Surely not! He actually got a hand to it, and - no! The power and direction ensured it it carried on and hit the back of the onion bag. Bosh 1-0 to the Mighty CAFC.

Now to capitalise. The attacks kept coming.

Josh was fed with a ball to feet in the box, and in a flash he had morphed into Johan Cruyff, and with one of his trademark turns, he left a defender facing the wrong way - and he was in on goal. One on one with the keeps. He opened his body right up to slot it into exactly the same corner as Nath's free kick. Keeper was rooted to the ground and the ball whistles passed him. But just wide of the post - would we live to regret that?? Hope not.

Then on about 35 mins, all the players decided to go rushing to the side - and get their handbags out. A melee of players all pushing and shoving - you could smell the testosterone for miles. Our centre back Johnny was in there breaking it up - and if you knew the Big Lad you know he was not exactly renowned for breaking up the trouble.... So he done well to diffuse it.

The problem was after all the Argy Bargy we ended up in a right two and eight, and guess what? Whilst we were still thinking of a tear up - our oppos finished off a chance. 1-1. Frustrating to say the least.

We stayed pretty scrappy still simmering and not focused. Another break away and their player got some space in the box and slotted a shot past the advancing Xander, heading straight into our net.... hang on, where's that leg come from?! Only our centre back Billy! Go on Billy Boy absolutely working his rocks off to make sure we stay 1-1.

The half came to a deflating end, but we were level.

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A quick chat about not losing our composure when trouble 'comes a knocking' was the big statement. We lost our shape, composure, and quality - all for a scrap.

Also, in front of goal we had to stop trying to break nets. It didn't need to be the perfect goal. Something that would go viral on Tock Tick or ETube or whatever they're called. Just pass the ball into the bleeding net lads. Please.

Went back out second half and got right back on it. Still wasn't pretty football, but we were the better side. We kept coming up short in front of goal. A Duggs Rocket flew over, as well as chances from Nath, Mikey and Josh. Just around the 89th minute, our skipper Haz picked up the ball quite deep in our half, but with the navigation akin to a Sat Nav he slotted a ball right to Josh's hard working feet. He advanced into the box, with defenders grabbing at him and lunging left and right, and with the keeper advancing.... Did he knock the granny out of the ball? Did he try and hit it so hard that the Mitre name on the ball was wiped off? Did he try and hit the ball hoping that the keeper, defence and net would fly off into nearby Chipstead? Nope. He calmly slotted a lovely low ball through under the keeper and basically passed it into the net. 2-1 to South London's Number One!! CAFC had surely won it? And let's not forget the through ball. A peach from the skipper.

As the ball was rolled off the spot by the oppo to kick off again, the ref raised the silver vessel to his pursed lips - and gave a blow. We'd done it. We may have 'Won Ugly' but we won nevertheless. I'm not even going to tempt fate and say what winning ugly normally brings, but hey, we'd stayed on a 100% record and joint top of the league. Now on to the next adventure. Done let me risk having a Connery at the side of the pitch next time eh



lads?!

Final Score: CAFC 2 Reigate Town 1

Scorers: Nath and Josh

Assist: Haz (to Josh)

MOM: Johnny - solid at the back. And peacemaker.

You know it's true. We're Black and Blue.

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