

RAF Football Association - E-Bulletin

Late Goddard header secures victory for the RAF SRT.

RAF SRT 1 – Hartpury College 0



The RAF SRT were off to a winning start against an excellent Hartpury College. As expected this early in the season it took 10 minutes for both sets of players to settle, from there on in both teams started to produce the quality expected from such a fixture which resulted in a really good game of football. Cpl Mike Campbell was first to break through the Hartpury defence only to see his shot brilliantly saved. Campbell then hit the post after a well worked set play from skipper Cpl Alex Woodhouse who then came close to opening the scoring a few minutes later. SAC Rhys Harbottle and SAC Terran Moxon (debutant) looked threatening going forward and the RAF looked more likely to take the lead, however it wasn't to be and at the interval it remained 0-0.

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Hartpury started the second half brightly and controlled possession for the opening minutes, they had plenty of the play they didn't trouble a solid RAF back four that consisted of debutants Cpl Joe Thomas and Cpl Sam Rawlings. Harbottle continued to be dominant going forward and Cpl Johnny Jenkins introduction gave the RAF more pace down the right-hand side. With Hartpury pushing to break the deadlock the game was becoming stretched, Harbottle, Campbell and Cpl Mike Goddard all had opportunities to punish and put the RAF in front, however, Hartpury keeper was having a good day! In the 78th minute a well worked move created an opening for SAC Ben Cullen who crossed for Goddard to head home. 1-0 to the RAF. Hartpury pushed for an equaliser and finished with a flurry of set plays and a free kick from the edge of the box but had no joy. In the final few minutes the RAF looked more likely to get a 2nd than concede and finished the stronger. The game finished 1-0 to the RAF.



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RAF Manager Kev Barry was pleased with the result and the performance. *'We had a few new lads involved today and they, along with the more senior players gave a good account of themselves. I asked them to take on board the information they had been working on for 2 days and work within a structure. They carried that out really well, showed an excellent attitude and combined work rate and quality at the level I would expect at this time of the season. We again looked very solid in defence, as we did throughout last season until the IS.'*



Man of the Match SAC Hayden Pain.

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