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RAF SRT 2 – Kidderminster Harriers U23 2

SRT gain an excellent draw against a full time Kidderminster Harriers U23 outfit.

RAF SRT played Kidderminster Harriers at RAF Cosford in their second IS preparation game of the season. Manager Sgt Kev Barry used the fixture again to run his eyes over new talent as many of his players were away on UKAF duties. SAC Ross Glibbery and SAC Brad Crookes made the step up from the MDS and applied themselves very well and have done themselves no harm for the future. SAC Chris Peel played his first game in nearly a year and SAC Terran Moxon, who is very new to the set up continued to impress.

It was a lively start with the RAF playing very much on the front foot, Kidderminster were having plenty of the ball, however the RAF made a few changes to the system which allowed them to get a good strong hold on proceedings. Kidderminster came close from a free kick on the edge of the penalty area, keeper Cpl Chris Adams was well placed to deal with the threat. SAC Liam Corrigan and skipper SAC James McGowan both rattled the upright from set plays and by now the RAF should have been convincingly in front. The RAF took the lead on 38 minutes after a well worked move put SAC Ben Cullen in the clear who finished brilliantly to put the RAF into a well-deserved 1-0 lead. Kidderminster pushed for an equaliser but the RAF looked more threatening and were unlucky not to score a 2nd when SAC Rhys Harbottle had his effort saved. HT 1-0.

Kidderminster made 3 changes at half time, the RAF struggled to get to grips with the changes and Kidderminster showing the class you would expect. The RAF were on the back foot for a good 25 minutes and a lack of concentration allowed the Kidderminster striker a clear run on goal and he calmly equalised. On the hour Kidderminster took the lead with a fortunate goal, however in fairness their pressure was rewarded. Barry introduced Sgt Carl Evans and Cpl Mike Campbell to the game with 20 minutes remaining. The game then took another turn with the RAF continually asking questions of the Kidderminster keeper. Harbottle then broke from deep, crossed and the keeper made an error and the game was all square. In the dying minutes Evans hit a sweet volley at the far post, it looked like it was the winner all the way before it was deflected wide.

Final result 2-2 .

Man of the Match SAC James McGowan

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