

Sussex County Football League Intermediate Inter League Competition

Worthing & District FL v Covers West Sussex FL

On Wednesday 3rd March 2010 the Worthing & District FL hosted the Covers West Sussex FL at Woodside Road, Worthing, the home of Worthing FC. This was our third fixture in this season's competition, and the West Sussex FL Representative side continued their unbeaten run with a hard fought victory by two goals to nil.

Both sides had periods of supremacy in the first half of play, but neither team could capitalise on their opportunities. Tim Martin shot wide of the post from close range after 15 minutes, and a good volley by Marcus Cogger flashed inches wide of the post in the 27th minute. Worthing should have scored in the 36th minute when an attack down the right wing resulted in a low driven cross into the goal area which beat all our defensive players, but the Worthing forward closing in on the back post failed to put the ball in the net from close range. Half time score 0 – 0.

The second half proved equally entertaining as both sides strived to gain the ascendancy. The first opportunity fell to Worthing's Simon Corona in the 49th minute when he burst through but shot wide with only the goalkeeper to beat. West Sussex came close to taking the lead with two chances, in the 51st minute when a James Buitenhuis effort was well saved by the Worthing goalkeeper low down by the left hand post, and a minute later a Dave Speller shot looked goal bound until it hit the goalpost and rebounded clear of the incoming West Sussex forwards. Other West Sussex chances went begging when Tim Martin hit crossbar (63rd minute), and a free kick from outside penalty area was hit low across the goal area and only needed a touch in by one of the forwards to score (66th minute). Worthing not to be outdone could have taken the lead but their No15 shot wide when well placed to score (68 minute). In the last 15 minutes West Sussex began to work the ball better and looked stronger than their opponents and the continued pressure finally paid off when Worthing succumbed to a headed goal by James Wrigley in the 85th minute to give West Sussex a 1 – 0 lead. Two minutes later a fine run and cross by Tim Martin resulted in Joss Parsons slotting the ball home for a second West Sussex goal. Worthing pressed forward and would have scored but for a save from close quarters by our goalkeeper James Fisher (88th minute).

Final score Worthing & District FL 0 West Sussex FL 2

The West Sussex were represented by :-

James Fisher GK

Glen Souter

Mark Livermore

Marcus Cogger

Mark Cooper (Captain)

Mike McCaffrey

Dave Speller

Joss Parsons

Tim Martin

James Wrigley

James Buitenhuis

Substitutes : -

Mark Pederick (70 min)

Danny Miller (60 min)

Lee Thompson (87 min)