

Sunday's Match Report

Bethel Utd 1 v Earley Home Guard 3 - Tough Luck on Bethel as Decisions go against them.

With no official ref for the game Manager Greg Lyford had to take charge of Bethel's opening game of the season and admittedly didn't do the best of jobs in the opening minutes with failure to give 3 vital decisions which essentially costs Bethel the game.

Firstly a denial of Penalty appeal from Shane Newton with the first attack of the game, then not awarding a foul on Stuart Newton leading to the first Earley goal, and finally, combined with the Bethel lino, not spotting the ball go out of play leading to Earley's 2nd goal.

Although in spite of the early set-backs Bethel dug-deep and eventually got their game going and managed to get a goal back before half-time when Louis McClean jumped on lose ball and then drove through the Earley Defence before slotting past the keeper.

In to the 2nd half and Bethel were firmly the team on top creating plenty of chances and hit the woodwork twice. However as Bethel pushed forward in search of the equaliser, Earley managed to spring a counter attack and grab a third goal which essentially took the wind out of the sails for Bethel and killed off our chances of getting anything from the game.

MoM – Louis McClean – didn't deserve to be on losing team, as did most of the Bethel Players, and such shame that his classy goal was only a consolation.