

# AFC Brooklands

## MATCH REPORT

AGE (GROUP)	Under 11's First Division
LEAGUE	Surrey Primary League
FIXTURE / RESULT	AFC Brooklands Hawks 5 – Claygate 1

In wet and slippery conditions AFC Brooklands delivered their best performance of the season so far. The Hawks got off to a slow start and found themselves 0 – 1 down to Claygate after a communication mixup saw the ball roll into the goal unchallenged. James MacDonald struck back with strong play down the left but the finish from Leon Groves went wide. Meanwhile the defensive line stayed strong with Ashley Patchell and Luke Hodgkinson holding firm. This allowed Groves to pass long which gave Jack Moore room to move. Unfortunately Moore's run broke down with support players on either side. As Mason Constable created opportunities down the right, Tom Mason and MacDonald combined well on the left. Moore soon showed his strength and skill to equalise 1 – 1 by sliding past two Claygate defenders. Jonathan Dudding's and Oliver Selby's focus helped to give midfielder Kieran Parker time and space. After 20 minutes of play, Constable setup Brookland's next goal with a beautifully timed pass to Moore who was never going to miss. Claygate went on the attack and looked dangerous but quick thinking from Tom Raincock pressured the striker into going wide. Constable's continued commitment to fight for the ball in tight situations was a great example to the team and, right on halftime, Parker's free kick was safely dealt with by the Claygate keeper. Brooklands went to the biscuit break 2 – 1 up and playing with confidence.

Several pairs of fresh legs came on for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as Brooklands started where they left off with Moore unlucky to be flagged for offside. Groves and Elliot Hall combined well and Hall found himself in space down the left. His cross could not be converted but he was soon on the attack again before being out muscled in the box by the Claygate defence. Brooklands were gathering momentum at this stage as Parker and Moore both tried long range shots that went high. The score line moved to 3 – 1 after a long throw-in allowed Moore to pounce on the loose ball and cross to Constable who made no mistake. Hall then attacked the goal area again but the ball was snatched from his feet by the Claygate keeper. Dudding continued his solid work in defence but took a heavy knock which brought MacDonald back onto the field. Connor McAree Sullivan cleared the ball well and supported Raincock in protecting the Brooklands goal area. As Parker kept working hard, he gave a slick pass to Moore who completed his hat-trick for the day and put the Hawks in a commanding 4 – 1 lead. This was followed several minutes later by another goal as Groves setup Moore who crossed into the box and allowed Constable to push the lead out to 5 – 1. With a couple of minutes left MacDonald made a length of the field run but the score remained unchanged and the Brooklands squad was soon able to celebrate a good win.