

## THE SAINT PHILIP'S ENQUIRER

### ST PHILIP'S THROUGH TO THE FINAL!

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As the nerve-awakening whistle blew, the emerald-green, artificial grass was about to be a witness to fourteen youthful prospects buoyant in mood, highly-disciplined and prepared to strive to what their hearts yearned for. St Philip's Primary School are now barely a stone's throw away from achieving triumph in the highly-competitive competition that is the Bath Primary School Football Cup.

The game was anything but a stroll in the park for either team and brought floods of sweat to both managers' brows. It had everything that was required for a thriller of a match fit for a king, including a tense finish and encouraging support from the gathered crowd - this separated the match from an ordinary run-of-the-mill encounter.

The well-worked goal that ensured St Philip's victory came just before the interval; it would appear that it came straight from the training ground (as Guy Mowbray, a famous commentator, would say) and it was a pleasure to view such organization at a young age. A low near-post cross by myself (Edmund) resulted in Toby, captain for the match, swooping in like an eagle that hadn't eaten in weeks, reducing the defence to little more than lifeless traffic cones and their facial expressions conveyed that they had little more control over the situation than an ant being trampled on by an elephant.

Early on in the game, George showed all his old goalkeeping expertise and, in fact, throughout this crucial game, giving a helping hand in securing the vital "clean sheet". He could not, however, prevent the opposition from scoring all by his own dazzling reflexes, credit's where credit's due, the defensive duo - Josh, newly acquainted with the centre back role, and Christian stopped, blocked and headed away wave after wave of attack and were the beginning of every attack made by St Philip's. The goal scorer, Toby, had an inspiring performance in central midfield and motivated the team to a crucial victory; not only that but was also named as Mr Bentley-Taylor's "man of the match". Charlie, scorer in the first round against Weston All Saints Primary School (WASPS), had an impressive shift playing in the striker role, despite being considerably younger in comparison to the rest of the squad. Liam and Preston also deserve a mention, making an impact off the bench.

To conclude, there is still the final to play and there isn't a soul inside St Philip's that isn't looking forward to it.