

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017

LX Over 60s 2 v Ancient Britons 2

Prior to the game new Skipper Bruce Baron sorted out the side in his team talk and announced that he and Billy Jawanda would be playing side by side; as they had previously slept together!! ABs took to the field, well most of them did. Paul Woodward suggested that Phil Hall try a red shirt rather than a white shirt, which LX were wearing!!

A cautious start was made by both sides until LX gained control of the ball and won their first penalty corner. After the injection, the whistle went and both sides were confused (not difficult). One Umpire wanted to send an attacker to the halfway line; one didn't, but after a long discussion the penalty corner was retaken and John Chong saved conceding a long corner. LX took this quickly and crossed into the circle for Nick Kennerley who calmly tapped the ball left for his colleague to finish.

ABs were not going to be overawed and Billy Jawanda and Billy Sedgwick started well down the left but the final ball into Mike Wingent saw him run out of room. The game was now beginning to flow and LX made space in behind the AB defence and won yet another penalty corner. On this occasion the ABs defence held out, as the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter came to a close.

Skipper Bruce Baron was not worried as he felt that ABs were beginning to get control and all he asked was that we kept up the tempo. ABs took on his advice and kept the ball moving. After about 5 minutes ABs won their first penalty corner and after a bit of skill from Billy Jawanda he slipped the ball to **Jan Ahmed who smashed the ball home**. ABs were now in the box seat and kept up the pressure. For the next 5 minutes LX were forced on to the back foot and having won 3 penalty corners, ABs deserved to take the lead. Even though each corner led to a chance it was the last which saw **Billy Jawanda slip the ball home** to finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with ABs in the lead.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter began with both sides intending to attack and the ball flowed from end to end. Midway through the quarter Billy Jawanda broke clear. A subtle pass into Paul Sharratt was controlled quickly. He flicked over the keeper only for his shot to be saved on the line. ABs kept up the pressure and just before the quarter came to a close, Billy Jawanda brilliantly won possession inside the LX 25, but his final shot was well saved.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter began with Phil Hall having a break (a good decision?), but ABs began where they left off with Bruce Baron leading from the front, as he stopped the LX attack. Good pressure from Mike Wingent saw him win back possession but unfortunately the final pass was intercepted. What then followed was a period of

sloppy play from both sides, but the ABs managed to regain control without increasing their lead. LX didn't give up and John Chong was called into action as he kicked clear. LX kept up the pressure winning another penalty corner which John Chong dealt with easily. ABs then broke quickly but Mike Wingent was left without support as LX managed to clear the danger. This was perhaps the last AB attack as LX pressed forward, pinning ABs back in their own 22. Their pressure duly paid off just before the final whistle as LX won a penalty corner which they converted.

Man of the Match: The Team

**John Chong, Phil Hall, Mike Handley, Clive Kendall, Paramjit Hayre, Paul Woodward, Billy Sedgwick, Bruce Baron, Billy Jawanda, Nirmal Singh, Mike Wingent, Paul Sharratt, Jan Ahmed.**

**Supporters: Trevor & Angela Davies, Hazel Hopkins, Karen Daly, Sharon Wingent & Trevor Denison.**

Our thanks to Trevor Denison for his organisation.

Umpires Steve Hoban, Chris Kitto & Graham Reynolds.

The various match note takers (Paul Woodward, Allan Sutton, Mike Christie on the 1<sup>st</sup> Game; Paul Sharratt Mike Handley and Trevor Denison for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Game).