

The Minehead Under 14's side played host to the Blackbrook under 13's from Taunton in a Pre season friendly on Sunday 30th of August. The match being a nice gentle warm up for Minehead before the season begins, and a good work out for the Taunton side due to the Age Difference.

Minehead Started off well with the Front Pairing of Zac Ryder and Charlie Munson-Hayes giving Blackbrook no amount of problems with their speed and agility, this combined with runs forward from the two wide players Luke Howells and Kieran Fitzpatrick, lead to the first goal after just 10 minutes.

A move which started in the Centre midfield with Dan Haran Winning a Challenge and Passing it out quickly to Fitzpatrick on the Right, who Left his marker standing to run Half the length of the pitch to power a shot from a wide angle passed Blackbrook's Keeper, This was followed by a second minutes later by Ryder after another outstanding run forward ending with a thunderous shot leaving the keeper no chance. Other chances followed with a high lofted shot coming from just inside Blackbrook's half by Mineheads Left back Josh Hooper just inch's to high, and numerous runs and crosses by Howell's down the left.

The second period of the first half saw Blackbrook begin to play well, finding a weakness down Mineheads right hand side allowing numerous runs and crosses to come in, this leading to them Scoring twice before the half time whistle due to a defensive mix up, and a well worked strike from just outside the box leaving Mineheads keeper Tom Middleton-Smith no chance.

2 - 2 as the half time whistle sounded.

The second half started with Minehead making numerous substitutions bringing on fresh legs and giving everyone present a good run out.

Blackbrook opening the scoring with a penalty due to an unfortunate trip in the Minehead box, this was followed with one at the other end minutes later when Howells was brought down from behind.

Outstanding defensive work from midfield with Haran and Michael Hodgson working well and also Centre half Josh Chilcott leading a fairly solid defence saw very little chances for Blackbrook from then on in, Two further Goals being scored by Minehead as the younger sides fitness and stamina was put to the test, the final score being 5 - 3 to the home side.

The match was then followed by a fun penalty shoot out which was won by the away team 5 - 4.

Scorers for Minehead - Zac Ryder (4) Kieran Fitzpatrick(1) Minehead U 14's Team

Tom Middleton - Smith

Tom Clegg

Charlie Thomas

Josh Chilcott

Jack Morris - Edwards

Josh Hooper

Joe Jackson - Clarke

Billy Stove

Luke Howells

Dan Haran

Michael Hodgson

Kieran Fitzpatrick

Charlie Munson - Hayes

Zac Ryder