

SPORTS NEWS

Boys Football Report

On Wednesday 25th January the Eversley boys football team participated in a tournament at Edmonton County Power League. The tournament was formed of four groups with the winners progressing to a semi final and final.

Up first for the boys was Raglan. This was always going to be a difficult game for the team because Raglan beat Eversley on penalties in the semi finals of the last tournament. The game got off to a cagey start with both teams understanding even though it was the first game of the group it could be pivotal in the final standings. Raglan opened the scoring mid way through the ten minute long match with a composed finish into the bottom corner from their striker. The boys responded brilliantly and began to dominate the game trying to push for an equaliser. In the final two minutes Antonio was fouled and Eversley had a free kick. Sebastian stepped up and rifled an unstoppable free kick past the Raglan keeper and into the top corner and the game finished 1-1, which on the balance of play was a fair result.

Up next was Forty Hill. The team started slowly and Forty Hill took the lead early on after a great run ended with a good finish to put them 1-0 up. This was a really frustrating game for Eversley because they knew they hadn't performed to their usual high standards. Unfortunately for the boys, they couldn't get themselves back into the game with Forty Hill holding on for a 1-0 win.



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The boys penultimate game was against Hazelbury. The team knew they needed two wins from the remaining games and other results to go their way to have a chance of qualification. The boys started the game on the front foot and were putting lots of pressure on the Hazelbury defence without managing to make the breakthrough. Mid way through the game Sebastian's shot was too powerful for the goalkeeper and the team went 1-0 up. Eversley dominated the remainder of the match and could've added to their lead but some good defending and goalkeeping prevented them, and the boys had their first win of the tournament.

The final game for the team was against Houndsfield. The boys knew they needed to win and hope Raglan and Forty Hill finished as a draw for them to progress to the semi finals. Eversley started with intent and went 1-0 up early on after some great skill on the left hand side by Antonio, before he finished expertly into the bottom corner to give the team the lead. Shortly after it was 2-0 a sensational long range strike from Sebastian doubled the boys lead. Eversley finished with a comfortable 2-0 win but unfortunately for the team Raglan had beaten Forty Hill so the boys had just missed out on progression to the semi finals by finishing second in the group.

All the boys represented the school impeccably and can be extremely proud of their efforts. Well done boys!!!

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