

Thornton Cleveleys Football Club



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Latest News Items

Congratulations to Paul Hughes voted 'Club Person of the Year' Season 2007 - 2008 . Well Done Paul , keep up the good work !

With the 1st Team AWAY in the Lancashire Amateur Cup against Todmorden Borough and the Reserves also AWAY against Tempest United, this weekend 18th October we have NO HOME GAME. Why not shout up and get on a coach to support the 1st Team? Give Tim a shout if you're going to Todmorden.

This week's HOME Fixture is the Reserves in the Houston Cup. They are taking on Euxton Villa in a 2 O'clock kick off ! - Meanwhile the 1st Team are on their travels - AWAY at Walney Island. Lets see how they cop without a 12th man bellowing from the sidelines. Good Luck !

This Saturday 4th October the 1st Team take on Lytham Town in a 3pm Kick Off. The Reserves are away again at another local rival - Garstang Town Reserves. Come and support them in their League Campaign.

Next Events at the Club

For the Latest on What's Happening at the Club visit our on-line calendar
<http://www.thorntoncleveleysfc.org/tcfc/calendar/month.php>

Latest Club Results

19/10	Kirkham Juniors U11s	6	0	T.C.F.C U11s
19/10	Spirit Of Youth U13s	2	4	T.C.F.C U13s
19/10	T.C.F.C U14s	2	2	St Annes U14s
19/10	Monton Amateur U15s	5	1	T.C.F.C U15s
19/10	T.C.F.C U16s	2	4	Lytham Juniors U16s
18/10	Todmorden Borough	1	0	T.C.F.C Seniors 1st Team
18/10	Tempest United Reserves	2	3	T.C.F.C Seniors Reserves
18/10	Foxhall U10s B Team	4	1	T.C.F.C U10s Blue
18/10	Foxhall U10s A Team	1	2	T.C.F.C U10s Red
18/10	T.C.F.C U9s Red	2	1	Foxhall U9s A Team
18/10	T.C.F.C U9s White	0	2	Foxhall U9s B Team

Latest League Results

U10s Division 1A

18/10	Kirkham Juniors U10s A Team	2	1	Fleetwood Town U10s A Team
18/10	Kirkham Juniors U10s B Team	0	3	Fleetwood Town U10s B Team
18/10	Lytham Juniors U10s A Team	0	1	Clifton Rangers U10s A Team
18/10	Lytham Juniors U10s B Team	1	2	Clifton Rangers U10s B Team
18/10	Poulton Youth U10s A Team	2	1	BJFF U10s A Team
18/10	Poulton Youth U10s B Team	3	0	BJFF U10s B Team
18/10	St Annes U10s A Team	4	0	South Shore U10s A
18/10	St Annes U10s B Team	2	2	South Shore U10s B

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U9s Division 1A

18/10	BJFF U9s A Team	3	1	Poulton Youth U9s A Team
18/10	BJFF U9s B Team	0	1	Poulton Youth U9s B Team
18/10	Clifton Rangers U9s A Team	5	1	Lytham Juniors U9s A Team
18/10	Clifton Rangers U9s B Team	0	5	Lytham Juniors U9s B Team
18/10	Fleetwood Town U9s A Team	3	0	Kirkham Juniors U9s A Team
18/10	Fleetwood Town U9s B Team	7	1	Kirkham Juniors U9s B Team
18/10	South Shore U9s A Team	1	2	St Annes U9s A Team
18/10	South Shore U9s B Team	0	1	St Annes U9s B Team

Under 11s (Domino)

19/10	FC Rangers U11s	2	7	South Shore Youth U11s
19/10	Fleetwood Town U11s	1	1	Foxhall U11s
19/10	Poulton Youth U11s	2	3	Foxhall U11s
19/10	YMCA U11s	4	0	Lytham Juniors U11s

Under 12s (Domino)

19/10	Foxhall U12s	2	1	St Annes U12s
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Under 13s (Domino)

19/10	Fleetwood Town U13s	7	1	Kirkham Juniors U13s
19/10	St Annes U13s	0	4	BJFF U13s
19/10	Wyre Juniors U13s	1	6	Poulton Youth U13s

Under 14s (Pizza)

19/10	AFC Blackpool U14s	2	1	Spirit Of Youth U14s
19/10	Fleetwood Town U14s	0	7	YMCA U14s
19/10	Foxhall U14s	6	0	Kirkham Juniors U14s
19/10	Poulton Youth U14s	1	3	Lytham Juniors U14s
19/10	South Shore Youth U14s	3	1	BJFF U14s
19/10	Warton Typhoons U14s	2	3	Wyre Juniors U14s

Under 15s (Domino)

19/10	Blackpool Rangers U15s	4	0	Poulton Youth U15s
19/10	FC Rangers U15s	0	4	AFC Blackpool U15s
19/10	Kirkham Juniors U15s	3	1	Warton Typhoons U15s
19/10	St Annes U15s	3	1	Fleetwood Town U15s

Division 2

18/10	BAE/EE/Springfields	6	2	GSK Ulverston Rangers
18/10	Bolton County	1	4	Furness Cavaliers
18/10	Burnley Belvedere	2	1	Askam United
18/10	Whinney Hill	4	2	Walney Island

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1st Reserves

18/10	Charnock Richard Reserves	1	3	Fulwood Amateurs Reserves
18/10	Eagley Reserves	1	1	Freckleton Reserves
18/10	Euxton Villa Reserves	3	1	Blackpool Wren Rovers Reserves
18/10	Garstang Reserves	2	0	Burnley Belvedere Reserves
18/10	Norcross and Warbreck Reserves	3	1	BAE/EE/Springfields Reserves
18/10	Poulton Town Reserves	4	2	Turton Reserves

Girls Under 11s

19/10	Accrington Girls AGSA U11s A	0	8	Pendle Forest Girls U11s
19/10	Great Harwood Girls U11s	9	1	Euxton Girls U11s
19/10	Lammack Girls U11s	3	2	Fleetwood Town Girls U11s
19/10	Lytham YMCA Girls U11s	0	2	Blue Star Girls U11s

Girls Under 13s

19/10	Accrington Girls AGSA U13s	1	9	Bury Girls U13s
19/10	Cadley Girls U13s	1	7	Academy Juniors Girls U13s

Under 16s

19/10	BJFF U16s	0	5	Warton Typhoons U16s
19/10	Fleetwood Town U16s	2	1	YMCA U16s
19/10	Foxhall U16s	3	3	Poulton Youth U16s
19/10	Poulton Youth U16s	4	2	FC Rangers U16s
19/10	Spirit Of Youth U16s	9	1	Kirkham Juniors U16s

BFSA Premier

19/10	Wrea Green FC	4	1	Hydronics FC
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Upcoming Fixtures

26/10	Poulton Youth U11s	v	T.C.F.C U11s
26/10	T.C.F.C U12s	v	South Shore Youth U12s
26/10	AFC Blackpool U14s	v	T.C.F.C U14s
26/10	Foxhall U15s	v	T.C.F.C U15s
26/10	T.C.F.C U16s	v	Bolton County U16s
26/10	T.C.F.C U13s	v	Lytham Juniors U13s
25/10	Burnley Belvedere	v	T.C.F.C Seniors 1st Team
25/10	T.C.F.C Seniors Reserves	v	Burnley Belvedere Reserves
25/10	T.C.F.C U10s Red	v	South Shore U10s A
25/10	T.C.F.C U10s Blue	v	South Shore U10s B
25/10	South Shore U9s B Team	v	T.C.F.C U9s White
25/10	South Shore U9s A Team	v	T.C.F.C U9s Red

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19/10 Kirkham Juniors U11s v T.C.F.C U11s in the Blackpool & District League

Final Score : 6 - 0

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You could be forgiven for feeling some sympathy for Shaun Rowley; He took his team, still buzzing from an impressive performance last week, to the early season's pace setters, Kirkham Juniors. Thornton have already tasted what Kirkham are about as the two teams only met each other on 28th September when the blues mauled Thornton with an eight goal defeat at Bourne Park.

To make matters worse Daniel Evans was absent from the winning team of last week; He unexpectedly got the sympathy vote from the general public after a shocking rendition of Michael Jackson's "One Day In Your Life" on X Factor and couldn't get back from the London Studio in time for today's kick off. Rhys Kirby stepped in at left back.

The venue for today's clash was a new one to . The pitch was huge and the playing surface was a little sticky and lumpy. With the crowd still taking their seats and Shaun Rowley and Paul Roe taking up their positions, conceded a goal with only 30 seconds on the clock. Kirkham fed the ball out to their left winger who got the better of Jacinho at right back; the ball came in, across Harry "Hincha" McCausland's path and onto the feet of a surprised centre forward who had the simplest of side footers to take his team into the lead. No chance for Zach Richardson.

Thornton responded well to the shocking start and Carl Purdon carried the ball forward to the final third, he passed to Harry Roe but the resolute Kirkham back line stood up to the challenge.

Harry Roe broke down the right soon after but couldn't find a team mate to feel the ball to. won a corner on the right. The ball was flicked on at the near post by Carl Purdon, Harry Roe's shot was blocked and it fell for Rhys Kirby who shot wide.

Conan Newsham looked lively in the opening ten minutes and tracked back well when the ball was lost to put in a nice sliding tackle to win the ball back. Rhys Kirby put in a similar tackle soon after and it was looking like the left sided players were going to see plenty of action. It wasn't all defending down that side as Conan drove forward and shimmied past a couple of blue shirts but the third one proved one too many but a throw in for the reds meant it wasn't all in vain. It was from this side that gave Zac Richardson his first chance to get a stop on something and he did so in superb fashion with a sharp reaction to a shot saving with his legs when faced with a one on one.

Defensively it was proving to be a stern test for the away side. Opportunities to catch Kirkham offside were missed as individually and at different times defenders dropped off the Blues centre forward.

Kirkham's second came from some strong running and the near post, which Harry McCausland tried to halt but his slide tackle didn't connect and the ball was tucked perfectly inside the far post giving Zac no chance again.

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Josh McLardie blocked a further chance at the near post and Harry McCausland swept behind Josh when his defences were breached.

Jack Smith won the visitors a free kick when he stood up strong to gain control of the ball and just as he looked to be playing the ball square to an advancing red shirt he was sent crashing to the mud. The resultant free kick failed to turn the Blues back line and Kirkham went on the attack again.

Kirkham attacked again down the left flank with guilty of ball watching and being unaware of opponents' advances into the danger zone. Jacob Wilson battled gamely to regain the ground but a decent cross was tidied up by an alert defence.

continued to try and play their way back into the game. Conan and Harry Roe linked up well down the left with a couple of tidy one two's but a goal kick for the home side was all they got for their efforts.

As the game went from end to end and with another opportunity for offside missed, Zac Richardson pulled off a terrific save from yet another one on one.

He followed this up soon after with another reaction save with his legs. When he wasn't doing that he was sweeping up anything that got behind Harry Mc and Josh Mc.

He was however powerless to stop Kirkham's third when a soft clearance allowed a close range shot for Kirkham's third.

weren't going to give up in their quest for a goal. Jacob Wilson found himself well forward but was felled by a clumsy challenge but none of his team asked the ref for a free kick and the ref wasn't tested.

Tom Buschini held the ball up well and ran for any loose balls but couldn't open up a sturdy back four.

Carl Purdon made one last attempt to get the goal which would have given TCFC much confidence but his pass to Jack Smith was well defended again.

Half time came and injuries to Rhys Kirby and Conan Newsham saw George McCauley and Dan Foster come on. were asked to dig deep and battle in the second half.

They started well and an early attack involving a neat one 2 between Buschinao and Jeto Reeveiro Sminhosa lead to Sminhosa firing wide.

At the back Harry McCausland continued to tidy up behind the back line.

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Dan Foster looked perky today and clearly pleased with one fine pass out of defence turned to the bench and remarked, “See that wasn’t a hoof was it?!” I think the reply was more of the same please! But whatever it was it pleased the coaches.

It was Dan who set up one of the nicest moves of the 2nd half. He passed an accurate ball into Carl Purdon, who knocked it on to Jack Smith who made a fantastic turn on the ball and shot in an instant but the ball was saved.

Then came an unlikely chance when Kirkham’s keeper scuffed a clearance and the ball fell invitingly for Tom Buschini to run onto and have a crack at goal. The keeper was stranded and anything on target would do. Buschini didn’t quite get to the ball fast enough and only got a half shot away as a defender reacted quickly to tidy up the keepers slip.

Kirkham’s 4th came from the breakdown of an attack when the ball passed over the foot of a red shirt and inevitably to a blue shirt allowing Kirkham another attack. From the resulting shot, Zac parried and Kirkham scored from the follow up.

Undeterred, countered and Harry Roe deftly played the ball through into the path of Tom Buschini who managed to shoot to the left of goal.

Ethan Rowley replaced Zac Richardson midway through the second half allowing Man of the Match Zac to lap up the adulations of the crowd.

Ethan’s first piece of the action saw him fly to his right to make a sharp reaction save to a sweet shot.

Legs were beginning to tire. Jacinho swung a boot to clear the ball, missed it and nearly took a chunk out of someone’s buttock and Kirkham advanced once more.

Harry McCausland and Josh McLardie continued to defend manfully, scrapping for possession and praying that their team mates ahead of them would hold onto the ball for longer periods.

Ethan Rowley saved well two or three more times before misjudging a lofted ball into the penalty area which he claimed with his customary roar; all around stopped in their tracks apart from the blues number 9 who neatly lobbed the ball over Rowley’s head into the vacant goal.

Kirkham, like in the game’s first minute, scored with almost the last kick of the game, to make it 6 – 0 to the league leaders.

Sitting comfortably at the top of the league, Kirkham’s assistant admitted that it hadn’t been as easy as the previous meeting in September; “Thornton were a lot stronger as a team today and their 2 goalkeepers did very well.”

Shaun Rowley said, “We’re making progress and we’re moving in the right direction, which is forward.” Kevin Keegan

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would have been proud.

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19/10 Spirit Of Youth U13s v T.C.F.C U13s in the Blackpool & District League

Final Score : 2 - 4

A good 3 points were got here against Spirit as you all know the conditions up there never change even in the summer months, its Blackpools answer to siberia. Man of the Match and Captain Ash Rowley won the toss and rightly so chose to kick against the wind in the 1st half. In the difficult conditions and a terrible pitch to play on we started brightly and soon scored by Ash who rounded the keeper to go 1-0 up Spirit got on to level terms with a scrappy goal. However we were soon in front again after another one on one with the keeper Ash found the back of the net. We got our 3rd soon afterwards with Ash scoring a identical goal for is second which completed his hat trick all passess were supplied by Joel. Second half we told the players not to get involved in anything other than the football we had to be much stronger reasons only given to the players. We created chances in the second half but it was Spirit who got their second from the penalty spot. A change was made and we rapped up the game in the final minutes with a tap in from Razza. Ash did other things today that caught the eye and Harry Lee was excellent at the back today.

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19/10 T.C.F.C U14s v St Annes U14s in the Blackpool & District League

Final Score : 2 - 2

Mixed emotions after this game as Thornton remain unbeaten in all competitions so far this season but dropped their first league points in this 2-2 draw with St.Annes. Thornton lined up in a 3-5-2 formation, accomodating starts for Matty Currie and Danny Elwood but it was the visitors started the brighter Thornton being restricted to one long range effort from Alex Foster. St Annes scored on 17 minutes after breaking down the right, through one of their 2 pacey strikers. The match started to ebb back Thornton's way but they they couldn't break down the stubborn St.Annes defence despite having a stiff breeze blowing over their left shoulders. Thornton were straight out of the blocks at the start of the 2nd half and equalised within 5 minutes. Danny Walsh foiled a St Annes attack down their right. He played a lovely ball up our left flank to Danny Ellwood who in turn found Loz Maddox inside. Loz's pass split the centre backs and Jon Fraser ran in at the far post to finish in style. Thornton were now on top but St.Annes gradually fought back and went into the lead again 10 minutes later. Again Thornton pressurised St Annes and with around 10 minutes left were awarded a penalty when Mark Bone was brought down. Callum Mese's kick was parried by the St Annes keeper but Loz Maddox beat a posse of Thornton players following in and put the ball in the net from close range. The last 10 minutes were tense as both teams sensed a possible victory but were also anxious not to concede again and in the end a draw was probably a fair result. A better performance than last week once we'd settled though no one player stood out of the starting 11 but after our intrepidation in the opening minutes, the lads battled as a unit against stubborn opposition. Substitutions livened up proceedings though and Danny Walsh who came on and gave an excellent demonstration of man to man marking in his own nonchalant style was voted Thornton's man of the match.

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19/10 T.C.F.C U16s v Lytham Juniors U16s in the Blackpool & District League

Final Score : 2 - 4

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18/10 T.C.F.C U9s Red v Foxhall U9s A Team in the Poulton & District League

Final Score : 2 - 1

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<?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smrttags" /> had thought long and hard about today's team line up and after a few words of wisdom from the coaches they were underway. The game began with attacking with force only to be met by the strong defence of Foxhall. Wacko Jacko, Luke and Ethan were battling hard and playing some nice tidy football, supported by their defensive centre midfielder Jonathan. Jack P, Ben and Alex were being put to the test on many occasions, but were withstanding the Foxhall pressure. Proving to be a handful once again, Wacko played the ball to Ethan who in turn shot just wide of the goal. An immediate Foxhall counter attack saw Alex produce a world class save, many more of which were to follow. now in their stride played their football with the build up of play being exquisite. Jack P played the ball out to Luke, he turned his man inside out and then placed the ball on the sweet right foot of Jonathan, who struck the ball cleanly on target, only to see the goalkeeper fumble the shot and 'Super Striker' Ethan was the there to finish off and give Thornton the lead. The crowd went wild, one nil to ! Foxhall continued to pressurise and move the ball well; however, the commanding defence of Ben and Jack P proved to be too strong. Just before half time won themselves a free kick and up stepped the TCFC free-kick specialist Jonathan. Coolly, calmly and collectively the free kick was taken, and sure enough the ball was once again in the back of the net! <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Half Time 2-0

knew that the next 20 minutes against the team sitting top of the league would not be easy, but they were ready for the challenge! A slight mix up at the back gave Foxhall a goal and a glimmer of hope. Once again Foxhall were battling for every ball but TCFC were just as strong. Challenges were being made all over the pitch with Luke, Wacko and Jack producing some crunching tackles. Jonathan covered well at the back producing a superb sliding tackle on the edge of the penalty area. The midfield of Wacko Jacko and Luke continued to break whenever they had the chance. A Foxhall free kick lifted the away fans hopes' of an equaliser; however a stupendous save from Alex kept the TCFC victory alive! Euan replaced Ben to provide a fresh pair of legs on the wing. The game was end to end with Foxhall having slightly more of the ball. continued to soak up the Foxhall pressure by defending on mass. Jack P cleared his lines several times which also included making some last ditch tackles. However, it was Alex who continued to save the day by producing many outstanding saves!

Full Time 2-1

Man of the match was awarded to Jack Webster (Wacko) for an outstanding performance on the left flank and also a special mention goes to Alex for a superb display in the goals. Once again the team spirit was apparent with every single player giving 100% and playing for one another. Well done boys!

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18/10 T.C.F.C U9s White v Foxhall U9s B Team in the Poulton & District League

Final Score : 0 - 2

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After suffering an unlucky defeat last week, the white team couldn't wait to get back out on to the pitch to make amends for their unfortunate loss. With a change of formation for the red team resulting in a priceless win against the league leaders, the white team went into their game using the same formation which meant Liam dropping back and playing as the anchorman. Also, with Teo on holiday, Kurtis was brought in to deputise between the sticks. The game got underway, and immediately Foxhall went on the attack, but James Almond was alert in defence and knocked the ball out for a corner, which was then cleared by James Bethell. <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarrtags" /> began to settle and were passing the ball well across midfield, with Liam, Kieran and Harrison all playing some neat football, but Foxhall were not letting them get the ball to Harry upfront. It was Liam who made the first run through towards goal, and with Harry in a good position, Liam was unfortunate to lose the ball on the edge of the area before he could find the waiting striker. Foxhall went on the counter attack but were stopped in their tracks by James B who put in a strong tackle to deny Foxhall the opening goal. With the TCFC midfielders unable to find a way through to the striker, Harry dropped back and won the ball on the left wing, where a quick turn left the Foxhall player for dead; Harry then played the ball to Liam who in turn found Harrison who then played the ball through the Foxhall defence into the path of Harry's run, he took a touch and fired the ball towards goal only for it to rebound off the post and there was no Thornton player quick enough to respond with a follow up and Foxhall once again cleared the ball. Foxhall went on numerous attacks, but each time were denied by the defensive pairing of James A and James B who put in some great tackles, and also some fine saves by Kurtis in goal. One Foxhall attack resulted in a free kick on the edge of the area, which was taken and cleared off the line by Liam. The game was end to end, and it was Thornton's turn to go on the attack this time, with Liam, Kieran, Harrison and Harry all having chances to break the deadlock after some excellent build up play, which saw the ball being played out of defence, through the midfield and towards goal, but Thornton just couldn't find the back of the net. Harry was again the player who came closest to getting a goal, after a fantastic run down the right wing from Kieran who then crossed the ball into the box, but Harry couldn't get the ball out of his feet and the keeper pounced and smothered the ball. Harry then had to be replaced by Oliver after getting a kick in the face. The last action of the first half saw Kurtis producing a great save after a fierce shot from the Foxhall striker.<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Half Time 0-0

The second half started as the first half had finished, with both teams trying to catch each other out on the counter attack. After an excellent effort from Harrison was saved by the Foxhall keeper, the ball was quickly played back up towards the Thornton goal, and after the defence were out-muscled, a shot was fired in, which saw Kurtis at full stretch and getting his fingertips to the ball, however, it proved to be too powerful and the ball hit the back of the net. immediately went looking to grab a quick equaliser, with Oliver and Harrison going closest to doing so. As tried to equalise, Foxhall were searching for a second goal to secure victory, and more fantastic tackles and saves from James B and Kurtis respectively kept the score

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at 1-0. again went on the attack but were now struggling to get through on goal as the Foxhall defence tightened. Foxhall then found that killer goal with a shot from the left side of the area into the top corner which left Kurtis with no chance of keeping the ball out. Jack M was brought on to replace Liam; he quickly went on the attack only to see his shot well saved. Harrison also tried to get back into the game after collecting the ball from Kieran and skipping past three players, but his shot was blocked by the last defender. The second half finished with a number of Foxhall attempts being saved by Kurtis.

Full Time 0-2

Man of the match was awarded to James Bethell for an outstanding performance in defence. Also, a special mention goes to Liam Thomas and Kurtis Webster who were both playing in different positions for this game, but both adapted well and showed a great willingness to play out of position in order to help their team. The 2-0 loss does not give a true reflection of the game, and can feel hard done by to have not come away with at least a point.

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Final Score : 1 - 2

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THORNTON BACK TO WINNING WAYS

Thornton travelled to Foxhall for another tricky league fixture in what is becoming a very difficult month. Luckily the rain had eased and the pitch was looking in remarkably good condition, although the wind was to play a big part in the matches. The reds took to the field with a similar line up to previous games and yet again this was to be another thriller. Foxhall kicked off and Thornton were quickly in to close them down. Some good attacking football from Arthur set up Dylan early on the right but his low shot was well saved by the home keeper. Foxhall attacked with the wind behind them and were using it to good effect, a quick one-two in the middle of the park saw the Foxhall attacker in space on the edge of the box and smart shot was well saved by the impressive Jeremy Davies in the Thornton goal. In a game where Thornton were playing the better football the first goal came from a Foxhall free-kick that was broken up by Philip at the back and instead of the 'hoof' upfield played a delightful pass to the feet of Stevie in the middle who strolled forward with menace and purpose before laying off to Arthur who in turn played a quick first time ball into the path of Dylan whose strong shot almost broke the back of the net for Thornton's first of the game. Foxhall came back strong and were continuing to use the wind as a weapon against TCFC, but with Jeremy Davies playing out of his skin in the away goal were finding it difficult to get back on level terms. A breakaway attack by the home side saw a one on one with Jeremy but a smart save saw the attack come to nothing. A short goal kick saw Philip find Jack on the left and a smart through ball to Arthur saw the prolific goalscorer hounded off the ball as Foxhall cleared. Still Thornton were playing some excellent flowing football and when Lewis found Dylan in space on the right a surging run found the ball played to Arthur whose neat lay-off to Stevie ended with another smart save from the Foxhall keeper. With the half time whistle nearing a Foxhall attack down the left saw a neat cut into the Thornton penalty area only for Stevie to mistime his challenge and the ref point to the penalty spot. A strong low drive to Jeremy's left saw the keeper get his fingers to it but unable to keep it out. Chances went to both sides just before the whistle, Dylan had another low shot saved and Jeremy palmed a high shot round the post. **HALF-TIME Foxhall 1 Thornton-Cleveleys 1** The second half began in similar fashion to the first with Thornton now with the wind behind their backs continuing to play the football on the ground and a long range Jack Davies effort went agonisingly over the bar. Foxhall too were playing the football to feet and were unlucky not to go 2-1 up early in the half but Jeremy 'The Cat' Davies produced a stunning double save to thwart the Foxhall attackers. As Thornton pressed they forced a corner and a rebound out to Philip on the edge of the box saw his first time shot bounce back off the crossbar and away to safety. At the other end of the field Philip broke up a Foxhall attack pass found Dylan who ghosted passed two home players whose low drive went right across the Foxhall goal but the despairing dives of Arthur & Jack just couldn't quite get their toes on the end of it. A Thornton free-kick 20-yards out saw Dylan float a lovely ball in to Arthur but the header went narrowly wide. Jack Davies was proving a handful on the left for Foxhall and it was his neat pass into the feet of Arthur that gave the striker his well deserved goal for some strong forceful play. A couple more home side attacks saw Jeremy save his team once more with a couple of smart saves, one down low to his left and the other palming a high shot round the upright. With seconds remaining Jack Davies smart sliding tackle just inside the Foxhall half saw him skip passed two challenges and a good ball across the face of goal couldn't find a Thornton boot and the chance had gone. **FULL-TIME Foxhall 1 Thornton-Cleveleys 2** Raynor Schein caught up with assistant manager Nigel who gave us his thoughts on the performance "We thought the boys passed and battled right to the end and thoroughly deserved their victory, this was long overdue and will fill the team with confidence." **TCFC Reporter**

Raynor Schein from Fishers Field, South Shore.

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