

DIRTY DOZEN: CFA take top spot after blistering victory over Leicester United

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A minute's silence was observed before kick-off to honour Remembrance Sunday. [Credit: Rukanah Mogra]

Leicester United 1 - 12 CFA

12' - Liam Taylor (Zak Yusuf)
15' - Jaseem Khamkar (Jack Wormleighton)
19' - Jaseem Khamkar
20' - Connor Masters
21' - Younes Mihoubi
42' - Liam Taylor (Zak Yusuf)
44' - Curtis Radbourne
67' - Mohamed Mahir (Zak Yusuf)
85' - Liam Taylor (Louis Chambers)
88' - Irfan Patel (Zak Yusuf)
89' - Liam Taylor (Mohamed Mahir)
90' - Louis Chambers (Rafe Walton)
90+2' - Zak Yusuf (Liam Taylor)

Another exhilarating performance in the Senior League means CFA find themselves atop the Division Two table after putting a dozen past a helpless Leicester United.

The team found themselves three-nil up inside the opening 20 minutes, the first coming from Liam Taylor, after Zak Yusuf's swift run into the box before teeing it up for Liam to score the opener.



Zak Yusuf in action in the first half. [Credit: Rukanah Mogra]

Next, Jaseem scored a quick double, courtesy of a defence-splitting pass by right-back Jack Wormleighton, which he fired past the keeper.

The other was a piece of individual brilliance after a defensive header landed perfectly for him, and he struck it on the volley as sweet as a nut.

However, the home side threatened in attack and forced skipper Aamir Bham to make a big save to deny them. But they found their goal in the 20th minute after Bham's clearance was intercepted and lobbed in from 35 yards by Connor Masters.

That did not dampen the goalscoring spirit, as Younes fired in his first of the season following Jack's freekick a minute later.



Liam Taylor celebrating his second goal with Jack Wormleighton. [Credit: Rukanah Mogra]

Just before halftime, Liam grabbed a second, controlling Zak's cross wonderfully with his chest before burying it.

Centre-back Curtis Radbourne also got in on the act. After the ball ping-ponged around the box and into his path, he fired into the roof of the net and celebrated with a griddy.

At halftime, coach Adam Maravia urged his side to be more clinical, knowing the goal difference over Brookside was there to capitalise on.



Liam Taylor [left], Mohamed Mahir [centre], and Jaseem Khamkar [right] pictured before the second half. [Credit: Rukanah Mogra]

He made one change; Mohamed Mahir replaced Jack and reaped its reward midway through the half.

Mahir scored his second league goal of the season as he slotted the chance coolly into the bottom corner.

All the drama came in the closing stages, where the team found five goals in seven minutes.

Liam completed his hat-trick after substitute Louis Chambers' shot was saved inside the box, and he reacted fastest to tap in.

Next came a dream moment, a goal from Irfan 'Smoothie' Patel.

Louis slipped Zak into the channel, and the winger cut the ball back to give Smoothie his first Senior League goal and first of the season.

There was bedlam on the sidelines and pitch as the side's dominance was on full display.

Louis, Mahir and Liam combined magnificently to score one of the goals of the season. They showcased one-touch football at its best, leaving the United defence stunned before Liam slotted it away.



CFA have broken their record for biggest win, marking the third time they've set a new record this season. [Credit: Rukanah Mogra]

A minute later, Louis produced his moment of magic. He toyed with his man before he cut inside onto his left foot and found the top corner.

To cap things off, Zak scored the 12th goal. He latched onto a long ball by Liam, drove into the box and curled into the far corner.

The team has now scored 51 league goals and won six games away from home. The resounding result has sent shockwaves throughout the division - the race is on.

Our sponsored Fluffy Fluffy Man of the Match award goes to Aboubacar Zanga Kone, who was flawless and a joy to watch.

Next is the highly anticipated win-at-all-costs reverse fixture against title rivals Brookside Athletic, who picked up a point at Beauchamp in September.



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