## ON THE BRINK: CFA One Point from Glory After Beating Leicester Nirvana



CFA all but secured the title with a dominant 5-1 win over 7th-placed Leicester Nirvana Reserves.

## CFA 5 - 1 Leicester Nirvana Res

Huzaifah Kasu (9' og) Charvin Ambhire (34') Kashar Raja (16') Zak Yusuf (38') Zak Yusuf (77') Jaseem Khamkar (90')

## **Assists**

Kashar Raja (9') Usamah Zerroug (16') Aadam Hajat (38') Ricardo Mills (77') Josh King (90')

Venue: Beauchamp College

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With the league title within reach, CFA defeated rivals Leicester Nirvana Reserves to move just one point away from securing the championship.

After an evenly contested start, CFA took the lead in the 10th minute when Kashar Raja's free-kick was headed into the net by Nirvana centre-back Huzaifah Kasu.

Raja was involved again shortly after, and found the net with a curled effort from range.

Despite the early setback, the visitors pressed forward and nearly responded, only to be denied by goalkeeper Aamir Bham and defender Aboubacar Kone. Winger Charvin Ambhire also saw his effort saved by Bham's reflexes.



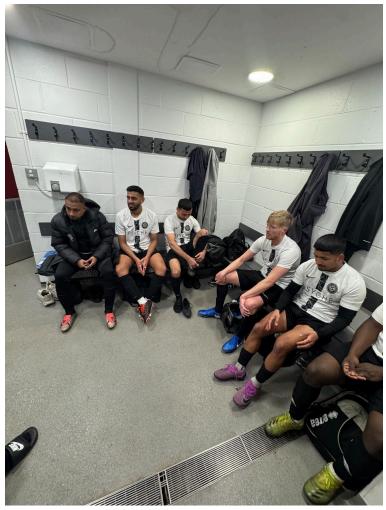
Kashar Raja has accumulated 28 G/A this season.

At the half-hour mark, Zak Yusuf raced through on goal but was thwarted by Nirvana's keeper. Raja then had an attempt cleared off the line.

Two minutes later, Ambhire pulled one back for Nirvana with a stunning finish into the top corner - his second goal against CFA this season.

Controversy followed when Aadam Hajat played a precise through ball to Yusuf, who timed his run perfectly, rounded the keeper, and fired into the net. Despite Nirvana's protests, referee Patryk Szczypczyk awarded the goal.

Just before half-time, Bham was called into action again and made a crucial save to maintain CFA's two-goal cushion.



CFA are unbeaten at home this season (10W 1D).

Substitute Ricardo Mills found space for several efforts early in the second half, but all were kept out. Liam Taylor linked up with Aadam Hajat and delivered a superb cross, but the right-back failed to make a clean connection.

Nirvana remained dangerous, and saw a chance cleared off the line by defender Shaffiq Bobat in the 55th minute before they had a goal ruled out for offside in the 70th.

As the game neared its conclusion, Yusuf secured his second with a low shot into the corner, before substitute Josh King's 90th-minute free-kick was parried into the path of Jaseem Khamkar, who tapped in to seal the win.



Golden Boot chaser Jaseem Khamkar celebrating his late contribution.

The Fluffy Fluffy Man of the Match award was given to Muzaffar Farooq for his commanding performance in midfield. He dictated the tempo, controlled possession, and orchestrated play with composure and precision throughout the match.

Next up for CFA is a crucial match against Barrow Town Reserves, where a draw will be enough to secure the Senior League Division Two title, crowning them champions and bringing to a close a hard-fought season.



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