

Match Report

Christmas Eve

A brief lull in the interminable rain enabled us to play our 2 matches albeit on a very soggy pitch.

The first was the traditional junior match when Reeth played the Rest of the World for the Spiers Trophy on three quarters of the full pitch in the new 16ft goals. On paper we had 14 on each team but absentees reduced this to 9-a-side so everyone got a full game and only slight reorganisation was required to give 2 evenly balanced teams. Scott Alderson opened the scoring for Reeth but The Rest came back strongly with goals from Josh Cockburn, Aaron Bribbick (2), Kyle Galloway and Nathan Tulip. It was good to see Aaron playing well in his first real competitive game and we welcomed appearances from Matthew Short, Nathan Tulip, Tommy Marsh and Sam Winter all presently playing for other clubs. Thanks to Jack Lord for refereeing. The Rest retained the trophy 5-1 though, in reality, the game was much closer than that.

This was followed by Dads v Lads, the Lads being former 2Dales players now over 16. The Dads won a close game 2-0 with goals from Stephen Allison (strictly one of the Lads) and Nigel Winter.

David Williams.