

SAT MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
FRIENDLY FIXTURE  
GOSPORT BOROUGH U/12 4 CHICKERELL UNITED U/12 1

Without a league fixture this weekend, Chickerell were invited by Gosport Borough u/12s to come and play a friendly at their senior teams Privett Road ground, and in perfect conditions Chickerell started the game well, exerting some early pressure, with George Parkinson bursting into the area only to be stopped by a sliding tackle from one of the hosts defenders.

Chickerell continued to attack, and after some tidy passing through the midfield, the ball was threaded through to Daniel Harrington, who, after controlling the ball well, could only shoot tamely at the keeper.

But it was not long before Chickerell managed to break the deadlock, when, after some neat football out on the left, a pass found George Parkinson lurking on the edge of the box, and his low shot found the net to give the visitors the advantage.

This seemed to spark Gosport into life, and moments later their speedy attackers beat the offside trap to slot the ball past Golsby, for the equaliser, and seconds later made it 2-1 when a similar move ended with Golsby left exposed as the Chickerell defence were caught square, allowing the Gosport attacker time and space to fire home.

Gosports number 7 was giving the Chickerell defence a torrid time with his mazy runs ,resulting in their 3<sup>rd</sup> goal, another incisive finish low to Golsby's right, to put the hosts firmly in command at the half time whistle.

Chickerell had the worst start possible to the second half when they conceded a penalty, Josh Leatham mis-timing his tackle on a Gosport attacker who was bearing down on the Chickens goal, and the resulting penalty was neatly dispatched high to Golsby's right.

After that both sides played some entertaining football, defenders from both teams coping well with the threat of through balls as both midfields fought to gain superiority. Chickerell after an improved second half performance, had chances to pull goals back but lacked pace in the final third as their hosts soaked up the pressure holding onto their lead to make the final score 4-1..