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FC Britanico 5 - 1 SE de Comercio

An impressive first 30 minutes enough to see FCB secure another three points

We all know successful football league campaigns are based on having strong squads and this home match was to prove the first real test as to whether Britanicos have strength in depth to maintain a serious title challenge.

Besides a badly depleted midfield, Rami's team also found themselves without lead goalscorer David Hughes, who had gone AWOL the previous evening. Rumour has it he was out drinking with Ronaldo (the chubby one) and talking to ladies with deep voices. In to replace Hughie came Sooray, who makes Robinho look like a steppover amateur. Replacing Sebas, Mente & Ryan (sorry fella, welcome to the erratic false dawn world that is Atletico Madrid. They are up and down more than Dirk Digler old chap in Boogie Nights!) in midfield were Simon, Dave Pugh and "en la concha de tu hermana" Diego.

Within the first 15 minutes the squad was tested even further when right back Santi badly twisted his knee & had to be replaced by Hatim. The early prognostics are not good but nevertheless we wish him a speedy recovery.

However the team changes and early injury set back did not deter FCB's desire to win nor their ambition to play fast attacking football. Within 30 minutes Britanicos once again found themselves 3-0 up. Sooray got FCB off the mark, Prince added a second before Sooray scored his second, expertly finishing off a brilliant team move, to give FCB a commanding lead.

Seemingly content with the scoreline Britanicos dropped the pace allowing SE de Comercio to create more inroads towards the FCB goal. The visitors then pulled one back on 40 minutes when after general sloppy FCB defending and some miscommunication between goalkeeper Felipe & yours truly the ball ended up in the back of the net.

Manager Rami's (pictured right, in his formative years, along with the rest of FCB management team, photos brought to you courtesy of yearbookyourself.com) half time talk about complacency seemed to do the trick and Britanicos came out for the second 45 minutes in more determined fashion. However despite creating plenty of openings FCB were unable to find the net. The fourth goal then eventually came on 70 minutes after a very good finish from midfielder Dave Pugh.

The rest of the game was largely uneventful bar SE de Comercio having a late penalty claim correctly turned down by the referee and FCB eventually adding a fifth after a speedy counter attack was finished off by Hatim rounding the goalkeeper to comfortably get his first goal of the season.

So the Britanicos recorded a fourth straight victory and maintain joint top spot with...err...some Spanish team, proving they have both a squad who are up to the task and the character to convincingly win mundane games, which in previous seasons they have had a tendency to drop points in or at least make hard work of.

Britanicos: Felipe, Santi, Omar, Gary, Martin O, Simon, Dave P (1), Jonas, Diego, Sooray (2), Prince (1), Hatim (1), Rami, Ollie

