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Derwent hit Langwith for six to move top of College football league standings

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DERWENT MOVED to the top of the College Football League table with a thumping 6-1 win over Langwith in the second round of fixtures this weekend. The win piles further misery on Langwith, who sit bottom of the table having conceded nine goals in two matches.

Four goals from Chris Barnett gave Derwent the win in a dominant display against a Langwith team desperately missing their attacking focal point, Paddy Sloan. Ed Lacaille flicked home the opener, before Barnett opened his account from the penalty spot as James Grey was brought down in the box.

Barnett was at the centre of everything and soon got his second as a slick passing move found him unmarked on the left side of the penalty area. He produced a stylish half-volley to seal the result for Derwent.

The second-half followed the same pattern as Barnett scored two more goals to cap an outstanding individual performance. The first again came from a penalty as Langwith defender Tom Parker was somewhat harshly penalised for a handball in the box. Langwith could hardly count themselves unlucky, particularly as an Anton Murphy strike and a fourth from Barnett made it six.

Langwith grabbed a consolation through Bruce Starkey near the end - their first goal in the competition - but it did not detract from a performance that will concern Derwent's rivals.

THE RESULTS

Vanbrugh 1
Wentworth 1

Goodricke 1
Alcuin 1

James 1
Halifax 1

Derwent 6
Langwith 1

Elsewhere, Alcuin and Goodricke, two sides that had looked outstanding in the first round of matches, played out a sloppy 1-1 draw. Alcuin looked dangerous in the opening stages, with Joe Cooper having a number of golden chances, but they were not able to find the goal. Goodricke defended well, particularly Danny York who dealt with constant Alcuin pressure on the right side.

In the second-half, Goodricke had most of the chances but were undone by a goal that came completely against the run of play. An excellent corner from Miles McDermott found the head of Paul Reiss who put the ball past the keeper.

Goodricke continued to press and found the equaliser with ten minutes remaining. An excellent ball into the box from Josh "Tank" Barker was bundled in by Dave Coupland to seal a deserved draw for Goodricke.

Alcuin captain Miles

McDermott said it was a "scrappy game, typical of college football" and praised the team's performance, especially considering many of their key players were unavailable.

Wentworth and Vanbrugh, who were both on the receiving end of 5-1 thrashings last week, drew 1-1. Wentworth had the early chances, with Luke Fleet forcing two key saves from Vanbrugh goalkeeper Paul Taylor.

However, it was Vanbrugh who had the best opportunity to go ahead when they were awarded a penalty after Ali Prince was hauled down in the box. Matt Scaysbrook stepped up but sent his effort wide.

Despite this, Vanbrugh took the lead near the end of the first-half with a close range tap-in from Phil Taylor. They defended well after the break, but a mistake from goalkeeper Taylor allowed Matt Glover to level the scores.

Halifax looked as if they would continue their good form, having beaten Langwith 3-0 last week against James when they went ahead after twenty minutes through a 35-yard screamer by Tom Regan.

However, a scrappy header from Aquilino DeGirolamo on 60 minutes gave James their first point of the season. Halifax Captain Mark Lund said that they "were the better team" and praised the opposition goalkeeper Tim Green who kept out four late Halifax chances.

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