

Long Sutton 3s 2 - Leadenham 1

After drawing twice with Long Sutton 3rds last season, Leadenham travelled south on a foggy Saturday evening knowing that they were destined for a tight battle akin to a gunfight at the OK Corral.

The first half started with daring raids from the home team, but solid defending from the Dalton Gang of Lane, Nelstrop, Cade and Wray ensured that keeper Jason Lintin wasn't troubled too much. Unfortunately the same was true at the other end of the pitch with the experienced Sutton defence giving nothing away to Leadenham's own raiding party of Neil (Crazy Horse) Ireland, Rory (Speaks with Big Words) Booth and James (Lame Deer) Ireland.

Some dubious umpiring decisions led to some of the Leadenham players squawking like squaws, but this didn't endear them to the Long Sutton 'High Sheriff' and we were fortunate to get to half time with the score at nil nil.

The second half saw more constructive build up of play with Brett (Little Big Man) Friskney, Dan (Green Feet) Cade and Davey (Crockett) Nelstrop showing that they had more time and poise on the ball than some of the more senior members of the team. Leadenham took the lead when a quick shot from Crazy Horse hit the post and was coolly followed in by Nick (Walks in the) Mountain.

The last quarter saw Sutton putting relentless pressure on the Leadenham defence and despite cries of "Ride like the Wind Bullseye!!" from Ben (Woody) Lane and "Let's shut the Flippers up!!" from Jono (Screaming Eagle) Wray two goals were conceded in quick succession to give victory to the home side.

Thanks to Katie Ireland for showing strong resolve and umpiring with a firm hand. The Leadenham tribe now need to regroup for when we face top of the league Horncastle away next week.

Team Jason (Flies like a Bird) Lintin, Rich (Running Barely) Nelstrop, Andy (Captain Custer) Cade, Ben (Woody) Lane, Davey (Crockett) Nelstrop, Brett (Little Big Man) Friskney, Ben (Scampering Wolf) Wray, Billy (the Kid) Carter, Nick (Walks in the) Mountain, Dan (Green Feet) Cade, Neil (Crazy Horse) Ireland, Ben (Sitting Bull) Hazelwood, Jono (Screaming Eagle) Wray, James (Lame Deer) Ireland and Rory (Speaks with Big Words) Booth