

Sunnybank Saints bounced back from the 3 week break and some poor form with a convincing 5-1 win over Mansfield Black.

It did not take long for the Saints to open the scoring courtesy of a fantastic shot from the left hand side by **Ismail Essof**. The early goal gave Sunnybank the perfect start and the players were looking motivated.

A few minutes later **Mohsin Sabdia** made it 2-0 and the Saints were in cruise control. Sabdia scored from a similar area to the first goal and everything was just falling into place for the Saints.

The rest of the first half saw both teams share the possession but it was Saints doing all the troubling. Mansfield's goalkeeper was working overtime and pulled off a few fantastic saves to keep his team in the game going into the half time break.

Sunnybank started the second half with even more intensity and determination, as they began to create one chance after another. Mansfield were struggling to control the attack of Sunnybank and it was not long before **Ismail Essof** doubled his tally and made it 3-0. Ziyaad Hassan did some fantastic work before chipping the ball for Essof to slot home.

Essof then got his hatrick after some great work from Lian Nguyen down the right allowed Essof to get in behind the defence and tap the ball home for a just deserved hatrick.

Sunnybank conceded a goal from a corner but it was a mere consolation for Mansfield Black. The Saints never let their heads drop and continued to dominate the game as they went in search of more goals.

Ismail Essof this time turned provider for **Riaz Essof**, who scored a fifth for the Saints. Essof played a perfect cross direct to the feet of his younger cousin who coolly chipped over the keeper.

The rest of the half was played out with both teams just knocking the ball around as the players began to tire.

It was a near perfect performance from the Saints and a much deserved win. In a performance where the whole team put in 100% and never looked like doing anything wrong, a 5-1 scoreline was much deserved and special to watch for those at Lister St.

Sunnybank will now face top of the table St Pauls at Lister St next week. With a 7pm kick off, it promises to be a cold night, but a great footballing spectacle.