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After 3 cup games it was back to the league for the trip to Croydon, a game that Ben Godfrey was really looking forward to as he spent just over 2 seasons there before joining us here.

We had Joe Gatting back today and he replaced Sam Gargan upfront and played alongside Ben, a comfortable start was made and we won a penalty in the 8th minute when Ben Godfrey broke down the right side and his cross was handled in the box and Paul Armstrong stepped up and converted from the spot.

It got better midway through the first half as this time it was Joe Gatting that went clear down the right and crossed for Ben Godfrey to side foot home from six yards for his second goal in 2 games.

To take the shine off a good first half Chris Winterton misjudged a through ball and the Croydon front man got there first knocked it passed him and squared it for his strike partner to put Croydon back in the game.

We started slowly in the second half and the hosts saw a lot of the football and put us under some big pressure, but the back four and Chris Winterton stood firm and with great support from the midfield we slowly began to push them back a bit and relive some of the pressure.

In the 81st minute the ball was played into the box to Joe Gatting who was then pulled down in the box and the ref had no hesitation in pointing to the spot for the second time and again the skipper calmly stuck the ball past the keeper and totally ease the pressure on us and take all 3 points.