

Premier League football tournament

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1. George (goalkeeper)
 2. Joey
 3. Lucas G
 4. Uriel
 5. Zachary
 6. Raffy
 7. Lucas R (captain)
 8. Junior
- Reporter: Dylan

Eight boys, George, Joey, Lucas G, Uriel, Zac, Raffy, Lucas R, Junior and our reporter, Dylan, went to a football tournament on Friday the 20th of November. The aim of the game was to score as many goals as you can in 8 minutes. It was 6 a side, which meant that there were two subs in each team. Unfortunately, you can't score in the goal keepers area. As a special prize, the top 3 players in the tournament got a full set of Tottenham Hotspur football kit. This includes the top, socks and trousers.

We played Bruce Grove first, Uriel and Junior did kick-off and they went straight for goal. The shot was just wide! Zac and Lucas G were off during the first match. Lucas R went up the pitch... He stayed to the left side... Annnnnnd, shoot! The ball slammed into the back of the net! 1-0 to us! Lucas R got possession again, he went up, he shot, he got it in AGAIN! 2-0! Suddenly, the other team slammed the ball into the net. It was 2-1! Was the game changing? They blew the whistle and Lucas G swapped with Raffy. Was Lucas G going to score? A few more minutes went by... The eight minutes was up! We had won!!!

We were off, so we just waited it out. Rhodes won 2-1 in their match. We were drawing with them! We were off AGAIN! So unfair...

Now we were against Rhodes Avenue. Our teams were evenly matched, points wise. Rhodes had kick-off. They dribbled straight into a corner. Great idea. We tackled them and took the ball. Lucas R was using the same strategy as he had in the last match: dribble down the left side and shoot from an angle. Uriel charged down the right side. He was at the halfway line when he shot. Was this madness? It was in! 1-0! Rhodes got the ball. They ran down the right side. They shot. It flew into the back of the net. C'mon! 1-1. Rhodes got a free kick, they shot, and it slammed into the back of Uriel. He had saved it! Zac and Raffy were still off. The whistle was blown, it was over. 1 all!

We were off for a while then we were back on. Time to win!

Junior was kicking-off, while Joey and Uriel were off. The other team had the majority of possession, staying on our side, waiting for a shot. Just as Lucas R tackled another player from the other team took the ball and slammed it into the net. 1-0 to them! We started off and ran down the pitch. Lucas R shot and it was in! 1-1. They took the ball but they weren't good enough! Junior stole it and shot. 2-1 to us! The other team shot at our goal... It missed!

Lucas R took the ball again. He headed down the pitch. And it was IN! 3-1! The whistle was blown! We'd just won our last match! Hooray!

We'd won 2 matches and drew 1! That is epic! Now all we had to do was see who came first in the whole thing!

The teams were called out. Group A was called and Tetherdown won, along with Risley school. Group B, our group, was called and Rhodes was second. Were we first? Yes! They called our name! We were through! The other teams were called. But we just couldn't believe that we were through! This was fantastic. We were playing Risley in the quarterfinals. We were going to win this!

They did kick-off. It was so evenly matched. We had well over 60% possession. Lucas R went up the left side. He shot. It was in! 1-0 to us. As quick as a flash they returned our goal. 1-1. If it was a drawer we would go into penalties. The whistle was blown. But it was extra time! They had to score! Oh no, the ball went straight through the keepers legs. 2-1. After a few minutes they shot. It went in. Nooooo! 3-1 to them! Is that it. Suddenly, they smashed the ball into the net. 4-1. No way! Just as it went in the referee blew the whistle. It was all over. We had been knocked out!

We had all agreed that the reason we had lost the last match was because when the first goal went in the players had started to 'sleep'. By this we meant that we had relaxed and let the other team shoot and, therefore, win. We felt that with a little bit more concentration we could have won the match, and maybe even the entire tournament. Unfortunately, no one from our team won the Tottenham kit. All in all we thought we had a good, fair tournament with lots of pressure, especially during the last match.

-Dylan