

## Caledonia Report – Weekend 1

### Team

Cap No.	Name
1	Simon Metcalfe
3	Alan Shepherd
5	Christopher Campbell
6	Darren Campbell
7	Steven Adams
8	Logan Shepherd
9	Zach Thompson
10	Stewart Carlile
11	Mark Speed
12	Andrew Woodall
13	Calum Fraser

### Summary

Overall, after a poor start to the weekend, there was a steep learning curve and improvement from the first performance to the third performance. Our first game was a learning experience and one that will help us going forward throughout the season. The lessons were used in the second and third games of the weekend and set us up for the rest of the season.

One very positive aspect of the weekend was that the average age of the team was 22 (even with Alan Shepherd and Calum!).

### Game 1 – Hucknall – Loss (3-12)

Period Scores		Scorers	Majors
First Quarter	1-3	Calum Fraser (1) Steven Adams (1) Andrew Woodall (1)	Alan Shepherd (1) Christopher Campbell (1) Darren Campbell (1) Steven Adams (1) Stewart Carlile (1)
Second Quarter	0-2		
Third Quarter	1-4		
Fourth Quarter	1-3		
<b>Man –Up</b>		<b>Man-Down</b>	

<b>Gained</b>	<b>Converted</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Conceded</b>	<b>Defended</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
8 and 1 penalty	1 and penalty scored	12.5%	5	4	80%

This was a hard lesson learned from an experienced Hucknall side newly relegated from Division 2. While the effort was excellent, there were many parts to the game that were rusty. Hucknall used their size and strength advantage by imposing a heavy press that the team found difficult to breakdown. In the first two periods, individual ball retention was poor and 4 of the first five goals conceded were as a result of counters. In the second half, poor decision making, passing and shot selection resulted in further counters.

Offensively, poor shot selection, finishing and passing let us down. Once the pit was established and a good pass was provided, there were opportunities created but finishing was poor, the goalkeeper made a few good saves and the crossbar took a beating.

Defensively, once our defensive was set up, it was generally good. However, sometimes a lack of concentration allowed the ball to move around the outside of the arc to easily allowing easy passes into the pit. None of the goals conceded came from outside shots. Hucknall were very clinical in their finishing when they created clear opportunities, something we can learn from.

Overall, the effort was excellent but the "game play" was poor. The superior finishing from the opportunities created was the major difference in the game.

#### **Game 2 – Swindon – Win (18-11)**

<b>Period Scores</b>		<b>Scorers</b>	<b>Majors</b>		
First Quarter	3-1	Calum Fraser (5) Christopher Campbell (3)	Darren Campbell (2) Alan Shepherd (1)		
Second Quarter	3-3	Mark Speed (3) Steven Adams (2)	Christopher Campbell (1) Steven Adams (1)		
Third Quarter	4-4	Andrew Woodall (2) Alan Shepherd (1)	Zach Thompson (1)		
Fourth Quarter	8-3	Stewart Carlile (1) Simon Metcalfe (1)			
<b>Man –Up</b>			<b>Man-Down</b>		
<b>Gained</b>	<b>Converted</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Conceded</b>	<b>Defended</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
8 and 2 penalties	6 and 1 penalty	75%	6	2	33.3%

A far better, more controlled performance against a Swindon team that had drawn with Hucknall on the Saturday evening. The attacks were controlled and the passing and shot selection was far better. In addition, the control in attack was generally good the 30 second clock being used to effect far more regularly.

The team wobbled in the middle of the third period but a good late goal and a little bit of luck help re-establish our team's 2 goal lead. The press applied to Swindon during the first three periods paid

dividends in the final period where a seven goal lead was opened up until a brief come-back in the final three minutes.

The use and control of the man-up situations was far better with many of the goals occurring 20-25s into those attacks.

On occasion, the decision making in defence could have been better (when to press and when to drop off), but the recognition of these situations will develop throughout the season.

Finally, congratulations to Simon Metcalfe for scoring his first-ever goal in the National League!

### Game 3 – South Derbyshire – Win (12-5)

Period Scores		Scorers	Majors		
First Quarter	4-2	Mark Speed (4) Darren Campbell (4) Alan Shepherd (2) Stewart Carlile (1) Calum Fraser (1)	Stevie Adams (1) Mark Speed (1) Simon Metcalfe (Penalty)		
Second Quarter	1-0				
Third Quarter	4-2				
Fourth Quarter	3-1				
Man –Up			Man-Down		
Gained	Converted	Percentage	Conceded	Defended	Percentage
7	3	43%	2 and a penalty	2	100%

The best performance of the weekend was saved until the last game. The game was based on good defensive where South Derbyshire was held goalless for more than 17 consecutive minutes in the middle of the game and good attacking, with Mark Speed established in the centre forward position, gaining man-extra situations and scoring goals.

South Derbyshire applied a heavy press and the control of the ball and patience from the team was excellent. The team's defensive press was sharper, and there was excellent communication amongst team members to cover drives and mis-matches in defence. Simon Metcalfe also had an excellent game in goals.

Overall, it was a good way to end the weekend and move forward for two weeks time.

**Scorers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>
Simon Metcalfe	0	1	0												1
Alan Shepherd	0	1	2												3
Christopher Campbell	0	3	0												3
Darren Campbell	0	0	4												4
Steven Adams	1	2	0												3
Logan Shepherd	0	0	0												0
Zach Thompson	0	0	0												0
Stewart Carlile	0	1	1												2
Mark Speed	0	3	4												7
Andrew Woodall	1	2	0												3
Calum Fraser	1	5	1												7
<b>Team</b>															
<b>For</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>												<b>33</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>												<b>28</b>

**Majors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>
Simon Metcalfe	0	0	1												1
Alan Shepherd	1	1	0												2
Christopher Campbell	1	1	0												2
Darren Campbell	1	2	0												3
Steven Adams	1	1	1												3
Logan Shepherd	0	0	0												0
Zach Thompson	0	1	0												1
Stewart Carlile	1	0	0												1
Mark Speed	0	0	1												1
Andrew Woodall	0	0	0												0
Calum Fraser	0	0	0												0
<b>Team</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>												<b>14</b>