DAVENTRY TOURNAMENT

Great day out at Daventry for their walking football tournament. An ad hoc Birmingham side ended up as sole 60+ participants from the club following a positive Covid test. 7 players made the trip, Steve Perks, Steve Hughes, Bart O'Shea (gk), Tony Lilley, Bob Smith, [Robert](https://www.facebook.com/groups/222035565583854/user/100010411415889/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZUrAnkZJaKPqSzY1tFzCT3JgmRS5l6qMeL83gFKJkgNyZyl_qgoq4eTrU_ffmiAQkNGpMrPFIooc27r4BgKK2CR_qqgQ492I8yp7g_NTCM_s5jUTrInU-Nk6GeTk40aSxgYhhellf2d15sJ1F7ZOnnQPKwXO42Dg8F4seLkMhQ5IwoaKjuL9RiE8ZWEGC-B1_s&__tn__=-%5dK-R) Perrin and myself as player manager.

A tough start saw us lose 2-0 to an experienced MSA Burntwood team (who our 60+ team play in the National Cup next week). However, the next game saw us draw 1-1 after a Daventry Town blinder from their half of the pitch put us behind - though we then dominated the game and could have won it if not for some quality goalkeeping.

Another 0-2 defeat against a Towcester side in a game that saw Bart win MOM honours for a fantastic performance. 10 minutes later and a battling performance from the whole team saw us beat Oxford United 1-0 with a Tony Lilley penalty proving decisive.

A 30-minute wait for the last 2 games was our downfall as several players stiffened up considerable during that time. A 3-0 defeat by an (over physical and 'speedy') team from Rushden was quickly followed by a 0-0 draw against a Cherwell Strollers side who were indebted to their keeper for the point.

Unfortunately, those 5 points left us in joint 4th, and we missed out of the knockout rounds by 2 goals. We all thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon and would love to do it again sometime soon.

Thanks to Paul for entering us and providing the kits and everyone at the club for making it such an enjoyable experience that we want to play more often.