

It had been over a decade since Redlands added their name to the illustrious Parry Cup trophy. Understandably, it was therefore with some pressure that the team headed into the final. This was the third time this season that Redlands had faced Sir Edmund Hillary. The previous two had seen Sir Edmund Hillary just scrape a victory by a one goal margin so another close game was expected!

The first half started in the same vein as the previous meetings, with not much to separate the two teams. Clear chances were few and far between with the assured and calm Sam in goal and Ethan, Leon and Theo solid in defence.

Redlands nearly broke the deadlock, with a lightning counter attack. Alex hammered a 20 metre thunderbolt towards goal, unfortunately only to see it bounce off the top corner of the goal.

The beginning of the second half saw Redlands crank up the pressure; Blake and Henley, accompanied by good work from Isaiah and Aaron, began to win the battle in midfield. The pressure finally told when Blake coolly slotted the ball home into the bottom corner. 1 - Nil Redlands!

In the latter stages of the second half the opposition began to gain a foothold in the game. They started to retain more possession in the Redlands half and finally managed to find a way through, levelling the game with only five minutes left.

Extra time saw both teams cancelling the other out with half chances few and far between. Both teams continued to give their all but nothing could be found by either side to change the score. The final whistle went with both teams still proving inseparable, it was decided that both schools would share the trophy.

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