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Effort and Commitment in Football Southern Semi-finals

Ivybridge Community College's Year 7 Football B Squad showed what strength in-depth the College's teams have by making it through to the semi-finals of the National B Cup.

Playing against Kingsdale School on Wednesday, 2 March, the Ivybridge team battled hard, eventually losing 3-1 against the South London school.

An unfortunate Ivybridge own goal gave the opposition the lead in the eighth minute. However, this spurred the College on, resulting in them attacking strongly throughout the game, despite very strong defensive displays from Kingsdale.

Ivybridge's attacking play was rewarded when Brandon D scored the equaliser in the third minute of the second half, to the delight of the watching spectators. The match ebbed and flowed either end with chances from both sides, but Kingsdale hit a defensive blow to the Ivybridge defence when they regained the lead with 10 minutes to go, courtesy of a fine strike that gave the Ivybridge goalkeeper very little chance.

Ivybridge Community College piled on the pressure in the last 10 minutes, but the Kingsdale defence stood firm, before taking the opportunity to break away and score their third goal.

Dave Leonard, Head of Football at Ivybridge Community College, said, "The result wasn't what our boys wanted, but the attitude from our Year 7 B Squad players has been exceptional. Throughout this whole experience, in their first senior school National Cup, they have demonstrated effort, commitment and a desire to succeed. They are an amazing group of footballers and I am enormously proud of every player on the team."