

## Premier Match Report: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

### Premier Men v Southern:

With the round robin portion of the Intercity competition nearing its halfway point, this match loomed as vital in the premier men's team's quest for a place in the top six.

Knowing the importance of the game and eager to make the most of home advantage, Somerville started superbly.

Striker Sam Norton opened his goal-scoring tally for the season to make it 1-0, guiding the ball home at the back post after a pinpoint reverse stick pass across the face of goal from Mike Ritchie.

Soon enough Ritchie was on the board himself, some slick build-up play from Sam Houston in midfield providing just enough space to double Somerville's lead.

Ritchie's second goal, after he produced a skilful squeeze shot from a tight angle, put the home side well in control at 3-0.

Southern pulled a goal back as halftime loomed when a tricky bouncing ball towards goal eventually knocked in from close range, while a brilliant goal line clearance from Leonard Powell prevented the visitors getting another.

Trailing 3-1 as the teams came out for the second half, Southern steadily began to push more numbers forward in a bid to close the gap.

But Somerville were able to get players behind the ball and defended well as a unit to keep their advantage at two at three-quarter time.

That solid structure continued in the final quarter, while the hosts also went close to extending their lead with a couple of dangerous counter attacks.

Southern finally got their second goal from a sharp deflection, but with just a minute to go Somerville were able to run out the clock for a well deserved and valuable three points.

**SCORE: Somerville 3 (Mike Ritchie 2, Sam Norton 1) Southern 2.**

**Final Score 3 – 2.**

(Match report Clay Wilson)

### Premier Women: v Southern:

Awaiting report to be filed.