



The Dribble – Rd 2 13/14 April 2013

U6 Blue

A great game with the whole team putting in 100%. Their passing and defending skills are developing well, not to mention the goal scoring with an impressive 4 goals scored this week!! A huge thanks to the parents and families for the encouragement shown to the team, it is great to see them all having fun and supporting each other. Looking forward to a great season.

U7 Blue



Game 2: Another great game! So many moments that got all the parents jumping and yelling and clapping. Our U7 Blue team may not have won but they got our hearts pumping and made our voices hoarse. All boys put in a great effort but unfortunately the score did not reflect our effort. We had lots of missed goals and opportunities but that just means that we now know what to work on in training and how to improve next week. The visitors played a great game and took advantage of many open areas on the field, but our boys will now take note of this and work on moving with the opposition and protecting our half. We had some good moments of defense especially with Jack

spotting the ball and moving it up for Nick and Oliver to kick it towards goal. Ethan got a few good kicks in and Kurt had a fantastic game, showing everyone his true colours by moving the ball from the visitors half, all the way to our goal, only to be pipped at the post. Im so proud of the way they played. We had a few scrapes on field but mostly because our boys were so eager to get the ball towards our half, that they were tackling each other!! Also thanks to Coach for his dedication (we know you had a long night of work before).

Keep working boys, keep practicing your kicking skills and next time lets get those missed goals in the net!



U9 Blue

The Under 9 BLUE played the COBRAS last week and scored 15 goals to the Cobras 5. Amazing effort by the kids who have a few new players and new coach and are basically starting from scratch.

Dylan Davies scored 10 goals

Tim Harle scored 4 goals

Jenaya Sivell scored 1 goal.

Excellent achievement by the team and great start with Luke the coach driving them on.

U9 White

The team was unsettled at the start of the game with some players going to the wrong venue. We started the game with 7 and the remaining 3 arrived soon after.

The team settled into their positions and soon had a 2-1 lead after Ethan Ross passed the ball to Kane Osgood from half way to score then Ethan let rip a toe poke from 15 metres to score himself.

We adopted the oppositions kick chase tactic which unsettled our game plan late in the first half.

The start of the second half saw the team think about their space and soon we were knocking the ball around like champions. A sensational individual effort by Liam Croker where he beat 5 opposition players and displayed Messi like finesse put the team in the lead before we conceded a long range goal ourselves.

We defended like Spartans for the remaining half and the team showed good patience and demonstrated excellent passing and positional play to come away with a 3-2 victory.

Coaches Points

2 points Liam

2 points Jayden

2 points Kane





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U10 Blues

The Under 10 Blues played the Narellan Ranger's side on Saturday with an improved effort by all players on somewhat of a smaller pitch than played on at Lynwood Park in the trials and game one.

United started with Hayden Coman in goals who did a fantastic job defending multiple attempts and did so with a great deal of confidence and never really looked too worried about what was being thrown at him. Hayden was ably supported by Riley Keogh and Blake Steele who played as defenders in the first half. Riley again played strongly and was a stand out for his determination to clear the ball and tackle opposition players. Kyle Donovan who played a very influential game in midfield supporting the defenders when necessary and adding his hefty right boot to many of the longer range clearances.

The first goal of the match came 11 minutes in to the game with a run started by Finlay Kirton taking a pass from Riley Keogh deep in the United red zone. Finlay who has a massive turn on speed despite being a little bloke took the ball up the right flank around two opposition players before passing off to Dylan May who took it deep into the right corner of the pitch and then turned back towards the goal confusing the opposition keeper with a left foot strike.

The second Goal came 4 minutes later with the ball being cleared from midfield and finding Dylan May unmarked. Dylan took the ball up field until he was 15 – 20 metres from goal where he deceived the goal keeper who was expecting a right foot kick. Dylan being one of only two left footers in the team struck the ball and filed the ball neatly in the left hand side of the net. The boys were now very much in the right frame of mind wanting more. From the kick off United took control of the ball with Rhys Abbott and William Bartlett tackling and harassing the opposition with the latter passing to Dylan May on the right flank who saw Lachlan Sheens in the centre unmarked. Dylan passed to Lachlan who slotted the goal home. This is where the first half ended 3 -0 to United.

The second half saw Blake Steele play goalie and Hayden Coman play in the midfield. The Ranger's players played hard and really got back into the game in the second half. The United players thought they had done enough in the first half and unfortunately let Rangers have a sniff that the game wasn't over.

About half way through the second half saw a corner attempt from United which was centred into a group of players from both sides with the ball being kicked backwards and forwards before it spewed out to the right hand of the United attack where Hayden Coman was waiting to strike the ball. Hayden took it as close as he dared before slotting the ball past the Ranger's keeper. Two minutes later at the other end of the pitch Rangers had a couple attempts on Goal ably stopped by Blake Steele. A poor clearance from the goal kick which rebounded off the back of a United player left a Ranger's player one on one with our keeper who unfortunately was unable to stop the shot. This is where the game finished up with both sides run off of the feet and exhausted at the end of the game.

The United player of the match was Rhys Abbott who really got involved this week and mixed it up in midfield with the Ranger's players. The rest of the United midfield had sound games with Kye Lawson, William Bartlett, Finlay Kirton and Kyle Donovan all making it difficult for the Ranger's players to get on top at any stage of the match.

One sour note that came out of the match was the attitude of the opposition coach who abused the young referee on numerous occasions even referring to him as a cheat on a couple of occasions. The Ranger's coach was no doubt frustrated however it is no excuse for him behaviour. At the end of the match he did not request his players to shake hands with United instead it was left to our players to go over to their sideline position and walk around to shake hands. United as usual gave three cheers for the Ranger's side which wasn't reciprocated. This behaviour was reported by the United Coach to the Ranger's Executive Committee manning the ground.

players are failing to remain forward so we have no one to take advantage of the opportunities we create when they come. So boys, look forward to a hard training session this week as your reward for your efforts.





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U12/2

Well what a start to our season, 2 wins and 1 loss. The team is playing great entertaining soccer. What else could a coach ask for.

Round 1 4-1 Gunners . Always one of the hardest games, but the team did what was asked of them and displayed some great talent . Luke Noble made some outstanding saves in goal, which gave everyone and extra boost , I was particularly pleased with the teamwork it was a very high standard and set the season in the right direction. Harrison Smith stood out on the day, everyone played well, great game boys and some great goals.

Round 2 0-1 Burraborrang We came into this a game a little over confident and it is probably fair to say we didn't play well 1st half and were 0-1 down at the break . But the team picked themselves up and played much better in the 2nd half , finishing much stronger than the opposition (I would like to think it is the running at training making a difference)

We had our chances but we just couldn't put one in the net on the day , that's Soccer ! I was pleased the way the boys kept trying right up to the final whistle, a coach couldn't ask for any more , I'm so proud of you boys.

Round 3 3-0 Collegians Well I was a bit worried about this game particularly after Saturday , to back up next day with only 11 players and 2 carrying injuries , I was worried . But everyone stepped up to the mark and played as a team , entertaining the parents , a great game to watch. Alex Steedman and Elijah Effendy had outstanding games , Callum Effendy nearly score his 1st goal (a rocket off the x bar) Haroun Haidary scored a brilliant goal and Jack Bartlett stopped everything at Centre Back , I must say everyone played so well .It was great to see once again everyone played right up to the final whistle and we finished the strongest , the strikers tied so hard and it paid off , well done boys keep it up.

AAL/5

Today we welcomed our new coach, Michael, the way Team Awesome knows best, scoring our first goal of the season. That's right Team Awesome Fans we scored a goal! (Mary may or may not claim this is due to her coaching on Thursday night)

The team quickly picked up their new catch phrase of "Go Bec" and would call regardless of who was running towards the goal, as Sarah found out on more than one occasion.

Michael tried out new positions for us which seemed to work quite well indeed. There was not one time when someone had to ask where the right/left fullback is with Katie, Jenna, Stacey, Sophie, and Fiona backing each other up nicely with lots of time spent standing on the halfway line talking, which was a very welcomed change. Suz, Bec, Sarah and Katrina all worked really well up the front, whilst Vanessa and Kayles seemed to be auditioning for the role of Suz and were all over the field.

In order to keep the game interesting, "the princesses" allowed St Marys to score, ending the game in a draw... Hey we don't want to peak too early.

Travelling trophy was held hostage this week, but points going to all players this week but the official award to

1. Bec for her amazing goal,
2. Vanessa for her perfect positioning and skill level and
3. Kel for being the amazing player that she is

Look out AAL1 Team Awesome are on their way up!!!





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AA/5

Our All-Age 5's beat the Gunners 4-0 in what was a solid effort from everyone after last week's loss against Minto. Alex T found the back of the net twice, Azza scored a classy penalty and Fletch scored a screamer from outside the penalty box. Equally as important was Warren's clean sheet in goals. We are looking forward to a tough clash against Eschol Park this Sunday.

Goal Tally: Alex T - 2, Jeff T - 1, Aaron G - 1, Glen F - 1
KT26 Winner: Ryan

ICU CUP & M-League

Round 2 saw us play our first game at home against Camden Falcons, who finished in 6th place in the M League competition last year. Reserve grade kicked-off proceedings in rather warm conditions. It was a tight game in the early stages until Ryan Miller cleverly finished from inside the 18yard box to send Uniting up 1-nil. Not long after, the lads doubled their advantage from the penalty spot with Daniel Oostendorp sending the keeper the wrong way, slotting the ball inside the left hand post. The 2nd half was a battle with Falcons throwing attack after attack at the boys in the back but some solid displays from Vu Hoang, Matt Adamson, Tom Miller and Allan Nguyen made sure the score line remained 2-0 and back to back wins for the boys

First grade found their groove rather early on with some good chances falling to Ben Harrison (tackled by the ball from field 2) and Daniel Gordon who somehow had a close range header saved by the keeper. We eventually hit the back of the net through a Shane Deathe header, Nathan Smith providing the assist from the corner. The lads again lost some intensity for a 30 minute period just before and after half time conceding 2 goals to Falcons counter attacks. Down 2-1 with time running out the boys dug deep and starting creating chance after chance and finally got the reward with Daniel Oostendorp scoring directly from the corner, our 2nd cross come shot of the season. A well deserved point, if not 2 points thrown away for the boys. A massive effort from the squad taking 4 points on the day, with only 22/27 players available for selection.

Man of the matches:

Reserve grade - Brendan Rashleigh
First grade - Ben Harrison

