



The Dribble – 11/12 May 2013



It is with great sadness that we start this week's Dribble report with the news of Michelle McAndrew's passing.

Michelle is a life member of CUCSC, and was the face of the canteen for many years.

She was the star Goalie for the AAL Team, and a great friend to many.

Our deepest condolences to Dale and Taylor, on the loss of a wonderful woman, an amazing Mum.

U9 Whites

Match Report 11-5-13 v Mt Annan

The team assembled on another fantastic day for soccer. After forming a guard of honour and giving a minute of silence, we kicked off and the game was on.

Playing in space and passing to our team were the instructions of the day and the team followed them for most of the game.

Some team members still need to take more time with the ball by controlling it and looking to knock the ball around, rather than just kick the ball long or even out.

Some great teamwork lead to some early goals. Zac scored two goals while Kane chipped in with one to go into the half with 3-2 lead.

Some poor passing and receiving skills lead to goals in the first half along with crowding in the middle of the park. Liam Croker showed great skill at times with some deft passing and dribbling to set up our Zac to score his hat trick. A great goal kick by Kane through all opposition players lead to a Aaron Stonebridge goal and a lastly Kane Osgood blasted a shot a goal which was deflected in goals to finish the game off with a 6-3 win.

Another solid effort by Ty Davis in goals this week as he continues to develop his craft. Well done Ty.

Some excellent control from Jayden Cook and Liam Croker in the middle of the park allowed our wing players to attack the opposition relentlessly.

Goal scorers: Zac 3, Kane 2 and Aaron 1

Coaches points:

3- Zac Hurlstone

2- Liam Croker

1- Jayden Cook

U10 Blues

Unfortunately I can't bring you good news in terms of a win for the U10 Blues this week. Again we were at home against Tahmoor who we were expecting to give a run for their money, however the Lynwood Park hoodoo can in to deliver us our 3rd defeat this year for the season proper. The U10 Blues have played at Lynwood 5 times this year including 2 trial matches and have lost all 5. The ground at Lynwood seems to be that extra bit bigger than some of the other clubs and it is proving difficult for the lads to adapt to.

In saying that, the game was probably as entertaining as it gets. Our lads continued their form from last week with good teamwork being shown and a sound passing game being used. In the first half Tahmoor came out strong placing strain on the back three of Will Bartlett, Kyle Donovan and Riley Keogh. A special mention for Will in particular who is one of the littler guys in the team but took no prisoners in persistently harassing the Tahmoor strikers and in most occasions taking the ball off them if not putting it out of play.

Tahmoor's first successful challenge came mid first half with a ball being crossed from the right flank into the middle to no one in particular, a mess of bodies in the goal square only frustrated any attempt by United to clear the ball. As we were unable to clear it an opportunity presented itself to Tahmoor who only trickled the ball past our keeper Finlay Kirton. The boys knew that this was a lucky goal and you could see it in their faces that they would double efforts to score one of our own. Our boys took it up to Tahmoor and pushed up field only for ourselves to miss four attempts on goal. 4-5 minutes later Tahmoor were back attacking our goal and another strike from no real build up saw Tahmoor score their second goal making it now 2-0 in Tahmoor's favour.



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The last 5-6 of minutes of the first half saw no less than 10 shots by the United lads on goal either by going directly to the keeper or going over or wide of the goals. Attackers of note during the first half were Blake Steele who continues to show increasing awareness of team mates positioning, Hayden Coman and Dylan May all who combined to really push the Tahmoor defence. Rhys Abbott, Damien Pattinson, Lachlan Sheens and Kye Lawson all played a part in supporting the strikers feeding the front lads through balls and some even having shots on goal themselves. During this period no attack from Tahmoor made it to our end of the field which gave our lads more confidence that they could drag this back in the second half.

The second half saw our lads really take control from the outset, the boys worked hard in the mid-field and up front. This opened the match up with great attacking raids involving three and four players passing to each other before having shots on goal. The Tahmoor coach was standing alongside me on the sideline and he commented in the second half that our lads had had more than 30 shots on goal in the second half alone with only the last strike being the problem. Most of our raids ended up with poor finishes just trickling the ball to the keeper or missing left or right of the goals despite in most occasions being one on one with the keeper for the final shot. There was one missed opportunity that was comical in so far there was a pass across the face of the Tahmoor goal from Hayden Coman to Lachlan Sheens who had so much time one on one with the goal keeper that he couldn't decide which foot to strike the ball with in the end he missed the ball all together and had to retrieve it and send it back to the centre for another player to have a go this should have been a goal for all money but it was the way things were going for the boys on the weekend. It wasn't all bad news though we had one successful opportunity late in the second half with a Dylan May throw in to Damien Pattinson who turned with the ball and put a short through ball too Hayden Cam who promptly put it past the keeper bringing the score back to 2 -1.

Kyle Donovan swapped into the keeper's role for the second half and I must say played very strongly defending everything that came his way diving left and right stopping the Tahmoor attack from increasing their lead. In total, Tahmoor had about 10 chances down our end in the second half despite the continued outstanding defensive performance by Will Bartlett who was like a dog with a bone. He just was not going to let Tahmoor past him. All of the attacking shots from Tahmoor to Will's credit came from the left hand side which was the opposite side of the field that he was defending as they had no answer to his dogged defence down the right side. About 3 minutes from full time Kyle had saved a shot on goal in the dive he hurt his leg and in an attempt to get up quickly and restart the play he threw the ball out to the left side to Blake Steele who was surrounded by 3 Tahmoor players. Blake was quickly dispossessed and the ball was again the back of the United net, this was the final score for the match 3-1. This is a lesson for the boys that the goal clearances are important and should not be taken lightly otherwise all your good work in defence is quickly undone.

In the main a sound effort although the score did not reflect the domination of possession that United had. Player of the match was Will Bartlett this week, who played his best game that I have witnessed in the past two years that I have had the pleasure of coaching the team. Well done Will.

AAL/5

Today saw us play a very tough Burragorang. Short players and a tough opposition saw us go down. A beautiful goal scored by Stacey, only disappointing thing was it was for the wrong team. Happy Mothers Day to all the mums.

ICU CUP

Round 6 saw us away to ruse.

With the opposition leading the comp, we started strongly and were in total control from the whistle. Some great work down the right hand side in the 28th minute saw us win a penalty with Daniel Oostendorp's spot kick saved by the keeper. This became a regular occurrence over the whole game with the keeper saving twice to deny Ben Smith a debut goal. The boys deserved more than the 0-0 draw against top off the table ruse after having total control at most stages of the game.



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M.O.T.M Nathan smith

M League

A middle table battle which it turned out to be conceding yet another early goal to the opposition, after they had the best parts of the first 20 minutes of the match. Slowly warming to the task the boys started to put some nice plays together in and around the box with Ben Mackay equalising 30 minutes into the game after a penetrating surge into the box by Ben Harrison. Not long after it was the cross bar denying us the lead before the half time interval, when an Andrew Towers free kick rattled the cross bar. The better side to start in the second half seen the ruse keeper pull off some awesome saves to deny a free header at the back post and a free kick which was goal bound. Minutes later Uniting Church were celebrating what they thought was a goal when an Andrew Towers corner seemed to have crossed the line only for it not to be awarded. The game turned out to be a slug to the finish with ruse earning a 87 minute penalty which was converted for a 2-1 lead. We pushed a few extra players forward to try salvaging a point from the game only for ruse to score again on the counter attack just before fulltime.

M.O.T.M Ben Mackay

Guard of Honour for Michelle

U12/2



U14/3



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