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### Tournament Invites by the dozen for Academy Kids

From March until the end of the Summer Holidays ...The Academy will be getting involved in lots and lots of competitions. Some in Scotland, some down south, and some on our doorstep. It is customary for us to be invited into these tournaments so it is imperative that we work hard to progress. Some of the invites that have come through my email recently are as follows :

- ❖ Whitsun Bank Holiday Weekend, 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> Scotland Cup.
- ❖ Edinburgh Cup, International Soccer Tournament, at University of Edinburgh, 30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- ❖ Ayr International Youth Football Tournament. 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May.
- ❖ Deans Tournament Manchester.
- ❖ Stockton Blues Tournament (we won this last year !!!)
- ❖ Heygarth United Tournament. (Runners Up)

### To compete in these and many other tournaments

.....we run our own Penalty King Competition. (see main article – later in this Newsletter) The money raised pays entry fees to some of these tournament where the competition is fabulous. It is important therefore to play your part in making this one of the most successful Penalty Kick Sponsorship events ever...so that you too...can enjoy the thrills of regional and International seven a side football. Please do your very best. Sponsors now required.



### Land O Burns Festival calls

There are quite a few Festivals in Ayrshire this year. One of the most famous of those is the 'Land O Burns' Festival where teams travel from all over Scotland and Ireland to compete. It is popular with the support – and the Scouts – and of course the Academy went undefeated last year in this popular event. Again, this type of festival can cost up to £100 per team and this is where we have to ensure that funding is available to finance this sort of event. Please assist by ensuring that you make this Penalty Kick Competition the biggest and the most successful ever.

Sponsorship required from businesses throughout the Season – please let us know

## Theresa moves 'abode'

**Five** students did not pay last weekend, and the reason I got was that they 'could not find Theresa'. Theresa will now operate from one of the downstairs **DRESSING ROOMS** and **NOT** from the Reception Area. So could everyone **PLEASE** go and find her this weekend. From now on she will be in one of the downstairs dressing rooms (Fridays **AND** Sundays).

## Players not bringing footballs to training

It has been reported to me that at least **FOUR** of the Friday group, and almost **SEVEN** students from the Sunday morning group, did not bring their footballs to training. I certainly bring a few extras, but not 11 extras. Could parents please check that their son has a reasonable football in attendance at training.

## Minibus for Sale

If anyone is interested in a blue **15 Seater Minibus**, taxed and MOT'd, recently re-sprayed, excellent runner, price **£1000** – please give me a shout. Would suit small club, seven a side team, or family with a real big family !!! Let me ken if anyone is interested.

## Bolton Wanderers Trip - Present Numbers Going

Going	Cost	Number Going	Paid
Alex Keenan	£per per person	2	£100.00
Lewis Lennox		2	
Ewan Dickson		2	
Paul O'Hara		2	
David McCarthy		2	
Scott Black		3	
Scott Ballantyne		3	
Scott Matthews		2	
		<b>18</b>	

**Remember the below costings.** I will give you all until **this weekend** to make a **FINAL** decision on this. I need to know what coaches are going too. I cannot wait any longer than this weekend – sorry !! If I do not have the numbers from the 1998 Improvers Squads, I will offer the additional places to the 1998 School of Excellence, and Academy **PLUS** Squads to make up the numbers on a first come first served basis.

Match tickets are included in this price.

### ❖ Tour Price

- ❖ **£59** per person based on **40+** paying (**this is our goal**)
- ❖ **£64** per person based on 35-39 paying
- ❖ **£69** per person based on 30-34 paying
- ❖ **£74** per person based on 25-29 paying

## Hidden Team Cards

It has been brought to my attention that there are still quite a few hidden team cards which were given out by Robert Sands and his wife Tricia and have **NOT BEEN RETURNED**.

It is absolutely imperative that we get those cards returned to us (in as soon as possible for our forthcoming audit.) If they are not in by next week, I will need to do a 'name and shame' list.

## Manchester Cup

We have had a few call-offs for this trip and invited some high standard 1999's and/or 1998 Improvers along

<h1>Manchester Cup</h1>					Evening Meal on Saturday Night (Optional) (£30.00 extra - £10.00 per head)
Manchester	Room Number	Number of Players	To Pay	Amount Paid to Date (Deposit £75.00)	
Josh Mc Donald	1	1	£150.00	£100.00	
Liam Bowie	2	2	£150.00	£75.00	
Regan Glackin	3	3	£150.00	£150.00	
Aiden Gray	4	4	£150.00	£150.00	
Ross Lyon & Gary Keenan	5	5 & 6	£150.00	£80.00	
Liam Burt	6	7	£150.00	£75.00	
Ryan Kane	7	8	£150.00	£75.00	
Leon Jones & Ryan Coulter	8	9 & 10	£150.00 (£75.00 each)	£75.00	
Anthony Ralston	9	11	£150.00	£75.00	
Samuel Bullough	10	12	£150.00	£150.00	
Paul Chalmers	11	13	£150.00	£75.00	
Paul O'Hara	12	14	£150.00	£75.00	
David Thomson	13	15	£150.00		
Callum Gibson	14	16	£150.00		
Sean Hughes	15	17	£150.00		
Connor Stewart (been asked)	16	18	£150.00		
Ross Henderson (been asked)	17	19	£150.00		
Andrew Gallagher (been asked)	18	20	£150.00		
John Renwick	19				
Bobby Mc Donald	20				

There is an option for you all to pay for an **EVENING MEAL** on the Saturday night. The original booking is for Friday and Saturday night B & B.

So if you want to take up this option - Theresa must know for **this weekend** when I am doing the booking. If you have not advised me that you are taking this option – **YOU WILL NOT BE BOOKED IN FOR IT !!!** .....

**Deposits MUST BE PAID THIS WEEKEND (£75.00) as I need to pay this on Monday at the latest.**

**If the above list is not correct – please update Theresa.**

## Aberdeen Development Centre

I am putting plans in place over the next few weeks to begin a **1998** group of youngsters who will hopefully form the foundation of a **1998** Squad for Aberdeen over the next twelve months. James Glackin, who has had several years experience in pro-youth activity will assist me in identifying talent, coaching, and developing youngsters, and we will be inviting along several youngsters from **various clubs** to set the foundations in stone. Several of our own students will be given the first opportunity to test the waters and James will be speaking to parents/guardians over the next few weeks.

I have quite a busy March ahead of me, especially on Sundays, so it is unlikely that the Centre will begin before April because of my availability. The only 'slot' I have is on a **Sunday morning** at the moment, which might not suit everyone, but later in the year we will attempt to establish a midweek night to create consistency. There is no pressure whatsoever for students to join this new set-up and it will be run very differently from most 'pressure' run organisations. Emphasis will be on **improving skills**, fun, **tactical awareness**, fun, and enjoyment of the game of football. We will be arranging lots of matches against older opposition and entering odd tournaments if the going suits. I will keep you posted of when this all comes to fruition.

## Goalkeeping Coaches

The very successful 'Goalkeeping Coaches' who work with us on a Friday evening are reverting to a **SUNDAY** from now on. There are a number of personal and logistical reasons for this....Peter is going back to Greece for a fortnight, so these classes will not begin for a few weeks. The below chart will indicate what this change will mean to each goalkeeper.

*The Sunday classes will not begin until indicated in this Newsletter.*

Goalkeeper	Currently doing	When it starts back
<b>Paul O Hara</b>	Friday (Hearts) & Sunday Morning (Squad)	Friday (Hearts) & Sunday Morning (Coaches)
<b>David Thomson</b>	Friday (Coaches) only	Friday (Squad) & Sunday Morning (Coaches)
<b>Thomas Blair</b>	Friday (Coaches) & Sunday (Squad)	Friday (Drop In) & Sunday Morning (Coaches)
<b>Cameron Gailey</b>	Friday (Coaches) & Sunday Morning (Extra)	Friday (Squad) & Sunday Morning (Coaches)
<b>A.Newman</b>	Nothing	Sunday (Coaches)
<b>Ross Bourdon</b>	Friday (Coaches) & Sunday Morning (Extra)	Sunday Morning (Coaches) only
<b>Kyle Mac Donald</b>	Friday (Coaches) & Sunday Morning (2000 Squad)	Friday (Squad) & Sunday Morning (Coaches)

## Ball & Four Ball Lottery

The **BONUS BALL** competition was won last week by **ALDO THOMSON**. Well done to him.

The **FOUR BALL** lottery was not won and the prize money for this week will be topped up slightly and is currently standing at **£180.....**

We need some more participants for this competition PLEASE...particularly from the 2000 / 2001 age group.

## Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football – Annual Awards Ceremony 2007 (41<sup>st</sup> Year)

**Thanks** ...everyone for scouting around for me. The police station in Blackhill seems to be the only kind souls that will give us a 'freebie' ....its up to you guys. There is also a cowbarn in Auchenshuggle. Gordon Burt's Dad is going to check out availability at the Caledonian Centre and perhaps we can talk sweet to him. For everyone's information, the Awards Night will be **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2007**. **Tickets will be on sale next week and will be limited. This will be an absolute sell out – so get your orders in from next week onwards. Tickets will be priced £5.00.** I am **NOW** accepting prizes for the massive raffle we will be running this year. We will also be having an auction, so once again, donations are needed and welcome. **Donations, Donations, Donations !!!**



## Penalty King Competition

We will shortly be having our **Annual Penalty King Competition** with some wonderful trophies this year. This annual event is the source of funding which allows us to enter many Summer competitions both in Scotland and in England throughout the close season. I will be issuing the sponsorship cards shortly and encourage you to do the best you can in collecting for this event. The **date** of the competition will be announced in next week's Newsletter.

## Training Kit

We have now passed the 'lead in' time for everyone to attain their **TRAINING KIT**. Anyone who does **NOT** have their training kit in the next two weeks will no longer be permitted to participate in Club activities until they attain the kit. We have to get continuity and consistency and therefore have to inflict this strict rule.

Anyone that has financial hardship – come and talk to me and we will try and come to some sort of terms and conditions. ie an interest free loan or something.

This is also the last call for coaches to attain the kit. Once again if you are having problems with this, you can order the tracksuit separate, then perhaps a few weeks later – the sweat top etc. We **MUST** get the entire Academy **IDENTICAL** (including coaches) by March. Please **ORDER FROM THERESA NOW! If necessary, we can pay it up front for you, and you can pay us it back...but I need everyone kitted out real soon please.**

## 'Adidas' / 'Coerver' Coaching Day - FINAL NUMBERS

Andrew Gallagher's Dad has offered a lift, thanks for that, I could probably take someone through, but I still need another volunteer please.

Please let me know **NOW**.

Anyone who **NEEDS** a lift ...please give me your name and numbers travelling **NOW !!!**

I still have a couple of kids plus parents needing a **LIFT** from Hamilton Palace.

Can anyone **HELP PLEASE** ....let me know **NOW**...Thanks – Can everyone check the **spelling** of their CHILD's name (below) and if it is incorrect, please let Theresa know...as they get a **PRINTED CERTIFICATE**.

The only coach that has booked with me to view the spectacle is Ian Blair.

Unless you let me know this weekend (coaches) you will **NOT** be allowed into the Arena.

Believe me, you will benefit greatly from observing these sessions – it make make your training sessions much more manageable.

However I need your name **THIS WEEKEND** please.

ADIDAS LIST	
ANDREW GALLACHER (1)	KIAN MALLIN (19)
ANTHONY CROAL (2)	LEON JONES (20)
ANTHONY RALSTON (3)	LEWIS LENNOX (21)
CALLUM GIBSON (4)	LIAM BURT (22)
CALUM HOLLAND (5)	MATTHEW INNES (23)
CALUM Mc DONALD (6)	NATHAN Mc ALLISTER (24)
CALUM WHYTE (7)	PAUL CHALMERS (25)
CAMERON STEWART (8)	PAUL CROAL (26)
CAMERON WAUGH (9)	ROSS HENDERSON (27)
CHRISTOPHER McCONNELL (10)	RYAN COULTER (28)
CHRISTOPHER SANDS (11)	SAMUEL BULLOUGH (29)
CONNOR LAIRD (12)	SCOTT BALLANTYNE (30)
CONNOR STEWART (13)	SCOTT BLACK (31)
DECLAN MARTIN (14)	SEAN HUGHES (32)
FRASER HOOD (15)	STEPHEN DEVLIN (33)
JAMIE NEESON (16)	STRUAN PATON (34)
JOSH MACDONALD (17)	THOMAS BLAIR (35)
JOSH McFALL (18)	QAID SOMMERVILLE (36)
	CONOR BURT (37)
	JACK KEARY (38)
	JAMES RUDDICK (39)

### This Weekend

SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2007
Squads	1998 School of Excellence & Academy PLUS. <b>Liam Burt, Liam Bowie, Connor Stewart and Ross Henderson</b> will be joining these squads just before kick off time.
Venue	Wishaw Sports Centre
Meeting Time	10.30 am
Kick Off Time	11.00 pm
Opposition	Wishaw Wycombe Boys Club

SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2007
Squads	1998 Improvers 'Navy' and 'White' Squads. Unfortunately, due to the close proximity of this game, and the 1998 School of Excellence game, we will not be able to 'loan' players over to play in both matches. Paul O Hara and Andrew Gallagher to play in these squads.
Venue	New Astro turf Facility at Lanark Racecourse
Meeting Time	10.45 am
Kick Off Time	11.15 am
Opposition	Milton Rovers Boys Club

SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2007
Squads	1999 School of Excellence and 1999 Academy PLUS Squads Could <b>Liam Burt and Liam Bowie</b> please make themselves available for this game, then head over to Wishaw Sports Centre for their own squad games. Also, could <b>Ross Henderson and Connor Stewart</b> head over to Wishaw Sports Centre after this game for the 1998 Academy PLUS game.
Venue	Baillieston (park facing the big Morrison's Supermarket at the Baillieston lights)
Meeting Time	9.00 am
Kick Off Time	9.30 am
Opposition	Baillieston Juniors

### Final Disclosure Day

There is a **final ENHANCED DISCLOSURE** day this year for staff at Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football to get their enhanced disclosure did for **FREE**. Please, please put this date in your diary. You will have difficulty forgetting it – it is **APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> !!!** ....YES .. April Fools Day. It is a **SUNDAY**, and it is at 2.00 pm at **Calderwood Community Centre in East Kilbride**. The following people need 'Scotland Boys Club' enhanced disclosures and **MUST, MUST** be at this meeting. It does not matter if you have a Disclosure at another Club or school or whatever. Gordon Burt, Jim Ruddick, Lorraine Hughes, Jean Thomson, Ian Blair, Robert Gormley, Stephen Walker, James Glackin, and Paul Mc Millan. *I will let you know the exact arrangements (what to bring etc) nearer the time.*

### NEW SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON's FIXTURES

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Scores	Opposition	Venue	MEET	KO
Sat	3 Mar	Wishaw Wycombe BC	v	1998 S of E & Academy +	Wishaw SC	10.30	11.00
Sat	3 Mar	Milton Rovers Boys Club	v	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	Lanark RC	10.45	11.15
Sat	3 Mar	Baillieston Juniors	v	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	Baillieston Lght	9.00	9.30
Sat	10 Mar	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	Aston Villa Colts	tba	tba	tba
Sat	10 Mar	Claremont Boys Club	v	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	10 Mar	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	Holytown Colts	tba	tba	tba
Sat	17 Mar	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	East Kilbride Youth Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	17 Mar	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	v	Aston Villa Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	17 Mar	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	East End Thistle	tba	tba	tba
Sat	24 Mar	Holytown Colts	v	1998 S of E & Academy +	tba	tba	tba
Sat	24 Mar	Baillieston Juniors	v	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	24 Mar	Westwood Rovers	v	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	31 Mar	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	Wolves Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	31 Mar	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	v	Edenvale Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	31 Mar	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	Mossend Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
<b>EASTER WEEKEND</b>							
Sat	7 Apr	No games	v	No games	tba	tba	tba
Sat	7 Apr	No games	v	No games	tba	tba	tba
Sat	7 Apr	No games	v	No games	tba	tba	tba
Sat	14 Apr	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	EK Burgh United	tba	tba	tba
Sat	14 Apr	Mossend	v	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	14 Apr	Stewartfield Boys Club	v	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	21 Apr	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	Mill United	tba	tba	tba
Sat	21 Apr	Newmains Hammers	v	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	21 Apr	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	Wishaw Wycombe BC	tba	tba	tba
Sat	28 Apr	Moorlands Boys Club	v	1998 S of E & Academy +	tba	tba	tba
Sat	28 Apr	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	v	Need to arrange friendly	tba	tba	tba
Sat	28 Apr	Blantyre Boys Club	v	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	5 May	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	Need to arrange friendly	tba	tba	tba
Sat	5 May	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	v	Stewartfield Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	5 May	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	Claremont Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	12 May	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	East End Thistle	tba	tba	tba
Sat	12 May	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	v	Blantyre Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	12 May	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	East Kilbride Burgh United	tba	tba	tba
Sat	19 May	Milton Rovers Boys Club	v	1998 S of E & Academy +	tba	tba	tba
Sat	19 May	Strathaven Boys Club	v	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	19 May	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	Edenvale Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	26 May	1998 S of E & Academy +	v	Claremont Boys Club	tba	tba	tba
Sat	26 May	Wishaw Wycombe BC	v	1998 'Navy' and 'White'	tba	tba	tba
Sat	26 May	1999 S of E & 1999 'N+W'	v	Moorlands Boys Club	tba	tba	tba

## **Mini-Kickers Round Robin**

**This Sunday**, we will have a mini kickers 'round robin' for the 2000 / 2001 age group. It will start at **11.00 am** and will develop onto around finishing time at **12.00 noon**. As usual, we will split them into fairly even teams – and have controlled five a side matches. We will present the winners and the runners up with little token medals for participation. So guys, get your shooting boots on.....Shortly, we will be re-grading these groups and trying to develop two strong squads.

**Then after several games against each other at seven-a-side, they will participate in their first 'real game' sometime in April. I am extremely pleased with this groups progress....so watch this space...there are a couple of superstars out there.**

# Last week's games and results

## **1999 School of Excellence, PLUS 1999 Academy PLUS Squad.**

- We had four extremely tough and worthwhile matches against Mill United and would have had a clean sweep of four wins out of four if a 'dodgy' goal didn't allow Mill back into the game against the 1999 Academy PLUS Squad. Their supporters were not too happy...but there we go ...such is life !?

## **1998 School of Excellence and Academy PLUS**

- Four out of four victories against the luckless Starhaven Boys Club. Once again the School of Excellence had fairly heavy victories, and the Academy PLUS lighter victories. Good park, good football and some attractive goals.

## **1998 'Navy' and 'White'... 'select'**

A great four out of four wins for the 'Improvers' making it a very prosperous weekend for the entire Academy....the Improvers had four of their best wins of the season against the rough and tumble East End Thistle from Baillieston. A good day out and a good positive exercise.

**See you all at the weekend**

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