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Academy PLUS Squad battle for 'promotion'

Claremont force 'bounce game'.

Another set of weak opposition ? or are we just too strong ? ...Time will tell. The Academy PLUS had an outstanding game against Claremont on Saturday beating them by over 30 goals ...yes THIRTY. The School of Excellence won by a slightly lesser margin. In fact it was so bad that the East Kilbride opposition refused to play the 'second' series of games and scampered home. This prompted a bounce game between the School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS squads and I have to say that it was a fabulous game all round. The 'little uns' got *'tore in'* to use a Glaswegian expression and almost rocked the 'big boys'. In fact they lost 1-0 in an enthralling match. Some of these Academy PLUS players are chapping at the door of the School of Excellence...it will be interesting to see the re-gradings come the next 'assessment'. Keep up the good work...it was a performance to be proud of.

1998 Improvers 'pip' 1999 Squad in first League game

In another superb match at Richmond Park, the 1998 Improvers pulled off a '**SHOCK**' victory against the fancied 1999 Squad. It was a case of effort, effort, effort all the way when the older students battled their way through a tired 1999 Squad. I have to say though that I could not fault either of the teams' efforts ...they were second to none. Can I just ask the parents of both these squads to encourage these students – some are only six years of age – ...there were one or two parents getting a little upset. Also – parents – please **REFRAIN** from coaching at the side. Several students were getting distressed as to whether to obey their parents or the Coaching staff. I know your intentions are right ...but if youngsters get several different 'calls' from the side...you can understand the confusion it might cause. John and I will be assisting with Alistair Whyte's 1999 Squad over the next few weeks to stabilise and channel their over-enthusiasm into the right places and to establish some form of positional structure...the 1998 Improvers won the match 6-3 which puts them into top spot in the League !! **Keep up the good work.**

There was an issue with two or three parents who were unhappy that their son had been asked to play 'in goal' for the 1999's. When the Club has a crisis (like Sunday) where we do not have a goalkeeper...it has been custom and practice (for forty years) that we work as a Unit, address the problem and deal with it. It is normally resolved by several players volunteering to go in goal (even if it is only for 10 minutes or so each). Problem solved. We would never **TELL** someone to go in goal....we ask !!! ...politely !!! And we always get volunteers easily. It helps the club out on these few and far between occasions. If you do not wish your son to be played in goal ...it is not a problem...but please tell him **NOT TO VOLUNTEER**. We are compiling a team spirit here, a willingness to learn and help out. We are trying to get away from the culture of demarcation and the 'that's not my job attitude'so let's attempt to be one big happy family on these occasions and teach these youngsters the art of 'co-operation'.

TOMORROW - SATURDAY

NO GAME ...BUT

Instead we are having a 'coaching run-out' for the School of Excellence & Academy PLUS squads in preparation for Easter Sunday 'Hamilton Accies' tournament.

At : Richmond Park

Please be at Richmond Park at **9.30 am** sharp on Saturday morning to help set up the goals.

NB : STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR THEIR SCOTLAND STUFF ON SATURDAY...KEEP IT CLEAN FOR THE SUNDAY. THEY CAN WEAR ANY STRIPS / TRACKSUITS EXCEPT CELTIC OR RANGERS OF COURSE

**Short Coaching Session 15 minutes
Five a side 'two touch game' talk through game - 15 minutes
2 x Fifteen minutes – seven a side game**

For this weekend only, we are making one or two changes to the squads to strengthen the player pools. Reason for this is that Ryan Coulter is unavailable and Calum Mc Donald is unavailable.

John Renwick has requested Samuel Bullough on 'loan' to assist in the defensive issues and I have received special dispensation from Celtic FC to add Regan Glackin to my squad.

The squad's will be named the NAVY and WHITE Squads for this occasion.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Students should be dropped off at the MAIN STAND at Douglas Park for 9.00 am on SUNDAY MORNING. Parents should then make their way to the turnstiles with lots of money to 'pay in'. And make sure you shout LOUD ...or we won't hear you.

<i>Coaches</i>	<i>Coaches</i>
<i>Bobby Mc Donald</i>	<i>John Renwick</i>
<u>NAVY GROUP</u>	<u>WHITE GROUP</u>
James Semple	David Thomson
Aiden Mc Elhinney	Bradley Reid
Gary Keenan	Callum Gibson
Jamie Love	Samuel Bullough
Leon Jones	Anthony Ralston
Ross Lyon (Capt)	John Smith
Aiden Gray	Liam Bowie
Sean Hughes	Liam Burt
Regan Glackin	Ryan Kane
	Ryan Love (Capt)

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL... THIS HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC SUCCESS. NOW I KNOW BY SPEAKING TO YOU ALL THAT THERE ARE ANOTHER SEVEN OR EIGHT PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO HAVE A COMPUTER ...AND HAVE THE INTERNET...AND HAVE NOT GIVEN ME THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AND SAVE THE CLUB MONEY. YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE.

40th Annual Awards Ceremony at Hampden Park

On 27th May 2006, Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football celebrate their 40th Anniversary in an Awards night at Hampden Park. This is a **MANDATORY** event to show commitment and loyalty to the Academy and what it stands for. And yet – the following students' parents have **NOT** yet ordered or bought tickets. Every student in the Academy will receive an Award ...so it is imperative that you are all there. Grannies, grandads, aunties and uncles. We need you – we want you - !!!! So pleaseplease get your tickets ordered before they run out. The following have not ordered tickets :

*Ross Lyon
James Semple
Liam Burt
Ryan Kane
Bradley Reid
Jack Semple
Scott Ballantyne
Christopher Sands
Ryan Gormley
Lee Ritchie
Ross Dougan
Stephen Mc Cambridge
Regan Glackin
Robbie Martin
Ross Henderson
Andrew Mc Lean
Kieran Mc Millan
Christopher Mc Cann
Sonny Stewart
Christopher Quigley*

And of course all the new players that have just joinedthey are ALL welcome and will be given an Awardso please get your tickets NOW !!! Price £5 each.

I have programmes to order, medals to arrange, trophies to order, cloakroom numbers, raffles etc, etc and I CANNOT do this without knowing my final numbers. **So please GET THESE TICKETS ORDERED AND PAID FOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

COACHING WEEKEND

As I mentioned last week, I am going to be running a **September or October Coaching Weekend Workshop** on a 'first come first served' basis as soon as I can get a venue arranged. I have done this quite often in years gone by. It will be named '**A Week-end in the Life of an Apprentice Footballer**' and it will involve the youngsters going through 'life' as an Apprentice would. It will probably be a three day course and it will be residential. They will be up at the crack of dawn every day, will train doing the exact same duties as an apprentice would, and the same training, will be fed like an apprentice, and will wash up like an apprentice.

They will be shown videos, will do tactics, weights, speed work, stamina work, will attend 'lectures' and get coaching 'homework' (SVQ) just like the modern day apprentice. They will play a couple of matches and I will have some 'guest' coaches along to give me a hand. I will also be bringing along a fitness coach. All accommodation / food etc will be provided in the package.

CAN I NOW HAVE FINAL NOMINATIONS...I have seven names at present and the maximum numbers will be 15 students. Anyone who have not volunteered their son's name by the end of **APRIL** will miss out as it will be advertised to the public the week after.

I am hoping to get a mix of School of Excellence students, Academy PLUS students, 1998 Improvers students and 1999 students. It is not open to players who have recently joined, or new 2000 students. I am also requiring assistance for this weekend from **current Academy Coaches** and **parents** willing to assist with menial tasks. (like daeing the dishes !!!)

I would like volunteers to give me names now please.

Snippets

- From 1st April 2006, if any parents have **TWO CHILDREN (STUDENTS)** in the Academy...they will be required to pay a total of seven pounds a week ...not ten pounds. If I have made a separate arrangement with you...then **THAT ARRANGEMENT WILL REMAIN**....nothing will change with those parents.
- **IF ANY STUDENTS HAVE ANY FRIENDS WHO ARE GOOD PLAYERS BORN IN 1998, 1999 or 2000.... AND WANT TO COME ALONG – BRING THEM NOW AS THE ADVERT GOES TO PRESS IN A NEXT WEEK.**
- The **BONUS** Ball was won by **JIM REID – AGAIN !!!!** this week.
- The **School of Excellence PLUS** selected members of the Academy PLUS Squad will be stepping up to **TWO** nights a week training after Easter. (NOT EVERY WEEK)probably every second or third week...keep your eyes peeled to the newsletter. One night will be the usual skills night on a Friday....and the other night will be specialist coaching sessions. The Friday night group will also have alternative venues....as we have to get them training on grass as soon as possible. Just keep your eyes skinned to this Newsletter every week.
- **Jim Roddick** has joined the Academy as a Trainee Coach. He starts officially next weekend. We wish him well. Jim, who has ran a number of teams before will be utilised on Sunday mornings with the 2000 Age Group and some of the new students.

➤ 1998 IMPROVERS and 1999 Squads

- Although we had a terrific 'first' League Game last Sunday ...it was apparent that there were too many students involved to allow players to 'make their mark'. It was unfair to the students (all of them). For this reason, each GROUP will (from this week) be broken into Squad '**CORE**' Players and squad '**FRINGE**' players.
- The Squad core players will be listed every week – and the fringe players will be rotated every week. The Team Managers will decide which 'fringe' players will be required each week, and they will ring you every Monday night and let you know the match arrangements.
- Core players will also be rang up every Monday to advise of match arrangements. If your son is a 'fringe' player, and you do not get a telephone call on the Monday night...he will NOT be required to come along on the **THURSDAY**.
- Fringe players will be rotated fairly and each fringe player will get the **SAME** amount of 'call ups'. When **SEPTEMBER** comes around, these fringe players will form the 'B' squads of the two groups and will play **EVERY SATURDAY MORNING** in their League. So keep checking the Squad Number List that I publish every so often.
- This list (attached to this Newsletter) indicates the CORE students and the FRINGE students in each of these two squads. Fringe players may be promoted to being Core players at any time (depending on performance) and Core players may be demoted to fringe players at any time (depending on performance).
- A MAXIMUM of ELEVEN players (Core + Fringe) will be taken to League Games on a Thursday night – and we are going to try and encourage 8 – a – side where the opposition agree.

GAMES THIS COMING WEEK

- THURSDAY NIGHT – 20th April : **1998 Improver Squad v Symington Boys Club** – League Game – 6.45 pm kick off at Richmond Park. Be there for 6.15 pm to help with goals.
- THURSDAY NIGHT – 20th April : **Carluke BC v 1999 Group** – League Game – Bobby Mc Donald will ring you with the arrangements for this game as Alistair Whyte is on holiday.

HAMILTON CAMPUS - Predictive Groupings - And Managers - 2006 (September)

School of Excellence -		Bobby Mc Donald		1999 'A' Squad -		Alistair Whyte	
		Squad No	Subs			Squad No	Subs
1	David Thomson (GK)	1a		1	Angus Carswell (GK)	1e	CORE
2	Ross Lyon	14		2	Anthony Croal	26	CORE
3	Samuel Bullough	20		3	Calum Glasgow	40	CORE
4	Aiden Gray	11		4	Calum Whyte	5	CORE
5	Aiden Mc Elhinney	15		5	Connor Stewart	41	CORE
6	Gary Keenan	12		6	Jack Stewart	2	CORE
7	Sean Hughes	17		7	Vacancy	65	
8	Leon Jones	16		8	Matthew Innes	3	CORE
9	Jamie Love	9		9	Ross Henderson	46	CORE
10	Ryan Coulter	10	INJ	10	Josh Mc Fall	35	CORE
Academy PLUS -		John Renwick		1999 'B' Squad -		David Gray	
1	James Semple (GK)	1b		1	Vacancy (GK)	1f	
2	Callum Gibson	4		2	Andrew Mc Lean	48	FRINGE
3	Calum Mc Donald	8		3	Kieran Mc Millan	45	FRINGE
4	Anthony Ralston	23		4	Christopher Mc Cann	43	FRINGE
5	John Smith	31		5	Darren Gough	44	FRINGE
6	Ryan Love	18		6	Sonny Stewart	63	FRINGE
7	Liam Burt	27		7	Craig Butler - new	64	
8	Liam Bowie	6		8	Robbie Martin	33	FRINGE
9	Ryan Kane	7		9	Vacancy	66	
10	Bradley Reid	24		10	Vacancy	67	
1998 Improvers 'A' Squad -		Ian Downs		2000 'A' Squad -		Vacancy	
1	Vacancy (GK)	1c	CORE	1	Vacancy	1g	
2	Vacancy	60		2	Vacancy	68	
3	Vacancy	49		3	Vacancy	69	
4	Paul O Hara	36	CORE	4	Vacancy	70	
5	Carla Boyce	53	CORE	5	Vacancy	71	
6	Scott Ballantyne	29	CORE	6	Vacancy	72	
7	Josh Mac Donald	39	CORE	7	Vacancy	73	
8	Jonathan Downs	32	CORE	8	Vacancy	74	
9	Christopher Sands	25	CORE	9	Vacancy	75	
10	Ryan Gormley	52	CORE	10	Vacancy	76	
1998 Improvers 'B' Squad -		Robert Gormley		2000 'B' Squad -		Jim Roddick	
1	Vacancy	1d		1	Kyle Mac Donald (GK)	1h	
2	Lee Ritchie	30	FRINGE	2	Christopher Quigley	50	
3	Megan Sinclair - new	56		3	David Hughes	77	
4	Lorin Butler - new	21		4	James Roddick	78	
5	Joe - new	28		5	Conor Burt	37	
6	Andrew Gallagher - new	42		6	Vacancy	51	
7	Jack Semple	47	FRINGE	7	Vacancy	58	
8	Alex Keenan	22	FRINGE	8	Vacancy	59	
9	Scott Matthews - new	61		9	Vacancy	57	
10	A Newman (Wolves)	62		10	Vacancy	34	
OVERAGE - COACHING ONLY							
1	Ross Dougan	38		6			
2	Cameron Carswell	54		7			
3	Stephen Mc Cambridge	55		8			
4	Regan Glackin 1998	19		9			
5				10			

Most of the above over-age players will be coming to a conclusion of their contracts at the end of the Season.
Their numbers will be re-allocated to new 'students' at the end of May.

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