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Tournament Updates for this Summer

The 'Deans' Tournament – Manchester – Saturday 1st July 2006

**Deans Activities Centre, Deans Road,
Swinton, Manchester
(accessed from Partington Lane)**

Please be at the venue for no later than 8.30 am please

Bacon Butties, Rolls 'n Sausage etc will be available at the venue from early morning (obviously you have to pay for them)The below squads have changed dramatically due to holidays etc as you can see.

If anyone is considering travelling down the night before – then there is a Premier Lodge (£50 per family room) in Swinton just facing the park....see the map. But dinna pay £10 for breakfast – you will get it much cheaper at the park from early morning (so I have been informed).

Squads are as listed below

<i>School of Excellence</i>	<i>Academy PLUS</i>
James Semple	David Thomson
Ross Lyon (Capt)	Anthony Croal
Leon Jones	Anthony Ralston
Aiden Mc Elhinney	Ryan Love (Capt)
Aiden Gray	Calum Mc Donald
Jamie Love	Josh Mac Donald
Sean Hughes	Liam Burt
Ryan Coulter	Liam Bowie
Gary Keenan	Ross Henderson
Bradley Reid	Matthew Innes

The 'Staining' Tournament in Staining (near Blackpool)

My apologies if anyone is on 'holiday' on this dateif you are please advise me IMMEDIATELY.

The Staining Tournament

Saturday 8th July 2006

The event will take place at :

**Staining Village Hall
Chain Lane
Staining, near Blackpool.**

Please be there for 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start

SEVEN A SIDE TOURNAMENT

Under 8's	Under 7's	Under 6's
<i>Born after 31/8/97</i>	<i>Born after 31/8/98</i>	<i>Born after 31/8/99</i>
Bobby Mc Donald	John Renwick	Michael Innes / Jim Ruddick
Competitive	Non-Competitive	We will have to swap round these players so that they all get a wee chance playing 'goal' as Kyle is on holiday. This competition is NON-COMPETITIVE
David Thomson	Paul O Hara <i>O/A</i>	Jack Stewart <i>O/A</i>
Ross Lyon (Capt)	Gary Keenan	Robbie Martin
Leon Jones	Samuel Bullough	Craig Butler
Aiden Mc Elhinney	Christopher Sands	Padraig Dolan
Aiden Gray <i>O/A</i>	Ross Henderson	Sonny Stewart
Callum Gibson	Liam Burt	Calum Whyte
Bradley Reid	Ryan Love (Capt)	Calum Holland
Ryan Coulter	Connor Stewart	Conor Burt
Liam Bowie	Anthony Ralston	Matthew Innes (Capt)
James Semple	Anthony Croal	Cameron Stewart
We are only using one overage player in each squad – although we are permitted two !!		

Anyone staying in Blackpool the night before MUST LET ME KNOW

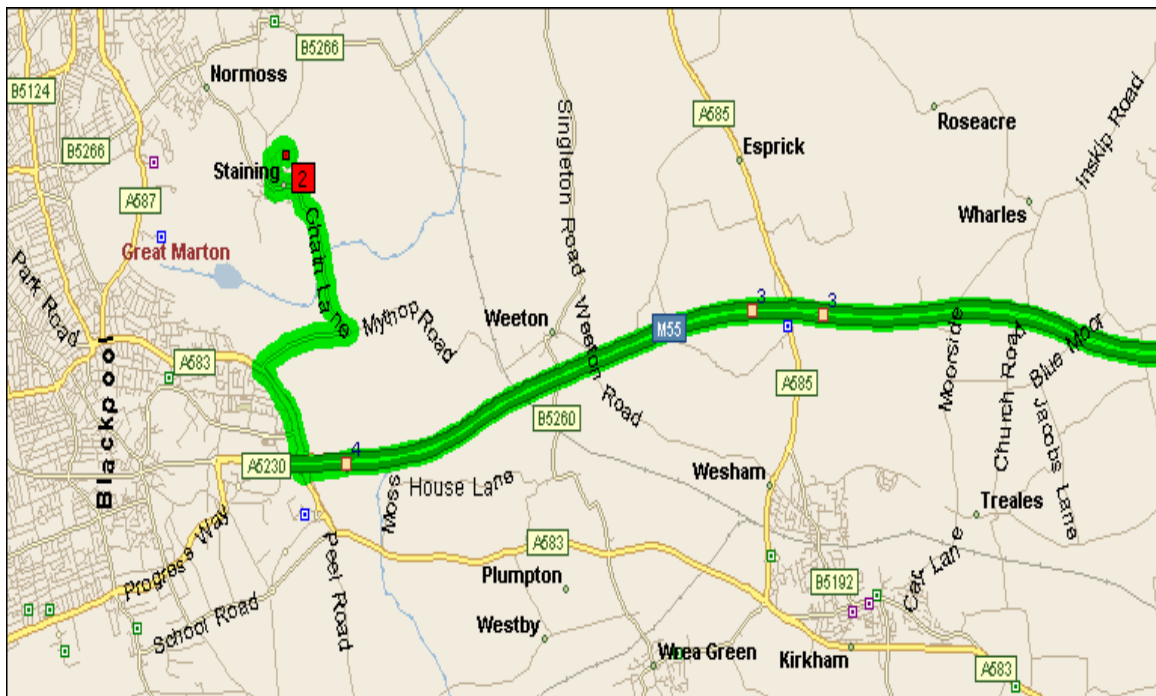
Directions and Map below

Directions to Staining

Summary: 183.5 miles (2 hours, 54 minutes)

Mile	Instruction	For	Toward
0.0	Depart Hamilton on A724 [Union Street] (West)	0.4 mi	
0.4	Turn RIGHT (South) onto A724 [Douglas Street], then immediately turn LEFT (East) onto A72 [Almada Street]	0.4 mi	
0.7	At roundabout, take the THIRD exit onto A72 [Muir Street]	0.4 mi	
1.2	At roundabout, take the SECOND exit onto A72 [Palace Grounds Road]	0.4 mi	
1.5	At roundabout, take the FIRST exit onto A723 [Motherwell Road]	0.2 mi	
1.7	Keep LEFT onto Ramp	0.3 mi	M74 / Glasgow / Carlisle
2.0	Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto M74	25.0 mi	M74 / A74 / Carlisle
27.0	Road name changes to A74(M)	49.2 mi	
76.2	Road name changes to A74	5.4 mi	
81.6	Road name changes to M6	86.2 mi	
167.8	At Exit 32, keep STRAIGHT onto Ramp	1.0 mi	M55 / A6 / Blackpool / Preston
168.8	Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto M55	11.1 mi	M55 / Blackpool / Fleetwood
179.9	At Exit 4, keep LEFT onto Ramp	0.3 mi	A583 / Blackpool / North Shore
180.2	At roundabout, take the THIRD exit onto A583 [Preston New Road]	0.8 mi	
181.0	Turn RIGHT (North) onto Mythop Road	0.8 mi	
181.8	Turn LEFT (North-West) onto Chain Lane	1.2 mi	
183.0	Road name changes to Staining Road	32 yds	
183.0	Turn RIGHT (North) onto Mill Lane	0.2 mi	
183.2	Turn RIGHT (East) onto Staining Rise	87 yds	
183.2	Turn LEFT to stay on Staining Rise	0.2 mi	
183.5	Arrive FY3 OBU		

See MAP Below



NB : Bonus Ball winner this week is : Tricia Burt (Liam & Conor's Mum)

The 'Heygarth' Tournament in Ellesmere Port (near Liverpool)

My apologies if anyone is on 'holiday' on this dateif you are please advise me IMMEDIATELY.

The Heygarth Tournament

Saturday 15th July 2006

Under 7's

FIVE A SIDE TOURNAMENT

The event will take place at :
Vauxhall's Sports and Social Club
Riveracre Road
Ellesmere Port

Please be there for 8.45 am for a 9.00 am start

<i>Five a Side Team 'Navy'</i>	<i>Five a Side Team 'White'</i>
John Renwick	Michael Innes
James Semple O/A	David Thomson O/A
Gary Keenan	Matthew Innes
Ryan Love	Jack Stewart
Chris Sands	Ross Henderson
Connor Stewart	Calum Glasgow
Anthony Ralston	Josh Mc Fall
Callum Gibson O/A	Jonathan Downs O/A
Kieran Mc Millan	Carla Boyce
Directions to follow	

Ireland

This week I spent some time in Ireland for the purpose of :

- Continuing with the recruitment of coaches for the joint venture with Green Island Boys Club in Northern Ireland.
- Launching a new Under 6's venture on behalf of Lisburn FC.
- Running a child protection course for the Irish Amateur Football Association (voluntary sector)
- Arranging a one or two day trip to Dublin to play in a tournament there next year. (Surprise! Surprise!)

IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL TRIP AND ALL VENTURES WENT WELL. Apart from missing my 5.20 pm Ferry and having to get the 10.10 pm Ferry home.....such is life !!!

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

There was a very good suggestion put forward by a committee member that, due to the high costs involved in paying Tournament entry fees (some are between £40 - £100 per team) that students wishing to participate in tournaments should contribute to the costs. **I think this is an excellent idea for 2007** but I have decided to use the 'Penalty Kick' sponsorship money to pay for these fees for 2006. The current fees paid out to date is over £500 with quite a few competitions still to be paid for. I have taken this decision because of the fact that I am very aware that you all have a Scotland Strip to buy in August and everyone has the complete new 'Kit' to buy for January 2007....enough expense I think...without having to worry about tournament fees.

POTENTIAL DAY TRIPS

ALL TO BE CONFIRMED

I will name squads just as soon as trips are confirmed – **IT IS UP TO YOU TO ADVISE ME IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT...AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.** This will be updated every week with cancellations and / or additions. Players will not be set up in their 'groups' but more so in their age levels. So check Newsletter for squads.

Saturday	1 st July	Manchester	Deans Tournament	2 x Under 8's Teams (Seven-a-Side)
Saturday	8 th July	Staining	Staining Tournament	1 x U6, 1 x U7, 1 x U8 (Seven-a-Side)
Saturday	15 th July	Liverpool	Heygarth Tournament	2 x U7 (Five-a-Side)
Sunday	16 th July	Hamilton	Hamilton Accies Festival	1 x U8 = S of Ex + A Plus mix (Seven-a-Side)
Saturday	22 nd July	Manchester	Unicorn Festival	1 x U7, 1 x U8
Saturday	29 th July	Liverpool	Shaftsbury Tournament	1 x U7
Saturday	5 th August	Glasgow	Glasgow Cup	School of Excellence plus Academy PLUS
Saturday	12 th August	Morecambe	Barnoldswick Barons	2 x U8 (Six a Side)
Saturday	12 th August	Ayr	Land O Burns Festival	School of Excellence + Academy PLUS (two day – non Competitive)
Sunday	13 th August	Ayr	Land O Burns Festival	School of Excellence + Academy PLUS (two day – non Competitive)
Saturday	26 th August	Richmond Park	SBC Tournament	2 x U8
Sunday	27 th August	Blackpool	Bispham Juniors Tourney	1 x U6, 1 x U7, 1 x U8

REMEMBER = GREEN MEANS IT IS A 'GOER'

June / July Events

Day	Date	What's on	Where	For who ?	
Friday	30 June	Training	Richmond Park 7pm – 9pm	School of Excellence Academy PLUS	1999 Group ALL Goalkeepers
Saturday	1 July	Two x Under 8's Teams playing in an Under 9's Tournament	Swinton, Manchester	School of Excellence Academy PLUS	Own transport as usual please.
Sunday	2 July	Training	Hamilton Palace 10am – 12 noon	1998 Improvers 2000 Age Group	'New' Players
Thursday	6 July	Game ...v Partick Thistle	Richmond Park	1998 Improvers	
Thursday	6 July	Game ...v East Kilbride		1999 Age Group	
Friday	30 June	Training	Richmond Park 7pm – 9pm	School of Excellence Academy PLUS	1999 Group ALL Goalkeepers
Saturday	8 July	One U6 team, One U7 team, and One U8 team playing in a tournament in Staining (near Blackpool).	Blackpool	One Under 8's team, one Under7's team, and one Under 6's team.	See this Newsletter for squads

Carbrain Boys Club taken apart

Carbrain Boys Club from Cumbernauld were beaten 14-0 by the School of Excellence in what was a complete 'washout'. Coming down from the hills with a top class reputation, the boys from the new town were battered and bruised from the start by a very 'up for it' Scotland Boys Club squad. The students are just getting stronger and stronger.

Extended Contracts

Callum Gibson (Academy PLUS) and **David Thomson** (School of Excellence) have won themselves extended contracts with Hearts FC after a successful trial period. This is with the Hamilton Campus of the Edinburgh side. **Ryan Kane** has also been invited along for trials after the Summer holidays. **Ross Lyon** and **Gary Keenan** have also had successful 'trial games' with the premier league side, and will be invited to join the Hearts FC Wishaw Campus when it starts back in August.

Little 'Thistle' jag 1999 Squad at Richmond Park

Last Friday seen our 1999 Squad slip up in their race for 'runners up' in the South Lanarkshire – Under Age League Championship. They faltered against a very good little Thistle side who went into an early lead and this proved difficult to pull back. Always remember that this is a 1998 League and our 'terrors' are a year younger than all the other teams they are competing against. However tonight, they got themselves back on the 'rails' with a splendid 3-0 victory against Clyde Valley at Richmond Park. Well Done wee yins !!! The 1998 Improvers, current League leaders, after their 5-0 crushing of Clyde Valley last week are almost untouchable now after an excellent 5-3 victory over hard working Stonehouse Boys Club tonight – also at Richmond Park and will soon have the 'flag' in their grasp at this rate. Well done to you big guys also !!

Wedding of the Year !!!

Paul Smith and Donna Mc Ardle (John Smith's parents – Academy **PLUS** squad) – have decided to 'tie the knot' – **ABROAD**of course.....and why not. The Rangers Football Club – Head Chef comments that it is 'the biggest day of your life – so why not make it something special'. Good News for us revellers is that Paul & Donna have given an **OPEN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS OF THE ACADEMY – REGARDLESS OF AGE GROUP** – to the **big party** which is being held in the **JAMES MURRAY SPORTS CENTRE IN BAILLIESTON** (same place we had our Race Night), Saturday 5th August, 7 pm till late. **KIDS ARE ALLOWED TO COME ALONG**.....so make sure you are all there to support the happy couple !!! I will remind you all nearer the time of course.

Penalty Kick Competition

The below listed players have still to contribute towards the Penalty Kick competition. If a contribution is not received by **NEXT WEEKEND**, the players will be **debt suspended** and will not be asked to participate in games or competitions. It is not important **how small** the donation might be – as long as some form of contribution is made. So remember, the deadline for a contribution is **SUNDAY 9th JULY**. I do appreciate that some of these players have been / still are on holiday.....but this list has been going around for weeks now.

**James Semple, Anthony Ralston, Andrew Mc Lean, Sonny Stewart,
Chris Sands, Ryan Gormley, and Joe Carlson.**

Training

Whilst we are training for the next **FOUR FRIDAY's and FOUR SUNDAY's** at **RICHMOND PARK**, the little shop will be manned at the Portacabin at Richmond Park. Theresa will collect 'Subs' as usual and crisps, juice, tea, coffee, bovril, hot chocolate, soup etc will all be available to buy at the 'shop' which will be manned by parents. The problem I am having is that it is **THE SAME PARENTS EVERY WEEK WHICH IS TOTALLY UNFAIR**. Can I appeal to your good nature, **ALL AGE GROUPS**, we need to man this facility.....**CAN I PLEASE HAVE VOLUNTEERS FROM EVERY AGE GROUP**. If every parent volunteered, you would probably find that your 'contribution' would only need to be once every ten weeks or so.....is that a lot to ask. So please get yourselves into a rota and work it out.

Putting up the goals ...AND MORE IMPORTANTLY....TAKING THEM DOWN.

A moan from John Renwick now. The portable goals are being set-up and taken down by a tiny proportion of parents. It is absolutely essential to the successful running of this Academy that everyone 'mucks' in and helps when it comes to setting up and taking down these goals. John comments '*...last Friday was a perfect example....after the 1999 Partick Thistle game....everyone hopped off and left the goals up....leaving me and 'the one or two' usual helpers to disassemble the goals*'. On the Saturday...the same thing happened at the grading matches. It is very important that we all work as a team to get these goals in quickly and effortlessly....**so pleasehelp out where you can.**

Tote System and Bonus Ball

It has been decided to begin the tote system later than what was originally planned. The main reason is that most of the main squad is going / or are going on holiday throughout July (and part of August) and it would be a waste of time. It is anticipated that the system will start in mid August. The 'Bonus Ball' will continue as ever (even when the tote system begins).

Equipment Update

Just an update on what is going on with equipment.

- Firstly, some students are turning up to training wearing **NON-SCOTLAND KIT**. This is unacceptable. You can wear the old kit or the newer kit or the training kit....it is up to you.....but they should not come with spurious equipment or he/she **WILL** be sent home.
- Two without shinguards last week....please do not let it happen again....the insurance does not cover the student if they are not wearing shinguards.
- Several students have not purchased the Red/Black rain jacket. Please ensure that you **order one** through Hampden or online at your earliest convenience.
 - An appointment is being set-up next week to talk to a manufacturer who will do our Tracksuits and Training Kits and Bags.
 - August is still the date for the release of the new Scotland Kit.

FROM JANUARY 2007

THE ACADEMY WILL HAVE 80 STUDENTS

THE KIT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS :

- **New Official Scotland Strip** (released 1st August 2006). This must be taken to **DEE SPORTS** and your squad number and name put on the back of the jersey. Also your number should be put on the shorts. Do not use anyone except DEE SPORTS in DUNDYVAN ROAD so that we can maintain consistency. This KIT must ONLY be used for games**not for training**.
- **Training Kit** ...this will be available from our designated manufacturer. It will consist of a strip and a Training Top....this must be used for training only. The strip should be numbered as above and the Training Top will be lettered 'Scotland Boys Club' on the back and your initials will be embroidered on the front by DEE SPORTS.
- **Tracksuit**this will be available from our designated manufacturer. This must be used to travel to games only....not for training. The Tracksuit will be lettered 'Scotland Boys Club' on the back and the initials of the student embroidered on the Tracksuit top, **AND** on the tracksuit bottoms.
- **Rain Jacket**the standard SFA Red/Black Rainjacket that we currently use. If the SFA cannot supply enough of these jackets, then we will get our manufacturer to make us one. Initials should be embroidered on the front of the jacket by **DEE SPORTS**. These jackets are for training and games (when it is cold and/or raining).
- **Bag**a new bag is being designed by our manufacturer and it will be lettered 'Scotland Boys Club' Academy of Football. Use it for games **AND** training.
- **Scotland Navy Tammy, (from Hampden Shop)**, shinguards, water bottle, Size 4 Ball, Navy Blue gloves, astroturf trainers or boots, and boots suitable from grass (moulded studs) for Training and games.
- **Aluminium studs** and/or tips are banned. Plastic studs are banned....only rubber is permissible.
- **One pair of 0.5 kg ankle weights** and a cheap skipping rope for Training.

EVERYONE WILL HAVE UNTIL 1ST JANUARY TO OBTAIN ENTIRE KIT