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Academy – ‘a victim of our own successes’

Students ‘too good for their own health’

When ...John Renwick and I contemplated the future four years ago now, we developed Academies in Middlesbrough, Ayr and Aberdeen. They were all fairly small squads who were promptly taken over by the appropriate clubs in those areas as part of their youth set-ups. This unfortunately did not happen in Hamilton due to the conflict of interest and personality clashes between myself and certain individuals within the coaching staff. We retained the students...and the rest is history. Our Academy has expanded beyond all our wildest dreams and we have produced some of the most exciting talent in Scotland. I thought at first that it was luck....but then our 1999 squad came along and they have a fantastic squad, now the 2000 Age Group....this is **NEVERLUCK !!!** Because of this, teams are frightened to play us....are refusing fixtures...and making the art of ‘tough games’ non-existent. The next blow to the system is the ‘invention’ of the rule that says teams may **NOT HAVE** a strong team and a weak team. They **MUST** be evenly matched. This is going to cause the Academy major problems....so I will be requesting a meeting with parents to discuss over the next couple of weeks. Watch this space.

Get your NEW Scotland Strip before stocks run dry !!!

The **NEW Scotland Strip** has been launched at last (pictured left). On 24th August we seen the first look of our new kit. Can I please ask **ALL** parents to now go and seek...before they are all finished. Once you have obtained the kit, you must take it over to **DEE SPORTS** in **Dundyvan Road in Coatbridge** and they will put **GOLD SQUAD NUMBERS** on the back – along will your name.

They will also put a **Gold number** on the front of the jersey, and gold number on the shorts for a nominal fee. **IMPORTANT** ...it must be **GOLD NUMBERS** ...and they must be done in **DEE SPORTS**. For consistency sake. Now please do not expect them to do it right away. You may have to leave the kit with them...and go back and collect. Now the **5/6 year old INFANT KITS** are not in until **MONDAY** and neither are the goalkeeper kits in until then ...so you will have to wait a week or so.

There are a number of ways of obtaining the kit ...but the best is **ON-LINE**. On-Line from : www.scotlandkit.com or www.acasports.co.uk or www.officialscotlandshop.com or www.footballtops.com

I can rest assure you that when this kit goes out of stock ...you will never see hide nor hair of it again...They order a huge start up quantity...and do not replenish, because of the high minimum ordering levels. They had plenty yesterday at the Hampden Shop...I checked when I was working at Hampden yesterday....but that was then. Remember I will have **80 kids** rushing up there from this Academy alone !!! So get searching.



Last week's games and results

A new weekly feature... of the Scottish News.

School of Excellence and Academy PLUS

Unfortunately Baillieston withdrew from this fixture as they '*cannot get a team*' was the war-cry. Heard it so many times before. As you can see from the first page article – we **are** 'a victim of our own success'. We did of course get to the **Bispham Tournament** in Blackpool last weekend and got knocked out in the quarter finals on ...believe it or not ...PENALTIES AGAIN !!!

1998 Improvers

This squad got off to a 'flier' at the weekend and got a famous victory or two over our old rivals – Aston Villa. It was a tense game, but the students done remarkably well and deserved their victory. Keep up the good work lads.

1999 Age Group

This group are so very, very strong and their strength showed in a well deserved victory over Moorlands Boys Club from Uddingston. They overpowered the Uddingston lads with both teams producing emphatic victories. They also beat Wolves Boys Club on Thursday night by huge scores in a bad tempered bit of rivalry. Wolves were getting a little distressed over nothing.

Goalies Still Wanted !!!!!



The Academy is still quite keen to recruit 'goalkeepers'. Do you know any good goalkeepers – any age group – if so why not either bring them along or get in touch.

Training ...is back to normal this week for all age groups.

School of Excellence	Fridays 7.00 – 9.00
Academy PLUS	Fridays 7.00 – 9.00
1999 Age Group	Fridays 7.00 – 9.00

1998 Improvers	Sunday 10.00 – 12.00
2000 Age Group	Sunday 10.00 – 12.00

Corrections

- **Robert Gormley** – 1998 Improvers – number on Newsletter last week was incorrect. The correct number is now shown on the front page of this Newsletterapologies for that.
- Last week I announced that a shop in East Kilbride was selling 'cheap Scotland Strips'the **CORRECT** name is **footballtops.com****Check it out !!!**

Fund Raising Committee – 1998 Improvers, 1999, and 2000 Age Group

There is currently a need for volunteers from parents of the **1998 improvers / 1999's / 2000's** to form a committee in order to raise some much needed funds. These funds will help subsidise all sorts of things and help with travel (and any other) costs that arise. Not everyone will have the time to become a committee member, but the help and support of all parents will be needed for fundraising events. Remember these funds are for your children. If you are interested please speak to **Suzanne Innes, Dawn Stewart or Joy Carswell** (obtain phone numbers/email addresses from Bobby McDonald).

There will be a first meeting of this committee on **Friday 15th September 2006 at Hamilton Palace**. In addition to this, the 1998 School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS squads will run events which you should go along to and support. The more tickets you buy for these events will determine how much money the above age groups will get from the 'profits'. The profit for 'multi-joint' events is apportioned between the various age groups dependant on ticket sales.

This Weekend

Saturday	2 September 2006
Squads	School of Excellence and Academy PLUS <i>Angus Carswell</i> will play in goal for this game for this squad
Venue	Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre in Bellshill
Meeting Time	8.30 am at Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre
Kick Off Time	9.00 am ...Game is on Astroturf...so appropriate footwear.
Opposition	Mossend Boys Club

Saturday	2 September 2006
Squads	1998 Improvers – Squads 'A' and 'B' <i>Cameron Carswell</i> will play goal for the 'B' Squad in this game.
Venue	St John's Primary School in Uddingston, in the estate behind Angels Pub in Uddingston.
Meeting Time	8.45 am
Kick Off Time	9.15 am
Opposition	Moorlands Boys Club

Saturday	2 September 2006
Squads	1999 – Squads 'A' and 'B'
Venue	NO GAME. Wolves Boys Club game was brought back to Thursday evening.
Meeting Time	N/A
Kick Off Time	N/A
Opposition	N/A

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Scores	Opposition	Venue	Kick Off	Meeting Time
Sun	27 Aug	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Moorlands Boys Club	St John's	10.00	9.30
Sat	26 Aug	S of E and Academy PLUS	P v P	Baillieston Juniors	GAME OFF		
Sat	26 Aug	Aston Villa Boys Club	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	St John Paul's	11.15	10.45
Thu	31 Aug	Wolves Boys Club	v	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	St Joachim's	6.30	6.15
Sat	2 Sep	Mossend Boys Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Bellshill	9.00	8.30
Sat	2 Sep	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	v	Moorlands Boys Club	St John's Udd	9.15	8.45
Sat	9 Sep	Milton Rovers Boys Club	v	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	Carluge	tba	tba
Sat	9 Sep	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	Holytown Colts	Richmond	10.00	9.15
Sat	9 Sep	East Kilbride Youth Club	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	16 Sep	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Mill United Boys Club	Richmond	10.00	9.15
Sat	16 Sep	Wolves Boys Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Baillieston	tba	tba
Sat	16 Sep	East Kilbride Burgh United	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	23 Sep	September Week-End	v	No Games for any squads	Training	As	Usual
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We may try and get friendlies or bounce games for above week—end – we will advise as per the Newsletter							
Sat	30 Sep	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Baillieston Juniors	Richmond	10.00	9.15
Sat	30 Sep	Milton Rovers	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Carluge	tba	tba
Sat	30 Sep	Holytown Colts	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	Holytown	tba	tba
Sat	7 Oct	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Holytown Colts	Richmond	9.30	8.45
Sat	7 Oct	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	v	Wishaw Wycombe	Richmond	11.00	10.30
Sat	7 Oct	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	Strathaven Boys Club	The Moon	10.00	9.15
Sat	14 Oct	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Free Week – Bounce Game	Richmond	11.00	10.30
Sat	14 Oct	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	v	Mill United Boys Club	Richmond	9.30	8.45
Sat	14 Oct	Blantyre Boys Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Blantyre	tba	tba
Sat	21 Oct	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Westwood Rovers	Richmond	11.00	10.30
Sat	21 Oct	Newmains Hammers	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	Newmains	tba	tba
Sat	21 Oct	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	East End Thistle	Richmond	9.30	8.45
Sat	28 Oct	Mossend Boys Club	v	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	Mossend	tba	tba
Sat	28 Oct	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	v	Edenvale Boys Club	Richmond	10.00	9.15
Sat	28 Oct	Claremont Boys Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	4 Nov	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Stewartfield Boys Club	Richmond	11.00	10.30
Sat	4 Nov	Stewartfield Boys Club	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	4 Nov	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	Aston Villa Boys Club	Richmond	9.30	8.45
Sat	11 Nov	Wishaw Wycombe	v	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	Wishaw	tba	tba
Sat	11 Nov	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	v	Baillieston Juniors	Richmond	10.00	9.15
Sat	11 Nov	Moorlands Boys Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Uddingston	tba	tba
Sat	18 Nov	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Blantyre Boys Club	Richmond	9.30	8.45
Sat	18 Nov	Mossend Boys Club	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	Mossend	tba	tba
Sat	18 Nov	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	East Kilbride Burgh United	Richmond	11.00	10.30
Sat	25 Nov	East Kilbride Burgh United	v	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	25 Nov	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	v	Wolves Boys Club	Richmond	10.00	9.15
Sat	25 Nov	East Kilbride Youth Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	2 Dec	Claremont Boys Club	v	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	2 Dec	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	Richmond	10.00	9.15
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Sat	9 Dec	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Edenvale Boys Club	Richmond	11.00	10.30
Sat	9 Dec	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	v	Milton Rovers Boys Club	Richmond	9.30	8.45
Sat	9 Dec	Wishaw Wycombe	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Wishaw	tba	tba

The above fixtures are the last official League fixtures for 2006.

Parents Meeting – Cancelled Until NEXT SUNDAY 10th September - - Apologies !!!

The meeting of **2000 Age Group Parents AT** Hamilton Palace on **Sunday 3rd of September 2006** has been **CANCELLED** because of an influx of **TRIALISTS** this week. It will now take place **NEXT SUNDAY, 10th September** at **12.00 noon**. This will include all **NEW 2000** players' parents.

Bonus Ball

The winner of the bonus ball this week is **ALDO THOMSON.....AGAIN ...YES AGAIN !!!**

Scotland Boys Club's 'Trick or Treat' 1998 Halloween Festival of Soccer

I NEED NAMES FROM PARENTS of the 1998 Improvers, and full 1998 Squads to volunteer for tasks within this Festival for it to be a success. Please give your name to Theresa tonight. **THIS IS THE SECOND REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS**



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