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## Academy overrule Executive on 'mixed squads'

### Why should we ?

**After careful consideration**, we have ultimately decided that we are going to abandon the idea of changing the teams around to 'make two even squads'. Why ? No-one else seems to be doing it. It is clear that most teams do not have as strong squads as us and their groups will look evenly balanced anyway...but with us ...it is slightly different- especially in the 1999 age group where we have a very strong group and a particularly weak group (although that is slowly changing).

We checked other good squads and realised that they were not changing round ...so why on earth should we. We did although leave it to the parents discretion when it came to the School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS Squads, as no matter what you do with these squads...they will still be two strong teams....but no one has demanded that their son be moved ...so we remain 'status quo'...

### Other clubs ?

Can we re-iterate the message that it is contravening the Constitution of the SYFA and the Constitution and Rules of the Academy for players to play for any other Club whilst playing with us. It is absolutely fine for players to train with Professional Academies, Professional Community Coaching with the SFA or senior clubs ie Celtic, Rangers, or schools coaching....but anything else is not permissible. I do not want to labour on the fact but please abide by this regulation strictly. **Thank you for that !!**

### REMEMBER NEXT WEEKEND

**THERE ARE NO GAMES FOR ANYONE EXCEPT THOSE INVOLVED IN THE HAMILTON ACCIES FESTIVAL. TRAINING FOR THE FRIDAY GROUPS IS AS NORMAL, BUT TRAINING FOR THE SUNDAY GROUPS IS CANCELLED.**



# Last week's games and results

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

## School of Excellence and Academy PLUS

The 'School' and the 'Academy PLUS' squads once again demoralised a luckless **Holytown Colts** in what was another mismatch. Again Holytown Colts had a good start to the day but the power and strength of the opposition (our guys) proved too much for them. Hopefully, this weekend will give these two squads a much better letter of competition when they play the much fancied and improved Wolves Boys Club at Carmyle. Please note that this week's games for these squads are on **SUNDAY – not SATURDAY !!!**

## 1998 Improvers

The B Squad won their first game 5-4 but lost the second one 2-1 against the fancied **East Kilbride Youth Club**. The team worked hard but have to concentrate a lot more. The A Squad lost their first game 4-1 but by all accounts had plenty of chances. The 2nd game they won 3-1. This age group is improving all the time but we will have to be on the look out for a couple of players to balance them up. Remember this team should always phone Robert Gormley or Robert Sands on a Thursday night to find out where their game is and the kick off time.

## 1999 Age Group

The 1999 Age group continued with their winning streak by beating **Milton Rovers** fairly convincingly in a series of well contested games. The A Squad were massively over-strong for the Carluke youngsters, but I am pleased to say that the B Squad also put up a terrific fight. The B Squad managed a couple of well earned draws and they are getting better every week. Let's see how they progress next week against our arch rivals ...Mill United !!!

## Training as normal this week

Training ...is normal this weekend for all age groups.

<b>School of Excellence</b>	Fridays 7.00 – 9.00
<b>Academy PLUS</b>	Fridays 7.00 – 9.00
<b>1999 Age Group</b>	Fridays 7.00 – 9.00
<b>ALL Goalkeepers</b>	Fridays 7.00 – 9.00

<b>1998 Improvers</b>	Sunday 10.00 – 12.00
<b>2000 Age Group</b>	Sunday 10.00 – 12.00

## This Weekend

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17 September 2006</b>
<b>Squads</b>	<b>School of Excellence and Academy PLUS</b> <i>Cameron Carswell</i> will play goal for the 'School of Excellence' in this game.
<b>Venue</b>	St Joachim's School in Carmyle
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.30 am
<b>Kick Off Time</b>	11.00 am
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Wolves Boys Club</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16 September 2006</b>
<b>Squads</b>	<b>1998 Improvers – Squads 'A' and 'B'</b>
<b>Venue</b>	Brancumhall Pitches, Brancumhall Road, East Kilbride
<b>Meeting Time</b>	9.15 am
<b>Kick Off Time</b>	9.45 am sharp
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>East Kilbride Burgh United</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16 September 2006</b>
<b>Squads</b>	<b>1999 – Squads 'A' and 'B'</b> <i>Kyle Mac Donald</i> will play in goal for the 'B' squad this week.
<b>Venue</b>	Richmond Park (Can we please have parents down early to help set up goals please)
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.15 am (10.00 am for those who are helping with goals)
<b>Kick Off Time</b>	11.00 am kick off sharp
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Mill United Boys Club</b>

## September Week-End

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Accies Festival</b>	For this festival, which is designed for the School of Excellence <b>AND</b> Academy PLUS because of its high standard, we may be introducing one or two younger players because of holidays and to give them experience. Squads will be Announced in next week's Newsletter.
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## Coaches Meetings

There will be a **Coaches / Managers Meeting** on the **first Thursday of every month** at a house to be decided and notified nearer the time. We will attempt to have the meeting in the houses of coaches / managers (wives permitting of course). Of course there is no obligation for you to 'volunteer' your house...it is only if you so wish. Each meeting will be from **7.00 pm until 8.30 pm** and will be strictly time monitored.

I will not be having any meetings in December, but the 'December' meeting will be brought forward a week. So the dates of the meetings will be as follows. Now I appreciate that some coaches will not be able to make all of the meetings...and that is just life. As long as you can get to most of them...I will be quite happy.

The first meeting therefore will be...**5<sup>th</sup> October, the second 2<sup>nd</sup> November, and the final one of this year is 30<sup>th</sup> November.** (Venues to be decided and I am open to suggestions.) We could of course book the meeting room at Hamilton Palace...**PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHERE YOU WANT THEM TO BE HELD...**

## FIXTURES STILL TO BE PLAYED

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Scores	Opposition	Venue	Kick Off	Meeting Time
Sat	16 Sep	1999 Age Group 'A' + 'B'	v	Mill United Boys Club	Richmond	11.00	10.15
Sun	17 Sep	Wolves Boys Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	St Joachim's	11.00	10.30
Sat	16 Sep	East Kilbride Burgh United	v	1998 Improvers 'A' + 'B'	East Kilbride	9.45	9.15
Sun	24 Sep	School of Excellence + Academy PLUS + one or Two youngsters	v	Hamilton Accies Tourney	Douglas Park	9.00	8.45
				No Games for anyone else	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>September Week-End</b>				No Games for anyone else	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	Carluke	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.**

### Staff Night Out

It is normal for the Coaches to go for a **meal** at Xmas...but with the Academy expanding and the Coaching / Committee Staff expanding, we have decided to extend this **meal 'night'** to Coaches and Committee Members and their partners. All coaches, team managers, the Fund One Committee (School of Excellence and Academy PLUS), and the Fund Two Committee (1998 Improvers, 1999 Age Group, and the 2000 Age Group) are invited to this event. I am delegating the task of organising a venue etc to the Club Secretary, **Mrs Lorraine Hughes** (even though I have

not asked her yet !!!) .....So please...any suggestions of a venue/date/time to her please. The Club will contribute **£150** towards the cost of the meal.

## Snippets

- Talking about email addresses....and particularly for students who have just come to the Academy ....Can you please give Theresa your email address so that you can get the Newsletter by email every week. It does save the Club money in the long term. And of course ...there are still a **LOT** ...of existing students' parents who **I KNOW** have email (even if it is at work) ...that have not given me their email addresses for the Newsletter.....**CAN YOU PLEASE RECTIFY THIS ... ASAP PLEASE** .....
- Could **ALL** 'newer' Coaches not **DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND** checked, who failed to appear at the **DISCLOSURE MEETING** last Sunday night please check in with me as we are going to have a problem over the next few weeks trying to justify your existence. The **LSSDA** are introducing a 'mop up' day for those who missed....and it is imperative that you attend this day or you will no longer be permitted to coach our students. Those who did attend....thank you for doing this...and remember once your Disclosure comes through...I need a copy please.
- Anyone going on **HOLIDAY** for the September Week-end, or the school October week....must notify Theresa **NOW** as I am getting invites for these weeks ...and I need to know who is available.
- Attendance at Training ....this 'rule' is known to parents who have been here a while, but **NOT** to newer parents. If you know in advance that your son / daughter cannot attend training on his proper day allocated....then he **MUST** come along to the alternative day with another age group. If your son makes the Saturday game (ie 1998 Improvers) and is unwell for the Sunday following...then he must attend training the following Friday to make up for the 'miss'.
- Working in Hull this week, then moved onto Middlesbrough. Was very fortunate to 'obtain' a couple of late **Manchester United v Celtic** tickets and scrambled down to Manchester courtesy of Derek Mc Innes. Big mistake. Hit a massive traffic jam as the M60 snarled to a standstill and was still sitting there as the match kicked off. End product – watching the game courtesy of a 12 inch portable in the Castlefield Hotel in Manchester. Such is life. And I thought the traffic in Glasgow was bad.
- The **BONUS BALL** winner this week was **Tricia Burt** – Liam & Conor's Mum. Well Done to her !!!

## Parents Meetings

I will do the **1998 Improvers 'Parents Meeting'** and the **1999 Age Group 'Parents Meeting'** next weekend. I cannot manage them this weekend as there is a 1999 Fund Raising Meeting on Friday, I have no facilities on Saturday, and I am on my own on Sunday because my game is this Sunday instead of Saturday ....apologies for this.

## Would you like a 'discount' off your child's Training Kit ?

**You will all be aware** .... Of the next **FUND RAISING** event which is being run by John and Josephine Kane, Ryan Kane's parents. Yes, of course it is the **HALLOWEEN AND CASINO EVENING**. Now we have had an added boost from the Pub Owner who is hosting the event. He has indicated that if this is a fantastically successful night, and it makes him lots of money (which I am sure it will) ...then...**WAIT FOR IT...He just MAY sponsor the club !!!!** All we would have to do is run **FOUR** of these functions a year ...and there you go. Sponsorship at last >>>

In addition to this, the **FUND ONE** committee (School of Excellence and Academy PLUS) who are running this event, have decided to use the profit for this event to discount the students' **Training Kits**. Now this 'discount' will apply to everyone. Any parent who buys tickets for this event (whether they turn up or not) – will be entitled to this discount once the kit price has been agreed. How much that discount will be will depend on how many tickets you buy. **The more tickets you buy, the greater proportional discount you will receive.**

**So ALL age groups must support this event.**

**Bobby Mc Donald**