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Newcastle United run their 'eye' over Academy



NEWCASTLE UNITED

School of Excellence and Academy PLUS squads invited to St James Park

A once in a lifetime trip has been arranged by our friends at Newcastle United. This is one in a series of trips dedicated to getting students familiar with the professional scene so that when (and if) they make the desired move...they will at least be accustomed to the surroundings. **The date of this trip for your diary is FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH 2006.** The School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS Squads will travel down to Newcastle to visit the fabulous St James park as part of a guided tour. They will then pop into Newcastle itself for a light snack before attempting a photographic session courtesy of the 'Angel of the North'. This will be followed by a short trip up to the absolutely fantastic Newcastle United Youth Academy which resembles the unique Murray Park. At the Academy itself they will indulge in a fairly comprehensive training session followed by drinks and refreshments. This will bring us up to around 5.30 pm when we will attempt our final warm up before playing **TWO** games against the Newcastle United Professional Youth Squad (1997 / 1998's) age group. These games will be played indoors in a full size 'Astrograss 3rd Generation Turf' under floodlights. These games will last from **6.00 pm until 8.00 pm** before participating in a 'warm-down' followed by the three hour journey back to Scotland. Any player 'impressing' the Newcastle United backroom staff and Academy coaches may be invited by the NUFC community education unit which is directly linked to the Academy for a week's professional coaching / assessment and who knows where that may just lead to. It is indeed a wonderful opportunity for these students unrivalled by any 'amateur' set-up in Scotland. Now these trips will be replicated next year when it will be the 1999's turn...and the following year with the 2000 Age Group....so everyone has it all to look forward to. Now I am giving a 'registration' form to Theresa tonight to identify who wishes to participate in this trip and how many people will be travelling down to Newcastle with your son. **IMPORTANT : If you DO NOT REGISTER BY NEXT WEEKEND at the LATEST**a replacement student from the **1998 Improvers** will be invited into the squad in your place. So please register NOWor you will **NOT BE TRAVELLING.** I have a waiting list the length of my arm for students desperate to participate. I have not decided the mode of travel yet but there will be a small cost factor attached to the trip. If any coach in the Academy wishes to accompany the two squads down to Newcastle, whether you work with them or not, please register with Theresa NOW otherwise there will be no spaces left for you.

Hamilton Accies Tournament – this weekend

THE NOW **'INFAMOUS'** Hamilton Accies Tournament takes place at Douglas Park this **SUNDAY**. The squads are listed below. There are a number of students on holiday this September Week-End...so the squads have been backed up by some players from the 1998 Improvers age group and the 1999 Age Group to give them some experience.

Hamilton Accies Tournament - Squads	
Scotland Boys Club (Navy)	Scotland Boys Club (White)
Bobby Mc Donald	John Renwick
1. Kyle Stevenson	1. David Thomson
2. Ross Lyon	2. Samuel Bullough
3. Aiden Gray	3. Ryan Love (1999)
4. Jamie Love	4. Liam Burt (1999)
5. Regan Glackin	5. Anthony Ralston
6. Sean Hughes	6. Lee Roulston (1998 Improvers)
7. Ryan Coulter	7. Anthony Croal (1999)
8. Leon Jones	8. Connor Stewart (1999)
9. Aiden Mc Elhinney	9. Liam Bowie
10. Gary Keenan	10. Ross Henderson (1999)
Please meet at Douglas Park, Hamilton on Sunday at 9.00 am sharp please.	

THE 'SCOTLAND BOYS CLUB' HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL – 1998 AGE GROUP

We are delighted to announce that the above 'Festival' has had permission granted by the **LSSDA** and the SYFA (Scottish Youth Football Association) and the SFA. The tournament will take place at St Aloysious' College, Millerston Playing Fields, Glasgow (facing Hogganfield Loch) on **SUNDAY 29th October 2006**. It is an **ALL DAY** event and is trophy free and non competitive. As I have already said, the 'festival' is a ONE DAY EVENT and will involve Scotland Boys Club's **THREE** 1998 Squads. The School of Excellence, the Academy PLUS Squad, and the 1998 Improvers 'A' Squad. Now it is absolutely imperative that at least ONE parent or relative from EACH student participating, volunteers to assist for part of the day in the massive organising that goes into such an event. We may need you for an hour or so to sell pies, to sell raffles, to be a car park attendant, a cleaner, a referee, a first aider, involved in the paperwork, selling programmeswhatever. Now I have given Theresa a listand you must advise her who will be helping so that we can make up rotas. **EVERY STUDENT** must **BE REPRESENTED BY** one volunteer (at least) **So get your name or representative to Theresa within the next fortnight as we then have to do rotas.**

ALSO ...Do you have your own business or have you a good boss. We need sponsorship for this tournament **NOW**. All we can offer in return is a half page advertisement in our match programme...but remember there will be several hundred kids and their families and supporters there...and everyone will buy a programme. We will take any donation you can come up with but we do require a minimum of **£50 for a half page advertisement**. C'mon folksdig deep into your pockets. We will also be getting a write-up in the local rags i.e Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser, Hamilton Advertiser etc and **EACH** sponsor will be mentioned in the write-up. Cheques made payable to 'Scotland Boys Club' ...or if you cannot help ...can you pass it on or talk to someone who will (sponsor) us. We will also accept tangible assets such as donations, balls, pies, food etc....raffle prizessigned balls / jerseys etc..... for us to sell (last minute again). Anything that is useable or sellable will be appreciated. And of course any ideas to improve or enhance the Festival would be very, very welcome. From parents of ALL age groups. Go on, have a look at what you can do.....IT's **YOUR ACADEMY !!! In February 2007 we will be running the same event for the 1999 Age Group and the 2000 Age Group with a St Valentine's day theme.**

Any correspondence re-sponsorship ... should go through the Events Co-Ordinator ...Mr Eddie Gibson who can be contacted on 07974672559 ...thanks for thatany help is welcome.



Last week's games and results

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

School of Excellence and Academy PLUS one of the parents my voice

At lasta bit of stiff opposition from the infamous protocol of **WOLVES BOYS CLUB**. The "School" won both matches, one very convincingly and one 8-4 which is a poor performance in our eyes. The Academy PLUS actually lost one of the games 2-1.....but it is nice to get some opposition at last. This 2-1 victory was against Wolves 'A' squad ...remember...the team who do not have 'A' and 'B' squads. I don't think so. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. !!! Anyway most supporters enjoyed some good matches.

1998 Improvers

Apologies for last week's scores. I was misinformed ... This week the A Squad lost their first game 4-3 to **East Kilbride Burgh United**second game they won 2-1. The B Squad lost their first game 3-0 and the second game they were losing 3-2 at half time but the second half didn't happen due to a mis—timing problem which was not our fault and we have reported the matter. John and I are looking very closely at these squads and I had a very serious talk with some of them last Sunday at training. We are bringing in a few new players to strengthen the squads but I will be having a chat with all the parents next weekend and we will discuss with you all, our thoughts and where we are going with this group. There are some fantastic players there and we want to progress them in the best possible way and we will be chatting to you all in relation to these issues next weekend (see this Newsletter).

1999 Age Group

The 1999 Age Group had a couple of fantastic victories against our arch rivals ...**Mill United** at Richmond Park. The A Squad started very slow, but once they got into their stride, the walloped the Mill U 'A' Squad by double figures. The second game was a clumsy affair with the group getting very tired. They managed to struggle to a five goal victory but made it look like real hard work. The B Squad were amazing. They worked really hard losing the first game 2-1 but the real shock came when our B Squad played Mill Utd's 'A' Squad. We roared into a 2-0 lead and were so unfortunate to lose two silly goals rendering the game a 2-2 draw. But believe me – this is a fabulous result from this dedicated and enthusiastic bunch of students – some who have never really played in matches before.

Training this week - PLEASE NOTE THAT FRIDAY NIGHT TRAINING WILL FINISH AT 8.45 PM FROM NOW ON AS I HAVE A CHILD CARE COMMITMENT AT 9.45 PM EVERY WEEK.

School of Excellence Friday 7.00 – 8.45
Academy PLUS Friday 7.00 – 8.45
ALL Goalkeepers Friday 7.00 – 8.45
1999 Age Group Friday 7.00 – 8.45

1999 Improvers - SUNDAY - CANCELLED
2000 Age Group - SUNDAY - CANCELLED

This Weekend

Sunday	24th September 2006
Squads	School of Excellence and Academy PLUS + Some younger students
Venue	Douglas Park – Hamilton Accies Park
Meeting Time	9.00 am
Kick Off Time	9.30 till 12.00 noon - Series of Matches
Opposition	Various

Saturday	23rd September 2006
Squads	1998 Improvers – Squads ‘A’ and ‘B’
Venue	N/A – No game
Meeting Time	N/A – No game
Kick Off Time	N/A – No game
Opposition	N/A – No game

Saturday	23rd September 2006
Squads	1999 – Squads ‘A’ and ‘B’
Venue	N/A – No game
Meeting Time	N/A – No game
Kick Off Time	N/A – No game
Opposition	N/A – No game

Holidays 2007

It still has not been decided the dates / venue of the School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS holiday for 2007. Hopefully this will be sorted out within the next fortnight.

Squad	Dates	Venue	Total Cost	Deposit Of £50 Non Refundable by	Next £100 by	Next £100 by	Final £100 by
1998 Improvers ‘A’ Squad	4 th – 7 th May	Blackpool	£350	October 31st	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
1998 Improvers ‘B’ Squad	4 th – 7 th May	Blackpool	£350	October 31st	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
1999 Age Group ‘A’ Squad	30 th Mar – 2 nd April	Craig Tara, Ayr	£350	October 31st	30 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan
1999 Age Group ‘B’ Squad	30 th Mar – 2 nd April	Craig Tara, Ayr	£350	October 31st	30 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan
2000 Age Group ‘A’ Squad	25 th – 28 th May	Great Yarmouth	£350	October 31st	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Jan
2000 Age Group ‘B’ Squad	25 th – 28 th May	Great Yarmouth	£350	October 31st	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Jan

For the benefit of ‘new students’. The above prices are for either caravans or chalets at the above locations. The price is for a four berth unit. If you have more than four people wishing to travel (the student is included in this number), then as far as I am concerned it is up to you. If you want to bring along a couple of sleeping bags...I will certainly not be counting. The cost is for self catering, you have to pay for your own food...and the price does not include travel. You have to make your own way to the destination. The payment deadlines are **NON-NEGOTIABLE** as we had all sorts of problems last year. We have to pay the trip at least eight weeks before travelling. New players joining after these deadlines will only be permitted to travel if there is a free place. The holidays are **NOT MANDATORY**....but I do need confirmation as to whether you are going or not as soon as possible so that I know how many places I have free to offer to new students. The students will be playing in competitive tournaments and each travelling student will be guaranteed actual matches. You can double up if you so wish. Let’s assume that wee Terry’s mum and dad cannot go. Then wee Gerry’s mum and dad could offer to bring wee Terry along as a ‘pal’ for wee Gerry. It’s up to you. Last year we had wee Terry’s mum and dad and wee Gerry’s mum and dad using the four berth unit and wee gerry and wee terry and their two sisters slept on sleeping bags on the floor...such is life ...its up to you...as I said I will not be counting. **BUT I NEED TO KNOW WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AS TO WHETHER YOU WILL BE TRAVELLING OR NOT.** And Finally you must reside in the ‘camp’ you cannot stay outwith the camp and play in the tournament simply because you know a ‘cheap B & B’ place to stay.

FIXTURES STILL TO BE PLAYED

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Scores	Opposition	Venue	Kick Off	Meeting Time
Sun	24 Sep	School of Excellence + Academy PLUS + one or Two youngsters	v	Hamilton Accies Tourney	Douglas Park	9.30	9.00
				No Games for anyone else	N/A	N/A	N/A
September Week-End				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.

New Scotland Strips

It has been pointed out to me that there are a number of 'flaws' in the New Scotland Strip. These flaws relate to the lower badge falling off and the socks becoming ragged. I have written to the SFA on the matter and await their response. It will probably fall on 'deaf ears'. Meanwhile I have been advised by a 'person who knows' that it would be wise to hand wash these strips until the badge adapts itself to 'water'. And whatever you do ...she quietly informs me, don't use water that is any hotter than lukewarm and do not tumble dry. Nor should you iron them. I seriously wonder why we are paying fifty quid for them !!! If you do get problems**GET THEM TAKEN BACK AND DEMAND A REPLACEMENT STRIP OR YOUR MONEY BACK.** They are after all contravening the Sale of Goods Act which insists that goods should be 'of satisfactory quality' and 'fit for their purpose' and you should quote that !!!

Gymnasium

Thank you very much – the three or four people that have looked into facilities (indoor) for the Academy. Keep progressing this if you can – and keep me advised. I have already followed up some of the leads.

'Infant' Strips

I have been advised that the infant kits (Scotland) are now available from Hampden Park. I know most of you have managed to get the bigger size ...but just to make you aware (2000 Group) ...that the smaller ones are now available. Remember of course that every student has until Xmas to get the NEW Scotland Kit ...but they are running out fast and furious...so I would be very careful if you are intending adding it to your Xmas List ...they just might not be available. A couple of parents have been asking what is involved in the New Training Kit. For their information I have listed the new kit below. I will be getting the kids 'sized' in the next couple of weeks and the equipment will be getting ordered and will be ready for Xmas. Meanwhile **PLEASE WRAP THEM UP AS WARM AS POSSIBLE IF WE GET SOME NASTY WEATHER.**

- A New Training Kit (T Shirt - V Neck, Shorts and socks - all in Navy)
 - A New Tracksuit
 - A New Training Top (Waterproof) and waterproof tracksuit trousers for it
 - A Rain Jacket
 - A Large Main Holdall
 - A 'training bag' - shoulder - simply for training purposes (for juice, boots etc)
 - Scotland Tammy's - Navy - saying 'Scotland Boys Club' on it.
 - Gloves - navy.
- EVERYTHING above, will have our badge on it, embroidered with the child's squad number and initials. The gloves and the tammy are the only things that will not have the badge on them.

Trialists

All students who have been on trial for the last few weeks are now at the end of their 'trial assessment' and must now make a decision as to whether they are joining the Academy or not. If they do, then they will acquire a squad number and will be required to get the kit and all the equipment. (See above article). They will also be required to start paying their weekly subscription of five pounds as of now. The above equipment is obtained through ourselves, but the 'Scotland New strip' must be obtained yourself and numbered in gold at **DEE SPORTS** in Coatbridge.

Boots and Shinguards

If you have a good pair of boots that are too small for your child – please do not throw them away. Please donate them to the Academy. I now have a fairly large compilation of boots which I then make available to youngsters less fortunate financially than some of you guys. Not everyone can afford to buy boots at the drop of a hat. I do the same for shinguards. If the shinguards you are using are now too small, or hurt, or are just being replaced ...give them to the Academy. Any parents who are struggling financially and wishes to have access to this 'stock' PLEASE JUST COME UP AND ASK ME...everything you say will be kept private and confidential and no-one will know about the situation except you and I. Even if you are not struggling financially and just fancy an extra pair of boots for your youngster – just let me know the size. Over twenty parents have benefited from this service in the last six months.

On another point, you may or may not be aware that Scotland Boys Club have a close link with Barnardos Homes for Children and coming up to Xmas we donate lots and lots of bits and pieces to their shop range. If you have any decent clothes (children's) that are going in the bin, or any toys etc that are re-sellable ...in fact anything that you would put into a car boot saleplease bring them along to training and I will take them home with me, store them and hand them over in one block visit to the charity in question. It is for a good cause. I do this every year.

And on a final point on this issue (mainly NEW PARENTS) ...it is absolutely imperative (due to insurance purposes) that your child wears shinguards at TRAINING and any GAMES. Some students – mainly new - last week, did not comply. Could you please address this matter as soon as possible.

Bigger Training Space

Due to the increased numbers attending training, I am increasing the size of the Training Space. This will initially start off at Hamilton Palace on a Sunday morning, and will then escalate to the Friday evening. I am hoping to retain the venues but I am in negotiations at the moment and I will keep you informed.

Investment

The 'business' arm of the Academy will be investing **£1000** in 'improvements' due to the increase in Academy numbers of late. As mentioned above, the increase in training space will amount to substantially increased costs, and several coaches will be put through their Level One and Level Two licences before December of this year. In addition to that, I will be investing around **£500** in new and updated training equipment and first aid kits for each and every age group to satisfy demand in this area and to comply with Health & Safety and SYFA minimum requirements re-duty of care. All of these costs are financed by the business account and do not affect any of the two fund raising accounts.

Email addresses

- **REMEMBER YOUR** email addresses....and particularly for students who have just come to the AcademyCan 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** two Sundays ago 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.**
- The **BONUS BALL** winner this week was **ALAN BOWIE** – Liam's Dad - Well Done to him !!!

Parents Meetings

There will be a **1998 Improvers 'Parents Meeting'** on Sunday Morning – 1st October 2006 - after Training from 12.00 noon till 12.30 pm.....in the 'squashed' Meeting Room at Hamilton Palace. There will be coaches available to supervise the students. The **1999 Age Group 'Parents Meeting'** will be in the even more 'squashed' dressing room at Richmond Park – on Saturday 30th September 2006 immediately after the game for 30 minutes maximum..The students can play on the pitch and there will be some coaches to supervise them.

HALLOWEEN AND CASINO EVENING – Tickets NOW for Sale

....**DISCOUNT ON YOUR SON'S TRAINING KIT...STOP PRESS****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**. Tickets are now available from Theresa when you pay your subscriptions. THE DATE IS 27TH OF OCTOBER 2006....

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 (ANY AGE GROUP) who buys tickets for this event – 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