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Weekend was a complete washout !

Last weekend was a complete and utter washout...for everyone !!! **The School of Excellence and Academy PLUS Squads** game, who were supposed to be playing East Kilbride Burgh United at Richmond Park, was rained off, the 1999 Squad were let down by Blantyre who failed to come up with a team, and the 1998 Improvers were let down by Mossend Boys Club who had double booked their pitched at the Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre in Bellshill.

I even drafted in some of the 1999 Squad to play for the 'improvers' ...but as I say ...they had no luck for the 'no game' their either !!! **My apologies for all the parents who turned up to Bellshill early on Saturday morning for that match.**

This weekend is likely to be a similar state of affairs - so to counteract this possibility, John has arranged for the **1998 Improvers** to play the **1999's** on Sunday morning and also for the **School of Excellence** to play the **Academy PLUS**, also on Sunday morning (see this Newsletter for times etc).

The 'Improvers' game against Wolves has already been called off and I am just waiting on a telephone call tonight (Friday) to cancel the other two games at Brancumhall. At the moment the Saturday games at Brancumhall are **ON**...but as I say I am waiting on a call on Friday night to confirm this.

Even if the Saturday games **DO** go ahead – we will **still go ahead** with the Sunday fixtures at Hamilton Palace that John has arranged – it will not do them any harm. Games will be on Astro turf. **Peter Weir** – Academy Director at Aberdeen Football Club will be present at the games. **SEE NEXT PAGE FOR TIMES.**

REMAINING FIXTURES

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Scores	Opposition	Venue	Meeting Time	KICK OFF
Sat	25 Nov	East Kilbride Burgh United	v	1999 Age Group	Brancumhall	11.15	11.45
Sat	25 Nov	1998 Improvers	v	Wolves Boys Club	CANCELLED	N/A	N/A
Sat	25 Nov	East Kilbride Youth Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	East Kilbride	9.15	9.45
Sun	26 Nov	1998 Improvers 'White'	v	1999 Squad 'White'	Hamilton Palac	9.45	10.00 – 10.30
Sun	26 Nov	1998 Improvers 'Navy'	v	1999 Squad 'Navy'	Hamilton Palac	9.45	10.00 – 10.30
Sun	26 Nov	1998 Improvers 'White'	v	1999 Squad 'White'	Hamilton Palac	N/A	10.35 – 11.05
Sun	26 Nov	1998 Improvers 'Navy'	v	1999 Squad 'White'	Hamilton Palac	N/A	10.35 – 11.05
Sun	26 Nov	School of Excellence	v	Academy Plus	Hamilton Palac	10.45	11.05 – 11.45
Sat	2 Dec	Claremont Boys Club	v	1999 Age Group	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	2 Dec	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	1998 Improvers	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	2 Dec						
Sat	9 Dec	1999 Age Group	v	Edenvale Boys Club	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	9 Dec	1998 Improvers	v	Milton Rovers Boys Club	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	9 Dec	Wishaw Wycombe	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Wishaw	tba	tba
SUN	10 Dec	Livingston Boys Club	v	S of E + Academy PLUS	Livingston	tba	2.00
The above fixtures are the last official League fixtures for 2006.							

Forms / Photos etc

Robert Sands now has the information to perform this AUDIT and a full report will be done before the shutdown. If you have not handed in your ENROLMENT FORM, CONSENT FORM, copy of birth certificate, and two passport photographs with your 'Scotland Strip' on....please do so now.

Re-structuring of the Academy

Due to extreme pressure from a vast number of fee paying initiatives, the Academy will be changing direction in the early part of next year. The funding plan is changing, a part of the business plan will become non-profit making, and this will involve a new Club Constitution and a completely different way of thinking.

A fair amount of lottery funding may become available and even the 'home' of the Academy is being re-considered. In effect, the Academy may be split into two - with a professional angle being considered and a LEC funding aspect being considered.

Derek Mc Donald and I will be working on a strategy over the next few months to iron out the red tape so to speak. Because of these arrangements my current role within the 'Academy' may be changing and I cannot say much more at present until various discussions have taken place between myself and these initiatives.

Renfrew Council are one of the main players in these potential changes, as are a couple of senior professional clubs. As soon as I am in a position to confirm contracts and negotiations have taken place I will advise everyone what is happening.

These events will happen in small 'stages' to eventually leading into the big picture. The waters are very muddy at the moment. These changes will not affect the playing pools.

Missing Jacket

Young James Ruddick (Jim's son) lost his fairly new NEXT Navy Blue padded jacket week before last at Beltain Park, Wishaw at the 1999's game that wet, wet morning against Wishaw Wycombe.

Did anyone lift it or pick it up or take it home. It is an expensive jacket and his Mum would welcome any information as to its whereabouts. He left it at one of the goalposts. Please give me a call if you have any information.

Thanks for that !

This Weekend

Saturday	25th November 2006
Squads	School of Excellence and Academy PLUS
Venue	Brancumhall Park, East Kilbride
Meeting Time	9.15 am
Kick Off Time	9.45 am
Opposition	East Kilbride Youth Club
Chris Jones and James Glackin will continue with the managing of the School of Excellence and I will continue the coaching until further notice.	<i>There is a distinct possibility that Brancumhall will be unplayable for Saturday...I will make a decision tonight (Friday) at Training – when I hear from the opposition - please check with me before you go home.</i>

Saturday	25th November 2006
Squads	1998 Improvers Squads – Navy and White
Venue	N/A
Meeting Time	N/A
Kick Off Time	N/A – Wolves have cancelled game. (GAME ON SUNDAY INSTEAD)
Opposition	Wolves Boys Club

Saturday	25th November 2006
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SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2006

ALL SQUADS (EXCEPT 2000 AGE GROUP) WILL BE PLAYING ON SUNDAY MORNING AT HAMILTON PALACE – WHATEVER HAPPENS ON SATURDAY. PLEASE CHECK THE TABLE ON PAGE TWO OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Apprentice Week – update

Due to the **LOW** numbers and lack of interest in this opportune weekend, the course will be advertised to the general public (as I have done in previous years) and will be 'topped' up in this manner.

Further details in the New Year. The course will still be open to **Scotland Boys Club students and parents**, and Theresa will still formally take names up until January 2007. If you are interested – please advise her as soon as possible. I will be limiting the numbers to 16 students per course

Minimum numbers will still be 12.

The Students...who have already booked on this weekend will of course still be included.

Holidays 2007 – DEADLINE EXTENDED DUE TO ‘SLOW’ DEPOSITS

I will extend these deadlines until Xmas. At the moment the only holiday that seems to be going ahead is **CUMBRIA**. The rest do not have enough numbers at the moment. I will announce in the last Newsletter of this year which holidays will go ahead and which won't.

Squad	Dates	Venue	Total Cost £356	Deposit Of £50 Non Refundable by	Next £100 by	Next £100 by	Final £106 By
School of Excellence	6 th - 9 th April	Cumbria	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Jan
Academy PLUS	6 th - 9 th April	Cumbria	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Jan
1998 Improvers 'Navy'	4 th - 7 th May	Blackpool	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
1998 Improvers 'White'	4 th - 7 th May	Blackpool	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
1999 Age Group 'A' Squad	30 th Mar - 2 nd Apr	Craig Tara, Ayr	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Jan
1999 Age Group 'B' Squad	30 th Mar - 2 nd Apr	Craig Tara, Ayr	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Jan
2000 Age Group 'A' Squad	25 th - 28 th May	Great Yarmouth	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
2000 Age Group 'B' Squad	25 th - 28 th May	Great Yarmouth	£356	November 26th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb

I am still concerned at the 'low' numbers that have 'booked' onto the above holidays and will monitor deposits paid this weekend and next. I will make a call at the **beginning of December** (the deadline for the Club to book).

Full money (deposits) will be refunded of course. It is therefore imperative that I am aware what is happening at the earliest opportunity. Please inform Theresa if you have not already done so. We are not forcing anyone to go... and the trips are **NOT COMPULSORY**.

The 'New Year' Raffle tickets

.....are STILL being distributed **AGAIN** this weekend. Quite a few sets of parents did not get them last week-end. If you did not get them last weekend PLEASE get them off Theresa this weekend.

We appreciate your co-operation. **ALL BOOKS MUST BE SOLD AND HANDED IN BY START BACK DATE WHICH IS THE WEEKEND OF FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY to SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY.**

The **DRAW** will be the following week.

I am collecting **RAFFLE PRIZES now**. **CURRENTLY** I have 10 prizes from 70 families so we have a long way to go. If each family hands in one prize each we will have **70 prizes**.

Please give this stuff to Theresa NOW...so I can get organised.

New Tracksuits etc ...measured up

SIXTY TWO students have paid for their tracksuits...these should be available **VERY, VERY SOON**.

TWENTY FOUR students have been **SIZED** but have not paid...Can you pay these now please if you want to obtain the kit before Xmas...thanks.

The following **EIGHT** students have **NOT BEEN SIZED** (to my knowledge – please correct me if I am wrong) :

Cameron & Angus Carswell, Jack Stewart, Brandon Ferguson, Christopher Mc Connell, Derrin Cross, David Hughes and Kieron Boyle.

We have the samples there **every week** – but I am going to have to give them back shortly – can you arrange for your son(s) to get sized this weekend please. Several coaches have neither **PAID ...NOR** have they had themselves **SIZED**...can we rectify this as soon as possible please before the Tracksuit Samples go back.

Additional LOTTERY Sheet.

I now have **TWENTY SEVEN** contributors for the **NEW LOTTERY SHEET**....out of a possible 70....Would it be possible to get another **twenty** or so to make the event viable ...PLEASE... It was **NOT WON** last week so the **prize money for this week will be around £55.....**

Theresa will have the forms with her THIS WEEKENDso please, please, please participate.

MAIN LOTTERY – NO WINNER – NEXT WEEK WILL BE A ROLLOVER.

Xmas Shutdown for Academy

The Academy will **SHUT** down at Xmas on the weekend **Friday 15th December till Sunday 17th December** (it **WILL** run that weekend – but that will be the closure).

It will re-open for business on **Friday 5th January – Sunday 7th January 2007.**

Xmas Parties for School of Excellence, Academy PLUS and ‘Improvers’.

I understand that parents have organised parties for the above age groups.

I believe that the School of Excellence / Academy PLUS had already booked into the Kevin Keegan’ experience (unawares to me) and I now hear that the 1998 Improvers are going ‘Bowling’watch this space.

Sunday – Subscription money

Kate Black (Aiden’s Mum) will be collecting the money this Sunday instead of Theresa – who is attending a private function with her family. My thanks to Kate for doing this.

2000 Age Group

I am now taking a big part in ‘grading’ this age group. After January 2007 they will start to get games (bounce games) and will be getting themselves organised in positions etc. Gordon Burt and myself along with Larry O Hara have been working with the students in previous weeks and now John Renwick has become involved.

The first thing we are going to do is to grade them into **TWO** categories (January 2007) and they will start to play ‘bounce games’ against each other. The ‘A’ Category will play some matches against local opposition to strengthen them up. Once they are strong enough, we will then break them up again and some will remain in the ‘White’ Group and some will join the ‘Navy Group.

This should give us **TWO EVENLY MATCHED SQUADS**. They will then start to play in more organised games against local opposition. Come the Summer, they will play in four games down South to prepare them for their League which starts next September.

We have some good students amongst them but we will be advertising over Xmas to strengthen **ALL** squads in preparation for the second half of the season. We also have one of two 2001 students and of course they are the next group on the ‘conveyor’ belt....so there will be a big recruitment drive there too with that age group.

Next Weekend - Friday / Saturday / Sunday

I will not be around next weekend as my two girls will be competing in the World Irish Dancing Association open championships near Crystal Palace in London. My wife is also sitting her Adjudicator / Teaching exams for the above association - so all week the house is going to be ‘clickety click’ of blooming tap dancing shoes on my good wooden floor. Such is life. **Training and games will BE AS NORMAL.....NO CHANGES THERE.** I will be in London from Friday morning onwards returning in the early hours of Monday morning.

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