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Last 'Scottish News' of the Season

This is the last 'Scottish News of the Season'.

Time for a well earned rest for the students, their parents, and the coaches. It has been the most successful season ever in terms of trophies, tournaments and players joining senior Academies and next season will be the last season for many of these talented youngsters. They will join professional set-ups up and down the land and hopefully sign the dotted line which will mean they will have to leave our Academy. If anyone is considering leaving this season, please advise me nice and early so that I do not include your son in the new squads to be announced in the first startback 'Newsletter'. **The 'Newsletter' will eventually be replaced by the Academy Web Site** which will be ready (hopefully) by September. Newsletters will be able to be downloaded and printed if required...and all fixtures and results will be readily accessible from the middle of every week. Watch this space for further details. Also after the holidays the Academy will be given its own dedicated **Mobile Telephone number**, a **PO Box number** for all mail, and a dedicated **email address**. **The site will start off small, but once you have all added your pictures, stories and experiences.....it will hopefully grow, and grow, and grow.**

New 'Enrolment' Forms attached to this Newsletter.

It is a quality mark condition and a **Child Protection Act** regulation that we are supplied with up to date contact details regarding every 'child' on our register. So once again, I have supplied an Enrolment Form at the end of this 'Newsletter'. Please fill it out, get us **TWO** up to date passport photos (in student's Scotland strip) and a photocopy of the child's birth certificate (if I do not already have a copy). 2000 / 2001 – I do not have many of your birth certificates, and certainly not many photos. 1999'ssome of you guys have not given me birth certificates either. Everyone must supply **TWO** up to date photographs. Please do not bring digital camera hand made photos....they are never the right size or quality....get them done in a photo booth please. No one will be able to play in August unless I get these. No one will be able to play in Birkenhead unless I have these as we need them for registration.. You can email the form to Theresa (remembering of course she is on holiday first two weeks in July)or bring a paper copy along on the startback weekend. I will remind you in the Newsletter at the end of July.

Any budding 'Essay Writers' (Parents and Coaches ONLY)

Is any coach or parent skilful at **'Essay Writing'**There is an advert on the home page of the **SYFA website** as follows:

Does your club need kit for the new season and play 7 a side football at age 12 (1996) or under in the South Lanarkshire area? If yes read on!!!. Simply send in a short essay explaining why your club deserves to receive one of seven new kits. Entries to the...

National Secretary, SYFA, Hampden Park, Glasgow, G42 9BF to be received **before 14 July 2007**.

A local company is trying to give away 7 sets of kits and is struggling to do so, any help you can offer will be appreciated. If anyone can help by writing the story of a lifetime....please write the essay.....and submit to the address as above. Dinna wait for me...or post it to me...**SEND IT DIRECT TO SYFA**.....Please !!!! It does not matter how many entries they get...the more the merrier.....and the better chance we have of winning...so get writing !!!

Teams for next season

As detailed earlier in the year....we are now about to implement Stage Two of a four stage process to stabilise the future of the Academy. Stage Two involves the removal of the differentiating titles of 'School of Excellence', Academy PLUS etc etc. and stabilising of squads. It is imperative to the success of the Academy, that players play in settled squads, so that they get used to each other and learn to play as a team. Movement will be rare and only implemented if part of an 'emergency' ie a player leaves or breaks a leg (touch wood). The team structure will change as listed below. As part of the structure, no younger player will be 'promoted' unless they can cope at that level ie.. Liam Burt and Matthew Innes are good examples.

❖ 1998

○ Four Teams

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- Existing 'School of Excellence' will be known as **Scotland Boys Club 'Yellow'** this team will play on a Saturday morning in the **West Lothian Soccer Sevens League**.
- Existing Academy PLUS and the TWO 'Improvers' teams will amalgamate forming **THREE** teams. Two will be known as **Scotland Boys Club 'Navy'** and **Scotland Boys Club 'White'**. These TWO teams will play on a Saturday morning in the Lanarkshire Soccer Sevens League. The other team will be known as **Scotland Boys Club 'Red'** and they will play on a Sunday morning in the Strathclyde Youth Club Association League.
- There are not enough players to make four full squads so the introduction of the 'Red' squad is to give fringe players a regular game(s) every week and also anyone who does not get a full 'shift' in the Saturday game. It's sole purpose is **TO GIVE STUDENTS MORE FOOTBALL**.
- **All 1998 Teams will train on a Friday night ONLY** starting AFTER the holidays.

❖ 1999

○ Two Teams

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- Existing 'School of Excellence' will be known as **Scotland Boys Club 'Navy'** and this team will play on a Saturday morning in the Lanarkshire Soccer Sevens League. There are vacancies in this squad.
- Existing Academy PLUS will be known as **Scotland Boys Club 'White'** and this team will play on a Saturday morning in the Lanarkshire Soccer Sevens League. There are vacancies in this squad.
- **All 1999 Teams will train on a Friday night ONLY.**

❖ 2000

○ Two Teams

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- Existing 'School of Excellence' will be known as **Scotland Boys Club 'Navy'** and this team will play on a Saturday morning in the Lanarkshire Soccer Sevens League.
- Existing Academy PLUS will be known as **Scotland Boys Club 'White'** and this team will play on a Saturday morning in the Lanarkshire Soccer Sevens League.
- **All 2000 Teams will train on a Sunday morning ONLY.**

❖ 2001

○ One Team

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- Training only. This squad is being advertised for during the Summer.
- **All 2001 Teams will train on a Sunday morning ONLY.**

ALL SQUADS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWSLETTER ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE STARTBACK – SO IF ANYONE IS CONTEMPLATING LEAVING – PLEASE ADVISE ME ACCORDINGLY - AS SOON AS.

Very last weekend to hand in your donations.

44 kids out of **70** have handed in **DONATION MONEY** from the Penalty Kick competition they competed in.

This means that **26** ...yes **26**took penalties, and have not handed in any donation money. **THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEKEND TO HAND YOUR DONATIONS IN PLEASE.**

The top donators were **GILBERT McLEAN, ROSS HENDERSON, STEPHEN DEVLIN and THE CROALS**....and they will be given a wee 'something special' after the holidays. We collected **£1278**in totalmany, many thanks for this....

Thank you everyone.....

.....who rang me up to find out how my girls did in the All Ireland Irish dancing Championships (which I managed to avoid) at the weekend. I got about eleven calls and umteen emails and text messages. Susan got six 1sts and a few other places, Kathleen Anne who danced with a heavily bandaged sprained ankle got two 1sts and a few other placements, and Susan won the 'All Ireland Visitors Shield and Sash' (see photo). Thanks for all your kind comments.

Players Wanted

We are particularly short of **GOALKEEPERS** for the **1999 and 2000** age groups. Can **ALL** players from these age groups ask around (schools etc) to see if anyone is interested. We are also one or two outfield players short in the 1999 and 1998 categories. Please ask around. If anyone is contemplating leaving a Clubnow is the time when it will happen ...so now is the time to ask. I only really want **ESTABLISHED** boys club players....not youngsters who have just started playing (except in the case of the 2000 age group). **If you know anyone, give them my number**....I will be running trials throughout the Summer. And remember, it doesn't have to boys – high standard girls are welcome too. If anyone fancies being a 'goalie' please give me a shout. A perfect example.....in the 1998 'improvers'....not one but two students....decided to become 'goalies'and believe me they have turned out to be very proficient....Scott Matthews and Ewan Dickson.....you see it is possible.

Bonus Ball

- ❖ The bonus ball was **WON** this week by.... Paul O Hara ... **Well Done to him !**
- ❖ **We will NOT be running the Bonus Ball this week due to the holiday period.**
- ❖ In terms of the **FOUR BALL LOTTERY - it was NOT WON last week..SO THE PRIZE MONEY IS SITTING AT £100 POUNDS !!!!**

Senior Clubs

Can all parents please be very aware that **NO** Senior club scout or official is permitted to approach a parent direct regarding their son. SFA professional youth guidelines specifically state that any players' Boys Club's Secretary **MUST** be approached in the first instance to gain permission to speak to the parents.

If you are approached **you must follow these regulations** by directing the official to me and if I am not there – to give them my Mobile Number - or the Club concerned will be reported. **We need to stamp out this malpractice !! EVEN WITH TODAY'S CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES**....you don't know who is approaching you.

Two illegal approaches were made last week and one club has rang me back four times and apologised four times (four different officials). The **SYFA** also have written guidelines on the policy and have produced a form which I must get the senior club official to sign before such an approach can be made.



Tournament & Fixtures Table

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Opposition	Details
Sat	30 Jun	1999 Academy PLUS	Clyde Boys Club	Broadwood Stadium – 9.00 AM KICK OFF Be there for 8.30 am. (2 x 20 minute halves) only one game
Sat	30 Jun	2000 Academy PLUS	Clyde Boys Club	Broadwood Stadium – 9.00 AM KICK OFF Be there for 8.30 am. (2 x 20 minute halves) only one game
Sat	30 Jun	1998 Academy PLUS	Clyde Boys Club	Broadwood Stadium – 10.00 AM KICK OFF Be there for 9.30 am. (2 x 20 minute halves) only one game
Sat	30 Jun	1999 School of Excellence	Clyde Boys Club	Broadwood Stadium – 10.00 AM KICK OFF Be there for 9.30 am. (2 x 20 minute halves) only one game
Sat	30 Jun	1998 School of Excellence	Clyde Boys Club	Broadwood Stadium – 11.00 AM KICK OFF Be there for 10.30 am. (2 x 20 minute halves) only one game
Sat	30 Jun	2000 School of Excellence	Clyde Boys Club	Broadwood Stadium – 11.00 AM KICK OFF Be there for 10.30 am. (2 x 20 minute halves) only one game

CLYDE ARE PUTTING ON FOOD FOR US AT 12.00 NOON – SO EVERYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A FEED SHOULD STAY BEHIND

Sat	30 Jun	1998 Improvers	No game as yet	No game as yet.
SUN	1 Jul	2000 S of E & Academy PLUS	Busby Boys Club	Pitch One 2000 S of E v Busby 'A' 2000
				Pitch Two 2000 ACA + v Busby 'B' 2000
				Pitch Three 1999 ACA + v Busby 'A' 1999 10.00 am ko 2 x 15 mins
SUN	1 Jul	1999 S of E & Academy PLUS	Would ALL Scotland Boys Club teams be at the park 30 minutes before their kick off.	Pitch One 1999 S of E v Busby 'B' 1999
				Pitch Two 2000 S of E v Busby 'B' 2000
				Pitch Three 2000 ACA + v Busby 'A' 2000 10.45 am ko 2 x 15 mins
SUN	1 Jul	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Pitch One 1999 ACA + v Busby 'B' 1999
				Pitch Two 1999 S of E v Busby 'A' 1999 11.30 am ko 2 x 15 mins
SUN	1 Jul	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.

THE SEASON WILL END ON SUNDAY 1ST JULY FOR THE ACADEMY - LAST DAY - (SEE BELOW)
HOWEVER, ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE ABERDEEN SUNDAY GROUP (AGAIN SEE BELOW) THEY WILL CONTINUE TO TRAIN.

Sat	7 Jul	1998 S of E & Academy +	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	7 Jul	1998 Improvers	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	7 Jul	1999 S of E & Academy +	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	7 Jul	2000 Age Group (A+B)	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sun	8 Jul	Aberdeen Development 98		Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.

Sat	14 Jul	1998 S of E & Academy +	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	14 Jul	1998 Improvers	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	14 Jul	1999 S of E & Academy +	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	14 Jul	2000 Age Group (A+B)	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sun	15 Jul	Aberdeen Development 98	Bobby Mc Donald Not Available (In Aberdeen)	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.

Sat	21 Jul	1998 S of E & Academy +	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	21 Jul	1998 Improvers	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	21 Jul	1999 S of E & Academy +	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sat	21 Jul	2000 Age Group (A+B)	Holiday	CANCELLED - NOTHING ON
Sun	22 Jul	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.
		Possible 1999's (Players will be notified by letter if on)		1998's will be OUTDOORS on this day. (Game ?)

TRAINING STARTBACK WEEKEND FOR ALL GROUPS
Notice that the teams are now listed under their 'new' titles

Sat	28 Jul	1998 Age Group	Unicorn Festival Cancelled	Cheshire - LACK OF NUMBERS - Only SIX Booked
Sat	28 Jul	1998 'White' and 'Red'	No games yet	2 Games to be arranged
Sat	28 Jul	1999 'Navy' and 'White'	Kildrum United	9.30 ko – we have to arrange pitch
Sat	28 Jul	2000 'Navy' and 'White'	Kildrum United	9.30 ko – we have to arrange pitch
Sun	29 July	2000 'Navy' and 'White'	Carbrain BC	2/3 games = 2/3 pitches - Hamilton Palace (include 2001's)
Sun	29 July	1998 'Yellow' and 'Navy'	Auchterarder BC BMCD will need To book another two pitches – 5/6 pitches needed	2 games = 2 pitches – Hamilton Palace
SUN	29 July	1999 'Navy' only	Auchterarder BC	1 game = 1 pitch
Sun	29 July	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.
Sat	04 Aug	1998 Age Group	Birkenhead ON	Two teams will be travelling. The squads will clearly be mixed because only some are coming from each of the four squads.
Sat	04 Aug	2000 Age Group	Birkenhead ON	2 x Teams will be travelling
SUN	05 Aug	1999 Age Group	Birkenhead ON	1 x Team will be travelling (again mixed)
Sun	05 Aug	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.
Sat & Sun	11/12 Aug	1998 'Yellow' only	Land O Burns AYR	YELLOW only
Sat & Sun	11/12 Aug	1999 'Navy' only	Land O Burns AYR	NAVY only
Sat & Sun	11/12 Aug	2000 'Navy' only	Land O Burns AYR	NAVY only
Sat	11 Aug	1998 'Navy'	No Game	Game to be arranged
Sat	11 Aug	1999 'White'	Westpark Utd (1999's)	1999 & 2000 Academy + Mix to make 2 equal teams 10 am KO...we have to arrange pitches.
Sat	11 Aug	2000 'White'	Westpark Utd (1999's)	1999 & 2000 Academy + Mix to make 2 equal teams 10 am KO... we have to arrange pitches.
SUN	12 Aug	1998 'White' and 'Red'	Buckie Soccer Festival	In Buckie
SUN	12 Aug	2000 'White'	No Game	Game to be arranged
SUN	12 Aug	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.
Sat	18 Aug	1998 'Yellow' and 'Navy'	Dunbar Colts	Hallhill Living Centre, Kellie Road, Dunbar. EH42 1RF 10.30 KO (2 games each) ...Be there for 10.00 am
Sat	18 Aug	1998 'White'	Aberlady BC	East Lothian – 1.30 ko – One team 3 x 20 mins
Sat	18 Aug	1999 'Navy' and 'White'	North Berwick Boys Club	Recreation Park, off Dunbar Road, North Berwick 11am KO(2 games each) Be there 10.30 am
Sat	18 Aug	2000 Squad	Valspar BC (Ayr)	ONE x 16 man playing squad going down (t.b.a). 2 teams and 2 games each. Squad to be announced. Old Ayr Racecourse, Ayr afternoon KO TBA
Sun	19 Aug	1998 'Navy' and 'Red'	Livingston Hearts	Venue, times, number of teams to be arranged
Sun	19 Aug	1998 'Yellow' and 'Navy'	Livingston Hearts	Venue, times, number of teams to be arranged
Sun	19 Aug	1999 'Navy' and 'White'	Livingston Hearts	Venue, times, number of teams to be arranged
Sun	19 Aug	2000 'Navy' and 'White'	Livingston Hearts	Venue, times, number of teams to be arranged
Sun	19 Aug	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.
Sat	25 Aug	1998 'Yellow' and 'Navy'	Barrhead BC	Venue and game to be confirmed nearer time
Sat	25 Aug	1998 'White' and 'Red'	Barrhead BC	Venue and game to be confirmed nearer time
Sat	25 Aug	1999 'Navy' and 'White'	Barrhead BC	Venue and game to be confirmed nearer time
Sat	25 Aug	2000 'Navy' and 'White'	Barrhead BC	Venue and game to be confirmed nearer time
Sun	26 Aug	1998 'Yellow' and 'Navy'	No Game	Games to be arranged
Sun	26 Aug	1998 'White' and 'Red'	No Game	Games to be arranged
Sun	26 Aug	1999 'Navy' and 'White'	No Game	Games to be arranged
Sun	26 Aug	2000 'Navy' and 'White'	No Game	Games to be arranged
Sun	26 Aug	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.

Games and Squads for this weekend

SATURDAY		30 th June 2007			
Squads		Clyde Invitation Day (ONLY ONE GAME FOR EACH TEAM) 2 x 20 mins			
Venue		Broadwood Stadium			
Meeting Time		HALF AN HOUR..... before your kick offcheck above !!!!			
Kick Off Time		9.00 am, 10.00 am, and 11.00 am			
Opposition		Clyde 1998's, 1999's and 2000's.			
Coaching staff		See below			
Bobby Mc Donald	John Renwick (Junior)	Jim Ruddick Gordon Burt	John Renwick (Senior)	Brian Adams Derek Mc Donald	Robert Gormley Ian Blair
1999 S of E	1999 ACA +	2000 ACA +	2000 S of E	1998 S of E	1998 ACA +
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scott Matthews 2. Calum Glasgow 3. Anthony Croal 4. Matthew Innes 5. Josh Mc Fall 6. Gilbert Mc Lean 7. Ross Henderson 8. Connor Stewart 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ross Bourdon 2. Craig Butler 3. Paul Croal 4. Struan Paton 5. Frazer Hood 6. Jack Stewart 7. Aaron Gray 8. Calum Whyte 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. t.b.a. 2. Qaid Somerville 3. Conor Burt 4. Kian Mallin 5. Nathan Mc Allister 6. Pdraig Dolan 7. James Ruddick 8. Andrew Mc Lean 9. Michael Curran 10. Jamie Neeson 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kyle Mac Donald 2. Calum Holland 3. Anton Gray 4. Antony Mc Guire 5. Chris Mc Connell 6. Declin Martin 7. Cameron Stewart 8. Jack Keary 9. Derrin Cross 10. Matthew Innes (11.00 game only) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Thomson 2. Ross Lyon 3. Regan Glackin 4. Calum Mc Donald 5. Liam Burt 6. Anthony Ralston 7. Sean Hughes 8. Josh Mac Donald 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul O Hara 2. Andrew Gallagher 3. Sam Bullough 4. Thomas Blair 5. Paul Chalmers 6. Aidan Gray 7. Aiden Mc Elhinney 8. Chris Sands 9. Scott Black 10. Gary Keenan

SUNDAY		1 st July 2007 - LAST GAMES OF THE SEASON			
Squads		Busby Invitation Day			
Venue		Hamilton Palace			
Meeting Time		HALF AN HOUR..... before your kick offcheck above !!!!			
Kick Off Time		10.00 am, and 10.45 am and 11.30 am (all games 2 x 15 mins)			
Opposition		Busby Boys Club 1999 & 2000's			
Coaching staff		See below			
Gordon Burt	John Renwick (Junior)	Jim Ruddick	John Renwick (Senior)		
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James Glackin – Coach and manager of the current **1998 School of Excellence** squad has regretfully resigned from his position within the Academy for personal reasons. He has also resigned from his position working with me as a voluntary Coach at the Aberdeen Development Centre. I would like to thank James on behalf of the Academy for the work he has done with the students who all respected him. We wish him well. **Brian Adams** will take temporarily charge of the squad until further notice.

Snippets

- ❖ **Ryan Kane** has decided to leave the Academy. Can I take this opportunity of thanking his parents for everything they have did in terms of fund raising and general help, and Ryan for his commitment to the Academy. We wish him every success in his new club.
- ❖ **I asked last week.....Could ALL Coaching Staff (peripheral staff also)** please submit to me, copies of their Enhanced Disclosures, Coaching Certificates, and any First Aid Certificates by the end of June for a League Audit. Thank you. I am still waiting on these bits of paper guys.
- ❖ **The SFA Coaching course** in Edinburgh on Saturday (this weekend) is **cancelled** due to circumstances outwith my control. A new date will be organised as soon as possible and I will advise you all. My apologies once again.
- ❖ **Could the following students** ...Samuel Bullough, Paul O Hara, Aiden Mc Elhinney, Paul Chalmers, Ryan White and Josh Mac Donald please report on Sunday morning to Hamilton Palace at 9.45 am to participate in their first Aberdeen training session. Bring outdoor and indoor footwear. You will be given a kit to train in.
- ❖ The 1998 Improvers Trip to **Chester** is **CANCELLED** (30 June 2007) due to lack of numbers and lack of coaching staff. I had **SIX** names given to me.
- ❖ **Birkenhead** will be a 'goer'. **Chester** on 28th July 2007 has only **SIX** names and is not viable. I am putting on a **53 seater coach** for Birkenhead at a cost of **£10 per head**. The club will pay the rest. If anyone is interested, firstly your name must be given to Theresa to go the trip, and secondly the **53 seats** will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you wish to book seats, please do so this weekend by giving your name and numbers to Theresa and **paying her**. **This is for the Saturday tournament only. The teams who are playing on the Sunday, most have advised me that they are travelling down the night beforemaking a bus un-viable. Plus there is only ONE team going down.**
- ❖ **Anyone who wishes to**email Theresa direct re-booking things, subs etc can email her on theresa@tohara.wanadoo.co.uk . Reminding you all that she will be on holiday the first two weeks in July. I will be available on email and Mobile **ALL THROUGH** the holiday period.
- ❖ **All Scotland Boys Club 1998 students** ...currently in at the Aberdeen centre....please note that it will be continuing throughout the Summer. Just let me know (or drop me or Theresa an email) when you are going on holiday.
- ❖ Anyone wishing to join a focus group to contemplate a trip to **Canada in 2009** – please give your name to Theresa.
- ❖ Anyone contemplating putting your son/daughter on January's '**Residential Apprentice Weekend.**' Please advise Theresa. I am closing the group at 20 numbers. The Club will be subsidising part of the fees.
- ❖ There were some issues with parents in the 2000 game(s) last weekend which were totally unacceptable. **John Renwick** will be addressing these issues with the parents concerned this weekend. (see related article later in this Newsletter).
- ❖ The Academy would like to offer its condolences to **Brian Adams** and his family, who lost Brian's Mum last weekend. Our thoughts are with the family and particularly young Ross (Brian's Grandson) who played last weekend despite his sad loss.
- ❖ **Ewan Dickson** (Goalkeeper) – 1998 Improvers - played a trial for Rangers on Wednesday night at Murray Park. He did exceptionally well along with some 1999's Anthony Croal and Ross Henderson, and Josh Mac Donald (1998 Academy PLUS) who also were given excellent reports. Special mention also to 'Academy Champion' - **Anthony Ralston**, who has been asked by Celtic to play in their elite 1998 squad's trip to Dublin the first week in August. We wish him well.
- ❖ **Five students did** not pay last weekend. **Could they arrange to rectify this this weekend.**
- ❖ **My apologies** for turning up on Friday night in Aberdeen regalia. It was simply the case that I was working for them on Friday afternoon and thought I would have time to get home to change but didn't manage. This is not normal practice for me.

Parent Intervention – A letter to all parents



Dear Parents,

When John Renwick and I decided to embark on a new 'adventure' three years ago and build an Academy for youngsters from 5 – 9 years, we had no idea how successful this venture was to become. It had never been done before, it was unique, and it was a captive market. We started with two little groups in Hamilton, one in Middlesbrough, one in Ayr and one in Aberdeen. The rest is history. With my contacts and the structure we put in, we grew to having **EIGHT** squads and almost 80 kids at the last count a few weeks ago..

Check the **success levels** for yourself. In the 1998 School of Excellence and Academy PLUS, **almost every student** is training with either one, two, three, four or indeed five professional clubs. The 1998 'Improvers' now have three of their players training with senior clubs, the 1999 School of Excellence, the entire squad, some are training with several senior clubs. It is a window of opportunity, the facts speak for themselves. Point me in the direction of **ANY** other club in Scotland who have that level of success at '**conveyer belt**' level. The talent just keeps on streaming through. It never stops....now I am getting enquiries about my 2000 squads.

Scouts ring me up daily to find out where we are playing and follow us around the country. During this success, and part of this success have been a bundle of 'daddies' who have chosen to give up their time **VOLUNTARILY**, some ranging from eight hours a week to thirty hours a week. On top of that, John Renwick (who has been with the Academy for 15 years) is voluntarily giving up twenty hours of his personal time and I give up twenty five hours of my personal time, (and we are not 'Daddies') all **VOLUNTEERS** to coach, and baby-sit your kids for up to 6 hours a week (some more). That equates to 80p an hour !!! Try getting a babysitter for 80p an hour. They give up their own time to take SFA coaching courses, and they don't even claim expenses. Even Theresa O Hara gives up about 20 hours a week of her own time **VOLUNTARILY** if you include matches. As well as that we charged **EACH** and **EVERY** one of them £130 for a kit (Club didn't pay for it), we charge them when they go on holiday with the teams, and we charge them £5 every week for coaching **THEIR OWN KID**.

Seems like dedication to me. For what....well I assumed it was to see kids develop, improve, and to help get them into the world of professional football....**NOT TO BE CHALLENGED, ABUSED, HARASSED, THREATENED OR ACCUSED OF FAVOURITISM AND UNFAIRNESS**. I have lost three top coaches in three years and lost another four 'Daddies' who were assisting because of this type of unacceptable behaviour. I am writing this letter as a grievance on behalf of all these people who give up their valuable time, one of these days they are going to come to the end of their tether and withdraw their labour. And when that day comes....the end is nigh for this venture and this Academy which has been acclaimed as one of the most successful set-ups of its kind for many years – a venture that has at last wakened up Scottish senior clubs to the fact that you cannot wait until kids are 13 years of age before you 'scout' them – it has got to be done at **5, 6, 7, and 8 years of age**but then I have been telling the hierarchy this for years. There is **NO** other club that give you the exposure Scotland Boys Club gives your child. Anywhere !! Good coaches are hard to get hold of....people no longer want to give up their precious time...and rightly so...hence the reason why I am resolved to bringing in young coaches. Abusing coaches will cause them to walk.

The message is simple folks....do not coach from the side of the park, do not quiz coaches decisions, players positions, playing time or whatever ...in an aggressive manner. If you are not happy, have a meaningful, polite conversation in private or pick up the telephone to John Renwick (Head Coach) and if you are not happy with John's decision then call me. Ultimately, if you behave in an irresponsible manner, you **will** be asked to take your child out of the Academy. The most important thing is to consult people calmly, treat them with respect and support them in every way. That way you will be treated with respect in return. It's easy for me, because if this Academy was not here tomorrow then I would be coaching full time with a senior club the next day...but then these offers have always been on the table for me. I choose to work with this Academy because **I WANT TO ...NOT FOR ANYTHING ELSE**. It was my brainchild. Others do it because they want their kids to enjoy themselves and have an opportunity of making the grade. They deserve respect !!! Don't spoil it for everyone...particularly yourself and your child. **99%** of these kids adore this Academy. **We will just walk away**.

From the

Coaching Staff (Scotland Boys Club) – Academy of Football

Cork Cup 2008

The Academy have been invited to participate in the **CORK CUP in 2008** and I have decided to take the tour company up on the offer. We will be arriving on 23rd May - Depart 26th May 2008 - Whitsun Bank Holiday

Tournament Day's - 24th & 25th May 2008

Age Group's : All 1998 and 1999 Age Groups

If you enjoy a party and great football then the **Cork Cup** is the tournament for you. Every club I have spoken to who have participated in this event in past years will tell you what a great time they had both on and off the field at one of Ireland's leading International Football Festivals. Yes, the football is what we go there for with good competitive games on offer over the two days in addition to a fantastic Irish welcome. Teams will be based at Irelands top holiday village "Trabolgan" who have done a wonderful job looking after the needs of teams over the last five years.

The Cost will be **£199 per person**. I am hoping to reduce that price by a bit depending on how the fund raising goes throughout 2007 – 2008....watch this space. Depends on how many decide to go.

Price includes;

- ❖ Return Coach transfer from Hamilton
- ❖ Return Ferry Crossing
- ❖ Three nights accommodation at Trabolgan Holiday Village.
- ❖ Entertainment Pass • Return shuttles on each day of the festival
- ❖ Entry to the two day International Rugby Festival (how exciting !!)
- ❖ Put the date in your diary....places will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis'

To book – give your name to Theresa and give her a NON REFUNDABLE deposit of £45 PER person by 31st August 2007.... BE FAST ...or you will be LAST !!!

Bookings to Theresa theresa@tohara.wanadoo.co.uk



BIRKENHEAD

The following students have 'booked' for Birkenhead with Theresa. It is quite possible that this list is out of date ...if it is.... PLEASE SEE THERESA THIS WEEKEND ...OR EMAIL HER (OR ME)....AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Remember the age groups are different down South. If your son is born after **1st September**, he is eligible to play in the younger age group. So bearing that in mind....you may be able to play on BOTH days. ie those in **BLUE**. If you are willing to play IN BOTH TOURNAMENTS PLEASE LET US KNOW.

The ones in **BLUE** are eligible to play in their own age group – which I have put them in – AND the age group below. Matthew Innes.... for example has indicated that he wishes to play in both age groups, so I have included him in both as you can see.

1998's - SATURDAY	1999's - SUNDAY	2000's - SATURDAY
Aidan Gray	Anthony Croal	Matthew Innes
Sean Hughes	Paul Croal	Jack Keary
Samuel Bullough	Connor Stewart	Quad Somerville
Paul O'Hara	Calum Glasgow	Calum Holland
Thomas Blair	Ross Henderson	Kian Mallin
Scott Black	Matthew Innes	Declan Martin
David McCarthy	Aaron Gray	Stephen Devlin
Jonathan McAvoy	Frazer Hood	Cameron Stewart
Ryan White		Christopher McConnell
Jack Lang		Nathan McAllister
Regan Glackin		Conor Burt
Ross Lyon		Anton Gray
Liam Burt		Padraig Dolan
Anthony Ralston		
A few short for this group, including another goalkeeper to make two teams.	Enough for one team – if you want a second team, then I need numbers this weekend. Also, no goalkeeper.	A few short for this group, including two goalkeepers.
I NEED TO KNOW OF CHANGES THIS WEEKEND !!!		
AS I SAY – THIS LIST MAY BE OUT OF DATE. IF YOU ARE NOT ON IT – AND WISH TO BE – LET THERESA OR MYSELF KNOW THIS WEEKEND.		

Have a fabulous holiday everyone....see you when we resume..

REMEMBER THE ENROLMENT FORMS (BELOW)

PLEASE !!!!



Scotland Boys Club



ACADEMY OF FOOTBALL

ENROLMENT FORM 2007 / 2008

PLAYERS NAME : _____ AGE YEAR (ie 1998) _____

ADDRESS : _____

DATE OF BIRTH : _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER : _____

Mobile Telephone Number (Mother) : _____

Mobile Telephone Number (Father) : _____

Other Telephone Number (Other Contact) : _____

(Relationship to Child) : _____

Alternative Emergency telephone number should there be no reply at any of the above numbers :

Contact Name : _____ Landline Number : _____

Mobile Number : _____ Relationship to Child : _____

E Mail Address (Parent's / Guardian's) : _____

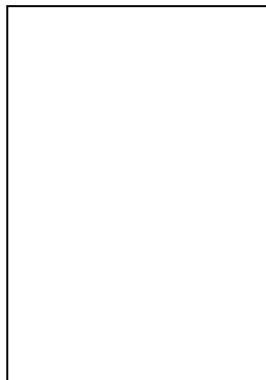
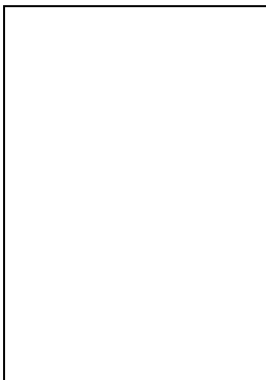
PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME : _____

Declaration : I am enrolling my child _____ (name of child) Squad Number _____ in the **Scotland Boys Club (Academy of Football)**. I agree to buy and/update the kit as required, abide by the *Constitution of this Club*, and will ensure to the best of my ability that my child adheres to its *Code of Conduct*. **I ALSO AGREE TO ABIDE BY SBC's Parent's Charter** regarding conduct.

Signed _____ (Parent / Guardian)

Date of Signing : _____

Please attach two recent passport photos (IN THEIR SCOTLAND STRIP) in the boxes below



Travel Consent

I, _____ being the parent / guardian of student _____

hereby give my consent for the player to travel with **Scotland Boys Club (Academy of Football)** on any authorised Club Activities as and when selected. I also give permission to the relevant official of **Scotland Boys Club (Academy of Football)** to make such emergency decisions as necessary with regard to the treatment of any medical condition or injury received during any activity until such times as I can be contacted. I authorise them to sign any medical documents necessary for the emergency treatment of the player should the need arise and I am unable to be contacted immediately (i.e anaesthetics etc).

Medical History

This information will be kept confidential and only shown to medical staff should the need arise.

Any history we should be aware of : _____

Student's Doctor _____ Surgery Tel Number _____

Any allergies : _____

Any Dietary Requirements: _____

Medicines the student will require to take with them : _____

PLAYERS SHOULD GIVE TWO SUPPLIES OF EACH MEDICINE TO THE SQUAD MANAGER BEFORE DEPARTURE.

Swimming

I, _____ hereby GIVE / REFUSE PERMISSION for my child to bathe or take part in any swimming activities.

My child is a **NON SWIMMER** / a **SWIMMER** (delete which one does not apply) who can swim a minimum of 25 metres. If you do not give your permission, your child will not be allowed to take part in any swimming activity.

Photography

I give my permission for my child to have his photograph taken as part of any individual or team photographs and for these photographs to be used and reproduced by **Scotland Boys Club (Academy of Football)** in such a manner, as they deem appropriate. Typical examples would be Club Newsletters, National and Local Newspapers, and our forthcoming WEB PAGE. Usage will be in line with any guidelines with the SYFA Player Protection Policy or policy of the Scottish Football Association.

Signed : _____ PARENT / GUARDIAN

Students will not be allowed to take part in any Club Activities without this consent form being signed and returned to :

Theresa O Hara, Club Treasurer. EMAIL : theresa@tohara.wanadoo.co.uk

Club ID numbers 2769 / 509. For new players, It must be accompanied by a photocopy of your child's birth certificate.

CHECKLIST :

HAVE I FILLED IN THIS FORM

TWO PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS IN SCOTLAND STRIP

COPY BIRTH CERTIFICATE (NEW PLAYERS ONLY)

DEADLINE IS 31ST JULY 2007