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Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football

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NEW WEB SITE FORMAT

Week Ending 27th July – 29th July 2007

Welcome Back ! Season 2007 - 2008 is upon us...

Hope you all had a fabulous holiday break

Welcome Back Students and Parents. I trust most of you managed to have a well earned break and hopefully managed to get away into the sun. Unfortunately I didn't manage such a luxury – work prevailed – but then again **'there is always October !!!'** Quite a few students are **STILL on holiday**....It is going to be a very difficult season ahead, a season which will see some of the advanced 1998 squad players perhaps break into the senior Academies and forge themselves, eventually, an apprenticeship in the world of professional football.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions (particularly those who pay monthly) would be appreciated this weekend. The main reason is that most of us are in Birkenhead the following weekend and it would be unfair to ask Theresa to collect money when she is down to watch her son just like everyone else. **This really would be a fantastic help to us.**

Enrolment Forms, Consent Forms, Photos and Birth Certificates

These are now causing us major problems. I advised before the break-up that I needed those back as soon as possible and it is now a matter of grave concern. Can **EVERYONE** arrange to get this done over the weekend and get them back to Theresa. I cannot repeat or emphasise this any more. There will be **NO FOOTBALL PERMITTED** until this task is sorted....so please get these back to us **THIS WEEKEND**. I also need these to complete 'Player Registration Cards' for the Birkenhead Tournament otherwise the students will not be permitted to participate. It is really important. **I have attached enrolment forms at the end of this Newsletter.**

Disclosures

I am getting telephone calls to say that the last batch of disclosures have now been arriving on your doorsteps. It is **absolutely imperative** that I get these back as soon as possible so I can get them sent off to the appropriate organisations. This also goes for 'copies of coaches coaching certificates' which again I have been requesting for weeks now. This has now all come back to haunt us....so I **MUST** have this information back to me as soon as possible. Give everything to Theresa ...even if they are originals and I will get them photocopied and handed back to you.

Training

There are **NO CHANGES** to training for the next couple of weeks. Just everyone attend as you did before the holidays. The only exception this weekend is that **ALL SUNDAY TRAINING** is at **THE JOCK STEIN PITCH** in Hamilton (no blades) ...from **9.00 am till 12.00 noon**. (3 hour pre-season stint ran by John Renwick). We intend bringing **ALL** age groups along to the **JOCK STEIN** pitch in Hamilton this **Saturday from 9.00 am till 12.00 noon** as all games this weekend have been cancelled.

Teams & Coaches 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. It is also **IMPERATIVE** to our future that we illustrate **EVENLY BALANCED TEAMS**. **This has been one of the recommendations of the Lanarkshire Football Development Association. I will be sending you all a separate email this weekend re-some issues we have had to deal with regarding the above.**

❖ 1998

Four Teams

- 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 Football Development Association. 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**.

❖ 1999

Two Teams

- 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.

❖ 2000

Two Teams

- 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.

❖ 2001

One Team

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

THERE IS STILL SOME DISPUTE AS TO WHO IS PLAYING IN EACH PARTICULAR SQUAD AT THE MOMENT BUT THIS WILL BE CLARIFIED IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.

All Equipment Updated

We have decided to update **ALL** of our current equipment to cope with the season ahead. During the Summer we have sourced suppliers and managed to update most of the basic equipment. All this has been receipted and balanced through Theresa.

Top Donators

The top donators in the Penalty Kick competition, **GILBERT McLEAN, ROSS HENDERSON, STEPHEN DEVLIN and THE CROALS**....will be given a wee 'pressy' in the next couple of weeks.

Birkenhead Update

1998's - SATURDAY	1999's - SUNDAY	2000's - SATURDAY
1. Aidan Gray	1. Anthony Croal	Matthew Innes
2. Sean Hughes	2. Paul Croal	Jack Keary
3. Samuel Bullough	3. Connor Stewart	Quad Somerville
4. Paul O Hara (GK)	4. Calum Glasgow	Calum Holland
5. Thomas Blair	5. Ross Henderson	Kian Mallin
6. Scott Black	6. Matthew Innes	Declan Martin
7. David McCarthy	7. Ross Bourdon (GK)	Stephen Devlin
8. Jonathan McAvoy	8. Frazer Hood	Cameron Stewart
9. Christopher Sands	9. Liam Burt	Christopher McConnell
10. Jack Lang	10. Samuel Bullough	Nathan McAllister
11. Regan Glackin	11. Anthony Ralston	Conor Burt
12. Ross Lyon	12. Josh Mc Fall	Anton Gray
13. Liam Burt	13. Vacancy	Padraig Dolan
14. Carla Boyce	14. Vacancy	Jamie Neeson
15. Ewan Dickson (GK)		Michael Curran
16. Lewis Lennox	If anyone is interested, let us know this weekend. If we cannot fill it with 1999's, we will have to use 1998's. again volunteers please.	
17. Paul Macmillan		
18. Anthony Ralston		
19. Scott Ballantyne		
20. Aaron Gray		
21. Ryan Gormley		
22. Ross Bourdon (GK)		
ENOUGH FOR THREE TEAMS FOR THIS AGE GROUP.	TWO PLAYERS SHORT TO MAKE UP TWO TEAMS TO PLAY IN THIS AGE GROUP. ALSO ONLY ONE GOALIE.	NO PROBLEMS, EXCEPT THERE ARE NO GOALIES

Birkenhead. Anyone who participated in this tournament last year (which we won) will know where the parks are. They are just across the road from Tranmere Rovers Football Club (or as near as damn it).

The bus will be leaving Hamilton Palace Sports Ground at 5.00 am sharp so it is advisable to get there for around 4.30 am please. You would just be as well to park your cars at the Palace Sports Ground.

Anyone travelling down the night before, meet at Shaftesbury Youth Club, Birkenhead, CH42 8NU for 8.45 am please. (Both Saturday and Sunday). Alternately meet at Tranmere Rovers Football Ground at 8.30 am and give me a call. I will only be there Saturday, if Sunday, phone John Renwick.

PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST.... IF IT IS INCORRECT OR NOT UP TO DATE YOU MUST ADVISE THERESA THIS WEEKEND. ALL BUS MONEY MUST BE PAID THIS WEEKEND.

Birkenhead 04/08/07			Bus Situation (FULL)	
Names			Bus	Confirmed
Aaron Gray	1998		2	Yes
Aidan Gray	1998		1	Yes
Anthony Croal	1999		No	
Anthony Ralston	1998 / 1999		No	
Anton Gray	2000		1	Yes
Calum Glasgow	1999		No	
Calum Holland	2000		No	
Cameron Stewart	2000		No	
Carla Boyce	1998		2	Not confirmed
Christopher McConnell	2000		3	Not confirmed
Christopher Sands	1998		No	
Connor Stewart	1999		No	
Conor Burt	2000		No	
David McCarthy	1998		2	Yes
Declan Martin	2000		3	Not confirmed
Ewan Dickson	1998		2	Yes
Frazer Hood	1999		No	
Jack Keary	2000		No	
Jack Lang	1998		2	Yes
Jamie Neeson	2000		No	
Jonathan McAvoy	1998		2	Yes
Josh McFall	1999		No	
Kian Mallin	2000		3	Not confirmed
Lewis Lennox	1998		1	Yes
Liam Burt	1998 / 1999	SAT & SUN	No	
Matthew Innes	1999 / 2000	SAT & SUN	No	
Michael Curran	2000		2	Yes
Nathan McAllister	2000		No	
Padraig Dolan	2000		No	
Paul Croal	1999		No	
Paul Macmillan	1998		3	Yes
Paul O'Hara	1998		4	Yes
Quad Somerville	2000		3	Not confirmed
Regan Glackin	1998		0	Not confirmed
Ross Bordon	1998 / 1999		No	
Ross Henderson	1999		No	
Ross Lyon	1998		2	Not confirmed
Samuel Bullough	1998 / 1999	SAT & SUN	No	
Scott Ballantyne	1998		No	
Scott Black	1998		3	Yes
Sean Hughes	1998		4	Not confirmed
Stephen Devlin	2000		4	Not confirmed
Thomas Blair	1998		4	Yes
Ryan Gormley	1998		2	Yes
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Bonus Ball

We are going to be running the **STANDARD BONUS BALL ONLY** from now on. There are a few vacant numbers so if you would like a number, please see Theresa. We will **not be running** the **FOUR BALL LOTTERY AGAIN** as it is not very successful or profit making. Over the next week or so we will put all the names into a hat (four ball lottery contributors) and make a draw. That person will receive **£100** which was the Prize Money before the 'holidays'.

What has been proposed now (for the third time) by parents is to introduce a **TOTE** for the Academy. The purpose of the tote would be to subsidise **ALL HOLIDAYS** – particularly the aforementioned **CORK TRIP** that has interested almost everyone. The price was too expensive. If we can successfully operate this **TOTE**, then we could logistically cut the proposed price to shreds. For the tote to be successful we need maximum participation. **Can we ask everyone to try it up until Xmas** – to give it a chance – then we can assess how much profit it is making and how much cheaper we can make these holidays. If it does not work, then at least we tried.

Michael Innes is doing a survey at the moment amongst parents to see what feedback he gets and if it is possible and practical we will get it up and running as soon as possible. **WATCH THIS SPACE.**

Coerver Balls

Adidas / Coerver have reported to me that these balls will not be available until the end of August. Their apologies for this. As soon as I get them ...so will you. They ordered the wrong balls initially and got us Adidas balls instead of the very expensive Coerver balls. It will be sorted very quickly. Please bear with us.

New WEB SITE Update & the Future of the Newsletter

The proposed 'Web Site' is now moving into its final stages of construction. It is a basic site but meets the needs of the Academy. I am proposing to have a September launch but will not guarantee anything. One of the main purposes of the site is to avoid time consuming Newsletters and fixture updates. I don't want to go into the content of the site until it is almost launched but it should certainly be advantageous for those with computers. So if you don't have a computer, now is the time to start putting those pennies away.

Coaches Courses

All pre-booked 'coaches courses' have been suspended due to the re—structuring of the Academy and the age groups. Please discard the given dates from your diaries and I will replenish them with 'new dates' over the next few weeks – apologies for this.

Change of Mobile Telephone Number

I have added a new 'football' telephone number to my communication threads. Can everyone please contact me on **07922121722 from now on** and add this number to your mobiles etc. I will still be available on my existing number for several months because when eight hundred people have that number it has to be phased out slowly. But what you might find is that it is re-directed to the new number. Even if you phone my existing number and I answer it...when I call you back you may find the new number rings you back. All very complex I have to say. The important thing is to add it to your mobile (keep both numbers) so that when I ring you you know it is me.

PO Box Number

Due to the amount of correspondence (mail) the Academy receives (up to 50 letters a day and a lot of it junk mail), we have decided to get ourselves a **PO BOX NO.** I am currently waiting on the number. It will save me and my wife several trips to the sorting office every single week. It also looks more professional on letter heads etc. **The PO BOX NO will be available to access on the forthcoming web site.**

Also, I am currently moving house (still in Livingston) as my children have never settled in the secluded area we decided to adopt two years ago (no friends their age in the street, long bus journeys to school etc). You know the sort of thing. Plus my two oldest have decided to leave the 'nest' ...so we will benefit from something smaller. So I will be juggling between houses for the next month or so.

Goalkeeping Coaches

I am anticipating that the Academy goalkeeping coaches will be back in action in August sometime. They have been involved with holidays etc and are looking to get back as soon as possible. This 'goalkeeper' training will take place **every Sunday morning**, indoors, for one hour and it is mandatory that **ALL GOALKEEPERS** attend these regular weekly sessions. Any of the Club's goalkeepers involved with Aberdeen on a Sunday morning will attend the Aberdeen scene for an hour then will go to the specialised goalkeeping coaching for an hour.

Tournament in Buckie

There is a **TOURNAMENT in BUCKIE** for the 1998 Age Group on Sunday 12th of August 2007. Anyone who wishes to participate in this tournament should give their names to Theresa as soon as possible. On that same day, the 1998 'Yellow' (one team) and a 1998 'Navy/White Mix' (one team) will be participating in the Land O Burns tournament in Ayr. Also the 1999 'Navy' team.

Having said this, this tournament will be open to anyone who is **not selected** for the 1998 'Navy/White Mix' squad, the 1998 'Red' Squad, and indeed anyone who is in the 1999 'White' Squad. Please give your names to Theresa as soon as you can (once all the squads are announced which will be next week).

Training NEXT WEEKEND

There is **NO TRAINING NEXT WEEKEND FOR ANY OF THE SQUADS** because of the Birkenhead Trip. There **WILL** however be training for the Scotland Boys Club players who train with Aberdeen on a **SUNDAY** morning as usual (unless of course they are playing in Birkenhead on the Sunday ie Liam Burt).

BMCD – Awol this weekend

Unfortunately I will not be around Saturday and Sunday of this weekend at the Jock Stein, as I am working for the SFA in Dundee on Saturday and am working for Aberdeen on the Sunday morning at Hamilton Palace. Apologies for this.

Snippets

- ❖ **Anyone who wishes to**email Theresa direct re-booking things, subs etc can email her on theresa@tohara.wanadoo.co.uk. If you want to call her – her Mobile Number is 07811990921.

- ❖ **John Renwick's Mobile Number is 07841994160**

- ❖ **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.

Tournament & Fixtures Table

Sat Sun	28 Jul 29 Jul	ALL GAMES ARE OFF – EVERY AGE GROUP - THIS WEEKEND. EVERY TEAM WE HAD ARRANGED TO PLAY CANCELLED ON MONDAY MORNING.	'BOUNCE' WEEKEND ONLY	PLEASE REFER TO 'THIS WEEKEND' FURTHER IN THIS NEWSLETTER.
Sun	29 July	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.
Mon	30 July	Aberdeen Development 99	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.
Sat	04 Aug	1998 Age Group	Birkenhead ON	Three 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.
Mon	06 Aug	Aberdeen Development 99	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.
Sat & Sun	11/12 Aug	1998	Land O Burns AYR	YELLOW AND 'NAVY & WHITE MIX' (2 teams in total)
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	
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 Players NOT selected For Land O Burns ie Remainder of 'Navy/White' And 'Red' Squad. Also any 1999 'White' Squad.	Buckie Soccer Festival	In Buckie - TWO teams required.
SUN	12 Aug	2000 'White'	Kildrum	Hamilton Palace 1045 KO (TBC)
Sun	12 Aug	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.
Mon	13 Aug	Aberdeen Development 99	CANCELLED	THIS SESSION IS CANCELLED
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 Navy and White 2001 Selection	Carbrain 3 teams (inc2001)	Hamilton Palace 10am KO Number of games TBC nearer time
Sun	19 Aug	1998 'Navy' and 'Red'	Livingston Hearts	3 x 98 teams 0845 for 0930 KO prompt
Sun	19 Aug	1998 'Yellow' and 'Navy'	Livingston Hearts	
Sun	19 Aug	1999 'Navy' and 'White'	Livingston Hearts	2 x 99 teams 0945 for 1030 KO prompt
Sun	19 Aug	2000 'Navy' and 'White'	Livingston Hearts	2 x 2000 teams 0945 for 1030 KO prompt
Sun	19 Aug	Aberdeen Development 98	N/A	Hamilton Palace - 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start.

Games and Squads for this weekend

Saturday	28 th July 2007
Squads	1998 (ALL SQUADS) 1999 (ALL SQUADS) 2000 (ALL SQUADS)
Venue	Jock Stein Pitches in Hamilton
Meeting Time	9.00 am
Kick Off Time	9.30 am
Opposition	Bounce Games / Training etc

Sunday	29 th July 2007
Squads	1998 (Old 'Improvers' Squads only ie Robert Gormley & Ian Blair's old squads) PLUS 2000 / 2001 - (ALL SQUADS) Any Scotland Boys Club players who train with Aberdeen on a Sunday morning Should report to ABERDEEN TRAINING as usual – NOT to the Jock Stein.
Venue	Jock Stein Pitches in Hamilton
Meeting Time	9.00 am
Kick Off Time	9.30 am
Opposition	Bounce Games / Training etc

ENROLMENT FORMS BELOW

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) : _____

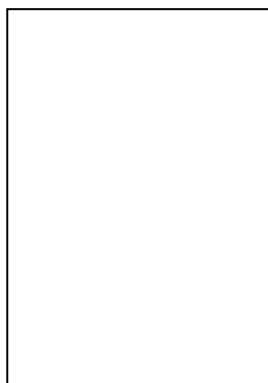
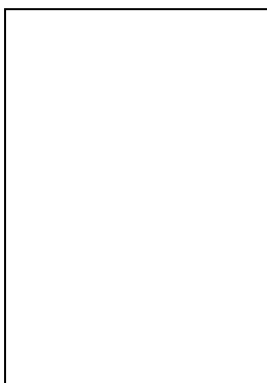
PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME : _____

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)