



DATE / VENUE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORERS
Thornhill Tournament 11/09/05	Pant & Dowlais Radyr Rangers Thornhill Pentwyn Dynamos Thornhill (play-off)	W 2 – 1 W 1 – 0 D 1 – 1 L 1 – 0 D 0 – 0 (L 3 – 0 pens)	Arun & Joe D Cameron Joe D
<b>Match report</b>			
<p>The U11s first match together for a long time, resulted in a solid and encouraging performance, but the boys missed out on going further in competition through a play-off. All the teams in this group were excellent and each game was a challenge. The first game saw a close game with Pant &amp; Dowlais. Arun scored a fabulous left-footed rocket and this was quickly followed up by a fantastic header by Joe D. Maindy continued to control the game, but Pant cameback into the game and scored an excellent goal to end the game 2-1. The second match was another close run affair, with the sides being separated by a great long range shot from Cameron. Although Maindy had other chances they failed to convert. The third game against Thornhill saw Maindy do well in the first half with Joe D collecting his second goal of the tournament with short run and a conversion at the near post. Although Maindy continued to pressurise, hitting the post, they were unable to score again and Thornhill were able to pull a goal back at the end. The final group game, against Pentwyn saw Maindy having to draw or win to secure a place in the semi-final. Again Maindy gave a great account of themselves in an evenly matched contest. Charlie went on a surging run from defence and hit the crossbar. Joe G also made a series of fabulous save, but in the end was undone by a long-range shot/cross(!) by Pentwyn (well done Jack!). This meant that Maindy had to watch the last game of the group where Thornhill had to win to stay in contention. The end result of this game was 2-1 (although it could have been 2-2 if the game had continued for a few more seconds). After much deliberation between the administrators (Maindy and Thornhill were equal on both points an goal difference) a play-off was arranged – 5 minutes followed by 5 minutes golden goal. As per the earlier game there was little to choose between the teams and a series of great chances by both sides went unconverted. In the end the game went to penalties and Maindy lost 3-0. With only a week of training under their belts this was a great showing from the boys. Well done.</p>			
Llandaff Fields 17/09/05	Urdd Pentyrch Heath Park Rangers	W 2 – 0 W 1 – 0 W 3 – 0	Greg x 2 Kyle Tom x 2 & Joe G
<b>Match report</b>			
<p>A beautiful morning on Llandaff Fields, sun shining, blue skies, marvellous. We nipped over the road got some coffees and some croissants for a perfect start to the day. Anyway, returning from the shops I had already missed Greg's two goals against Urdd. In the second half Maindy continued to pressure and were prevented by some good goalkeeping and defending from Urdd. In the end a 2 – 0 result. The second game against Pentyrch was a tighter affair. Maindy had a lot of the pressure. Greg hit a cracking shot which came off the bar, and Kyle was putting together some great moves down the right wing. Maindy's only goal of the game came from a great cross from Tom from the left to Kyle who was wide open, and he deftly slotted the goal home. By the third game, the boys were into their stride. The first half saw purposeful defending and clearing the lines, good passes in midfield and excellent movement off the ball. The first goal was a cracker – Heath Park had the ball by half-way line, and Joe D made a great tackle, put his head up and slotted a great cross down the right wing to Greg, he put across a great cross which was clinically finished by Tom – marvellous. The second goal followed shortly after, Tom this time took the ball wide and put across a low ball, Heath Park failed to deal with it and Joe G smashed the ball home. The third goal came in the second half. Again through midfield working hard, Cameron won the ball on half way, played a beautiful ball through to Charlie, he then made a great cross left footed where Tom met it, took it round the keeper and scored. Overall a great start to the season, 3 wins, great team performance, everyone working for each other. No goals conceded thanks to fabulous defending from Ellery, Joe D, Joe G, Charlie and Alex (from Maindy Whites). Midfield were solid as always Cameron winning lots of ball, Kyle doing great work down the right wing and up front the speed of Greg, the strength of Tom and the power of Arun gave a winning combination. Well done boys!!!</p>			
Pontprennau 24/09/05	AFC Rumney Juniors Radyr Rangers B Pentwyn B	W 5 – 3 W 4 – 0 L 4 – 5	Tom x 2, Cam, Greg x 2 Tom x 2, Arun, Greg Greg x 2, Arun, Tom
<b>Match report</b>			
<p>A mixture of an early start and other events meant that Maindy only had half a team at the beginning of the first game, and had to borrow a player from Rumney. Maindy were soon two down due to a general state of disorganisation, but pulled the game back to 2-1 when Tom scored a great goal from the an acute angle. Cam then marshalled the ball out of defence and hit a long range effort that crafted its way in. However, after a few of other players turned up the second half was a completely different picture, and Maindy came out in full force. Greg scored the first of five cracking goals on the day, picking up the ball deep and scoring a long range drive. Tom then also picked up another and Greg finished things off with another great goal laid off by Tom, to end the game 5-3.</p> <p>The second game against Radyr saw the boys in control more, but Radyr were well organised and difficult to break down. Tom scored a goal half way through the first half, but only due to a misunderstanding from Radyr from the goal kick. As the game moved on, more chances came along and Arun stuck the ball in the back of the net. Joe D then put a beautiful through ball for Tom, who put it in the back of the net. Greg then finished things off by getting the ball from Charlie (who was goalie), and dribbled it up the pitch came into the middle of the pitch and from long range gave the keeper no chance with a splendid goal.</p> <p>The third game was a mini epic. Maindy exerted early pressure, but were unfortunate to go down 2 goals (for the second time!) early on. Once was a deflection from a clearance and the other from a corner. The game then swung around completely. Greg scored another fabulous individual effort, picking up the ball deep, taking on a few players and letting fly to the top corner. At half-time however the boys were still 2-1 down. The second half started where the first had left off with some great Maindy moves. Joe D, made a great interception in midfield, played a great through ball for Tom, who laid across for Arun to blast home. Shortly after this Greg scored his best goal of the game, he received the ball on half-way, put his head up and went for it... the ball looping home to put Maindy's noses in front. Another great then followed started by Joe, through to Arun who shot and Tom picked up the rebound to make it 4-2. Then Maindy committed suicide three times by giving the ball away cheaply to fine finishes from Pentwyn. Unbelievably the game ended 5-4. Entertainment all the way!! Overall the boys only had 6 of the regular team playing, with Ben and Angus from the Whites providing sterling support. The boys had no rest for three games and played some of the best football I have seen for a long time – although they were unlucky to lose the last game, excellent all round play. Well done!!</p>			



Tremorfa Park 01/10/05	St Albans Maindy Blacks Lisvane Panthers	W 2 – 1 L 2 – 3 W 4 – 1	Greg, Tom Tom, Greg Joe G x 3, Tom
<b>Match report</b>			
<p>Windy old Tremorfa Park, but still it was dry for most of the games so can't complain. The first game saw Maindy play against the home team St Albans. After starting well, Maindy capitalised on early pressure after Greg had a couple of chances and finally drove the ball home to take the lead. St Albans then applied some good pressure of their own to get level. In the second half, the game ebbed and flowed, and saw Maindy pass the ball around well with plenty of good crosses and playing for each other. Midway through the second half, Charlie picked up the ball on the half way line, pushed forward and played Tom in with a beautiful pass which Tom cracked skilfully cracked home. That was enough to see the boys home 2-1 in an entertaining game.</p> <p>The second match saw the Reds against the Blacks over on the other pitch. This had more of a slope on it and the Reds were playing downhill first half. But any advantage that they had was quickly annihilated by three quickfire goals from the Blacks. The Reds conceded the ball deep in their own half and were ruthlessly punished three times in a row with three excellently taken goals. The Reds obviously a bit shell-shocked got back into their stride and started to pass the ball around well, and pulled two back before half-time though Tom and Greg, and on each goal providing for the other. Were we in for a repeat of last week where Maindy came back twice from behind in two of the games? Well no. The Reds applied pressure but could not find a way through and Blacks with a few close chances in the second half hung on to complete a deserved victory. Well done both teams for a highly entertaining and good-spirited match!</p> <p>The third game was all a bit lacklustre. Both teams looked like they had gone for it in the other two games and were willing to settle for a gentle paced third game. Nonetheless, Joe G, after spending the previous game in goal did not share in this apathy and stole the show with a hat-trick, together with another well taken goal by Tom, to win in the end 4-1.</p> <p>In the past few weeks the team has shown excellent character and have battled hard in every game. The boys have also shown real maturity in their defending, crossing, passing, tackling and playing for each other. Special shout this week to Tom who has demonstrated a real cool head up front, showing the intelligence of when to shoot and when to set other players to score (more special shouts next week). Overall a real pleasure to watch.</p>			
08/10/05 Sevenoaks	Llanishen Dons Grangetown Blue Marlboro Red	L 0 – 1 W 1 – 0 W 4 – 1	Sam B Greg x 2, Sam B & Tom
<b>Match report</b>			
<p>Imagine my surprise making the long trek down the M4 only to find that the Sevenoaks we were at was in Grangetown. Anyway, Maindy only had a bare 8 for the second week running and in the first game contested very well with the Dons. Both teams had their fair share of chances, but Dons nicked a winner at the end through a mix-up. Joe G had another fantastic turn in goal and made a few great saves, even taking a whack in the face this week. Overall entertaining football from both teams with nice passing and awareness being shown.</p> <p>The second game against Grangetown was another tight affair in the first half. There were a few chances in the first half and shortly before the break Ellery injured his ankle in a challenge. This meant the Reds were down to only 7 men for the second half. As the game went on they pushed more and more and eventually got a goal through Sam B. This was enough to seal the game and win 1 – 0.</p> <p>By the third game, the miserable weather gave us some rain whilst taking on Marlboro Reds. In this game the boys demonstrated more self-belief and composure and started to pass the ball around well. Joe D especially, a number of times he picked the ball up on the half-way line, beat a man and put through some fabulous passes. The same also goes for Charlie in defence. In the first half he read a ball from Marlboro beautifully, picked it up took it down the left, played in Greg who took down the wing and cut in to score at the near post. Greg followed this up shortly after by picking up the ball cutting into the middle and scoring from long-range. In the second half Sam B scored his second of the day and Tom made it 4. Marlboro did pull one back but the game ended up at 4 – 1.</p> <p>A great performance from Sam B, who came into the team and scored two great goals, the first one a very important one in a one-nil win to preserve our record of not drawing. Well the not winning trick has already gone so I suppose not drawing is another way of looking at things.</p> <p>Player watch – Following on from comments on Tom, a special mention has to go to Greg who is on fire at the moment. Whenever he gets the ball he either leaves the players for dust or quickly spots either a pass or a chance and goes for it. Whilst last season he was probably wasting more chances than he was creating, this season he can hardly put a foot wrong. Marvellous!</p>			
15/10/05 Llandaff Fields	Maindy Blacks Maindy Whites Urdd A	D 0 – 0 W 5 – 0 W 2 – 0	Charlie x 3, Joe G, Greg Charlie, Joe G



19/11/05 Pontprennau	Pentwyn Dynamos B Pentwyn Dynamos A Lisvane Panthers	W 4 – 1 L 0 – 2 W 2 – 1	Arun x 2, Tom & og  Greg x 2
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**Match report**

Back in action after the 4 week lay off and a frosty morning to get things going. The boys got off to a sluggish start and went down to a well taken early Pentwyn goal. However as the game went on Maindy got stronger and stronger and started to pass the ball around well. As things started to click, Arun crafted to great goals with his left foot. In the second half Tom bombed a powerful shot home and the pressure ended up in an unfortunate own goal scramble to make the game 4 – 1.

In the second game, Maindy started well against the Pentwyn A's and had some good breaks, but as they began to attack, holes appeared in the defence and Pentwyn spurned some early chances. Maindy then had an odd five minutes and scored two own goals, the second one rather good from Joe D. The second half saw Maindy almost make it a hat-trick of own goals but withstood some good chances. Joe G had a great shot on goal and as a couple of other chances went Maindy's way the game faded away and finished 2-0 to Pentwyn. This was a largely even game, but you cannot really afford to score goals against yourself against a team of this calibre. Overall an enjoyable game.

Maindy made up for things in the final game by exerting much more control and authority over the game, by passing the ball well and creating great chances through crosses and through balls. Greg got on the score sheet twice (he seems to like the Pontprennau ground!) with two well taken goals. Lisvane did pull a goal back against the run of play and the game finished 2-1.

26/11/05 Maindy Stadium	Thornhill Red Canton Rangers Blue Heath Park Rangers Green	W 6 – 1 W 1 – 0 L 1 - 2	Tom x 3, Greg x 3 Tom Tom
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**Match report**

Another nice and fresh morning at Maindy Stadium. The first game saw the boys out of the blocks like men possessed and caught the Thornhill Red team completely cold. Apologies for not keeping track here, but by half-time Maindy had scored 6 goals with Tom and Greg both scoring hat-tricks. Thornhill pulled one back just before the break. The movement and passing was great and exploited the slow start made by Thornhill. The second half was honours even as Thornhill played more like the sides were are used to in the past. I think last season we suffered the same fate as this having 5 goals slapped against us by Thornhill! Funny old game.

The second game was against a very organised Canton side and the game was very evenly balanced for much of the game. Maindy probably shaded it in the chances stakes and were unfortunate to see a number of efforts go wide or saved excellently by the Canton keeper. Eventually, lady luck shone and a clearance rebounded of Tom and went into the net. All in all a great game of football from two skilful teams – Canton being unlucky to lose the game.

The third game was against Heath Park Rangers. The boys went down to an early goal, which came from a free kick given from 2 metres for the goalie kicking the ball out of hand - which the ref claimed was the rules, but to me seems a bit odd akin to capital punishment for nicking some sweets. Anyway, Heath scored from this to make it 1 – 0. They then proceeded to waltz through the defence to make it 2 – 0. Maindy then pulled themselves together and got back a well-worked goal through Tom. In the second half, Heath defended in numbers and crowded out their final third making it heavy weather and Maindy were unable to work through and pull a goal back.

My player of the day – Tom. Tom is continuing to show great awareness up front and whereas last season only had eyes for goal, this season has shown great vision and deftness in laying off the ball and setting up team mates. His understanding with Greg up front it improving every week. Overall though the team are looking really good. When Ellery and Charlie are at the back the team look very solid providing a platform for the rest of the team. Joe D and Cameron are working well in the middle of the pitch creating great through balls for the forwards. Joe G and Kyle are both equally good in goal as they are in defence, midfield and attack and shine wherever they are – and both did their fair share of goalkeeping this weekend.

Sevenoaks 10/12/05	Grange BC Claret Marlboro Reds Lisvane Panthers Red	D 1 – 1 L 0 – 1 W 4 - 1	Josh  Tom x 2, Greg x 2
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**Match report**

This was ages ago now and forgot to write up.

First game was an excellent display from both teams and saw a closely fought 1-1, with Josh scoring a cracking goal on his return from the Blacks. Kyle made a fab save off the line with his head – marvellous stuff. Second game saw Maindy lose against a spirited Marlboro side. Third game, Maindy made a comfortable win against Lisvane.

Pitches are now becoming too small for 8-a-side at U11 – you can see that the bigger pitches will benefit the boys soon!

Blackweir 17/12/05	Thornhill Capital Trucks Maindy Whites	W 4 – 0 D 1 – 1 W 2 – 0	Greg, Tom, Cam, Kyle Tom Tom, Charlie
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**Match report**

As above, my scant notes tell me that Tom made a fabulous run through the whole team to score one goal, Cam finished of an excellent passing move to score. Whilst in the second half the Thornhill keeper made some fantastic saves to keep the score respectable.

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Corries**

# U11 REDS RESULTS

Llandaff Fields 14/01/06	Urdd A Radyr Rangers Urdd B	W 2 – 1 W 3 – 0 W 1 – 0	Tom x 2 Tom x 2, Arun x 1 Tom
<b>Match report</b>			
Mud glorious mud. The first game after Christmas, and the irony of playing on waterlogged pitches when many of the weeks previously cancelled would have been fine! Anyway, Maindy had a great start back after the new year. With 4 regular players missing, the boys had three great games and in difficult conditions triumphed in each one. Tom has put a bit of distance between himself and Greg with 5 goals – Greg has a bit of catching up to do next week! Teach him to go to Anfield for the day! Great play all round, and great goals, pick of which has to be a beautiful shot from Arun in the game against Radyr.			
Moorland Park 21/01/06	Heath Park Rangers Green Radyr Rangers White Splott Albion Blacks	W 2 – 0 W 4 – 0 L 1 – 2	Tom x 2 Greg x 2, James x 2 Tom
<b>Match report</b>			
Didn't make it to this game, but I hear that the pitch was sandy. The game against the Blacks sounded good, with the Reds losing out to an own goal at the end of the game.			
Hailey Park 28/01/06	Canton Rangers Blue Canton Rangers White Thornhill Gold	D 0 – 0 W 3 – 0 W 5 – 0	Tom x 2, Cam Joe G, Arun x 2, Ellery x 2
<b>Match report</b>			
This really was cold. We played all three matches on the pitch that is exposed, and the wind was biting. As a result it was an achievement to feel the foot pedals of the car to drive home, let alone recall any details of the game. All I can remember is a frost in the shadows of the trees, and commenting that although only living less than a mile away, I had no idea that this park existed. The football was good, the kids in beanies and gloves braved the elements and managed to remain unbeaten for the day.			
04/02/06 Llanedeyrn	Grangetown Blue Lisvane Panthers Orange Llanedeyrn B	W 5 – 0 D 1 – 1 W 2 – 1	Greg x 2, Tom x 3 Tom x 1 Tom, Cameron
<b>Match report</b>			
OK, catching up on the reports here, much to remember. The first game saw Maindy flying out of the blocks. They quickly took the lead and dominated the game eventually running out 5-0 winners. The second game was very tight with two good teams locking horns. Lisvane took the lead with a good goal, and after much hard work and pressure, Tom eventually stuck home the equalizer on the break. The third game was another entertaining affair. We don't seem to play Llanedeyrn very much, which is a shame as this was a great game. Both teams pretty evenly matched, well competed and good to watch. My problems with memory loss preclude me from providing any details, apart from the cracking winner struck by Cam. The ball broke to Cam in space, and from about 20 yards crashed it along the floor, where it skimmed across the damp grass into the goal. He doesn't score very often, but when it does it is always a treat.			
11/02/06 Hailey Park	Fairwater Juniors A Radyr Rangers Red Marlboro Sports Red	L 0 – 3 L 0 – 2 Cancelled	
<b>Match report</b>			
A very cold morning – the boys just didn't get it together and lost both games. Due to one pitch being in shade, only one pitch was usable. A temporary pitch was made, but by the third game Marlborohad had enough and gone home. After our two losses this was probably a good thing!!			
25/02/06 Pontprennau	Pentwyn A Pentwyn B Heath Park Rangers	L 0 – 1 W 4 – 2 D 0 – 0	Cameron, Tom x 3
<b>Match report</b>			
Very cold morning again. Too cold to write or remember.			
04/03/06 Llandaff Fields	Thornhill Athletic Urdd B Llanedeyrn Bulldogs	L 1 – 2 W 3 – 0 W 3 – 1	Tom Arun x 2, Tom Arun x 2, Joe G
<b>Match report</b>			
An odd morning, losing the first game after having a lot of the action and then beating Urdd comfortably, then the boys gave Llanedeyrn a great game beating them 3-1. Llanedeyrn had just beaten the other two teams and were on the up. Non-transitivity is such a good thing....			
18/3/06 Willows	Splott Albion Heath Park Rangers Fairwater A	D 0 – 0 D 1 – 1 D 1 – 1	Tom Greg
<b>Match report</b>			
Tight games all round in the shadows of the steel works.			
25/03/06 Tremorfa Park	St Albans Heath Park Fairwater	W 1 – 0 W 5 – 0 L 0 – 3	Kyle Ellery x 2, Greg x 2, Joe D
<b>Match report</b>			
All I can remember is that somebody said it would rain at 12.30 and bingo it happened. Boys started off well but ran out of steam in the last game – they can't quite keep it together for the whole morning.			



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# U11 REDS RESULTS

08/04/06 Hailey Park	Llanishen Dons Pentyrch Rangers Marlboro Reds	L 0 – 1 W 5 – 1 W 3 – 0	Charlie x 2, Ellery x 3 Greg, Tom, Matthew
<b>Match report</b>			
I was not there.			
22/04/06 Moorland Park	Thornhill Reds Splott Albion Blacks Canton & Riverside	W 5 – 0 W 3 – 1 W 3 – 1	Tom x 3, Greg x 2 Tom x 2, Greg Greg x 2, Tom
<b>Match report</b>			
Our strikers were in top form and showing how well they work together this week. Following great work from the back keeping most things at bay the boys turned in their first clean sheet for as long as I can remember. Although if I page up this article I could probably find out, but anyway. The first game was a straightforward win. The second game was against our old colleagues and it was another great contest. After losing the last few battles, it was good to even the score. There were plenty of chances from both sides, but on the day, Maindy managed to slot home three good goals. In the last game, the boys made it three out of three.			
29/04/06 Pontprennau	Pentwyn B Pentwyn A Maindy White	W 2 – 1 D 1 – 1 W 2 – 0	Cameron & Kyle Tom Tom and Ellery
<b>Match report</b>			
Last week of the mini football ever for the U11 Reds (and aptly the Whites as well – thanks to the fixtures secretary there!) was spent on the slightly windy, but generally pleasant Pontprennau playing fields. The first game was against the B team. They boys went down to an early goal, but carried on playing good football. Just as it looked as though we would get to half time one goal down, following a number of great chances, Cam slapped it in from way outside the area to level matters. The second half saw the late arrival of Kyle (surely Pete should know where this ground is by now!!!) and came on to score the winner. Overall this was a great game to watch and was at some points end to end.			
The second game was against the A team. It turned out to be an excellent game, hard fought, skilful and very entertaining. Kyle pulled off some great saves before a fabulous move from defence to attack through Cam and then to Greg saw Tom slap the ball home to take the early lead. Although Maindy had a number of other chances the equalizer came. The game continued to ebb and flow until the final whistle leaving an honourable draw.			
In the final game, we were up against the Whites. I was too busy taking photos to really appreciate the game (they will be on the website as soon as I can remember where I downloaded them to!!!). In the end two goals from Tom and Ellery saw the Reds to victory.			
Overall a great end to our min-football adventure... the stats for the season read as follows:			
<i>Played 62 games, won 39, drew 13, lost 10. Scored 137 goals at 2.2 per game, conceding 55 at 0.9 per game. Overall we won 63% of our games and were unbeaten for almost 80% of them.</i>			

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