



DATE / VENUE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORERS	PLAYER OF THE DAY
Radyr	Radyr Rangers	5 – 2 W		
Match report				
Attendance 43				
Well what a start, an all action game .				
The Corries always have a good game with Radyr and it wasn't any different this Saturday. The first time the "A" ever managed to arrange to play together (then only 12 turned up). You'd have never believed it. They looked a cohesive, tight unit and dominated early stages with neat controlled passing. The Corries were rewarded with a fine volleyed goal from Jason. Within a minute slick passing put Matthew through on goal. Unable to break a habit of a lifetime and despite the goals being twice as wide as last year he continued to hone his ability to hit the post. On this occasion he was able to follow up at slip the rebound home.				
Radyr's occasional attacks were well managed by the Maindy defence and on rare occasion the ball over the top got through, it was ably dealt with by Ollie in the Maindy goal. Maindy continued to dominate with Jake, Lewis, Matthew, Ryan J and Dale controlling midfield. The relentless pressure told and Jason broke through to score his second goal of the game .				
To their credit Radyr didn't give up, a couple of their players tempers got frayed and the Radyr No 7 seemed to forget it was a football match and began rugby tackling Maindy defenders. Their spirit was rewarded with a fine goal from the right . Maindy took this set back in their stride and continued to dominate, with a little more care with the final pass and composure in front of goal, they could have extended their lead before half time .				
Half time gave the side chance to catch their breath and Alex replaced Ryan J. This put our two smallest players working together on the left and a very positive move lead to Alex hitting post early on . The tactic of hiding Mathew and Alex in the long grass (whilst they were on the wing they met two Japanese soldiers who asked if the war was over, the boys replied no, we've caught Saddam but they are still fighting , so the soldiers went back into hiding)worked as Alex stole up in the box and scored.				
Maindy continued to press with Ryan L increasingly being able to link with attack to create the opportunity for Kieran to open his account for the year.				
As the game moved into it's final quarter the lack of Maindy's lack of subs began to tell, Radyr's subs injected new energy into their team but disappointment began to show in some of their players. Their No 9 and captain was beginning to see the red mist and was verbally abusing the Maindy players (Oh the joys of 4 days at big school, new words have been learnt !! I wonder if they know what they mean), This caused a minor incident, handbags at 2 paces with Jake . Nothing can excuse what happened next , Kieran ran 40 metres to put his nose in where it wasn't wanted. If only he'd run that fast and far when chasing our through balls This was a truly indisciplined action and had the referee been sanctioned to send off players, a tiring Maindy side would have undoubtedly had to have played the last few minutes with 10 men .				
As it was, the incident sparked Radyr into a flurry of action with Rowan? their most composed player setting up their lively substitute for a unstoppable shot . Maindy recognised they were tiring with Ben marshalling the defence and Ewan (by now red as a beetroot) chasing down everything that came over the top and Ollie blocking anything that got through the game finished without further change to the score .				
A fine opening victory. Manager's Player of the day Ben , for composure and concentration in defence .				
Lessons to be learnt,				
Don't loose your cool . Be passionate, fight your cause not the opposition				
Put the ball in the net when in front of goal.				
Have more subs . With a star striker due back soon (Joe M) and a colossus defender back on Tuesday (Will), the future is bright , the future is red white and black.				
Thanks to Radyr . I know you'll be disappointed to lose, hope you felt it was a good game too.				



Maindy Corries U12A'S RESULTS

Tue 13 th September Blackweir	Grangetown	3-7L	Ryan Jones Mathew (2)	Ollie
<p>Match report</p> <p>Just like in the premiership, the boys found themselves facing a midweek match - hard work since at least some of the team had a games/PE lesson earlier in the day featuring delights such as cross country running and rugby. Hence stamina levels were a little drained from the start, and it showed as Maindy looked disorganised after the kick off and found themselves a goal down almost immediately. Grangetown were proving to be strong, skilful opponents and enjoyed most of the play as they looked to increase their lead. However Maindy began to settle and equalised when a cross found Ryan Jones who scored with a fine shot. Still, most of the attacking football was coming from Grangetown and it was no surprise when they regained the lead with a great shot from outside the box. The rest of the half was more even, with Kieran and Jason combining well in attack and the defence playing with determination, even if they were a little ragged at times.</p> <p>The second half began with Maindy pinned back in defence and, not for the first time or the last, grateful to Ollie for his fine, confident goalkeeping. Eventually the pressure told as Grangetown extended their lead. Three goals followed in rapid succession – a brace from Mathew for Maindy punctuated by a further strike from Grangetown. This left the score 4-3 in Grangetown's favour and at this point it looked possible that Maindy would get something out of the game. However, this was as good as it got. The Grangetown attackers were lethal in front of goal and extended their lead with a good shot from the right. Towards the end of the game Grangetown tired visibly, but Maindy, also running out of steam, were unable to capitalise and instead conceded two further goals to leave the final score Grangetown 7, Maindy 3.</p> <p>Man of the match was Ollie, who made a string of fine saves to keep the scoreline respectable</p>				
17 th Sept / Heath Park	Marlboro	2-1W	Kieran	Lewis
<p>Match report</p> <p>Games between Maindy and Marlboro are usually close, hard fought affairs between well-matched teams, and this was no exception. Marlboro enjoyed the best of the opening exchanges, and with the Maindy defence at sixes and sevens almost took the lead with a shot that hit the post. However, against the run of play it was Maindy that scored first when a rare attack ended with Kieran finding the net. Marlboro continued to look the more dangerous, especially down their left with many of the attacks coming through former Maindy player Daniel Tram. The Maindy defenders were under heavy pressure but they worked hard, becoming more organised as the half wore on, and aided by more sterling work from Ollie in goal, they held out to leave Maindy a goal to the good at half time.</p> <p>The second half proved more equal, with Daniel Tram kept quieter through man marking. However Marlboro would have equalised had not one of their strikers, when clean through, shot straight at Ollie. Eventually they got the goal that their attacking play had merited and it seemed that the game might swing their way. However Maindy stepped up the tempo and regained the lead when the ball was poked in following a goalmouth scramble. Marlboro fought hard for an equaliser, and missed a golden opportunity when one of their players, once again one-on-one with Ollie, blazed his shot over the bar. Marlboro were left rueing the missed chances, as the game ended in a 2-1 Maindy win.</p> <p>Overall a good solid performance by Maindy with everyone contributing. Man of the match was Lewis who marshalled the midfield and had a fine all round game.</p>				
20 th September Blackweir	Thornhill	7-0W		Lewis
<p>Match report</p> <p>Another Tuesday evening match saw Maindy sweep their opponents aside in a fine team performance. The writing was on the wall early on for Thornhill as Maindy immediately took control and almost scored in the opening minutes through efforts by Mathew and Alex. Two Maindy corners followed in quick succession but the Thornhill defence held out and the game was still goalless after 15 minutes. However, a breakthrough seemed inevitable and duly came when Jason's cross from the right was converted by Mathew. This was the first of a flurry of goals. First a good shot by Ryan Jones was parried to Jason who calmly buried the rebound. Further goals then followed from Dale and Kieran and, with Thornhill completely unable to make any inroads, it was 4-0 to Maindy at half time.</p> <p>The second half followed the same pattern. Ollie did not have a save to make, with the few attacks that Thornhill were able to mount quickly snuffed out by the defence. The Maindy midfield was excellent, communicating well and playing a simple, intelligent passing game. The constant pressure told when Kieran's shot pinged off the post to Dale who slotted home for a 5-0 lead. Two more goals followed: a good shot from outside the box by Ryan Leonard and a close range header from Mathew, who put in a typically wholehearted performance. The winning margin could have been still greater as Maindy hit the woodwork on several occasions. However, a tiring Thornhill (who had no substitutes) deserve some praise, for they never stopped trying and refused to fold. The game ended in a 7-0 Maindy victory.</p> <p>Lewis continued the excellent form he had shown in the previous game, and for the second time in a week he was named Man of the Match.</p>				



Trelai Park 8 th October 2005	Capitol Trucks	4 – 2 W	Jason (1) Matthew (2) Alex (1)	Ben Aldiss
Match report				
<p>This was expected to be a hard game, with Capitol Trucks providing tough opposition. However, they were a player short and were forced to play the match with only 10 men. The game started well for Maindy, with Ryan Leonards' shot in the first minute being well saved by the keeper. Capitol Trucks fought back, regaining control of the ball in a move which resulted in a shot just wide of the goal. The ball went out for a corner which would have resulted in a goal for the Trucks had Ollie not made a save. The ball went out to Jason who took control and skilfully ran down the wing only to be beaten by the keeper coming out to take the ball off him at the last moment. The next move saw Maindy hold their breath as a cross from Capitol Trucks skidded across Maindys' goalmouth. How it failed to cross the line is anyone's guess. With the match still goalless, Maindy were determined to push forward, and a pass out to Jason allowed him to carry out another of his trademark runs- but the ball was just about to trickle over the line when Capitol Trucks' goalie picked it up. Undeterred, he was soon back to have another go, this time the ball went wide. Next it was Matts' turn for a shot, unfortunately the ball stopped on the line for the keeper to collect. Maindy didn't have it all their own way, though, and the opposition fought back hard pushing through Maindys' defence to score. They kept up the pressure and almost scored again when a wet ball slipped from Ollie's' hands; but the resulting shot went wide. With half time approaching, Maindy were determined not to finish a goal down, and pushed forward once more. A cross to Jason who was in an ideal position finally allowed him to score the goal he had been trying for. With the score 1:1 at half time there was still all to play for. As the rain came down Maindy were under pressure, with the Trucks' determined to pull ahead. However good work in defence especially by Ben (who seemed to be everywhere) thwarted them. Instead it was Maindy who went ahead when a goalmouth scramble saw the ball bounce of the crossbar to Matt, who made the most of it, kicking it straight past the keeper. Maindys' delight was short lived, however, as Capitol Trucks equalised soon after. It soon became clear that with no substitutes Capitol Trucks were beginning to tire. and Maindy dominated to last quarter of the game. A tightly angled cross from Alex surprised the keeper when the ball slid into the top corner of the goal. With the brollys now back down, Maindy continued the pressure and Matt scored a second goal putting the score at 4:2 to Maindy. The margin could have been even greater had Maindy managed to capitalise on an open goal in the last few minutes of the match. However with good play from the whole of the team, Maindy will have been pleased with their 4:2 victory. The player of the day was Ben Aldiss for sterling work in defence.</p>				
19 th November 2005	Capitol Trucks	7:4 lost	Jason (3) Dale	Jason Blackshaw
Conditions: Sunny & cold				
Match report				
<p>The boys were keen to play after a four-week break, but the lack of practice showed in a ragged start with the Trucks unlucky not to score. However, Maindy were able to get the ball away, giving Jason his first shot of the game. The ball appeared to be headed over the crossbar, but just dipped down into the net- impossible for the keeper to save. Another goal looked certain when the ball rolled across the mouth of an open goal, but somehow it failed to cross the line. The Trucks were determined to come back , and pushed forward through the defence to score twice in the space of a few minutes. We then saw some good play from Dale, who ran down the wing and with perfect timing, shot the ball into the net in a fine equaliser. He had another go soon after, but this time the shot was well saved by the keeper. Towards the end of the second half, Capitol Trucks kept the ball in their half and a barrage of shots kept Ollie busy. He made an excellent save when the ball looked certain to go in, but was eventually beaten, leaving Capital Trucks in the lead at half time (score 3:2).</p> <p>The second half saw continued pressure from the Trucks, and they scored twice early on., bringing the score to 5:2. Maindy were determined to make a comeback, Dale saw his shot saved, but was soon in control of the ball again, crossing to Jason who shot the ball in past the keeper. Keeping up the pressure, Maindy pushed forward once more, and Jason was able to score again from a nicely timed pass from Lewis. Just as it looked as if Maindy could at least come away with a draw if they kept in control, things fell apart in the final ten minutes of the match, allowing Capital Trucks to score twice more- in what were lucky goals-leaving the final score 7:4 to Capital Trucks.</p>				
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