



DATE / VENUE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORERS	PLAYER OF THE DAY
17/09/2005 Blackweir	Thornhill Blues Thornhill Reds Marlboro Sports	W 1-0 W 2-0 L 0-1	Cory Lewis & Cory	Wayne

Match report

The boys started as if they'd been playing together for years. Their passing was crisp and accurate and they used the width of the big Blackweir pitch very well. The first half was very even with few chances. Maindy just edging it on possession thanks to Gareth and Wayne who controlled the centre of defence and midfield. The second half produced two Maindy heroes. Firstly goalkeeper Joe made an excellent if somewhat unorthodox save when faced with a one-on-one. Then after a period of pressure which forced two or three excellent saves from the Thornhill keeper, Cory scored the match winner with just two minutes to go. The boys started their second match the way they finished the last one. Excellent passing by all, coupled with solid tackling by Simon, Lloyd, Wayne and Jed created some early chances, one of which was finished nicely by Lewis. H-T 1-0. Second half substitute Jack P caused the Thornhill defence some problems with his pace and tenacity. The midfield was very solid again, Jack M and Lewis putting in a lot of effort, which was rewarded when Cory was put through, and he made the game safe with his trusty right foot. Joe recorded his second clean sheet in a row. Our final match was yet another evenly contested affair. Gareth took over in goal from Joe who was now playing up front, ably supported by Jack P and Lewis. The match reached half-time scoreless thanks to the well-organised defences of both teams. Second half substitutes Simon and Cory combined well up front, the later being unlucky not to add to his two-goal tally. Marlboro enjoyed more possession and, following a goalmouth scramble, found themselves one up thanks to a very unfortunate own-goal. Try as they might, Maindy could not find the equaliser they deserved, and the game finished 1-0 to Marlboro Sports. Nevertheless, a very good start to the new season, which was well supported (will they all still be there in December?) by the mums and dads.

24/09/2005 Caedelyn	Urdd Capitol Truck Blue Rhiwbina Dragons	D 0-0 L 0-1 W 2-0	Wayne & Cory	Jack M
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Match report

Week 2 and the sun was shining again. It was a day to be dominated by **woodwork** and bootlaces. Reputations do not appear to be fazing this team one little bit. First up were the Urdd, who always provide a tough test and today was to be no different. Mind you Maindy started like the proverbial steam train, with four corners and Jack P hitting a **post** inside the first five minutes (The Urdd coach was visibly shaken, you could tell by the speed he was talking). Second half and there was no let up with the Maindy pressure. Straight from the kick-off Cory was put clean through, but his shot hit a **post**. The Urdd loaded their defence and tried to play on the break away, but Maindy keeper Joe had virtually nothing to do (apart from watching the action up the other end). A lack of shots was starting to frustrate the fans, but Simon bucked the trend with a long range effort that had the Urdd keeper scrambling down to his left and he just made the save. There must have been 3 or 4 minutes of added time due to an outbreak of bootlaces becoming untied. During the handshakes at the end of the match, one of the Urdd coaches was heard to say "you have a very good team on your hands there". Praise indeed.

Match 2 against Capitol Trucks was, to use a footballing cliché, a game of two halves. First half Capitol Trucks dominated both territory and possession. They looked like a side that had been together for three years, and they scored the only goal of the game when their pacy number 9 was put clean through and he gave Maindy keeper Joe no chance at all when a cracked his shot in off the underside of the **bar**. To be fair to Joe, he made 5 or 6 quality saves in the first half to keep the score at 0-1. The second half transformation of the Maindy players was staggering. It was rumoured to be down to the change of tactics employed by the Manager (Until we found out that Neil had started the rumour!!) Anyway, the passing was brilliant, the commitment was awesome, Joe didn't have a save to make, Jack M did a tremendous job in keeping their dangerous No.9 quiet, and if luck had been on our side, the draw we deserved would have been achieved. Well-done boys for not letting your heads drop. (Only two laces had to be re-tied during this game)

Match 3 against Rhiwbina started with some neat short passing (credit to Neil who has been working on this in training recently) which created pressure on the Rhiwbina defence. That led to the first corner and subsequently the first goal. The ball broke to Wayne who was central to the goal and he unleashed an unstoppable shot past the Rhiwbina keeper. More pressure straight from the kick-off led to another corner, this time from the right. The ball was put into the danger zone; Cory found it at his feet, one yard out he made no mistake. The bit of luck we'd been waiting for. The half continued in the same vein with lots of Maindy attacks, Gareth and Jed were solid in defence and I'm not saying that Jack P, (who'd taken over in goal) was quiet, but he did appear to be trying to get Wayne's mum to give up her seat for him.

The second half brought more of the same, the Maindy midfield was dominant, and Rhiwbina struggled to get out of their own half. Maindy had five corners in the second half, and although they were all expertly delivered by Gareth, the third goal just would not come. The closest they came was when Jack P hit a **post** (for the second time today). Only one lace re-tied at half time.

BOOTLACE TYING LESSONS WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY (PARENTS AND PLAYERS) ;-)

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