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Managers: [Neil Wheeler](#) & [Sean Battiscombe](#)

Squad: Tom, Joe G, Joe D, Cameron, Kyle, James, David, Corey, Sam, Alex, Jay, Jayden, Ben, Ryan, Paul, Joe, Aaron

Results

21st April / Blackweir
 Maindy 1 Ely Rangers 3
 (Jay x 1)

It looks as though the season will end to soon now for Maindy, for the last few games the team has really come together and are now competitive once again. This was a great game of football played in a great spirit on a warm Saturday morning. The game started evenly with both teams having a share of the chances. But after 20 minutes Ely took the lead with a shot that squirmed past Joe G. Only two minutes later a free kick from the edge of the box was well converted to take a 2-0 lead into half-time.

Shortly into the second half Ely were handed a generous penalty from what appeared to be ball to hand in the area. Anyway justice was served when the penalty was skewed wide. Maindy then seized on this left off, with the ball played out to Joe D, he played a lovely through ball to Jay, who showed a clean pair of heels and a great finish to make it 2-1. Maindy were back in the game, but as the second half went on, had fewer chances and came under greater pressure, conceding a procession of corners. Ely made it 3-1 late on with a great lob of the keeper. On balance, the team that exerted greater control of the game one, but it was good to watch and Maindy gave an excellent account of themselves.

My players of the day: Joe T & Jayden

14th April / Blackweir

Maindy 6 Rumney 3

(Jay x 4, Aaron 1 & Jayden)

Following up the first fixture of only a few weeks ago, this was always going to be a keenly contested game. Maindy again made a good start and made good after about 5 minutes with a great break from which Jay slotted home. However, the early pressure ebbed away and Rumney got stronger and ended up the first half with a 3-1 lead - with all three goals being the product of breaks, great crosses and good finishes. Being down at half-time has been rather familiar territory for Maindy this season, but this second-half was for the first time different.

After a few minutes Jay latched onto a through ball and scored. Then he did it again to make it 3-3. Jayden then made it 4-3, Aaron converted a cross from Jay to make it 5 and Jay finished it all off with probably the best goal of the game by taking the goal kick from Joe on, and driving the ball in to the near corner, giving the goalie no chance. By this stage Rumney had no answer and the final whistle meant that Maindy would not go their first junior season without winning. Great performance, with teamwork, passing and energy. Congratulations!!!

My players of the day: Jay & Cam

7th April / Llanishen Dons

Maindy Corries 0 Llanishen Dons 6

Was still away skiing for this one, and whilst we had a number of chances, Llanishen won by 6.

31st March / Heol Delyth

Lisvane 2 Maindy 2

I wasn't there for this one, but it sounded another good old fashioned controversial one. After 28 minutes in the second half, with Lisvane 2-1 up the final whistle went. After much debate it was decided to play the remaining time and Maindy scored an equaliser to secure only our second point of the season.

24th March / Pontcanna

Heath Park Rangers 4 Maindy 0

In our very sporting manner, we played the first 20 minutes of this game with just ten men after some arithmetic issues. Ironically, I think the game was level up until that point, but we were 2-0 down at half-time. The first goal was from a great through ball, the second a generous penalty award. In the second half Heath added another two and whilst they were never dominating the game, Maindy never really got any penetration and had only a handful of scoring chances. Defensively this was a better performance from the boys, with a sweeper system being employed.

17th March / University Fields

Rumney 4 Maindy 3

Was not there.

10th March / Maindy Stadium

Maindy 2 Fairwater 11

(Joe G x 1 / Jay 1)

As has been the pattern, the game followed the usual good start for 10-15 minutes, the few goals before half-time, the floodgates after half-time and absolution in the last ten minutes with a never say die spirit.

17th February / Splott Park

Splott Albion 15 Maindy 1

Maindy started well in this match stringing together some moves. However, after 15 minutes Splott eased away with some great football and deadly finishing. The game ended with Splott bagging 15 goals. To our boys credit they kept plugging away and got a consolation goal near the end.

3rd February / Pentwyn (Cup)

Pentwyn Dynamo 9 Maindy 1

Never really in the game and Pentwyn comfortably through to the next round.

My players of the day: Tom / Joe G

27th January / Poplar Park

Fairwater 11 Maindy 1

Nice pitch and nice morning. The first trot out for the boys for a long while. Again we struggle for players and only have the basic eleven. Game starts off well with both sides getting their chances and Maindy being unlucky not to score. Fairwater took their opportunities from some careless defending to go into the break 3 - 0 up, but the game still competitive. However, losing Alex after 15 minutes or so in the first half began to tell in the second. Much of this was down to the four man attack that seemed to persist for much of the second half - the boys keen to attack, but reticent about helping out at the back. By the end this was a rout and Fairwater scored eleven, with Jay managing to get a consolation at the end. Maindy ended up veyr scrappy and with no shape at the back.

My players of the day: Jay / Sam

16th December / Pentwyn Leisure Centre

Maindy Corries 2 Lisvane Panthers 5

Too long ago now in the time that was before Christmas, must look for my match notes!

2nd December / Pentwyn Leisure Centre

Pentwyn 9 Maindy Corries 0

Lovely morning, not such a lovely result. With a few injuries, one just before the game we ended up with only 9 men. Luckily our friends from Pentwyn gave us two players for the game which is most appreciated. Always the stronger team, Maindy had a few chances but could not string together the passes needed to compete in anyway with an organised outfit like Pentwyn.

11th November / Coed Glas

Thornhill 14 Maindy Corries 3

(Alex x 1, Egor x 1 & Greg x 1)

A morning where my sheet for recording the score ran out of lines. Well, maindy ran into a team this morning where everything clicked and everything came off. Thornhill played some excellent football to score some great incisive goals. When Maindy had the ball they looked good and made some good attacks throughout the game, but everytime they lost the ball, something almost certainly came of it.

At half-time the score was 5-0 and this was added to in the second-half. However the boys showed great spirit and refused to give up, and at 9-0 Alex slotted home from a corner. Maindy then got another goal back after Egor went on a great run and crossed for Greg. After a few more goals, Egor himself scored.

Full credit to Thornhill - excellent football - pleasure to watch, shame our boys were on the end of it.

GK: Joe E / Tom

DF: Joe D / David / Alex / Sam

MF: Corey / Egor / Cam / Kyle

FW: Tom / Greg

My players of the day: Joe D / and Sam

4th November / Pontcanna

Radyr Rangers 3 Maindy Corries 1

(Greg x 1)

First the weather - cold, sunny and dry... your archetypal November day - glorious. Dressed up for the cold but ended up being warm - must remember that for next time. Anyway to the footy, things were looking up for the first ten minutes, as Radyr only had 8 boys who had turned up, but as they were on there way we waited for the rest of their team to arrive.

As Radyr have also commented on their match report on Yellow Jersey, the game was largely scrappy by both teams. Radyr did not play anywhere near to the same level as our first meeting down at Blackweir. As is becoming the norm, the boys made another good start and put together some good moves without really threatening the goal area, but after about 15 minutes conceded the inevitable soft goal against the run of play. Following this Tom latched onto a ball from down the right and held onto it and did well to get off a shot which went wide.

Maindy struggled to keep hold of the ball and squandered much of their possession - being unable

to make the simple passes. Joe D managed to fire off a couple of shots which were both saved. They also gave the ball away in the wrong places, and if it weren't for the tremendous goalkeeping of Joe G we would have been 3 or 4 more goals down. However, he was unable to stem the tide and a good strike made it 2 - 0 at half-time.

In the second half, we continued with more great saves from Joe - I counted at least 8 in the game. There were sporadic bursts of promise, but without ever threatening the goal area. Maindy did manage to get a number of corners in both halves, but these came to naught. Egor showed plenty of running and never gave up. But Radyr made it three goals to the good when they were gifted the ball in the penalty area. Not long after, Maily got onto the scoresheet after Tom played a lovely ball through for Greg, he got onto the end of it, took it round the keeper and scored. Cam also had a good shot from a short corner - intelligent football that didn't come off.

In the end, it was another loss for the boys, but what was disappointing was that we were in the game for most of the match, and realistically had a chance to get a result from what we know are an excellent Radyr team. Need more composure, more simple football, things are improving, we are seeing more pay further up the field and more chances going in on goal.

GK: Joe G
 DF: Sam, Charlie, David, Joe E (Kyle)
 MF: James (Corey), Egor, Cam, Joe D, Greg
 FW: Tom

My players of the day: Joe G and Egor

28th October / Blackweir

Maindy Corries 1 Pentwyn Dynamo 9

(James x 1)

Disappointing weather did not auger well. It appears that our days our numbered and we soon be standing in the freezing cold, but anyway. Playing against one of the top teams in the division, the boys knew it would be a struggle given their current run, so we were all quite surprised to go 1 - 0 up - me especially as I was trying to work out how many subs we had, whilst Joe played the ball through to James who took it on to score a great goal.

However, like any good team, Pentwyn responded straight away with a goal slotted through a goalmouth melee. Whilst Maindy were squandering possession, they had made another good start to the game. But this slowly ebbed away, some of the goals were soft, but others were excellent. At half-time, the boys were 4-1 down, but one of these was an own goal - so given the circumstances it was a creditable performance. But at the beginning of the second half the boys didn't seem to be in for the 50:50 balls, and as a consequence went for about twenty minutes with little possession - Pentwyn were defending higher and higher up the pitch and we were playing further back. The fifth goal was a cracker from Pentwyn, sixth seemed off side but Sean let it go, the seventh was a real stormer of a move, working down the wing and across for a simple finish - but a great build-up. The eighth was another own goal - and another was added to make it 9.

Altogether, given the basic twelve we had it was a reasonable performance - they never gave up and showed promise in phases.

GK: Tom
 DF: Sam, Greg, David, Joe G (Matthew)
 MF: Alex, Egor, Cam, Joe D, Corey
 FW: James

My players of the day: Greg and Alex

21st October / Pontcanna

Marlboro Sports White 3 Maindy Corries 3

(Tom x 3)

OK - I missed this one as well, and unfortunately it sounded a great game - the first point of the season! We apparently went 2 - 0 down, then responded with a great hat trick from Tom. We then had a penalty that was well saved, and in the dying minutes, Marlboro received a penalty which they scored to level. Well done lads.

14th October / Caedelyn Park

Llanishen Dons 5 Maindy Corries 1

(James x 1)

An away game at Caedelyn - marvellous, a few hundred yards across the road and wI am there - but of course I still took the car! Anyway, to the action. Todays opponents were the Llanishen Dons

- our good old foes. In slightly colder conditions, the boys made a really good start, and made much of the early running. A tinkering with the positions notably saw Tom in goal and Greg in a sweeping role, in order to fill the big shoes of Charlie. Things were even and Maindy put together some good passing, but were unable to make any inroads into the organised Dons.

After about 15 minutes, the Dons took the lead with a move down the right that saw our defence wander over and leave two men at the back post - which were subsequently found and finished. A daft goal to give away really. But it was soon 2-0 with a fabulous long range strike. More often than not, if it is on target you will score - we need to do this more ourselves!

Not long after this (should I be taking timings for this as well to make it more professional?), Joe D picked up the ball outside of the defence, took on a few players and threaded a ball through to James. Still with much to do he danced around a few players, into the penalty area and somehow snuck it home - 2-1. With the wind in their sails, Maindy got in the penalty area where James appeared to be taken down - the referee said play on and the lack of video evidence was conclusive.

The Dons, then re-asserted control and after a period of sustained pressure, dinked the ball through which was then hoofed in to make it 3-1. I think it was then half-time, but I can't be sure. In the second half, I decided to mosey around to the other touchline and whilst I was doing this the Dons scored - no idea how. Not long after they made it 5 after the boys gave too much room at the back of defence again.

Not downhearted, Maindy continued to forge forwards and near the end had three great chances, with Alex getting into some great positions. But in the end it was not to be and it finished at 5-1.

Overall the commitment was there today which was great to see, with the boys battling and tussling in every challenge. I think we are finally seeing the realisation that it is up to them and they need to stand up and be counted.

GK: Tom

Defence: Joe E, David, Greg, Sam

Midfield: Cameron (defensive), Luke, Joe D (Alex), Egor, Kyle

Striker: James

My players of the day: Cam & Sam

30th September / Blackweir

Maindy Corries 1 Marlboro Whites 5

(Greg x 1)

Owing to me going to a wedding I was unable to exercise my powers of ubiquity and hence there is no match report. Other to say than we lost.

23rd September / Blackweir

Maindy Corries 1 Splott Albion 6

(Joe G x 1)

Another fab morning down at Blackweir for which we should all be thankful, as it won't last, mark my words. Anyway, for the first time this season the boys started playing football in the first half. They went out and competed from the first whistle and had some good chances. The first move of any consequence came from Sam at the back who put it down the wing for Greg to chase onto he did a great cross which was not converted. Greg also made a good long-range shot which went just over. After about 15 minutes, Splott got into a great scoring opportunity and shot a low and hard to the left, but Joe G made a fantastic save to deny Splott. Later on in the half Kyle had a great long-range effort saved by the keeper.

The 0-0 scoreline at half-time was a fair reflection of a great first half from both teams. Maindy's defence was excellent soaking up all the pressure.

The second-half was a bit different. Early on, Splott took the lead with an excellent shot into the corner. They soon made it two with a long-range shot which Corey was helpless to save. The boys then dug in and settled down to the task. They were rewarded after about 10 minutes with a great goal from Joe G. Started on the left by Joe D, threaded through to Greg who crossed it just right into the path of Joe G. Maindy were back in the game. However, in a blink of an eye, Splott had scored again with a shot they hit the crossbar, then Corey's head then into the net very unlucky. Splott continued to surge forward and quickly added a fourth with a great lob. By this time defence had disintegrated and Maindy let in another 2 goals.

Overall, perhaps a greater margin of victory than the game suggested, but Splott did shoot for goal

more and made more of their possession and deserved the win. Maindy on the other hand, unusually did so well in the first half, but when they had clawed it back to 2-1 went to pieces. Still an improvement, more light at the end of the tunnel and with more practice we should see things come together.

GK: Joe G (Corey)

Defence: Sam (Luke) , David, Charlie, Joe E (Alex)

Midfield: Corey, Cameron (Joe D), Kyle & Egor

Strikers: Greg & Tom (James)

My players of the day: Charlie & David

16th September / Blackweir

Maindy Corries 2 Radyr Rangers 8

(Tom x 1, Corey x 1)

Match Report

A glorious morning down at Blackweir, but unfortunately that pertained only to the weather. They boys made another slow start and Radyr were out of sight before they had got going. Radyr were up for the game from the beginning and after 10 minutes went down the flank crossed and scored well worked and executed. For the next 20 minutes Radyr sensed the chance to make some hay and they got their combine harvester in action and scored another 6 goals by half-time. A couple were balls straight over the top and their strikers chased onto score, one a good shot from range and a handful were great runs down the flank and lovely crosses. Most of them were the result of a midfield that neither joined attack or got back to defend. The defence had a real tough time and in the circumstances cannot be blamed.

So, 7-0 down at half-time and sensing a rout, the boys were rather despondent, but after a calm chat from Neil and Sean and a few changes (to 4-5-1), the boys went out for the second half. Whilst Radyr were probably quite comfortable to relax a bit with a 7 goal cushion, and probably made changes, Maindy went out with a lot more determination. Kyle made a big difference in midfield by hustling and giving lots of energy getting back to defend. Early on in the second half, Sam picked the ball up in defence, pushed it wide to Corey who then flicked it inside to Joe G who took it on and then passed to Tom, who was unlucky to score. However, despite making a better start Radyr did push the score to 8-0 after Maindy were defending too high and Radyr broke to score. But Maindy responded really well to this and this paid off when Corey went down the right, crossed it into one of their defenders and then picked up the rebound and scored I am sure this was all part of the plan. Shortly after Tom picked up the ball from Corey and showed great composure to slot home. So a psychologically lifting second half victory, but overall another 8-2 loss. Well played to Radyr who look another well organised team who should do well this season.

Overall, the defence played well Charlie continued his form from the first game and showed great commitment and determination. Luke made a great contribution in goal, made some great saves, anticipated well and made great clearances. Egor also showed well in the first half. But the boys need to start working for each other, and show the football we know they can play.

My players of the day Kyle and Luke

14th September / Trelai

Ely Rangers Colts 8 Maindy Corries 2

(Tom x 1, Greg x 1)

Match Report

A pleasant evening in the vast plains of Trelai there is even a mini prairie in the middle. Only spoilt by the occasional roar of the ridiculous looking mini motorbikes. Anyway, after assembling a few minutes before the game at the right pitch, the game kicked off in the descent of the sun. Maindy started ok, and things went ok for the first 10 minutes, until Maindy conceded a penalty for handball. Joe G was really unlucky not to push it over the top, but Ely went 1-0 up. Ely soon went onto score another goal soon after. A Maindy OG made it three, before Greg got Maindy on the scoresheet. Greg received the ball after a few passes in midfield (can't remember who as I was chatting), he took it on a crafted it through to Tom, who slotted it home. Just before half-time, Ely went 4-1 after one of their crosses was turned into the Maindy goal through the medium of an own goal.

So at half-time, whilst Ely had the better of the game, the 4-1 scoreline was made up of a penalty and two own goals. In the second half, some sloppy defending gifted Ely two more goals. Greg then got on the scoresheet after Ely failed to clear in their own area. Ely then scored a cracker for their seventh, a great long range shot and then finished it off with another to make it 8-2.

Ely demonstrated strength all over the pitch and their better organisation and awareness gave

them a comfortable victory. Whilst Maindy make the most of their scoring opportunities, these do not come by very often, and in this game, handed many of the goals to Ely on a plate.

My players of the evening David and Greg

9th September / Pontcanna

Maindy Corries 3 Heath Park Rangers 5

(Tom x 2, Greg x 1)

Match Report

OK - 11-a-side is here and the boys showed enough promise in this opening game to give a lot of hope for this season. Maindy quickly found their feet, and showed good organisation against a similarly well organised Heath team. After a fairly even opening ten minutes, Heath opened the score. Maindy weren't behind for long and were soon back level with a shot from Greg that Tom headed in. After getting back into the game, Maindy then let Heath back in. A throw-in from the half-way from Heath was moved up the field very well and a good through ball led to an excellent goal. This was then matched by an excellent goal from Greg. The ball was cleared by Luke in goal and after a few passes came to Joe D in midfield. He threaded a lovely ball through just over the halfway line, Greg then beat the defender to the ball latched onto took it to the edge of the box and crafted it beautifully into the bottom right hand corner. S

So at half-time things were looking good. Second-half started as steadily as the first, and after about 10 minutes, Maindy were handed a penalty for handball in the area. No doubt that Tom would bury it, 3-2. After this though, the game went away from Maindy, and three well worked goals in the last quarter meant that Heath won 5-3. Overall a promising start from both teams in a well-contested and well-mannered game - pats on the back to all.

Team:

GK: Luke (Joe E at HT)

Defence: Joe G (Alex), Charlie, David (Corey), Sam (Matthew)

Midfield: Joe D, Cameron, Kyle, Egor (James)

Attack: Tom, Greg

My player of the day: Charlie

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