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Managers: Cenric & Jon

Back Row, l to r: Joel, Luca, Sam P, Tomos, Matt S, Sam W
Front Row, l to r: Osian, Dan, Max, Matt A, Ben, Greg

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Parents are very welcome and encouraged to help in the compilation of the weekly reports. ♦ Contributions can be [emailed to Allison](#) (Ben's mum) and the compiled reports will be posted on here by JAV (his dad!).

Week 7

Saturday 20th October 2007 at Maindy Stadium

Won 5 - 0 v Thornhill Red

Won 2 - 1 v Whitchurch YC

Draw 0 - 0 v Marshfield

This weeks reports by Allison, Ben's mum:

Thornhill Red

This was the coldest Sat morning so far. ♦ The boys started well with Luca scoring after ealy pressure followed by another great goal by Matt S and another attempt by Luca. ♦ Two nil at half time. ♦ The second half continued in the same style with Sam W in great style bringing the score to 3 and then 4 nil followed by another score by Matt S and an attempt by Ben. ♦

Whitchurch YC

Riding on the victory of the first game we continued in the same maaner buit this match was far more personal since there were 4 boys from Luca's class in school and 2 from Matt A's. ♦ Quick off the mark Sam W scored before Whitchurch had time to draw breath. ♦ A game was on. ♦ We then saw some

brave defending from Max and Matt S with Sam W having another attempt. Osain then flew down the line beating 3 men. Sam P confident in goal cleared with his feet and Max had an attempt. One nil to us at half time. The second half saw Greg doing some great tracking back but Whitchurch drew level. A great move from Max with great skills and passing saw a pass to Matt A who passed to Joal in space for to score the winner.

Marshfield draw

This game saw loads of attempts by Math A, Joel, Ben, Luca but the ball would not go in the net. There was also some great passing moves which created space for these attempts. Sam P had a mighty boot in defence and Dan put his body on the line went off briefly injured but was back on very quickly. Tomos showed greater confidence and put in some mighty tackles. So we shall see what happens on Saturday for the rematch.

Week 6

Saturday 13th October 2007 at Maindy Stadium

Win 8 - 1 v Pontprennau Pumas

Win 3 - 0 v Pentyrch Red

Lost 2 - 3 v Ely Rangers

This weeks reports by Allison, Ben's mum:

Pontprennau Pumas

Basically, this was a fast and furious start with Sam W scoring 4 before I had time to sharpen my pencil. Not to be out done Matt S duly scored 2 more. Afer these furious few minutes the half settled down, with the boys doing some lovely passing moves and not letting the other side have the ball at all. Luca was unlucky and his attempt was just wide.

The second half saw some more passing with Dan passing down the line and Sam P seeing an oppertunity for a long range hit and scored. Seeing that this was successful a couple of minutes later he tried again and guess what scored again!!!

Pentyrch Red

This game started with an attempt on goal from Pentyrch when our defence were discussing the various benefits of 3 3 2 (erm....9-a-side?) over having a stand alone striker. Lucky us they missed. Once again the half was characterised by good passing, with Luca putting in some lovely work, Matt S clearing his lines well in defence and Ben showing good strength down the line, whilst shortly afterwards Dan was tackled by what looked like the whole of Pentyrch and still came out smiling. Sam P attempted with a lovely chip, but was denied by the cross bar.

Kick off and Dan seemed to repay the complement paid him in the first half and stampeded across several of the Pentyrch players. Osain made a tremendous save and this was the turning point of the game. From then on Sam P, Matthew A and Sam W had their shooting boots on and three great goals followed. At this stage our subs thought the game was in the bag and could concentrate on their production of mud pies, which to the casual observer were not up to the standard of the previous week.

Ely Rangers

We had met Ely Rangers on the first saturday of the season and won. It was a very different team that came out today. Dan had asked to go into goal again and was kept very busy. The boys showed some lovely passing which created some great attempts from Joel and Matt A. Sam W scored running out of defence and Max did some great clearing in defence. Poor Osain got the ball in his belly to add to the ball that landed somewhere else in the first game! But after a little breather he was up and running. Although Matt S was poised ready to come on.

Dan, in goal once again for the second half gave a herculian performance, throwing his body on the line time after time. The midfielders concentrated on making space and holding the ball up, they did such a good job that Ely got frustrated and a hard tackle saw Sam P flying through the air briefly in a fair imitation of Superman. Sam W then saw there was a chance and flew down the wing and scored. During the course of this half Ely seemed to change half their side with subs, so I can only assume they must have been flagging and we were wearing them out.

Week 5

Saturday 6th October 2007 at Plasmawr School

Draw 2 - 2 v Fairwater Juniors

Lost 1 - 4 v Marlborough Sports White

Won 1 - 0 v Danescourt YC

This weeks reports by Allison, Ben's mum:

Fairwater Juniors

The team started the game wide awake & alert with their tails up. After some stalwart a long clearance by Ben led to Joel flying down the wing passing to Sam P who hit the cross bar. Unlucky. This was closely followed by Sam having 4 attempts on goal but to no avail. Joel also made a brave attempt but was also thwarted. Against the run of play Fairwater scored from a corner. Very lucky.

Second half began by an excellent save by Max but then Faiwater scored from a goalmouth scuffle, very hard to defend against. The lads heads were still up and shortly afterwards Sam W showing great skill and pace flew down the pitch to score our first. There then folowed some argy bargy involving Joel who battled through for another thwarted attempt. Matt S then had another attempt only to hit the post. Some lovely passing play was then rewarred by a nutmeg goal from Sam W. The game ending honours even at 2-2, but we know that if the ball had co-operated it would have been at least 8.

Marlborough Sports White

This game showed great character by the boys, and was marked by a lot of battling spirit. Dan in particular showed great strength trying to retain the ball during the first few minutes, whilst Joel was barged again resulting in Marlborough scoring. They followed up with another attempt which was saved by Sam P on his knees. The rest of the half showed some great chasing down by Dan, Matt A and some lovely tackles by Ben. Unfortunately Marlborough scored again just before half time.

The second half started with a slight directional problem for some of our players, however Matt put a lovely pass through to Max on the wing who found space and scored. Tomos and Osain doing same great running and clearing, preventing the score against us being even more.

Danescourt YC

Following an emotional responce from the previous match the lads pulled together really well. Heads were up and there was still plenty of energy. The match started with some lovely passing and fluid moves, however the game was paused at one stage when Tomos lost his boot, obviously a cunning tatic that had been planned earlier. Osain then had an attempt at goal but was unlucky. However, this was followed by another score by Max. Matt S did some great work behind, Joel had another 2 attempts at goal but was also unlucky. The boys showed lovely positional play and good passing moves. The WAGs were impressed by the subs preapration for the second half... making mud pies and giant maltesers a technique that could be used to great effect at a later date.

The attempts continued in the second half with Matt S and Matt A not only having an attempt each but also clearing from the back. Ben won 2 free kicks but couldn't capitalise on the advantage despite Sam W offering to take them for him. Greg did some great tracking back and ran his legs off. Osain was also making himself very large as the goalkeeper which obviously worked.

All in all a great was to spend a Sat am in October. Well done lads, great passing and skills were shown, as well as an excellent spirit.

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