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U9 Reds 2007/8



Squad members: Back Row: (l to r) Mathew, Lloyd, Iwan, Harry, Patrick

Front Row: (l to r) Alex, Tom, Cameron, Callum, Bailey

Co-Managers : Ian Watson and Lyndon Jones

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Week 1

Date: 8th September 2007 / Venue: Llandaff Fields 10.30am

- Won 4-0 Ty Celyn Reserve
- Draw 2-2 Radyr Rangers
- Won 4-1 Ty Celyn

Urdd - No Show

Player of the Day: Patrick Jolly

Week 2

Date: 15th September 2007 / Venue: Cantonian High School 10.30am

- v Fairwater Juniors A
- v Thornhill Athletic Green.
- v Bridgend Street.

Fairwater Juniors A. won 1-0.

A very close game against a good team. Chances were hard to come by. It needed something special to beat this team and that something special was provided shoot from 15 yards out by Patrick Jolly giving the goalie no chance. Patrick scored just before half time. The second half provided few chances for each pestered out. Iwan produced some some excellent tackles in a fine individual performance.

Thornhill Athletic Green. lost 4-1

Our heaviest defeat for a long time against our great rivals. Thornhill were up for the challenge and raced into a two goal lead before the boys even started to looked like scoring in the first half and Thornhill went into half time with a worthy 2-0 lead. Much of the same for the second half with Thornhill scoring two heads were down. A nice chip over the goalie's head by Alex provided a consolation goal. A disappointing performance and the boys needed a motivational to gee them up for the final game.

Bridgend Street won 5-2.

What a perfect way to bounce back against a newly formed team from Splott. The boys raced into a 3-0 lead with only 4 minutes played and went into half tin Cameron played excellently and scored a first half hat-trick. Alex scored the other and Cameron made it four for himself in the second half before Bridgen goals at the end of a never ending second half. (17 minutes by my watch).

Fairwater beat Thornhill Greens 3-2 which shows how well the boys played against Fairwater.

Player of the Day: Iwan Williams

Week 3

Date 22nd September 2007 Venue Llandaff Fields 10.30am

Urdd. won 2-1.

A hard game against a well organised team. The boys started well and Cameron gave us the lead with an excellent shot from fifteen yard out. However, the W equalised just before half time when our defence stood still and allowed one of their players to dribble through them, giving Bailey no chance in goal. The secc balanced with good defending from both sides before Cameron came up with the goods scoring his second of the game to put us in the lead. Not even with th playing thirteen minutes of the second half could Urdd score again and Maindy hung on for a good victory.

Heath Park Rangers. won 2-0.

This really was a must win game for Cameron, Tom and Johnny against their Ton Yr Owen school mates and the first time that we had played against one of c former players, Lloyd Ivins. Similar to last week's game against Thornhill we were playing a team who were really up for it and trying to beat Maindy Corrie thing. Everyone tackled hard and there were chances for both sides before we took the lead midway through the first half when a Cameron corner from the r own net by a Heath Park defender. The boys were over the moon but had to be on their guard as Heath Park piled forward looking for an equaliser. Patrick i game and his huge kicks caused major problems in the Heath Park defense each time. The boys went into half time with a vital 1-0 lead. The second half wa the first half with both teams giving their all. However, the game was made safe with a great shot from Iwan to give us a 2-0 lead. The Heath Park coach, reff half, played over twelve minutes and no matter how long he was to play the boys would have hung on. An excellent result against a team who we usually c

Ty Celyn won 2-1.

The boys started slowly against Ty Celyn and it was if all the hard work had been done against the two other teams and that this was going to be easy as we l 4-1 two weeks ago. However, Ty Celyn were to be no roll overs and took an early lead. Harry hit the bar with a good shot but that about it for our efforts in th second half was a different story with the boys playing with more passion and determination. Tom scored the equaliser after a good bit of skill and a little lat winner with a crisp shot giving the goalie no chance. The boys hung on and there was a scare towards the end when Ty Celyn thought they had scored but Llo me that the ball had gone the other side of the post. I believe you Loyd. !!.

I was proud of the boys today who played exceptionally well. They all battled well and encouraged each other. It is unusual to have three tough games but tl today and everyone can be proud of themselves. A number of players could have been player of the day but I gave it to Cameron Corsi because he score against the Urdd and had an excellent game in defence against Heath Park Rangers.

Lyndon Jones.



Week 4

Date 29th September 2007 / Venue Llanedeyrn High 10.30am

Urdd. Lost 3-1.

This was the third time in four weeks that we had played Urdd, who are a very good team. On the previous two occasions we had beaten them but today it was an excellent game to watch with plenty of commitment from both teams. Urdd took the lead just before half time when a goal kick from Harry was hit s net from about 20 yards out giving Harry no chance to save it. Urdd scored again early in the second half before we were given a ray of hope when the Urd his defenders collided and the ball went in to the net. However, it wasn't to be and Urdd sealed their win with a soft goal.

Lisvane Panthers Black. Won 2-1.

Back to winning ways against Lisvane but it was not until midway through the first half that the boys took the lead with a goal from Iwan. Alex made it two wi from over 20 yards out which went into the top corner of the net. Much of the same for the second half with Lisvane never looking like they would come back However, they pulled one back just before the end, but Maindy hung on for a well deserved victory.

Llanedeyrn Bulldogs. Won 3-1.

Another well deserved victory against a team that included some boys who looked like they belonged in year 5 or even 6. Alex scored two goals in the first that we never looked like losing. Cameron made it three in the second half before the rain came. Llanedeyrn scored midway through the second half and get back into the game but the boys hung on. Some excellent defending and good team work combined to make it two wins out of three for the day.

After the setback against Urdd the boys battled well to win the last two games, which shows that there is good team spirit and that the boys will battle for eac for any more. Player of the day was Alex Older. An excellent goal against Lisvane and two against Llanedeyrn just pipped him against a few contenders.

Week 5

Date 6th October 2007 / Venue: Llanedeyrn High School 10.30am

Nice fine day sunny but a bit cold for some as we only started with 7 players today. Help was at hand as we called in reinforcements who wish to remain unnamed.

v Llanedeyrn Bulldogs Won 2 -0

We've played 'The Bulldogs' many times over the years. A well organised team from the Llanedeyrn Estate. We wanted to start the morning on a good footing problem to get over first?! Only seven players showed by 10.40am, after some negotiations with the Bulldogs Manager 'Trevor' (not sure of his real name b good) we took hold of their smallest player 'Kyle'. He volunteered to step into goals for us. Off we went with an excellent first half. Patrick Jolly made a long tr from Sheffield by train (no jet lag from the trip)! but true to his continuing form, scored an excellent opener. 1-0. Harry Jones was looking for the net with sor Dad was busy sleeping off the night shift), but after at least 5 shots at goal 'H' couldn't find the back of the net. Better luck next time! Second half Patrick was smacked the ball into the net to take the score to 2-0. We dominated throughout the game and continued to put the Bulldogs under constant pressure. An exc morning, well done.

v Thornhill Athletic Green Won 2-1

Rivals from North Cardiff. Always a smacker of a game with raised tempers flared in the past, but surprisingly today everything was smooth and pleasant just to be! After reorganising the team after a surprise guest player appearance we started off well. Alex Older was out to prove a point and wanted to show his co recent weeks. Alex scored 2 great goals in the first half. Bailey was 'encouraged' from the side lines to get his first goal of the season, but it wasn't to be toda 2-0 half time. I felt at half time that Thornhill would come out fighting for the next half. They did and wanted blood (in the nicest possible way). Thornhill sta flashed past our boys. We were asleep for 4 minutes and Thornhill came back 2-1! Parents and coach called for calm from the Maindy boys and we held our our lead. A good game but the enemy can always come back, and win the battle, but the war is not over yet!!!

v Ty Celyn Won 5-1

Ty Celyn are local neighbours from Lakeside. Big squad of 14 players so no tired feet as our boys were knackered by now after playing with 8 players, no subs recruiting players if anyone interested! We formed up on the line, tired but determined to finish the morning with a trio of wins under our belt. Callum Jones goals, and Cameron Corsi followed on with a cheeky goal which was set up by our unnamed player. 3-0 HT. The opposition was reorganised and we scored own goal was awarded by the ref. 5-1 at FT the players were knackered, played well and continued in the Maindy tradition of enjoying thier football. Well done

Player of the Day: Callum Jones (2 goals, great performance especially against Ty Celyn!)

See you all at training next Wednesday which is NOW INSIDE AT BISHOP OF LLANDAFF 6PM TO 7.30PM.

Written by Ian Watson as 'normal' reporter is busy working this week, normal service resumes next week!!!

Week 6

Date 13th October 2007 - NOT ALLOCATED

PARENTS ENJOY THE LIE IN!!!!!!!

 Week 7

Date 20th October 2007 / Venue: Cantonian High School 10.30am

Weather report very cold start pitch lots of morning dew and grass long!

v Lisvane Panthers Orange Lost 3-2.

Panthers were on form today. Mathew returned fresh from his 10 months with Cardiff City Academy - welcome back! First half the boys never really got into it after a few minutes another goal came into the back of our net. Referee blew his whistle 3 minutes early at the end of the first half. A gentle reminder from Ly was back on the pitch to play the rest of the first half. 2-0 HT. After a gentle grilling by the management team the boys were wound up and full of inspiration. Mathew brought us back into contention 2-1. Iwan Williams smacked a fantastic goal past the keeper to bring us 2-2. Well done but the Panthers being the fa: jungle scored a last minute goal to win 3-2.

v Ely Rangers Won 5-0.

First time we have played this team from Ely. Boys were desperate to gain a win today so no messing here I guess. Harry started off the score sheet, followed by Mathew. Some knocks along the way but HT 2-0 to the Reds. Mathew scored goal 3 followed Iwan's second goal of the day 4-0. Mathew completed a 1 score was a massive 5-0 a win at last not normally our usual form slipping from the winning ways of old.

v Fairwater Lost 3-1

Started off well but we fell down in some major areas of this game. Poor ball handling especially heading - practice next Wednesday in training and we'll get it Fairwater were 1-0 up at HT. Started second half with some vigour but we went down with another 2 goals from the home side. Cameron Corsi proved his worth Mathew made some nice saves in goal but we were weak up front and not many chances presented themselves to us during this game.

Player of the Day: Harry Jones (Good days play with 1 goal on the score board)

Week 8

Date 27th October 2007 / Venue Morganstown 9.30 am

Radyr Rangers Lost 1-0.

This is what Saturday morning football is all about. Swirling rain, low cloud and the picturesque site of Castle Coch in the background. We had the bare eight to borrow one of Radyr's players (Alex) as Callum turned up a little late. Alex wasn't a bad player and kept on being fouled by Radyr who were a good side. T fought game and a pleasure to watch as both sides went at each other from the start. Chances were few and far between and the game looked like it was heading draw before Radyr scored with only two minutes to go. Despite the boys' best efforts they were unable to get back into the game and Radyr inflicted on us on the season.

Pentyrch Rangers Drew 1-1.

This was another great game. The boys were fired up after losing the first game and Alex scored a good goal after a fine pass from Mathew to give us the lead very well with Tom, in particular playing excellently in defence. Pentyrch are also a good team and they scored an equaliser just before half time. The second half a frantic pace with every boy giving it their all. There were few chances though and game ended at 1-1. A fair result.

Llanishen FC Won 10-0.

Llanishen are a newly formed team and it appeared as if they had never set eyes on each other before the game. I often have a pop at our boys for not talking on the pitch but it was if Llanishen were doing a sponsored silence to raise funds for the team. They were no match for our boys and we were 5-0 up at half time Alex(2) and Iwan scoring the other. The second half was much the same with the lads scoring another 5. Tom (2), Iwan, Alex and Mathew scored the others. I finish off what was a hard morning's football.

A win, draw and a loss doesn't sound great but with the bare 8 playing each game allowing none of the boys a break, they all, without exception played very well in goal, tipping a fierce shot onto the crossbar. In the final game he scored two goals from midfield. A worthy winner of the award and a day before his birthday. !!.

Lyndon Jones.

Week 9

3rd November 2007. Llanedern High School . 10.30am

Marshfield Juniors - No Show!!!!!!!

Danescourt YC. Won 2-0.

It was nice to welcome Patrick back after being away for a couple of weeks. He has now moved from Sheffield permanently/ With only seven boys turning up we player from Danescourt. The boys started well and created a few early chances. Iwan opened the scoring with a good shot after a pass from Alex. It was then with Patrick kicking the ball out from goal and after only one bounce Alex was on hand to hit the ball into the left bottom corner. It was like watching Wimbledon !!. The boys hung on for a 2-0 half time lead. The second half was quite uneventful with neither side looking like scoring. The result was never in doubt and we deserved 2-0 victory.

Llanedern Bulldogs Lost 3-1

This was the third time this season that we had played Llanedern and it was to be third time lucky for Llanedern after we had beaten them on the previous 1 Excuse the pun but this was a game of two halves. Llanedern were up for this as they didn't have a game whilst we were playing Danescourt as Marshfield Jr up. However, Maindy played well in the first half and Cameron gave us a 1-0 lead, shooting through a crowded defence with their goalie unsuspected. However, with some boys looking like they belonged in year 6, put pressure on our defence and it was obvious that we were in for a tough second half. Sure enough, Llan with Alex in goal, powerless to stop a shot that went through the defence. and into the net. The Bulldogs added another shortly after to take the lead. Iwan saved by their goalie and Patrick had a long ranged effort that went over the bar. Lloyd made a few timely tackles at the back but with the boys pushing for Llanedern hit us on the break and scored a third. The ref blew us with 8 mins and 30 secs gone and that included a minute when the ball was in the stungies. wasn't a tournament.

The **player of the day** today was **Lloyd Pittick**. He played well up front and in goal and tackled solidly in defence. The boys played well today, all seven of them practice passing, heading and tackling. !!!!.

Lyndon Jones.

Week 10

Date: 10th November 2007 / Venue: Llandaff Fields 10.30am

Urdd. Won 2-0.

This was the fourth time this season that we have played the Urdd beating them twice and losing the last time we played them. We can always guarantee a goal Urdd and today was no exception. The boys posed for a team photo before the game and started the game intent on victory. Harry had a shot that whizzed past the goal. That was it as far as any goal mouth action and half time came with the game scoreless with the majority of the game being played in the middle of the pitch with the boys continuing to press forward and it was left to Tom Wooller to open the scoring with a dribble and shot with his left foot, hitting the ball into the net. Yes you read it correctly, his left foot. The training sessions where the boys played with their weaker foot only have helped !. Urdd tried desperately to score but a pass by Tom set up Mathew Watson to shoot from long range and left the goalie with no chance. The boys defended well, (with a bit of prompting deserved victory.

Heath Park Rangers. Drew 2-2.

The boys were in for another hard game against a well organised team who are always worthy opponents. Heath Park started very well and scored after three goal, helpless to stop a shot after being left stranded by some poor defending. This was a hard fought game, enjoyable to watch, but Maindy were unable to Heath defence and at half time they were trailing 1-0. The second half started much the same as the first with Heath Park attempting to increase their lead, w two minutes. Again, Bailey, in goal, left stranded by his defenders, and having no chance to stop a shot. This was a test of character for the boys, Tom and Cc in particular, determined to do well against their school friends. Urged on parents and coach the boys battled hard, but time was running out. It was left to cut the deficit with a shot from just outside the area. The pressure was on. The boys piled forward, and had four corners in quick succession which came to nc something special to get back into the game and that something special was provided by Mathew with a shot from halfway, in stoppage time, which bounced c goalie's head and into the net. The boys were ecstatic. Heath devastated. That's football for you. We play Heath Park again on 24th November. It could be li

Pentyrch Rangers. won 4-0.

We played Pentyrch two weeks earlier in Morganstown and they are a good team. We drew with them then and they were always going to provide us with a st However, the boys were fired up after their fantastic fightback against Heath Park and they were at them from the start. A goalmouth scramble resulted in Ha cms out and Alex made it two with a right footed shot into the corner. A mix up in the Pentyrch defence which Cameron assures me he had some involvement and the boys coasted to half time with a comfortable lead. Much the same in the second half with non stop pressure from the boys, corners aplenty, before Pa with an excellent shot from distance with his magic left foot. The game then petered out, the boys having done enough for victory.

With the three opponents today, if you had offered us two wins and a draw before we played we would have bitten your hand off. I can't praise the boys enc were proud of them all. Urdd are always hard to beat and a 2-0 win was an excellent result. Pentyrch played well last time but had no chance against us today highlight was the way the boys battled back from 2-0 down against Heath Park Rangers. Some teams would have lowered their heads. However, this team fig have a never say die attitude which is so encouraging to see. There has to be a **player of the day** however, and today it was given to **Mathew Watson**. Me second goal against the Urdd. Scored the first goal against Heath Park and then scored a screamer right at the end to equalise. Well played Mathew.

Lyndon Jones.

Week 11

Date 17th November 2007 / Venue: Morganstown 9.30am

Weather today sunny and cold morning.

v Radyr Rangers 1-0 Won

Full squad in attendance today for the early KO at Radyr. 9.30 ouch!!! Radyr Rangers have a fine stock of players and as always present a good challenge t an excellent game with lots of passes and talking between our players. Rangers are not a team to be taken lightly. Our team spirit showed strength today, the so far this season, by using a fantastic set piece -Tom Wooller made a fantastic pass to his fellow mate Cameron Corsi and 'Cam' found the back of the net, to of the match. Our excellent goal keeping, defence, midfield and forward play kept the attackers out of our goal for most of the game. Some moments during t control but showed top determination, skill and drive to beat off any revenge attack. Well done team an excellent start to the day's play.

v AFC Rumney Blue 3-4 Lost

We were approached to ref both halves of this game - not a problem as we utilised our spare coaching staff to keep tabs on the line! AFC Rumney have a dete reputation to be fighters especially when playing along way from home. Game started well but two goals were taken on board within the first five minutes v defence became 'zero'! Our Goalkeeper didn't stand a chance without the support of the critical defence. Two changes in defence and we hoped that we coul dominate the rest of the first half. An own goal by Rumney brought us 2-1 and back into the game. Patrick Jolly followed on with a left footed kick. 2-2. Rum more goals 4-2. Mathew Watson tried to score and at long last scored his first goal of the day. 4-3. Some stoppage time was allowed for a foul on a Rumne very hard to bring a goal into the bag, to bring a draw to the game. Unfortunately it wasn't to be today. Rumney showed that by keeping a strong defence and they made the win. Overall a difficult game to win as we conceded two goals early on.

v Danescourt YC Won 2-1

Danescourt are a new team this season and we don't have much knowledge of their game plan. We made some changes to our side and we tried to tell the critical and needs to be maintained if we are to have any chance of controlling the game and winning. We lined up to finish off with a win and win we did! Stro team player Bailey, Iwan, Mathew, Tom, Cameron, Callum, Lloyd, Alex, Harry and Patrick gave the team an excellent finish. Mathew bagged two goals in the c dominated the game throughout.

Congratulations to every player today as we showed that by talking, passing and by using skill we can win and play against any team who present themselve important message remember your positions!!! Defence is paramount to succeed and control the game. Success then follows.....

Player of the Day: Bailey Powell.

Week 12

Date: 24th November 2007 / Venue: Cantonian High School 10.30am

Weather - Coldest morning so far this season get the winter woollies out guys (Christmas is coming) ! Only a brief report this week as my fingers were so cold write down details of the games - anyway here we go and I know everyone enjoyed themselves with an outstanding performance by the team throughout th

v Fairwater Juniors 2-2 Draw

Great team who are excellent sportsmen! They played a cracking game from start to finish. The Reds tried to dominate throughout this game, but we were ou areas of the game. Cameron Corsi scored two wonderful goals to finish off the game with a well earned draw.

v Rhydyppennau FC 7-0 Win

A smacker of a game we didn't give the opposition a chance to come anywhere near our goals. Mathew scored 2, Patrick 3, Cameron 1 and finished off by Ton biggest victory for some weeks and by passing and calling for the ball we showed how to play good football. The opposition are a new side who deserved a bel time and some determination they will develop into a worthy opposition.

v Heath Park Rangers 0-0 Draw

The old rivals were out for revenge!!! 20 stop watches at the ready today. Reds tried hard to get the early advantage but without any success today. HPR also into the back of the net but it wasn't to be today. Both sides played very well and tried to get the upper hand during the game. Both sides keep trying, playing its only football after all!

Player of the Day: Patrick Jolly great hat trick and goal keeping during HPR game.

Week 13

Please note NO games 1st December 2007 pitches rained off by CCC.

Week 14

Please note NO games 8th December 2007 pitches rained off by CCC.

Week 15

Date 15th December 2007 / Venue ; Morganstown 9.30am

Radyr Rangers 1-0 Win

AFC Runmney 4-3 Lost

Danescourt YC 1-1 Draw

Player of the Day Cameron Corsi

Very cold and unable to write report!

Ian Watson

Week 16

Date 12th January 2008 - Whitchurch Hospital 9.30am ko

Rhiwbina fc Tigers, Rhiwbina FC Lions, Bridgend Street

Fixture cancelled due to weather!!!!

Week 17

Date 19th January 2008 - Llanedeyrn High School

Llanedeyrn Bulldogs, Thornhill Athletic Green, Lisvane Panthers Black

Fixture cancelled due to weather!!!!

Week 18

Date 26 January 2008 New Road Rumney Cardiff

Thornhill Athletic Blue 0 -0 Draw

Radyr Rangers 3 - 0 Win Mathew Watson 2, Patrick Jolly 1

AFC Rumney White 1 - 0 Win Mathew Watson 1

Player of the Day Bailey Powell.

Ian Watson

Week 19

Date 02 Feb 2008 Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff

Rhiwbina FC Tigers 3 - 0 Win Mathew Watson 1, Iwan Williams 1 and Cameron Corsi 1

Rhiwbina FC Lions 2 -1 Win Iwan Williams 1 and Mathew Watson 1

Bridgend Street 2 - 0 Win Patrick Jolly 1 and Mathew Watson 1

Player of the Day - Iwan Williams

Ian Watson

Week 20

Date 09 Feb 2008 Llandeyrn High School

Llanedeyrn Bulldogs. Won 6-0.

We last played Llanedeyrn in November and lost 3-1. Sweet revenge today with a convincing victory. The boys raced into two goal lead within three minutes v Mathew and Patrick. Mathew added a third to give the Reds a 3-0 lead at half time. It was more of the same in the second half with a further two goals from which was a superb strike from twenty yards. Patrick added a sixth near the end with an excellent shot. The scoreline didn't flatter the boys who were in total finish.

Thornhill Athletic Green. Won 4-2.

Thornhill are one of those teams that we play and are guaranteed a hard game. Today was another tough game. The Thornhill boys huddled together prior sung a morale boosting song. It didn't work !!.

An open game with free flowing football, chances were aplenty from the start. However, it was Maindy Reds who took the lead with a shot from Harry from 20 bottom of the net giving the goalie no chance. Patrick then hit the bar as the boys hunted for the second goal. Thornhill battled on though and equalised just before an excellent shot from the right giving Tom no chance in goal.

The second half started the same as the first with boys sides totally committed. However, Patrick calmed the nerves with a well taken goal to give the boys a fine goal to double the lead before Thornhill scored a second after a goal mouth scramble. It was set for a tense 12th minute of the second half before P with a fine finish. A hard fought victory.

Lisvane Panthers Black. Won 4-1.

We last played these in September and beat them 2-1. So the boys were trying to achieve another victory today and to make it three out of three for the day.

The lads started very well attacking the Lisvane goal time and time again and went into an early lead when a Lisvane player scored an own goal after being hit. Mathew made it two with a good shot and Cameron scored a third to give the boys a 3-0 half time lead. Much of the same in the second half and Bailey scored Maindy with a nice turn and shot from the right hand side giving the goalkeeper no chance. Lisvane scored a consolation goal as Maindy tired towards the end.

Everyone can be proud of their performance today. They all contributed towards the three victories and as said before, have an excellent team spirit. Player of the Day **Mathew Watson**, who scored four against Llanedeyrn, one against Lisvane, and played well in defence against Thornhill.

Lyndon Jones.

Week 21

Date 16 Feb 2008 Llandeyrn High School ko 10.30

Bulldogs Win 3-0

After a great game last week, we thought the Dogs would be out for revenge and smell the meat from the boys this week. But it wasn't to be! **Mathew** opened the board 1-0, **Harry** scored number 2-0 and **Alex** knocked a cheeky shot to make it 3-0. Excellent game with no goals in the second half. Good reffing on both sides, game flow tight, and with some small knocks along the way we were able to keep our 100% record during our 'goal winning run' during the last 3 weeks. Excellent from both keepers during this game **Mathew** and **Tom**. Well done Reds!!!

Llanishen FC Win 4-1

Llanishen looked like they didn't want to play football today, but they got into the game fast and scored an opening goal just after only 31 seconds. Corries re following Ray Jolly's good words we went on the attack!!! **Mathew** brought the game back into life for us by scoring 1-1. **Mathew** then went for the kill 2-1 to revitalise us back to our old ways. **Harry** scored his second goal of the day and we are 3-1 up. **Tom** finished the game with a great goal to bring Llanishen looked dispondant but kept trying to bring the game on their side. Maindy played well and kept the recent 100% winning streak going. Excellent mix of different players.

Rhydpennau FC Win 6-0

A newly established side in North Cardiff based around Rhydpennau Junior School. A nice size squad present today from the opposition, but we only had the players today. We organised ourselves and went to war. **Tom** opened the score sheet with a comfortable opener 1-0. **Alex** brought the score to 2-0 just before whistle. 2-0 HT. **Patrick** was very sleepish (that is on the goal front) but came alive during the second half. **Tom** scored his second goal of the morning to bring us to his old goal striking ways by scoring two smackers 4-0 and 5-0. The surprise though of the morning was our up and coming star **Bailey Powell**. **Bail** goal of the season to bring the score to a convincing 6-0! Excellent victory.

Again, what can be said about the continuing and improving performance over the last three weeks. **9 wins from 9 games**. We are now a **respected winner** always football at this level is to **ENJOY** the game. Winning is not everything but its **NICE** to win. Keep up the good work and continue the way forward that's best!

Player of the Day **Tom Wooller**.

Week 22

Date 23 Feb 2008 Blackweir (home at last)!!!

St Albans Yellow Win 2-0 Goals **Patrick Jolly** and **Alex Older**

Very busy game!!! Two goals in the first half allowed us to control the game through out. Some tackles by the **Bees** meant we had to use our subs to thier benefit fought game which allowed us to show our strengths! **patrick** in the second half made some excellent saves which earned him POTD.

Malboro Sports Red Win 3-1 Goals **Mathew Watson 2** and **Iwan Williams 1**

The boys from Roath today were sticking to the best pitch next to the changing rooms. Iwan opened up the score with a nice tap into goal. HT 1-0. Malboro came at 1-1. Mathew brought the game under our control with 2 goals final score 3-1.

Danescourt YC Win 2-0 Goals **Mathew Watson 2**

A team who are improving throughout the season. 2 goals from Mathew 1 in each half kept the game under our control. DC fought hard and thier goalkeeper proved a mighty fight for our forwards and defence at times.

Player of the Day **Patrick Jolly**

Ian Watson

Week 23 .

Saturday 1 March 2008 St David's Day. St. Alban's, Tremorfa Park.

Game 1 v. St Alban's Black **Won 1-0**

Two new players making thier debut this week **Max Pompey** and **Taylor**, welcome aboard!

Max has joined us as a first time player and **Taylor** joins us as our first choice Goalkeeper fresh from Cardiff City!

After completing the formalities down the report on today's games. St Albans Black allowed us to play them first on thier nice new home pitch. **Tom Wooller** and made some strong tackles to stop some attempts at goal by the in form opposition. HT 0-0. A team talk at HT made the boys come back with some vigour scored the only goal of the game. St Alban's reffed by both halves and played a very sporting game - Thanks!!

Game 2 v. Llanishen FC. **Won 6-2**.

Some tactical changes for our lads (all to be revealed in the next game). **Tom** and **Mathew** both rested for one half each. Surprise, surprise Llanishen opened goal very quickly. 0-1! **Patrick Jolly** brought us back to 1-1. Then scored again 2-1. Back in the lead and we felt a bit more comfortable this time. HT 2-1. Se **Williams** scored 2 smackers, **Patrick Jolly** made his hat trick and **Mathew Watson** finished the score off at 6-2. An excellent all round performance which a our winning record 14 games without a defeat so far. But with HPR next **can we keep our record???** Look further ahead.

Game 3 v. Heath Park Rangers (HPR). **Draw 1-1!!!** (but we still continue our record 15 games undefeated)

Mathew Watson and **Tom Wooller** (with freash rested legs come off the bench) positioned as strikers for this game. **Callum Jones** had to leave us due to ill means. Game plan realigned to meet the challenge. HPR as always are up for the challenge from thier old local rivals. The history of games between us adds sor to the game. Lloyd (an ex Maindy player was watching with a sharp eye). The pitch was terrible and had to be shortened due the goal being water logged. HPI of the game. Excellent goal. We fought back and **Mathew Watson** brought us back 1-1. HT 1-1. The second half was very well played by both teams and the trying and on slought by both teams no further goals were available to either side. A well played game by both sides which shows the high standard of football teams and the sporting process of the game. Well done both teams. A well deserved draw

Player of the Day **Tom Wooller** (fantastic play during St Alban's game)

Special mention to **Taylor** as he proved to be a worthy goalkeeper with guts and determination, Well Done!!!

The record continues 15 games without a defeat 14 wins and 1 draw, can we make it to the end of the season???. It's in our hands come on Maindy Reds!!!

Ian Watson.

Week 24

Saturday 08 March 2008 Maindy Stadium

Danescourt YC. **Won 2-0**

This was the first time that we had played on our own pitch **season**. you can thank the editor for a well justified gripe at the fixture secretary. We were witho **Iwan** but, with a bigger squad than we had some months ago we were able to field enough players to have one sub each game. We played Danescourt **a few** beat them 2-0 and it was to be the same result again today. **The first half** started well with two good efforts from **Harry** which just about sums up the action which was spent in the middle of the park. **Patrick** came on in the second half and scored with that magic left foot twice early on to give the boys a comfortal Danescourt didn't look capable of **catching**. The game petered out into a well deserved win.

Marshfield. **Draw 0-0**.

A tough game against a team whose average height was 5ft 5ins !!. A gritty hard fought draw is a perfect way of describing this game. Chances were hard to teams and a draw was looking the likely result when Marshfield broke and one of their players unleashed a terrific shot that looked like it was going into the b: **Taylor "the cat "** **Jeffreys** managed to get boot hands on the ball and palm it over the bar. This save was on a par with Gordon Banks' save against Pele in I 1970.....apparentlyso people old enough to remember tell me !!.

Maindy Whites **Won 1-0**.

This was the first time that we have played our sister team this season and everyone was looking forward to the big derby. The boys were up to the challenge attempts on goal that came to nothing, **Mathew Watson** noticed the Whites' goalie off his line and a perfect cross/chip landed into the net and and the boys Whites pressed for an equaliser though, and were foiled by a superbly timed clearing tackle from **Cameron**. **Mathew** had another shot that was just over the some good saves and the boys hung on for a 1-0 **half-time** lead. The second half was full of action as both sides, spurred on by both sets of parents battled with **good** football being played. **Taylor**, again, commanded his goal **area** well and we hung on for a hard fought 1-0 victory.

Three tough games against three good sides. Three **goals** scored, and three clean sheets. An absolutely fantastic **save** by **Taylor** against Marshfield **kept** intact. It's now 18 games **unbeaten**. **All** the boys dug deep and played for each other, encouraging each other which was good to see. However, player of the decision to make. It's always nice to hand out the player of the day trophy to the boys as we know how much it means for them but today was special. Two w **Jeffreys** wasn't even playing for a club. He jumped at the opportunity to play for Maindy Corries and has played his heart out in each game. A well deserved **the day** and a very proud dad.

Lyndon Jones

Week 25**Saturday 29 March 2008 Maindy Stadium****Preview Match Report (details to follow)****v. AFC Rumney Whites 3-0 Win**

Harry Jones opened up today's goals by scoring a long coming goal to bring the start we just wanted 1-0. Game was intense right from the start with Rumney, hc the kick off. Half time score 1-0 to Maindy. **Mathew Watson** scored second goal 2-0 and **Alex Older** finished off the match 3-0. Good opposition who played well, Reds a run for the money.

v. AFC Rumney Blues 3-2 Win

Patrick Jolly came to life in this game, by scoring two great goals alongside 1 goal from **Tom Wooller**. The Blues are an intense playing team putting pressure on our attack all the way through the game. **Taylor Jeffreys** made a fantastic save in the second half. Half time score 3-1. Blues captain **Lloyd Pittick** fought off some good attacks in defence and helped by **Mathew** who came back into defence.

v. Maindy Whites 3-1 Win

Two goals and one own goal maintained our 100% record against our fellow partners and our winning streak of 21 games without loss. **Patrick** two further goals to bring today's tally to four. An excellent game with lots of goal scoring chances presenting themselves for both teams.

Player of the Day - Lloyd Pittick.**Ian Watson****Week 26****Saturday 5th April 2008 / Tremorfa Park 9.30am****v St Albans Yellow Draw 0-0****v Malboro Sports Draw 1-1****v Ely Rangers Draw 0-0****Player of the Day ; Harry Jones****Week 27****Saturday 12th April 2008 / Maindy Stadium 11am ko****v Rhydyppennau FC - NO SHOW****v Ely Rangers Draw 1-1****v Pentyrch Rangers Red Draw 0-0****Player of the Day: Tom Wooller****Week 28****Saturday 19th April 2008 / Whitchurch Hospital 9.30 am ko****v Rhwbina Lions Won 1-0.**

We were down to nine players today with Max away and Alex and Lloyd absent through illness. However, a warm welcome was given to Gareth Watson, a pro Stadium Sunday training sessions. This was a tough game against a well organised team with chances few and far between. The deadlock was broken by a shot from the right foot, I'll repeat that, the right foot of Patrick. A joy to watch, he turned inside and the hit the ball hard, curling it into the right hand corner chance. No further action of note leaving the boys with a 1-0 lead at half time. There was not much action in the second half to mention, apart from a shot from the bar and rebounded into the arms of Taylor. The lads hung on for a hard earned victory.

v Rhwbina Tigers Won 1-0.

Another hard fought game on a big pitch, Mathew gave us the lead with a fine piece of skill taking the ball in from the left and scoring, hitting the ball into the net. giving us a 1-0 lead at half time. Nothing of note to write about in the second half.

v Thornhill Reds Won 6-0.

The boys played some excellent football against Thornhill Reds. The passing was better than in the other games, the big pitch suiting the boys well. Patrick on a scrambled goal by Cameron gave us a 2-0 half time lead. Patrick added another two, with Cameron scoring with his head and Tom scoring scoring one. Maindy bar with a long range shot.

An early start on a cold morning on big pitches are not a good recipe for good performance, however, we are not talking about an ordinary team here. The boys with their performances today. Three clean sheets, 29 games unbeaten, is a record that speaks for itself. However, there has to be a **Player of the day** and that's **Patrick**, not just for scoring four goals, but for his all round performance.

Lyndon Jones.

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Week 29**Saturday 26th April 2008 Maindy Stadium 11am ko****Danescourt YC Lost 1-0.**

All good things come to an end and the 29 game unbeaten run came to an end on this, the last Saturday of the season. I made the mistake of telling the Danes were unbeaten for so long and it seemed to gee them up. They were a well organised team and took the lead midway through the first half after a mix up in defence by their players through, who took the goal well to put Danescourt one up. The boys huffed and puffed in the second half but it wasn't going to happen for them. to their 1-0 lead and the unbeaten run which went back to December 15th had gone.

Llanishen FC Won 3-1.

Back to winning ways against Llanishen. Alex opened the scoring with a rare left footed goal and Maindy piled on the pressure to try and get a second. However, equalised just before half time when the ref failed to blow after a foul on Tom and Llanishen scored. Mathew regained the lead for Maindy early in the second half after a through ball from Harry and Iwan scored with a good header after a cross from Mathew to make it three.

Maindy Whites Drew 0-0 .

It was good to end the season playing our fellow club team and it was a hard fought match with few chances at both ends. The only noteworthy effort I can remember was Cameron near the end of the game that hit the bar.

The boys can be very proud of their efforts throughout the season and the record speaks for itself. Played 70, Won 46, Drew 15 and only lost 9. A fantastic record that if there were tables we would be top or thereabouts. **Player of the day** today was **Bailey**, who tackled well and had three good games.

That's it for this season. Training will continue until mid July when we will break for summer to allow the boys to recharge their batteries and have a break etc player of the year and most improved player of the year will be distributed soon.

Lyndon Jones.

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