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Team Photo on Sat 22nd Sept 2007
Back Row (l to r): Antonio, Joe S, Joe V, Jamie, Tiago, Michael
Front Row (l to r): Sean, Zach, George, Evan, Kieran
Not present: Joe C & Sam

Co-Managers: Martin O'Brien & John Vesey

After 30 weeks and 21 sets of matches:

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Goals | Against |
|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|---------|
| 62* | 17 | 12 | 33 | 64 | 91 |

*only 2 games played in Week 2, third game not played due to a "no show"

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Week 30
 19th April 2008 at Maindy Stadium

- Drew 0 - 0** v Llanishen FC
- Lost 0 - 3** v Heath Park Rangers
- Won 1 - 0** v Radyr Rangers

Cold and wet at Maindy where players and parents alike tried to keep warm in the unseasonably cold conditions.

The first match was against Llanishen and we started like we'd finished training on Wednesday; lots of confident passing down the wings and plenty of attempts on goal. Unfortunately, not many shots

connected properly and despite a lot of pressure we didn't score. They had some good attempts too but our defence was playing well, Joe S on the right joining in the attacks when he could.

The 0 - 0 half time score was maintained right through to full time and it was a little frustrating that our efforts didn't bring us a goal. But well done to Llanishen as they played and defended well too.

The second game was against Heath Park Rangers and this was a hard, tiring game for both sides. HPR took the lead with a long-range shot which our goalie, George, couldn't quite reach. His mum had better stand him on a Go-bag over the summer ready for next season! We had some good attacks too, and their goalie had to make some good saves. It was 0 - 1 at half-time.

The match continued in its even nature in the second half and we were rather unfortunate to concede a second goal from a corner; the ball came off Keiran's head, hit George's hands as he came for the ball and ricocheted into the net. They got a third goal shortly after when a good, low shot when underneath George's torso as he was diving to save it. The game finished 0 - 3 but it was closer than that.

The final game was against our old friends Radyr Rangers, against whom we always have good, close games. So it was today. The first half was open and exiting, with plenty of goos play from both sides, our passing and attacking down the wings being particularly effective with Tiago and Joe S playing well from full back. We had just about the better of the first half and took the lead when a short corner to Joe C was passed back to Antonio and his pull-back found Joe V whose first time shot went in off the far post. Joe's first goal since before Christmas! Jamie very nearly broke his goal-scoring duck with a lovely shot from just outside the area but it went very narrowly wide. 1 - 0 at half time.

The second half was mainly ours, our work-rate getting the better of a tiring Radyr side. They had some good attacks but these were dealt with well by the defence and by George in goal, whose confident calling for the ball added reassurance to the defence. Good to hear! Antonio and Zach worked with great energy in midfield and the full time whistle brought us the victory that those efforts merited.

Well done to all the boys on a cold, wet and rather unpleasant morning.

Week 29

12th April 2008 at Cantonian HS

Lost 0 - 2 v Ty Celyn

Won 2 - 1 v Fairwater Jun A

Lost 1 - 3 v Radyr Rangers

A chilly morning at Cantonian HS warmed up as the morning and the matches progressed.

First up were Ty Celyn and they made a good start and George had to save well to stop them taking the lead but we gained the upper hand and shots by Sam, Tiago and Zach were all close to giving us the lead. However, there were no goals in the first half.

Unfortunately, a "mad couple of minutes" (parent's words, not mine!) saw them score twice in quick succession and somewhat against the run of play. Thereafter it was more even, a shot from Joe C went close whilst, at the other end, Jamie was defending well. There were no more goals and it finished 0 - 2 to them.

The second game was against Fairwater Juniors A and it proved to a very even and hard fought game, both sides not will to give in to the other. There was a lot of very firm tackling by both sides but we eventually took the lead with a great goal by Tiago. This gave us a lead which we just about deserved to hold at half time.

In the second half we attacked through Zach and Michael, Zach in particular doing very well in the middle of the park. At the other end Tiago was joined by Jamie and Evan in some very sound and resolute defending. The lads were determined not to give away the equalising goal and there was no better evidence of this than Evan who took a ball right on the hooter. Very brave. We thought the game was safe when Michael gave us a 2 - 0 lead with a lovely lob-shot over their goalie but all credit to Fairwater as they came back to score themselves. It finished 2 - 1 to us.

Probably the most bizarre match of the season so far where, somehow, we found ourselves 1 - 3 down at half time after they scored with a total fluke where Jamie's clearance rebounded off another defender and caught George (in goal) totally by surprise. Same scored our goal with a good shot from just wide of the goal. We were probably the better side and the half-time score was certainly not a fair reflection of the match.

We had a really good go at them in second half, with Joe V, Michael, Antonio and Zach all having decent attempts at goal. At the other end Joe C, Evan and Jamie were working very hard and passing forward nicely. There were no more goals despite all our pressure and it finished 1 - 3.

Week 28

5th April 2008 at Maindy Stadium

Lost 1 - 2 v Marshfield Jun A

Lost 0 - 5 v Thornhill Athletic Blue

Drew 0 - 0 v Pentyrch Rangers

Lovely morning at Maindy Stadium for three more tough-looking fixtures.

The first match was against Marshfield and they attacked stright from the kick-off, Keiran being forced into a couple of very good saves. At the other end, Joe V had a good run up the right wing and their 'keeper saved his shot. Antonio then went very close with shot that was only inches wide. Marshfield then had a series of fine attacks and they hit the post and crossbar any number of times without luck. It was only right, therefore that they took the lead after shot following a long clearance by their goalie. Keiran then saved again. 0 - 1 at half-time and it could have been much worse!

Our lads came right back at them in the second half, Antonio forcing a fine save by their 'keeper right on the line. A goal looked inevitable and when it came it was great one by Michael, right into the top right-hand corner. From then on the game was very even. A draw would have been a fair results but they sneaked the winner from a corner right in the dying seconds. There was no way back and we lost 1 - 2.

The second game was against Thornhill Blues. We opened with a shot from Antonio that went just over the bar. Thornhill scored immediately after with a high shot from the left. Sam tried to even things up but his shot was saved, as was another shot from Antonio. At the other end, Zach and Keiran were working very hard to keep Thornhill at bay. George made two good saves before being beaten by a long shot which made it 0 - 2. George then made another fantastic save and Joe C prevented more shots with some good tackles.

Thornhill started strongly in the second half and sored early on after some great play to make it 0 - 3. It was soon 0 - 4 despite some great defending by Zach. More good play by Thornhill brought them a fifth goal. It finished 0 - 5 mainly down to their good play, so credit where it's due.

The third match was against Pentyrch Rangers and we started well with Antonio dominating the centre of midfield and some good passing moves between Sam, Antonio and Joe V. At the other end, George made a great save after a breakway attack by Pentyrch. Keiran was defending well on the right hand side, too. George made another great save and he was helped at the back by Zach and Joe C. Another good from us saw Joe C win the ball, pass to Joe V and Joe V passed forward to Michael whose shot went just wide. Joe V hit a hard shot just over the bar.

The second half was also lively with Zach defending well and Antonio tackling and passing to good effect. An attacking move down the left between Sam, Antonio and Michael brought a save from their 'keeper. A long shot from Pentyrch went narrowly wide before Sam put Michael through at the other end with a lovely pass. More shots from both sides failed to go in and a good game finished 0 - 0.

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