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2009/10 U11 Reds

Uxx Team Page

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Squad members: List squad Taylor, Bailey, Alex, Harry, Mathew, Max, Lukas, Llion, Daniel Henson, Daniel Hellard, Harry, Gareth, Tyler, Angus.

Co-Managers Lyndon Jones, Ian Watson, Tim Older.

12th September 2009.

Moorland Park, Splott.

St Albans Yellow. Won 1-0.

A warm welcome to some new additions for the season. Daniel Hellard, Dan Henson and Tyler have joined us. After the disappointment of last week's games in Llanishen the boys were determined to improve on their performance. They had an ideal opportunity to make amends by playing against one of the teams who beat them last week, St Albans Yellow. The game started well for the boys who passed the ball around very well and it was not long before we took the lead when Mathew came in from the left hand side and hit a hard low shot to the goalie's left. The second half was hard fought but the boys hung on for a winning opening start to the season.

Thornhill Ath B. Lost 2-0.

This was another team that we played last week and lost to. It was the same score today but the boys can think themselves unlucky to lose as they were equal, if not better than their opponents. Harry came very close to giving us the lead when he produced a lovely shot which hit the bar from 20 yards. Thornhill then took the lead and that's how it remained until half time. The boys continued to press on for an equaliser but an unlucky bounce in front of Taylor helped Thornhill take the lead and that's how it finished despite the boy's best efforts.

Cyncoed. Lost 2-1.

Cyncoed are the old Pontprennau who folded towards the end of last season. They looked a lively side and were quick. We matched them until they took the lead in the first half with a good goal from range which gave Taylor no chance in goal. A defensive mix up at the back allowed Cyncoed to get in and double their lead. The boys battled well and Lucas pulled one back in the second half with a great shot after some good work from Harry on the right. The game was played in the Cyncoed half for virtually the whole of the second half but Maindy were unable to get an equaliser and Cyncoed hung on.

Despite losing two games the boys can be proud of the way that they played today. A much better performance than last week. There were a number of contenders for player of the day but the vote went to Lukas.

Lyndon Jones

19 September 2009

Fairwater Junior School, Cardiff.

All members of the team available today with the weather sunny and warm.

First game today against Urdd. Urdd coach told me that they had a few players out today due to Rugby commitments so may be in with a chance to sneak a win over the Urdd. Tyler showed excellent play in defence and Taylor was on form by holding ball back by delivering some excellent saves. With the squad now at 12 players the tactics of varying the players during both halves played dividends. At half time we are down 1-0. After a team talk and a drive to re focus our efforts

we drove forward to make a target through their defence. We penetrated through and Alex Older scored a fantastic goal to bring us back into play at 1-1. A well deserved draw against a traditional side we have played countless times over the past seasons. Can't wait until the next visit for the challenge to see if we can beat them. Final score 1-1 draw goal scorer Alex Older.

Second game against Fairwater FC. We were ready for a gruelling match after the climax of the first game. Kane has returned to play for FFC this season but was on the side line for first half. During the first ten minutes we didn't strive to gain any advantage. Half time score 0-0. Usual drinks and team 'discussion' we returned to try and score a goal and break the defence of the opposition. FFC were able to bang two goals into the back of the net and break through our defence. Taylor played like a brave lion and made some good saves to stop further cascade of goals. Only highlight for us in the second half was an own goal to bring the score back to a respectable 2-1 win for FFC.

Final game of the day was against FC Dragons. We haven't played these guys before who come from Llanrumney. Made up of a mixture of boys and girls, newly formed the coaching staff thought we should perform well here during this encounter. But the story unfolds ... Urdd won 8-0 and FFC 7-0 we played hard, drove through their defence, played shots from the half way line, tackled to win the ball and tried every tactic in the book to score a goal. FC Dragons played with grit and determination but couldn't get through our defence. Reds tried as well but we couldn't score. Final score from a tough and determined side 0-0.

Player of the Day Taylor Jefferies Goal Keeper.

26th September 2009. Court Field Llanishen.

St Albans Blacks. Lost 3-2.

A lovely day for football. The boys started very slowly in the opening game and St Albans played with the advantage of the "slope" and Maindy had to defend for their lives. St Albans took the lead after Tyler scored an unfortunate own goal from a corner trying to sweep the ball clear but unfortunately ended up slicing it into the Maindy net giving Taylor no chance. St Albans made it 2-0 shortly after. It was looking like we were going to go into half time 2-0 down before Angus reduced the deficit with a good run and neat finish to make it 2-1, his first goal for Maindy and the boys came off full of hope for the second half. Fired up for the second half, with the slope behind them an equaliser seemed likely and Tyler scored with a fine shot to make it 2-2. A win seemed the only result possible but football is a funny game and Taylor made a few fine saves before St Albans sneaked a third with a minute left and that was how the match finished. A good game and plenty of positives with Tyler and Angus scoring their first goals for the club.

Lisvane Panthers Blacks. Drew 1-1

How we didn't win this is beyond me. We absolutely murdered them !. Plenty of first half pressure and loads of good saves from the Lisvane goalie kept them in the game. It seemed only a matter of time before we would take the lead but Lisvane, on a rare moment in our half, took the lead to leave our boys in disbelief. That was how it remained until half time. The second half started the same as the first with constant Maindy pressure and they were rewarded with an equaliser from Llion, scoring his first goal for Maindy. Despite further pressure and plenty of shots Maindy couldn't get a winner and the game petered out into a 1-1 draw.

Lisvane Panthers Orange. Won 5-0.

What a way to finish the day. A superb performance against Lisvane to give us a thumping victory. Alex opened the scoring with a shot from the left that went into the corner of the net. Llion scored the second, and his second of the day, with a nice follow through shot after a save from the goalie. That's how it remained until half time and the boys left the pitch brimming with confidence. More of the same in the second half. Gareth scoring the third after missing an easier chance earlier, Harry scoring the fourth after a run down the right and a good shot into the corner of the net and Gareth made it 5 after a goalmouth scramble.

The boys played very well today and nice to see Angus, Tyler and Llion scoring their first goals for the club. However, there has to be a player of the day, and the decision was made to give it to Llion. He scored two goals, played well in defence and generally battled well in each game.

Lyndon Jones.

3rd October 2009

We had no fixtures allocated to us today so we played a friendly on a full sized pitch against Marshfield at Cathcob Woods, St Mellons. We played three 20 minute games. The scores were not important as the most important thing was that the boys got used to playing on a full sized pitch. We won the first game 1-0, lost the second and can't remember the score and lost the third 4-2 as our boys tired as we only had ten players.

A good performance and good experience for next season. Player of the day was Tyler who covered lots of ground and played out of his skin.

10th October 2009.

Llandaff Fields.

Thornhill Reds. Won 2-0.

Thornhill started much better than us and the boys were pegged back for much of the first half. Dan nearly gave us the lead before Mathew scored with a long range shot giving the Thornhill goalie no chance, the ball going high into the net to the goalies's right. That was how it remained until half time. In the second half it was a different story with constant Maindy pressure. Harry scored with a good shot after some neat play on the right and that's how it remained until the end despite a Thornhill shot from the left that went through the side netting. A good start to the day. A clean sheet and two excellent goals.

Urdd. 0-0

If there were points up for grabs this would be described as a hard fought, well earned point. The Urdd are a good team with nippy players and it was backs to the wall defending. Taylor made three excellent saves in the first half to keep us in the game as Urdd found gaps in our defence to exploit. Max and Tyler played well together to keep Urdd out. There were no goal scoring opportunities for us in the first half. In the second half it was much of the same with Taylor again providing heroics in goal. Llion had a great chance to nick a winner for us in the last minute but hit the ball wide. That's how it finished. A good 0-0 game.

Whitchurch Rangers 0-0.

This is the first half time that we have played Whitchurch Rangers and to be honest we should have been home and dry by half time. The boys wasted a number of chances to score. Whitchurch came into the game in the second half and played well but again chances were missed and the game petered out into stalemate.

A good day for Maindy with three clean sheets and two excellent goals scored. Player of the day was Harry. A great goal and good all round passing, tackling and determination.

Lyndon Jones.

17th October. 2009.

Pontprenau.

Match report

Pentwyn Lost 4-2

11 players turned out today for the Corries U11 Red Team. New venue this week first time in six years we have played at this 'new' venue. Difficult and opposing team to play on our first game today - Pentwyn Dynamos. First five minutes of first half we held Pentwyn much in their own half. But some mistakes by our defence and mod field opened up the goal scores and within five minutes three goals passed our goalie into the back of the net. Half time score 3-0. A come together at half time refocused our players to make a come back and gain some respect. Angus made a goal 3-1 Pentwyn scored another 4-1. Angus scored his second goal 4-2 and this is how the game finished.

Second game - Malborough Blacks. Lost 3-1.

Team which we haven't played for some time. We reorganised our team and tried to gain a win from the performance of the opposition in first game being so dominant. Two goals from the Blacks demolished any chance of us making an impact in this game. Mathew scored a goal to bring us 2-1. Half time 2-1 down.

Second half began with some good efforts from Tyler and Co. Another goal from the Blacks brought them 3-1 to the lead. Never mind we will live for another day.

Third game - Thornhill Athletic 4-1 Lost.

The coaching team and players were desperate at this point for a good and smooth performance. We trained and battled hard during the game but two quick goals brought us down to a 2-0 down and half time. Thornhill scored a third goal 3-0. Llion scored a goal to bring us 3-1 back but we ended the day at 4-1 down.

24th October 2009.

Marshfield.

Marshfield. Drew 1-1.

This was a thoroughly entertaining match played by two good footballing teams. It was six minutes before Marshfield entered our half. The boys played their best football of the season passing the ball around and moving and linking well. We took a deserved lead when Harry intercepted a throw out from the Marshfield goalkeeper and nipped in to shot past the goalie to give us a well deserved lead. In their first attack of the game, Marshfield equalised after a cross was not dealt with at the back and the ball sneaked in in the corner. That's how it remained until half time with the boys wondering how they weren't in the lead. The second half was more evenly matched with both teams having a number of chances. Both sides were committed and some tough tackles went in and the game petered out into stalemate. A good game.

Radyr Rangers. Lost 3-0.

Radyr are a good team and in the first half Maindy rarely entered their half as Radyr pressed forward time after time. Some of the boys were afraid to get challenges in and backed off allowing Radyr to shoot at will and we were lucky to get to half time goalless. The second half was a continuation of the first. Radyr scored two quick goals and Tyler (stand in goalie) was unable to stop them adding a third. We had a few half chances but it a poor performance with heads low and not enough players willing to battle for the ball and show fight.

Lisvane Panthers Orange. Won 7-0.

This is the second time that we have played this team this season and it was nice for the boys to finish off the day on a high after two contrasting displays. Tyler opened the scoring with a right footed shot, Gareth added a second, Harry a third and Max scored with a long ranged effort. Tyler scored his second with a nice header from a cross, Gareth made it 6 and Harry scored his third of the day to make it 7-0.

Gareth played well in goal in the first game and battled well throughout. He scored two good goals and was a deserved man of the match. All in all a good day for the boys with some neat football being played. Plenty to work on though.

Lyndon Jones.

31st October 2009.**Pontprennau.****Llanishen FC. Lost 6-1.**

It is typical of our season so far in that in the last game of last week's fixture at Marshfield we won 7-0 and in the first game of today we lose 6-1. The scoreline flattered Llanishen and they were never five goals better than us. They were 2-0 at half time thanks to some sloppy defending. Harry pulled a goal back for us early in the second half and we seemed to be right on course to get level but mistakes at the back caught us out and Llanishen scored four quick goals. to give them a 6-1 win. A poor start to the day with many of the boys appearing half asleep.

Heath Park Rangers. Drew 0-0.

A much better display in this game. We had a few chances in the first half, with Gareth's shot the most notable. The second half was much the same with Heath Park putting the boys under a bit of pressure towards the end, but there was plenty of commitment from a number of the boys and the game petered out into a hard fought 0-0 draw. A much improved performance.

Pentwyn Dynamos. Lost 3-0.

A battling performance against a strong team. We had an early chance with Dan having a good shot from range which their goalie saved well. Pentwyn took the lead with a shot that left Taylor unsighted in goal. Taylor then made a great save palming a long range shot onto the bar. 1-0 at half time and we were still in the game. However, Pentwyn scored two further goals early in the second half and there was no way back into the game.

One draw and two defeats sounds bad, but there were some positives today. The draw against Heath Park Rangers was good, The defeat against Llanishen was terrible and there were some performances against Pentwyn. Player of the day was Lukas who battled well in midfield and never gave up.

Lyndon

7th November 2009.**Pontprennau****Marlborough Sports Red. Won 3-2.**

An enthralling game to watch and a great start to the day's games. The boys dominated early possession and Dan Henson scored his first goal for the club after a goal mouth scramble to give us a deserved lead. Harry made it two shortly after with a good shot after the ball wasn't cleared by Marlborough. That's how it remained until half time with the boys 2-0 up and deservedly so. Marlborough were all fired up in the second half and scored two quick goals to level the scores. The boys pushed forward to try and regain the lead and Alex scored the winning goal with a great shot from the right hand side. The boys hung on until the end. A great battling performance.

Pentwyn Dynamos. Lost 3-1.

This game was a lot closer than the scoreline suggests. Maindy played very well and took the lead midway through the first half after an excellent shot from Tyler. Pentwyn pushed forward and equalised a couple of minutes later. In the second half the boys held their own until some sloppy work in defence allowed Pentwyn to score two quick goals and that's how the game ended.

Llanederyn Bulldogs. Won 4-1.

By far the best performance of the season against a good side. The passing and movement was excellent and there were some battling performances going on all over the field, coupled with plenty of commitment. Tyler opened the scoring for us with a great shot from the left and Mathew made it two with a powerful drive from the right after a great pass from Tyler. Llanederyn made it 2-1 just before half time. In the second half, Mathew scored his second, and our third before Tyler added a fourth after a fantastic pass from Mathew. That's how it finished. It was a pleasure to watch and as mentioned earlier, the best football we have played all season.

Two good wins and a close defeat. A good all round performance and each boy played his part. For his three goals and all round performance, Tyler was player of the day.

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