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## 2011/12 U13A

### U13A Team Page

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Play in the U13's A League of the SA Brain Cardiff & District Association Football League

Squad members: , Gareth W, Lloyd F, Harry J, Evan L, Lukas G, Antonio R, , Matty W, Tiago M, Tyler M, , Jo W, Steve H, Zac N, Alex O, Jamie M, James C

Managers. Lyndon Jones, Mike Hodgetts.

### Saturday 24th September 2011.

#### Trelai Park

#### Ely Rangers 2 Maindy Corries 0

Our first game of the season as previous weeks' games had been postponed. The new season brought about a few changes in playing staff. A warm welcome to Jamie Marsh who joined us from Pentwyn Dynamos and Mathew Williams and Steven Hodgetts who previously played for Radyr Rangers whose Under 13 side unfortunately folded this month.

With Gareth and Alex injured, we had a squad of fifteen for the game with four subs. Ely had the better of the opening stages and the defence had to work hard to clear the ball on a number of occasions. Matty ( Mathew) made some excellent saves and the game changed midway through the first half when Steve was put through and was on a one on one with the Ely goalie. Steve tried to take the ball to the left of the goalie but was pulled down and a penalty was duly awarded. If the rules of the game were applied the goalie should have been sent off but we had to settle for a penalty. Tiago stepped up and smashed the ball against the bar and headed over the rebound. It was to prove a costly miss as Ely took the lead after a goalmouth scramble in our area that we didn't clear. Ely went into half time 1-0 up and we were unlucky to be trailing. Chances were few and far between for both sides in the second half. Ely added a second after another goalmouth scramble and despite plenty of effort and shots the boys were unable to get back into the game. With three boys making their debut, the first game was always going to be a tough one whoever we played, but there were lots of positives to come out of the match.

### 1st October 2011.

#### Splott Park. U13 Cup.

#### Maindy Corries 11 Marlborough Sports Black 2

After being given a bye in the first round we found ourselves up against Marlborough Sports Black. We gave a Maindy debut to another former Radyr Rangers player, James Colley. A warm welcome was given to Alex by his new team-mates and he went to have a great game in midfield. Maindy went at Marlborough from the off and a first goal was on the cards from an early stage. Lukas scored with a great right footed shot from outside the area and Joe made it two shortly after scoring with a good shot from the right of the area. Against the run of play, and with Marlborough's first attack of the game, a mix up between Matty and Evan at the back resulted in a soft shot trickling over the line despite Evan's best efforts to clear it off the line. Evan was adamant that the ball hadn't crossed the line but the linesman gave it. The goal gave Marlborough confidence but Steve restored the two goal cushion with an excellent volley with his right foot after a cross from the right. Jamie hit the post with a fierce shot and the boys went in at half time deservedly 3-1 in the lead. The pressure was maintained in the second half and Steve went on to score six more goals with Tyler and Lewis adding the other two. Marlborough scored their second in the last minute. All in all an excellent team performance with players helping each other out and closing the opposition down. Sterner tests will come but it was great to see the team playing well and scoring goals.

**8th October 2011.****Blackweir****Maindy Corries 1 AFC Rumney 3.**

Back to league business. Rumney finished runners up last season and will be there or thereabouts this season. We would have to be on our best to get anything out of the game. The boys started well and kept Rumney in their own half for the majority of the first half and we deservedly took the lead after 15 minutes after some good passing between the team. The ball was passed over from the right and Steve Hodgetts turned quickly and scored with a superb strike which left the goalie helpless. It was no more than Maindy deserved. The wind played a part in the game and with Rumney playing with the wind in the second half it was going to be hard to keep the lead. No changes were made with the team going into the second half and as predicted the wind was going to play a major part in the outcome of the game. Defensive errors cost us dearly and Rumney scored three goals over a space of ten minutes to give them victory. A few chances were missed by Maindy but it was not going to be our day. A draw would have been a fair result.

**15th October 2011****Blackweir****Maindy Corries 1 Heath Park Rangers 6**

Heath Park Rangers are the current title holders and up until today had an indifferent start to the season. We were looking at getting our first points on the board and up until twenty minutes into the game, things were looking very good with the boys matching them across the pitch in every position and we could have even taken the lead. Heath Park, however, took the lead with a soft goal and made it two shortly after. The boys did not deserve to be two down and things got worse in the second half with four very soft goals conceded. Steve pulled a goal back towards the end which was only a consolation. The scoreline flattered Heath Park who were not five goals better than us. A bad day where nothing went right for us.

**22nd October 2011.****Cantonian High School****Danescourt 3 Maindy Corries 2**

How Maindy did not win this game is beyond me. In terms of possession of play, we totally dominated them but were made to pay for missed opportunities late on in the dying minutes.

Danescourt were promoted from the B league last season and had a good start to the season. Maindy started well and dominated possession in the first half. Chances were missed and Danescourt rarely threatened. The second half started as well as the first with Maindy dominant. Tiago struck an excellent free kick to give us the lead and things looked good, but Danescourt gradually came back into the game and equalised and took the lead in a short space of time. Soft defending cost us dearly. The spirit in the team was there to see, the boys did not give up and Steve equalised for us towards the end. Danescourt scored the winner near the end with a speculative shot from halfway which unfortunately bounced over Matty's head and into the net. We did not deserve to lose and the boys were devastated.

**29th October 2011****Blackweir****Maindy Corries 0 Whitchurch 1**

Whitchurch finished runners up last season and we had some good games against them and this was to be another tough encounter. The game couldnt have started worse with Whitchurch scoring in the first minute. Evan conceded a corner and Whitchurch took a short corner and scored with a shot from just outside the area after their player was not closed down. The players heads did not drop and they battled well throughout and with a bit more luck could have grabbed an equaliser after having a number of chances in the second half. Matty made one save throughout the game and despite having a number of chances from corners we couldnt get an equaliser that we deserved.

**19th November 2011.****Coed Glas School****Thornhill Athletic 3 Maindy Corries 4.**

What a game !!. Maindy Corries recorded their overdue first win of the season in a deserved victory over Thornhill. A warm welcome back to Antonio who hadn't played since the first game of the

season. The game started with some sustained Thornhill pressure and Thornhill went on to take the lead after Evan brought down one of their players in the penalty box. Callum Jones scored for Thornhill but Joe Worth equalised for Maindy after Tyler hit a low hard cross from the left which Joe converted into the net. Thornhill took the lead when Oliver Butt was given too much space on the left hand side and allowed to score without being challenged. Thornhill made it three on 25 mins when Matty failed to keep out a cross/shot from a free kick. Steve nearly pulled a goal back on the stroke of half-time but shot wide after being put through. To be 3-1 at half-time was hard on the boys and they were told that they were still in the game and that an early goal was needed. That duly came, when James Colley scored after some good passing amongst the team resulted in the ball being crossed from the right and James was in the right place at the right time to give the team some hope. Steve Hodgetts equalised for Maindy after a through ball caused panic in the Thornhill defence and Steve was on hand to hit the ball into the net. The goal was no more than we deserved and then Tyler Morrissey had some space on the left hand side and guided the ball firmly into the botom left corner of the net to make it 4-3. The boys hung on for a deserved victory against a good team. Every player played their part in what was an excellent victory. They played as a team and won individual battles all over the pitch, showed first class commitment and superb team spirit. Our best performance of the season by far. A pleasure to watch.

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