



The Goal Crusader

The monthly newsletter of Comberton Crusaders Football Club

Chairman's Bit

Since the last newsletter the heavens have opened and rained down chaos on everyone's fixtures. The pitches have taken a terrible pounding and last week the Meridian School pitch was declared unfit until after the Christmas break. The Under 11s will begin the New Year having played only three league fixtures since September.

On a more positive note the Club disco on the 11th November raised over £300 for club funds. Thank you to everyone who came along and a special thanks to John Folbigg for his tireless energy in organising the event and persuading so many non-club members to attend.

News that the Village College has obtained Sports College status will be good news for everyone looking for improved sports facilities within the community. Plans for a floodlit astro surface when implemented should provide winter training facilities for the club but there will be a lot of competition for time slots. With this in mind the Club is having discussions with the Tennis Club and the Parish Council to see if it may be possible to convert the existing tennis courts to a floodlit all weather surface. Watch this space for developments.

Once again if you have any comments on this newsletter or the running of the Club please contact me on 01223 263880 or email me at ed@agena.co.uk

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ed Tranham
Chairman

Match of the Month

Little Paxton 0 Under 12s 1 Colts League Division A

A highly committed team performance saw Crusaders avenge an early season 5-0 loss, inflicting a first league defeat on third-placed Little Paxton. Without a key midfield player and with only two available subs, Crusaders secured all three points through tremendous team effort.

In an even first half Swift made two fine saves while Berryman, played through, finished clinically in the

24th minute. The second half was quite thrilling as the boys protected their keeper very well and on the counter almost scored twice: Jamie Berryman lobbed the ball over their keeper from close in but just cleared the bar and Danny Thomas, who otherwise was outstanding in defence, missed a penalty. Resolute defence kept an increasingly desperate opponents at bay.

Crusaders: Swift, Jackson (Collins 40), Gwynn, Clarkson, Thomas, Williams (Folbigg 40), Cole, Wells, Bailey, Stelitano and Berryman

Poachers turned gamekeepers

Congratulations to Lee Mawby, Tom Rowlands, Daniel Beck, Ben Gooch and Robert Wilkinson from the Under 16s who have successfully completed the Cambs FA mini referees course. Also completing

the course were Andrew Woodruff (who referees for the Under 11s), Eleanor Harnwell (who referees for the Under 12s Girls) and Joy Harnwell.

Competition: Design a Club Badge And win a £50 Virgin V.ShopVoucher

We have extended the deadline for entries to this competition. Please send your artwork on A4 paper to Colin Clarkson, 5 College Crescent Haslingfield Cambridge CB3 7LZ. Please include your name, address and the team you play for or in the case of sibling entries the name of your brother or sister. Closing date Monday 15 January.

Calling all Parents

Children, as you know, develop differently and at different rates; they react differently to the same pressures. Here at Comberton Crusaders we are attempting to give all the young people who play football

a good and worthwhile experience. The relationships with all young people at both matches and training must be positive, sporting and be part of the example adults should be setting for the young people.

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You should all remember:

Young people are not playing to satisfy your ambition
Young people are involved for their enjoyment - not yours
You have a responsibility to encourage young people to play by the rules
Teamwork and effort are as important as winning. You should accept losing without undue disappointment
Do not allow your winning side to gloat over their victory

Never ridicule or shout at a young person for making a mistake or losing - praise them or keep quiet
Set an example - applaud good play by both teams
Never publicly question the referee's decisions. Never doubt his or her honesty
Help to remove all verbal and physical abuse in football
Please follow this Code and enjoy the beautiful game.

Match Reports from the Team Managers

Under 8s

Mini Soccer League

Bar Hill 9 Comberton Crusaders 3

At Bar Hill Recreational Ground
Crusaders: Duff, Jestice, Clery, Willis, Lesniak, Hall, Ferre, Kendal, Clare and Martin

Scorers: Willis, Duff and Jestice
This was a fantastic match. We took the lead with a brilliant individual goal from Max Willis. The match delivered some excellent goal keeping from four different keepers and Comberton dominated the last ten minutes. This for me was our best performance yet.

Under 9s

Mini Soccer League

Bluntisham Rangers B 1 Comberton Crusaders 6

Saturday 11 November 2000
At Bluntisham

Crusaders: Sexton, Berry, Berryman, Tranham, French, Mills, Taylor, Kendall, Hothersall and Reed

Scorers: Berry (2), Kendall, Hothersall, Taylor and Berryman

Another good performance in difficult conditions with the boys playing some great passing football at times in the third period. The pick of the goals was John Kendall's classic diving header from Luke Berry's cross. Joe Taylor hit a great left-foot strike for the fifth and his first goal of the season.

Mini Soccer League

Cottenham Juniors 0 Comberton Crusaders 4

Saturday 9 December 2000
At Cottenham Recreational Ground

Crusaders: Sexton, Berry, Bowling, French, Mills, Taylor, Kendall, Hothersall, Reed and Watson

Scorers: Bowling (2), Kendall and Berry.

The boys maintained their 100% record with a comfortable win after a slow start. The opening goal saw John finish off a glorious three-man move involving Gary and Luke. Two individual goals from Charlie and a superb strike from Luke rounded off a good team effort.

Under 10s

Mini Soccer League

Comberton Crusaders 1 Milton Colts 12

Saturday 4 November 2000
At The Meridian School

Crusaders: Matthews, Spence Jones, Day, Player, Walsh, Oates, Rowlands, McNally and Hall
Scorers: Hall

Following our 2-0 win against Ely City our cup run came to a halt against Milton. For the first 15mins the U10's played well with Milton getting a breakaway goal, immediately afterwards Andy Hall hit the post for Comberton. Then Milton started to dominate and scored their goals, however Comberton never gave up and in the last 10 minutes Kieron McNally twice went close and Laura Oates also had a chance before Andy Hall scored the only goal for Comberton.

Mini Soccer League

Comberton Crusaders 1 Cottenham 10

Saturday 18 December 2000
At The Meridian School

Crusaders: Irwin, Player, Rowlands, South, Spence Jones, McNally, Oates, York, Blackmore, Matthews and Walsh

Scorers: McNally

Under pressure at the start Comberton, weathered the storm and took an early lead from a good run by Kieron McNally, however this was soon lost as Cottenham scored twice within a few minutes. Comberton then held Cottenham for a time and Andrew Rowlands had a couple of chances to equalise, the score remained 1-2 at half time.

In the second half Cottenham dominated the game scoring 9 goals, however the luck was not with Comberton as three of were own goals and even after some good saves from Carl Spence Jones the ball still fell at the oppositions feet.

Mini Soccer League

Comberton Crusaders 0 Royston Eagles 4

Saturday 2 December 2000
At The Meridian School

Crusaders: Irwin, Player, Day, Hall, Spence Jones, McNally, Oates, Matthews and Walsh

The pitch didn't help Comberton in this match cutting up very heavy in the second half. In the first half Comberton slipped behind to an early goal from Royston, then battled back and controlled most of the first half, with chances just not going their way as the ball stuck in the muddy goal mouth. It

looked as if they scored one goal, more would follow.

In the second half Royston began to dominate the game and Comberton found life difficult defending the muddiest end, at least four excellent saves from Carl Spence-Jones and two goal mouth clearances from Connor Walsh kept Comberton in the game until the last 10 minutes. Comberton found the heavy ball and pitch just too much to cope with and conceded 3 late goals.

Under 11s

League Cup

Comberton Crusaders 1 Soham Town A 6

Saturday 14 October 2000
At The Meridian School

Crusaders: Carroll, Boshier (Captain),
Tranham, Hitch, Marrone, McNally, Hull,

Stewart, Brooke, Finkel and Hall
Scorer: Hitch

A good first twenty minutes and a good last ten. But the damage was done in the intervening period. Beaten by a better organised team, hungry for the ball, Crusaders consolation goal at least showed the benefits of team work and defence splitting passing.

Mini Soccer League

Comberton Crusaders 10 Bar Hill A 0

Saturday 28 October 2000
At The Meridian School

Crusaders: Harrison, Hall, Tranham,
Hitch, McNally, Marrone, Hull, Moore
(Captain), Brooke and Carroll

Scorers: Moore (4), Hitch (3), McNally
(2) and Marrone

Goals flowed freely as Crusaders erased the memory of their cup exit. Excellent football together with a battling performance by all the players, shell shocked the opposition from the start of the match. Out of all the games we've ever played this was our best ever performance" said team coach Liam McNally.

Cambridge City Mini-Soccer League Penalty Shoot Out Challenge

Saturday 9 December

Crusaders: Stephen Sexton, Jack Reed,
Andrew Rowlands, Laura Oates,
Joshua McNally, Andrew Jestice,
Adam Moore, Joey Tranham, Charlie
Bowling, Robbie French and Richard
Hall.

At half time in the match against
Salisbury City, Crusaders went down 6-
12 against Eternit Colts and out of the
competition.

Head to Head

About You

Name

Age Group
Position
Town / Village where you live

Laura Oates

Under 10s
Midfield
Comberton

James Gwynn

Under 12s
Defender
Wimpole

Sport

Favourite Football Team
Favourite Football Player
Favourite Other Sport

Liverpool
Michael Owen
Tennis

Arsenal
David Beckham
Cricket

In Vision

Favourite TV Programme
Favourite TV Star
Favourite Football Commentator
Favourite Computer Game

Big Kids
Dave Benson-Phillips
Gary Lineker
RAC Rally Championships

MOTD
Ortis
Des Lynham
Crash Bandit

Vibes

Favourite Band
Last CD Bought
Favourite Instrument

S Club 7
No Matter What, Boys Zone
Saxophone

Westlife
Robbie Williams
Electric Guitar

Movies

Last Film Seen
Best Film Ever Seen
Favourite Actor/Actress

Chicken Run
Secret Garden
Jade Turnbull (Byker Grove)

Men in Black
Ace Ventura (Pet Detective)
Matt le Blanc

Out on the Town

Favourite Food
Favourite Drink
Favourite Town/Place

Tagliatelle with smoked salmon
and prawns with a blue cheese
Fresh orange juice
Lake District

Pasta
Coke
Highbury

The Goal Crusaders' Xmas Quiz - Win a £25 Virgin V.Shop Voucher

With lots of time over Christmas here's a quiz to challenge your (and your parents) footballing knowledge. Happy digging through those football reference books!

Send your answers to Ed Tranham, Well Cottage Main Street Caldecote CB3 7NU by Monday 15 January 2001. In the event of more than one correct entry, the winner will be picked from a woolly hat!

Club Nicknames

Which football clubs have the following nicknames:

- 1 The Hatters
- 2 The Gulls
- 3 The Seagulls
- 4 The Pirates
- 5 The Bantams
- 6 The Terrors
- 7 The Stags
- 8 The Foxes

Club Grounds

Which league football clubs play at the following grounds:

- 9 Feethams Ground
- 10 Fratton Park
- 11 Bloomfield Road
- 12 Britannia Stadium
- 13 Victoria Park
- 14 Hampden Park
- 15 Boundary Park
- 16 Glanford Park

Cup Winners

Which football clubs won the following trophies:

- 17 League Cup 1968

- 18 European Cup 1979
- 19 European Cup 1991
- 20 European Cup-Winners Cup 1963
- 21 European Cup Winners Cup 1995
- 22 UEFA Cup 1974
- 23 FA Cup 1978
- 24 Women's FA Cup 2000

The Things They Said

25 Who was George Best talking about when he said "He can't head the ball, tackle or kick with his left foot and doesn't score enough goals"

26 Who said "I reckon we are worth a bet for Euro 2000 along with nations like France and Holland"

27 Which manager said "It's not my fault if Tottenham players can't stand on their feet. Bowyer's tackle was fair, unfortunately he didn't get the ball"

28 Who got booked for a blatant dive in his last game for his country "That was in desperation. I was wanting to do something for my country"

29 Who said "I've been sacked and I don't know why" after losing the League to their great rivals by 21 points.

Records

30 Which team scored 36 goals in a Scottish Cup tie in 1885

31 Who scored the fastest ever goal in the Premier League on 9 December 2000

32 Which team has the longest sequence without a league win in a season

33 Which player scored a post war record 43 goals in the FA Cup

34 Which player scored a record 6 Hat-Tricks in season 1960-61

35 Which player made 1,005 league appearances in a career spanning 1966-1997

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