



# The Goal Crusader

The monthly newsletter of Comberton Crusaders Football Club

## Match of the Month

### Milton 1 Crusaders 5 Under 12s Girls League 3 February 2001 at Milton

Illness and injuries reduced Ross Harnwell's team to only six fit players against Milton's seven plus five substitutes. But what the team lacked in numbers they made up for it in teamwork, footballing skills and above all energy.

Right from the start, Crusaders demonstrated that starting with one player short was not going to disrupt their style of play and within ten minutes took a well deserved lead albeit from an own goal following a low driven corner. Some fine saves from Milton's goalkeeper prevented Crusaders from scoring more. Just before half time Milton equalised as the ball went through a crowded penalty box.

Undeterred the girls began the second half determined to regain the lead. Crusaders' second goal was the result of some excellent

football. In goal for only her second match, Rebecca Tranham rolled the ball out to Natalie Grigg, playing on the right of defence. Her thirty yard pass found Louisa Harnwell wide on the right. Running through the middle was Hannah Wells who on the edge of the penalty box connected with Harnwell's cross. 2-1, the away supporters roared.

At this point the Milton heads seemed to drop and despite having one less player than the opposition, Crusaders kept finding more space and time. Emma Phipps' pass gave Harnwell her first goal of the match which was shortly followed up by a second.

The girls drove forward and Samantha Nash was unlucky to find the target a finely struck left foot shot. Wells' second goal and Crusaders' fifth gave the team a well deserved win against the odds.

**Crusaders:** Tranham, Wells, Nash, Harnwell, Grigg and Phipps

If you have a sister or friend who is in Year 6 or 7 and would like to play football for Comberton Crusaders Under 12s girls team please contact Ross Harnwell on 01223 870357.

### Sports Reporter Competition - win a £25 V.shop voucher

In this month's competition we would like you to write a report (maximum 350 words) on either a game you've played in or a sports event you have watched. Send your entries to Colin Clarkson, Club Secretary, 5 College Crescent, Haslingfield, Cambridge CB3 7LZ or email them to [ed@agena.co.uk](mailto:ed@agena.co.uk) Closing date 23 March. The Goal Crusader competitions are sponsored by Agena Limited

## Chairman's Bit

Another month of waterlogged or frozen pitches has passed us by. It seems that the only pitch which consistently escapes the weather is the Under 8s/9s pitch at Comberton Rec.

Despite the efforts of David Oates - team manager of the Under 10s - our plans to get the Tennis Club to enter into a partnership to develop a joint use facility at Comberton Rec have come to nothing. Short termism won the day over a long term vision of improved facilities at the Rec. The Tennis Club I understand will now be spending around £5,000 of earmarked Parish Council money plus a further £5,000 of their own funds to resurface the existing hardcourts in time for the new season. A good opportunity missed.

On the coaching front the Club is keen to support those who wish to attain recognised qualifications. All mini soccer managers and some coaches have a Junior Team Manager certificate and it is hoped that by the end of this year we will have two coaches with the FA Coaching Certificate. It is our aim to improve the footballing skills of all Crusaders' players by improving the quality of coaching throughout the Club.

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](mailto:ed@agena.co.uk)

Ed Tranham  
Chairman

# Match Reports from the Team Managers

## Under 8s

### Mini Soccer League

#### Comberton Crusaders 4 Bluntisham 3

Saturday 3 February 2001

Team: Duff, Jestice, Willis, Lesniak, Clery, Ferre, Hall, Clare and Martin.  
Scorers: Jestice (2) and Willis (2)

This was our performance of the season and a fantastic result as the first game they beat us 13 - 2, to turn this around and actually beat them was a real achievement. All the players were outstanding and it just shows how much we have improved. If we can repeat this performance I am sure few teams will beat us.

Saturday 7 January 2001  
At Comberton Recreational Ground

Crusaders: Sexton, Berryman, Tranham, Berry, Watson, Reed, Mills, Bowling, Taylor and Hothersall.

Scorers: Berry (3) and Hothersall

A hat-trick from Luke helped keep the boys 100% record intact after a close match. Leading 1-0 after the first 2 thirds the boys found themselves 2-1 down with only a few minutes remaining before scoring three late goals to seal the victory. Laurence added the other goal.

### Mini Soccer League

#### Comberton Crusaders 3 Burwell Tigers 0

Saturday 2 February 2001  
At Comberton Recreational Ground

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

Scorers: Berry, Kendall and an own goal

A match played in heavy conditions saw the boys well on top, but a series of missed chances and good goalkeeping kept the final score to three. A smart finish from John following good work by Dan put the team ahead but they had to wait until the final third to make the game safe with Luke adding to his increasing goal tally

South, Spence-Jones, McNally, Oates, York, Blackmore and Walsh

Scorers: McNally (3) Oates  
This was a great game, our best so far with undefeated Histon taking a 3-0 lead, Comberton fort hard and McNally scored 1 back before Histon Took a 4-1 lead, then Comberton had a strong spell, McNally scoring two more, Histon then started to look unsure of them selves. Comberton dominated the first 15mins of the second half, only for Histon to score on the counter attack 5-3, but Comberton came back again with Oates though from a long ball pass scoring the fourth and then further chances were missed with the Histon bar being struck twice before they took control of the game in the later stages with 2 more goals

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## Under 9s

### Mini Soccer League

#### Willingham Wolves 1 Comberton Crusaders 8

Saturday 23 December 2000  
At Willingham

Crusaders: Reed, Berry, Berryman, Tranham, Watson, French, Mills, Bowling and Kendall

Scorers: Berry (3), French (3), Bowling and Mills

Without a doubt the boys best performance of the season against the strongest team played so far. After a very close first third the boys pulled away playing super football and scoring some great goals. Luke and Robbie both scored hat tricks with Charlie and Gary getting one each

### Mini Soccer League

#### Comberton Crusaders 4 Bar Hill Colts 2

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## Under 10s

### Mini Soccer League

#### Comberton Crusaders 4 Histon Hornets 7

At The Meridian School

Crusaders: Irwin, Player, Rowlands,

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## Under 11s

### Mini Soccer League

#### Melbourn 6 Comberton Crusaders 1

Saturday 13 January 2001  
At Melbourn

Crusaders: Harrison, Finkel, Tranham, Brooke, Hall, Hitch, Marrone, McNally, Hull, Stewart and Moore

Scorer: Moore

For the first fifteen minutes Crusaders played the more positive football and Melbourn were fortunate to score first. Melbourn's second, scored just before halftime, gave the home team a big advantage at the start of the second half. The long Xmas lay-off clearly had an effect on the team's performance. Crusaders' goal towards the end of the match was a well deserved solo effort from Adam Moore who never gave up the fight against a physical defence.

## Under 12s

### Colts League A Division

#### Sawston 6 Comberton Crusaders 0

Sunday 7 January

At Sawston

Crusaders: Swift, Jackson, Clarkson, Thomas, Collins, Cole (Folbigg, 40), Gwynn, Bovington (Williams, 50), Bailey, Wells (Davenport, 50) and Berryman

The effects of a long lay-off were

evident in a lethargic Crusaders performance. The first two scores were perhaps unfortunate - a deflection off a defender and a ricochet via post and keeper - but failure to retain possession allowed Sawston to maintain constant pressure and goals were conceded at regular intervals.

weather of it, coming from behind twice to win a hard fought match 4 goals to 3.

In a hard fought match against **Histon** in the Cup, Comberton lost 9-1. However the team gave a good account of themselves given that Comberton were playing an 'A' league team.

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## Under 16s

In the league match away to **Alconbury**, Comberton made heavy

Comberton under 16s are well placed to get something out of this season, always in the top three and with games in hand over rivals, coming second in the league is not beyond the team's capabilities.

## Head to Head

### Name

Age Group

Position

Town / Village where you live

### Joe Taylor

Under 9s

Forward

Little Eversden

### Lester Hitch

Under 11s

Left Wing

Comberton

### Sport

Favourite Football Team

Favourite Football Player

Favourite Other Sport

Man Utd

David Beckham

Basketball

Leicester City

Guppy, Flowers and Savage

(sounds like a firm of lawyers, ed.)

Annoying my sister

### In Vision

Favourite TV Programme

Favourite TV Star

Favourite Football Commentator

Favourite Computer Game

Diggit

None

None

None

Friends

Will Smith

Andy Gray

Spryo the Dragon

### Vibes

Favourite Band

Last CD Bought

Favourite Instrument

S Club 7

None

Trumpet

Travis

Travis, The Man Who

Guitar

### Movies

Last Film Seen

Best Film Ever Seen

Favourite Actor/Actress

Stuart Little

Inspector Gadget

James Bond

The Haunting

The Haunting

Pierce Brosnan

### Out on the Town

Favourite Food

Favourite Drink

Favourite Town/Place

Pizza

Lemonade

London

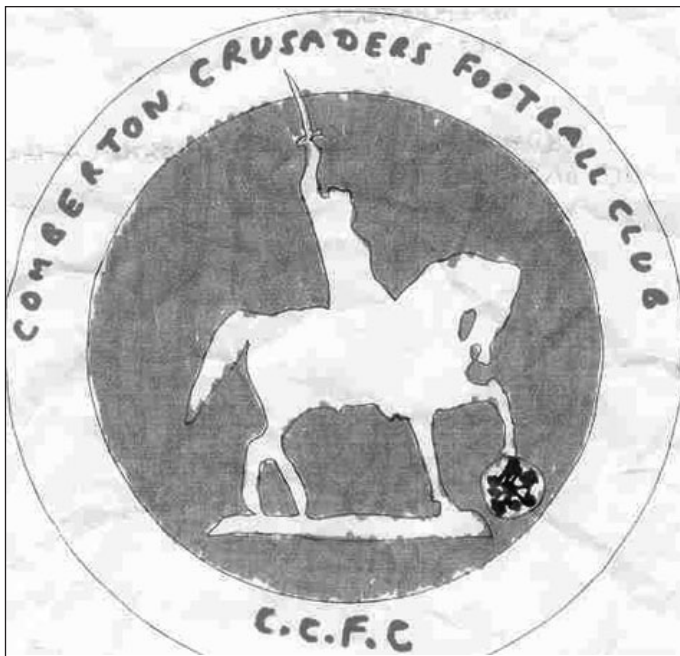
French Fries (aka chips)

Orange Tango

Comberton and Snowdon

## Design a Club Badge

Thank you to everyone who finally entered our competition to design a badge for the Club. The decision by our guest judge was a difficult one but in the end Charlie Thomas chose the entry from Jacob Wells (9 years) whose brother Edward plays for the Under 12s. A £50 V.Shop voucher is on its way to Jacob. We'll now look at getting the badge onto training tops, mugs, club wallpaper etc



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## The Xmas Quiz

The Quiz certainly stumped a number of players and parents and for some probably took up the whole of Xmas day! But nevertheless we do have a winner of the £25 V.Shop voucher – Finlay Clarkson from the Under 12s – who was the only person to get 100%. Congratulations. And for those who struggled and want to know the answers here they are:

1 The Hatters - Luton Town; 2 The Gulls - Torquay United; 3 The Seagulls - Brighton and Hove Albion; 4 The Pirates - Bristol Rovers; 5 The Bantams - Bradford City; 6 The Terrors - Dundee United; 7 The Stags - Mansfield Town; 8 The Foxes - Leicester City; 9 Feethams Ground - Darlington; 10 Fratton Park - Portsmouth; 11 Bloomfield Road - Blackpool; 12 Britannia Stadium - Stoke City; 13 Victoria Park - Hartlepool United; 14 Hampden Park - Queens Park; 15 Boundary Park - Oldham Athletic; 16 Glanford Park - Scunthorpe United; 17 League Cup 1968 - Leeds United; 18 European Cup 1979 - Nottingham Forest (remember them?); 19 European Cup 1991 - Red Star Belgrade; 20 European Cup-Winners Cup 1963 - Tottenham Hotspur; 21 European Cup Winners Cup 1995 - Real Zaragoza; 22 UEFA Cup 1974 - Feyenoord; 23 FA Cup 1978 - Ipswich Town; 24 Women's FA Cup 2000 - Croydon; 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" - David Beckham; 26 Who said "I reckon we are worth a bet for Euro 2000 along with nations like France and Holland" - Kevin Keegan; 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" - David O'Leary; 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" - Alan Shearer; 29 Who said "I've been sacked and I don't know why" after losing the League to their great rivals by 21 points - Kenny Dalglish; 30 Which team scored 36 goals in a Scottish Cup tie in 1885 - Arbroath; 31 Who scored the fastest ever goal in the Premier League on 9 December 2000 - Ledley King; 32 Which team has the longest sequence without a league win in a season - Cambridge United; 33 Which player scored a post war record 43 goals in the FA Cup - Ian Rush; 34 Which player scored a record 6 Hat-Tricks in season 1960-61 - Jimmy Greaves; 35 Which player made 1,005 league appearances in a career spanning 1966-1997 - Peter Shilton.