



SPOTKICK
The newsletter of
Oadby Town Football Club



CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS

A message from your editors

Welcome to your third OTJFC newsletter! The editors are: Dave Austen (he supports Arsenal so don't mention Barcelona) Gary Bradshaw, Neil Sharpe and Andy Lawrence. Our aim is to provide team updates and news about what's happening around the club. If you wish to contribute or have any ideas about the newsletter, please speak to one of the editors or email Neil at neil-sharpe@supanet.com Happy reading!

Did you know?

Did you know that OTJFC has a 'Code of Conduct'? This is a requirement for us to be in the FA Charter Standard scheme and can be found on the web at: www.otjfc.co.uk. Yes, we have a website too! Set up and maintained by

Team News & Updates

Under 10s Reds & Blues

These 2 teams will join forces next season to form an under 11s, team so far having won all of their 11 a side friendlies against some very tough opposition!

Under 9s:

This years Under 9's have been together as a team for 2 seasons, and have consistently improved both as a team and as individual players. Last year, some of the teams we played had quite clearly been together longer - and sometimes it showed. But this last season we've made some great progress, and gained quite a bit of

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Under 9s, 05-06 season



(‘Did you know?’ continued)

Andy, this is a great place to find out more about your club.



Our website!

Watch this space...



OTJFC to have a girls team next season!!!

New clubhouse update

‘They think it’s all over’. Well, it isn’t, not just yet anyway! As you can see, the new clubhouse still has a long way to go but unlike our partner contractors who have modelled their Wembley design on ours we *will* be ready for the FA Cup final (2007!).



Pitches obscured by building contractors..



The real deal...

ground. The boys have been very motivated, have listened, understood and without exception have improved their game. They're getting a bit of a reputation for being a good footballing side, and for not giving much away either which is backed up by their league stats this season:

P12 W11 D1 L0 F72 A5 points 34. They've had a great season. Their hard work has been rewarded with a prestigious friendly against a LCFC Development Centre side where we gained a very credible 3-3 draw. Throughout the season we have had as many as 5 players involved in the LCFC Academy, and Luke Brighty has been given a place in next years Academy side. We wish him all the very best, although we're sorry to see him leave the team. With the League over, we entered several tournaments, reaching the final in both, winning one and losing one - but definitely improving our reputation along the way. Brilliant season! Well done Boys!

Under 9s - New Manager for 2007- Darren Carter

I am very happy to be joining Oadby Town Juniors and have been made very welcome. I am looking forward to managing and coaching next seasons under 9's for their 1st season in the league. The players are very keen and enthusiastic, and can't wait to be playing football on a regular basis. I know we will have a very enjoyable

Dates for your diary **Presentation Nights:**

Knighton and District WMC,
Avenue Road Extension, May
20th U9s, 10s, & 15s
7pm for 7:30pm

Blaby Boys Club, June 3rd
U12s, 13s, 16s & 17s
7pm for 7:30pm

Family fun day @ OTJF club—to celebrate the new clubhouse!
Date TBA

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season, and hopefully a successful one.

Welcome Darren and good luck to the lads next season (Ed.)

Under 15s— New Manager for 2007—Martin Roberts

My name is Martin Roberts. I played for Cosby Utd up to the age of 16 and have some smashing memories of my junior football days before the football 'revolution'. I First got involved in Kids football when my 6 year old lad Elliot, showed interest. The only local club that would take under 7s was Huncote Dynamos so we joined them. I've managed the team from Under 8's through to today (next season's Under 15's). We always held our own in the second bottom division, which considering the lack of facilities and the fact there are so many local teams who draw the better players, it's not that bad. We finished 3rd in our division at Under 10's. Last season however, was a nightmare. After starting 'on fire' we had a couple of heavy defeats and this drained our confidence. It was our worst season ever finishing bottom on goal difference. We started the season with 20 - 22 coming to training and at the end had 13 regulars. The big difference was the physical size and strength of the other teams. Many of the players talked about quitting for other clubs or football altogether so drastic action was needed to keep this smashing bunch of lads together, some of which had been together since they were 8 and 9 years old. Craig mentioned that ours was the only missing age group at Oadby so we discussed with players and parents the prospect of a fresh start and at a club where there was more chance of drawing better players. The decision was unanimous. We will be in the bottom division next season but with the core of my better players and hopefully 5 or 6 new players we should have a decent season. I'll be taking my level one FA coaching badge this summer. I look forward to meeting all the

managers and wish everyone else a successful season. *Welcome Martin—good luck!*

Under 12s

Lee's team got to the Under 12's League Cup Final at Holmes Park on Sunday 14th May, narrowly missing out to Birstall United, losing 1-0, in front of nearly 500 spectators. We were very unlucky to lose having hit every part of the woodwork, our Goal-keeper only getting a couple of touches and totally dominating the second-half, even having a shot cleared off of the line. On the season front - all the boys have played really well throughout - well done!. Apart from a 4 week spell mid season where we suffered from the Tottenham scenario (players unavailable due to illness) we have done well. A big WELL DONE to the 5 boys have been involved in the LCFC Development Squad this season. And Congratulations to Fraser Snowball who has been signed up by the LCFC Academy. A big THANK YOU to all of the parents for all their support and help throughout the season, and special note of thanks to JohnO's Mum (Paula Lockwood) for all her help and support - really appreciated!



U R the Ref!

You have awarded a penalty to the team playing in red. A red player steps up to take the penalty and, rather than shooting for goal, he rolls the ball back to a team mate who, from the outside of the penalty area, unleashes a fierce strike that sends the ball into the net. Do you:

- 1. Disallow the goal as the penalty taker was offside**
- 2. Award an indirect free-kick to the defending team**
- 3. Order the penalty to be retaken as the ball wasn't kicked forwards**



Answer: 2. Law 14 states that the ball must move forwards. If a player taking the penalty fails to do this then what happens depends upon whether the player scores or not. In this case the penalty taker failed to score and so the referee awards an indirect free kick to the defending team.