



Third place for U12s

Our U12 team had a successful campaign in the league finishing in 3rd place an improvement on the previous season.

Since Christmas the girls won 4, drew 1 and lost 3 and were only 5 points behind the 2nd place team Eastbourne Girls. In total the girls scored an incredible 93 goals this season with Katie, Amy, Chloe and Ellie all scoring in double figures, that's only 3 goals less than the team that eventually won the league – Crawley Wasps.

Overall the girls sporting behaviour must also be commended. With the team comprising of a real mix of ages and abilities, team manager Mandi and coach Joe must also be commended for ensuring the team worked as a unit.



Sporting U14s recognised

It's been a real tough season for our oldest age group and massive credit must go to all the players for the efforts they have put in this season. They ended up 6th in their league, winning 5 matches, drawing 2 and scoring a credible 42 goals.

The sporting ethic in the team must be recommended with the girls both facing and occasionally playing with reduced numbers. Against Lewes, the team dropped to 8 as Lewes had a number of players sick. This terrific attitude was duly recognised in the Sussex Express newspaper.

U10s Festival Success

Our youngest age group has had plenty of action since our last newsletter. On 1st February it was off to the Olympios Leisure Centre in Burgess Hill. On goal scoring duty were Niamh (4), Aicha, Hannah and Annika.

During the Easter holiday the girls had two tournaments at the 3G pitch, Brighton University. Despite the weather being either wet or cold, this was a lovely venue for the girls to play at. Scorers at these tournaments were Emily, Niamh, Chloe Annika and Moona. Moona received a Player Award for her efforts and the team also received the Team of the Day award.

What was nice for the girls was playing against new teams including Tunbridge Wells and hopefully this will be repeated at our own tournament in May.



From The Sideline

I do enjoy this part of the season. The league competitions are over and the difficulties they bring (weather etc!) and instead the sun is shining and it's time for the summer festivals.

As already mentioned our own tournament is on the 24th May and we need all parents to help out on the day. This is one of the highlights of the season and we also hope will raise funds for next seasons new team kit.

Talking of volunteers, it looks likely that a couple of our management committee will be stepping down in the summer. I am therefore keen that if anyone has any spare time on their hands (particularly if they are good at administration) to let me know and I can talk to them about the roles that may be available.

By now I'm sure you will have heard that Mandi and I are expecting a baby. This is unexpected but fantastic news; however it will have an impact on both of our commitments for next season. Nici Rice will be taking over the U14s team management from me at the end of the season, whilst Martin will take over the U12s until Mandi hopefully returns in the New Year.

As always, thank you for your support.

The Gooner

Paul Cartwright



Next season

Several parents have already been asking what our plans are for next season, and it's always a difficult one to give a clear answer as we wait to see what new players we recruit during the summer. It is also possible that a new league may also start next season and this may impact on what activities we undertake.

We can confirm the following:

Indoor/midweek training:

A number of the older girls have commented that they find it difficult to train on a Saturday and play on a Sunday. We will therefore have a midweek training session at the Meridian Leisure Centre from October to March next season.

U14s age group

Our oldest age group will move up an age band into the U15s league. Due to Paul's situation (see left) a new manager will take over running the team. Nici Rice has previously managed Brighton Ladies and brings loads of experience to the job. We look forward to welcoming her to the club.

U12s age group

It is difficult to predict what will happen with this age group as it is dependent on player numbers. If the existing players re-sign and we recruit a couple more, we will move the team up to the U13s league. However, a couple of the older players have indicated they may step down in which case we will stay at U12s. Either way we will talk to all parents before a decision is made.

U10s age group

Again it's all down to player numbers and what happens with the U12s team. Either way some of the players will either move up to U12s or form a new U11s team with the remainder staying as U10s.

We want to recruit new players at all ages, so bring your mates along to training and also ensure you return your membership forms once they are sent out in June.



Club Contacts

Management Committee
The Committee is responsible for organising all activities of the club and meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

Honorary President

Angela Banks
Club Chairman
Paul Cartwright
Vice-Chairman
Terry Cox
Club Secretary
Ruth Watson
Club Treasurer
Sarah Mingaye

U14 Parents Rep

Sara Stuart

U12 Parents Rep

Nicky Evans

U10 Parents Rep

TBC

Club Development

Officer

Steve Phythian

Fundraising Officer

Alan Burr

Club Welfare Officer

Steve French

Committee Member

Mark Lea

Coaches

All of our coaching staff and committee members are volunteers. If you are unable to make training or a match – please ensure you text or call the relevant manager as soon as possible.

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Coaches

Paul Cartwright, Joe Letang, Martin Perkins, Steve Phythian

If you have any membership enquiries or know someone who would like to join call

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Diary Dates

Now our league season has come to an end, training moves to a mid-week kickabout. The venue changes to, so keep up-to-date by visiting our website at www.dynamo-gfc.co.uk

Sunday 26th April
U14s Paintballing

Sunday 24th May
3rd Dynamo Tournament
Home ground

Saturday 6th June
Annual Awards Evening
Meridian Centre

Saturday 13th June
U12s Brockham Badgers
Tournament

Sunday 14th June
U14s Brockham Badgers
Tournament

Tuesday 16th June
Annual General Meeting
Telscombe Civic Centre

Sunday 5th July
U12s & U14s Worthing
Town FC Tournament

Picture Competition

Okay, can you come up with a crazier photograph than this one taken at the recent U14s mini festival in Brighton?!!

We are looking for some fab pictures to celebrate a great summer of football, please email your entry to paul@dynamo-gfc.co.uk

There will be a prize for the best one!



Busy months ahead for club

The next couple of months are busy for the club as we head towards the summer festivals.

Our own tournament is on Sunday 24th May and as always it is vital that not only are all the players available for the competition, but their parents are also available to help at what is the busiest event of the year. Last May we had over 40 teams and around 2,000 visitors to the ground, this year we have already had a rise on team entries, so it will be an even busier day! Your team manager will contact you regards your help.

Besides our own tournament we also visit other club events and this year will see us travelling to Brockham Badgers up in Surrey and Worthing Town FC. Keep an eye on the website for more details.

June sees two more important events – on the 6th it's our Annual Awards Evening at the Meridian Centre, Peacehaven and the 16th is the Annual General Meeting – both events are a must attend!

It has also been a busy time for the girls as both the U12 and U14 leagues came to an end. In addition, we have also taken part in a number of Junior Kickers Festivals plus a mini tournament for our U14s where Zoe (above) finally scored her first competitive goal – well done girl!!