



Green light for NK pitches

As you may have seen in the press in recent weeks the future of our base at North Kelvinside has finally been secured. Glasgow City Council has approved plans to fully upgrade the site.

The new arrangement will see a new full size synthetic pitch, four 5-a-side pitches, a MUGA for informal use, a new modern changing facility complete with meeting room and facilities, a fitness suite and a running trail, together with enhanced floodlighting and fencing.

This is fantastic news for both the club and the local community and highlights what can be achieved when local people work together. It is less than 2 years ago that the council was looking to dispose of the site and now we will soon have access to a state of the art facility.

Show Racism the Red Card

The club recently took part in the nation wide Show Racism the Red Card campaign. Adult and Child players alike wore campaign T-shirts on match days throughout the fortnight of action.

The club felt that this was a worthwhile event to get involved in after our Sense Over Sectarianism partnership as an ideal event to promote equality. The club has a number of nationalities and diverse backgrounds that are involved and is happy to provide our support to these players and coaches. We hope to do some more work with SRTRC in future.



Training and Coaching Timetable

MONDAY

No Coaching

TUESDAY

Crosslands AFC Adult teams, Hyndland High School, 6.15pm - 8pm

WEDNESDAY

NKU '96s, NKU '97s, North Kelvinside Pitches, 6pm - 8pm

NKU Ladies,

North Kelvinside Pitches, 6.30pm - 8pm

NKU '98s,

Cleveden High School, 6pm - 7pm

NKU '99s,

Maryhill Community Centre, 6.30pm - 8pm

THURSDAY

Crosslands AFC Adult teams, North Kelvinside Pitches, 6.15pm - 8pm

FRIDAY

Friday Night Youth Football

(12 - 15 yo), North Kelvinside Pitches, 6.15pm - 8pm

SATURDAY

Adult Team Games (various venues)

SUNDAY

NKU Children team games (various venues)
Community Coaching (4 - 11 yo), North Kelvinside Pitches, 11am - 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club is holding a Christmas party for adults on Saturday 15th December. The venue is the balcony of the Crosslands Bar with an 8pm start and a late licence until 1am.

As well as the normal Karaoke shenanigans there will be a raffle and a bottle shoot. If you would like to contribute a raffle prize please contact a committee member who will be happy to take it off your hands.

We would like to encourage all players, coaches and parents to attend as vital funds are raised at these social events, which allow the club to move forward and grow, and all the players from the youngest to the oldest (Scott Gethins) benefit. A good night out is ensured to boot.

Fundraising

The club recently held one of its regular fundraising Race Nights in the Crosslands Bar. The club raised £445 on the night and all who attended had great fun. Unfortunately the Chairman won nothing, as per usual!

NOTE

Each month our roving reporter will interview a member of NGFDG from either the adult's, ladies or kid's team. See the back page for an exclusive insight into one of our many star players

Skipper's Notes

Afternoon Team



ALEX ABERCROMBIE

I think you will all agree it has been a rocky start to the Season, however, definite improvement has been made in the last six weeks. Four wins in six games bares evidence. Special mention must go to big John Gervaise, who's goals have come at the right time.

The first team this year has changed dramatically with an emphasis on youth (Yours truly excluded!!) It is good to see so many new faces in the squad. The squad this year is probably larger than in years gone by and should give us real competition for places soon. Its a young squad but the enthusiasm and willingness to listen and learn is there for all to see, I see no reason why we cannot have a good season if we keep working together as a strong team.

I write these notes before we take on Kilsyth Amateurs in the cup, where hopefully we will put in a good solid performance and get a positive result. It will be difficult for us but by the same token very exciting playing a team from a different league and level. However, we should let this distract us from the league which has to be our main focus.

Finally, as new appointed captain this season, it gives me great pleasure to lead this team, I feel if we stick together and keep working hard, we will have a successful season.

Player's Perspective

by Ciarán Kelly

As a new Crosslands AFC player this season, I had no idea what to expect when I turned up to pre-season training all those weeks ago in June.

Slightly nervous, I wandered around Ruchill Park until I met Dave and Alec proudly wearing their Crosslands AFC coaches t-shirts! I soon realised that there was nothing to worry about, as I found a great group of lads, intent on training hard (and for someone who hadn't played in four years, believe me pre-season was hard), whilst having a bit of banter at the same time (mostly good, excluding Mark Adams' terrible jokes, which must come from the back of Penguin bars) and first class coaching.

What also was extremely apparent was that I wasn't alone in being a newcomer to the club. This was highlighted by the fact that our first pre-season game was played by a squad including only three members of last year's team! Pre-season training was excellent and we took a lot of enthusiasm into our pre-season games.

Inexperience individually and as a team let us down a couple of times during pre-season matches but overall we were encouraged by the performances and results. Next came the league cup, in which we had an extremely tough draw against three strong first division teams (including the league cup holders and league 1 reigning champions!).



Robert Thistle - C

November Results & Tables

Afternoon Team

03/11/07

Third Lanark

2-3 **Win**

Thorburn, Gervaise 2

10/11/07

Busby

3-1 **Win**

Gervaise 2, Smith O'Shea

17/11/07 - West Cup

Kilsyth Amts

5-0 **Lost**

24/11/07 - Challenge Cup

Windlaw

Postponed

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Rolls Royce EK	10	8	2	0	34	15	19	26
Muirend	11	6	2	3	25	17	8	20
Rannoch	12	5	5	2	29	22	7	20
Garnock Valley	8	6	1	1	24	7	17	19
Giffnock Soccer Centre	7	5	1	1	17	7	10	16
Windlaw	9	4	1	4	14	23	-9	13
Moorpark	10	3	2	5	18	28	-10	11
Crosslands	7	3	1	3	14	14	0	10
Alba Th.	9	2	2	5	15	19	-4	8
Renfrew Victoria	8	2	1	5	18	19	-1	7
Orchard Park Mount 'B'	8	2	1	5	14	20	-6	7
Busby Ams	10	2	0	8	17	25	-8	6
Third Lanark Athletic	10	1	3	6	18	40	-22	6

Morning Team

The morning team headed into it's third season and expectation for an improvement on last season was high. With a few changes to the squad, Nicky, Sat and Pat moving to the afternoon, and Davie, Chris and Colin moving into the morning, this was arguably the strongest set of players the morning had seen.

A tough League Cup section ended with one victory and two defeats, resulting in elimination.

With no outstanding team in the league this year, the league is very open, so anything is possible.

With opening fixtures against Parklife and Pursuers, four out of six points, at least, was anticipated. This was undone by two cracking goals, after being one up against Parklife and then Pursuers scoring for a draw with the last kick off the game. This summed up the beginning of the season, controlling games with no reward.

Those results were followed by a 1-0 defeat to a young Strathclyde Uni team, although the referee turning up in his Strathclyde Uni top brought his neutrality into question!

Game four brought our first league victory against Abronhill, followed by another disappointing defeat to Allander, with 2 goals conceded in the last 10 minutes. Defeat 4 came at the hands of Andrew Watt again by the odd goal.

A super 4 - 1 victory against Club Sporting in the GDSML cup was followed by another league defeat this time to newcomers Vale Utd.

Overall, a fairly disappointing start to season, with good performances not getting the rewards, although the fact that 4 of the 5 defeats were by the odd goal show that we aren't too far away from getting our rewards, plus a GDSML last 16 match to look forward to.



Abrorn comes close against Alba Crosslands first victory of the season

We gave a good account of ourselves in these games and they served as a really useful exercise in highlighting areas such as our organisation at set pieces that required further work in training. We creaked and stuttered our way into our league campaign and found ourselves unable to either hold on to or build upon first half leads, which ultimately resulted in some choking defeats.

However with an impressive performance against Alba Thistle and a historic victory in the second round of the West of Scotland Cup, our confidence and self-belief have returned and we are now starting to turn our pre-season potential into performances and results. This weekend (17th November) promises to be our toughest game yet, as we travel to the foothills of the Campsies to take on Kilsyth Amateurs (in the third round of the West of Scotland Cup), a strong team sitting third in the Central Scottish Amateur Football League.

We're confident and ready to cause an upset and most importantly do ourselves, and the club, proud. Come on Crosslands!

Morning Team

27/10/07 - Cup

Club Sporting 4-1 **Win**
Donohoe 2, Callaghan 2

17/11/07

Dean Park 1-1 **Draw**
Callaghan

10/11/07

Vale United 3-6 **Lost**
Gethins (pen), Dawson, Kay

24/11/07

DS Street League 5-0 **Lost**

TEAM	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Vale United	8	7	1	0	44	16	28	22
Andrew Watt	7	6	0	1	22	14	8	18
D.S.Street League	10	5	2	3	32	19	13	17
Abronhill Intrans	9	5	2	2	27	15	12	17
Strathclyde University	8	5	2	1	19	11	8	17
Glenavon Thistle	8	4	4	0	24	14	10	16
Club Sporting AFC	7	4	0	3	21	20	1	12
Pursuers AFC	9	3	2	4	35	23	12	11
Parklife AFC	9	3	2	4	18	25	-7	11
Allandar AFC	8	3	1	4	12	17	-5	10
F.C.Wimbledon	9	1	3	5	22	31	-9	6
Crosslands	8	1	2	5	11	17	-6	5
Deanpark AFC	9	1	1	7	15	38	-23	4
Hamilton Wanderers	9	0	0	9	9	51	-42	0

Insider Interview



Q. How long have you played football at the club?

Since the beginning

Q. Favourite thing about playing at the club?

Sunday morning matches

Q. Favourite Player?

Cristiano Ronaldo

Q. Favourite Team?

Celtic

Q. What is your ambition?

Grow up to be a professional footballer

Looking good for NK '97s

Name

Aidan Williams

Team

North Kelvin Utd '97s

Age

9

Position

Right Midfielder

The North Kelvin United 1997s have just completed their first ten week block of 7 a side games at Glasgow Green, and have just started Block 2 taking us through to February.

We have stepped the training up this year and we feel that the children have benefited from this. We have even managed to secure a few wins!

We had a 2-1 win against Broomhill on 28th October with goals scored by Jason Milligan and Jake Conway. We were fortunate enough the same day to beat South Camlachie 1-0 with a goal scored by Steven Muir, last year's goalkeeper!

On Sunday 4th November the boys performed well against South Camlachie which resulted in a 2-0 win, with both goals scored by Jason Milligan. Keep up the good work Jason!

07/08 Holidays

Sunday Morning Coaching

It is anticipated that the Christmas break for Sunday Morning coaching (4-11 year olds) will mean a last training session of 2007 on Sunday 16th December, with a return in the new year of Sunday 19th January 2008.

Friday Night Football

It is anticipated that the Christmas break for Friday Night football (12-15 year olds) will mean a last training session of 2007 on Friday 14th December, with a return in the new year of Friday 17th January 2008.

Club Vacancies

Fundraising Co-ordinator

Fundraising is a large and very important role within the club structure. Without it we would not have been able to achieve the undoubted success that we have had or increase the size of the club to accommodate new players and teams.

We currently have a vacancy for someone to take on the remit of fundraising coordinator. This job will involve running race nights, sponsorship events, coordinating weekly fundraising activities such as football cards and lottery and approaching business and government for funding.

More information of this role and all the roles above is available from www.ngfdg.co.uk/policies. If you are interested in discussing this position or can help out in any other way please e-mail: info@ngfdg.co.uk or contact Mark Adams on 0777 911 7223.

Youth Team Coaches

We currently require team coaches for both the existing 1996 North Kelvin United team and the proposed 2000 North Kelvin United team. The time commitment required is 2 hours on a Wednesday night for training and 2 hours on a Sunday morning for matches. We are happy to talk to new and experienced coaches as the club coach development plan will provide ongoing coach education and the club coach mentoring system will provide excellent support.

The 1996 team are in their first year as an 11 a side team and have been together for approximately 2 years. The 2000 proposed 7-a-side team will be made up of around a dozen keen and enthusiastic Sunday morning coaching children who are desperate to be part of a team, but until we find them a coach will be unable to. Full funding for this team is in place. e-mail: info@ngfdg.co.uk or contact Mark Adams on 0777 911 7223.