

NKU 1997s

The fantastic Scottish weather has meant that we have now played only 6 or 7 games at 9 a side in preparation of joining the 11 a side league but are pleased to be able to say that we have scored a total of 16 goals! We cant of course say how many we have conceded! We look forward to the 11 a sides starting after Christmas.

To help us on our way, we have recruited a few new boys namely, Gordon Gow, Grant Quigley and Jamie Leonard and attach a bit of info on each of the boys – great to see we have 3 Scotland supporters in our midst!



Player Profile:
GORDON GOW
Favourite Player:
GEORGE BEST
Favourite Team:
SCOTLAND

What you enjoy about being part of North Kelvin United: GETTING TO PLAY FOOTBALL EVERY WEEK



Player Profile:
GRANT QUIGLEY
Favourite Player:
CRISTIANO RONALDO
Favourite Team:
SCOTLAND

What you enjoy about being part of North Kelvin United: ENJOY THE WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS
Ambition: TO BE A FOOTBALLER



Player Profile:
JAMIE LEONARD
Favourite Player:
WESLEY SNEIDER
Favourite Team:
SCOTLAND

What you enjoy about being part of North Kelvin United: PLAYING FOOTBALL ON A WEEKLY BASIS
Ambition: TO BE A FOOTBALLER

NKU 1998s - Carl Sommerville

AFTER a few early teething problems the 98's team is finally properly up and running. Dughall and I stepped into the job of coaching the 98's this summer. We turned up for our first training session and found a group of enthusiastic kids all hungry to play football. However, we did not have enough players to enter a league.

Decisive action was needed to recruit more players. So we started; 'stealing' players of other teams (such as our eccentric 'keeper Darren), contacting parents and simply got the word spread and got existing players to bring their friends. Numbers began to grow as the weeks went on and it was decided to enter the team in a league.

Further training sessions on Wednesdays and two friendly games against the NKU 99s team were used as preparation. And we played our first two league games on Saturday 1 November and despite some very impressive performances we lost both games to some good opposition (5-1 and 3-0 two defeats for football). Despite this disappointment there is one clear positive. There is only one direction we can go.

NKU 1999s - Sat Uppal

NORTH Kelvin Utd 99's season didn't start well, which was evidently down to not training on a regular basis. Once we got training as a regular event for these youngsters we saw dramatic improvements. We began to observe the characters in the boys which helped us to mould a team together.

These are some of our young apprentices - Thomas Toland as the captain leading from the back who manages to make some incredible tackles at times, Ross Hutchinson controlling the middle with the help of some speedy dribblers Jason Patterson and Louis Fisher. Reegan Shearer who is our fierce left footed top goal scorer in consecutive seasons and with some recent additions Talwinder Uppal the goalkeeper who pulls off some great saves. Cameron Wylie and Sean Halpin who are the biggest boys in the team and are not afraid of firing shots from a distance. The boys are settled into their Saturday games and are coming away with good results which please the coaches, keep up the good work guys.

NKU 2000s - 'Paddy' Smith O'shea

WHEN I left for the summer at the end of May it was fantastic to see the 2000s I'd got to know at Sunday coaching up and running as a team and doing well. Upon my return at the start of September it was even better to see that they'd improved and developed as both players and characters and kept hold of a great team spirit with a couple of new faces, namely Josh and Lewis W. The team has established themselves as one of the stronger sides in the EDSSA 2000s games at the Science Park on Saturday mornings, winning the majority of our games and gaining a reputation for playing good passing football.

Myself and fellow coach David Findlay are always looking to improve the team and develop the players in coaching so, along with the enthusiasm of all the kids and great support of the parents, there's no reason why we shouldn't keep improving. So lets keep working hard and enjoying ourselves!

NKU 2001

THE club intend to follow the good example of the current NKU 2000 team by similarly starting to recruit both players and coaches in early 2009 for entry into the Soccer Sevens set up next summer. The plan is to start identifying players and coaches in January or February so that the children are well prepared and coached before stepping out to play games.

If you have children or relatives born in 2001 please notify the club of your interest by emailing info@ngfdg.co.uk or text 0777 911 7223. Likewise, if you are interested in joining the coaching team for the 2001's please get in touch. No coaches' means no team! We look forward to hearing from you.



Charitable Status

NGFDG has initialised the process of applying to become a registered charity.

Since starting in May 2005 we have grown to the extent that we now have over 130 members with 7 teams and 26 qualified coaches.

However, continuing to provide good quality facilities, equipment and kit for such a large group is not cheap – especially when we want to keep the costs for individual members as affordable as possible.

Up until now we have been very successful in raising funds within NGFDG (e.g. through sponsored events, weekly lottery) and have also managed to attract external funding for some of our activities (e.g. Sense Over Sectarianism, BT Community Champions, Show Racism the Red Card).

But there is a limit on our access to external funding as there are many sources which can only give financial support to charitable bodies. Consequently there are certain things which we have been unable to achieve.

By becoming a registered charity we will be able to:

- tap those funding sources (e.g. charitable foundations) which can only give financial support to charitable bodies
- receive donations from companies which can claim tax relief under the Gift Aid scheme for gifts of money to charities
- maximise the financial return from donations from individual donors through Gift Aid or Payroll Giving

This is a very important step for us all as it opens up whole new opportunities and potential funding for the ongoing development and strengthening of NGFDG and hopefully we will start to see the practical benefits of this in the not too distant future.

Coaching & Training Timetable

MONDAY	No Coaching	
TUESDAY	Crosslands AFC (Adult teams)	Hyndland High School, 6.15pm – 8pm
	NKU '97s,	NK Pitches 6-7pm
WEDNESDAY	NKU '2000s,	NK Pitches/Maryhill Com. Centre, 6pm-7.30pm
	NKU '98s,	Cleveden High School, 5.45pm – 7pm
	NKU '99s,	John Paul Academy, 6pm – 8pm
THURSDAY	Crosslands AFC (Adult teams)	NK Pitches, 6.15pm – 8pm
	NKU '97s,	Firhill Complex, 6.30-7.30pm
FRIDAY	No Coaching	
SATURDAY	Adult Team Games	Various venues
	NKU Children team games	Various venues
SUNDAY	Community Coaching	(4 - 11 yo), NK Pitches, 11am - 12.30pm

CLUB LOTTERY

Since the Lottery started again in August, we have had 2 lucky winners matching 3 numbers. Chris Campbell, one of our longest serving players has had the 2nd highest win this year, pocketing £550 and new player Chris Patrick has just won a cool £600!

The funds generated by the Lottery are really important. Without this fund-raising, it would be impossible to meet all our club commitments. Thanks for all your support. We would be grateful if everyone would make a concerted effort to get as many of their friends and family supporting the Lottery as is possible, the more money raised means a potential bigger jackpot!

If you have any ideas of other fund raising activities the club could potentially get involved in please submit your ideas to info@crosslandsafc.co.uk

XMAS NIGHT OUT

It's Party time again! The Club Christmas Party will be held upstairs in the **CROSSLANDS BAR** on **Saturday 6th December: 8pm** start. Tickets will cost £2 and are available from John Burns directly. Remember your ticket on the night with your name written on it. There are going to be some excellent raffle prizes available.

All donations welcome, if you can obtain a raffle prize from your work or a rich relative please forward it to John Burns or Mark Adams before the event.

Everyone is welcome, come along and have fun!

Afternoon Team



CRAIG GILFILLAN

I have asked to do Skipper's notes for this edition as Alec has been injured (yes, its that time of year again) and busy at work, i.e. making tea and over charging people.

It has been a good start for us this year as yet again we have recruited a lot of new players and young guys at that (apart from big Craig Pinnons). The last couple of games have been disappointing to us as we have dropped a couple of points which we all know we should not have!

However, we feel that we are a really good team this season, not just on the park but off of it too as the moral is good and I know we will be successful come the end of season. We have been playing some nice football, which shows me that we are going in the right direction.

Colin (Broadfoot) Dobbie has had a hair cut which must have taken the barber all week and yours truly is still top goal scorer playing at sweeper. I will leave you with message "on wards and up wards, 'mon' the Crosslands I'm off to practice my goal celebrations! Cheers. Your Vice-Captain and top goal scorer! Craig Gilfillan

Chairman's View

WITH Christmas fast approaching we suddenly realise how far we are into the new season. It seems like it was only a couple of weeks ago that I was pounding up and down the big hill at Ruchill Park in pre season training!

This has been the wettest early season I can remember and as many people are quick to point out I have been playing football for a long time and my memory may not be so good now in my advanced state of years! But never before, have so many games been called off so early into a new season. That said between both Crosslands AFC adult teams and all 4 North Kelvin Utd kids teams, a lot of training sessions have taken place and a lot of games have been played.

We are regularly turning out over 100 players a week to games and training sessions at a variety of venues (see coaching timetable at www.ngfdg.co.uk/Coaching.htm) and the continued participation and enjoyment of the players is testimony to the hard work put in by the committee, the coaches and the players themselves who get out in all weathers to take part.

The club has worked hard to improve the quality of both coaching and



A View From Abroad

by Ciarán Kelly

HELLO from Siem Reap, Cambodia! Ciaran from the afternoon team here, on a year's travelling in Asia, New Zealand, Oz and Africa.

Mark asked me to write a view from abroad and I was going to fill this piece with stories of how I was enjoying the idyllic, paradise beach life of Malaysia, the partying in Thailand and lying on an inner tractor tube sipping the odd BeerLao or two floating on a jungle river in Laos and then compare it to running around the NK pitches on a wet, dreary, freezing cold Thursday night in Glasgow.

But I resisted the urge (almost)! It's been an amazing three months so far, but I have to admit there have been a couple of moments where I've missed kicking a ball (obviously without any skill or accuracy as anyone on the afternoon team or Sunday coaching can tell you!). So I've logged on the Crosslands website a couple of times to check how the teams are doing.

After a tough league cup start to the season, the afternoon team seem to be doing well in the league. I've heard Big Amo's dumped me for his new centre-half buddy Andy and that I might have to employ a sniper in pre-season to get back in the team next year. I've even heard a rumour that Craigy actually scored a few (after learning how to take a peno from me last season, cough cough...).

Great stuff lads, keep it going! Myself and Lisa take on the Cambodian border mafia soon, to try and get back into Thailand. Wish the Cambodians luck!!

facilities, which is a constant struggle, and will continue to be so until the North Kelvin side pitch upgrade finally takes place, and as part of this process we embarked on a partnership with Football Development at CS Glasgow and the Scottish Football Association to take part in the Quality Mark process (details available at www.footballcentral.org).

On the 8th October myself and group treasurer Paul Tyler were invited along to Hampden Park with other likeminded clubs, to be awarded the Standard Quality Mark Accreditation which was achieved as a result of lots of hard work and will help us to develop the club going forward in the best possible fashion. It provides us with access to coaching development, and support in areas of 1st aid training and access to facilities and other resources.

So, onwards and upwards, we are now an SFA Quality Mark club, we have a strong base of players and coaches and although the date has slipped we are still optimistic that we will have an upgraded facility in the near future. We are in a strong position and all we ask is that you recognise that this does not all happen by itself, so please take the time to support the club in any way you can, even if its simply by offering a raffle prize for the Xmas party or helping to run players to games.

And most of all, please support the coaches as without them giving up their time with such enthusiasm there would be no teams and there would be no games, well done guys, enjoy your football!

General News

Sunday Morning Coaching (4 – 11years)

HEAD Sunday Coach Scott McKinnon is on duty every Sunday morning to answer any questions and welcome any new children who wish to get involved. Coaching sessions start at 11am and go on until 12.30pm. 50p and enthusiasm is all that's required of the youngsters who wish to come along.

NK Pitches Latest News

AS you may have noticed the scheduled upgrade of the NK Pitches in October has not yet began, the official word from Glasgow City Council is that the timescales have been adjusted to target a start of work in April 2009 with a targeted completion date of January 2010, although they have warned that this date may slide due to the upgrade being financed by the sale of the Clouston Street pitches to New City Vision Homes and the legalities around this sale have not yet been completed. So, hopefully before too much longer the work will get started to get this vitally required upgrade underway. The current state of the pitches is very poor as only the minimum amount of maintenance is being carried out and vandalism continues to be a problem. We look forward to next April.

A Birthday Treat

ANDREW Barratt got an early birthday present by being asked to carry the flag for Rangers at Ibrox before the Rangers v Dundee United game. Andrew got a photo with his favourite Rangers player!



Morning Team

Well, another season in the GDSML Morning league began with what could only be described as indifferent, and this has also how the season has started.

The traditional League Cup fixtures at the beginning saw us pitted against Baillieston Thistle (double winners last season), FC Wimbledon and Allander. Two score draws against Allander and Wimbledon saw us, disappointingly eliminated early from the cup.

The disappointing form continued into the beginning of the league campaign with two away games resulting in two defeats, eight goals conceded and none scored. The next game, also away resulted in our first league goal of the season, but again we were to succumb to a late goal against a very decent Scotsman AFC.

The Morning teams first foray into the Scottish Cup was up next and a home tie against Darvel from Ayrshire. A keenly contested and fairly even match ended in a 1-1 draw with yours truly scoring from a wind assisted kick while playing in goals! The replay saw us travel to Ayrshire where we were comprehensively knocked out of the cup 5-0.

A couple of weeks break due to the weather gave a chance to refocus, and our first win of the season duly arrived, a thumping 5-1 victory over league new boys' Bishopton with Alec Kay and John McMILLAN grabbing a brace apiece.