



U10's TIGERS NEWSLETTER
Season 2007/2008



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Welcome to the 2nd Leigh Rockets U10's Tigers monthly newsletter, brought to you by your editor Lawrence Harp.

Match 5 VS Catholic United Pumas
Captain: Ben

Lost 2 : 1
Goal Scorer - Sonny

It was a foggy start and we thought we might not be able to see the opponent's goal, but just before kick off it cleared. In the first 10 minutes we were faced with a good opposition who left their goal scorer up front and put us under pressure at every opportunity. However, we defended well and remained strong at the back, then we started to put some good moves together, finally resulting in an excellently worked passing move and a great goal by Sonny. Unfortunately, soon after, the Pumas broke free and managed to slip the ball between our defenders and into the left hand corner. In the 2nd half we played well again and despite having some good attempts on goal they were well saved by their goal keeper and the woodwork. Near to the end the Pumas were rewarded by their determination and scored again. It was a great game by both teams and everyone deserved the applause of the watching supporters.

Match 6 VS Hawkwell Athletic Leopards
Captain: Tom Gibson

Lost 6 : 1
Goal Scorer - Lawrence

Best team we have played so far. Their forwards ripped us apart in the first 15 minutes resulting in 3 very good early goals and a further 2 own goals forced by their pressure on us. So although being 5:0 at half time, all of the boys had ran their selves ragged trying to defend and never let their heads drop. 2nd half - Hawkwell started strongly again and soon got another goal. But as the game progressed our defenders managed to clear their lines more effectively and we saw some good interplay by the midfield and number of breaks with some near misses and good positional saves by their keeper. Finally and well deserved, we put everything into the last 5 minutes and exposed their defence again. We surged forward and Lawrence managed to slot the ball past their keeper low into the corner of the net. A tough learning experience for all of us, but next time we are confident that if we start the first half as we finished the 2nd the result should be totally different.

Match 7 VS Ashingdon Youth Pumas
Captain: George

Won 3 : 1
Goal Scorers – Sonny 2, Lawrence 1

After last weeks big loss we were determined to get a better result for our hard work. We decided to start with 3 at the back and the first half started well with us stopping their fast forward from penetrating by some great blocks and clearing our lines really well. This gave the midfield/attackers chances to pass the ball and run off into space, putting their backs under pressure very quickly. We made some good chances and after 15 minutes there was a goal mouth scramble and Sonny passed it into the corner of their goal. Then Ashingdon were awarded a questionable penalty when the ball struck one of our defenders arms. But Nico who played well all match made a fantastic save down to his left-hand side (just like Robert Green).



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We kept up the same effort and just before halftime Sonny ran 'one on one' against the keeper and slotted it around him. After halftime Ashingdon started well and put us on our back-foot, they had a break and a powerful shot from the edge of the box found itself in our net. We re-grouped and kept strong and again made some good passing moves and really put their defense under pressure. It was only a matter of time and finally Sonny passed to Lawrence who ran towards the goal and struck it sweetly into the net beyond their keeper. We then saw the game out to a well deserved victory. A great reward for everyone's effort and commitment.

Match 8 - Cup Match VS Beech United Lions
Captain: Lex

Lost 2 : 1
Goal Scorer – Lawrence

We expected a hard game from Beech who have won all but 2 matches so far this season. They are a big team and had 2 fast forwards which were a handful from the start. We adopted our 3:3 formation that worked well last week, but soon their strikers had scored 2 long distance shots which evaded our defenders. We remained under pressure for sometime but we stayed strong, putting in some brave blocks when it mattered and Nico came out quickly and made a great save. Towards the end of the 1st half we made some breaks and almost scored twice. We could see they may be vulnerable if we kept our shape and moved ball up the pitch a bit quicker.

The second half started well for us and we soon started to put some pressure on Beech and they started to look ordinary. After we defended a corner well, we counter attacked and Sonny ran forward on the left and managed to cross the ball precisely for Lawrence to finish it off. We now had great belief we could snatch the equaliser but despite 3 more great chances it was not to be and the final whistle blew. At the end Beech realised we were no push over – they will need to look out when we play them in the next league match! – look on the positive side though – this means we get a rest on a couple of Sundays and everyone can have lay-in and recharge their batteries.

WELL DONE THE WHOLE TEAM ! YOU ALL CONTINUE TO DO YOURSELVES PROUD

Parents - Important Dates for your 2008 diaries:

Boys Tournament – It is currently proposed for the boys tournament to take place on 12th and 13th July 2008.

Presentation Day – this at the moment will be 30th June, to be confirmed.

Registration Day 2008/2009 season – this at the moment will be 6th July 2008, to be confirmed.

THAT'S IT FOR NOW, KEEP YOU EYES PEELED FOR THE NEXT ISSUE !

Lawrence