

REP FOOTBALL V. SOUTHEND UTD. & IPSWICH TOWN



From Left to Right: Jordan Somers, Chris Steinburg, Luke Taylor and Luke Damrill, all of Brentwood Athletic F.C.

Christmas and New Year brought with it a glut of rain, snow and general misery for amateur football clubs. Whether carpeted with cold white stuff or a foot under water, most grass pitches in Essex have been more suited to fishing and snow-holing than playing football!

Fortunately the weather cleared up in time for two of the Rep. Team's prestige friendlies held in late January / early February. The first of these games was played under floodlights against

Southend Utd. on Thursday 27th January at the impressive Basildon Bowl pitch in Gloucester Park, Basildon. In the first half the lack of football played over the previous two months was evident as EBGC conceded in the first five minutes to a soft goal resulting from confusion amongst the defence as they attempted to spring the offside trap.

However after the initial shock of conceding so early the boys soon settled down and began to string some passes together. Despite a period of exceptional play from EBGC they still could not find the back of the net and were guilty of a couple of glaring misses. Southend however were slightly more ruthless in front of goal and a penalty as well as a goal that looked suspiciously offside-meant they went in at the break 3-0 up.

In the second half signs of intelligent play and exceptional work rate were encouraging. EBGC conceded just one goal as fitness began to tell in the latter stages, with the match finishing 4-0.

Next up was the Ipswich Town match played at their state of the art training facilities on Playford Road. With a lot of new faces in the team EBGC started very well, defending stoutly and keeping the ball well in midfield. Ipswich took the lead after about 15 minutes with a superbly struck free-kick from the edge of the box. EBGC worked incredibly hard to break down the Ipswich team but it was difficult not to marvel at the regimental discipline displayed by the home side as they broke down play and counter-attacked quickly and effectively. At half-time the score was 3-0 to Ipswich. However EBGC continued to give them a run for their money, closing down in all areas of the pitch and defending stubbornly. EBGC were incredibly unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions on the break, however as the lads tired Ipswich began to take control.

Despite the final score of 6-0, the players can be extremely proud of their efforts. Opportunities to play against sides like Ipswich Town and Southend Utd. are unique and it was evident from their performance that all the players appreciated this. The most important thing to take from the day was the experience, and judging by the reactions and sportsmanship both on and off the pitch, this was the case.

EDITORIAL

The early months of the New Year have been hectic as far as football is concerned with 5-a-sides and the representative fixtures now in full flow. The Young Leaders course started with their first successful residential in the Lake District. These youngsters will be the youth leaders of tomorrow and proved to be great ambassadors for their clubs. Scuba diving and the International exchange with the USA are just two of a range of exciting opportunities also available to club members this year.

Finally we are pleased to announce that, in conjunction with the Jack Petchey Foundation and the George Williams YMCA College, we will be embarking on a programme to raise the standard of youth work in our clubs. Initially a pilot will run in clubs in West Essex and East London. The clubs will be supported, monitored and encouraged to develop opportunities over a year. Financial incentives will be offered to those making particular progress and their senior members and leaders will have an opportunity to embark on an international exchange. If the pilot is successful then it can be implemented across the entire Jack Petchey operating area.

As always I look forward to seeing you at an event in the near future.

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EBGC CROSS COUNTRY

On a wet and muddy Saturday January 15th 2011, some 60 plus runners across four age groups arrived at Stubbers for the EBGC Cross Country Championships, incorporating the Boxing Challenge. The teams included *Linford Wanderers F.C., Centurions A.B.C., Chelmsford A.B.C., Woodham Radars F.C. and Brentwood Youth A.B.C.* A big thank you to all runners, adult leaders and helpers who took part on the day.

U11 – Boys Result:

1st - George Small (*Woodham Radars*)
 2nd - Jake Fraser (*Centurions*)
 3rd - Ollie Mitchell (*Brentwood Youth*)

U11 – Girls Result:

1st - Katelyn Martin (*Centurions*)

U13 – Boys Result:

1st - George Williamson (*Brentwood Youth*)
 2nd - Zach Kiloran (*Brentwood Youth*)
 3rd - Bill Chandler (*Brentwood Youth*)

U13 – Girls Result:

1st - Elle Griffen (*Centurions*)
 2nd - Lorac Smith (*Linford Wanderers*)
 3rd - Amy Springham (*Linford Wanderers*)

U15 – Boys Result:

1st - Stephen Green (*Centurions*)
 2nd - Luke Burton (*Linford Wanderers*)
 3rd - Caleb Edwards (*Centurions*)

U15 – Girls Result:

1st - Ellie Byrne (*Linford Wanderers*)
 2nd - Francessa Kiloran (*Brentwood*)
 3rd - Lauren Springham (*Linford Wanderers*)

U17 – Boys Result:

1st - Lewis King (*Linford Wanderers*)
 2nd - Jake Harrison (*Brentwood Youth*) 3rd - Nick Williams (*Centurions A.B.C.*)

Team results:

U11 *Woodham Radars*
U13 *Brentwood Youth A.B.C.*
U15 *Centurions A.B.C.*
U17 *Brentwood Youth A.B.C.*

Boxing Challenge & Overall Winners:

Brentwood Youth A.B.C.

FIT FOR ACTION CHALLENGE

Over January and February twenty clubs took part in the EBGC Fit For Action competition. The FFA programme tests fitness through a variety of tests such as lung capacity and sit-ups and press-ups. Well done to all those who took part and congratulations to *Out There Club* who won the challenge and have been crowned the fittest club in Essex!

Results: 1st - *Out There Club*
 2nd - *Colne Valley ATC*
 3rd - *The Hut*

EBGC U12 / U14 / U16 5 A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

On 30th December 2010 the EBGC U12 & U14 5 a-side competition was held at Riverside Ice and Leisure in Chelmsford. Teams from *Maldon & Tiptree Youth FC, St. Cedds, Crown & Manor, Woodham Radars, Ashingdon Youth FC, Wickford Town FC, Springfield* and *Island Boys & Girls FC* took part in the competition.

In the U12 competition *Maldon & Tiptree Youth* triumphed on the day with a convincing victory over *Woodham Radars Jets* in the final. The team was made up of George Longhurst, Ben Foster, Jordan Green, Thomas Harrison, Daniel Seavers, Matthew Harrison, Jack Plumb and Charlie Kent.



U12 Winners: Maldon & Tiptree Youth FC

Meanwhile in the U14 tournament the top two teams from Pool 'A' and Pool 'B' went into a semi-final. *Springfield* played *Wickford A* in a fiercely contested match, which *Springfield* eventually won 3-1. In the other semi *Crown & Manor* recorded a convincing win over *St. Cedd's* to set up a North London derby between the two rival London clubs.

Crown & Manor emerged comfortable winners in the tie after a classy performance. Congratulations to Charlie and Daniel Taylor, Zoma Tulu, Mehmet Guneyesu, Enrique McCorkle, Berkcan Belindie and Chris John of *Crown & Manor*.



U14 Winners: Crown & Manor

The U16 5 a-sides went ahead at the same venue at the later date of 12th February 2011. Teams from *Woodham Radars, Island Boys & Girls FC, Springfield* and *Basildon Boys FC*

competed in a league. The competition was extremely close with many of the teams evenly matched.

With *Woodham Radars Stars 'A'* and *Island Boys FC* finishing first and second in the league respectively the final was a close match up between the two sides.

In the end it was *Woodham Radars Stars 'A'* who ended up winning, just edging *Island Boys & Girls FC* 2-1 in a thrilling final. Congratulations to Jack Avis, Oliver Belgrave, Matthew Chester, Andrew Elliott and Nathan Naylor. Thanks to all volunteers and referees that helped across the two events and also to the team managers for their support.



U16 Winners: Woodham Radars Stars 'A'

FUNDING CORNER

1) **UnLtd Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs** have launched new funding for young people aged between 11 and 21. Live UnLtd provide financial support to young individuals who want to change the world in a positive way.

The awards range from £500 to £2,000. All awards are made to individuals and informal groups. They must be led by young people. For applications, go to www.liveunltd.com.

2) **The Daily Telegraph in partnership with RBS** have launched a new grants programme to support community and amateur sports clubs. Clubs will be able to apply for £1,000 Amateur Sports Clubs Grant Packages. To apply clubs must submit an application online at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur/8281316/A-1000-amateur-sports-club-grant-could-be-yours.html>

3) The Variety Club has funding available which if not used will not be available again. For info and applications contact Sue Pell at the EBGC office before the end of March.

BRENTWOOD BOXERS A BIG HIT WITH WEEKEND SHOPPERS

CLUB CORNER



Brentwood Youth A.B.C. celebrate their victory in the Essex Boys and Girls Clubs Cross Country Challenge.

There was excitement in store for shoppers in Chelmsford recently when Brentwood Youth ABC set up a full-sized boxing ring in front of High Street stores and invited passers-by to give the sport a try.

The club treated shoppers in High Chelmer to a display of their skills, and they were able to lace up a pair of gloves and give boxing a go with some of the Brentwood coaches.

An international match was projected onto a big screen to give over 160 armchair judges a chance to have a go at scoring a bout for themselves, and Boxfituk.com donated pairs of gloves and skipping ropes as prizes. Participants were given a quick demonstration of how to use clickers to keep score, and scoring blows were explained for the uninitiated.



Brentwood Youth A.B.C. Boxers show off their wares in the crowded High Chelmer Shopping Centre

The Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford turned up to show their support and meet the young boxers, and even donned a pair of gloves themselves. Mayor Councillor Arnott presented Brentwood Youth ABC with the Essex Boys and Girls Clubs Cross-Country

Boxing Challenge Trophy that they won at the start of the year, running against other clubs in Essex.

Councillor Arnott said: "I am really behind boxing as a sport. It gives young people an opportunity to channel aggression and hyperactivity, while at the same time giving them goals to aim for and a great way to get fit."



The Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford with young boxers from Brentwood Youth A.B.C.

Essex Boxing Development Officer Afsheen Panjalizadeh said: "Bringing boxing to the high street was a brilliant idea and generated a lot of interest from people who might never have considered the sport before. People were drawn in by the sounds of gloves on pads and crowds started to gather around the ring area. Lots of people signed up for more information about local clubs, and two schools requested lessons. A local scouts group and a hockey club are now planning to hold boxing sessions.

Overall the weekend event was a great success in raising the profile of boxing and opening a window of opportunity. The event would not have been possible without the help of some great volunteers. Special thanks go to Peter Hardy, Ashley Goulden, James Lisher, Dave Cargill, all at Brentwood Youth ABC and also to High Chelmer shopping centre for giving us the opportunity to give people an idea of what amateur boxing is all about."



C.S. Officers try their hand at scoring a boxing match.

Former Frenford member gets call up to World Cup Squad!

Ravi Bopara has earned a call up to the England Cricket team for the World Cup due to be played in India this Easter. Bopara will replace the prolific Eoin Morgan, who has had to withdraw from the squad due to a broken finger.

Ravinder Singh Bopara joined Frenford Club in 1995; "Frenford had a great influence on my life, and taught me to be more responsible. I was lucky to be given the opportunity to learn cricket and improve my skills using the clubs facilities."

Ravi played for the Essex Boys and Girls Clubs Representative Cricket team across the 1998 and 1999 seasons, his highlight being a knock of 77 against Billericay Cricket Club on the 1st September 1999, a game that EBGC won by 40 runs.

Ravi made his first class debut for Essex in May 2002 and by 2003 he was a regular in the England U19 team. His first first-class century came in the 2005 season, during which he scored 880 first-class runs.



Bopara goes on the attack in his 52 from 53 balls against Sri Lanka in the 2007 World Cup.

This will be Ravi's second World Cup tournament after playing an important part in the 2007 competition, breaking the ODI records for the highest 5th wicket partnership and the highest 8th wicket partnership. His 52 from 53 balls against Sri Lanka brought England to within 3 runs of winning but it was not to be as he was bowled from the last ball of the game.

The call up is a chance for Ravi to show what he is capable of after a stuttering England career so far. He has the support of everyone at EBGC and we are confident that he will embrace this chance to showcase his considerable talent.

EBGC YOUNG LEADERS WEEKEND

On Friday 11th February 2011 eleven young people from *St Stephens Youth Club, Loughton Youth Project, Wivenhoe Youth Club, Chelmsford Boys Clubs* and *1163 Squadron Air Training Corps* travelled up to the High Row Centre in the Lake District for the second part of their Young Leaders course.



Kayleigh taking part in a leadership exercise

Having previously completed a training weekend at Stubbers, and then placements back at their clubs, this was the final weekend of the course. Over the weekend the young people practiced and reinforced some of the fundamental areas of leadership; such as developing their communication and leadership styles.

The young people took part in a range of activities during their stay, from devising a new tourist attraction for the Lake District, to guiding each other blind folded through a stream! On the Saturday the young people all managed to reach the summit of Skiddaw, one of the highest mountains in the Lake District.

A big well done to Ryan, Taylor, Kayleigh, Ellie, Mark, Sophie, Chloe, Sam, Dan, Lauren and Julie for all their efforts and also to Chris for helping out over the weekend! Another young leaders course is planned towards the end of the year. Contact David or Jamie at the EBGC office if you have any interest at your club.



The stream walk... Blindfolded!

UPCOMING EVENTS

UI2 / UI4 REGIONAL POOL
(26 & 28 FEB & 19 MAR 2011)

NORTH ESSEX RD: (£3)

Date: Sat 26th Feb, 10am-2pm

Venue: Thaxted Y.C.

MID ESSEX RD: (£3)

Date: Sat 26th Feb, 10am-2pm

Venue: Chelmsford Boys Club

SOUTH ESSEX RD: (£3)

Date: Mon 28th Feb, 6.30-9.30pm

Venue: Frenford Club, Ilford

FINAL:

Date: Sat 19th Mar, 10am-2pm

Venue: Rivermead Pool & Snooker Club, Chelmsford

UI3 KWIK CRICKET

(12 MAR 2011)

Venue: Eversley Leisure Centre, Pitsea, Basildon

Meet: Report: 11.30am
Competition: 12pm-5pm

Cost: £20 per team

Age: U13 (on 1st Sept 2010)

Team: Maximum 7 players per team

ROCK 'N' ROLL MUSICAL NEEDS SONGWRITER

'**Dreamboats And Petticoats**' has launched a competition offering budding songwriters the chance to write a new song to be featured in the rock 'n' roll musical.

The winner's song will not only feature nightly in the show but will be included as a bonus track on the show's soundtrack when it is released in November by Universal Music. Brian Berg, creator of the show, said: "We've had so many stars from the era that have seen the show; we thought we would launch a real-life song-writing competition and get them to judge it. We're looking for the next rock 'n' roll sensation – it's a dream opportunity for any aspiring songwriters. Is there anyone out there that can give us the next Rock Around The Clock? We'll let our panel decide!"

To enter submit an original MP3 track at www.dreamboatsandpetticoats.com by 31 March 2011. Entrants must be 18+.

CYP ANNOUNCE NEW INSURANCE PARTNERS

Clubs for Young People have recently informed EBGC that they have awarded the contract for their Insurance Scheme to Lockton LLP as the only approved broker. They will shortly be contacting clubs who were covered by the previous scheme with Watson Laurie regarding renewals.

Clubs that wish to have further Information regarding the scheme should contact Ron at the EBGC office on 01245 264783.

EVENT INFORMATION

For more information on any of our events and activities then please email:

charlie@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

A sample of some of our upcoming events is show in the next column, however for a more extensive list of events please go to: <http://essexboysandgirlsclubs.org/events.html>

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REP CRICKET TRIAL

(26 MAR 2011)

Venue: Frenford Club, Ilford, IG1 3PS

Time: 4pm-6pm

Cost: Free

Age: U12 & U14 on 1st Sept 2010

EASTER CUP

(12 - 15 APR 2011)

Venue: High Row, Lake District

Meet: Stubbers Adventure Centre, Upminster, RM14 2TY @ 8.45am

Gender: Boys

Cost: £65 per boy

Age: 14-18 on 1st Sept 2010

STARS IN THE MAKING

(AUDITIONS @ YOUR CLUB)

Venue: Your Club!

Cost: Free

Age: 11-18 on 1st Sept 2010

All acts welcome, please phone the EBGC office to arrange an audition.