



# NEWSLETTER

## Team Talk

This month we hope you enjoy a round up from pitchside

MBFC has teams from the very youngest to veterans, the football might be different but what every team shares is the support of their coaching team. Coach volunteer recruitment is vital to the growth & continuation of any football club. Our new feature below will allow our coaches to share more about why coaching is one of the most rewarding things and (sometimes equally challenging) things they will have ever done. This month we hear from Martin & Luke (affectionately known by some as Minty & Clemmo) from the U12s.

We are looking for more volunteers mainly at the younger ages, so if you would like to get more involved and help develop the next generation, please do get in touch you can email [marketbosworthfc@gmail.com](mailto:marketbosworthfc@gmail.com) or speak to any coach or for more information

#GetIntoCoaching - Dale MBFC Club Secretary

## COACH'S Corner



Like many coaches we started out as parents looking for a club for our children to play at. Luke and I had played for MBFC at adult and veterans teams so knew the club well. After speaking to John the club secretary and other coaches we felt it had the **right ethos**. The two of us had known each other for years so the partnership was very natural from the start and we quickly realised that we had the same ideas of what grassroots football should be about.

Being a youth coach has given me a whole new perspective. As a player I believed realising your limitations on the pitch was the way to get results, **now I tell our players that there are no limits to how good they can be** - it's worth remembering as a coach that your player with the least ability at under 7's could be your best player 5 years later with the right coaching and encouragement.

We just want them to continue to work hard and improve on the pitch and **enjoy** playing football. I always tell them as long as they're enjoying playing for MBFC then myself and Luke will be here for them.

It's more the FA's motto than our own but - **Let them play!** Kids will learn so much more just by having a ball at their feet than we could ever teach them by talking. Let them play, let them make mistakes but don't dwell on those mistakes. Always be positive and pick out what they did well - even after a poor performance or heavy defeat - and you will see a group of kids doing what they love with smiles on their faces and you'll be amazed at how far they can go and what they can achieve.

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A huge welcome and thank you to Steve Johnson who is helping with the youngest age group. We are working on a plan for the best way forward for this crucial age group and will confirm plans very soon, which should be very exciting for all involved. We would like more coaches to support the **U5's** in the coming months too

Tom Grimshaw continues to lead the **U6's** fabulously and will stay with the 6s age group for the 22/23 season. Thank you to Tom as well as massive thank you's to volunteer assistant, Adam and U17 player Jamie who support Tom in preparing the team for the next stage.

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The **U7's** have had a hugely enjoyable season to date and this is one age we are also looking to source fresh coaches for as they move towards league football. Again, we are planning the immediate future for this age group pending a volunteer to help take them to that next step of which we hope to have some great news shortly

A good month for the **U8 Knights** as we won 3 out of 5 games, scoring 15 and conceding 8. Great performances from all who have played. We have stepped up to playing 7 a side games in friendlies and have had 11 different players on the pitch across the month. Our new away shirt also made it onto social media! The future is bright for the team.

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The **Under 8s Battlers** are having a great season so far! Andy and Chris are proud to see the boys developing in to a fantastic team, who do their best to play the game in the right way. 66 goals already this season are testament to the exciting, attacking football the team play

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The **Under 9 Battlers** have had a fantastic and enjoyable first half of the season. This was topped off by the team being moved up to Level 3, which after being Level 5 18 months ago, shows the progress that they are making. The team have had a lot of positive comments from opposition coaches about our passing style of play which we will continue to encourage and promote Neal and I are really proud of all the team

In what has been a challenging first half to the season for the **U9 Knights**, wins and losses have come along in almost equal measure. However what has been most exciting is seeing the development of the team, with improved performances almost every week. We are already mixing up players positions, as we look to find a striker that will score regularly enough to help us string together a longer winning run and get the results that all their hard work deserves

**MBFC U10's** have had a great start to the year. We have weekly league games and weekly friendlies which gives our current squad of 18 plenty of game time which is showing in the players development. 7 games played in January 36 goals for and 16 against shows the great form the players have been in. We've also had new away kits kindly donated by Goldring Industries along with new home kits this season which have been sponsored by Talon (The Eagles Tribute Band) for the last 4 years.

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A tough start to the year for the **U11's** in the Trophy games this month. Despite this we have seen real spirit and improvement in all areas of the team and hope that we can carry that forward into February.

The **U12's** league wrapped up early in January with them winning 3 of the last 4 matches to secure a second place finish in their first ever league season. A brilliant achievement from the team with everyone playing their part.

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**U13/U14** – no teams at these ages currently, but we are keen to start again if we get sufficient interest

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**U15's** have had a good start in the first half of the season. The team sit top of the league, just, with two players in the top of the scoring stats with over 20 goals each. The team continue a cup run, beating a higher division team 6-2. The team have recently suffered some injuries, but hopefully they continue the momentum towards the end of the season

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Mixed results for **U16's** this month in the league, but January finished on a high with a 4-3 penalty win in the Hodson Signs Chairman's Cup vs Melton Mowbray (1-1 at full time). Hoping to take this positive back to the league. Great news that the U16s will be hosting USA tour team, Columbus United on Tuesday 29th March, continuing from pre-Covid events. Should be a good social evening and chance to make new friends

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Just two league games for the **U17's** this month and slightly mixed fortunes with a win and a loss. Three goals for us in each of the matches though. Four players (Jack, Luke H, Matt and Stan) passed 1000 minutes for the season too this month which is always great to see. A big welcome to the club to the latest new signing James D. Player of the Month for January, Taylor Smith

Our **Veteran's** team have had a difficult season. Hit by covid postponements, self-isolation and inevitable injuries (occupational hazard in this age group!) the team have had a stop/start season with defeats now unfortunately outnumbering victories. New players are desperately needed to bolster the squad, so please contact us if you are over 35 and fancy regular 11 aside football

**Adults** – this is very much in planning and our ideal would be to have an adult team back at the club for the 23/24 season. Watch this space and if interested, please let us know



**Referees** – One of the proudest accomplishments for our club, is the regular referee courses that we are able to host, so brilliantly organised by Rich and Mel Mills. This month we saw 6 of our homegrown refs reach the 5 game sign off point following their initial passing of the course. Massive Congratulations to **Daniel, Charley, Cody, Stanley, Jamie and Harry**



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