

U10: Stapenhill Swans Red 1-1 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 21st Mar 2009 1:41 pm

Eagles put in another great team performance and did all that was required to remain unbeaten and be crowned **Division 4 Champions**.



In another close game that looked like ending in stalemate, Eagles took the lead with seven minutes remaining thanks to a fantastic strike from Joe Clarke but, before their celebrations had ended, Stapenhill equalised to leave a nailbiting finish to the season.

Eagles could have gone ahead in the opening minute; following a surging run from Shaun, Ben Gibbs sidestepped the defender and his shot looked to be heading for the net before the Stapenhill 'keeper pulled off a tremendous save.

After that, the first half was a cautious affair with some strong tackling but neither team having any clear chances; 0-0 at the break.

The second half started with Eagles looking as if it was them that needed the victory. Subhaan, Joe and Will combined well to try and open the Stapenhill defence but few chances came their way.

25 minutes gone; A long throw was headed onto the bar by a defender but Eagles couldn't capitalise; after a goalmouth scramble the ball was cleared. Two minutes later the clearest chance of the game fell to Joe; with only the 'keeper to beat, the Eagles supporters held their breathe...but it wasn't to be this time as the 'keeper saved once again.

Eagles now had the upper hand and, after Stapenhill had switched keepers (for some unknown reason), Joe showed us how to finish. Picking the ball up on the halfway line, he only had one thing in mind and a shot from distance left the new 'keeper with no chance.

Eagles thought it was all over; Josh Kinsey was heard to say "we're champions"; but with thoughts of celebration in their heads, a lapse of concentration in the Eagles' defence let Stapenhill in for a soft equaliser. The game wasn't over yet.

There were further chances at both ends; this match [and with it the title] could have gone either way.

Relief and joy as the final whistle blew – what a season!

MoM: Subhaan Baig [held the ball up well and layed off some great passes]

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins (C), Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig



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jack smith

21st Mar 2009 at 5:36 pm

well done!



jordan glover

21st Mar 2009 at 5:41 pm

we rock init



Garry Glover

21st Mar 2009 at 7:35 pm

Fantastic end to the season boys,it's been a pleasure to watch you up at freezing Robert Sutton.You have thoroughly deserved to be the champions for your hard work,commitment and attitude,including John and Ady.Well done,and looking forward to next year.....



Dick Bower

22nd Mar 2009 at 11:30 pm

Fantastic effort from all the players to go the whole league season undefeated , well done ! Pats on the back for John and Adey , don't know how you are going to top that next season but a good management team never rests on its laurels ! (cheeky what did i hear then ?). Looking forward to Shobnall where the view and climate should be better , and we only live round the corner !



Lewis Harbon

2nd May 2009 at 6:03 pm

Were Champions!!!
Come on!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

U10: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Stapenhill Swans Red

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 14th Mar 2009 12:51 pm

A determined performance saw Stretton recover from an early goal and secure the three points. Stapenhill contributed to an excellent match which leaves both teams with everything to play for next week.

A large crowd turned-out to witness our penultimate game and a truly outstanding performance.

It was not the start that Eagles had wished for; within three minutes, the defence misjudged a long hoof upfield and could do nothing as they watched the ball bounce high over their heads. The division's top scorer was clean through and Lewis had little chance of preventing the opener.

Rather than letting their heads drop, Stretton reacted positively with Ben Curl leading the way; He picked up the ball in defence and went on a stupendous run leaving the whole stapenhill side in his wake. Unfortunately, it culminated in a shot into the side netting.

He seemed determined to score and, minutes later, hit a shot from just inside the opposition half. With the goalie at full stretch and clearly beaten, the ball agonisingly swerved wide of the top corner.

Stretton completed the half clearly on top with some fine passing moves going forward and strong tackling in midfield.

It wasn't long into the second half before Jordan equalised; collecting the ball on the halfway line, the Stapenhill defence were caught out of position and he had a clear run at goal. Shooting early, he made no mistake for his 21st goal of the season. The cheers were deafening.

Six minutes later, Stretton had the lead thanks to an own goal; As Jordan's corner came low and hard into the box, it was deflected into the Stapenhill net.

The last ten minutes were hectic but Stapenhill couldn't find a way through as Stretton closed down and cut out every pass. The parents contributed with time-delaying tactics pretending(?) that they couldn't get the ball back over the fence.

Stretton were made to work hard for their reward but were clearly the hungrier.

The title could still go either way but Eagles now have the advantage – a point next week will seal it.

MoM: Shaun Wilkins

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman (C), Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

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Samuel Collier

14th Mar 2009 at 7:44 pm

Brilliant team performance. Great passing. Well done everyone! Can my Dad not be ball boy next week?



Garry Glover

16th Mar 2009 at 2:09 pm

I agree with Sam as well, but that includes me as well as your dad, we're both rubbish ball boys.



Nige- Assistant at Stretton Swifts

16th Mar 2009 at 12:11 pm

Well done! Having played Stretton and Stapenhill teams this season. Stretton appear to be by far the better football team and also have a much better attitude. So from everyone at Stretton Swifts- well done and good luck for next week!



Garry Glover

16th Mar 2009 at 2:08 pm

Fantastic win lads,great guts and determination to get the win even after Stapenhill had scored,it was all one way after that.Same again next week please and get what you all deserve – the title.....



Chris

16th Mar 2009 at 8:20 pm

Agonisingly close to the title, as John say's 1 point will decide it. If the confidence is high and the belief is there we are looking at the U10 division 4 champions. Early to bed on Friday [for John that is?], head's up and attack, attack, attack !!!!.

Good luck for next week.

{ like the time delaying tactics }, i find putting the ball up your jumper helps as well?.

Chris Shorter.



Dick Bower

17th Mar 2009 at 8:37 am

Tremendous result and fully deserved victory. Garry and Samuels dad please report early for throwing practise !

U10: TS Sports 1-3 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 21st Feb 2009 2:46 pm

Eagles made hard work of this match and, despite the win, left the coaches frustrated and shaking their heads. TS Sports looked a better team than their lowly league position suggests and, despite only being able to field six-players, put up a solid battle.

With the backbone of our team missing today, a hard-working opposition found lots of room in front of our defence and outnumbered them, time and time again, as our midfield pushed forward and didn't get back quick enough.

After surviving several close calls and last-ditch tackles, Eagles took the lead, in the fifteen minute, with Jordan's 20th goal of the season. Despite three other players in the box wanting the ball, there was no reason to pass; Jordan made room for himself and tucked the ball away well.

The second goal was a long time coming. Eventually, William waltzed through the defence and made it two-nil after half an hour, but the two goal cushion didn't last long.

After a spell of pressure, TS Sports deservedly got one back; Eagles struggled to control the ball in their own area and as Josh cleared the ball, he could only watch it rebound off an attacker and into our net.

One of the positives to come out of the game was our third goal; despite losing the ball in midfield, Ben Gibbs battled again and again to win the ball back [with some help from William], before Thomas was found in space and played a first time pass through to Subhaan. It looked as if the chance had gone but as the goalie closed him down, Subhaan tucked the ball away neatly with his left foot.

The after-match team talk may have been harsh, but there were times in this match when I felt that a season's hard work could have been thrown away.

Three weeks until our first meeting with Stapenhill. We should now be able to get back to regular training sessions at Hillfield so let's make the most of it.

MoM: Ben Gibbs [filled the gap between defence and attack after coming back on]

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier (C), William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

U10: Stretton Eagles 5-0 Winhill FC Yellow

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 14th Feb 2009 2:49 pm

Congratulation guys - we are now guaranteed promotion.

Excellent team performance today to give Eagles their 16th win of the season.

Eagles started the brighter with the first real chance of the game falling to Subhaan but, after taking the ball on well, his shot was hit straight at the keeper. The next chance fell to Joe but the keeper was again well positioned to deny him.

Winhill could have taken the lead after 10mins catching Lewis out of position, Fortunately, Samuel was on hand to stop the ball close to the line and William there to clear the danger.

After this close call, the game was decided with three goals in the space of five minutes: Joe tapped in the opener after William got on the end of a throw across the area; Subhaan, having a similar chance to before, made no mistake this time and slotted home for the second; and just as he was about to be substituted, William made it three.

With the game comfortably won, Eagles linked up well and produced some great football but Winhill's keeper was in fine form and made some great saves.

The fourth eventually came from an own goal. Thomas would love to claim it, but if the defender hadn't got his head to the ball, it would have gone in the net directly from a throw and not been a goal.

The 'keeper made more impressive saves from Jordan and Samuel but allowed William to score his second as his cross was missed by everyone and found the far corner.

Should I mention the ref again? same one as last time. This week he wanted his money **before** the game 'cos he didn't have a coin for the toss!

Results elsewhere have now guaranteed us a top-two finish, promotion and a BJFL Presentation Night in May. The boys have exceeded all expectations and now two good performances against Stapenhill could make it even better.

MoM: Samuel Collier

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig (C)

One Response to U10: Stretton Eagles 5-0 Winhill FC Yellow



Garry Glover

16th Feb 2009 at 2:42 am

Well done again boys, some decent football played on Saturday. Some dubious refereeing decisions and some good saves from the Winhill goalie stopped the scoreline being higher, keep up the momentum and bring on Stapenhill.....

U10: Stretton Eagles 4-0 Hatton Sports Black

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 31st Jan 2009 2:49 pm

Even more one-sided than the scoreline suggests. Hatton have certainly improved since [our previous meeting](#) but seemed content with getting numbers behind the ball; Stretton played some good passing football in both halves but had little time or space in front of goal.

Once Jordan had put Eagles into the lead after three minutes, with a strike into the roof of the net, there was no looking back. Hatton rarely crossed the halfway line and when they did Ben Curl was on hand to send the ball back again.

Despite continuous pressure, clear-cut chances were hard to come by. Jordan eventually added a second, following a saved shot from Joe, and completed his hat-trick just before half time; this wasn't going to be double-figures again.

Half-time and JaFur the Gaffer was tinkering again; five changes to give everyone half a game [that's what mini-soccer is all about]. In retrospect, I should have changed the 'keeper as well – I don't remember Lewis having a single touch in the second half.

Shaun made it four from Thomas's corner and Josh could have made it five with a late free kick but the Hatton defence and 'keeper made it a frustrating morning.

The referee shouldn't go without a mention. He obviously knows a foul throw when he sees one – he saw too many today – but also made some 'crazy' decisions and had a word with a ten-year old about putting the ball in the net after he had blown for...something or other [only he knows]. I'm not saying that he was only there for one reason but as he blew the final whistle he was already looking for his money and intercepted me before I could even thank the opposing manager.

Tinkering? Strange rants? Main rivals with games in hand? Is the pressure showing? Don't worry, I won't be growing a goatie! hasta la semana que viene.

MoM: Josh Kinsey

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones (C), Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

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Will Bower

31st Jan 2009 at 10:00 pm

Some decent passing today and i am glad we won.



Chris

31st Jan 2009 at 11:08 pm

John, Ref's are unpredictable and some are only interested in the Fee, some are both. Questioning their strange decisions can sometimes be frustrating and useless, but then again some can blow there whistle and explain why and for what reason?, few and far between these kind of Ref's. Another 3 points on the board however and the pressure off for a while?.

U10: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Stretton Swifts White

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 24th Jan 2009 3:30 pm

First of four games against teams in the bottom half of the table; this proved to be a tougher battle than expected with lots of heavy challenges and injuries on a slippery surface. Eagles ultimately did enough to win the game but still didn't look like the team they were back in November.

Swifts were very reliant on one 'Giant' player; enough strength to shake off most challenges, pace to break with ease and an effortless throw that made Rory Delap look ordinary. Eagles took time to adjust and found it difficult to find any rhythm.

Having survived an early scare, when Thomas headed the ball backwards onto his bar, Eagles settled down and worked together to cancel out the threat. Thomas, Shaun and Subhaan all worked hard, as did Jordan and Sam when they came on, giving Swifts little time on the ball.

Having solved the problem, Eagles started the second half much brighter. Jordan made the breakthrough, meeting Thomas's throw on the near post to head home.

Joe made it two 5 minutes later, after two great saves from the Swift's 'keeper. Firstly, he could only push Joe's shot back into the path of Sam; but his shot was blocked from close range; Finally, the 'keeper got a hand to Joe's follow-up but couldn't prevent it going over the line.

Relief was short-lived when Swifts got one back from a corner. Possibly an own goal as Jordan and Lewis got touches but couldn't prevent it from crossing the line.

Eagles continued to battle and, despite several injuries, held on for another victory.

MoM: Sam Jones [upped his game today and showed a level of commitment that was lacking elsewhere]

Eagles: Lewis Harbon (C), Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

One Response to U10: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Stretton Swifts White



Chris

24th Jan 2009 at 11:08 pm

The 1st time this season i have seen the U10's play and have to say a well organised, efficient and confident squad. The "Giant" John mentioned was as described, he looked around 16 at least [however bigger they are, the harder they fall]. He was definately Swifts playmaker but a one trick pony when you have Ben breathing down your neck and tackling like a pro.

very impressive display by the lads, 2-1 is a win and 3 more points, pressure is on Stapenhill to maintain their winning matches.

U10: Woodville Rangers White 1-1 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 10th Jan 2009 3:30 pm

Obvious disappointment at losing our 100% record but Stretton played some of their best football of the season and still remain unbeaten.

Eagles started the brightest and it looked to be only a matter of time before they took the lead but it wasn't to be. On a rare venture forward, a Woodville player found space behind the Stretton defence and, turning swiftly, curled a shot into the corner. Although well positioned, Lewis stood no chance.

With only 12 minutes gone, it was too early to panic. Eagles continued to play a good passing game, but found it difficult to penetrate a crowded Woodville defence.

Joe had the best chance of the first half, showing his strength to shake off three defenders and having a clear strike at goal. Unfortunately, the 'keeper was equal to it and pulled off a good save.

The second half continued in the same vein. Samuel, Ben and Shaun didn't let much past them at the back, and continued to push the ball forward. Joe had several more half chances before finding himself beyond the Woodville defence with lots of time and space; the equaliser looked inevitable but, again, the keeper made a fine save and the rebound went beyond Joe and Ben Gibbs.

With five minutes left, the equaliser finally came; Joe's shot deflected off the defender to beat the 'keeper.

A close game, as expected. Eagles showed great character and persistence to keep at it and earn the draw.

MoM: Joe Clarke [players' decision after many good performances, today]

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl (C), William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

U10: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Hilton Harriers Black Sox

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 3rd Jan 2009 1:12 pm

Game 13 could so easily have been unlucky for Eagles; A combination of the cold conditions, slippery pitch, poor decisions from the Manager, a stronger opposition than expected and lack of training in recent weeks nearly cost Stretton their 100% record.

With a full squad available, yours truly experimented with two 'balanced' groups of players: For the first fifteen minutes, Eagles played their usual formation (3-1-2) but with some players in unfamiliar positions; for the next fifteen the second group, looking stronger on paper, played an unfamiliar formation (2-3-1). The latter almost proved to be our downfall with Hilton exploiting a gap between Defence and Midfield as Stretton pushed forward.

Eagles went one-nil up after twelve minutes; another long throw across the box from Thomas and William was there to find the back of the net.

Hilton proved to be physically stronger and better organised than I remember from our game in October and got a deserved equaliser with 10 minutes left on the clock.

Not exactly panic stations but we were now in unfamiliar territory – the first time we have lost a lead this season. More changes were needed; back to a familiar formation and familiar positions.

Stretton began closing down, fighting for the ball and attacking with vigour. They finally looked as if they wanted to win, with Jordan leading the way.

Hilton's 'keeper seemed up to the task inside (and outside) of his area but the breakthrough eventually came when a defender handled the ball on the line.

Jordan stepped up to take our first penalty of the season only to see the 'keeper save it. Fortunately the rebound came straight back out and Jordan made no mistake this time.

Eagles had a couple more chances in the dying minutes but the only thing to find the net was Joe's boot... from 20 yards!

The right result in the end...thanks for getting me out of trouble!

An important game against Woodville next week so we will all need to improve on this performance.

Top of the list for training on Thursday – indoors at the Meadowside (6:00-7:00) – will be throw-ins! Even though the ref was generous at first, we were guilty of at least half-a-dozen foul throws; giving possession away in dangerous areas of the pitch.

MoM: Jordan Glover

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower (C), Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

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Daniel

3rd Jan 2009 at 9:40 pm

WELL DONE, John and boy's keeping your winning run on track.



Garry Glover

3rd Jan 2009 at 10:58 pm

As summed up not a polished performance but well battled again boys to keep up that brilliant record, looks like Jordan could do with some more practice on taking penalties. Keep up the good work "Stretton", looking forward to a great performance next Saturday on what will be a hard game.

U10: Newhall FC Lions 0-3 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 13th Dec 2008 3:03 pm

Today we saw the down-side of playing on an all-weather pitch. Whilst the u8, u9 and u11 had their matches cancelled due to waterlogged pitches, the u10s were forced to play in heavy rain...but their spirits weren't dampened.

Eagles got off to a lightning start; It only took 49 seconds before Joe Clarke scored his fifteenth goal of the season to put them one up.

Following chances for Samuel, Shaun and Josh, Ben Gibbs made it two-nil on 13mins; the keeper failed to hold another shot from Joe and Ben was on hand to supply the final touch.

Four changes at half time to bring on the subs [that's substitutes, but submarines may have been more appropriate given the conditions]. Newhall came out fighting, looking to get one back but Ben Curl and Thomas weathered the storm before Stretton created many chances of their own. Both Jordan and William could have got the third but neither could find a finish for their one-on-ones with the 'keeper.

William then had the best chance of the game, receiving the ball goal-side of the keeper, but was unable to dig the ball out from between his feet before the defender cleared.

As Newhall continued to defend well inside their area, Shaun had another idea – shooting along the ground from distance, the ball flew past everyone into the corner of the net. A great goal to cap a fine performance in midfield.

MoM: Shaun Wilkins

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins(C), Ben Gibbs

U10: Stretton Eagles 1-0 Belvedere Park JFC Blue

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 6th Dec 2008 12:38 pm

Not a convincing scoreline but Stretton were in control of the game and had more than enough chances to sew it up.

Ben Curl could have given Eagles an early lead, taking the ball all the way from right back to within a few feet of the goal, but couldn't find a final shot; Jordan had a couple of chances – not getting hold of his shot and then being denied by the 'keeper – before William hit the bar.

After some fine work in the corner from Joe, Ben Gibbs had an excellent opportunity but was unable to connect with the ball. Goalless at half-time.

The second half saw some better movement with Thomas and Jordan winning the ball in midfield and passing to the wings.

The breakthrough came five minutes into the half; Thomas again winning the ball and combining with Joe, who shot low and hard into the corner of the net.

Stretton continued to push forward but couldn't get a second. Jordan first hit the bar and then, as his shot looked to be heading for the net, was denied by Joe who tried to tap the ball over the line but somehow kept it out.

Belvedere could have had an equaliser on the half-hour with a rare attack but a fantastic double save from Lewis kept Eagles in front.

In the dying minutes, the Belvedere keeper made several fine saves and the last shot of the game was headed off the line. A narrow victory but another good performance and another clean sheet.

MoM: Thomas Furzeman

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover(C), Ben Gibbs

U10 Cup: Stretton Eagles 0-2 Repton Casuals Blue

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 29th Nov 2008 3:34 pm

A disappointing result but a good performance against this Division One outfit. Eagles certainly weren't outplayed and if we had put away our chances, it could have been a different story.

This was an end-to-end game but Stretton were behind after six minutes and despite having the clearest chances were unable to get back on level terms.

No-one knew much about the opening goal; A Repton corner struck low and hard was not blocked on the near post and ricocheted off several Eagles before ending up in the back of the net.

Stretton weren't downhearted and defended well for the rest of the half. They could have equalised through Samuel Collier; After finding space and taking the ball down well, he was unable to capitalise and shot straight at the keeper.

Repton had a lot of possession and passed the ball well but Ben and Thomas continued to keep them away from goal. Meanwhile Eagles continued to make their own chances: Samuel watched his shot go just over the bar; Sam Jones had a shot blocked and the best chance thus far fell to William. If it had been on his left foot, you wouldn't have bet against him scoring...

Even after Repton got their second – a shot through a crowded area as Stretton tried to clear their lines – Stretton didn't let their heads drop and the best chance of the match came Jordan's way. A through ball from Joe left him in acres of space with only the goalie to beat. As the ball came off the outside of the post, we knew it wasn't going to be our day.

A commendable performance against stronger opposition and credit for battling until the final whistle.

MoM: Ben Curl

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier (C), Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

2 Responses to U10 Cup: Stretton Eagles 0-2 Repton Casuals Blue



Garry Glover

30th Nov 2008 at 7:10 pm

Well battled lads, you certainly weren't outclassed against a division one side and can take heart from this display. Well done



Chris

1st Dec 2008 at 1:00 am

Hard luck. however remember you were playing opposition from a higher Division, and a 0-2 scoreline is commendable. A lot of these teams in Higher divisions have a "Win Win" attitude and unfortunately it is seemingly unfair that teams in a lower division should have to compete at this level when more fairly a divisional cup competition is needed.

That's my rant about unfair opposition, again John and the lads very hard luck.

U10: Hatton Sports Black 0-16 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 22nd Nov 2008 3:09 pm

No shocks or surprises on Pitch 1 today. The brief was to play our normal game, but a young Hatton team with their regular goalie missing, provided little opposition and Stretton soon forgot about their formation and teamwork – everyone wanted to be on the score sheet.

Stretton were ahead within two minutes when Joe Clarke touched in a shot from Jordan to score the first of his seven first-half goals. The pick of the bunch was a great volley from a cross by William. Ben Gibbs (captain for today) added one in between and Jordan showed he was still wearing his shooting boots to make it 9-0 at the interval.

With Lewis barely getting a touch of the ball, Joe went between the sticks for the second half [but spent most of it up to the half-way line]. A very different line-up, with the four substitutes coming on and Lewis playing upfield, took time to thaw out before adding to Stretton's tally in the second half:

Ben Curl made several strong runs from the back and, seemingly reluctant to pass, added two more goals to his season's tally. Likewise, Samuel Collier dribbled through the midfield on several occasions before his goal came.

Sam Jones scored his first of the season, neatly side-stepping the defender before shooting across goal and into the far corner but the biggest cheer of the day was reserved for Lewis's goal – not that he knew much about it; as the ball bounced around the area he had several attempts blocked before the clearance bounced off him and back into the net.

A neat lob from Shaun and a second for Jordan made it sixteen. With sixteen goals and as many near misses, it's impossible to recall every one of them – add your comments and talk us through it, guys.

MoM: Joe Clarke

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs(C)

4 Responses to U10: Hatton Sports Black 0-16 Stretton Eagles



Chris

22nd Nov 2008 at 3:45 pm

0 – 16 !!!!, i dream about a scoreline like that !!. I think it's a case of who didn't score?. Glad to see "The Cat" on the scoresheet [even if he had no idea he'd scored]. Hope you had your pen and paper out and jotting down the goalscorers John?. That worked out at nearly a goal every three minutes. Good result. keep it up.



Will Bower

22nd Nov 2008 at 6:59 pm

I was very impressed with the win hopefully we can carry on winning.



gary glover

24th Nov 2008 at 7:30 pm

well done lads another win hopefully we can win loads more.



Garry Glover

26th Nov 2008 at 10:28 am

Jordan's been using my login has he:another good win,once the first goal went in it was just a question of how many-we will need to make sure we keep our structure though for the next three games running up to Christmas,it's a bit worrying when the goalie is on the half way line.....

U10: Gresley Rovers Red 0-4 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 15th Nov 2008 2:15 pm

Following last week's encounter, Eagles were expecting another hard-fought game but, starting much brighter this week, were 2-0 up within six minutes – a welcome relief to ease the nerves of manager, parents and grandparents.

Samuel Collier got the first, and his first of the season, after receiving a long throw from Thomas 'Rory Delap' Furzeman. Arriving on the far post, Samuel brought the ball down and comfortably put it past the 'keeper.

Minutes later Jordan made it two; getting on the end of William's cross and redirecting the ball through the 'keeper's legs. He added his second soon after following a quick throw from William. Jordan played a one-two with Thomas to create space and beat the goalie for Eagles' third.

Gresley thought they'd got one back when Lewis, having dived low to save, could only watch the ball as it bobbed along the line. As Gresley turned to celebrate, to their surprise, Eagles' defence [Samuel or Ben?] cleared the ball away from the goal.

Thomas made it four before half-time with the simplest of tap-ins; following a probing run down the left, Ben Curl's shot beat the goalie but hit the post and rolled along the line, waiting for the final touch.

With the game secure, Stretton did enough in the second half to keep Gresley away from their goal but few chances fell to either side. Another good outing despite missing Shaun and Joe at late notice – Well done, lads.

MoM: Thomas Furzeman

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman(C), Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

2 Responses to U10: Gresley Rovers Red 0-4 Stretton Eagles



Garry Glover

17th Nov 2008 at 3:23 pm

Another good win for the lads, really it was all over at half time. Good tackling and good possession - well done boys, keep it up.



Lewis Harbon

17th Nov 2008 at 9:50 pm

It was a great game. It was sam by the way who cleared it off the line so cheers sam

U10: Stretton Eagles 2-0 Gresley Rovers Red

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 8th Nov 2008 3:03 pm

An outstanding performance from Lewis and some resolute defending kept a relentless Gresley attack at bay for 20 minutes before Stretton started playing. Second half goals from Ben Gibbs and Thomas eased the nerves and sealed an eighth successive win.

In a game of two halves, Gresley proved to be our toughest opposition to date. Stretton were camped in their own half for much of the first period and struggled to play their own game whilst under attack. Physically bigger and stronger than us, Gresley played this to their advantage. Every set piece looked threatening as some Gresley players towered above us. [and he had good feet for a big lad]

Fortunately, Ben Curl had one of his best games to date and Lewis was equal to everything coming in his direction. [the promise of 25 packets of [Match Attax](#) for a clean sheet was obviously on his mind?]

Samuel Collier had our best (if not only) chance of the first half, taking the ball from his left back position, down the line and striking a good shot against the post. But the lack of opposition defence gave us some hope and indicated what might happen if we could break out of our own half.

Changes were made at half-time and Gresley weren't given as much time on the ball. Finally, Stretton started to pass the ball around and make some chances – Ben Gibbs found himself in space and whipped in a shot which beat the 'keeper on the near post for Eagles' first goal and his first of the season.

Thomas added another new name to this season's scorers; Swinging in a corner from the right, the keeper flapped at it, and watched it find the back of the net.

Gresley could argue that this victory was undeserved but it goes to show that stopping a goal is as important as scoring one. Let's hope we can do it again against the same opposition next week.

Garry. Does this result mean I can have [Manager of the month](#) now?

MoM: Lewis Harbon

Eagles: Lewis Harbon (C), Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

3 Responses to U10: Stretton Eagles 2-0 Gresley Rovers Red



Garry Glover

12th Nov 2008 at 8:14 pm

John, i think you have earnt Manager of the Month now, unfortunately was at work so didn't get to see the match, but will be there for the "replay" this week.



Dick Bower

12th Nov 2008 at 11:56 pm

First of all well played Lewis 'the cat' Harbon unbelievable game. Secondly could John and Ady give the half-time 'pep' talk before kick off to ease parents (not to mention grandparents) nerves! Third (or more) game in a row were we have started slowly.



Chris

13th Nov 2008 at 10:32 pm

The "Cat" seems to be having a good season !!!, and settled into the Keepers role very well. No other reason than he is a dedicated Baggies fan, and of course they produce outstanding goalkeepers. Another great result, and almost through half the season and unbeaten. I can only suggest it's the early kick off's that afflict a team to start slowly??, 20 minute warm ups seems to work, there warm, blood pumping and ready to break the nets?.

U10: Belvedere Park Juniors FC Blue 1-3 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 1st Nov 2008 5:14 pm

For the first time this season, Stretton found themselves behind in a game but a rousing half-time team talk made a big difference; Jordan scored a hat-trick within seven minutes of the break to secure another victory.

The first 10 minutes were end-to-end and scrappy at times. Thomas had the best chances for Stretton, whilst Belvedere's coaches urged them to "test the keeper" at the other end.

Belvedere struck first; A corner played to the edge of the box was neatly redirected into the net.

For the next ten minutes, Stretton were under pressure and could have gone further behind if it weren't for Lewis. A shot similar to Ben's goal last week, bounced in front of Lewis and looked to be going over his head but it was superbly tipped onto the bar and over. Another similar save prevented a Ben Curl own-goal. Stretton did not look in control.

Half-time: "keep it on the ground, play your passing game and support each other..."

Stretton came out fighting and soon earned a free-kick within striking distance. Jordan was offered plenty of options by his team mates but only had one thing in mind...and didn't hesitate to make it one each.

At the restart, Stretton nicked the ball before Belvedere even had a chance to touch it twice. The coach shouted at the ref; the spectators weren't happy either – Belvedere were riled. Stretton had the upper hand.

Two more goals in quick succession and heads dropped. Belvedere failed to make any further chances and, in the end, it was a comfortable victory.

MoM: Lewis Harbon

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey (C), Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Subhaan Baig

2 Responses to U10: Belvedere Park Juniors FC Blue 1-3 Stretton Eagles



Adey Kinsey

3rd Nov 2008 at 8:45 am

Another good win on Saturday, but probably the most difficult victory to date. The first half the lads looked as though they hadn't met each other before, but after a good chat between us all at half time the problems were rectified and we started to play again as a team. After half time there was only going to be one winner. Well done lads another fantastic win. It was really nice for Josh to be captain and emulate his idol Steven Gerrard, thanks for that John.



garry glover

9th Nov 2008 at 8:07 pm

well done lads another good win

U10: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Woodville Rangers

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 18th Oct 2008 1:44 pm

A sixth victory in as many games but this was a scrappy affair and Eagles had a slice of luck to win the encounter.

Stretton were given little room to play their passing game and, finding it difficult to break down Woodville's defence, were reduced to shooting from distance – step up Ben Curl to double his goal tally for the season.

Hitting a long ball from the half-way line, Ben's shot(?) bounced in front of the 'keeper and high over his outstretched arms to find the net.

Much of the game was played in the middle third with Shaun in fine form, winning the majority of balls hit forward by Woodville, and William making some great runs down the line but there were few chances in front of goal at either end.

Unexpectedly, Stretton went two up directly from a corner; As Shaun swung the ball in, the 'keeper (with the sun in his line of vision) was helpless to prevent it crossing the line.

But then Woodville woke up and, within a couple of minutes, got a goal back; following a good move, the whole defence was drawn out of position and presented Woodville with a simple tap-in on the far post.

Hearts were then in mouths as Woodville got a free kick within shooting distance. A well hit shot was saved by Lewis and, following a goal-line scramble, was eventually kicked away. Panic had set-in and further changes were needed to calm down the situation.

Samuel could have made it 3-1 with a free header in front of goal but, as the parents willed it in, it went agonisingly wide of the post.

Relief all round at the final whistle but another excellent result.

MoM: Shaun Wilkins

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke (C), Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

2 Responses to U10: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Woodville Rangers



John

30th Oct 2008 at 12:35 am

See photographs on Burton mail website: [\(1\)](#), [\(2\)](#)



garry glover

6th Nov 2008 at 9:36 pm

well done lads another win (only just)

U10: Winshill FC Yellow 1-7 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 11th Oct 2008 1:44 pm



No doubting who today's Man of the Match was; after a shaky start for Stretton, Joe Clarke scored five goals to settle the result before half-time.

The first came after seven minutes, with Joe breaking from the half-way line. A low, hard shot across the 'keeper found the far side of the net [*He definitely was paying attention during our shooting training session*].

The next 10 minutes were a blur as Joe added three more. His fifth goal came just before the break; a shot from William hit the post and rested at the foot of it [*the ball doesn't bounce so well off the inflatable goalposts*]. Joe

was quickest off the mark and tucked it away.

Five changes at half-time and Stretton went in search of more goals. Josh scored his first for the club to make it six with another low shot into the corner. Jordan, Samuel and Ben all had good chances to score more. Hats off to Winshill's 'keeper who made some great saves and handled the ball excellently.

With the game sewn up, Stretton seemed to forget about their formation: Winshill never gave up, got a deserved consolation goal and could have had more.

As the game came to a close, Jordan kept up his goal-per-game record with a superb lob over Winshill's defence and goalkeeper to make it seven-one, but the Eagle-eyed subs were watching Pitch 3 where the other two teams with a 100% record were facing each other: with Stapenhill beating Woodville 2-0, tonight we find ourselves at the top of table on goal difference.

MoM: Joe Clarke

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins (C), Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

3 Responses to U10: Winshill FC Yellow 1-7 Stretton Eagles



Chris

11th Oct 2008 at 7:53 pm

Another superb result !!! 5-0 up at half time???, i dream about a first half like that at U15's level !!!.

Don't worry about teams close to you, let them worry about you, Mr Harbon is doing a good job in goal, very rarely conceding and Jordan banging them in for Fun it seems?.

Well done John and the lads.



Adey Kinsey

15th Oct 2008 at 9:28 pm

I would just like to say well done again to the lads. We all must be doing something right in training, because we have scored goals in the last couple of games from quick throw ins. Well done to Joe for scoring 5 goals and Jordan for keeping up his record of a goal per game. Well done Josh for scoring his first goal for the club it cost me a fortune, at least he knows where the goal is now!!!! Keep up the good work lads, the next four games will be difficult ones.



jack smith

20th Oct 2008 at 2:28 pm

brill to see my old team mates doing so well,
jack smith ex stretton eagle u10.

U10: Hilton Harriers 0-5 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 4th Oct 2008 3:59 pm

A fourth consecutive victory for Stretton leaves them equal on points at the top of the [table](#). Three goals in the space of five-minutes leading up to half-time changed the complexion of what was, until then, an even game with opportunities at both ends.

Hilton had the best opportunity of the early stages when Lewis's goal kick was intercepted and they had a clear path to goal. Lewis stood his ground and made a fine save to keep the game goalless.

After fifteen minutes, Stretton had failed to make a breakthrough so changes were made; William and Joe coming on up front. With his first touch, William lobbed the ball towards goal and in off the far post. **1-0**

Minutes later, Joe made it two. With plenty of time and space, he composed himself and launched an unstoppable shot from 15yds and into the back of the net.

Jordan kept up his record of scoring in every game by getting the third – a low hard shot across the goalkeeper and into the far corner [maybe, they are listening at training.]

More changes at half-time but Eagles continued to play well and pass the ball around with confidence.

Subhaan was rewarded for his effort, scoring Eagles' fourth out of nothing. Following a short goal-kick, he was quickly at the defender and winning the ball. Faced with only the goalie to beat, he made no mistake. A well-deserved goal.

William made it five with a chance resulting from a throw-in quickly taken in our own half. The defence was nowhere and the ball was tucked away with the outside of his trusty left-foot.

Another fantastic team effort and a better result than the Manager could have hoped for. Well done, lads.

MoM: Subhaan Baig

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl (C), William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

4 Responses to U10: Hilton Harriers 0-5 Stretton Eagles



Dick Bower

4th Oct 2008 at 6:20 pm

Another fantastic team display, great to see the goals being spread around the team .(By the way , both subs break the deadlock , is there a manager of the month award !)



chris shorter

5th Oct 2008 at 1:15 pm

Another great result !!!, should be amongst the honours at the end of the season perhaps??. keep it up John and then Lads !!.



Garry Glover

5th Oct 2008 at 7:37 pm

John can have Manager of the Month when we have beaten Gresley and Woodville.ha ha



Adey Kinsey

7th Oct 2008 at 9:13 pm

Another cracking result for the lads and now its 4 out of 4. The lads are showing real team spirit and starting to pass the ball well. Well done lads!!!

U10: Stretton Eagles 6-0 TS Sports

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 27th Sep 2008 2:02 pm

Eagles maintained their 100% record with a comfortable win over TS Sports. With the full squad of twelve available, this was a real team effort as everyone played at least half a game.

The first half started as last week had finished with a number of chances being put wide or saved by the 'keeper including two memorable shots from Sam Jones. Great performances from Thomas and Josh at the back kept TS Sports at bay before Jordan opened the scoring.

Jordan soon added a second and William came on to add a third before half time.

The start of the second half saw four fresh pairs of legs introduced but it was William who started the brightest by getting his second; beating four players down the wing and finishing with a sensational shot from the tight angle.

Ben Curl controlled the defence as ever but it wasn't just his defending that got him the Man of the Match trophy today. In his fourth season with Stretton Eagles, Ben scored his first goal for the club; bringing the ball out of defence and taking it the full length of the field before showing that our shooting practice had paid off.

With everyone wanting more, Jordan came back off the bench to complete his hat-trick and make it **6-0**.

Strong defending, good passing and some excellent finishing today. Let's keep it up for the tougher tests that will come.

MoM: Ben Curl

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman (C), Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

U10: Stretton Swifts White 0-1 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 21st Sep 2008 10:36 am

Saturday, 20 Sept: Up with the [lark](#), this 9am kick-off saw [renewed](#) acquaintances between [Swifts](#) and [Eagles](#) after their pre-season friendly.

The best chance of the first 15 minutes fell to Josh; everyone thought he [must](#) score but it was somehow scuffed wide. 😞

Without a breakthrough, it was time for the four substitutes to have a [turn](#) and within minutes it made a difference – Jordan had found the net with a clean strike.

The second half was all one-way and [Eagles](#) [wanted](#) to increase their lead. A shot from William which [ought](#) to have [bustard](#) the net came back off bar and post; a header from Jordan that [dipped over](#) the bar and Thomas's free-kick; [nothing](#) would go in.

It would have been hard to [swallow](#) if Swifts broke their [duck](#) and [equailised](#) [*groan*] but this wasn't going to [occur](#); [Lewis](#) was untroubled in goal and some strong defending prevented Swifts from [robin](#) a point.

A [most richly](#) deserved victory but time we [began netting](#) some more goals.

MoM: Jordan Glover

Eagles: Lewis Harbon, Sam Jones, Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower, Thomas Furzeman, Joe Clarke, Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover (C), Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig

2 Responses to U10: Stretton Swifts White 0-1 Stretton Eagles



Chris Shorter

21st Sep 2008 at 6:23 pm

Another superb win. No LARKing about with this team. 2 games and 2 wins.

Keep it up.



Garry Glover

23rd Sep 2008 at 7:47 am

Good match, good possession and some good passing, just needed a couple more goals to ease the jagged nerves of the spectators

U10: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Newhall FC Lions

Match Reports 08/09, Under 10s Posted by John Furzeman on 13th Sep 2008 2:34 pm

An excellent start to the season for Eagles U10 with a victory over Newhall in a well-matched encounter.

William Bower put Eagles ahead midway through the first half with a cracking strike but it wasn't until the final minutes that a win was secured; Jordan Glover following in another shot from William that was parried by the 'keeper.

Newhall didn't give up and 30 seconds later got a consolation goal. But it was too late – three points for Stretton.

Strong performances all round and those missing this week will need to fight for their places. 😊

MoM: William Bower

Stretton Eagles: Samuel Collier, Ben Curl, William Bower (C), Josh Kinsey, Jordan Glover, Shaun Wilkins, Ben Gibbs, Subhaan Baig