

U13's: Stretton Eagles 4-3 Barton Rovers

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 8th Mar 2009 9:12 pm

Never-say-die Stretton Eagles turned what looked like an inevitable defeat into a stunning last-minute victory against all the odds.

In a wind and rain swept encounter at Meadow Lane, the Eagles put the bad weather behind them to come from 3-1 down to dramatically earn a 4-3 victory. It really was a game you would have paid to watch, and with the equalising and winning goals coming in the final ten minutes, it made the victory all the sweeter for the Stretton supporting spectators.

The team can be very proud of this fantastic three points because this new-found determination was not there last season and they would never have come back to win a game like today's.

Barton are a much improved side from the last time Stretton played them, the Eagles strolling to a 7-0 victory that day. This time around, though, they provided a far sterner test.

The Eagles struggled to get out of their own half in the opening period and Barton had most of the play. This was largely down to the harsh conditions and the strong wind being against Stretton.

Stretton could only manage two shots on target in the first half, from Luca and Richard, and both were held by Rovers' keeper.

All the Barton pressure finally told when a player slid the ball into the net from a narrow angle at the near post.

The Eagles grinded it out until half time knowing that it would be a different game in the second half with the wind on their side.

Stynie and TJ swapped places at half time, Stynie moving to left-back and TJ going in goal. Stynie was solid in defence and TJ did well when called upon in goal, although he didn't have too much to do.

Rovers, though, started the second half how they'd left off the first, attacking and playing well. It wasn't long before they doubled their lead.

Stretton were looking for a way back into the game and were handed the perfect opportunity when Luca was tugged down 25-yards from goal.

Charlie took it and curled his shot beautifully into the top corner. The keeper got a touch to it but couldn't keep it out.

People always say that you are most vulnerable when you have just scored, and they are usually spot on if it is Stretton that are playing.

No sooner had they got themselves back in the game, they were 3-1 down within a minute.

Last season heads would have dropped and it would have been game over. Not this season though.

The Eagles roared back to make an incredible comeback.

Toby's defence splitting pass sent Richard away one-on-one with the keeper and he smashed it in.

The equalising goal arrived deep into the last ten minutes. Toby turned from provider to goalscorer as Luca showed great vision to thread an inch-perfect pass through to him. Toby took a touch before poking the ball into the corner.

The winner was from Charlie again, and it was worthy of winning any game. It came a mere two minutes from time and capped off a tremendous turnaround.

The ball bounced free to him at a similar distance to his first goal and Charlie just absolutely belted it into the top corner leaving the keeper with no chance.

MOM: Charlie Wood

Goals: Barton goal HT 0-1. Barton goal, **Charlie Wood**, Barton goal, **Richard Smith**, **Toby Richards**, **Charlie Wood** FT 4-3.

Team: Jack Styne, Nick Smith, Dan Bennett, Bradley Hambleton, TJ Ward, Robson Stewart, Luca Gallone, Charlie Wood, Eddy Edwards, Toby Richards, Richard Smith.

U13's: Barton Rovers 0-7 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 25th Jan 2009 10:29 pm

The Eagles' sharp shooters fired in a magnificent seven to send 10-man Barton crashing to defeat on their home turf.

Six players got on the score sheet as Stretton cemented their position in the top five.

Although shots on goal were pretty infrequent, the majority of Stretton's efforts found the back of the net. Barton, on the other hand, were restricted to only one shot, which was brilliantly saved by Stynie.

It didn't take long for the deadlock to be broken, Luca Gallone following up his five goals in his last two games by hitting the net again.

The ball was chipped into the area and the keeper did not deal with the danger. A defender's clearing header could only find Luca on the edge of the box who, with the goalkeeper out of position, swept the ball back into the far corner.

The second and the third goals came shortly after in quick succession.

Number two came with the Eagles attacking in the area. Richard was involved, but the ball fell to Kris, who had a very good game, and he neatly slotted the ball in.

Stretton were three goals to the good when Kris fed in Richard with a brilliant through ball.

Richard latched onto the pass, and with only the keeper to beat, he found the bottom corner.

A free kick was won in a promising position, and Charlie delivered the ball into the penalty area.

The ball hit Richard and fell nicely for TJ who made no mistake from six-yards, sliding in to score.

Toby made it five before half time, getting on the end of an incisive move, and finishing probably the goal of the game.

Luca put the ball out wide to Charlie, and he charged past the full-back and into the area. Charlie picked out Toby at the back post with a good cross. Toby took a touch before poking past the keeper from close-range.

The Eagles took their foot off the gas slightly after the break, though they still enjoyed all the play.

Stretton were pressing, but it was Bradley, up from centre-half, who added another. Bradley, who was only denied man of the match by Charlie's powerful performance, grabbed a deserved goal.

A corner was floated into the danger zone, and a goal scramble ended in Bradley tapping in on his left foot from inside the six-yard box.

Kris registered his second of the game to clinch the magnificent seven, side-footing the ball into the bottom corner after being sent through on goal.

As the Rovers' players left the pitch at the final whistle, they may well have wished that the goal chained to a tree before the start of the game, hadn't been sawed free.

MOM: Charlie Wood

Goals: Luca Gallone, Kris Holland, Richard Smith, TJ Ward, Toby Richards, HT 0-5, Bradley Hambleton, Kris Holland, FT 0-7.

Team: Jack Styne, Nick Smith, Joe Linstead, Bradley Hambleton, TJ Ward, Charlie Wood, Luca Gallone, Eddy Edwards, Kris Holland, Toby Richards, Richard Smith, Subs: Michael Gibbs.

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kev edwards

27th Jan 2009 at 12:15 pm

sounds like it was a great match.
wish i could of made it..



super eagles.

U13's: Stretton Eagles 8-1 Stapenhill Swans FC Red

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 11th Jan 2009 10:10 pm

For the first time ever the Swans were sunk by the high flying Eagles, but it wasn't as polished a performance as the scoreline may suggest against a low on confidence Stapenhill side.

In several encounters with Stapenhill, the Eagles have always dominated but always seem to fail to take their chances and then get caught out on the counter-attack.

It wasn't as disciplined a performance as other games this season up against 10-man Stapenhill, with the team losing its shape. It mattered not, though, when it came to the result, as Stretton still ran out comfortable winners.

Paddy got the first goal when he came charging into the box. It was a very tight angle, but he managed to squeeze the ball in at the near post and high into the net.

Luca squandered a good chance to double the lead before the Swans mustered an equalising goal out of nothing.

A winger wasn't closed down and his cross deceived the goalkeeper, Bradley, in for the injured Stynie, leaving a Stapenhill player a tap-in from less than a yard out.

Luca, however, compensated for his earlier miss by putting the Eagles back in front soon after.

He was sent through on goal, and although his left footed shot looked to have been placed too close to the keeper, he was still unable to keep it out.

The lead was extended when a penalty was awarded for handball.

Linny, as he already has been once this season, was ice cool from the spot, converting the penalty to the keeper's bottom left-hand corner.

Paddy got his second, and Stretton's fourth on the stroke of half time.

He surged into the area, before teeing himself up to drill home from 6-yards.

It took a long time in the second period to get number five, with many great chances being missed, but when it came at long last it fell to Paddy again, completing his hat-trick.

It was a fine drive from 15-yards which added to his brilliant goal-tally with the Eagles of 6 goals in just 3 games.

Luca, later grabbed the sixth in stylish fashion.

He took a corner from the left, and the ball came to Charlie who played it back out to Luca. He fired a delightful first time curling shot into the near top corner giving the goalie no chance. He couldn't have placed it any better.

Luca completed his treble minutes from the end with a good solo goal.

He received the ball on the left flank, beat two men and thumped a shot towards goal. The keeper got a touch but there was too much venom in the shot and he couldn't prevent Luca from bagging his 8th goal of the season.

The Eagles still had the final say in the encounter, though, in the last few seconds.

There was a ball over the top to what looked like an offside Richard. The flag stayed down and Richard side-footed the ball into the goal past the on-rushing keeper.

MOM: Luca Gallone

Goals: **Paddy Page**, Stapenhill goal, **Luca Gallone**, **Joe Linstead (pen)**, **Paddy Page**. 4-1HT. **Paddy Page**, **Luca Gallone**, **Luca Gallone**, **Richard Smith**.8-1FT.

Team: Bradley Hambleton, Toby Richards, Joe Linstead (C), Dan Bennett, TJ Ward, Robson Stewart, Luca Gallone, Charlie Wood, Kris Holland, Richard Smith, Paddy Page. Subs: Eddie Edwards.

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joe linny

12th Jan 2009 at 7:04 pm

Played Lads 6th victory of the season,shame we have lost two players but not the less it didnt show.

Luca and Paddy had a really good game both notching up there hat-trick next week.

I think is the most important game of our season as us and willington are both evenly matched teams hopefully we will com out on top !!!

U13's: Winshill FC Green 1-6 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 4th Jan 2009 7:43 pm

The Eagles soared to success, making an unexpected home advantage count - ramming six past Winshill.

Due to a frozen pitch at Winshill, the match was transferred to Meadow Lane where the ground was rock hard but just about playable.

Despite a disappointing first half, the Eagles found themselves 1-0 up thanks to a Richard Smith goal.

The second period was far superior, however, with Stretton producing some lovely football on a tricky, bobbly surface.

Chances were few and far between in the first half, and although Winshill rarely got out of their own half, and the Eagles saw most of the ball, there was very little in terms of opportunities created.

Though Stretton weren't at their best, they most definitely deserved the lead.

A corner was won and it was curled in by Luca.

There was an almighty goal scramble but Richard got the final touch to prod in the opening goal from close range.

The only other notable chance in the first period was a shot from Luca.

He beat a player in the area only to drill a low shot inches past the post.

The Eagles started the second half much brighter and soon found themselves a second goal. It was Richard who got it, his second of the game, and it was a typical poacher's finish.

Paddy put a good ball into the box, and a defender could only poke it towards his own goal. This wrong-footed the keeper and left Richard with a simple tap in from no more than a yard out, that was his 14th strike of the season.

Winshill were given a lifeline when a defensive mix up gave a Winshill player the chance to poke into the open net.

The Eagles response to this set-back was just scoring more goals.

Number three came courtesy of a great cut-back from Richard to Luca, who beat the keeper to re-establish the two-goal cushion.

Another goal was added to the tally, and it was an absolute belter from Paddy.

He caught the ball sweetly on the volley from the edge of the area as he hammered his effort into the top corner.

Luca wrapped up a brace for himself not long after.

He beat a man and smashed in a shot from an incredibly tight angle, the ball somehow finding its way in at the near post.

The ball was being kept on the floor and some brilliant football was being played and this led to the final goal of the day.

An incisive move ended with the ball being squared to Charlie who couldn't miss, passing the ball into the empty net from 12-yards.

A very good result in the end. A below-par first half display followed by a fantastic second period which won the game. In the second half the passing football on show was superb.

MOM: Luca Gallone

Goals: **Richard Smith, Richard Smith**, Winshill goal, **Luca Gallone, Paddy Page, Luca Gallone, Charlie Wood**.

Team: Jack Styne, Nick Smith, Joe Linstead (C), Dan Bennett, TJ Ward, Robson Stewart, Luca Gallone, Charlie Wood, Kris Holland, Jack Orton, Richard Smith. Subs: Paddy Page, PJ Waters, Eddie Edwards.

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David Tebbett

4th Jan 2009 at 9:12 pm

The match took place on a frosty day with the hard ground unforgiving. But our eagles were flapping around the pitch following too much Christmas pudding. Their domination in the first half of the game, gave our lads a one goal lead. But this was just not good enough for a team of the Eagles breed. At half time Andy assembled the lads together and gave his half time talk. He told the lads to get on the pitch, pass the ball and really work. The team responded very well and the goals then started to come. In the end a score of six to one, gave the answer of "job well done".



chris

4th Jan 2009 at 9:35 pm

Fantastic result Andy, good to start the year on a win, long may it continue.

U13: Stretton Eagles 2-4 Rolleston FC

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 22nd Dec 2008 12:27 pm

It would have been a tall order for Stretton to snatch a win from high-flying Rolleston. It would have taken a giant killing feat, quite literally.

Rolleston haven't got a team of the most gifted and talented players in the world, however, they do have three or four big lads who are six-feet and over. This gives them a big physical advantage, and with the biggest ones being the two centre-halves their defence is extremely difficult to break down.

The Eagles can give themselves a big pat on the back as they played very well and on another day could have won the game.

Stretton were quick out of the block and established themselves a 1-0 lead, when Dan Bennett smashed in from a corner.

Rolleston undeservedly turned it around before half time going 2-1 up.

They made it 3-1 before Richard Smith reduced the deficit.

Rolleston then nipped in to grab a late fourth.

The eagles started the brighter and stunned Rolleston on 10 minutes.

A short corner routine with Charlie and Luca found TJ, who played the ball back into the area. It landed at the feet of Dan Bennett, who lashed a fierce volley towards goal. The keeper got a touch to it but there was too much power and he couldn't prevent Dan from registering his second goal of the season.

Dan Bennett nearly notched up his second goal of the game when the goalie did well to hold his venomous volley from the edge of the box as Stretton continued to look the better of the two sides.

With Rolleston rarely threatening, they were given a dubious free kick just outside the penalty area.

Their player smacked the shot against the post, but the Eagles were static and this resulted in a striker tapping the loose ball home.

Rolleston turned the game on its head just before the interval, one of the big lads powering in a header from a corner.

They extended their lead to 3-1 in the second period, but Stretton never gave up and replied by pulling a goal back 5 minutes from the end. The ball fell to Kris inside the box from a set piece, he cracked a shot at goal, but the keeper could only parry the ball into the path of Richard who tapped it in from inside the six-yard area.

Stretton pushed everything forward for the equaliser, but with that left themselves exposed at the back.

This led to Rolleston putting the game to bed with a fourth goal in the dying seconds.

This was a very harsh result as the whole team played really well and deserved to win. A disappointing result but not from a lack of effort.

Goals:

Dan Bennett, Rolleston goal, Rolleston goal, Rolleston goal, Richard Smith, Rolleston goal.

Team: Jack Styne, Joe Linstead, Bradley Hambleton, Dan Bennett, TJ Ward, Robson Stewart, Luca Gallone, Charlie Wood, Eddie Edwards, Richard Smith.

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dan eddie edwards dad

22nd Dec 2008 at 1:22 pm

great report andy i think we made rolleston work hard today, i thought kris was outstanding and i think jack styne deserve a pat on the back for bravery.
merry christmas to yourself and the lads.

U13: Stretton Eagles 8-1 Netherseale St Peters

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 30th Nov 2008 5:16 pm

Stretton ran riot over Netherseale at Meadow Lane to secure all three points and wrap up an emphatic win. It was the second meeting between these two sides this season as the Eagles also completed their first double of the campaign.

This time around though, the lads put away more chances. Scoring 8 instead of the three that they scored against the same opposition in the opening game of the season, where Stretton ran out 3-0 winners.

Debuts were handed today to Bradley and Paddy. Bradley was solid in the centre of defence and Paddy marked his first appearance with a brace.

It could have been 1-0 in the first minute, the ball found its way to Toby 6-yards out. He thought he'd scored until the keeper pulled off a brilliant point blank save. Kris Holland then, with the ball at his feet inside the area, somehow scooped his shot up. It went really high and dipped over the keeper and just under the bar. That was his first goal for the club. This was with only two minutes gone.

Paddy's clever running was causing no end of problems to the visitor's defence. One shot went unluckily wide, before he went even closer on 19 minutes. He cut inside in the area before lashing in a fierce shot which the keeper did extremely well to turn over the bar. Paddy did get the goal he deserved, only a minute later. A through ball was over hit and the Netherseale keeper, who had a fantastic game, made a rare mistake. He missed the ball with his hands. It left him stranded and Paddy the simple task of passing the ball into the empty net.

It was three shortly after, when toby hit a volley, which looped up and over the goalie and into the net.

Ten minutes later Paddy was put clean through on goal, and he made no mistake calmly sliding the ball past the keeper.

There was still time for five before half time, as Richard found himself one-on-one with the goalkeeper. His shot came back off the post but he was alert to slot the rebound into the unoccupied net. At the break it was 5-0 to Stretton.

It took 15 minutes of the second half for the sixth goal of the day. Paddy chipped in a corner. The ball fell to TJ, who turned to shoot home his first of the season.

The Eagles were getting over confident and too many players were pushing forward. This resulted in Netherseale pulling a goal back, their lively number 17 scoring a very good goal.

Stretton hit back though, a minute before the hour. Luca put in a great left foot ball into the six-yard box. Richard was there to take a touch and convert his second.

The final goal came two minutes from time. Tj was again in an attacking position and hit an accurate, low shot, into the bottom corner and past the keeper's outstretched arm.

The result really does reflect the team's all round dominance of the game, and it could have been much more than 8-1 with many shots saved.

MOM Paddy

Goals:

Kris, 2

Paddy, 20

Toby, 23

Paddy, 33

Richard, 35

TJ, 50

Netherseale goal, 54

Richard, 59

Tj,

68

Team:

Jack Styne, Nick, Bradley, Dan, Paul, Jack Orton, Kris, Charlie, Toby, Richard, Paddy. subs: Luca, TJ, Joe, Robson, Michael.

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David Tebbett

30th Nov 2008 at 5:28 pm

Well done lads. More of the same please next week



Chris

1st Dec 2008 at 1:23 am

Great result Andy and the lads. Good emphatic win.

U13: Midway FC 2-1 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 23rd Nov 2008 8:48 pm

A gritty display from Stretton failed to bag The Eagles the three points they richly deserved. The Eagles came out all guns blazing in a fiery first half performance. Despite a heavy pitch and bitterly cold weather, Stretton took control of the game from the kick off. Richard Smith was holding the ball up well and Jack Orton's pacy runs always posed a threat to the home side's defence on the right-hand side. The first real chance of the encounter came through Luca Gallone. He received a throw-in from Charlie, twisted and turned passed his marker, only to fire a low, left-foot drive a couple of yards passed the Midway keeper's right-hand post from the edge of the box. The opening goal had to come – and it did. The ball was being sprayed about the park with purpose, and found its way to Charlie Wood. Charlie took a touch and threaded through a brilliant, perfectly-paced ball into the path of Jack Orton, who slid in, to steer home his eagerly awaited first goal of the season. Although Stretton did not create too many clear cut chances in the first half, they did enjoy the majority of the possession as they dominated proceedings. Midway struggled to get out of their own half and were always on the backfoot. That meant that at the interval it was 1-0 to the Eagles.

Stretton had a great chance to make it 2-0 in the second period. Richard was put clean through on goal, but the keeper did extremely well to narrow down the angle and block the shot. Even then, the goalie was fortunate for the ball to land at the feet of a Midway player. The home team went straight up the other end and won a corner. It was curled into the area which was crowded with players. There were appeals for handball, it wasn't given and they hit an unstoppable shot into the top corner. It was completely against the run of play. Midway then took the lead a few minutes later. The scoreline was harsh on the lads. Stretton were inches away from an equaliser, Dan Edwards received a lay-off and smashed a fantastic rasping effort just past the post from 22-yards. Stretton continued to press for the goal they needed. Luca Gallone surged into the area, only to put his centre too close to the keeper. Kris Holland still had time to put a teasing ball into the penalty area, but the goalie smothered the ball at the feet of Richard. The dramatic late leveller wouldn't come.

The result didn't sum up the performance today as there was some great passing football and we deserved to win.

MOM Luca Gallone

Goals:

Jack Orton

Team:

Jack Styne

Nick Smith - Dan Bennett - Joe Linstead(C) - TJ Ward

Eddie Edwards

Jack Orton - Charlie Wood - Luca Gallone - Toby Richards

Rich Smith

Subs: Robson Stewart, Paul Waters, Kris Holland, Michael Gibbs.

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David Tebbett

23rd Nov 2008 at 9:14 pm

Hard luck lads. The luck is not with us at the moment. Keep on fighting.



Linny

24th Nov 2008 at 6:10 pm

Unlucky lads, I no it was hard for the referee to see but with 11 players shouting handball i fail to see why he didn't give the freekick, But still it was a gutsy performance. Linny

U13: Lea Park Rangers 0-4 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 2nd Nov 2008 7:13 pm

An excellent result, some superb passing football and our best performance this season. We tried a new formation this week and it worked really well. We kicked off playing up hill and in blustery conditions and had the better of the first few exchanges. Eddie Edwards was charged with stopping anything that came past the midfield and that's exactly what he did.

Lea Park struggled to build any meaningful attacking moves except with a large hoof up the pitch. The opening goal came from exactly that. A punt up the pitch controlled well by Linny who looked up ran into space and played a perfect ball to Richard Smith who took his time and made no mistake for his seventh goal of the season. 0-1. We continued to push but with the heavy pitch and windy conditions the ball just wouldn't drop for us. HT 0-1.

The second half kicked off and so did we. The passing was getting better and better as the half went on and we were really starting to stretch the opposition. We worked the ball down the left hand side, had no joy there but still with possession of the ball worked it quickly to the right side of the area to find an unmarked Robson Stewart who placed the ball past the keeper. 0-2. We continued to work both of Lea Parks full backs and our third goal came from some good work by Charlie Wood. He managed to get to the byline inside the area and with three defenders in attendance crossed the ball across the area to find an unmarked Richard Smith for the easiest goal of the day. 0-3. The final 10 minutes was a lesson in how to pass the ball which Arsene Wenger would have been proud of, and culminated in the final goal. Richard was chasing another through ball into the area when he was brought down from a poor challenge, with everybody calling for a penalty a Lea Park defender passed the ball back to his keeper who picked it up. The free kick was in a difficult position however Robson Stewart pushed it back to Linny who spooned it up, the ball bounced on the line and into the top of the net. 0-4. That capped off what was truly a scintillating display of good passing football.

MOM Eddie Edwards

Team: Jack Styne, Nick Smith, Dan Bennett, Joe Linstead, TJ Ward, Eddie Edwards, Luca Gallone, Charlie Wood, Robo Stewart, Kris Holland, Rich Smith. Subs Toby Richards, Michael Gibbs, Paul Waters.

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Linny

2nd Nov 2008 at 9:00 pm

Well Done again lads, Really good performance and really deserved it The whole team gave 100%, I think all parents were wondering if it was the same 11 playing compared to past weeks, lets carry the momentum through to the next match against Winhill A (Linny)



David Tebbett

2nd Nov 2008 at 9:09 pm

The way we won today made my day. Well done to all of the team. You generally kept your shape and positions to enable us to play a good passing game. Can I just add that the tackling at the back was the best performance so far this season.

U13: Stapenhill Swans 3-3 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 12th Oct 2008 5:17 pm

Stretton nearly let this one get away but a battling performance gained a point. A bit of a stuttering start to the match as the Eagles didn't seem able to get their rhythm and again it was very tight in midfield. Kris Holland was making his debut and made some good touches to help the Eagles get on top. Once the ball did get out of the centre of the park it was the Eagles who were putting alot of pressure on the Swans defence.

The ball would just not drop for us and Swans defence kept scrambling the ball behind for corners. Our pressure did not bring us any reward in fact the opposite. From a corner the ball was cleared and a swift passing move resulted in a goal for Stapenhill from absouloutely nowhere. 1-0. We kept up the pressure winning corner after corner but once again Swans capitalised on a clearance, a sweet passing move and we were another goal down completely against the run of play. 2-0. HT.

In the second half we were virtually camped in Stapenhills terriotary. Stapenhills confidence was growing the more the match went on but we were never going to give this match away. We were starting to run at the Swans defenders and get them on the back foot, and managed four or five shots on goal which were all saved. Our first goal came from a corner. Luca Gallone swung the ball in it bounced twice and Richard Smith put the ball in the back of the net. 2-1. We continued to dominate and when the ball came to Charlie Wood he took the ball forward two strides looked up and curled the ball round the keeper into the corner of the goal. 2-2. The excitement on the touchline was growing as it looked like we might score, but was dashed as we were caught by a sucker punch yet again. Another clearance, another couple of passes, another goal to Swans. 3-2. Although dissappointed we continued to press and a Luca Gallone corner was our saviour. Floated in, there was panic in the area and a Swans defender swung furiously at the ball and slammed it into his own net. 3-3. There was one last scare for the Eagles as Stapenhill managed to escape their own half and brought a magnificent save from Jack Styne.

Although this was a match we were hoping to win, a point after being 2-0 down at half time shows commitment, determination and resilliance all excellent qualities in a football team.

MOM Paul Waters

Team: Jack Styne, Michael Gibbs, Nick Smith, Dan Bennett, TJ Ward, Charlie Wood, Luca Gallone, Robson Stewart, Kris Holland, Richard Smith, Jack Orton. Subs PJ Waters, Toby Richards, Eddie Edwards.

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Linny

12th Oct 2008 at 7:02 pm

Well done lads, Brilliant fight back and never stopped running fingers crossed next game against midway we can win !!!



Dave Tebbett

13th Oct 2008 at 12:01 pm

A very enjoyable game to watch, especially the second half. This was a game we would not have come back from last season. Well done lads.



PJ

14th Oct 2008 at 1:25 pm

yes boys well in.

we deserved a win but a draw will do



eddies dad

14th Oct 2008 at 7:42 pm

missed the skipper(linny) today,but excellent determination got us back into the game,and unlike maybe last season no ones head went down.



Stynie

16th Oct 2008 at 3:23 pm

great battling performance lads

keep it up lads !

U13: Rolleston FC 4-0 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 28th Sep 2008 5:47 pm

A disappointment but a battling performance. Our first defeat of the season against a team that most other teams will struggle against. Played on a small pitch, nobody was allowed an inch of space and that made it difficult to get our passing game going. All in all it was a very scrappy match.

Rolleston made the first impression by creating a few half chances and they scored after Stretton failed to clear the ball. It fell to a player running in to the area and he had an easy job of putting it in the net. Stretton started to get to grips with the environment and were beginning to get hold of the game and create chances themselves, but could just not get a break in front of goal. 0-1 HT

The second half was just as difficult. We didn't really run the midfield as we had in the previous matches and were bullied off the ball too easily. We created a few chances, Jack Orton pulling the trigger and forcing the Rolleston keeper into a save and Luca Gallone creating some space on the edge of the area, firing in a looping shot destined for the top corner only for their 6'2" centre half to head it against his own bar. Rolleston kept coming at us and had a penalty awarded for hand ball. Jack Styne pulled off a magnificent double save palming away the initial penalty and then blocking the follow up shot. Despite some excellent defending from the captain, Joe Linstead, we conceded a further 3 goals. 0-4 FT

We shouldn't let this result get us down as we were playing against some extraordinarily big players and we did keep the chances coming. We still tried to play our passing game but on a pitch that small it was difficult. Heads up for next week lads.

MOM Joe Linstead

Team: Jack Styne, Michael Gibbs, Nick Smith, Dan Bennett, Joe Linstead (C), Robson Stewart, Luca Gallone, Charlie Wood, PJ Waters, Toby Richards, Richard Smith. Subs TJ Ward, Eddy Edwards, Jack Orton.

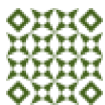
2 Responses to U13: Rolleston FC 4-0 Stretton Eagles



Simon Orton

29th Sep 2008 at 4:29 pm

heads up lads , 6 points out of 9 is an excellent start, keep playing your style of football and more importantly...enjoy yourselves



Paulo

2nd Oct 2008 at 2:52 pm

Hey u guys Wats up G's Ive Just been to Morrisons And i got some more lets grow vouchers bye ly xxx

U13: Stretton Eagles 9-3 Winshill FC Green

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 21st Sep 2008 4:18 pm

Another great result and some excellent passing football. Stretton started brightly and put Winshill under pressure straight from the whistle. With Winshill struggling to get out of their own half a nice exchange of passes finished with Richard Smith laying the ball back for debutant Charlie Wood to make some space for himself and plant the ball firmly past the Winshill keeper from just inside the box. 1-0.

The pressure was unrelenting and Stretton capitalised from a corner. Charlie swung the ball in, Winshill failed to clear, the ball landed at Dan Bennetts LEFT foot and he hit it hard into the roof of the net. 2-0. Stretton continued to push forward and Luca Gallone got his second in two matches. 3-0. The Eagles then must have thought the job was done because they all appeared to lose interest. What should have been a simple back pass for the Stretton keeper, Jack Styne to clear left Winsill a virtual open goal after all defensive help for Jack had dissapeared. 3-1. Stretton picked it up and Richard Smith stoked the ball home from inside the area. 4-1. The fifth goal was Richards again having beaten the defence for pace he was in the area with a very tight angle to shot at but he managed to beat the keeper at the near post. 5-1. Stretton fell asleep again for the last 7 minutes of the half. With everybody pushing on it left the way open for Winshill to score 2 goals the second of which was finished beautifully. 5-3. HT

Winsill started the second half where they finished the first and kept posession of the ball. Some excellent man to man marking by Michael Gibbs meant that Winshills main striker was kept quiet. As the second half went on the 10 men of Winshill began to get tired and Stretton began to take control of the game. Robson Stewart was beginning to play a big role in the match and was seeing alot of the ball and was working well with PJ Waters. The next goal was scored from a cross provided by Robo. Low and hard it went across the goal to an unmarked Toby Richards at the far post who couldn't miss from just inside the six yard box. 6-3. The captain, Joe Linstead, stepped up to take the penalty that Winshill conceded after a poor challenge on Charlie. Linny made no mistake planting it firmly in the back of the net. 7-3. Stretton now had total control of the match and were passing the ball round really well. The eighth goal was the best of the lot. Some great passing on the left involving Nick Smith, Toby Richards and Charlie Wood and the ball was moved swiftly to Luca Gallone in the centre. Robson Stewart found some space on the right and Luca picked him out, Robson put in a magnificent cross to the far post and Richard Smith completed his hatrick with a tap in. 8-3. Richard wrapped up the encounter and got his fourth goal in the final few minutes of a really good match. 9-3.

MOM Robson Stewart

Team: Jack Styne, Michael Gibbs, Nick Smith, Joe Linstead (C), Dan Bennett, Robson Stewart, Charlie Wood, Luca Gallone, Toby Richards, PJ Waters, Richard Smith.

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Luca

21st Sep 2008 at 5:21 pm

Brilliant performance again lads and a brilliant start to the season. We're starting to pass the ball around really well. Let's keep this going and playing good football.



David Tebbett

21st Sep 2008 at 6:08 pm

The Eagles had their tallons out and were ready for their prey
Today it poor Winshill's turn to become "meal of the day"
The sun was out the wind becalmed as kick off time drew near
The team then set about the task to attack them without fear
The passing was so very crisp and goals were bound to come
A final score of 9 to 3 proved the job had been well done.



[chris Shorter](#)

21st Sep 2008 at 6:21 pm

Superb win for Andy and the boys, 2 games and 2 wins, excellent start to the season, keep it up !!!!.



J & A Arrowsmith

22nd Sep 2008 at 10:57 am

What a great report on an excellent match!



Simon Orton

22nd Sep 2008 at 6:32 pm

Brilliant well done lads me and Jack really pleased ,now get your heads down for some stiffer tests ahead .



michael

23rd Sep 2008 at 4:41 pm

well done lads we are creating space down the wings so a good cross is in the net



Paul

26th Sep 2008 at 3:00 pm

hello guys i love this site alot we played great i am stretton till i die all the way peace out xxx



Stynie

27th Sep 2008 at 10:12 am

Geat game lads lets play like this against Rolleston

U13: Netherseale St Peters 0-3 Stretton Eagles U13

Match Reports 08/09, Under 13s Posted by Andy Richards on 14th Sep 2008 5:51 pm

A great start to the season and thoroughly deserved. Netherseale set out their stall early on and defended very high up the pitch and played very square. This enabled the Eagles strikers to exploit the space behind the defence and create some excellent chances. TJ Ward put an excellent ball through the defence allowing Richard Smith to run onto the ball, the keeper closed the angle and made a good save. Another through ball and Richard was onto it again this time putting it just wide of the post. A goal was going to come and it did, Richard was put through yet again and this time slotted it home in the bottom right hand corner. 1-0.

Eagles kept up the pressure and were having alot of posession on the right hand side. The ball broke to Luca Gallone who put a super cross into the six yard box, the ball landed at Robson Stewarts feet and he put it away comfortably. 2-0. Netherseale came back into it briefly and an excellent reaction save from Jack Styne meant the half time score remained 2-0.

The second half was similar to the first, Eagles broke well from midfield and although Netherseale tried to play the offside trap they could not stop Luca Gallone from scoring a lovely goal. Gallone picked the ball up 5 metres outside the penalty area, danced round three players and coolly slotted the ball into the corner of the net. 3-0. Eagles created plenty more chances but the Netherseale keeper managed to keep them out. Despite a bit of a fight back at the end from Netherseale the result never looked in any doubt and Stretton ran out comfortable winners.

MOM Luca Gallone

Team Jack Styne, Nick Smith, Dan Bennett, Joe Linstead (C), TJ Ward, Robson Stewart, Eddy Edwards, Luca Gallone, Toby Richards, Richard Smith, Jack Orton. Subs Michael Gibbs, PJ Waters.

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kev edwards

14th Sep 2008 at 7:12 pm

great all round performance today and a great start to the season.



jack orton

14th Sep 2008 at 9:10 pm

the whole team played amazing and lets keep it going lads.



Chris

14th Sep 2008 at 10:02 pm

Great result Andy and the team. Keep up the good work.



Dave Tebbett

15th Sep 2008 at 8:32 am

A very good team performance. Well done lads.



Luca

15th Sep 2008 at 8:59 pm

Keep playing like this and we'll have a good season. Next week let's do the same against Winshill.



Michael

18th Sep 2008 at 4:19 pm

the whole team played brilliant especially the captain he kept the back line straight and kept the joy up



Joe L

18th Sep 2008 at 4:46 pm

Well done lads, Brilliant start to the season and fingers crossed we can carry on playing the way we did.