

U15: Newhall Tigers 3-5 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 5th May 2009 1:54 pm

Penultimate match of the season, and a trip to the countryside of Donisthorpe? to face one of the nicest teams in the U15's league. The games against Newhall are normally tense affairs with goals galore, and this match was no different.

Stretton started the match with 9 players and went down to 2 daft goals inside 6 minutes, then like the proverbial Lone Ranger and Tonto, our errant late comers bounded onto the pitch [minus the horse!!] and we duly scored 2 quick goals to even things up courtesy of Tom Riley. Stretton then seemed hell bent on never letting the ball enter their own half and we camped out in Newhalls [We let the horse graze in our half?]. Some stunning attacks gave us a cushion with a goal from James Shorter, but with 3 minutes to go before half time, we let Newhalls dangerman Danny cut through the middle of the park and score. Half time 3-3.

More purpose and desire from the Green Machine 2nd half, and midfield winning their own personal battles allowed Roachy to pop a goal in, 3-4. sideline encouragement and the lads replied with a 5th and final goal again courtesy of Tom Riley to claim his hattrick.

Newhall have been the whipping boys of Div 1 all season, and for the first time Ray and his Newhall lads had a squad of 12 to pick from, whereupon we have been decimated by injuries to key players and have had 11 players for 4 games. So all the more satisfying to note with a bare bones 11 we can produce some fine attacking play.

I gave the lads a target of 21 points at the start of the season, they have now achieved that with 1 game remaining, and we will finish the season in 5th place. Very proud of the lads and their achievements this season, and from finishing 3rd in Div 2 last season to 5th best team in Div 1 this season is a hell of an improvement.

After this Sunday's match i relenquish the role of U15's Manager to Kev Prince who will take the lads next season at U16's, hopefully competing for a place in the top 4.

Regards,

Chris Shorter

Stretton Eagles U15's.

U15's: Stretton Eagles 0-2 Rolleston

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 8th Mar 2009 11:07 pm

A match all 37 watching spectators thought was an unjust result. The Green Machine kicked off in bright sunshine [well the first 3 minutes were ?], with the strong northerly gale behind us and we created several chances but the finishing was lacking, Rolleston went 1 up after a mix up in the 18 yard box, no players were to blame, however we didn't let our heads drop and we kept plugging away. Rolleston midfield matched our lads and surprisingly they played it to the wings to create their few chances. In to half time 0-1 down with all to play.

2nd half and the Green machine kicking into Hurricane katrina, ball staying in the air longer than it takes me to drink a pint !!, but we applied the pressure and nearly nicked an equaliser. Alex Barber tackling like a banshee, John O'Brian covering more acreage than a Massey tractor and the solid back 4 tidying up neatly.

Rolleston's 2nd goal came from a lucky toe poke that crept under the body of our keeper. Not to take anything away from Rolleston, they pressured and pressed and met solid resistance at every stage. Weather was a contributing factor without doubt and on another day [with blazing sun and a fully stocked bar], we would have surprised everyone?.

This was the best team we have played in this Division [the lads from both teams all know each other anyway], and we look forward to the 3 league games we have coming up against them.

Man of the Match:

Everyone [however Liam Anguish probably sneaked it for his defending today].

well done lads,

Regards,

Chris Shorter.

U15's.

U15: Barton Rovers 2-3 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 3rd Mar 2009 12:14 pm

A hard fought game, played at breakneck speed, and some committed tackling that the ref strangely blew for on too many occasions?. decisions would not go our way and we were 2-0 down to barton by half time. Half time team talk and we clawed our way back into the game within 5 minutes and jake Borton with a lob that defied gravity and came down with snow on it, and over the Barton keepers head, 2-1 and the Green machine kept the pressure on, winning corner after corner, Tom riley floated in a ball, and John O'Brian tapped the ball home [poor marking by barton !!]. 2-2 and end to end stuff, Roachy saving some barton shots, jake Millar having the game of his life in front of the back four [al la makele], Adam Morrirt and Liam Anguish controling the game from defence, Kris and john pumping the ball up to Alex Barber and Ryan Matthews. 5 minutes to go and a through ball from Kris, and tom pushed off the ball in the penalty area, lo and behold the Green Machine get a penalty, Ryan steps up to take and fires a Peter Lorimar straight into [and almost through] the net. 2-3 result.

Big match next week at Hillfields v Rolleston in the Quarter Finals of the Cup, everyone welcome, expect fireworks??.

Chris Shorter.

U15's.

U15: Gresley Rovers 5-2 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 1st Feb 2009 10:48 pm

A return league match and we handled Gresley much better than last week !!. The green machine kicking downhill in the first half and we filled the 18 yard box with players to pressure gresley into a mistake, this they kindly did and John O'Brian was able to slot a ball in, 0-1, Gresley played some lovely wing passing which gifted them an equaliser.

The gresley midfield then laid siege to our half and produced another 3 goals to go 4-1 up. The Stretton defence then put the shutters up and our midfield started their magic and Alex Roach with a lovely goal and into half time 4-2.

Half time team talk and a few positional swaps around and kicking uphill and into a blinding sun [why is it the chuffing sun comes out, just when we kick off the 2nd half??]. Defence continued to defy their forwards, Stretton midfield picked up a gear and we went very close 3 times from Alex barber, James Shorter and Ryan Matthews. Jake Borton on the wing was skinning their defence time and time again, however Gresley were able to clear from the cross. Stretton held the boys from Gresley to 1-0 in the second half and we deserved at least a draw from this game as we matched them in every way. They have now got to come to our ground, and strangely we know how to play that one.

For the very first time in managing the U15's, we were given a Ref who commanded respect, and didn't suffer any fools, was consistant and let the game flow at all times, this was Graham Smout MBE, or i should say Detective Constable Graham Smout MBE, a nice bloke and almost [only almost?] had me thinking about not giving him verbal, consequently NO bookings today !!!.

Next weeks exciting encounter is v Rolleston in the 4th round of the cup, 1st of 4 games against Rolleston this season, should be a cracker?.

Scorers;

Alex Roach

John O'Brian

Man of the Match: Alex Barber.

Regards,

Chris Shorter.

U15's: Stretton Eagles 2-8 Gresley Rovers

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 26th Jan 2009 11:59 pm

Somewhat dissapointing game, fixture venue was changed [Overseal Rec, pitch was at an angle, sloping and Gresley knew how to play it]. 1st Competitive game since we beat them in a pre-season friendly, and why there were no sendings off and more yellow cards is a mystery ???. Matt Buxton suffered concussion from an illegal/cynical tackle and took no further part in the game, and Alex Roach was kneed in the nose and was seeing flying pigs and pixies, much like our assigned Ref throughout the game, who was about as effective as a chocolate fireguard?. The Green machine held gresley to a half time score of 3-1, with Alex Barber scoring the goal of the day with a blistering 25 yard unstoppable left foot volley into the roof of the net. Gresley to be fair had some very handy attackers who were fast and knew how to score. 2nd half and kicking uphill [think Kilimanjaro] with the wind in our faces, 3 very obvious offside decisions not picked up by Ray Charles [the ref] and Gresley score again. However Stretton didn't let the score affect their passing and committment, we matched them physically and skillfully, asking Adam "the Beast" Morrirt to stay up front and give the keeper a tickle paid off as the Gresley keeper fumbled and allowed Tom Riley to put a goal away. Final score 2-8. score doesn't reflect the effort and determination of the Green Machine, and this was a Quarter Final Cup encounter, next week we have them again at the same venue [take hiking boots and flask?], in the league.

Very proud of the lads to NOT retaliate when cynically tackled, we are above such things, and play to the rules, although a strong and decisive Ref is required, and who can see would help??.

Man of the Match: Matt Buxton, brave, didn't retaliate when up ended and firm and controlling at the back.

Sunday we shall see the Green Machine "Shock and Awe" approach to football.

Chris Shorter.

U15's.

One Response to *U15's: Stretton Eagles 2-8 Gresley Rovers*



kev edwards

31st Jan 2009 at 7:11 pm

sounds like a tough game chris,chin up mate,
boing boing!!

U15: Stretton Eagles 2-1 Rocester Elkes Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 18th Jan 2009 7:32 pm

Two evenly matched teams, in their 2nd match this season and what a juicy encounter it was !!!.

2 big strong teams played some nice attacking play, and with the Sun in our eyes and a vicious wind against us, we dealt with an onslaught of Rocester pressure, we let our guard down after 25 minutes and Rocester scored a goal and into half time 0-1 down.

A few swaps around and Stretton applied the pressure from Midfield, with the sun behind us and a nice breezy wind we played some lovely wing moves that eventually opened up a gap in a very crowded 18 yard box, Jake Borton with a shot which was blocked and again another shot which beat the Rocester keeper. 1-1 and still 20 minutes left to play. John O'Brian, Alex Barber, Kris Prince, and Alex Roach putting the ball into their danger area constantly. remaining 8 minutes and Jake Borton again on a dinking run down the right wing, puts in a cross that deceived everyone including the Rocester keeper and it popped in. Rocester were unable to get close to our 18 yard box [that wind was just right], and we applied more pressure, but finishing a bit lax.

Should have been a draw, but the luck has stayed with us.

Man of the Match: Liam Anguish [good defending, especially marking their No 8, who was huge, fast and a problem].

Chris Shorter.

U15: Hatton Sports 1-6 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 11th Jan 2009 7:30 pm

An eagerly anticipated Cup encounter, The Green Machine were resilient, determined, confident and not wasteful in attack. Surprisingly hatton Sports went into a 1-0 lead within 15 minutes, we let them celebrate long enough to think they had a slim chance, then unsurprisingly we went on to score an equaliser from Alex "The Barber" Barber, and Hatton didn't venture into our half the rest of the match [only a route one punt to keep our keeper warm?]. "The Barber" then produced another goal from a bit of a fumble from the Hatton keeper, green Machine leading 2-1 at half time. Bit of a switch round at the interval and within 2 minutes Jake Borton let go an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net 3-1. By this time Hatton couldn't buy a goal never mind produce a pass, and the Green Machine were again too strong on the wings and especially Jake Borton who let a 30 yard rocket from his pocket past the stationery hatton keeper, 4-1. Superb and creative Midfield play meant we were able to pop the ball over the Hatton defence to have several chances, 10 minutes to go and Jake Borton completes his hattrick with another thunderous shot from an angle, and the Hatton keeper scratching his head as to how to contain these shots??. last minute and Matt Buxton popped the ball in for his 2nd of the season. 12 goals in 2 games is impressive, just need to be consistent next week and put 6 past Rocester Elkes Biscuit boys.

Although we switched the formation from 4-4-2 to 3-5-2 to end the match 1-7-2, the green Machine defence were able to play as defensive Midfielders, which enabled our keeper to remain cold, pick his nose and smoke a fag, it won't be a changable formation next week.

Mom – Jake Borton [Not just for the hattrick, but the incredible wing play]

Scorers: Borton 3

Barber 2

Buxton 1

Spooky all B's ???????.

Return to Hillfields next Wednesday 6pm-7.15pm ish.

Chris Shorter.

U15: Stretton Eagles 6-2 Barton Rovers

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 21st Dec 2008 2:30 pm

The Green Machine came into this game having only played 6 league games so far this season?, so Speed and Skill were required to do the Double over Barton.

Things started briskly, with Stretton dominating play, and creating chances left, right and centre. 1st goal came within 7 minutes from Tom Reilly and good cross field passing created another opening for Alex Barber to pop one in. Barton put us on the back foot for 10 minutes and were lucky to get a goal. Stretton pressed on and broke the back of Barton's defence once again with Tom putting away his 2nd and Alex Roach getting a well deserved goal. A few questionable decisions got the Stretton lads backs up but 100mph football and playing to the wings and 2 more 2nd half goals followed, an out and out penalty awarded to the Green Machine allowed Tom to complete his hatrick, and Matt Buxton to score from a well placed shot. Continued pressure and were 6-1 up with 5 mintes to go, and against the run of play Barton get a silly second goal.

All in All the best display yet from the Green Machine, decisive, positive, confident and good finishing [should have been 10 or 11 goals], a well deserved rest over the Christmas break and then noses back to the grindstone for Cup Matches in early January 2009.

Well done lads !!!!.

Merry Christmas to all.

Chris Shorter.

Manager U15's.

U15 Cup: Stretton Eagles 4-3 Belvedere Park

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 1st Dec 2008 1:21 am

Not much to comment on this very tight Cup encounter, The Green Machine waited until the 2nd half to come out of the blocks and play proper football. Belvedere had 4 defenders bigger than us the adults !!!, and were bossing the game for 20 -25 minutes, however the Green Machine are not known for route one footie, and wing play totally confused the Belvedere defence, some sloppy defending let in Belvedere 3 times, however James Shorter came through with his 1st of the season, Ryan Matthews scored 2 belting goals and Tom Reily was running rings around the big belvedere lads, a 100% effort in the 2nd half and an eventual winner 5 minutes from time.

Overall a pleasing result, and a wake up call to the Green Machine to start the game at 100 mph and don't let up. Now through to the Quarter Finals and a match against Gresley Rovers in January 2009

Next weeks Floyd Davidson Memorial Cup Match is v Hatton Sports [our favourite team ??], another game in which we must improve our start and take the chances immediately.

Praise must go to Adam Morrirt, asked to be a big daft centre forward [instead of normal defence role], and he showed great promise causing panic in the oppo's defence and adding some much needed pressure to the forwards.

Scorers;

James Shorter 1

Tom Reilly 1

Ryan Matthews 2

MOM: Ryan Matthews.

U15: Rocester Juniors 4-2 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 23rd Nov 2008 8:33 pm

A very tough match played on a pitch cut up and muddy from the mornings game before. 2 Teams even in tempement and committment, every ball was fought for and invariably won by the green machine, however the finishing was below par but understandable in the wet conditions. Eagles only conceded a goal late in the first half with the wind against them and a shocking 18 yard box that had more hills than a walk up the peak district !!!.

Rocester had few options in the 2nd half, and were under a lot of pressure from our midfield and attack, but against the run of play Rocester grabbed a 2nd, and then backed off?. Some of the referee's decisions were bewildering and a few Eagles players certainly let him know, however Jake Borton latched on to a ball from the midfield to hammer home a deserved goal, 2-1, again the conditions deteriorated to the point of studs on boots being a waste of time??. Rocester again latched on to another through ball [route one] and calmly put it away, 3-1, Adam Morritt then went on a jinxing run, creating openings through the middle [and believe me it's worth getting out the way, when Adam's coming through], some nice one two's and Adam scores his first goal in league football since he was 10 years old. 3-2 and 12 minutes remaining !!!, could there be an equaliser??. we definately thought so, with both Tom Riley and Ryan Matthews going close. Unfortunately another through ball from Rocester pushed to the right wing and a neat cross in for the Rocester forward to finish it. final score 4-2.

We can take some positives from this game, we didn't let our heads go down, and the committment was very evident, and to play in such appaling conditions was a testament to the lads team values.

Chris Shorter.

Friendly result.....

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 10th Nov 2008 8:22 pm

Burton Albion Youth 7 [that's seven!!] - Stretton Eagles 1 [one?]

A meaningless friendly that should have meant something to Stretton Eagles?. Within 10 minutes we were 3-0 down, and giving Burton Youth too much respect, some very nice accurate passing from B.A.Y. resulted in some swift counter attacks into our half, our defence being pulled in several directions. B.A.Y. played the wings 90% of the time, however a quick substitution bought about a calmer more controlled passing game from the Eagles, 3 of the next goals were cheap and shouldn't have happened, but a break by Kris and John in Midfield resulted in a defo peno for the Eagles, superbly put away by Ryan. Half Time score 7-1.

team talk at half time seemed to have the light bulb above the head effect and the Green Machine held B.A.Y to 0-0, creating some explosive breaks, and again B.A.Y conceded another penalty, unfortunately we were unable to convert it. We have some work to do on Attitude and Commitment for the remainder of the season and believing in themselves is an important factor in this.

Defence: Think about what you did and said during and after that match?.

I don't want any more Red cards or Bookings for Dissent.

Chris Shorter.

Stretton Eagles U15's.

U15 Cup: Willington Galaxy 1-7 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 26th Oct 2008 8:21 pm

Match played in a crosswind which did help us occasionally?. Stretton played the proper football, using the wings consistantly and Jake B whipping some clever balls into the 18 yard box. Chances were numerous and the 1st came within 20 mintutes, some lovely 1-2 play allowing our forward to put the ball away. The remainder of the half was the Green Machine hitting the post[s], bar and some fine saves by the Willington keeper denied us many more.

2nd half and we had the wind virtually behind us and our finishing became clinical, Kris Prince and Jake Borton on the score sheet at last, few subs on and Alex Barber and Alex Roach with some goals, could have been 17 rather than 7 at the end, but a good decisive performance today, and a much needed confidence booster for the big one coming up, Rolleston !!!.

Scorers:

Alex Barber 2

Alex Roach 1

Kris Prince 1

Tom Riley 1

John O'Brian 1

Jake Borton 1.

Well done lads...

Chris Shorter

Stretton Eagles U15's.

U15: Barton Rovers 1-3 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 28th Sep 2008 5:48 pm

The Green Machine Claim a well deserved victory !!!!!.

Lots of anticipation in this encounter, our very first competitive League game against Barton Rovers, The Green Machine came out of the blocks the more constructive and some very accomplished passing [to the wings], first 20 minutes was each team finding out their strengths and weaknesses, until Ryan controlled the ball on the Barton 18 yard box, dribbled round a few defenders and let loose a blistering right foot shot that the Barton keeper had no chance of saving, 1-0 to the Green Machine !!. 10 minutes later the lads put together a nice sequence of passes to enable John O'Brian to loop the ball over the keeper, 2-0 to the Green Machine. 2 minutes to half time and the Barton defence were at sixes and sevens on how to hold the 4-4-2 formation of the Greens, out of nowhere John again with his 2nd goal from a tight angle and into half – time 3-0 up.

Barton came out the stronger in the 2nd half, putting the Green Machine under pressure with Route 1 balls, however the defence were equal to the task and never gave an inch to the now tired and demoralised Barton forwards. Some lax and unexpected play from the lads [and there wasn't much throughout the match], allowed Barton to claim a goal. 3-1. An excellent full stretch save from Alex Roome denied Barton a 2nd. Some changes in the later part of the game, enabled us to keep the ball in the Barton half, and the game was played at a frenetic pace until the Ref blew for full time.

All in All a well deserved 1st win of the season, all players today were outstanding and worked well together, and the attitude and commitment was evident for all to see.

Goals: Ryan Matthews – 1

John O'Brian – 2

Man of the Match: Matt Buxton [didn't stop running and shored up the Left wing throughout the match].

U15: Stretton Eagles 0-5 Heather Juniors

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 21st Sep 2008 7:48 pm

WELCOME TO DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL !!!!!!!!!!!.

Scoreline **DID** flatter us this week?. The Green Machine were not at the races at all. 1st half was defend, defend, defend, unusally our Midfield also came back to help in defence, which left a great big gap in Midfield that was filled with Heather players able [and willing] to create attacks from the half way line?.

Heather scored there first after 15 minutes and added a 2nd within another 5 minutes, too much ball watching by the Green Machine, an unlucky rebound off our defender and Roomy our keeper was stranded and unable to stop it trickling into the net. Heather put us under an astonishing attack for the remaining 20 minutes and popped another in just before half time. On a positive note we gave a debut today to Mark Massingham in the Centre of defence and he coped well with all manner of Heather attacks. Injuries at half time included; Ryan Matthews with a sore leg [but something more serious has occurred?], Liam Anguish who's Hamstring popped during the match and will be out for 2-3 weeks [No Footie at all Liam, not even at school], and Alex Barber who's knee actually popped out it's socket !!!!!. 2nd half was much like the first and again the Green Machine were unable to clear the ball out of our half, allowing Heather to press and move the ball about in Midfield, 2 further goals for Heather and the heads started to drop and we slowly went through the motions.

All credit to Heather, this was there first match of the season and they came, they saw and they conquered, and it was obvious they wanted it more than us. We meet them again in 2 weeks so from now till then we have lots of work to do. Next Sunday is a 2pm kick off against Barton Rovers and a result is needed ?.

Man of the Match: Mark Massingham [Good Debut, strong defensive work].

Chris Shorter.

U15: Repton Casuals 5-0 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 14th Sep 2008 10:25 pm

Scoreline rather flattered Repton, 4 of their goals coming from Set Plays?, and a Penalty. 1st half was an even stevens affair, with both sides committed in their tackling [which made some parents watching wince !!], however this incessant no holes barred approach resulted in Repton awarded a free kick 25 yds out from the Stretton goalline and a lob from the Repton midfielder firmly planted into the Stretton Net. With half time approaching and delightful wing play from the boys, we pressed the Repton defence to little effect, until Joe Elderfield coaxed a wonderful shot, heading towards the top corner, but deftly saved by the VERY TALL Repton keeper [6,2"]. Half Time 1-0 to Repton.

2nd Half saw Repton playing the boring route 1 wimbledon football, quick on the break and ball straight through the middle, our defence easily matched the aggressiveness of the Repton forwards, however the Ref saw things differently, and after a goal bound tackle from Adam "The Beast" Morrith, which was truly one of the best ever seen in this age group, **SHE** awarded Repton a Penalty !!!!!. Alex Roome [GK] did all he could to save it, however Repton went 2-0 up. Game then became more aggressive and words and actions were exchanged, Managers from both sides trying to cool things down, but capitulation was our worst enemy and we gave away some unnecessary free Kicks to Repton, who took full advantage of the big goals and proceeded to score 3 more, 1 of which was an unstoppable 30yd shot, hit plum centre of the boot.

Lots of work to do before next weeks enticing encounter with our Auld Enemy Heathen Juniors. Aggressiveness and head dropping need to be sorted and a return to the Beautiful game of Football oncemore.

MoM – Joe Elderfield.

Bookings – None !!!!! [don't quite know why?].

U15 Friendly: Gresley Rovers Juniors 1-2 Stretton Eagles

Match Reports 08/09, Under 15s Posted by Chris Shorter on 6th Sep 2008 7:46 pm

Played on a pitch that resembled the trenches in WW1, the game kicked off at a frantic pace, both teams keen to secure a good result before season start, with the rain lashing down, the green machine passed the ball around confidently and with conviction, some early chances were snuffed out by a resolute Gresley keeper, however the diamond formation created an opening for the forwards to run on to lots of through balls, 20 minutes in to the rain sodden game, the green machine beat the offside trap to allow James Shorter to shoot and the gresley keeper was unable to hold the ball and it slid into the net, 1-0 to the green machine.

2nd half started much like the 1st and continued pressure, and some fierce tackling from our defence kept the gresley forwards frustrated, several chances went begging to the green machine, Ryan Matthews and Joe Elderfield going close with some thunderous shots. A lapse in concentration by the Green Machine defence and some strange positioning by the stand in keeper allowed gresley to secure an equaliser, 1-1 with still 25 minutes to play!!!. Getting more and more bogged down on the pitch and instructions from the bench to lift the ball, were duly answered by Ryan Matthews who's pace and finishing was sublime, running on to a carefully placed through ball, he kept his nerve, balance and speed to plant the ball with power into the Gresley net. 2-1 to the green machine.

Last 15 minutes was a case of switching players to counter the weather conditions, and to keep Gresley out of our half, this was done to great effect by the back four of Matt Buxton, Liam Anguish, Adam "the beast" Morrith and Jake Millar, who were superb throughout, i can't see many teams getting through these 4 next season !!!.

All in all a good run out for the lads and a nice confidence booster.

Chris Shorter

Stretton Eagles U15's [The Green Machine]