



**PRESENTATION
BOOKLET
SEASON
2009/10**

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The very first season for Leighwood United YFC!

What a truly remarkable season it has been. I could not have dreamed it any better. A wonderful group of children and parents throughout the entire club.

The aim of this club was to create an excellent local football club, committed to producing great teams and playing fantastic football. Through affiliation with 3Lions Football Coaching, it has enabled the club to acquire excellent players. We hope to continue to produce great players and teams in the coming years.

Our club motto is 'Let your feet do the talking'. I firmly believe in this statement, and every player within Leighwood United is encouraged to follow this statement. We want to be a club that is respected for great football, as well as for great management, coaching and a professional attitude from everyone involved.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all the players and parents involved with club for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the season. Please continue to support your team and your club in the future. I would also like to thank the following people:

Neil Belton – U8s Manager

Thank you Neil – it's been a great experience and a great first season for the club. Your results have been excellent. I wish you every success in the coming years.

Jane Bragg – Club Treasurer.

Thank you Jane, it's been hard work for you and we appreciate the time you have given. An endless amount of work! We couldn't have made it through without you!

Jo Buschhold – Club Welfare Officer

Thank you Jo, for committing yourself to ensure that the club runs respectfully and with care for all the children involved with the club.

Jacque Bashford – Events & Funds

Thank you Jacque, since joining the club, you have provided so much help in many areas. Most importantly fund raising for vital equipment.

Sharon Foss – Events & Funds

Thank you Sharon, helping Jacque run this area of the club and finding those important prizes for the raffles

And finally – Sarah-Jane Galbally – Club Secretary

Thank you so much. Without you this club would not exist. Your drive and support is truly amazing and something I appreciate every day! Those endless late night conversations about 'what needs doing' and your help in arranging kit orders, registrations, pitches, tournaments, fixtures, training, christmas parties, presentation night, let's face it, the list is endless! You are a real superstar!

Ross Galbally
Chairman

U5 SQUAD

Firstly, welcome to the club.

It is very exciting to bring more great footballers into the club. You have been training for a little while now and we really hope you are enjoying yourselves.

The main thing we focus on at the moment is ball control and ball familiarity. Getting the boys to feel comfortable with the ball at their feet. From this we can soon encourage the boys to pass and understand team play.

The children will train as a squad for the rest of year, continuing to develop both their individual and team skills. Being part of the Leighwood squad is a great start to grassroots football.

The current boys have been selected as the best from 3Lions Football Coaching. The squad will still be increased by 4 or 5 more boys, all coming in throughout the year.

I truly believe that we have the basis of two outstanding teams here and I am really looking forward to working with you all over the coming year. At some point after Christmas the squad will be split into a Lions team and a Tigers team.

Two Dad's will be stepping up as Managers and although we don't actually know who they will be just yet, i'm sure they will be extremely excited!

Good luck to you all and most of all - enjoy your football !

The Squad

Adam Glover
Rudi Bickmore
Sam Heffer
Billy Belton
Jack Clark
Connor Mahoney
Lucas Smith
Henry Sandat
Nico Bouffard
Ethan Tolhurst
Joe Tuskin
Rowan Shrimpton
Danny Crouch
Charlie McIntyre
Ben Creevy-MacDonald

Ross Galbally
U5 Coach

U6 LIONS

The team was officially formed around February this year. Until then the boys were part of the Leighwood U6 Squad. The boys have trained weekly for around a year now and have developed their game immensely.

Each and every boy has improved their individual skills as well as their team play. They have all grown so much, both physically and mentally!

When the boys were officially selected for the Lions team, training itself stepped up a level and the boys progress and improvement was immediate. All the boys have attended almost every session and have always listened and tried their best. For that I am truly grateful.

In February, Simon Foss joined the club as Assistant Coach. Simon has been able to bring a wealth of knowledge regarding fitness coaching and goalkeeping coaching to the club. Simon has added an extra element to our training sessions and the boys really seem to enjoy the sessions. Simon has also worked hard to improve the boys fitness and agility. Thank you Simon, you are fantastic with the team and a great coach.

Over the next few months the boys will continue to prepare themselves for matches. They will join the league with effect from September, where matches will commence!

I know they are all looking forward to it! They fully deserve it.

Bring on the matches!

The Squad

Finley Jacques

Goalkeeper. Finley has shown a keen interest in becoming our goalkeeper and has been working really hard in training. Over the next few months he will receive some extra individual coaching helping to prepare for next season. Finley is an excellent shot stopper and a very brave goalkeeper.

Aaron Lang

Defender. Aaron has a great football brain and has always understood the importance of passing. Aaron also has the ability to win many tackles. Aaron's distribution to the midfield is excellent.

Jamie Connah

Defender. Jamie is our last man. He naturally takes up the position. Jamie has great skill and a never say die attitude. Jamie will be a great asset to the team next season.

Harry Bashford

Midfielder. Harry originally showed qualities of a defender. He has an awesome tackle. However, he has developed his game with an attacking element. Harry is therefore extremely versatile and will be an important player.

Dean Foss

Midfielder. Dean never stops working. He has a huge engine and is 100% committed to winning the ball. Dean also has great ability to pass, something our strikers will be pleased about! Dean also possesses a great strike.

Finley Lewis

Midfielder. Finley has very quick feet, a great striker of the ball and the ability to score some great goals. Finley will also provide the team with hard work in the midfield.

Albert Galbally

Striker. Albert is an excellent striker, with quick feet. He has the ability to beat people and is a great dribbler, with excellent change of direction. Albert has scored many goals and has a great football brain.

Nathan Chambers

Striker/Defender. Nathan has great power in his striker and tackle. He is very versatile in the fact he can play comfortably at the back as well as upfront. Nathan will be a big asset to the team next season. Nathan has scored many stunning goals this year.

Jamie Mart

Midfielder. Jamie is another extremely hardworking player. He never stops working for the ball and has the ability to strike the ball brilliantly. Jamie will provide the team with power in the midfield throughout next season. Jamie is a natural footballer.

Jay Ginger

Midfielder. Jay is an excellent footballer. He has the ability to beat people and also has the ability to pass. Jay will unselfishly pass the ball through to our forwards, which will really benefit the team next season. Jay is also excellent with set-pieces.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sponsors:

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Ross Galbally
U6 Lions Manager



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U6 TIGERS

The team was officially formed around February this year. Until then the boys were part of the Leighwood U6 Squad.

Boys have been joining the squad over the last few months and it would appear the squad is now complete.

I am Darran Leech and I will be managing the U7s Tigers in the coming season alongside Danny Scopes. Danny Scopes will be Assistant Manager.

Danny and I have been watching the team train for some time now and are really looking forward to taking the team on and relishing the task and hard work ahead.

Danny brings a wealth of experience in playing and management and what he brings to the team will be invaluable in the coming season.

We can't wait get started on what i'm sure will be fun and exciting times ahead.

We have an excellent team!

The Squad

Patrick Butler
Terry-Lee Sankey
Joseph Kell
Harrison Blomfield
Connor Rutherford
Jack Leech
Vinnie Scopes
Jake Mansfield
Jack Smith
Kai Baker

Darran Leech
U6 Tigers Manager

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U7 LIONS

Season Stats:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
11	9	1	1	39	10

Goal Scorers:

Alex Bragg	15
Alfie Larkin	7
Alex Hernandez	6
Matthew Gipson	4
Jack Trott	3
Joshua Turmaine	2
Jack Heffer	1
OG	1

Clean Sheets: 3 Games

What an outstanding first season of football for the U7s Lions. The team has been truly remarkable on all levels throughout the entire season. Each and every player has given their all to the club and every parent has been 100% behind their son and the team. The team has been so committed, turning up to training every week and of course to every match.

We have an outstanding squad of players, who have gelled together as a team very well. The actual football played has at times been breathtaking; right from the start goals from a string of 3 or 4 passes have been scored. As the season has developed so have the boys. Passing is now a vital part of the game and something that the Leighwood boys have begun to understand and embrace.

The team's positional understanding has really improved throughout the season. Each and every player has begun to understand their role within the team.

Our team has achieved so much in our first season; something that everyone involved with the club can be proud of. The team have very quickly become known throughout the league as 'the team to beat' or as one manager put it 'aspire to be like'. Comments like that show what a great team we are.

For me our best performance came against Catholic United. Some of the football played on that day was exceptional. The team were outstanding on all levels.

The Team

Levi Bickmore (Goalkeeper)

Levi has had an absolutely fantastic first season and has pulled off some remarkable saves. Levi's drop kicks and goal kicks have improved so much. Levi is a fantastic goalkeeper and a wonderful shot stopper. I would go as far as to say he has been without a doubt the best keeper we have seen in the league this year.

Jack Heffer (Defender)

Jack has really turned into a great defender. Particularly the last few games. He has improved his tackling immensely, proving to be a great asset to the team. I am really

pleased with Jack's attitude towards the game and his fellow team mates. Jack is a true team player. His ball skills have also improved hugely and I know that he will continue to grow and develop throughout the coming years.

Cameron Tatchell (Defender)

Cameron has always had a wonderful football brain. He reads the game from a defensive perspective brilliantly. He has remarkable timing and provides the team with reliability at the back. Sometimes, it's easy to see the strikers and playmakers, and miss the defenders! Well let it be said that Cameron and the other defenders have provided great cover, security and ball distribution from the back in every single game. A natural defender and an excellent team player.

Nathan Buschhold (Defender)

Well what can I say? Brilliant. Nathan has been our 'last man in defence' all season. I cannot even begin to tell you how many important tackles Nathan has made this season. Nathan will always watch the ball and nothing else. Never sold 'a dummy' and never confused by the strikers. He has been a wonderful defender all season. A huge asset to the team. Furthermore, Nathan has improved his ball skills and distribution throughout the season.

Alfie Larkin (Midfielder)

The youngest player in the squad! You'd never know it by looking at him though! Right from the start Alfie has had tremendous power in his strike. But particularly in his dead ball strike. Infact in one game after Alfie struck the ball into the top corner from a free kick, the opposing manager turned to me and simply said 'you've got a David Beckham at 7!' I said, he's only just turned 6! Not only does Alfie posses a wonderful strike, he also has great ability to pass. He has a wonderful first touch, is a hard worker and is a joy to watch.

Jack Trott (Midfielder)

Our little right winger! Jack has been fantastic this season. Jack has wonderful movement and an excellent football brain. He always pops at the right time right place. A sign of a great player. At times Jack has played upfront this season as well. But for me his best position this season has been on the right wing. Jack has a great touch and has an excellent strike of the ball.

Alex Hernandez (Midfielder)

Alex is a truly gifted player. A very talented player with a remarkable football brain. He has the ability to change a game and produce the spectacular. He has scored many goals this season and also contributed on every level. He seems to pop up everywhere on the pitch and has a 'never say die' attitude. A wonderful player and without doubt a huge asset to the team.

Joshua Turmaine (Midfielder)

A very lightfooted quick player who has great technical skill. Joshua is a very unselfish player who always looks to pass. Joshua has given many through balls to our forwards, for which I know they are grateful. Joshua is a popular boy within the squad and always committed to the game. Yet again another player with a wonderful football brain.

Nathan Hutson (Midfielder)

Nathan has a fantastic left-foot, full of power and drive. Nathan has also improved his physical side to the game and has become a hard-worker on the pitch. He certainly enjoys his slide tackles and has connected on a number of occasions this season! Nathan scored his first goal for the team at the Butlins Tournament and what a goal it was! Free kick . Top corner. Need I say more!

Matthew Gipson (Striker)

Matthew has the ability to find space and has excellent forward movement. He also has a powerful strike. Matthew has scored some fantastic goals this season. In fact he has also produced the goal of the season! A goal that was truly remarkable. Matthew has improved his work-drive throughout the season and has become a valuable member of the team. Matthew has also provided a number of great crosses from the right hand side.

Alex Bragg (Striker)

Alex has a remarkable goal-scoring record. Scoring an amazing number of goals in his first season. Alex has also played in left-midfield on a number of occasions, where he slips in very comfortably. Alex has excellent ball control and has the ability to beat just about anybody! In fact he can even beat them twice if he wants! Alex has improved the passing side of his game dramatically. Alex has a great football brain and is a real asset to the team.

Thank you for a brilliant first season; you are a truly outstanding team.
Bring on next season.

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Well done.

Ross Galbally
U7s Lions Team Manager



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U8 LIONS

Season Stats:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
18	13	4	1	46	18

Goal Scorers:

Harry Belton	14
Lucas McNamara	8
Aidan Lewis	6
Samuel Mellor	5
Thomas Smithson	4
Louie Hunt	4
Monty Brooks	3
Charlie Butler	2

Clean Sheets: 8 Games

The 2009/10 season has been a remarkable one for the under 8's. The team was largely unfamiliar to one another when the season started but they have developed to become a closely bonded unit who support one another at every opportunity. This, above any good performances, is something that we should all be proud of. On the field we lost our first game of the season against Concord Rangers. Amazingly, through the remainder of the regular season we went unbeaten over the next 17 games. A fantastic achievement! Full details are set out below. In summary we played 18 games in the regular season, winning 13, drawing 4 and only losing that first game. At 'Fortress' Edwards Hall we were unbeaten with a record of 9 games played, 8 won and 1 drawn as well as only conceding three goals!

We can all look forward to next season with confidence that we can compete with teams from upper divisions. To strengthen our squad we just need to make a couple of strategic decisions in the transfer market - a new defender and a striker.

None of the above success could have been achieved without Ross' dedication and commitment – so a big thank you to him for his brilliant (and fun!) training and all his support and hard work off the pitch. Thank you also to Sarah Jane for all her help behind the scenes and for setting up the club and our team. Thanks must also go to Dave Butler for his assistance at training and the offer to help out next season which we will certainly benefit from.

Finally a big thank you to our two sponsors: Ashley and Lisa Brooks and Debbie Belton, for providing the financial support needed to set-up the team.

As Ron Martin would say – up the Leighwood!!

Player Profiles

Harry Belton

Best Goal Scorer of the Season

Harry is the team's top goal scorer this season with 14 goals. This is due to his dynamic shot and eye for goal scoring opportunities. He is the team's work horse and will never give up, thanks to his competitive nature. A number of his goals have been scored from well outside the penalty area, many at critical times. Harry always has one eye on the goal!

Charlie Butler

Defender of the Season

Charlie has been the lynch pin of our defence alongside Felicity. The team has been able to rely on his defensive prowess to ensure the opposition has few chances to shoot at goal. It does not matter if they are large or fast, they rarely get past Charlie. Charlie also possesses a mega shot as his two goals this season show.

Monty Brooks

Most Versatile Player of the Season

Monty is the unsung hero of our team. He has played in most positions and always shows commitment. His 3 goals this season show that he has the ability to tuck the ball away. His willingness to help the team by being goalkeeper is greatly appreciated and his practice between the sticks is also paying dividends as his excellent goalie performance at the Leigh Ramblers Tournament showed.

Felicity Galbally

Most Intelligent Player of the Season

Felicity is a natural sports lady with speed and technical aptitude. She formed a formidable partnership in defence with Charlie. Whenever the ball broke through the team could always rely on Felicity's great positional awareness to intercept the ball and the player or both! Her speed was extremely important and she will be greatly missed next season. Our loss will be her hockey team's gain and we all wish her well.

Louie Hunt

Most powerful player of the Season

Our midfield dynamo, Louie, is always in the thick of the action. He covers every blade of grass on the field and at unrivalled speed. Whether it is in getting back to win the ball or breaking forward to create chances the team can always rely on Louie to make a positive contribution. His great ability and strength to kick the ball turns defence into attack with one boot, not forgetting his goal of the season at Leigh Ramblers in October.

Samuel Mellor

Most Skilful Player of the Season

Samuel was the team's late transfer signing and the manager should be congratulated for unearthing a gem! Samuel is a naturally gifted footballer who is able to bring the ball under control with skill and to also find time to distribute it to his team with accuracy. The manager will have trouble determining his best position next season as he is capable of most roles including goal scoring, as evidenced by his 5 goals this season.

Aidan Lewis

Best deadball kicker

Aidan is the team's most potent attacking weapon. His speed and agility means that he is a handful for any defence. The team knows when they are under pressure that Aidan can be relied upon to win the ball and also make space to receive it. His deadball kicking is excellent and he has become the team's corner and free kick maestro. The team will never forget his free kick rocketing into the net against Hawkwell.

Thomas Smithson

Most Improved Player of the Season

Thomas has made rapid progress in his first season of football. He quickly appreciated the technical aspects of the game and soon applied them to positive effect on the field. His strength and ability to win the ball as well as his ball distribution will be major attributes for the team next season. Thomas' positional awareness also enabled him to score in 4 successive games including an incredible last minute winner into the top corner against Hawkwell. He has also had some fine goalkeeping performances.

Lucas McNamara

Most Potent Attacker

Lucas is the team's show player with substance as his 8 goals scored this season show. His ability to thread through the opposition's defence is second to none. Not only is Lucas a goal scorer but he has set-up numerous goals for his team mates. He has unbounding energy and will keep the pressure up throughout every game. The team has great hopes that his speed and passing ability can be used to maximum effect against more challenging opposition next season.

Neil Belton

U8 Lions Manager



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CLUB RECORDS

RECORD SCORES

10-0 Win vs. Ashingdon Boys Lions YFC
(U7s Manager Ross Galbally)

RECORD GOALS

Most Goals Scored by a LUYFC boy - 15 goals by Alex Bragg

Most Goals Scored in One Season - 15 goals by Alex Bragg U7s 09/10
(U7s Manager Ross Galbally)

Most Goals Scored in One Season by One Team - 46 goals by U8s 09/10
(Manager Neil Belton)

Record Goals by one player in one match - 6 goals by Alfie Larkin U7s 09/10
(Manager Ross Galbally)

RECORD CONSECUTIVE WINS & UNBEATEN

Consecutive Wins – 9 games U8s 09/10 (Manager Belton)

Unbeaten Runs – 17 games U8s 09/10 (Manager Belton)