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Match Reports

29th April - Chetwynd Falcons (A) 0 - 2 (W)

It was the morning after the night before (The Presentation) and the boys were playing away at Chetwynd. The Warriors pressurized from the start with some great tries from Landon and Joe just going wide. The first goal came within five minutes when Cameron took a corner and Sam converted it with a header. The second came not long after when the ball came into the box and Landon just touched it in the net. First half 0 - 2.

In the second half the game seemed to slow down (the previous late night beginning to show!!) but the boys soldiered on and managed to keep the final score at 0 - 2. WELL DONE TO MATTY, PAUL, JOSH, CAMERON, CHARLIE, JOE, LANDON AND SAM - ANOTHER GOOD WIN.

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22nd April - Grove Farm (H) 1 - 0 (W)

The boys played their return match with Grove Farm at home and in the first half dominated the game with some excellent passing and great football. They played well as a team which paid off when the ball came out to Josh who controlled it with his chest, ran down the wing and struck the ball into the back of the net. First half 1 - 0.

Grove Farm came out in the second half determined to equalize but despite their efforts the Warriors remained strong and when the whistle blew at full-time it was 1- 0. WELL DONE TO ALL THE BOYS - YOU PLAYED WELL AS A TEAM - OUR FIRST WIN AGAINST GROVE FARM.

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7th April - Ambleside Sharks (A) 1 - 2 (W)

It was a lovely warm Easter Sunday morning when the lads played their away game to the Sharks. From kick off the Warriors pushed hard and were strong in defense and midfield with some great tries from Cameron and Sam. As a free kick was awarded to us just over the half-way line Charlie took it and placed it straight in the top of the net. The Sharks weren't giving up and an enormous kick from their goalie took our defense by surprise and their striker made it 1 - 1 at half-time.

As the second half got underway Paul and Josh remained strong. Joe and Landon had some great chances and our second goal came when Cameron made a good run down the left wing, crossed it into Charlie who secured it in the net.

Matty made some great saves as the Sharks came back fighting. Landon didn't give up as his fast legs out-paced the Sharks' defense and had some great runs down the field. Final score 1 - 2. WELL DONE BOYS. ANOTHER GOOD WIN.

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1st April - Attleborough Sports (H) 1 - 2 (L)

The Warriors played their return match with Attleborough Sports. The first half the opposition pressurized our defense and midfielders but it took them a full half to go 0 1 up.

The second half was a complete turnaround and the Warriors came out with great determination to equalize and they didn't disappoint when Cameron crossed the ball into Joe who had a great strike into the net.

Matty made some great saves but as the clock seemed to go on forever the opposition scored in the final few seconds. Final score 1 - 2. THE FINAL SCORE DID NOT REFLECT THE WAY YOU ALL PLAYED.

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25th March - Haunchwood Tigers (H) 4 - 3 (W)

Having been knocked out of the Police Cup last week by the Tigers, the Warriors were out for revenge. The first half started off slowly but there were some good runs by Sam and Landon. Haunchwood however went into the lead at the end of the first half but the Warriors never gave up.

The second half proved to be a lot more exciting and the lads came out stronger which paid off with Sam finding the net to equalize. The lads spirits lifted and there was some excellent passing in midfield through to the lads upfront which paid off when Landon slipped the ball through to Joe who made it 2 - 1. Haunchwood kicked off again but it was intercepted by Sam who ran down the right wing and took a shot just over the half way line straight into the top left hand corner of the net. At 3 - 1 down Haunchwood came out blazing and within a couple of minutes they scored two quick goals to equalize at 3 - 3. With time running out the Warriors were determined to win and some excellent passing between Landon and Charlie the ball got through to Joe who chipped it over the goalie into the back of the net. Final score 4 - 3. WELL DONE BOYS - A FANTASTIC GAME AND A GREAT RESULT. KEEP IT UP BOYS.

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18th March - Haunchwood Tigers (H) 0 - 1 (L) (Police Cup)

It was a cold spring day which saw us playing the quarter final of the Police Cup. Both sides equally determined to be the ones going through. The match got off to a strong start by the Warriors with some great passing between Landon, Charlie and Sam. The lads in defense stood their ground and defended well. Half time 0 - 0.

The second half started well again with Josh's shot at goal just hitting the post. Both sides battled on but when the whistle blew at full-time it was still 0 - 0. Extra time was then played but it eventually went to penalties. With nine penalties taken in total from both Warriors and Haunchwood only one went in. Final score 0 - 1. WELL BATTLED BOYS - NEVER GIVE UP.

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11th March - Weddington Thistle (H) 1 - 3 (L)

The first half started well with the boys passing well between them including a good pass from Sam to Josh who had a great shot just going over the bar. The match was very even but then three quick goals in five minutes from Weddington put us 0 - 3 down in the first half.

The Warriors however came out in the second half with great determination which paid off with a super strike by Joe into the top of the net. Another attempt by Landon just skimmed over the bar, and the boys didn't give up pressurizing Weddington but unfortunately the ball didn't want to go into the net any more for us!! so final score 1 - 3. BAD LUCK BOYS.

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18th February - Whitestone (H) 2 - 0 (W)

The first half started very quickly with the lads upfront pressurizing Whitestone's defence - Charlie and Landon narrowly missing the net, and Cameron's shot just skimming over the bar. Whitestone didn't give up but Paul and Josh defended their area well. Sam was strong as ever in midfield and his determination paid off when he crossed the ball into Joe who put it in the net. Score at half-time 1 - 0.

The second half mirrored the first half with some great football and excellent passing between midfield and the lads upfront, and it wasn't long before the second goal came again from Joe which he converted from an excellent pass in from Josh. Final score 2 - 0. WELL DONE LADS - ANOTHER GOOD WIN - WELL DONE TO MATTY FOR A CLEAN SHEET.

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4th February - Ambleside Marlins (A) 0 - 2 (W)

The match kicked off on a frosty February morning and straight away the Warriors pressurized the Marlins with a great run and strike at goal by Joe. Our first goal came in the first five minutes from a corner taken by Cameron which Charlie converted into the net. The second goal came shortly after with a good run by Sam down the right wing, around the Marlins mid-field, and striking it into the net from just over the half-way line. The Warriors continued to pressurize the opposition's defense with Charlie, Joe and Sam just narrowing missing the net. The score at half-time 0 - 2.

In the second half the Marlins didn't give up but Josh, Paul and Matty defended their territory well. Once again the lads up front gave the Marlins a hard time with Jo and Charlie trying hard to increase their lead but the score remained at 0 - 2. WELL DONE BOYS, A GOOD WIN.

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13 January 2007 - Atherstone Rangers Black (A) 2 - 1 (L) Tamworth Cup

The Warriors played their first game of 2007 at Atherstone. The first half was very evenly matched with some good chances from Sam, Jo and Landon, but it was defender Paul who took us into the lead when he intercepted the ball from Atherstone and scored from the half-way line. The score 0 - 1 at half-time.

The second half was dominated by Atherstone and two goals from them secured their next round in the Cup. Final score 2 - 1. WELL TRIED LADS IN AGAIN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.

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10 December 2006 - Grove Farm Ravens (H) 0 - 0 (D)

From the whistle the Warriors were on the attack but Grove Farm put up a strong defence. It was very even between the two teams and despite several shots at goal the game remained tight with the score 0 - 0 at half-time.

As the game progressed in the second half the boys played strong in all areas of the game with some great defending, good midfielding and the lads upfront out to annoy Grove Farm's defence. The final score 0 - 0. WELL DONE BOYS FOR A GREAT PERFORMANCE ON A VERY MUDDY PITCH AND TO MATTY FOR ANOTHER CLEAN SHEET.

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3 December 2006 - Chetwynd Falcons (A) 0 - 2 (W)

The boys played their away game against the Falcons who were out to avenge their cup defeat to the Warriors last week. It was very evenly matched in the first half and the score remained 0 - 0 at half-time.

As they kicked off in the second half the game remained tight despite several attempts at goal by Jo and Landon, however we eventually took the lead with an own goal. With only minutes to go to full-time the win was secured when Josh converted a corner from Cameron. Final score 0 - 2. WELL DONE BOYS.

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26 November - Chetwynd Falcons v St Nicholas Warriors (A) 1 - 4 (W)

On a sunny winter's morning we played our first round of the Police Cup, albeit on a very soggy pitch. From the whistle the Warriors were on the attack. There were some great strikes by a determined Charlie and Landon, Cameron had a shot from a corner just clipping the top of the bar, but it was Josh who took us into the lead with a precision strike into the net. The opposition came back but could not break through Paul and Josh. Jo, Sam and Landon pushed hard against Chetwynd's defence and eventually the second goal came when Landon converted a corner from Charlie. Chetwynd's determination quickly paid off when they scored a few minutes later and the score went to 1 - 2 at half-time.

As we kicked off for the second half Chetwynd broke through our defence but Matty remained firm in goal with Sam and Josh holding their position well in a very muddy midfield. The boys upfront were determined to increase their lead which eventually paid off when Jo slipped a great pass through to Charlie who ran down the left wing and scored. Matty was kept on his toes by making a great save when Chetwynd managed to slip through our defence. With only minutes to go Paul came back on again, Charlie took a corner and Paul put it in the back of the net to score the fourth goal (Paul's first goal in a competitive game - well done, Paul). The final score 1 - 4. WELL DONE BOYS.

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19 November - Whitestone (A) 2 - 2 (D)

From the whistle the Warriors attacked Whitestone's defence with some good passing of the ball between Jo, Cameron and Josh. Sam remained strong in a very muddy midfield. Charlie, Landon and Jo passed the ball well between them enabling each of them to have shots at goal; Jo and Landon just going wide and Charlie hitting the post. An own goal by Whitestone put us 0 - 1 up, but with only a few minutes to go to half-time Whitestone equalized.

The boys came out determined to get a second goal and there were some great strikes by Sam, Jo and Josh but it was Whitestone who scored their second goal to put them in the lead. However, with only seven minutes remaining, our equalizer came when the ball was crossed into the box and Charlie slipped it passed "The Dude". As Whitestone stepped up the pace Paul, Josh and Cameron defended well getting the ball back into midfield and up to the forwards. Despite some close shots by Sam and Jo in the last few minutes, the whistle blew at full-time and the score remained at 2 - 2. WELL DONE BOYS IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.

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12 November - Ambleside Sharks (H) 4 - 1 (W)

Having beaten the Marlins last week, the Warriors were out to win against Ambleside's other team the Sharks. The first half started well with some good movement of the ball, and our first goal came when Cameron crossed the ball into the box enabling Charlie to put us in the lead. There were some great chances by Sam, Landon and Jo but that second goal eluded us. Paul and Josh defended their area well, and the game remained tight right up until the whistle blew at half-time with the score still 1- 0.

As the whistle blew for the second half the Warriors came out determined, and that determination was eventually paid off when Cameron crossed the ball to Sam who slipped it in passed the Sharks' goalie. Matty was kept in the game and made some great saves with the Sharks pressurizing our defence and midfielders. The opposition eventually scored from a rebounded penalty and the score went to 2- 1. The boys came back again; and the third goal came from Cameron with a great run down the wing who secured the ball in the right-hand corner of the net. With only minutes to go Charlie's corner found Landon who made it 4- 1. A GOOD WIN BOYS. WELL DONE.

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11th November - Belgrave Bullets Lazio (Tamworth Cup) (H) 4 - 0 (W)

On a windy, but thankfully dry Saturday morning, the Warriors hosted the second round of the Tamworth Cup. The boys came out strong in the first half with some great strikes at goal by Cameron, Sam and Jo, and put the pressure on Belgrave's defence. Belgrave battled on putting our defence under pressure but Paul defended his area well and there were some great saves by Matty in goal. There was some great passing in midfield and down the wing, and eventually the first goal came from a corner by Charlie which Josh headed straight in the back of the net. The Warriors pressurised Belgrave once again with some great strikes at goal from Cameron, Jo, Sam and Charlie, and at half-time the score was 1 - 0.

Landon came on in the second half with his fresh legs and settled well into the game. The second goal came quickly with another corner by Charlie this time finding Jo's head. The boys confidence grew and the third goal came from Charlie by a great pass from Jo. As full-time grew closer Belgrave seemed to get stronger but a loose ball from Belgrave found Cameron who ran down the wing, crossed it into to Landon who put it in in the net to make it 4- 0. WELL DONE BOYS. A FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE BY JO, JOSH, CAMERON, CHARLIE, LANDON, SAM, PAUL AND WELL DONE TO MATTY FOR A CLEAN SHEET.

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5th November - Ambleside Marlins (H) 2 - 1 (W)

After a three week break the Warriors came up against Ambleside Marlins. The boys played well in midfield and defence, but at half-time the score was 0 - 1.

However, the boys worked hard and came back to win 2 - 1 with two great goals in the last five minutes from Sam. WELL DONE.

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8th October - St Nicholas Colts (A) 3 - 1 (L)

The St Nic's "Local Derby" was played on a dry autumn morning. The Warriors came out battling and pressurized the Colts in the first half. The lads tackled strong with great determination. Josh and Paul worked hard in defence and some good passing in midfield enabled Charlie to pass to Landon who just missed the net. Our strength in midfield kept the pressure on the Colts and at half-time the score was 0 - 0.

As the whistle blew to start the second half there were some great runs by a truly determined Cameron and Sam. A few minutes into the second half Cameron crossed the ball down to Landon who put the ball into the back of the net. However, the Colts came back fighting and scored three quick goals in succession.

It was a very exciting game and both St Nics teams played well. WELL DONE TO ALL THE ST NIC'S BOYS.

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24th September - Attleborough Sports (A) 2 - 1 (L)

St Nics were in great form for their away match against Attleborough despite two of the lads a little under the weather. We started well in the first half with some great runs and shots at goal, together with some strong movement on the ball again by Sam and Cameron. We produced a lot of chances and came very close many times including a corner from Charlie to Sam who just put it over the bar. However, at half-time the score was 0 - 0.

In the second half the Warriors came out determined to get the upper hand against Attleborough, with Josh and Paul remaining strong at the back, and Matty looking confident in goal saving some great strikes by Attleborough. Eventually the goal we had been waiting for came from Charlie passing the ball to Joe which he placed in the back of the net. Landon then came on and quickly got stuck into the game just missing the net by a great cross from Cameron. Attleborough came back fighting and with four minutes to go they scored two goals in succession!! Despite losing a very contentious game the boys played their best football this season and played really well as a team. WELL TRIED BOYS.

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17 September - Haunchwood Tigers (H) 1 - 3 (L)

On a bright sunny autumn morning we hosted the second match of the season against Haunchwood Tigers. A goal came quickly in the first half for the Warriors with Cameron intercepting a goal kick from Haunchwood and striking it straight into the back of the net. Haunchwood came back very strong and two goals from the opposition put us 1 - 2 down when the whistle blew at half-time.

The Warriors came out in the second half determined to equalise playing well in midfield with some strong play from Cameron, Sam, Landon, and a set of fresh legs in the form of Joe. There was some great defending from Paul and Josh who battled hard against a very strong Haunchwood side. In the latter stages of the second half Cameron had a great run down the left wing, crossed it to Charlie who unfortunately hit the post and was unlucky not to score. Haunchwood pressurised the Warriors even harder and a third goal from the opposition took us to full-time with the final score 1 - 3 to Haunchwood.

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10 September - Weddington Thistle (A) 2 - 0 (L)

The first match of the season took us to Weddington. Both sides started the first half with enthusiasm and determination. There was some good passing and attacking from Josh, Landon and Sam enabling Cameron to have a strike which just went over the bar. Matty saved some strong shots by the opposition and when the whistle blew at half-time the score was 0 - 0.

However, as we kicked off in the second half an early goal for Weddington put us 1 - 0 down. The boys battled on but their spirits and football wavered somewhat and a determined Weddington went 2 - 0 up. Despite some good midfield play late into the second half and Charlie hitting the cross-bar, plus two great runs by Tom and Charlie eager to find the back of the net, it wasn't to be our day and the whistle blew at full-time with the score remaining at 2 - 0 to Weddington.

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