

U9 Harriers

Over summer 2015 we were relatively quiet in the transfer market, keeping our cards close to our chests, managing to make our signings under the radar to help ensure we didn't lose any of our high profile players.

Training continued over the summer to hone in on some specifics along with work on fine tuning, whilst maintaining fitness levels. Early nights and high protein diets all round – no video games, doughnuts, chips or fizzy pop allowed, keeping party-going to a minimum... that was mainly the parents...

With a couple of new signings our 2015/2016 campaign got off to

a good start and we could quickly see the additions we had made to the squad were settling nicely. The example set by the rest of the players quickly rubbed off on them, playing with a great enthusiasm, energy and a big smile. Although the boys are finding their more preferred positions, they are happy to rotate and help the team where required in case of absence or injury.

Then the winter kicked in with water logged and snow covered pitches, games were postponed and alternate training venues were chosen – am still finding mud in places I didn't know existed!

We have entered a few different tournaments to give the boys exposure to different surfaces and footballing experiences. Throughout these their high level of discipline, honesty and integrity have remained (sometimes too honest!). We weren't at our best for the 6's but everyone gave it their all with some even giving a bit more. Everyone enjoyed the day and a little more experience was gained. Following the 6's, with the fitness of Henderson, Wilshire and Sturridge all in question, there was every possibility one of the Harriers could get a late call up to the England squad...

Sad to see the back of another hugely enjoyable season, but great to see the boys develop over the course of the year – looking in great shape for next season, can't wait to get stuck in!

Harriers are:

Josh 'Joshy' Harris
Luca 'Maldini' Accastello
Max 'Max Pax' Mitchell
Zaim 'Zigola' Rana
Shyam 'Shimy' Yashomen
Freddie 'The Cat' Dowdeswell
Jack 'Jacko' Dorricot
Ethan 'Eth' Riley
Leo 'Lee' Redfern
Robert 'Robbie' Lishchenko
Jessie 'Jess' Singh
Jackson 'Jack' Perry

