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North Win Inter Regional Shield

Albion Boys Club duo twin brothers Scott and Grant Hepburn gave a whole new meaning to twin strikers when they scored the first and second goals in the North's 3-1 win over the West to win the Scottish Youth FA Inter Regional Shield at 14's Age Group.

The game at Ochilview Park Stenhousemuir was goalless at halftime but the North lads raised the tempo in the second half and Grant Hepburn grabbed the first goal within five minutes of the restart. This spurred the West into action and they drew level when the North defence failed to clear.

The North's lead was restored when Hepburn number two Grant, pounced to slot the ball past the West's Keeper. The North's victory was assured when Lewis United's Murray Adam got on the end of a slick piece passing play by the North.

15'S MISS OUT ON DOUBLE

The North 15's were not able to make it a double going under 4-1 to the West. The North never got going in the first half and were a goal down and suffered the loss of Dyce BC Niall Murray through injury on the stroke of half time. The North boys did up their game in the second half but fell further behind before Cove's Robert Mathieson scored a well struck free kick from the edge of the box. The North went all out for the equaliser but as so often happens left themselves exposed at the back and they lost a third. Cruelly they lost a fourth just on time and whilst the West deserved their victory the 4-1 score line flattered them.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

A special vote of thanks must be paid to the coaches of the Regional Squads. Graeme Burnett of Westdyke 17's and Gillies McDonald of Culter Deeside 14's combined the work with their own teams with that of managing the 14's squad.

At the 15's we had stalwart Ronnie Cromar of Dyce who is now in his fifth year of helping with the squad. Whilst he was runner up this year he has managed to lift the Inter Regional Shield previously. Ronnie was ably assisted by fellow Dyce Coach Eric Leslie. Eric too has had previous experience with Regional squads at an older age group. Newcomer this year to the Regional set up was Graeme Mathieson of Cove and his assistance was greatly appreciated.

It must be remembered without volunteers such as these the Regional activities

Four ADJFA Teams in Scottish Cup Semis

At the time of writing four teams from the ADJFA have made it through to the semi finals of the Scottish Youth FA Challenge Cups at the various age groups.

Hopes were high of an all Aberdeen final at 14's when both Albion and Lewis United avoided one another in the semi final draw. Unfortunately Lewis despite having home advantage found Clyde Soccer Cumbernauld too hot to handle and went under 2-0. Albion have still to play their semi final against Milton Stars.

Albion 15's with the experience of last season's cup triumph are hoping to beat Syngenta in the semi finals and win a final for the second year running.

Another club with cup winning pedigree are Dyce BC 16's who are hoping to emulate their 17's triumph of 2005. But first they must dispose of Kingdom Thistle down in Fife in the semi final.

This is not the most teams that Aberdeen have had in the semi finals in 2003 no fewer than five teams made to the national semi finals .

Regional Secretary Finance Minister

Following a recent issue pointing out the similarities in appearance of ADJFA Secretary Raymond Kelly and the French National Team coach Raymond Domenech it has been pointed out that the Regional Secretary bears more than a passing resemblance to that of Finance Minister John Swinney. Some people actually believe that it would be easier to get the price of a drink from John Swinney.



Regional Secretary



Finance Minister

Live it. Play it. Love it.

The National Plan for Youth Football Development is now firmly established with a wide variety of projects supporting football in Scotland.

Taking the Programme of work forward is Alan MacNab (Implementation Manager), Jim Fleeting (Director of Football Development), Tommy McIntyre (Assistant Director of Football Development), Sheila Begbie (Head of Girls and Women) as well as six new Scottish FA regional managers and 46 Football Development Officers from around Scotland.



ANNUAL AWARDS

With the end of the season fast approaching it is time to consider the Annual Awards.

Up for grabs are the SYFA Regional Club of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Merit Award.

Have you any nominations for these awards . If so please contact Regional Secretary Neil Paterson with your nomination . Tell him why you believe the award should be presented to your nomination.

Start of Mid-week Games

Please note that midweek matches will commence on Tuesday 8 April and Thursday 10 April 2008. Kick-offs will, initially, be at 6.30pm. and will move towards 7.00pm. as light allows.

Although midweek matches are played on a Tuesday and a Thursday, teams should be aware that cup finals and league play-offs can be played on any day of the week. If you think you will have boys away on activities weeks, then you should apply for a free date or free dates, assuming you have any left.

There will be Consolation Trophies and these are for the bottom four teams in a single B League and the bottom two teams in each of the B Leagues where we have two B Leagues at certain age groups. The teams in these competitions are decided on points average on 30 April, if league positions are not settled by then. .

ARTIFICIAL OUT TO GRASS

The benefits of artificial turf pitches were amply illustrated with the Regional Squads this year. All three trials for the 13's were held at Garthdee on the artificial pitch. On two of these weeks it is doubtful if the trials could have been held on grass they were frozen off. The Inter Regional Finals were held at Ochilview . Stenhousemuir's artificial surface. Prior to both the 14's and 15's games Stenhousemuir Youth Initiative squad were playing St Mirren . Can you imagine any grass park coping with three games in the middle of February?

Incidentally the people at Stenhousemuir said that financially the pitch is very successful. Not only does the club let out the park for matches and training but with all the people attending they are making money off the sale of hot drinks and pies.

ALBION CUP TIE

Albion BC 15's used their connections at Montrose to get their fifth round tie against Tynecastle played. With Grandholm falling foul of the frosty conditions a call to Brian Winton led to Links Park Montrose being made available. Calls to the Regional Secretary getting the agreement of the match referee and their opponents ensured that the game went ahead.

Great Northern Trophies

19s LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Formartine United	11	9	1	1	28
Banchory St Ternan Youth	10	8	0	2	24
West Garioch BC	9	6	1	2	19
Lewis United Youth	9	3	1	5	10
Glentanal United	12	2	4	6	10
Newmachar Colts	11	3	0	8	9
Cove BC	5	2	1	2	7
Colony Park	6	2	0	4	6
Stonehaven YFC	9	2	0	7	6

19s LEAGUE B

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Ellon Meadows	13	11	1	1	34
Stoneywood Potterton	13	9	3	1	30
Westdyke BC	12	7	1	4	22
East End	10	6	2	2	20
Dee BC	11	6	1	4	19
Culter BC	14	6	0	8	18
Peterhead BC	14	6	0	8	18
Huntly YFC	12	4	1	7	13
King Street Ajax	6	3	1	2	10
Angus & Mearns BC	10	2	0	8	6
Cruden Bay	14	0	0	14	0

17s LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Westdyke BC	8	8	0	0	24
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	10	6	1	3	19
Parkvale BC	9	5	0	4	15
Cornhill Thistle	7	4	0	3	12
Westhill BC	11	2	3	6	9
Culter BC	7	2	2	3	8
Colony Colts	9	2	2	5	8
Cove BC	7	1	0	6	3

17s LEAGUE B

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Stonehaven YFC	14	10	2	2	32
ALC United	11	8	0	3	24
Banks o' Dee YFC	11	7	2	2	23
Newmachar Colts	9	6	0	3	18
Glentanal Sports	10	5	1	4	16
Fraserburgh BC	11	5	1	5	16
Formartine United	11	2	1	8	7
Peterhead BC	11	2	1	8	7
Banchory BC	10	0	0	10	0

16's A LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Albion BC	10	8	1	1	25
Peterhead BC	10	8	1	1	25
Dee BC	11	6	1	4	19
Dyce BC	5	5	0	0	15
Colony Park	6	4	0	2	12
Formartine United	11	3	3	5	12
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	10	2	3	5	9
Peterhead BC Colts	10	2	1	7	7
Westdyke BC	8	1	1	6	4
Sheddocksley BC	11	1	1	9	4

16s LEAGUE B

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Stonehaven YFC	15	14	0	1	42
Banks o' Dee YFC	14	12	0	2	36
Huntly YFC	13	9	1	3	28
Deveronvale	18	8	4	6	28
Glendale BC	15	8	1	6	25
Cove BC	9	8	0	1	24
Colony Colts	10	8	0	2	24
Portlethen SC	16	7	1	8	22
Ellon Meadows	14	6	1	7	19
Broomhill BC	13	3	2	8	11
Culter BC	12	3	1	8	10
Banchory BC	14	2	1	11	7
Cornhill BC	14	1	2	11	5
Stonehaven Spurs	15	0	0	15	0

15s LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Lewis United Youth	10	9	1	0	28
Dyce BC	12	8	0	4	24
Albion BC	7	7	0	0	21
Deveronvale FC	10	6	1	3	19
Colony Park	10	5	1	4	16
Cove BC	10	5	0	5	15
Banks o' Dee YFC	6	4	0	2	12
Sheddocksley BC	13	3	0	10	9
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	14	2	1	11	7
East End Datus	14	2	0	12	6

15s LEAGUE B SECTION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Peterhead BC	13	11	0	2	33
Peterhead BC Athletic	13	10	2	1	32
Banchory BC	11	7	3	1	24
Newmachar Colts	9	7	1	1	22
Westdyke BC	10	6	0	4	18
Colony Lads	14	5	0	9	15
Middlefield SC	9	4	1	4	13
Middlefield Wasps	11	4	1	6	13
Glendale BC	13	1	1	11	4
Cove BC United	14	1	1	12	4

15s LEAGUE B SECTION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Dee BC	15	9	3	3	30
Ellon Meadows	15	8	4	3	28
Bridge of Don SC	13	8	2	3	26
Formartine United	14	8	1	5	25
Fernhill Rovers	16	7	2	7	23
Stonehaven YFC	16	5	6	5	21
Colony Colts	6	5	1	0	16
Culter BC	15	3	2	10	11
Westhill Boys	12	3	1	8	10
Cove BC Athletic	14	0	2	12	2

League Tables

14s LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Lewis United Youth	9	8	0	1	24
Albion BC	8	7	1	0	22
Banchory BC	11	5	2	4	17
Dyce BC	9	5	1	3	16
Donside Juvenile FC	9	4	1	4	13
Deveronvale	7	4	0	3	12
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	8	3	2	3	11
Colony Park	12	3	1	8	10
Peterhead BC	11	2	3	6	9
Ellon Meadows	12	1	1	10	4

14s LEAGUE B SECTION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Glentanalr BC	16	12	2	2	38
Huntly YFC	12	10	1	1	31
ALC Colts	13	9	3	1	30
Peterhead BC Thistle	15	9	3	3	30
Dee BC	14	7	2	5	23
Westdyke BC	13	7	0	6	21
Colony Colts	13	6	2	5	20
Kemnay FC	15	6	2	7	20
Culter BC Rovers	14	6	1	7	19
Middlefield Wasps	12	3	2	7	11
Formartine United	14	3	2	9	11
Longside Dynamos	13	0	2	11	2
Glendale BC	14	0	0	14	0

14s LEAGUE B SECTION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Culter BC Deeside	11	11	0	0	33
Stonehaven YFC	10	9	0	1	27
Cornhill BC	14	9	0	5	27
Bridge of Don SC	13	8	1	4	25
Cove BC	9	8	0	1	24
Sheddocksley BC	13	7	0	6	21
Bridge of Don SC United	13	6	1	6	19
Newmachar Colts	11	4	1	6	13
Ellon Meadows Colts	14	4	0	10	12
Byron Thistle	13	3	1	9	10
Portlethen SC	14	2	0	12	6
Turriff YFC	15	2	0	13	6

13s LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Albion BC	8	6	1	1	19
Deveronvale	9	6	1	2	19
Dyce BC	6	6	0	0	18
Banchory BC	8	4	1	3	13
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	10	4	1	5	13
Lewis United Youth	4	4	0	0	12
Westdyke BC	9	3	1	5	10
Peterhead BC	10	2	2	6	8
Cornhill BC	7	0	1	6	1
Sheddocksley BC	7	0	0	7	0

13s LEAGUE B SECTION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
FDS	12	10	2	0	32
Ferryhill BC	11	10	0	1	30
Ellon Meadows	14	9	1	4	28
Stoneywood Ajax	13	7	2	4	23
Peterhead BC Colts	15	6	2	7	20
Donside Juvenile FC	10	6	1	3	19
Huntly YFC	15	6	1	8	19
Formartine United	8	6	0	2	18
East End Delta	12	5	1	6	16
Glendale BC	14	4	1	9	13
Riverside BC	13	2	5	6	11
Stonehaven YFC United	11	1	1	9	4
Byron Athletic	14	0	1	13	1

13s LEAGUE B SECTION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Cove BC	14	12	1	1	37
Middlefield Wasps	9	8	1	0	25
Kintore BC	8	8	0	0	24
Kemnay FC	14	8	0	6	24
Stonehaven YFC	8	7	1	0	22
Insch & District FC	10	6	1	3	19
Bridge of Don SC	13	6	1	6	19
Upper Deeside BC	12	3	2	7	11
MBC United	13	3	2	8	11
Cove BC United	12	3	1	8	10
Colony Park	13	3	1	9	10
Dee BC	12	2	1	9	7
East End BC	12	0	0	12	0



NEW YOUTH FOOTBALL MAGAZINE

Total Youth Footie is a new football magazine aimed at the Youth Footballer and coaches. Its full of football facts, coaching drills, nutritional and sports science advice.

February's issue contains advice on fitting of footwear such as football boots and trainers. It explains the dangers of fungal diseases such as athlete's foot and in-growing toenails. Another article gives advice about the benefits of drinking water. It gives a colour guide to check how much fluid your body requires. The chart should be compared to the colour of your pee. Or as the article states known in science as urine. No okes please about the standard of play!

Total Youth Footie costs £1.50 and details are available on website www.totalyouthfootie.com

NO ALCOHOL AT FINALS

The attention of all clubs is brought to the Disciplinary Procedures of the Association as laid out on pages 18 to 20 of the Association's Handbook. In particular the consumption and making available of alcohol after finals.

In the current climate people involved in Youth should be doing as much as possible to highlight the dangers of alcohol particular to vulnerable young people. George Best and Gazza were footballing talents destroyed by alcohol.

CUP TIE RULE COMES INTO PLAY ON 31st MARCH

Clubs are reminded that only players registered before the 31st of March 2008 can play in any cup ties.

This Rule is generally known as the Cup Tie Rule and was brought in to ensure that the players who won through to the latter stages of the Cup competitions were not dropped at the expense of a player having been released from say the juniors or the senior youth initiative.

An exception to the rule is made for goalkeepers.

See Rules 133 and 134 in the SYFA Handbook



CUPS AND TROPHIES TO BE HANDED BACK

Clubs that were lucky enough to win a trophy last season must return them to the Association Vice President George Ferguson in a clean and presentable fashion before the 1st of April 2008.

Clubs failing to do so will be liable to a fine.

See Rule 19 of the Association's Constitution.

This year the Executive Committee will be closely monitoring this and fines will be imposed on defaulters!

City still

Offering Discounted Pitches

Clubs are reminded that Aberdeen City are still offering discounted pitches when you buy a book of ten vouchers for pitch hire. Details of the application form can be found in the News Section of the Regional website at www.northernsyfa.co.uk dated 1st October.



Coaches who wish to progress should check out the Grampian Coaching Website at www.grampiancoaching.org.uk. You will find details of a Coaching Scholarship where up to 80% of coaching course fees can be granted upon application. A data base of coaches in the Grampian Area is also being set up and all coaches are encouraged to complete the questionnaire on the website.

Details will also soon be announced of a Coaching Conference pencilled in for the 4th of May. This will be open to all sports coaches in the Grampian Area. It will be an opportunity to discover best practice in fitness and motivational coaching.

Payment by Cheque

A number of club officials are paying fines with personal cheques. To further complicate matters they are not enclosing any correspondence to let the association treasurer know what it is for.

The treasurer has therefore asked that all cheques be marked on the back with the teams name and age group . Clubs should also enclose a letter letting her know what the cheque is for.

This is particularly important at this time of year when affiliation fees for next season will be paid.

Correspondence

All correspondence requiring an answer should enclose a stamped self addressed envelope . This includes requests for receipts for payments.

Corn Corner

The news from Pittodrie is that Jimmy Calderwood has asked a lecturer from Grays School of Art to speak to the players.

In this way he is hoping that they will be able to draw bigger crowds.

REGISTRATION RULES AND REFEREES SEMINAR FOR TEAMS NEW TO COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL

The association in conjunction with the SYFA and the SFA as part of the Youth Initiative will be hosting a seminar entitled Registration Rules and Referees for all teams making the transition from the trophy free 12's to the fully competitive 13's age group.

At the seminar the registration process and the rules of the various competitions including the Scot-tiosh Cup will be explained.

A speaker from the Aberdeen and District Referees Association will explain the Laws of the Game as far as they apply to Youth Football. In particular he will explain how the referee must enforce the Laws of the Game in such instances as sending off for denying a goalscor-ing opportunities. He will explain the need for cooperation with the referees so that the young players may enjoy fully the game of football. It is recommended that all clubs send at least one member of their management committee to the Seminar which will be held on the 14th of April at Oldmachar Academy . Clubs have been sent letters with application forms . All officials attending will receive a certificate of attendance.

Clubs will also get a set of training bibs courtesy of the SFA Youth Initiative emblazoned with the logo Live it. Play it. Love it.

THATS QUALITY CULTER

Culter BC have become the second club in the North Region to achieve the SFA Quality Mark.

The club has attained the standard level of the award and was presented with their certificate ahead of the Aberdeen Football Club against Kilmarnock SPL Game on Saturday 8th December.

To attain the award the club has demonstrated they have met the criteria set for the clubs Management; Administration; Coach & Player Development; Planning; and Welfare.

Culter Youth Football Club was established in 1983 and currently has 16 teams competing in the Aberdeen and District Juvenile Football Association League from Under 9 team through to Under 19s team catering over 300 players as well as having more than 30 coaches and volunteers. The club is always on the look out for more coaches and volunteers, if you are interested please click on the website for more information. Culter Youth FC has huge plans ahead including the idea of new facilities which they are trying to process at the moment. Well done to Culter for achieving the award and interesting times lay ahead which the SFA wish them all the best with!