

# MEMORABLE MATCHES

## UNDER 15

UNDER 15s GET THE BLUES

**By Dave Binham**  
This away fixture, staged on a blustery day, proved to be one of the most crucial games of the season if we were to bring the title home to the club.

After the captain, Marc Frost, had lost the toss the game was started with a strong wind behind our backs. Despite pressurizing the Kestrels' defence for much of the half, the through balls were running away from Paul Woodland, Mark Goodhew and Andy Horton. The midfield –

comprising Harvey Goodhew, Paul Tyler and Dave Binham – was not taking advantage of a short goalkeeper and we didn't play with the fluency of previous games.

We ate our half time oranges with the score standing at 0-0.

The second half was an unhappy one for us – Kestrels had us pinned down for the first part and looked like scoring. Finally we came back into the game and a few adventurous forays produced some near misses, re-establishing us as a force to be reckoned with.

Halfway through the second half, now, and a mad scramble in our goalmouth produced a goal for Kestrels. But we managed to pull ourselves back and, producing even more breaks, worried the Kestrels' defence. Alex Passingham substituted Dave Binham in the hope that a fresh pair of legs might get back the lost goal.

In our desperation to score, a long clearance from the Kestrels' defence caught our opposition's centre-forward put the ball beautifully past the stranded Gary Cooke.

This was the only time during the match that our defence were at fault and it was unfortunate that the Blue's best marksman was on target.

We maintained the pressure but time ran out on us and the game finished: Kestrels – 2; Sutton – 0.

## UNDER 13

UNDER 13 v S B KESTRELS

6/2/83 and CRAYFORD ARROWS

29/2/83  
Sutton Dynamo won both these games, 3-1 and 5-1 respectively, but the play lacked sparkle. Stalwarts Steve Salt and Kevin Markham played their usual hard working games but Trevor, unfortunately, was not on form suffering the effects of old injuries.

Lan Woodland was kicking the ball with both feet at once – a habit we thought he'd lost. Despite the fact that Dynamo won both matches and took the points, if the lads want a good finishing place at the end of the season they will have to play the game with more heart and determination.

UNDER 13 v S B KESTRELS

7/3/83

The Under 13s were in dire straits before the game even started with Ian Woodland seriously injured in a road accident and out for the rest of the season. David Oates had been injured, too, with suspected hamstring trouble; Trevor Hand was hurt in the same school game; and Adam

Kane was suffering from back injuries sustained from his school game.

So the match started with only eight fit men, two injured players and one lad who hadn't played in the team for six weeks.

The 10.30am kick-off saw this restructured team feeling its way for the first five minutes with the front line, consisting of Simon Tipstaff, Leon Salisbury and Trevor Hand, having never played together in these positions before.

Neil Abrahams was supporting the attack when play was pushed up field and, after settling down, the interchange of play by Sutton was brilliant.

Simon Tipstaff played the ball out to Trevor Hand who pulled it back to Neil Abrahams who, in turn, played the ball into space for Simon. Simon pushed the ball out on to the left wing where Leon Salisbury beat the left back to bang in a shot that beat the keeper hands down, but found the base of the post.

For half an hour the game was played in this fashion – Sky Blues cleared the ball off the line twice with their keeper beaten. Steve Salt and Kevin Markham with the help of Howard Passingham who was

playing in midfield as extra man had the midfield sewn up and nothing was getting past them. Adam Kane and Justin Cummings had the wingers marked so tightly that they were totally ineffective.

Poor old Chris Wyatt was patrolling the centre of the field kicking his heels.

Dynamo were unlucky not to be 5-0 up at half time but what entertaining football!

Ten minutes into the second half with Dynamo kicking into the wind, Leon was put away down the left by Neil

Abrahams who had taken a short pass from Simon. Leon pulled the ball back from the dead ball line on to his right foot, and put the ball hard across the goal for Neil to head wide of the keeper – a brilliant goal.

Five minutes later, Simon took a pass from Steve Salt, pulled the ball back to Neil Abrahams who completed the triangle with a first time pass through to Trevor who, in turn, galloped away from bemused defenders to chip the ball over the advancing keeper. This marvellous goal more than made up for his disallowed goal in the first half.

With ten minutes to go the injured players began to flag and the full size pitch was taking its toll of the rest of the team, not used to playing on a pitch of this size.

What a performance . . . and what a win! Dynamo – 2. SBK – 0.

## UNDER 14

UNDER 14 v TEVIOT

16/1/83

**Report by Simon Platt**  
Dynamo had been working hard in previous training sessions in preparation for this game, as Teviot had always been a formidable team in the past.

Coates lost the toss and Dynamo kicked off, in what promised to be an entertaining game. The possession was even but Teviot had clearly made more chances and after 15 mins, they got their reward, scoring a fine goal. Dynamo

refused to be put down and started a constant stream of attacking football. Coates netted a brilliant equaliser and minutes later Hayes gave Dynamo the lead. The pressure was non-stop and by half time Hayes had added another goal that slightly relieved the pressure.

In the second half Dynamo were playing uphill and against the wind. Immediately Teviot pinned Dynamo into their own half and after two minutes they pulled a goal back. Thanks to brave tackling and, at times, physical challenges, Dynamo

## UNDER 11

UNDER 11 v YOUNG BROMLEIANS

6/3/83 (away)

Our first meeting with Young Bromleians at St. George's Field resulted in a crushing defeat for us. In addition it was our first loss in an otherwise unmarred season.

Our early arrival at Norman Park was greeted by a chilling wind blowing across a marshy field. Undaunted by these conditions, the team set to work eager to gain revenge.

An early forward drive by the Broms attack was met by the full force of right back Alistair Pettey who with great enthusiasm determined to clear the ball – unfairly, in the referee's opinion. A penalty was awarded against us and was successfully converted.

Taken aback by the referee's decision we fought on. But all attempts appeared to vaporize until a ball from the left of the field was crossed to Robert Miller on the far post.

Unpredictable as ever, "Boo" scooped the ball thirty feet into the air. Anxiously, spectators and players alike, awaited the ball's return. Speculation turned to joy as it dropped behind Brom's goalkeeper into the back of the net. During an early second half

withstood everything that was thrown at them. They defended well until at last the final whistle blew. "The Machine" were victorious again. Look out Division A! (Teviot were to prove that Dynamo could not have it all their own way in the next encounter).

UNDER 14 v LEEFORD ATHLETIC

23/1/83 (Friendly)

**Report by Mark Brown**  
A friendly this week for Dynamo against Leeferd Athletic from the Shirley League. Dynamo soon took command of the first half playing good football and scoring four goals.

In the second half, the football became scrappy and Leeferd soon began to put some good football together, but our defence held out and Dynamo scored another two goals.

Goals came from Steve Bryan (2), Mark Brown, Martin Gummer, Martin Hazelwood and Paul Smith.

Little did they know but Sunday the 13th was to bring disaster (a 9-0 defeat by Longlands) – Ed

Those playing on the 6/3/83 were:

D Solomon, A Pettey, G Cronie, S Cronie, G Moseley, R Miller, J Miller, P Pomroy, D Callway, D Goodall, A Mills.

Substitute: J Dye

Final Score:

Sutton 4 - Y. Brom's 1

The Under 11's have certainly had their ups and downs this season but no one can deny they are a plucky and determined side – GOOD LUCK IN FUTURE SEASONS – THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE A TEAM TO BE RECKONED WITH.

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