

UNDER 12

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v LONDON BOYS

31/1/83

Report by Mel May

After a series of dramatic wins, our Under 12 team has moved rapidly up the league table.

This fixture against the league leaders proved to be a fantastic game and truly showed the character Dynamo has developed since the start of the season.

Sutton won the toss and decided to kick with the wind (gale force at times).

The big London Boys defenders managed to contain Sutton. They soon sent their fast-moving winger forward.

He outstripped our defence and scored. Within minutes, Sutton equalised through Steve Wilde.

This rapid success seemed to lift Sutton's game but not enough to prevent the strength of the London Boys team from showing through again.

Our answer to their second goal was to rapidly equalise again through the fantastic wing play of Darren Giles. Wilde managed to convert and notch up his second goal.

London Boys seemed to lose momentum and a free kick floated in by Darren May was quickly side-footed into the net by Raju Gupta to make it 3-2.

Just before half time another great run by Giles ended in a cross that allowed Scott Reynolds to tuck one in past the far post. It seemed incredible, but the league leaders were 4-2 down and struggling.

After the interval, the wind - now blowing in our faces - was so strong that the players could only just about stand up.

London Boys seized the opportunity and scored immediately.

Conditions were appalling but our defence battled bravely on with Danny Jones playing sweeper and Steve Nicholson and Robert Kettle in midfield.

When the final whistle blew, London Boys breathed a sigh of relief - not many teams will be able to put six goals past them this season and, had the weather been kinder, Dynamo might well have notched up a victory. We were certainly the better side.

Final result - London Boys 7, Sutton 6.

v THAMESMEAD (Cup) 5/11/82

Report by Roy Jones

Once again, bad luck dogged

the Under 12s, this time in a cup game. Despite having drawn a team from a higher league, Dynamo opened the scoring with an early goal from Wilde and looked to be the superior team.

Dynamo were pushing the ball about in the Thamesmead half and showing evidence of the increasing level of skill and understanding that the team is gaining as they get further into the season.

Wilde, at centre forward, is beginning to add a more competitive attitude to his size and skill; May and Giles are building well down the left and both Wharley and Kettle are showing more confidence.

Then the disorder that has become almost routine for this side in the past few weeks struck. Two goals from Thamesmead only four minutes apart, scored from what were virtually the only two forays they made into the Dynamo half.

Both goals came from the same Thamesmead player and were made from the same run down the right, lobbing the ball past our keeper who was caught off his line on both occasions.

Dynamo were 2-1 down at half time and, for the rest of the game, they fought all the way.

But no luck despite several near misses and shots on the woodwork. Dynamo lost and are out of the cup, but are finally beginning to believe in their game, despite a run of bad luck against bigger and stronger sides taking advantage of Dynamo's early season lack of experience.

v CRAYFORD ARROWS
Dynamo 3 - Crayford 0

23/1/83

Report by Roy Jones

This match was more interesting as an indication of the progress the Dynamo Under 12 side have made since the beginning of the season.

Crayford Arrows beat Dynamo 7-0 in September during a period when the Dynamo players didn't even know each others' names, yet here we are sixteen weeks later and Dynamo won comfortably and, not even playing as well as they have been recently.

Darren Giles was 'man of the match' hitting two goals from the left-hand side of the box in either half; one with a first time volley and the other drawing the goalkeeper out and slotting it under him. In between his own two goals, Giles laid one out beautifully through the middle for Wild to strike home with his deceptive calm skill.

What progress have Dynamo Under 12 made? The defence have always been well organised and hard working but now have a much better goalkeeper, Steve Mummy, behind them; and the two fullbacks, Gupta and Porter, are taking a much more responsible role. The midfield have added real determination to their positive move-building; but more than anything the attack have benefited from an increasingly deadly understanding between Steve Wilde at centre forward and Darren Giles on the left wing.

They have also learned each other's names.

GAME OF THE MONTH.....

UNDER 14
v THAMESMEAD

30/1/83

Report by Steve Bryan

Dynamo travelled to Thamesmead expecting a hard game following their 4-0 win earlier this season, but it wasn't to be. Dynamo were at their best and going like a Mean-Machine. The defence were playing excellently for the first time this season, and poor Si Platt (goalkeeper) was getting frost bite. The first half finished with Dynamo leading 3-0.

Steve Bryan netting all three. The second half followed in much the same style as the first but with our forwards taking every chance. The attacking led to a further 8 goals from the

forwards. Unfortunately, Tim Blake could not score after several attempts (better luck next time) but Martin Hazelwood scored Dynamo's best goal of the season with a fireball shot from outside the area which just squeezed past the post. At the end of the day Dynamo had put 11 goals past Thamesmead with goals from Martin Hazelwood scoring 1, Steve Rofe 1, Martin Grimmer 2, Trevor Hayes 3 and Steve Bryan 4.

THE BRAWLS

BY MICHAEL J SMITH
PAUL WOODLAND

Speak to most people about 'Pudding' and they will conjure up images of steaming steak and kidney or jam roly-poly. But speak to anyone from Sutton or Hawley on the subject and an altogether different picture emerges.

This picture would be of a tall (some would say 'lanky'), rugged (some would say 'bruised and battered'), likeable (some, including Ian, might not agree) young man called Paul Woodland.

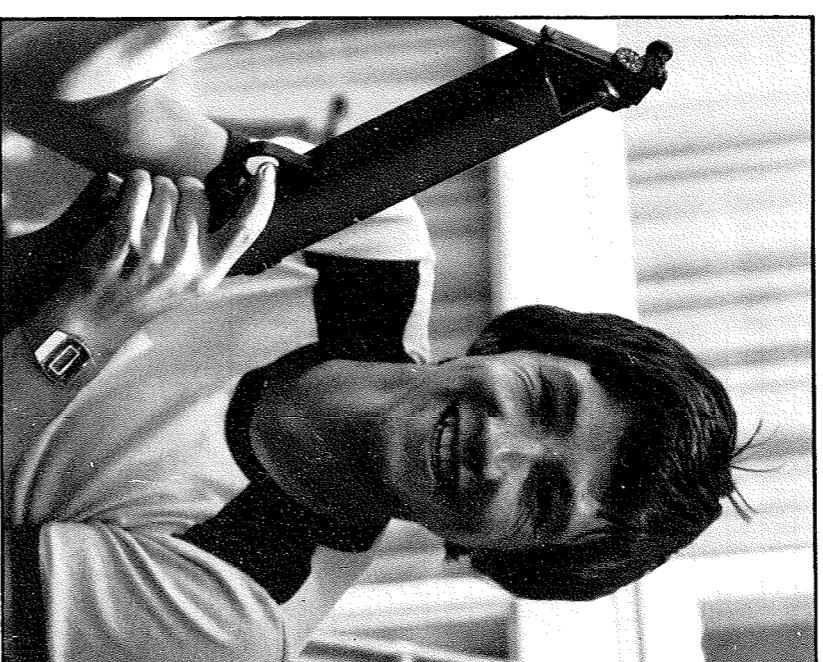
The origin of his nickname has long since been conveniently lost in the mists of time - I suspect it was one of those acutely embarrassing labels attached by doing parents.

At 15 years of age, Paul has reached what is termed the 'awkward age'. It has to be admitted that he is somewhat accident prone. (I have recently learned that the habit seems to be catching and brother Ian has been involved in a traffic accident - hope you're soon OK Ian - the Under 13 team will certainly miss you). He has certainly spent many a frustrating hour encased in plaster.

Off the field he indulges in far more academic pursuits. He is interested in maths, geography, physics and biology and is preparing to take his 'O' levels at Wittington Grammar.

He has no regular girlfriend but would certainly not object to being pursued by any shapely female.

On the field he is an animal! His only ambition is to win - regardless of rules or risks. It was this attitude that led to his latest accident in the Hayden goalmouth.



'I was at full gallop when I slipped a ball under the Hayden keeper. My leg remained trapped under his body.' Paul weighed up his options in double quick time (momentum, mass, velocity etc - remember he's good at physics) and abandoned his leg to its fate. 'I flew right over the top of the keeper and heard my leg snap behind me.' (His description was a lot more colourful - but unprintable).

The result was a plastic plate inserted into the leg, three days in hospital, a month in plaster, and the Under 15 team without Paul for the best part of a season.

When it comes to music Paul tunes in to Soul and Funk and this he manages to combine with a good head for business. He has recently bought his own stereo system on a hear-now pay-later scheme he negotiated with his dad. Payment is due in August - but if dad is expecting to benefit from a cash return I think he's in for a nasty surprise - pressure will promptly be applied to use this as a down payment on a video.

Your limerick competition winners

The response to last issue's limerick competition was slow in coming and extremely disappointing. Strangest of all, one of the best entries seems to have been submitted anonymously. Would whoever sent in the following entry and forgot to attach their name please contact the editor for his prize:

*While watching a game at Dynamo
Bobby Robson said 'ere' ang on a mo'
Are my eyes deceiving me
Or does that player look like ET
And the others like Eliot Michael and Co.'*

*The crowd all looked on with mirth
As ET stood on the Wembley turf
They said his big eyes
Don't match his small size
And he looks like he's about to give birth.*

Another interesting entry was submitted by Andy Cook (Under 14):
*While watching a home match at Dynamo
Bobby Robson said 'ere just ang on a mo'
What's that lump on the ground
It's not mud I'll be bound
'Cause it's moving and starting to glow.*

*He ran after the ball in a dither
As his whole body started to shiver,
He called out 'It can't be
Not this side of the sea
Flippint' ech is it - it's ET.'*
Mark Brown also receives a prize for his limerick entry.
The ET look alike shown in the last issue was, of course, a tortoise.
Congratulations to the winners!

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