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Great fun at Easter Camp

Thanks to those who turned up to the Easter Camp and congratulations to those who won awards, especially James Kinsella as the MVP. Unfortunately I don't have the list of all winners, but thanks to Ali and Tim for leading the camp and to Clayton and Mike for assisting. I'll post the full list on Facebook when I get it. www.facebook.com/pages/Bromborough-Bulldogs/91454369165 or simply search for Bromborough when you are in Facebook.

Very Important (probably): the Terry Price Cup 2nd and 3rd June

The Terry Price Cup is the annual North Wales League v South Wales League senior men's play-off. Last season an under-16 competition was added and we were invited to represent North Wales as the winners of the Play-offs. We couldn't play, due to many of our team facing GCSEs. This year the competition is to be held in North Wales. As the North Wales play-offs will not have been played by this time, the North Wales League Winners will be invited to play.

At the time of writing it has not yet been decided which age groups will play and this is both the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend and the start of half-term. Despite this uncertainty, **please can parents try to arrange for their sons and daughters to be available for possible under-18 and under-16 competitions.** For many of our members, this could be the most prestigious basketball game they will ever have the chance to play in.

Under-18s win the North Wales League

Congratulations to Ali and the under-18s, who finished the season with seven consecutive wins and have won the North Wales League. For Clayton this now means four consecutive North Wales League Championships or play-off wins (three as an under-16), while Jacob and Johnny complete a hat-trick. Adding James, Mike and Tom has made us very strong, while Sam, Adie and Connor have enjoyed the experience of playing in the last couple of games. Now we wait to see if there will be an under-18 Terry Price Cup.

Under-16s North Wales League: three key games

The under-16s have three fixtures remaining. If we win all three, we win the League and hopefully then get to play in the Terry Price Cup. With RNF being considerably weaker than the other teams, we have two tough games **against Eryri on April 17th and Mold on May 1st, both at 7pm.** Both games are full-length games, so I want to take our strongest possible teams to both of those games.

In between we play RNF Rockets on April 24th at 7pm in a short game. Some may be aware that in our first game against RNF on March 20th we set a club record score and club record defensive performance that are unlikely ever to be surpassed. Therefore – even though we will need to win this to stand a chance of winning the League – I will use it to give experience and practice to less experienced players. This is consistent with our coaching philosophy <http://www.bromboroughbulldogs.org.uk/coaching.html>.

North Wales Play-offs, 16th & 17th June, Glyndwr University, Wrexham

Once again the play-offs will be played at the excellent Plas Coch Sports Centre, LL11 2AW. The under-12, under-14 and under-16 competitions will be played on Saturday 16th and the under-18s competition on Sunday 17th. Times to be announced later, but count on them being all day with a 10am start. The Sunday is Father's Day.

North Wales League 2009-10 and 2010-11 Under 16 Playoff winner
Wirral League 2006-7: under-14 Playoff winners. North Wales League 2008-9 Under 16 Champions and Playoff winner
Wirral League 2005-6: under-11 League runners up, under-14 Playoff winners, under-16 play-off runners up.
Ellesmere Port under-11 League Winners & Play-off Champions 2004-5
Ellesmere Port Under-14s League Runners-up 2004-5
KBH Mini-Basketball Division 1 Runners-up 2002-3 and 2003-4
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North Wales Handicap Cup Winners 1999-2000

Under-12s get first win and under-16s set a record

Many congratulations to Heather and the under-12s for winning their first game against Mold in March. While the scoreboard had Mold as the winners, the scorebook showed that we had won 22-20. This is a fantastic performance by our players and shows their steady progression from losing heavily in the first few games through to two periods of overtime in the previous game and now our first win.

During the hand-shake after this game, some of the Mold players (thinking that they had won) made comments that one parent felt were unpleasant. There is no need for anyone associated with the Bulldogs to remind them of this next time we play. We win with good grace.

In the following game the under-16s set club records in most points scored and least points conceded in a full-length basketball game. I thought our players were magnificent in trying hard, but always respecting the opposition. Towards the end of the game one of our players made a “daft” mistake and everyone laughed at him. Unfortunately this was interpreted as laughing at the opposition, which shows just how hard it can be to convince the opposition that you are being gracious. It shouldn't stop us trying at all times to be gracious.

Merseyside under-16 tournaments April, May, June, July

Tim will be coaching a mixed team, which will allow us to continue developing the girls and begin developing some of the under-14s. The first competition is on Sunday 22nd April and will be every third Sunday in the month thereafter. The first competition is at Kirkby Sports College, L32 9PP.

Wirral Cup starts for Seniors

It seems like it's taken a long time to get started, but we tip off the Wirral Cup on Tuesday April 17th at Wirral Grammar School for Boys. The Seniors are grouped with Wirral Hornets, Cheshire Jets (National League under-18s) and Cheshire Vets (the coaches at the Jets), including ex-Bulldogs Paul and Jordan Smith.

Please note that the girls WILL train on Tuesday April 17th between 6:30 and 7:30pm.

Facebook and Twitter: please sign up

There is a link to each of Facebook and Twitter from our web site <http://www.bromboroughbulldogs.org.uk/> While it is reassuring that no-one has objected to our use of these sites philosophically, we have not increased our number of “likes” on Facebook or “followers” on Twitter from paying members. Please sign up.

Photographs on April 30th

We have arranged for Claire McLoughlin – an aspiring professional photographer and wife of one of Merseyside's foremost coaches (and a long-time friend of the club) – to take team photos and photos of friendship groups on April 30th. All members aged 18 or under should bring red kit to training. Please bring your reversible as well for training in. The friendship groups should be 2 or 3 members together; any larger groups and you're all together in your team groups. Image files will be available for print at minimal cost.

Claire will arrive at around 7 pm, so will be able to take photos of under-16s and under-18s if they arrive before 7:15, under-14s between 7:15 and 7:30 and the under-12s after 7:30. Where friendship groups cross age boundaries, we'll try to ensure that everyone gets photos with their friends. If seniors arrive before 8, then Claire will still be around to take photos of them.

Wirral Tournaments

We've finished these now, so will begin planning for next season's tournaments. The Jets have asked for another under-12s game, so we'll be looking for a venue to play the game.

Congratulations to our new Apprentice Coaches

In the Easter holiday we had six successful candidates for the Apprentice Coach course at the Oval. Both Beths, Hannah J, Jordan, Scott and Adam W completed their courses successfully.

Ali, Jen and Tash are well under-way with their Level 2 Coach award, while Jacob and Heather have begun the Assistant Coach Level 1 with mentoring by Trevor. All in all, things are looking good for the future!

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