

Blayney runs Barnstoneworth into ground

BARNSTONEWORTH United took a 4-1 defeat against Blayney on the chin in last Saturday's Over 35's soccer league match.

A young Blayney outfit took advantage of the wet weather to run the United backs around in a match of see-sawing proportions.

United were unable to find their footing on a track which had seen the first rain for many weeks.

The Bloomfield pitch turned to a greasy slippery affair in which if ice skating were the sport, Barnstoneworth would've rivalled the performances of Torvill and Dean.

Blayney dictated the play with their style of kick and chase football leaving United scurrying to cover the swift Blayney forwards. There were periods of solid play from Barnstoneworth who, when able to retain possession, left the Blayney side at sixes and sevens.

Undisciplined play from United however made opportunities for Blayney who were able to convert their advantage into points on the board.

A deft consolation goal from Kevin Dalton lifted Barnstoneworth, however, scoring opportunities remained few and far between.

Summit Fertilizers sponsor Steve Townsend was circumspect about the match result but did comment that the rain looked good for fertilizer sales in the area.

Nuptial celebrations removed two of the United strong men from play on Saturday which may well have been the difference between the two teams. Barnstoneworth management offered best wishes to the happy couple however were heard privately to mutter about the timing of such celebrations coinciding with match times.

United carries some niggling injury problems but look forward to a return to full strength in next Saturday's match against East Orange.

Players are reminded that photo identification is required to be finalised this week and that photos will be collected at the Wednesday evening training session.

34-CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY, Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Athletic recover from early setback

BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic produced some sparkling football on a dour afternoon to record a 3-1 victory against the fancied Orange Ex-services outfit.

Player/manager Chris Jacobs said after the match he was suitably impressed with the win after recovering from being a goal down by evergreen striker Macka' Pover.

Ray Straney brought Barnstoneworth level with a fine goal from a deft through ball by Mike Skeen, surgically dissecting a tight Ex-Services defence.

With the game in the balance at 1-1 all at half time, it took some

individual flair from Mick Griffin and Shane Brun to create a half chance for Glenn Harpley who gladly accepted.

Captain 'Chook' Wearing had a golden opportunity to draw Ex-Services level when he outpaced a tired Barnstoneworth defence. He slot his shot passed advancing goalie Craig Gouge, only to see his shot paralysed in a water puddle on the goal line allowing Matthew Reed time to clear.

To add insult Josee Disoos was on the end of a slick passing movement, thrashing home a fierce drive from close range to give keeper Richard Manning no

chance.

The victory keeps Athletic at the top of the table, but the team faces a daunting task away to Millthorpe next week.

As the FA Cup approaches on Saturday night, an evening with the Barnstoneworth Football Club has been arranged at Duntryleague, with chef and Barnstoneworth supporter Chris Ward preparing a special menu to celebrate the success of the club this season.

Anyone wishing to attend are reminded that the evening starts at 8pm at a cost of \$17.

Perfect 10 for Barnstoneworth

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BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic won comfortably on Saturday 10-0 against an improving KWS Wolves outfit.

Goalscorers were Chris Jacobs (four), Vince Robledo (two), Glenn Harpley (two), Robert Young and Mick Griffiths.

It was particularly pleasing to see Robledo notch up a double although spectators were quick to remind him of how many had missed.

Shane Brun was unlucky not to add to the tally with a blistering header glancing wide off the upright. Daniel Horgan played some inspiring football at times, boasting the success was largely due to a pair of football boots inherited from his grandfather.

Griffiths' goal was also pleasing as the match was his last for the club as he is to take up a lucrative contract somewhere on the Central Coast. Although management were reluctant to sign the transfer papers, they wished him well at a function after the match.

At the same time they announced a new signing, reportedly a club record, the name to be released after club doctor Gareth Thomas has given the all clear.

The management would like to thank Molong football club for deferring the top of the table clash that was to take place at Bloomfield Oval next Saturday and look forward to the encounter at a later time.

Y, Thursday, June 10, 1999



Mick Griffiths

Gouge saves Barnstoneworth

SOCCER

BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic returned to the winners list on Saturday, scoring a narrow 2-1 victory against Kinross United in the Orange all-age competition.

Athletic's first goal came inside the first five minutes when Glenn Harpley, chasing down a through-ball from Mick Griffiths deflected the clearance from the advancing goalie into the centre of the goal.

From that point on Kinross lay siege to Athletic's goal. Only the burly frame of goal keeper Craig Gouge and the actual frame of the goal kept the homeside in front at the break.

With the game in the balance and keen to double the lead, Richard Evans was pushed forward. Within 15 minutes the mission was completed with some fine individual goal poaching from Ray Straney from a cross from wing Steve Hart.

Matthew Réed and Ken Morrison were the backbone of the defence only allowing the Kinross to strike from outside the box.

Kinross did manage a consolation goal with a minute to go with a fierce strike.

After the match Gouge was congratulated by his teammates on a five-star perfor-

mance.

"Kinross are a great side," Barnstoneworth's Chris Jacobs said, reflecting on the match.

"The difference between the sides was the form of Gougey."

•Surgically precise soccer was the order of the day when Barnstoneworth United ran out comfortable 13-0 winners over PCYC in last Saturday's over 35s soccer match.

The hapless PCYC players could not take a trick as the Barnstoneworth forwards and halves surged goalward at every opportunity.

Crisp, short passes confounded the PCYC defence as United built solid plays from the backline.

PCYC, in the old Barnstoneworth strip, were unable to penetrate and were muscled out of the game by the experience and skill of the older United side.

Goal scorers were too numerous to mention, however keeper Rod Lambert, given a golden opportunity to score from a spot penalty, felt the pressure and miskicked a half-hearted attempt directly to the keeper.

Better late than never

SOCCER

A LATE goal gave Barnstoneworth Athletic the points from a physical All Age match against CYMS on Saturday.

Athletic, who won 3-2, have the knack of winning the close matches this season helping them to the surprisingly lofty position of second on the table.

Summit Fertilisers spokesman Steve Townsend commented the success of Athletic in its first season was beyond expectations and the local derby in a fortnight against clubmates United should attract a bumper crowd.

Player manager Chris Jacobs, out through injury this week, was playing down the United game and said the players were concentrating on their next game.

Goal scorers Ray Straney and Glenn Harpley, who scored a double, were again on target but Jacobs was more impressed with the Telly Savalas look-alikes Robert Young, Ken Morrison and Vince Robledo in keeping CYMS stalwart Michael Koch reasonably quiet.

Tony Perri, taking the opportunity from the extra attention paid to Koch, netted twice for CYMS. Daniel Morgan and Shane Brun again provided moments of flair and skill to thrill the crowd.

34 - CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY, Wednesday, June 30, 1999.



Athletic hangs on

BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic turned on a dogged display with a bare 11 carrying them to a 2-1 win over Canobolas Pink Bits in Saturday's Orange over 35 soccer match.

Athletic's first goal came from a long throw from Mike Skeen to Ray Straney who rose above the pack to glance home a header passed goalie Glen Stedman.

A torrid affair persisted until half-time, both teams enjoying the break. Refreshed, Athletic again enjoyed periods of attack deep into Canobolas territory. One such raid by Robert Young and Vince Robledo saw a corner being awarded. From the set piece Glenn Harpley delivered a perfect cross for Joses to dummy and Straney met it on time like the XPT to volley home a conversion drive.

As the game wore on Canobolas came more into the match with last ditch defensive efforts from Ken Morrison and Matthew Reed keeping Athletic's lead.

Craig Gouge continued his recent good form in goal to parry a shot wide of the post. From the corner a Canobolas forward rose well to power the ball towards goal.

Skeen valiantly dived at full stretch, only to see the ball unfortunately deflect off his hand. For his efforts Skeen was presented with a shiny red card and watched from the sidelines as a Canobolas player calmly put away the penalty.

Athletic dug deep and successfully hung on for the last seven minutes.

Barnstoneworth's drawn out saga

SOCCER

BARNSTONEWORTH United took on highly fancied stablemates Barnstoneworth Athletic in a match of titanic proportions in last Saturday's Over 35 soccer league round.

With an eventual scoreline of 3-3 the match had everything to thrill the spectators.

United's defence absorbed early pressure from the striking duo of Glenn Harpley and Ray Straney, but missed the composure of suspended defender Paul Coleburn.

United strikers Jim Splitoff and Dan Kennedy nailed two emphatic goals from solid build-up play and evergreen defender Gary James took a cool and collected penalty, guiding the ball past Athletic keeper Craig Gouge.

Athletic's Harpley, under an illness cloud, managed two goals from delightful midfield play but blotted his copybook with a cynical dive in the United box in the last minute of the match. The unsighted referee gave Harpley the benefit of the doubt and Straney slotted home a neat penalty to secure the draw.

Athletic's skipper Jacobs commented after the match on United's resolve but expressed grave doubts about his side's run into the finals series.

"Today's result was a fitting conclusion to a fine match in which both sides expressed themselves with flair and verve. However we have a tough road ahead now and the fan's expectations are weighing heavily on the players and management."

Sponsor and Summit Fertilizers representative Steve Townsend is ecstatic about the way the Barnstoneworth club has developed over the season and looks forward to the finals series.

CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY, Friday, July 23, 1999-27

34-CENTRAL-WESTERN DAILY, Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Double blow for Barnstoneworth

BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic recorded their second loss of the season, falling to Blayney 4-2 in a sometimes spiteful Orange Over 35's match on Saturday.

With work commitments and contractual disagreements depleting Athletic to the bare 11, Blayney finished over the top of a tired Athletic outfit, scoring three goals in quick succession.

Joses scored Athletic's first goal with a delightful header from a long throw from Mike Skeen, who recovered only minutes earlier from an altercation which saw Skeen sprawled on the ground.

At 1-1 at half-time player/manager Chris Jacobs stressed the point of slowing the game down knowing the more youthful Blayney side would finish the game strongly.

Blayney, to their credit, were able to bustle their opponents and with the pace and finishing ability of the man they call the "Duck", who finished with all four Blayney goals, took all the points.

On a bright note, Glenn Harpley scored for Athletic from almost the last kick of the game.

In a dour weekend Barnstoneworth United were beaten 4-1 by Millthorpe, the first time both teams were beaten on the same weekend.

A fine individual goal from Paul Crain who rammed the ball home from a difficult angle provided United's only score.

United still look well placed for their run into the finals series despite mobile half Ewan Powell bowing out for the season with a cartilage injury.

"We are looking forward to a strong display in the up coming rounds and finishing what we started," skipper Craig Mills said.

OVER 35

Team	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
B/worth Ath	3	3	0	0	1	26	1	16
CYMS	4	3	1	0	0	29	8	13
Mill, Tigers	4	3	1	0	0	25	6	13
Ex-Servs	3	2	1	0	1	13	6	13
Molong	4	3	0	0	0	27	2	12
KWS United	3	3	0	0	0	27	2	12
Barns United	4	2	2	0	0	21	12	10
Blayney	4	2	2	0	0	7	5	10
C/Rangers	3	1	1	0	1	4	4	9
PCYC	3	0	3	0	1	2	38	7
E O United	4	0	4	0	0	6	31	4
KWS Wolves	4	0	4	0	0	2	61	4
Waratahs	3	0	3	0	0	8	18	3

Athletic slumps to second defeat

SOCCER

BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic crashed to their second successive defeat in the Orange Over 35's competition, falling to Molong 2-0 on Saturday.

Club spokesman Craig Gouge was pleased with the team's effort although not the result.

The form of keeper Gouge and the courage of Ray Straney were features of Athletic's performance, Straney diagnosed after the match with mild concussion after an altercation with the Molong keeper.

Athletic could not take advantage of the Molong's keeper's dismissal and Molong held on for their victory.

• Despite coming back at Barnstoneworth United in the second half, CYMS were unable to capitalise on good build-up play against the tiring United defence in their Over 35's match.

United defender Paul Colebourn, coming back from suspension, sent the crowd wild with his devastating challenges and audacious raids into the forwards.

United's fame has spread to Sydney with a busload of supporters making the trip to Orange to watch Colebourn and the United side surgically dissect the CYMS defence.

United's Doug 'Billy' Mill gave CYMS a lesson in precision shooting, slotting one goal and narrowly missing several more.

Jim Splitoff finished CYMS off by following up on a spilled save and directing another wide of the keeper.

Mick Koch, CYMS' evergreen midfielder pulled two goals back for CYMS, the eventual score 3-2.

Barnstoneworth management is exceedingly pleased with the club's performance with both sides placed well for the divisional break up.

Athletics' charge thwarted

BARNSTONEWORTH Athletics' bold charge towards an All Age division B premiership in their first season was cut short by Orange Ex-Services, 3-1 on Saturday.

Always under pressure from the youthful Ex-Services squad, Athletic dug deep but two serious injuries to captain-coach Chris Jacobs and best on the field at the time Rob Young, tipped the scales against Athletic.

After Eddie Powyer guided Ex-Services to the lead, a precision through ball by Rob Young was met by Ray Straney, who outpaced the defence to calmly roll the ball passed the advancing keeper.

A score of 1-1 at the break was not going to be enough for Athletic with Young unable to take any further part in the match.

To their credit Athletic pushed forward at every chance with Glenn Harpley and Shane Brun causing a few problems.

With clubmates Barnstoneworth United cheering them on, Athletic was again rocked by Powyer, his fierce drive from 30 metres hitting the net before goalie Craig 'The Rock' Gough could react.

With time running out Jacobs pushed semi-final hero

Vince Robledo deep into attack. Athletic was then vulnerable to the quick break, Powyer capitalising with his side's third goal.

Nathan Reed, Steve Hart and Ken Morrison proved that they were one of the best defensive partnerships in the competition.

Brazilian star Jose and Daniel Morgan impressed the large crowd with touches of brilliance while Richard Evans put the boots on and showed his Academy students how the game should be played.

Barnstoneworth management could not be more delighted with the club's achievement this season, vindicating the 'youth' policy that was put in place at the start of the season.

Director and spokesman Craig Mills thanked Steve Townsend and Summit Fertilizers for the support throughout the year and hinted at the prospect an international company prepared to support Barnstoneworth next year.

"Our first major priority is to negotiate contracts for next year. There's only a couple of the boys out of contract but hopefully talk with the players and managers would tie up any loose ends," Mills said.



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