

Harpley's fabulous five

ALL AGE SOCCER

BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic returned to the paddock this week and showed no ill effects from a couple of weeks lay-off accounting for a determined but understrength PCYC 11-0.

Glenn Harpley, sprouting new facial hair, electrified the crowd amassing five goals. Harpley felt the Baggio look helped and refused calls to 'clean himself up' by chairman Scott Hennessy before the match.

Harpley, although quick to congratulate the chairman on his well taken goal, pointed out five is more than one.

Brendan Smith has been a lethal companion up front scoring two goals, while player/manager Chris Jacobs scored his first of the year, much to his relief.

Youngster Jon Lockwood also scored his first of the year, a vicious drive from outside the box. Lockwood was also presented with the Skilled man of the match award, the coveted baggy white cap his trophy.

Dionne Jacobs rounded out the scoring with what proved the last kick of the game.

FA Cup night details have been announced with the Hotel Canobola and head chef Chris Ward winning the tender and the activities start at 7pm. Supporters are welcome but due to restricted numbers bookings are essential. Cost is \$13 a head and details are available on 0417 257 475.

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Barnstoneworth true to form

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BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic threw off the allegations of a 'Cronje' like performance from last week to record a solid 6-3 result against a talented Cudal outfit in the Orange over 35 competition on Saturday.

Player/manager Chris Jacob, commenting for the first time regarding allegations about last week's loss to East Orange, played down any club involvement with a reported Indian bookmaker.

"East Orange were deserved winners last week and reports of a phone call just before kick off

regarding pitch conditions were false," he said.

On a positive note Brendan Smith, transferred from Sydney, played a starring role at Cudal, scoring on debut.

The form of Dionne Jacobs continues to blossom and she scored some delightful goals.

Ian Kennedy also scored a double and seems to have developed a good understanding with Smith and Jacobs.

Richard Evans scored his first goal for Athletic after 45 appearances which he enjoyed describing after the match to club supporters.

Athletic in the groove

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BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic made a bright start to the new Orange over 35's season defeating KW3 14 - nil on Saturday.

Although the scoreline ballooned in the second half, all credit to the Kinross lads who never gave up - player/manager Chris Jacobs praising the opposition after the match.

Glenn Harpley capped off a fine game with five goals and new signing and chairman of the board, Scott Hennessy, completing a classy hat-trick just after half-time.

Dionne Jacobs, setting aside from State League

duties this year, showed versatility by scoring a first half double then taking on the goal keeping duties in the second half.

Dan Kennedy, who transferred from United to Athletic in the closed season, proved to be a good buy by Hennessy by slotting a hat-trick as well. Youngster Adam Burke scored a neat goal in the final stages to complete the scoring. The form of the youngsters was the most pleasing with Burke and newcomers Jon Lockwood and Keil Gardiner starring. Gardiner impressed selectors so much that he was named the Skilled man-of-the-match.

36-CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY, Thursday, March 6, 2000

Athletic crashes

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BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic crashed to a 4-0 defeat at the hands of Canobolas Pink Bits in Orange over 35 soccer on Saturday.

Spokesman Dan Kennedy reinforced some positives to come out of the game - two shots hitting the post and another two cleared off the line.

"We certainly didn't deserve to win but the scoreline didn't flatter us either," he said.

"With Greg Vinall and Ed Cato back to their punishing best in defence and Jim Lockwood carrying on his good form, things don't look too bad."

On a sour note stalwart Richard Evans is set to announce his retirement after club doctors found problems with his knee.

Although a setback for the club, Kennedy will soon be announcing a new signing after contract details are finished.

Ken Morrison showed his true all round abilities by filling in at keeper, pulling off some great saves.

A reminder that the FA cup night starts at 7pm with a cost of \$13pp at the Hotel Canobolas. You can now check us out on the web at vinall.go.to/bufc.

CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY Thursday, May 18, 2000

Barnstoneworth derby brings United front

CHAMPAGNE soccer was the order of the day as the two senior teams of the Barnstoneworth United Football Club went head to head in a thrilling Orange over 35 challenge on Saturday.

United's experience won out by four goals to nil over Wanderers who are still struggling to settle into a routine for this season.

Plagued by injuries and inexperience Wanderers have taken a hammering throughout the year but continue to show flashes of potential with old hands Doug Billy Mill and Aiden Sugden leading by example.

There were scores to be settled on both sides during the willing

encounter with Wanderer Vinnie Robeldo's goal, which settled the semi-final in last year's competition, still fixed firmly in the United psyche.

Robledo's usual cavalier running game was shut down effectively by the United midfield and the old defensive firm of Phil Hodges, Gary James and co. remained rock solid, closing down any promise from the Wanderers forwards.

Penny Mills, in customary fashion, served notice in defence on United's Rudi Reiss who, despite fluking two goals in broken play, was unable to find his stride.

United striking duo Jim Splithoff and Kev Dalton were also unable to find their rhythm spraying shots far and wide after clever build-up play by the midfield. Midfielders Chris Jones and Terry Nagle had to show the hapless pair the way by taking opportunities and firing off delightful shots which thrilled the young spectators.

United spokesman Phil Hodge was slightly disappointed by the performance of the forwards saying: "Solid build-up and simple, effective passing all went for nothing as soon as the forwards got anywhere near the ball. This has been the pattern all season,

our fitness and ball play has improved out of sight yet still we remain unable to finish," he said.

Wanderers spokesman Steve Townsend said in response: "We knew that Splithoff, Dalton and Reiss were going to be the danger players so we set about organising a bustling defensive strategy which put them off their game. This was effective as far as it went but we obviously forgot to take United's extremely mobile midfield into account. Terry Nagle, Rob Young and Chris Jones were devastating and we had no answer in the halves for their experience."

Revenge served cold for United

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BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic and United clashed on Saturday, their first encounter since Athletic knocked out United in last year's semi final, with United determined to atone for their shock loss.

Athletic, with only two members left from last year's team, started slowly, finding themselves under pressure from the opening whistle.

Scott Hennessy, who found himself between the sticks, starred in the first half with two point blank saves from Jim Splithof and Italian import Mario Baliva.

It was these two who com-

bined to open proceedings when Baliva tucked away a short paced prod from a headed flick from Splithof.

Down a goal at half time, player/manager Chris Jacobs rekindled the famous spark and enthusiasm. Dionne Jacobs and Glenn Harpley were enjoying the extra space and along with the extra baggy shorts provided a rare spectacle for the boisterous crowd.

Gary James and Phil Hodges called upon all their experience to nullify some skilful raids by Brendan Smith and Dan Kennedy. Ed Cato, fresh from ground breaking treatment on his calf/ham-

string strain, was launched towards goal by a deft pass by Adam Burke, spotted United keeper Rod Lambert fractionally off his line and proceeded to leave him stranded by a lob that would have left Gordon Ottershaw speechless.

With both teams pressing for the winner, a fast paced affair was ensured. The battle between Greg Ginall and Rudi Reiss was intense.

The match was decided when United's "Tex" Nagle pounced on a loose ball in the penalty area, feigned to shoot leaving two Athletic defenders wrong footed and calmly slotted past the exposed Hennessy.

Scoreline flatters Barnstoneworth

A 4-1 SCORELINE was a little flattering for Barnstoneworth Athletic against CYMS Green in the Orange Over 35 competition on Saturday.

"Our finishing was top drawer today. We had probably the same amount of chances but we put away four to their one," said Athletic's Scott Hennessy

It took a fine strike from centre back Shane Wennerbon from outside the area to open proceedings.

When CYMS were awarded a penalty shortly after, it took all the nerve of

stand-in keeper Kiel Gardiner to do just enough to ensure Mat Savaro sprayed the attempt wide.

Athletic were quick to capitalise and a neat build-up by Dave Newell and Greg Vinall found Hennessy in a one-on-one opportunity with the CYMS keeper. Realistically there was only one outcome as Hennessy calmly lobbed the ball over the advancing keeper.

CYMS were back in the match with precision passing cutting Athletic's defence and Gardiner beaten by an emphatic drive.

Glenn Harpley, the centre of transfer speculation, again reinforced his increasing value by adding a third Athletic goal with typical flair and cunning.

The next third of the game resembled a boxing match with both teams counter punching.

Athletic finally finished off CYMS' challenge when Dionne Jacobs converted a penalty when Harpley was bought down. Jacobs blasted the ball through the hands of the keeper and was quick to hand some advice to Savaro.

All Barnstoneworth over 35 grand final

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BARNSTONEWORTH Athletic earned the right to match wits against stablemates Barnstoneworth United in next Saturday's Orange over 35 C division grand final after accounting for East Orange 2-0 in the final.

After a frantic start by both teams it was left to youngster Adam Burke popping up at the far post to redirect a perfect pass from Shane Wennerbom to open the scoring.

East Orange poured forward with the halftime break coming to Athletic's aid.

In a desperate bid to find the equaliser East Orange were caught short at the back.

Donnie Jacobs, relishing the open spaces, drilled a powerful shot at the keeper. The ball fell at Ed Cato's feet after a tremendous save and he side footed the ball calmly into the net to seal the game.

Brendan Smith and Dan

Kennedy revelled in their new positions and Glenn Harpley again proved value for money in a professional display.

The major concern is the fate of Scott Hennessy, manager of Skilled Orange, after he was assisted from the field shortly before halftime. Hennessy is undergoing hydro-chamber treatment to speed up recovery in time for the decider.

Joining Athletic and United in the grand final on Saturday is Barnstoneworth Wanderers. They take on CYMS Green in the D division grand final and an entertaining encounter is assured.

Wanderers spokesman Aiden Sugden was delighted with the season and, win lose or draw, the club has had a successful campaign, Wanderers making the grand final in their first year.

Plans are under way for the presentation night on September 2 and paintball on September 3. Any inquiries 0417 257475.