

With this being the final season for most the lads at the Blyth school it was very important to have a successful one. This is our second season playing competitive football for The Blyth School after a decent first year we wanted to go all the way this season and win the league.

From the first game of the season Mr. Savory made it clear that the main objective this year was to win the league and anything else wouldn't be good enough. We had lost some key players this season due to them moving on to University or jobs but we still had a very strong squad with myself and Chris Watson being the older members of the squad.

Mr. Savory drafted some youngsters into the squad to fill in the gaps but I didn't think he knew the impact they would have on our season with Robert Ridley filling in for Chris Watson due to work commitments and Liam Gillesphey and Connor White chipping in with some vital goals, also going through the season injury's came into place and more yr 11 had to come into the squad and did a very good job.

As the season progressed we had a good start but not the best as we lost against St. Thomas Moore dropping our first points of the season. Coming up to Christmas we hit some form coming into what would be the biggest match of the season against Bedlington high school unfortunately we got beat this game but still was a good performance by all the team. Going into Christmas we were not looking the main contenders for the league losing 2 games from the start of the season, after having the Christmas break we got back to the task we knew we had to win most of our games to have an chance in this league. With games coming thick and fast after Christmas with the team under pressure to get results, we did not disappoint. The football being played by us was not the best to watch but we were getting results. We went on an amazing unbeaten run and with the defence having the best record in the league it was a credit to all my team mates the way we were playing.

Coming to the end of the season we had the two biggest games of the season in front of us, after going on such a good run of form coming into these matches we where unbeaten since Christmas and put our self in a good chance of winning the league. We needed a result in these last two games.

The first game was a long trip to Hexham it was not the best preparation due to injury's and some players unavailable. The team spirit was high on the bus to the game but when it came to the match the team got focused and we knew what was needed from us in this game. This was one of the closest games of the season both teams playing well, but with our defence playing so well we knew all we needed is the one goal and the game was ours, Steven Greenshields scored a headed goal which got us that vital first goal, then to finish the game off Connor White scored the second to wrap the game up which was his best performance of the season.

After an Excellent away result by the time the last game came we knew all we needed was a win against Churchill and it would clinch us the title. It was an Saturday morning all the players arrived one by one into the changing rooms, there was not much nerves within the team as our recent run of form made us confident coming into this game. All the lads arrived apart from one key figure the keeper Todd Musgrave arriving half way through the warm up. Before the game Mr. Savory gave us a memorable team talk going through the squad every one could see how much this meant to him to win this league and we didn't want to throw all the hard work we had done to get out selves in this position away.

Starting this match both teams were very cagey with both teams making chances coming to half time we knew we didn't have the best half of the season but we were still in the game with an half to go. We knew all we needed was one chance and that chance came to Harvey Bariana scoring a controversial goal which would later be seen with Mr. Beecroft's goal line technology that it was a goal. This goal won us the game and the league.

After a hard fought season and long season we had met our goal of winning the league. I would like to thank Mr. Savory and Mr. Beecroft for all the work they have put in this season what made this all possible.

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