

Managers Comments 2010

Champions !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

At the start of the season I knew with the talent available we had a massive chance of winning the league title, so at the end of the season winning the league title on the last game of the season was not only very satisfying for myself but a very proud achievement for the players and school.

Two year ago myself and Chris Anderson sat down and said that we would like to run the team and enter a Sixth Form team into a competitive schools league playing games on a regular basis. The reason for this was there were so many good players coming through the ranks at Blyth and if competitive, regular and well organised football was offered then this would be a massive benefit for Sixth Form and Year 11.

So two years on and winning the league shows how successful Blyth can be in senior football and also that Blyth has some very talented footballers. The challenge is next season to build on this and carry on being a strong footballing side competing against the likes of Monkseaton, Ashington, Heaton Manor, Walbottle and Walker on a regular basis.

The feedback over the season from other managers and people associated with the league is that last season Blyth were a good footballing side who conducted themselves very well on and off the field.

I have really enjoyed this season, the football that we have played has been a very high standard and everybody has contributed in some shape or form. No matter how much some people have played whether it would be 10 minutes of one game during the season or playing in every minute of every game, everyone's contribution was vital in Blyth winning the League Championship.

The three games that I think where the league was won, were, firstly against Dame Allens when at 1-1 the game looked as if it was heading to two points lost until two goals in the last ten minutes secured a vital 3-1 victory to send us on a 6 match winning league run.

The second game, on a wet and horrible day for football, we travelled for our furthest away game against Queen Elizabeth High School in Hexham, with player availability limited we travelled there with only 11 fit players and a potential squad member for next season in Year 10 student Lewis Davison. We defended with so much discipline and organisation and with the players that we have we were always going to get chances and when they came along we took them with clinical precision. We claimed a 2-0 victory with two goals in the last 15 minutes. At the end of the season we were tied at the top of the league with Queen Elizabeth, with the league championship being decided if the points were tied on the result between both sides, so looking at the league table the victory against Queen Elizabeth was a vital factor in securing the title.

Lastly having to win the last game of the season against Churchill was a nervy affair, with the players and myself nervous, probably because we knew the game meant so much. So claiming a 1-0 victory was very satisfying and in my mind, justice was done, because Blyth were the best team in the division last year and wining the league was just reward for the this.

Media coverage this season has been top class with the website and match reports taking shape, coverage in the newspapers and highlights of games on the internet. This is all down to Stephen Beecroft who also in assisting me has been a massive help in running the team and making crucial decisions at different points during the season. So I would like to thank him for his help and support this season.

At the end of a school season some people always move on, so in the summer some people will be going to pastures new, so I would like to thank Callum Scott, Jack Patterson, Steven Greenshields, Robert Oates, Chris Watson and Daryl Pentleton who over the two years there attitude and commitment to the team has been fantastic, they have never let me down and I would like to thank them so much for there time, support and effort and wish them all the best for the future.

The season has been a great success I which I have thoroughly enjoyed and I hope everyone involved has enjoyed it to.

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