



Spencers Wood Under 7s Newsletter

New year edition

We wish you all a very Happy New Year. We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and that Santa brought you what you wanted.

The main news is that the fixtures for the second half of the season have now been published. Despite our forecast, we have been moved down to division C for the second half of the season. We were initially quite disappointed when we heard the news as we felt that we had competed really well in division B especially over the last few games and we felt that we were improving. However, looking on the positive side, 5 teams were moved from division B to division C, and we have beaten the other 4 in the first half of the season. This would tend to suggest that we are likely to be one of the stronger teams in this division so it is reasonable to expect that we should win the majority of our matches in this division. We would then expect to be moved back up for next season.

Match Reports

Spencers Wood 3 Winnersh Rangers Pythons 0

East Berks Youth League Under 7s Division B

A fairly routine victory against a team that competed well but caused few problems going forward. The match was played on a gluepot of a pitch. The fixture was originally scheduled to be played away but had to be switched because the pitch was waterlogged. This is a match that Jack will not forget as he scored all 3 goals and so became the first player to score a hat trick. This was a good solid team performance and we thoroughly deserved our win.

Spencers Wood 3 Binfield Bison 3

East Berks Youth League Under 7s Division B

Probably a fair result on the overall play, but it was disappointing to lose a 3 goal lead against a team that, on paper, looked very strong. The first half was probably the best half that we have seen from the team. They took the fight to the opposition and goals from Alex and Harry M saw us deservedly

2 up at the interval. As expected, our opponents competed much better in the second half and had us pinned back for long periods. We still looked dangerous on the break and from one of these breaks, Alex scored to put us 3 up. But, that was as good as it got, and the visitors soon pulled one back. It was then real backs to the wall stuff as the visitors kept pressing. It looked as though we would hold out, but 2 late goals meant that honours were even. This was an excellent performance by the team who very nearly pulled off a shock win.

Spencers Wood 0 Lower Early Predators 4

East Berks Youth League Under 7s Division B

A tough game against a team that had won every game. We competed very well and a heroic effort by Tom between the posts kept the scoreline respectable. Unfortunately, the match will be remembered for the cynical fouling by the opposition and the poor behaviour of their spectators.

Fixtures

Upcoming fixtures:

6th January

Spencers Wood v California Typhoons	Home	9:30am
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13th January

Winnersh Rangers v Spencers Wood	Away	TBA
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20th January

Spencers Wood v Whitegrove Pumas	Home	10.30am
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27th January

Ascot United Arrows v Spencers Wood	Away	TBA
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spectator behaviour

In the light of our recent experience of poor behaviour from the opposition spectators, we would like to say a very big thank you to our supporters for the magnificent way in which you have all supported the team. We are sure that the team very much appreciate it as well. We are very proud of our team and our supporters who have always behaved impeccably. We fully understand that every parent wants to encourage their child, but one of the most pleasing

aspects of our supporting is the fact that our parents encourage other members of the team almost as much as their own children.

We have also been respectful to our opponents and to match officials. This is exactly the type of support that we need so can we please have more of the same for the rest of the season

Training

We have noticed that there have been a few problems with the behaviour of the players during training which has resulted in time being wasted. This is by no means a serious issue, but we would be very grateful if you could stress the importance of listening and not messing about during training. We want it to be fun but we want to use the time to improve the players' skills so that the team will improve. We do carefully plan every training session to have specific learning objectives whilst ensuring that the activities are enjoyable.



Penalty Shoot Out

We would like to thank everyone for braving the pouring rain and making the penalty shoot out such a tremendous success. We have raised well over £500. This is by far the most raised by any of the Spencers Wood teams. This is an absolutely staggering effort and a huge thank you to everyone.

Whilst the money goes to benefit the club, it is not unreasonable that some of it should be spent on our team. We are fairly well off for equipment but if anyone can think of anything else that we need, please let us know.



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