



basketballpaisley

Executive Bulletin

May 2009

National League & Cup Success

Well done to the St Mirren Reid Kerr College Junior Women Team and coach Barry Lang for clinching the National League Title and Scottish Cup Double for the second season in succession. Congratulations also to Craig Chambers and his resilient Cadet Men, who overcame NL champions Troon in a very exciting Scottish Cup Final at The Pleasance.

We took a massive support with us to Edinburgh for Cup Finals Weekend, and all who supported the club are to be thanked for all their efforts.

Yearbook 2009

Congratulations to Barry Lang for designing our exciting 2009 Yearbook. The Yearbook continues to be a demanding task, but with the help and support of all within basketballpaisley, the task becomes easier and Barry would like to thank all the contributors. If you would like to be part of the 2010 Yearbook team, please contact Barry on barrylang@hotmail.co.uk

Annual Club Bag Pack

This has now been split over two weekends because of the TDP and NTT. First up is Sunday 17th May 2008 at ASDA, Linwood, with another session the following week at Morrison's in Paisley on Saturday 23rd May. As this is a major Club fundraising event, a large turnout is expected from all groups in our Club at both Bag Packs.

Annual Awards Evening

The date has been confirmed as Saturday 23rd May at Elderslie Golf Club, where all Local league and National League awards will be made. In addition the prestigious James McLean Cup and "Coach & Player of the Year" will be announced. In an effort to encourage more people to attend, we have changed the format, and introduced more of a social side with a Team Quiz involving all teams. Please support this important club event.

Relocation to The Lagoon

The relocation of SuperLeague to The Lagoon in Paisley has been a tremendous success with high attendances and an excellent atmosphere. The SL teams have settled well into their new home, and seem to be thriving at the Lagoon. We held a gala Launch evening on Friday 30th January with lots of invited guests and BP families enjoying a fine Buffet reception and an excellent evening's entertainment which culminated in an "Indoor Fireworks Extravaganza". Photographs of both SuperLeague and the Launch Evening are available on our club website.

SL Cup Finals & Awards

The SuperLeague season finished on a high note with an excellent evening's basketball at the Lagoon on Friday 27th March. Every cup final, from the Minis to the Sophomores was keenly fought, and a large, noisy crowd on the bleachers added to the exciting atmosphere. This year's Cup Final evening also included the SL Awards, in a revamped format for this season, which seemed to go down well with the players and their families and friends.

Reid Kerr Buddies

As we go to press, we wish every success to our Reid Kerr Buddies Junior Men, under coach David Milligan, who face Troon Tornadoes at The Lagoon on Saturday 16th May in the Strathclyde League Cup Final. Already League Champions, they have a good record against their Ayrshire rivals this season and we would encourage as many as possible to support our team in this showcase game. Tip-off is 3pm Elsewhere the Buddies U16 Cadets comfortably won their League, and the Senior Men are within a whisker of capturing the 2nd Division Championship and promotion to the top tier, although their destiny isn't in their hands as Oatlands can snatch the top prize if they win their last game against PSG on 19th May.

Finance & Fundraising

In April we held a Race Night at ProLife in Paisley, and although not too well attended as it was Easter, it still managed to raise £150 for club funds. Even during the current "Credit Crunch" it is especially important that we as a club maximise our income and we are continuing to look for new innovative methods of raising funds for both the Club and our teams. If you have any ideas, please speak with Jim Renfrew.

New England Colonials

On Friday 24th April, basketballpaisley played host to the New England Colonials when the Scotland U15s, with some of our own St Mirren players in the squad, played the visitors from the US before a full house at the Lagoon. We have enjoyed a good relationship for several years with the visitors, who are drafted from the four New England states and it is very much a personal development as well as a basketball initiative.

None of the boys have been outside the USA before and thoroughly enjoyed their 3 days with St Mirren, spending a day at school with our boys, and also taking in the St Mirren Vs Rangers Scottish Cup Semi-final at Hampden. Plans are already well advanced for our Cadet Men to make a return visit to New England in October this year.

National Team Representation

Well done to Kyle Haldane, Kevin McDonald & Fraser Glass who were in the Scotland U16 team that won the Euro C championship in Gibraltar last summer, and all 3 have all made the U18 squad for the Euro B in Sarajevo this Summer.

Nadele Strain, Natalie Chaloner and Rebecca Cumming represented the Senior Women's squad in Luxembourg, and Deanne Hayward was an integral part of the Junior Women's bid at Euro B in Macedonia. Several of our Cadette Women's squad made the U16 Squad - Kerri Marshall, Sarah Thomson and Robyn Lewis, and will be travelling to Barcelona with Coach Ian Gordon in June. Gemma Black, Lauren McKinlay, Caroline Finlay, Deanne Hayward and Jenny Lynn are off to Houston, Texas at the end of June with the U18's

Finally quite a number of our U14 / U15 boys and girls are currently involved in the Talent Development Programme (TDP) which entails 8 regional coaching sessions and two national camps a year. The programme was highlighted at the UK coaching summit and was commended for its approach.

Primary School Funding Projects Update

Whilst the very successful "Hoop it up in Paisley" initiative has come to a close for the session, all the schools involved throughout Paisley are extremely keen to continue. An application for further funding from Strathclyde Police and Renfrewshire Council is currently being completed, and we are very hopeful to be able to extend this important and innovative programme. The fruits of this initiative are there for all to see at Friday Night SuperLeague, as a steady stream of primary school kids, involved are coming on to play in our "SL Minis" which is expanding well.

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In order to maintain the professional and corporate identity of basketballpaisley, the use of all logos must be approved prior to printing or distribution to potential sponsors/partners.

Letterheaded paper will be available shortly, and will be distributed to each team. For all other logo, Branding or marketing enquiries please contact Barry Lang (☎ 07757610771 or email: barrylang@hotmail.co.uk)

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