



TEAM *talk*

The monthly newsletter of Little League Soccer

JULY IN BRIEF

- U8** Champions at YSA
- U10** Jordan cool across Causeway
- U12** Boys outplay strong RSC
- ALL** Camps around the corner

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ANDY'S WELCOME

The end of a very busy month has finally come to an end! In June Little League competed in two tournaments, played two friendlies and signed on to one very exciting partnership. June was also the last full month of this term and with it, this season. We have had a great season, with some players leaving but many excellent players coming in to fill their places. Now we head into the summer months there is still loads of Little League action to look forward to. Have a great summer, we hope to see you at a Camp or two!

BOYS ON SONG AT RSC

The Royal Selangor Club were Little League's first opponents in June. Always a close match whenever the two sides meet, the U8s kicked the month's action off strongly. The team got off to a great start, scoring after 20 seconds through Giacomo Ricotta, before Marnix Hofstede grabbed a stunning brace. Little League eventually ran out 8–2 winners.

It was a similar story for the U10s. Those able to rise early were rewarded with a draw and two wins in three thirds of football. "It wasn't the best of starts going one–nil down," said Coach Andy, "but a hat-trick from Hires Sharma and two from Prakash O'Mahony put us well on the way to an overall win." The coach also had praise for one of his latest stars: "Well done to Zachary Raiff who made a very impressive Little League debut and secured a place in the A-Team for the YSA tournament."

The U12s also faced a strong RSC side, but managed to come away with more success for Little League—two wins and two losses in the four short games. Shinnosuke Ichizawa impressed, scoring four goals in an excellent all-round performance.

FEATURED PLAYER

TeamTalk gets the inside scoop on one of Little League's rising stars

Name Tatsuki Kobayashi
Date of birth 11/8/03
Favourite team Barcelona
Favourite football moment
 "When I scored seven goals in two games."

AGE GROUP WINNERS

U8 Tatsuki Kobayashi	U10 Adam Davis	U12 Shinnosuke	U14 Nur Zymi	U16 Pascal Van Luit	U18 Dillon Nanra

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

Leon Braukmann
 Ezekiel Ae Jhiun Wiew
 Bader Saeed
 Adrian Lee
 Muhd Taufiq
 Puvan Raj



8s, 10s, 18s TOPPLE PKNS

The good form of the U8s continued in Little League's next match, against PKNS. Despite only having a small squad, the team managed to run out convincing winners. Marnix Hofstede and Kieran Sargeant impressed greatly, each getting on the scoresheet numerous times. The match also saw usual goalkeeper Owen Allwood play outfield and grab a goal of his own.

With PKNS bringing over 25 players, the U10s had their work cut out, facing fresh opposition in each of the four matches. The A-team kicked off first and took a comfortable victory, Hires Sharma and Ethan Allwood picking up goals. And despite a solid performance, the B-team couldn't quite follow suit as PKNS took a goal in each half. But fortunes were turned again when the A-Team stepped up for their second match. A magical dribble down the left wing from Yuto Ogasawara put Hires Sharma in

for his second of the day and the only goal of the match. Spirits were high for the final game and the B-team were looking good for an equaliser—until the referee blew up for the end of the match at half time. A good showing from all involved though.

With a small squad, the U12s put in a hard-fought performance against the JFL champions. Unfortunately, goals from Tomoki and Shin were not enough to prevent a 3–2 loss.

The PKNS fixture also included a game for the MKFC U18 side. Despite good competition, MKFC won comfortably 2–0, local boys Zymi and Taufiq each contributing a goal.

AWESOME 8s TAKE YSA WIN

With much hype surrounding the event and some big teams slated to be playing, the YSA Tournament, held on June 26 at Stadium

UPCOMING CAMPS

Sports Camp

All ages
 July 18–21, 9am–12noon
 Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club

Summer Camp 1

All ages
 July 23–26, 9am–12noon
 Garden International School

Summer Camp 2

All ages
 July 28–31, 9am–12noon
 Garden International School

Pre-Season Camp

All ages
 Aug 20–Sept 2, 9am–12noon
 Garden International School

SUMMER TRAINING

1 Utama

All ages
 Saturdays, 9–10am
 Upper Roof, 1 Utama

1 Utama

All ages
 Sundays, 10–11am
 Upper Roof, 1 Utama

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Millenium, Kuala Kubu Bharu, was always going to be a good end-of-season test for Little League's U8s, 10s and 12s and MKFC's U16s.

The U8s opened their tournament with a match against SPT FC, Marnix Hofstede popping up to grab the crucial winning goal. The impressive form continued throughout the day and Little League topped the group without conceding a goal. The quarter-finals saw the team face YFA. As expected it was a very close game that was decided by a stunning Kieran Sargeant goal that set up a semi-final against PFKA Batu Caves. And Kieran and Marnix turned on the magic once again, leading the boys to a 2-1 victory and the YSA final. From there it was smooth sailing to the cup, as Little League played GenPro A off the pitch to take the YSA crown and their third title of a very successful season.

Coach Andy had big expectations going into the U10 competition. With a full-strength squad, Little League was fielding a very good team. A 1-0 loss in the A-team's first match though was disappointing. Fortunately, a Prakash O'Mahony goal in the next game put the U10s into the second round but it wasn't to be, and the team lost in a controversial penalty shootout.

The U10 B-team did exceptionally well, qualifying for the second round before narrowly losing to a strong YFA team. Special mention has to go to Zane Halabi for scoring two goals in his U10 debut after being just over the age limit for the U8 competition.

The U12s started slowly in their 9-a-side tournament, drawing the first match 0-0. But there was only one way forwards and the team started to get into their stride in the next two games. Two victories saw them make it into the last 16 where another good win took them to the quarter-finals without conceding a goal. Sadly, that's where the tournament ended, however, as two set pieces undid the team in a disappointing 0-2 loss.

The MKFC U16s suffered a similar fate. Starting with a brilliant 3-0 victory over Akademu TBR, MKFC continued their good run to easily qualify for the second round. A tough draw saw them face a very strong PKNS FC in the next match, but despite the opposition's four state-level players, neither side could break the other down. It would go to penalties, and an incredible performance from 13-year-old Billy Chivers in goal saw MKFC move into the quarter-finals. Yet again, the game went into penalties but this time eventual champions AIG FA came out on top. Coach Shazwan was pleased with the team's overall performance, particularly new arrival Ben Wingrove.

MKFC SIGN NEW DEAL

MKFC recently signed a new sponsorship deal

to work with United Nations project, Decade of Action. Decade of Action is a road safety campaign that works with organisations to raise awareness and to campaign for safer roads in the community. Mont Kiara FC's home, away and training jerseys will bear the yellow Decade of Action tag with the message: "Together We Can Save Millions of Lives." Decade of Action ambassadors include actress Michelle Yeoh, the Ghana National Football Team, Jensen Button and Michael Essien. Visit www.decadeofaction.org for more information.

A SUMMER OF FOOTBALL AND FUN

Can't get enough football? Then join us throughout the summer for Sports Camps, football Camps and regular weekend training sessions. Though the schools are breaking up, there's no rest for Little League. We continue through July and August with a programme of summer specials.

First up, join us for our Summer Sports Camp at Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club. Featuring football, tennis, bowling, badminton and equestrian, it's set to be one of our most exciting events yet. To sign up, collect an application form from one of our coaches, or download it at

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Next up are our regular Little League Soccer Camps, with more football crammed into four days than you could ever possibly need. Following the regular Camp format, participants will practise dribbling and shooting skills on days one and two before testing what they've learnt in competitions on day three and then putting it into fun games and matches on day four. And of course, don't forget the end-of-Camp party, where all players are awarded a certificate and prize. For more details and to register, download the application form at www.littleleaguesoccer.com.my

MKFC SIT PRETTY IN NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

MKFC continued their good run in the National Junior League this June with impressive wins over Subang Jaya FC (4-1) and Glenmarie United (5-0). Week four saw heavy losses to PNSB FC (5-1) and AIG FA (5-1) but the boys bounced back well on week five and six with wins over AB Kota Damansara (4-1), UKRC (7-0), SJCS (1-0) and a draw against MJB United (1-1). The results—which put MKFC third in the table, one point behind the leaders—are enough for the team to qualify for the second round. And there's more good news for superstar Bodric Dimitri, whose total of 34 goals in 12 matches has raised more than a few eyebrows around KL.

SINGAPORE SPECIAL

TRIUMPH IN SINGAPORE

Intended to be a tour to play a series of friendly matches, Little League ended up entering two one-day tournaments on the recent trip to Singapore. Nevertheless, it was an undeniable success, with good results and a good time had by all.

8s FIGHT THROUGH FINAL

A last-minute decision to field an U8s team in Singapore didn't seem to affect the players, as they emerged champions under the baking sun. The U8s, led by Paul and Ziggy Ae Jhiun Wiew, showed their class as they managed to see off three teams convincingly in the group stages and semi-finals. The final proved to be the sternest test for the boys, as they let a 2-1 lead slip five minutes from the end. However, Paul continued his good form over the day to bang in the winner.

HATTRICK STAR LEADS 10s

With a very young U10 squad, Coach Andy knew day one in Singapore—an U11 tournament—was going to be a tough test. And it was, the team losing all three games 1-0. It was an impressive display though, and a good learning experience that prepared the team for Sunday's U10 tournament. Arriving to a well-planned schedule, the team won their group games before making heavy work of the semi-final, Jordan conceding a freekick on the edge of the box. The opposition scored, taking the game to penalties, but it was Little League that progressed. "The boys played some excellent football in the final, running out 4-0 winners after a sublime hatrick from Jordan and Christian adding the final nail," said a delighted Coach Andy.

KEMPER KEEPS COOL FOR 12s

Day one for the U12s saw an excellent team performance, winning their group with some great football. The form continued into the quarter-finals, but, Coach Mike said, "despite total domination of the semi-final, we were unable to find the decisive goal." The game ended 1-1, Little League losing out on penalties.

The positives though carried through to day two. Cruising through the group stages and semi-final, the team made it to the final. "The boys showed great spirit to come from a goal down," said Coach Mike, "but the game headed for penalties for the second day in a row." And the team didn't make the same mistake twice, with Aalem redeeming the first day's miss and Xavi Kemper slotting home the crucial kick.