



TEAM *talk*

The monthly newsletter of Little League Soccer

JUNE IN BRIEF

- U8** RSC, PKNS await
- U10** No luck in front of goal
- U12** Plate final at UKRC
- U14** Dimitri carves up NJL
- ALL** Spurs, Singapore ahead

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ANDY'S MESSAGE

Thank you Little Leaguers for a great month! We have participated in internal tournaments, external tournaments and friendly matches all in the month of May. In this edition of *TeamTalk* we have reviews on all fixtures, a preview to upcoming events and news on an exciting offer for a trip to the Tottenham Hotspur Academy in the UK. I hope you find this edition informative and helpful.

As always, if you want to include any news items in the newsletter please contact Ian at ian@littleleague.com.my

INTERNAL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to all those who competed in the internal tournament and thank you for making it a great day. Though the competition was close throughout, three teams eventually came out on top: Ipswich, in the U8 ladder, Norwich, for the U10s, and Leeds, in the U12 tournament.

10s UNLUCKY, 12s JUST MISSING OUT AT UKRC

As last year's champions in the U12 competition, Little League was keen to put on a strong showing at the UKRC Tournament, held from May 26–27.

The U10s started their weekend with a 1–1 draw before winning the second game 1–0—Adam Davis grabbing his second of the tournament—and making it two from three with a comfortable 1–0 win in the third match, Prakash O'Mahony slotting in. Despite losing the final game of the day, the team qualified for the Cup competition—albeit with a harder draw than they would have liked.

The pressure was on therefore on the second

FEATURED PLAYER

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

Name Sam Pashby
Date of birth 15/7/2000
Favourite team Hull City
Favourite football moment
 "When a guy took a penalty in a massive goal last year and I saved it in the top corner."

AGE GROUP WINNERS

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|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| U8 Owen Allwood | U12 Sam Pashby | U16 James Howat | U18 Josh Geddes |
| U10 Shaun How | U14 Bodric Dimitri | U16 James Howat | U18 Josh Geddes |

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

- Tatsuki Kobayashi
- Ahmed Badawi
- Rueben Sweeney
- Ben Andersen
- Alex Lee
- Ceirán Sneddon



LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW MIP AWARDS FOR MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS!

day, and despite some good football, the team struggled to find the goals. After a narrow loss in the first game, the boys needed to win their last match. However, it wasn't to be. "We played the best football we had played all weekend but just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net," said Coach Andy after the final game.

As defending champions, the U12s had a lot to live up to. But they struggled on day one. Playing to two draws and two losses, the team could only qualify for the Plate competition.

And day two looked to be following in the same vein as the boys fell to a defeat in their first match. Things improved though, and the team managed to raise their game, securing back-to-back victories against Jasmine Putra—2–0, both goals from Ben Norton—and then Astaka, 3–0, with goals from William Green, Andrew Price and Bader Saaed. Unable to keep the upturn in performance going, however,

the U12s lost in the final to Braveheart FC, Singapore. "There were solid displays from all but an inability to convert chances cost the team dearly," said Coach Mike following the conclusion.

DIMITRI ON FIRE IN NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

It was a successful start to the National Junior League campaign for the Mont Kiara FC U14s. Kicking off in style, the team beat Jasmine Putra United 5–0 and Junior Soccer Schools 6–1 in a goal-strewn week one before going on to hammer Red Giants 4–0 and Astaka FC 9–0 in week two. MKFC currently tops the table with four wins from four, scoring an amazing 23 goals in four matches and only letting in one. Coach Shazwan had nothing but praise for the

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Friendlies vs RSC
 U8, 10, 12
 June 4
 Royal Selangor Club, Bukit Kiara

Friendlies vs PKNS (TBC)
 U8, 10, 12
 June 11
 Location TBC

Black Eagles YSA Tournament
 U8, 10(x2), 12
 June 26, 8am
 Stadium Millenium, Kuala Kubu Bahru

UPCOMING CAMPS & TOURS

GIS Camp
 All ages
 June 6–9, 9am–12noon
 Garden International School

Singapore Tour
 U8, 10, 12
 June 18–19
 Singapore

squad, highlighting one player in particular. "Bodric Dimitri is becoming the talk of the town by banging in goals all over the pitch," he said. "Dimitri now has scored 19 goals in four matches."

NEW CROWD FOR HALF-TERM CAMP

Coinciding with the local school holidays, the Little League Soccer half-term camp, held at 1 Utama from May 28–31, saw an increase in local participants compared to previous Little League events. Players got the usual camp treatment though, with games, dribbling, passing and shooting drills, tournaments and competitions—plus an added incentive to bring out the skills: a visiting camera crew from local TV station NTV7. Scheduled to air on

NTV7 (Astro channel 107) this Sunday, June 4, 9.30am, the footage should capture what goes on at all Little League camps. All in all, another successful event with plenty of great prizes awarded at the end of day four.

Missed this camp? Sign up for the upcoming GIS Camp, June 6–9, 9am–12noon.

SINGAPORE TOUR

Always providing highlights on the Little League calendar, overseas tours give players the chance to face different competition, to experience what it's like to travel for football, and to have a whole load of fun along the way. The upcoming tour to Singapore—open to U8s, 10s and 12s—promises to be no different. Sign up now at www.littleleaguesoccer.com.my. *Singapore Tour, June 17–19. RM945.*

EPL FOR LITTLE LEAGUE STARS?

Little League Soccer has teamed up with Football Focus Asia to offer players the chance of a lifetime: the chance to visit Tottenham Hotspur to train with the Spurs Academy. Players will be trained by the Tottenham coaches, watched by the club's scouts and have the chance to participate in official training matches. Plus, the eight-day programme—from July 22–29—includes full-board at The Marriot Waltham Abbey and stadium tours at White Hart Lane. What more could the budding Premier League player of the future ask for?

To find out more about the programme, or to sign up for this July's Spurs Academy, contact Andy at andy@littleleague.com.my or visit www.littleleaguesoccer.com

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LITTLE LEAGUE

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LITTLE LEAGUE ONLINE

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Little League Soccer has been on Facebook for some time now but we have just moved to a new location. The new fan Page allows for even more interaction between the coaches, players and parents with links, updates, news items and photo galleries all accessed from www.facebook.com/littleleaguemal. If you're on Facebook, all you have to do is click 'Like' on our page and you'll see our posts in your news feed. It's that easy to keep in touch.

TWITTER UPDATES

As if having a website and being on Facebook these days wasn't enough, Little League Soccer is also active on Twitter. The service allows us to tweet from camps, training sessions, tournaments and matches with live updates about what's happening and how the players are getting on. To receive the messages, log on to www.twitter.com/littleleaguemal and click 'Follow'.

GOOGLE MAPS

Maps to all upcoming matches, tournaments and camps can now be accessed from one website. The Little League Google Maps page shows the locations of all venues that you need to know. To access the page, log on to www.tinyurl.com/littleleaguemap