

HYKEHAM TIGERS JFC

We start this month by offering our congratulations to Tigers U12A player Tom Arnold, who has become the first member of the exclusive Tigers Tonne Up club. This means he is the first player to score 100 goals for Hykeham Tigers. Tom joined the Tigers in 2005 as one of the original 4 members, and has seen lots of changes as the club has expanded to nearly 250 members.

Tom clearly has bags of ability and could easily play in a higher league than the C league his team is currently playing in however he has shown fantastic dedication to the Tigers by sticking with the club that took him in at the age of 8! We hope Tom will continue to enjoy playing for the Tigers for years to come and will be joined by many others in the Tonne Up Club. Congratulations on your 100 goals Tom. Can you remember how you scored them all?



Talking of goals..., they were in very short supply for a team of Tigers Managers and Coaches as they took on Lincoln United in a recent charity match, raising money for St Barnabas at Ashby Avenue.

Lincoln United showed throughout the game why they play at the level they do, showing a high level of fitness and some



wonderful football, which left most of the Tigers team chasing shadows or with a feeling of running backwards. That said it took Lincoln United a whole 6 minutes to break down the Tigers defence, however like buses, when the first one came along, it was quickly followed by another and another until the United team had rattled in 18 goals over the 90 minute match.

However the Tigers did manage a couple of consolation goals, the first coming when a certain Mark Williams (ahem), used some of his experience as the oldest player on the pitch, to feed a ball through to Tigers Coach Lee Arva, who slotted the ball past the advancing United keeper. The second Tigers goal came from a dubious penalty, which Simon Tuffs beat a crowd of players to be first to the ball and take the glory of getting his name on the scoresheet.

The real winners on the night were of course St Barnabas as over £200 was raised. Thanks to all the supporters for turning out and of course to Lincoln United for agreeing to play and host this match. We are hoping that this will now become a regular event in the Tigers calendar.

Around the more important teams, (the Children), we start with the U6 and U7 age groups who have been playing a number of friendly games as well as weekly training sessions as they start to learn the basics of football. All matches at these age groups are non competitive and the emphasis is put on the 'fun factor'. Children from the

age of 5 to 7 are welcome to come along and join in. For further information on times etc, you can contact the head of this age group, Simon Tuffs on 078777 535791.

The U8's have been on the road this month, with the A team getting a very creditable 2-2 draw with Boston, following a narrow 3-2 defeat at the hands of Rustons, while the B team also shared the honours (1-1), in a very evenly contested game with Lowlands.

At U9's the A team briefly celebrated going top of the league, following a 5-3 victory over Sleaford and very exciting 5-5 draw against Louth, but unfortunately at the time of writing had slipped back into third spot, following a narrow 4-3 defeat in the local derby match with Greenbank. After a slow start to the season both the B and C teams are improving with the B team recording a good victory over Spilsby.

In the U10 age groups the A team have had a mixed bag of results, firstly going down to a heavy defeat at the hands of North Lindum Hawks, but then showing their 'bouncebackability' by inflicting a heavy defeat on young Dons. (That's kids football for you...). Meanwhile the 10B team have had a good start to the month by beating both Boston Saints and Spilsby by 4-1 and 5-0 respectively.

The U11A team have had a great month with resounding victories over Fishtoft and Swifts (7-0 and 10-1), with a creditable draw (2-2) away at Sleaford sandwiched in between. The 11B side however have yet to find the momentum (keep going lads I'm sure it will come), as they went down to Heckington and Birchwood.



The U12's have also had a good month with the A team recording a victory over Cranwell (5-3), while the B team took all points against Cranwell (4-0) and despite going down 6-4, the C side put in a good display against Wragby. There are still a few places available for players to join the U12 teams for this season, (School Year 7), so if anybody out there is interested please contact Mike Moore on 07986 474057.

At the 13 age group the team have found the going tough but are starting to grind out results and only last week achieved a well earned draw with Spilsby.

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Meanwhile the U13 Girls (who play in the Humberside league), earned a 4-4 draw with Marshalls but unfortunately went down to Cleethorpes.

The top age group, U14s, have battled hard, but as yet have not quite managed to get their first victory this season. Hang in there lads, I'm sure it won't be far away.

Off the pitch, (at the time of publication), the Halloween party at the memorial hall should have taken place and if the amount of work and planning that has gone in to it is anything to go by, it should be a great success. Hopefully we will have some photo's to include next month.

The venue and date has now been set for this years Hykeham Tigers Christmas Party. It will take place on the evening of Friday December 4th at the Epic Centre, on the Lincolnshire showground. The evening will consist of a Christmas Disco, buffet and loads of party games, everybody is welcome.

As usual up to date information for this and all other Hykeham Tigers news can be found on our website at www.hykehamjfc.org.uk.

I would like to end this month thanking everybody for the wonderful feedback that I have received regarding this page in the Gazette, and of course thanks to the Gazette

for giving us the space. We want to develop Hykeham Tigers as a true community club and see this publication as the ideal way to promote the club within the community. The only negative feedback I received is from parents living in Bracebridge Heath who don't receive the gazette, but my response to them was serves them right for not living in Hykeham;-)

Yours in Sport...

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