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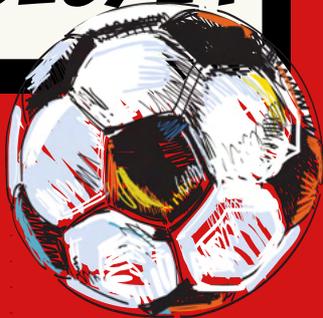
JULY 2024

# BUCKHURST HILL FC ANNUAL



SEASON 2023/24

WHAT A GREAT SEASON!





# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Welcome to our inaugural Buckhurst Hill FC Annual season 2023/2024 addition.

Thank you to all the teams that have provided content and to Alex for piecing it all together.

This is not only a great way to share your success across all your teams, but a keepsake for all the boys and girls involved and just highlights what an amazing club we have down to each one of you.

We welcomed several new managers coaches and teams to the club this season they were as follows.

Under 7's

Kevin Mohan

Alan Barker

Sam Cooper

Ronnie Gill

Casey Pettit

Billy Wells

Under 10 Lionesses

Krish Lachanah

Joey Shadafza

Under 11 Tigresses

Ian Hogan

Mel Sterzl

Under 12 Stags

Andrew Yiannoullou

Under 14 Blacks

Mike and Claire Halpin

Sadly Mike passed away during the season, and our thoughts and prayers will always be to Claire and her family.

We hope you all enjoyed your first seasons at the club, or for those managers who have been with us for some time, your new teams enjoyed every minute.

As a club, it was one of our most successful in history for boys and girls with numerous trophies in both leagues and cups, including County Cup Success which is the pinnacle of youth football.

Those highlights are shared within the annual as far too many to mention, but huge congratulations to you all, and bodes well for the future.

This coming season we have new teams as well as managers joining the club, so welcome and we wish you every success.

Under 7 Royals - Michael Smith

Under 7 Whites - Simon Moroney

Under 7 Blues - TBC

Under 9 Lionesses - Georgina Zumeris

Under 9 Tigresses - Krish Lachanah

Under 11 Tigresses - Joey Shadafza

Under 13 EJA - Daniel Yeo & Yatin Mistry

Under 14 Blacks - Yemi Buko

Under 15 EJA - Nigel Seidu & Cardo Plummer

Under 15 Blacks - Nav Choudhury

Under 16 Tigeresses - Kriss Cutmore

Huge welcome to you all and I know you will be made welcome by everyone.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all the managers and coaches for the incredible job you do for the benefit of so many boys and girls throughout the club, I know how hard it is to run a team and what is involved as a volunteer around your own lives.

Also, all our sponsors your support means so much and is so important for the long-term future of the club.

And from a personal perspective thank you to the Committee, the work you have put in this year has gone above and beyond it is just incredible.

Have a safe and healthy Summer.

Simon Cornwell



**BUCKHURST HILL GOAL!**



# UNDER 7 ROYALS



**COACHES  
CASEY PETTIT &  
BILLY WELLS**

# UNDER 7 ROYALS

*Buckhurst Hill U7's Royals had a brilliant season in the Brentwood League! Halfway through we changed managers and the boys kept their quality up the whole way through which was fantastic to see!*

*Our squad for the 2023/24 campaign was:*

*Riley Foulger, Teddy Pettit, Charlie Griffiths, Alfie Moss, Aris Montinari, Callum McCauley, Tate Arnold Brown, Frank Cassidy*

*With it being our first proper season together playing every week in a league, we were all looking forward to it! For us as coaches we wanted to make sure the kids understand the basics of playing in a formation and how we would like them to play. We understood that we have some very talented players in our team and was excited for the journey we was about to embark on. As the season progressed we could see the boys working together more and more and understanding exactly what we've been going through in training. Little things like, if a defender goes up someone needs to cover him.*

*We also drilled it into the team that we are going to be a passing team. We have some brilliant passers of the ball and felt that it was only right that from a young age, they are taught to trust themselves and their teammates and play out from the back. We were both successful and unsuccessful at times when trying this out as we came up against some very strong teams! That being said, from the start of the season to the end, we now have a team that can trust each individual and play out from the back with time or under pressure! Players understand where they are playing when given a position whereas before they were unsure and would follow the ball around. As 7 year old kids it is very tough to not ball watch, but we have done fantastic as a group this season to understand to focus as much as we can on the whole picture instead of just the ball. What comes with that is then communication. This is something we could do better, but I have no doubt in my mind we will get there as time goes on!*

*Another challenge of this season was we do not have a designated goalkeeper which was very tough for not only us coaches but for the players as well! We had to find a fair system that worked for us where everyone took their turn in goal! Throughout the season this has been tough, but from coaches to parents to players, everyone has got on board with it and we made it work. As a whole, this season has been eye opening for everyone. We have had the privilege of entering a couple tournaments at the end of the season where we came up against some amazing teams which we saw as a goal for us to try and get to their level! We came second in the Buckhurst-Hill tournament where we went all the way to penalties in the final but unfortunately it wasn't meant to be! What a season we have all had! We have all learnt so much, from the start of the season to now, we have all progressed as players and cannot wait for the new season ahead! We know we have plenty more to learn and work on, but the players are eager to improve, which makes us all look forward to going back!*



**BUCKHURST HILL GOAL!**



# UNDER 7 WHITES



**COACHES  
RONNIE GILL &  
SAM COOPER**

# UNDER 7 WHITES

The boys started their inaugural season in the Brentwood Manchester league, in the festival of football format which was an excellent starting challenge for them all. For most, this was their first real taste of competitive football.

After finding their feet in the first few weeks, the team went on an amazing run, winning eight, drawing one and losing just one game in the last ten matches of the 2023 calendar year.

The games transitioned into a more traditional format in the New Year, with one longer weekly match. The boys continued to work hard, building upon the skills they had already developed, while striving to become all-round stronger players.

Given the age of the players, with many of the boys only turning seven years old towards the back end of the season, it has been a steep learning curve for them, trying to figure out how they should be working as a team and understanding how to position themselves better during games. As spectating parents, it has become evident how much the boys have improved and taken instruction on board. This is a testament to both coaches, who have put a lot of work and effort into the team since its inception.

Since the start, we have strived to instil a team ethic and encourage the boys to understand the importance of working together, rather than as individual players.

The boys have taken this to their core, and it can be seen from the strong friendships they have formed. Their attitudes towards one another have been exemplary and one of the biggest positives to come out of this season.

While wanting to encourage teamwork, we also wanted to incentivise the players to try their best and be rewarded when doing so. Introducing the "Man of the Match" and "Player of the Week" awards gave the kids an added drive to perform to their maximum potential, and every player in their squad won at least one award this season.

The team participated in an external tournament at Colchester United F.C., where the boys had the unique experience of playing on a real pitch, sitting in a first-team dressing room and taking part in an official tunnel walkout, complete with an over-the-tannoy announcement. An exciting experience for a 6/7 year old!

Now the first season has come to an end, looking back as parents, the most important aspect has been seeing the joy the boys have found in football this year. Watching them grow and develop this season, as individuals and as a team, has been wonderful to witness. It will put them in good stead for next season and many more to come. The friendships they have built in just our first season together have exceeded already high expectations, with both players and parents alike already looking forward to the upcoming 2024/2025 season.



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**NOAH ALLEN**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**FRANK RABICANO**

**BUCKHURST HILL GOAL!**



# UNDER 7 BLUES & BLACKS



**COACHES  
KEVIN MOHAN &  
ALAN BARKER**

# UNDER 7 BLUES & BLACKS

The Blues and Blacks have shown incredible growth this season, culminating in achievements that have made our club proud.

The Blacks have had an outstanding season, going on a remarkable unbeaten run. Their resilience, hard work, and excellent teamwork have been evident in every match. This streak of success is a clear reflection of their growing skills and the strong bond within the team. Their performances have been thrilling to watch and have set a high standard for future seasons.

The Blues have also had an impressive season, reaching the semi-final of their first-ever tournament. This is a significant accomplishment for a team in its debut tournament season. Their journey to the semi-finals demonstrated their ability to compete at a high level, showcasing their talent and determination. The Blues' success in the tournament is a testament to their hard work and the effective training they have received.

Both teams started the season facing some heavy defeats. These early challenges could have been disheartening, but instead, they fueled the teams' desire to improve and succeed. The ability to overcome these initial setbacks and finish the season on a high note speaks volumes about the character and commitment of the players. It is a clear testament to the resilience and determination that have become hallmarks of our club.

The encouragement and enthusiasm from the families have provided a strong foundation for the teams to build on. Their presence at games, moral support, and dedication to the teams have been invaluable, helping to create a supportive and inspiring environment for the players.

As we reflect on this season, the progress and achievements of the Blues and Blacks serve as an inspiration for everyone. Their journey from early challenges to finishing strong highlights the importance of perseverance, teamwork, and community support. We look forward to building on these successes in the upcoming seasons and continuing to foster a culture of community and family.



## BLACKS

**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**KESHAV PUROHIT**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ZAC BARKER &  
JACK LIDLOW**

**MOST  
IMPROVED  
PLAYER**

**FREDDIE FOY**



## BLUES

**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**DENIM FAIK**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**CALLUM MCGIMPSEY**

**MOST  
IMPROVED  
PLAYER**

**TEDDIE MOHAN**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

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# UNDER 8 BLUES



**COACHES  
BEN COOPER &  
GEORGE BALES**

# UNDER 8 BLUES

*A good first season for the U8 Blues! This great bunch of boys have all shown remarkable improvement. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and teamwork have been commendable throughout the season.*

*A special mention must go to the parents, who have been fantastic supporters. Their encouragement from the sidelines, commitment to attending training and matches, and positive reinforcement at home have played a crucial role in the boys' development and enjoyment of the sport. Simply being there to cheer them on, the parents' involvement has been invaluable. Their support has fostered a positive and nurturing environment that has allowed the boys to thrive.*

*As we look ahead, next year brings the exciting challenge of 7 vs. 7 matches. All the boys are eagerly anticipating the new season and the opportunities it will bring. To help them continue to develop, we will focus on advanced technique training, building on the basics with more sophisticated skills and drills to enhance their technical abilities. We'll delve deeper into game tactics and strategies, helping the boys understand different aspects of the game and improve their decision-making on the pitch.*

*Additionally, we'll emphasise positional play, ensuring the boys better understand their roles on the team and how to effectively communicate and collaborate with teammates. Physical conditioning will also be a key focus, incorporating speed, agility, and quickness exercises to improve their overall fitness, ensuring they are well-prepared for the demands of 7 vs. 7 matches. Providing a supportive environment where the boys can learn from each other, build strong team bonds, and develop leadership skills will be another important aspect of our programme.*

*Well done, U8 Blues – keep up the excellent work! And thank you to all the parents for your unwavering support and dedication. We couldn't have done it without you! Here's to another fantastic season ahead!*



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# UNDER 9 ROYALS



**COACH  
JAMIE TOGWELL**

# UNDER 9 ROYALS

*Buckhurst Hill U9 Royals started the 2023/2024 season campaign going up into the Echo Brazil league. We knew that this was going to be a step up in quality, but we were up for the challenge.*

*Our squad consisted of:*

*Tommy Togwell, Luca Adams, Oscar Griffiths, James McCarthy, George Groves, Arlo Carroll, Chris Agathocleous*

*With our new signings of;*

*Ralph Turner, Leo Dorney & Josh Burst*

*One of our strengths has always been our passing and understanding of formations and we aimed to take advantage of the larger pitch going into 7v7. We really embraced the strategy and utilisation of space into our first game against Byron Red where we up against the team of individuals. We showed that football is a team sport and came away with a magnificent win. Up to Christmas we did feel the effects of the more physical league and although our goal difference was respectable, results did not reflect the beautiful Football and Build up play that we were achieving. We continued with our mantra of being brave enough to fail and sometimes the cost of this is simple goals but our goal is to progress and develop. One of our biggest weaknesses as a team has always been our bad luck in never securing (what is known as a unicorn in youth Football) a goalkeeper. In the autumn we managed to acquire the services of Chris, who was playing the Saturday leagues and wanted to challenge himself. Chris is very brave and a great shotstopper which was something we desperately needed and the conceding of basic goals disappeared over night. We worked with Chris to improve his footwork and his outfield play using him as a sweeper and developing him as a keeper. After Christmas we went into the Echo Festival Cup and because we were in the second division of the Echo league, we were put into a cup competition with the top division which meant that we were up against even stronger teams. We gave a really good account for ourselves only losing by one goal late on to mindset who had beat us quite convincing in the league. Fantastic performance by the Royals and we really got our confidence back. We had an iconic game against the very physical and aggressive Abbey Youth who we beat 2-1 with Tommy Togwell putting the ball into the top corner in the last min to win the game.*

*We come away from this season having learnt lots of lessons and developed and grown as young men and a team. The boys showed great character to deal with the adversity and showed good mental strength to never give up. We have sown the seeds of playing football the right way and we look forward to reaping the rewards in many seasons to come.*

*We are more of a family than a team and that unity will see us through long into the future, Come on your Royals!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**CHRIS AGATHOCLEOUS**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**RALPH TURNER**



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# UNDER 9 LIONESSES



**COACHES  
LAYLA BROWNRIGG  
& KATE HARGRAVE**

# UNDER 9 LIONESSES

Wow, wow, wow what an incredible, fun and rewarding season it's been for the U9 Lionesses in their second season together!

Following tournament successes in summer 2023 the girls came back in September for the start of the league season brimming with confidence and donning one or two fancy new tricks. This set us up well for the league, going on a strong run of wins, and saw us promoted in mid-October from Montpellier to Nantes division in the mixed boys and girls Brentwood League. We were all enjoying our early Saturday morning starts and matches played across Essex although most looked forward to home matches on the BHFC pitches.

As the season went on, we started playing 7-a-side friendlies to prepare us for moving from 5 to 7-a-side in the 2024/25 season. This has really played to our strengths and what we have seen in this transition is a team that can play great football. As coaches we often receive comments from other coaches about the quality of play and the impressive football that our girls play. This is something we're really proud of. We have also seen really significant improvements in all the girls this season and have great strength in depth across the pitch. The only thing we are missing is a dedicated goalkeeper, but despite our best efforts we've struggled to find one!

## Statistics for the season

- 29 matches played
  - 21 matches won
  - 6 matches lost
  - 2 matches drawn
- 131 goals scored!

As coaches, we have been bowled over by the commitment, passion and determination shown by the U9 Lionesses this season. They have trained hard and played their socks off for each other on the pitch. As well as becoming a team to be feared, they have also become the best of friends and are a pleasure to coach and be involved with. We are so very proud of all of them.

At the time of writing, the girls have played in four summer girls' tournaments (FC Redwing, Omonia, Rayleigh and Broomfield) and have been crowned champions of all four, playing 26 matches in total of which 24 matches have been won and 2 drawn. They have also scored 84 goals and conceded just 8! Well done girls, this is amazing!!

Big shout outs to the girls: Arya, Ivy, Jessica, Mai Lee, Otilie, Sophia, Summer and Tessa. And we are also delighted to welcome Phoebe into the team for next season. It is obvious to everyone that she is going to be a brilliant addition to all the other superstars in the team.

Season 2024/25 here we come!



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**SUMMER JORDAN**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**JESSICA FRANCIS**

**FANS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**SOPHIA BROWNRIGG**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

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# UNDER 9 BLUES



**COACHES  
ANDREW, SAM  
AND STEVE**

# UNDER 9 BLUES

What an amazing group of players to have coached for the last 3 years! U7 was all a bit of a blur with parents, players, and coaches all finding their way in this new world of grassroots football. After starting the U8 season in Div 4 and being on the wrong end of some difficult results we made the tough decision, as you do in life sometimes, to take a step down to rebuild and come back stronger. The Blues moved into division 6 and went to work. Fast forward to the end of this season and the team is unrecognisable from those early days and it's all down to the hard work of the players and coaches, working as one to achieve great things. After two promotions the Buckhurst Hill Blues ended the U9 season back in division 4 as a force to be reckoned with playing with confidence and style.

**Max** – Earning a reputation as one of the best keepers in the league, fantastic shot stopper, and our own shot of adrenalin outfield towards the end of the season

**Bright** – Great first touch, awareness to find space at the right time and a cracking finisher of the ball under pressure

**Jude** – Unbelievable tekkers, quick feet, fantastic passer of the ball, midfield dynamo and creator

**Sisi** – This girl will go far you watch! Speed, strength, resilience, never gives up with a keen eye for goal

**Sam** – Our enforcer in the middle. Breaks up the play, great first touch, gets the ball moving forward, deadly freekicks

**Fred** – Dazzlingly quick feet, incredible skills, Lineker-like reflexes in front of goal, unplayable when on a red!

**George** – Always first to the tackle with great movement. Fantastic passer of the ball with great vision to create a chance from nowhere. Scored an absolute belter in the penultimate game

**Cooper** – Loves a Maradona-like run through the middle, great finisher in front of goal. Quick feet with lots of pace. Showed true character and grit all season

**Rudy** – Hard working, a menace down the left and great game intelligence. Our most consistent player all season, always gives 100% for his team

**Ralph** – Natural goal scorer, always champions his teammates, holds the ball up well. A joy to coach.

We couldn't have summed up better what these players have achieved over the past 3 years than this message sent to us by an opposition coach following our penultimate game of the season winning 4-2 away.

*"What a cracking team, that's the best footballing team we've played. You should be really proud of them!*

*And we couldn't be prouder! Always playing as one, always smiling at the end of the game win, lose or draw. These players truly are a credit to this great club.*

*A big thanks to the players for showing up every week and giving their all, they have been a pleasure to coach. A big thank you to those parents who showed up week in, week out, travelling to some distant parts of Essex and supported the team positively from the sidelines!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**RALPH FRIEND**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**RUDY PEARSON**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

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# UNDER 9 WHITES



**COACHES  
KEVIN ALLEN &  
ANTHONY BOLGER**

# UNDER 9 WHITES

*We began the season in the Brentwood Premier, a highly competitive league where we proved our mettle. Despite facing tough opponents, we managed to record two wins, two draws, and three close losses. The experience in this challenging environment helped us grow as a team and build resilience.*

*In January, we were moved down a league, and our performance surged. The boys demonstrated their true potential, winning every league game from that point until the season's end. This remarkable turnaround showcased our strength and determination, providing a fantastic run of form that highlighted our capabilities.*

*Our success extended beyond league play. We embarked on an impressive county cup run, reaching the semi-finals. Although our journey ended in the heartbreak of a penalty shootout, the experience was invaluable, and the boys showed incredible spirit and resolve.*

*Tournament play also brought significant achievements. We finished third in the Leyton Orient tournament, showcasing our skills and teamwork. In the Buckhurst Hill Cup Tournament, we once again reached the semi-finals, only to face another narrow defeat on penalties. Despite the setbacks, these tournaments were a testament to our competitive spirit and ability to perform under pressure.*

*Overall, it has been a great season filled with fantastic memories. The boys have grown tremendously, both individually and as a team. We've had our share of ups and downs, but each moment has contributed to our development and success. As we reflect on this season, we take pride in our achievements and look forward to building on this foundation for even greater accomplishments in the future.*

*Well done to everyone involved!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR** **OLIVER AARONS**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR** **HARRY CUMMINS**

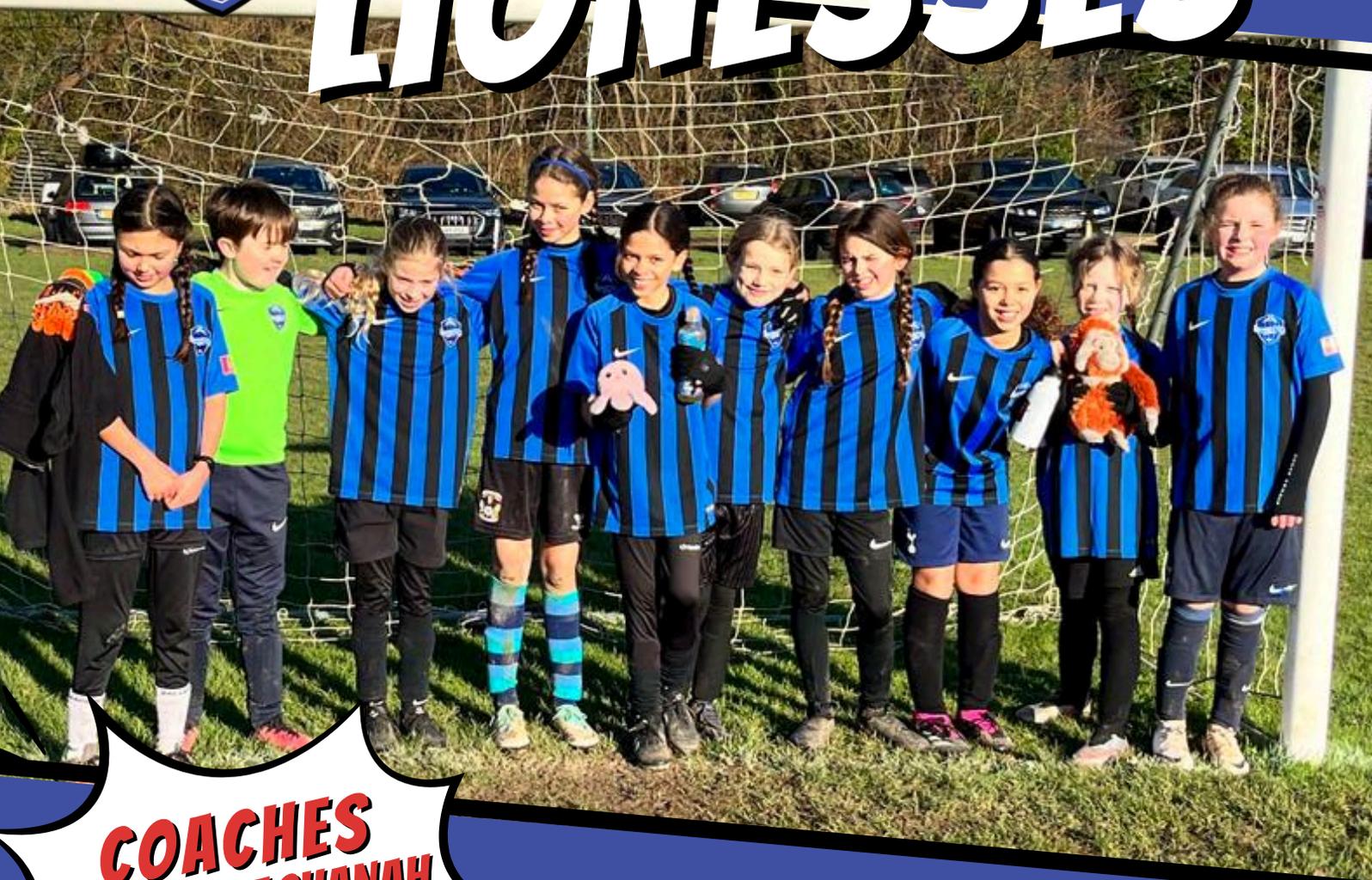


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# UNDER 10 LIONESSES



**COACHES  
KRISH LACHANAH  
& JOEY SHADAFZA**

# UNDER 10 LIONESSES

2023/4 was the inaugural season for the u10 Buckhurst Hill Lionesses. Formed in September from the Development Group spearheaded by Craig Sherrin, the squad of 11 formally joined the Brentwood County League in November.

Managed by Krish and Joey, the squad took to the League to learn, get match experience and most of all – have fun! We learnt a lot (including that the great British weather would render loads of matches a washout), built friendships and ended the season a division higher than when we started. We also ended it twice the size, having trialled and bought 10 new players on board to form next seasons U11 Lionesses and U11 Tigresses – a massive achievement for the club and girls football!

But focusing back on this seasons U10 Lionesses and each of our players:

- A big thank you to Emma who stepped up to fill what is often a problem position for most new teams, Goalkeeper. Over the season we saw her bond with the team flourish and she is always a pleasure to have around.
- Phoebe, what a monster of a player! Covering pretty much every position on the field, including one match where she played GK, Defence and Forward! Everywhere you look she will be there hustling, always smiling and encouraging teammates.
- Lila Rose, aka the right footed Micky van der ven. Her passion for the game led to Krish stepping up to manage the team, and for that we thank her! Her enthusiasm for the game, never wanting to miss training or a match no matter the weather (except for early kick offs), her team spirit... what a diamond.
- Amelia, her improvement over the year is clear to see, arguably our most improved player – she should be very proud of herself. If we could bottle up her tenacity and desire and sell it we would be a very very wealthy!
- Another player that has grown so much this season is Naima. She now has the confidence to bring the ball out from the back and is never afraid to stick to her body on the line. We can see her developing in into a Rolls Royce of a defender.
- Our engine Izzy, aka N’Golo. Always a willing runner sprinting up and down the pitch at the heart of the team. Not forgetting that right foot – beautiful!
- Ivy, our very own Declan Rice, another engine of the team and Izzy’s partner in crime in the middle of the pitch. Great feet, such a natural instinct for danger and an almost spidey sense eye for a pass.
- Our passion powerhouse, Evelyn. Her desire for the game, will to win, and a sweet, sweet left foot with ability to ping it about the pitch. She brought balance to the team, always works hard and drives the team forward with the ball.
- Leila, one of our top goal scorers! Keen, curious, enthusiastic. She trains hard and plays hard; sprinting up and down the pitch to create chances with a great right foot finish. Our set piece player for whipping in those corners!
- Meadow with her Ben White antics at corners, her driving runs and willingness to play wherever the squad needs her.
- And finally, Hannah – another one of our top scorers. Technically gifted player with unflappable spirit. Her strong understanding of the game and team spirit are enviable.

And to our 12th teammate, the parents. Who whatever the weather, traffic or travel distance turned up with smiles on their faces to support our girls. It was an amazing first season and we cannot wait to see what the two squads achieve in 2024/5!



**BUCKHURST HILL**

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# UNDER 10 BLUES



**COACH  
ANDREW LOUKA**

# UNDER 10 BLUES

*Buckhurst Hill U10s have had a very eventful season, culminating in a fantastic triumph by winning the Buckhurst Hill tournament and taking home the Shield Cup. It was a great day for all involved, with the boys performing tremendously well against some very strong teams. Their victory was a testament to their hard work, skill, and teamwork.*

*The season presented numerous challenges, each of which has contributed to the boys' growth and development as players. Facing tough opponents and overcoming various obstacles has instilled in them a sense of resilience and determination that will undoubtedly benefit them in the future. It was very encouraging to see their commitment and perseverance throughout the season.*

*We are all incredibly proud to be part of Buckhurst Hill. It's been wonderful to hear other coaches praise how well-run our football club is. This recognition is a reflection of the dedication and passion that everyone involved with the club brings to the table.*

*The spirit within the club is amazing. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved for their contributions. Whether it's coaching, administration, or supporting the team in any capacity, your efforts are invaluable.*

*Without you, this success wouldn't be possible. Here's to many more successful seasons ahead!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**GABRIEL BOUABDALLAH**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ALEX NICOLA**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

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# UNDER 11 ROYALS



**COACHES  
KEITH SCOURFIELD  
& RUSSELL NAIRNE**

# UNDER 11 ROYALS

*It's been a bit up and down for us this season. We experienced a challenging period, going four games in a row without a win. However, we turned things around dramatically, losing only two of our next 11 games. Peakes and troughs! Going through the lows can be tough, but living the highs makes it all the nicer. This resilience and ability to bounce back have been crucial in building the team's character and strength.*

*This was our last year of not having a published league, so next season will raise the bar and add pressure for the boys. The experience gained this season will be invaluable as we transition to a more competitive environment, where every match will count towards our league standing. The boys are ready to embrace this new challenge and push themselves even further.*

*Although we did not secure a promotion this season, we have performed admirably in various competitions. Our last competition last season saw us win at Limitless, which was a fantastic achievement.*

*This season, we also won the Leyton Orient tournament and had a team victorious in our own Buckhurst Hill tournament. Winning three tournaments is an impressive feat, and with a couple of competitions left to play, we are hopeful for more success yet!*

*It's always a pleasure to take these boys and watch them grow both individually and as a team. Their hard work, determination, and passion for the game are truly inspiring. We look forward to the year ahead, eager to see how they rise to the new challenges and continue to develop their skills.*

*A huge thank you to all the parents, coaches, and supporters for their unwavering support. Your dedication and encouragement make all the difference. Here's to another exciting and successful season!*

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**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ALBERT NAIRNE**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**RAFFERTY KEMP**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

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# UNDER 11 LIONESSES



**COACHES**  
**DARREN BROWNRIGG &**  
**ANIL KURUKULASOORIYA**

# UNDER 11 LIONESSES

Season 2023/24 saw us embark on our 3rd season together as coaches of this fantastic bunch of girls. We suffered our first player losses in this time over the summer of 2023 as we said goodbye to season 2022/23 top scorer, Marie, who signed for Arsenal and Lina who returned to Spain with her family. We wish them all the best and sent them on their way with a season ending tournament victory at Broomfield Girls! Our first, but hopefully not the last.

Out went 2 and in came 1 with the signing of Keira from AFC Leyton. Welcome Keira! The start of the season was a struggle with back to back 6-1 and 7-1 home defeats. We knew at this point that we had our work cut out to fill the sizeable holes left by 2 of our best players. We also lost Amelie to a broken foot in only the 2nd training session of the season. We limped through the early part of the season finally securing our first win in game week 6 with a 3-2 victory over Corringham.

We followed this up with our biggest win of the season over our newly formed sister team, the U11 Tigresses, letting them know who was boss at U11 Girls (sorry Ian and Mel – had to get this one in). The dry spell continued with just 3 wins over our next 15 matches. No defeat was by more than 3 goals, but our biggest Achilles heel all season has been putting the ball in the back of the net.

Fortunes improved towards the end of the season as we won 5 of our last 8 matches propelling us into the summer tournament season on a high. We choose to play in the BCFA against boys most weeks as we believe that it provides the girls with a greater challenge and makes them more resilient to the physical demands of the game. This is telling when we come up against the girls teams as we secured another tournament victory at the Ilford Girls tournament in May and finished runner up at the BHFC tournament.

It fills us with immense pride seeing the bonds formed between the girls and the families on and off the pitch. Away from BHFC we've been to countless WSL matches and the Women's FA Cup Final meeting some of the players and celebs along the way. We also made a couple of trips to Wembley to see the Lionesses play Holland and Sweden.

8 of our girls had successful trials and were offered places at the Chelsea Foundation Development Centre. 5 have since signed for Watford Ladies and will be playing U12s JPL football next season. A fantastic achievement and we look forward to seeing all of the girls grow and develop their games next season.

A big thank you to all of the parents who support us in running the team and bringing the girls to training and matches every week. Your support is much appreciated. We look forward to season 2024/25 and climbing our way back up the BCFA league ladder as we embark on our first season of 9 a side football.

Thanks everyone. Your coaches, Darren and Anil



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ISOBELLA SPELLER**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**KAILIN WENDELKIN**

**FANS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**TAYLOR JORDAN**



**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 11 BLUES



**COACHES  
CIARAN JUDGE,  
CATHAL MCMAHON &  
ADAM PLACEY**

# UNDER 11 BLUES

*The 2023/24 season was always going to be a big challenge for the Blues.*

*Moving to the Brentwood League meant playing at the highest level since coming together at Under 7. The start of the season saw mixed results, but it didn't take long for the boys to adjust. By autumn, they hit a stride, going unbeaten in seven matches, showcasing their growing skill and teamwork.*

*Post-Christmas, the combination of poor weather and some injuries caused our momentum to stutter. However, we finished the season on a high note by winning silverware at the Leyton Orient tournament. The scenes at the end of the final will live long in the memories of the players and parents alike. It was just reward for a brilliant bunch of boys whose work rate and attitude are outstanding. Their determination and resilience throughout the season were truly commendable.*

*We have a core group of eight or nine boys who have been together for a long time, already looking forward to entering competitive football. This continuity has been crucial in building a strong, cohesive team. The boys' dedication to training and matches, coupled with their camaraderie, has laid a solid foundation for future success.*

*The team isn't just about those who wear the kit. Every week, the boys are supported by parents, siblings, grandparents, uncles, and aunts, all of whom help create a positive and encouraging environment. This support network plays a vital role in the boys' enjoyment and development in football. The enthusiasm and encouragement from the sidelines are invaluable, fostering a sense of community and belonging.*

*It's a privilege to be part of it all. Seeing the boys grow and improve while creating lasting memories is incredibly satisfying. The joy and excitement of winning together, overcoming challenges, and celebrating successes are moments that will stay with us all. As we look forward to the next season, the boys are eager to take on new challenges and continue their journey in competitive football.*

*Thank you to everyone involved for making this season memorable. The support, dedication, and passion shown by the entire team and their families have been remarkable. Here's to another fantastic season ahead, filled with more unforgettable moments and achievements.*

**COYB!**



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**HARRY JUDGE**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**DEREK ASAMOAH GYAN**



**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 11 TIGGRESSES



**COACHES  
IAN HOGAN &  
MEL STERZL**

# UNDER 11 TIGRESSES

The U11 Tigresses have just completed their first season, and what a remarkable debut it has been! As a brand new team, they have proven themselves to be a talented and ambitious group, culminating their season with a well-deserved league cup win. This victory is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and teamwork displayed by every player throughout the season. In their inaugural season, the Tigresses played a total of 12 league matches, achieving an impressive record of 10 wins, 1 loss, and 1 draw. Their performance on the pitch has been nothing short of outstanding. In four of these games, they held their opponents scoreless, showcasing their solid defensive capabilities. Across the 12 matches, they scored a total of 37 goals, averaging around 3 goals per game. This offensive prowess highlights their ability to consistently create and convert scoring opportunities.

The success of the Tigresses is not just measured by their statistics, but also by the growth and development of each player. From the very first training session, it was evident that this group had the potential to achieve great things. The players have shown incredible improvement in their skills, understanding of the game, and teamwork. Their commitment to training and their positive attitude have been key factors in their success.

Off the pitch, the sense of camaraderie and team spirit among the Tigresses has been truly inspiring. The players have formed strong bonds, supporting and encouraging each other both during matches and in training. This unity has been a driving force behind their achievements, creating a positive and enjoyable environment for everyone involved.

The support from parents and families has also been invaluable. Their enthusiasm and encouragement from the sidelines have provided a boost to the players, contributing to the positive atmosphere surrounding the team. The dedication of the parents in bringing the girls to training sessions and matches, as well as their involvement in team activities, has played a crucial role in the Tigresses' successful season.

The coaches are immensely proud of the team. Witnessing the players' growth, resilience, and determination has been incredibly rewarding. The league cup win is a reflection of their hard work and the strong foundation that has been built this season. The coaches are excited about the future and are already looking forward to the next season. The goal is to build on the momentum and continue developing the players' skills and understanding of the game.

The Tigresses have set a high standard in their first season, and the experience gained will be invaluable as they move forward. The team is eager to face new challenges and continue their journey together. With their talent, ambition, and the unwavering support of their families, the future looks bright for the U11 Tigresses.

In conclusion, the U11 Tigresses' first season has been a resounding success. Their impressive record, combined with their growth as players and as a team, sets the stage for even greater achievements in the future. The coaches and families are excited to see what the next season holds and are confident that the Tigresses will continue to excel and enjoy their football journey.

This season, our brilliant coach Ian Hogan was nominated for the FA Grassroots Coach of the Season (Female Pathway) award and was highly commended by Essex FA. This is a huge testament to the hard work and dedication that Ian has for the team.

Well done, Tigresses, and here's to another fantastic season ahead!



**PARENTS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ARIANNA HOGAN**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**MISHA PATEL**



**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 12 STAGS



**COACHES**  
**ANDREW VIANNOULLOU,**  
**ANDREAS NICOLAOU &**  
**MATT TOMKINS**

# UNDER 12 STAGS

After a challenging start to the season with a heavy loss to Chigwell, the Stags demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination to turn things around. This season has been a journey of growth and progress, culminating in a commendable third-place finish in the league. The highlight of our league campaign was undoubtedly the return fixture against Chigwell, where we emerged victorious against the team that went on to win both the league and the cup.

Our journey in the league cup was equally impressive, as we fought our way to the semi-finals. It was a closely contested match against Barking, where we narrowly missed out on advancing to the final. Despite the disappointment, the team's performance was a testament to their tenacity and spirit.

In our first tournament together, we reached the final of the Shield Cup. It was an intense competition, and although we missed out on lifting the trophy due to a loss in the penalty shootout, the experience was invaluable. The boys showed incredible composure and skill, and their performance in the tournament laid a strong foundation for future success. Throughout the season, we had some notable victories that highlighted our potential. Our biggest triumphs included dominant wins against West Essex, with scores of 7-1 and 5-1, a convincing 6-0 victory over Valence FC, and a solid 4-1 win against Loughton. These matches showcased our offensive strength and defensive solidity and were a source of great pride for us.

Our longest unbeaten streak of five games was a period where the team truly came together, demonstrating consistency and a winning mentality. Each player contributed to this successful run, and it was during this time that we saw significant progress in their technical and tactical abilities.

Every player has shown tremendous growth over the season. From mastering new skills to understanding complex game strategies, the development has been remarkable. The dedication and hard work put in by the players have paid off, and their improvement is evident in their performances on the pitch.

As we reflect on this season, we are filled with pride for what the team has achieved. This is just the beginning for the Stags. We aim to build on the successes of this season and set our sights even higher for the next. The experiences and lessons learned will serve as a strong foundation as we strive to win the league next season.

The support from parents, families, and fans has been incredible. Your encouragement and presence at matches have been a source of motivation for the boys. We thank you for your unwavering support and look forward to sharing more memorable moments with you in the future.

In conclusion, the 2023/24 season has been a testament to the Stags' resilience, skill, and determination. From a tough start to a strong finish, the journey has been one of growth and achievement. We are excited for what lies ahead and confident that with continued hard work and team spirit, the Stags will reach even greater heights.



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**OSCAR GREEN**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**OLIVER SCOTT**

**PARENTS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**OLIVER SCOTT**



**JIMMY NICOLOAU**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



**UNDER 12**

**LEOPARDESSES**



**COACH**

**TERRY HOLLINGSWORTH**

# UNDER 12 LEOPARDESSES

This season marked a significant milestone for the U11 girls as they transitioned to 9-a-side football and joined an all-girls league. The team rose to the challenge magnificently, displaying consistently impressive performances throughout the season. Their hard work and determination paid off as they won the league, losing only one game along the way.

The statistics speak for themselves: with 90 goals scored and 10 clean sheets, the girls dominated the league. A remarkable run of 17 consecutive wins demonstrated their consistency and ability to perform under pressure.

The girls also showcased their talent in cup competitions. They reached the semi-finals of the county cup and the quarter-finals of the league cup, defeating several teams from higher leagues. These achievements highlight the team's potential and give us great confidence as we prepare for another successful year following our promotion.

Their performance wasn't just limited to the league and cup competitions. The girls had a memorable experience at the Butlins tournament, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals by just one point. Despite this, they brought home the Fair Play Award, a testament to their sportsmanship and positive attitude both on and off the pitch.

The success of the team is a collective effort. Every player has shown tremendous growth, both technically and tactically. The support from parents and families has been invaluable. Your encouragement, whether cheering from the sidelines or supporting the logistics of getting the girls to training and matches, has played a crucial role in creating a positive and motivating environment.

As we reflect on this season, we are filled with pride and optimism. The achievements of the girls are a result of their hard work, teamwork, and dedication. They have set a high standard, and we are excited to see how they will continue to grow and excel in the coming seasons. With the promotion to a higher league, new challenges await, but we are confident that the girls will rise to the occasion and continue their impressive form.

Well done, girls, and here's to another fantastic season ahead!

## Season Highlights:

- **League Champions:** Dominating the league with only one loss, 90 goals scored, and 10 clean sheets.
- **17-Game Winning Streak:** Demonstrating consistency and resilience.
- **Cup Runs:** Reaching the semi-finals of the county cup and quarter-finals of the league cup, defeating higher league teams.
- **Butlins Tournament:** Narrowly missing out on the semi-finals by one point and winning the Fair Play Award.
- **Promotion:** Moving up to a higher league, setting the stage for new challenges and opportunities.

Thank you to the parents, families, and supporters for your unwavering support. Together, we look forward to another successful and enjoyable season.

Come on, girls!



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**BIANKA NOETZEL**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**IRIS RUDDLE**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 12 BLUES



**COACHES  
ROD REGAN &  
KEV ALLEN**

# UNDER 12 BLUES

*Squad: Michael Allen, Dexter Regan, Danny Ryan, Tayler Boileau, George Smith, Alfie Mannion, Jamie Sullivan, Joshua Fryer, Ryan McCarthy, Henry Collins, Joey Finch, Maxwell Tuffee.*

*This season presented numerous challenges for the boys, with more losses than wins.*

*Despite the tough times, their resilience and determination never wavered. The highlight of the season came at the BHFC tournament, where they showcased their grit and talent, ultimately winning the cup after several competitive and physical matches. It was a triumphant end to a long and very wet season, demonstrating their ability to rise to the occasion when it mattered most.*

*Kev and I have had the pleasure of coaching these lads for many years, with most of them starting at U4s. Watching them develop and grow both as players and individuals has been incredibly rewarding. This year, they have learned valuable lessons in perseverance and teamwork. Their unwavering spirit and refusal to give up, even during the toughest times, make us extremely proud.*

*Next season, we will progress to 11-a-side football, which brings bigger pitches, bigger goals, and bigger dreams. We are excited about the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. With the foundation they have built this season, we are confident that the boys will continue to grow and achieve greater success.*

*Thank you to all the parents and supporters for your continued encouragement and commitment. Your support has been instrumental in creating a positive environment for the boys to thrive.*

*Here's to an exciting and successful season ahead!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**HENRY COLLINS**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**TAYLER BOILEAU**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 13 LIONESSES



**COACH  
STUART WRIGHT**

# UNDER 13 LIONESSES

## High, High Hopes

The U13 Lionesses entered the new season with a relatively settled squad, with Faye, Isadora and Keren as new additions, and high hopes of building on their achievements of the previous season - third in the league, semifinal of the County Cup and quarterfinal of the League Cup.

All was set fair, as they were undaunted with 11 aside and a full size pitch, and started their pre-season friendlies with a big win and Stuart was only worried about how many match balls Keren might cost him if she scored a hat trick (plus) every match. The first league game of the season was a win, getting the season off to a wonderful start. The league matches ticked by and apart from a blip against the Tigresses the results were all in the three point category, even against title front runners Barking - doing the double on them. However, teams dropped out, and the rain came down like a monsoon for long stretches of the winter and the pitches resembled a beautiful highland loch meaning the continuity and rhythm of playing week in week out was lost.

In the County Cup, there was a significant win on a relatively mild January night on the astroturf against a JPL team, who brought a whole new dimension to penalty taking; as I had never seen a penalty kick go out by the corner flag before. That took the Lionesses on to a semifinal against Harringay, in the shadow of White Hart Lane, and despite a strong performance it wasn't to be and they fell at the penultimate hurdle (again). The team's first debate of the season.

In the League Cup, the Lionesses faltered against Billericay (again) in the quarterfinals (again).

In turns the team were great, attacking, skilful and free flowing as well as turgid, lackadaisical, and stilted. Despite which, Stuart managed to keep his exasperation in check.

So to the last league game of the season, and the girls knew that a win would make them league champions- and an early goal raised all of our hopes. But it wasn't to be and in the end Billericay ran out winners on the day. So it was deja vu, all over again, as the draw against the Tigresses meant the Lionesses slipped to third place

The league squad for the season was Amelie, Demi, Dulcie, Emily, Evie, Francesca, Faye, Georgia, Isadora, Issy, Keren, Lola, Maddie, Mia, Polly, Robyn, Ruby, and Zoe.

Special mention goes to Dulcie for notching up 100 games, Faye for most appearances this season, and Keren who was top goal scorer. And there is always next season, and our high hopes.



MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR

MADDIE

PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR

LOLA

PARENTS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR

AMELIE



**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 13 WHITES



**COACH**

**TONY LEACH**

# UNDER 13 WHITES

*This season marked our first foray into 11-a-side football, and it was a productive and promising start.*

*We embarked on impressive cup runs, narrowly losing on penalties in the league cup semi-final and falling in a closely contested Essex cup quarter-final. These cup performances highlighted the boys' potential and resilience.*

*In our league campaign, we finished mid-table. While we played some brilliant football at times, inconsistency ultimately prevented us from securing a higher position. Despite this, the boys' efforts and progress were evident, showcasing moments of excellence that bode well for the future.*

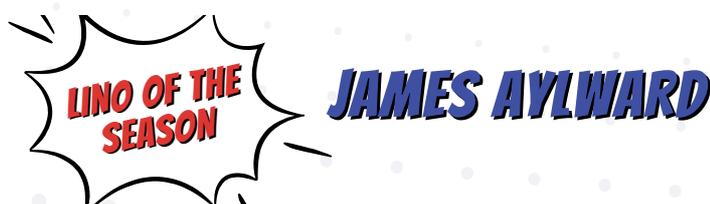
*Our journey this season has been a work in progress, but the boys can take pride in their achievements, particularly their strong cup runs. Each player contributed significantly to the team's development and success.*

*A heartfelt well done to all the lads who made this season memorable: Olly Leach, Louis Galman, Jacob Springett, Euan Clayton, Jack Willers, Kaya Ozcan, Otto Gilsean, Calum Thompson, Ridley Aylward, Mustafa Bapu, Diran Ramasamy, Sami Pierson, Jenson Weekes, Tyler Boulton, Albert Gillan, Yuvraj Walia, and Felito Machine. Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have laid a solid foundation for future success.*

*As we look ahead to the next season, we are filled with optimism. The experiences and lessons learned this year will undoubtedly serve the boys well as they continue to develop their skills and grow as a team. With continued effort and focus, we are confident that greater successes lie ahead.*

*Thank you to all the parents and supporters for your unwavering encouragement and commitment. Your support has been instrumental in creating a positive environment for the boys to thrive.*

*Here's to another exciting and successful season ahead!*



**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 14 BLACKS



**COACHES  
MIKE HALPIN &  
CLAIRE HALPIN**

# UNDER 14 BLACKS

*A brand new team for season 23/24, who entered Div 4 Brentwood league a few games late. A group of boys from various schools that have become great friends and a real team parent community built over the season.*

*These boys came together, a real mixture of ability, fitness and experience however they all have hearts of gold with real determination.*

*It's been a real pleasure watching them develop, grow and play some great football.*

*It was tough on the boys and parents losing their manager and coach Mike at the end of March due to a short illness They literally played their hearts out whilst he was in hospital and after his passing holding their own and winning some final matches to finish 8th in the division.*

*Mike always said you can never knock a trier and a committed trier. These boys turn up to training week on week, and take real pride representing our team and the Club.*

*We are really looking forward to another season together to see more development, passion and positive results.*

*I am so proud of them all, despite the ups and downs on and off the pitch they carried on, held their own and had each other backs and stuck together and the most important thing is they've had fun and enjoyed playing football and making friendships*

*Next season Mikes brother in law will be coaching the team so we welcome Nav to the fold and DJ who will be assisting with training.*

**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**WILLIAM SMITH**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**BRODY SHEEKEY**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 14 WHITES



**COACHES  
LEE AND LEE**

# UNDER 14 WHITES

*After an initial setback on the scorching opening day, where we faced adversity with no substitutes, the season's outlook seemed uncertain, reminiscent of past challenges.*

*However, the boys demonstrated resilience and character, regrouping with key victories that sparked a notable turnaround in their mentality and performance.*

*Their rise was marked by a series of gritty 1-0 wins, akin to Arsenal's renowned style, propelling us to second place in the league standings. Despite a heartbreak in the semifinals of a hard-fought cup campaign, the defeat only fueled their determination.*

*A pivotal victory over the league leaders saw us leapfrog to the top, setting the stage for a triumphant league title win.*

*Buoyed by their success, the boys continued their impressive form into the cup competition, securing a string of victories to clinch the league and cup double in style. T*

*heir dedication and teamwork throughout the season were truly commendable.*

*Congratulations to every member of the team for their outstanding achievements. This season's success has been a long time in the making, and now, with promotion secured by two leagues into Echo B, we look forward to the exciting challenges that lie ahead.*

*Here's to the next chapter and continued growth and success in the seasons to come!*

**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR** **DAN MCCARTHY**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR** **KWAKU KODUAH**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 15 LIONESSES



**COACHES  
JAMES BRADLEY,  
DEAN JOHNSON  
& DAN YEO**

# UNDER 15 LIONESSES

*The U15 Lionesses continued their upward trajectory confidently following last season's promotion to Division A of the Essex County Girls League. Competing in a tough field of nine teams, we achieved an impressive top three finish, a testament to the resilience, unity, and unwavering determination of the girls.*

*This season marked a significant milestone as we also reached the League Cup final, showcasing our ability to perform under pressure and against formidable opponents. The journey of this team spans five seasons, with some members being part of the squad from its inception and others joining along the way, including new faces who enriched our squad dynamics this year.*

*Reflecting on our progress, we take pride in how far we've come while remaining grounded and humble, embodying the spirit of the senior girls team within Buckhurst Hill FC. The collective effort and camaraderie within the team have been instrumental in our achievements, both on and off the pitch.*

*We extend heartfelt thanks to all the parents and supporters whose unwavering encouragement and support have been crucial throughout the season. Your dedication to our team has created a positive and nurturing environment for the girls to thrive and excel.*

*As we look forward, we carry forward the spirit of unity and determination that defines us as one team, proud to represent Buckhurst Hill FC. Here's to continued growth, success, and memorable moments in the seasons ahead.*

*Together, we are Buckhurst Hill FC.*



**SHIRA HARRISON**



**CHARLOTTE ENGLISH**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 15 TIGRESSES



**COACHES  
LEE TOMLINSON &  
KRISS CUTMORE**

# UNDER 15 TIGRESSES

*This season has been a transformative journey for the girls, marked by significant changes in pitch, coaching staff, match timings, goal sizes, and the level of competition. Despite these adjustments, the progress the team has made in just one year has been nothing short of remarkable.*

*At the start of the season, we faced challenges, losing our first nine league matches consecutively. However, the girls showed incredible resilience and determination, turning their season around dramatically. In the latter half of the season, we turned the tide, winning five matches, losing three, and drawing one. This resurgence culminated in a remarkable achievement of reaching the Presidents Cup final.*

*Watching the girls evolve into a cohesive unit has been a privilege. They have not only grown individually in their skills and confidence but have also developed strong camaraderie and belief in their abilities as a team. The journey of self-discovery and growth they have undertaken together speaks volumes about their character and determination.*

*A heartfelt congratulations to all the girls for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout the season. Your commitment to improvement and willingness to overcome challenges have been inspiring to witness.*

*As we reflect on the season, we celebrate not only the achievements on the field but also the personal and collective growth of each player. The lessons learned and experiences gained this season will undoubtedly serve as a solid foundation for future success.*

*Here's to the continued progress and success of this remarkable team. Well done, girls!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ELLIE WILLIAMS**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**LEILA ZAHER**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 15 EJA



**COACHES  
PAUL DOWNES &  
EVANS REECE COOK**

# UNDER 15 EJA

After last season, it was always going to be a tough challenge, especially with a target on our backs. Despite a strong start, we faced our first and only league defeat against Harlow Eagles, which turned out to be a catalyst for what followed.

The team bounced back with an unbeaten league run, clinching the Green Division Championship. This success was punctuated by a demanding schedule, playing four games in a hectic nine-day period.

In cup competitions, the team continued to excel. The County Cup was secured in thrilling fashion with a 3-2 victory over Levels FC. Although we faced a tight, edgy game in the EJA Cup and were defeated 2-0 by Histon FC, our determination remained undiminished.

Undeterred, we focused on the EJA Champs Cup. Victories over Heybridge (3-1) in the quarter-finals and Sudbury (2-0) in the semi-finals set the stage for a showdown against a formidable Bowers side.

Facing adversity with our goalkeeper on holiday and two other key players absent, we fielded a determined squad of 12 players. Remarkably, with left-back Henry Huckle stepping in as goalkeeper, we defied the odds to secure a 1-0 victory against Bowers. Teddy Plunger's goal and three crucial saves from Huckle sealed another extraordinary performance.

Every player deserves immense pride in their achievements over the past two seasons. Securing five trophies and finishing as runners-up twice is a testament to their hard work, resilience, and team spirit.

As we reflect on these achievements, we celebrate the dedication and determination that have defined this team. The season's success highlights not only our ability to perform under pressure but also our ability to overcome challenges and thrive as a united team.

Well done to all the players, coaches, and supporters for an outstanding season. With such accomplishments behind us, we look forward to building on this success and facing new challenges in the future.

**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**TEDDY PLUNGER**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**NOAH REECE-COOK**

**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR  
RUNNER UP**

**MAX MCGOVERN**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR  
RUNNER UP**

**TEDDY PLUNGER**

**PARENTS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**TEDDY PLUNGER**

**TOP  
GOALSCORER**

**MAX HART**

**PARENTS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR  
RUNNER UP**

**HENRY HUCKLE**

**TOP  
GOALSCORER  
RUNNER UP**

**HENRY HUCKLE**

**SPECIAL  
AWARD**

2 Seasons lowest Goals against in EJA Football GK

**CHRIS OSEI-MENSAH**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 16 LIONESSES



**COACHES  
CRAIG SHERRIN,  
STUART WRIGHT  
& JP KENT**

# UNDER 16 LIONESSES

The original BHFC Lionesses, started training back in 2016. The basis for our thriving female section of the club and still growing, now at over 13 teams.

We were determined to get these girls through the 2023/24 season as Under 16's, and although with only 11 players signed we begged, borrowed (and sometimes stole) players from our U15 Lionesses and Tigresses. Even playing games with 10 players they gave it their all.

A tough season in the top division of the Essex County Girls League but the girls were dedicated and stuck it out to the very end, they should be very proud of themselves. New additions this season were Grace, Matty and Rou, they joined the established players Chloe, Connie, Isabella, Isla, Megan, Molly, Orla and Summer.

Their final game of the season saw them joined on the pitch by some of the younger BHFC Lionesses as mascots. A proud moment for anyone involved in the team and girls section. Some of these girls started playing in the Echo League (when they tried to establish a girls only league) before moving to the Brentwood League and then finally establishing themselves in the Essex County Girls League.

Some overall stats for the eleven girls over all the seasons they have played for Buckhurst Hill FC.

Connie Kent 134 appearances / 5 goals

Megan Wright 133 appearances / 52 goals

Molly Sherrin 130 appearances / 94 goals

Orla Dean 124 appearances / 24 goals

Chloe Collins 105 appearances / 1 goal

Isabella Scourfield 79 appearances

Isla Ladbury 50 appearances / 2 goals

Summer Maw 67 appearances / 1 goal

Grace Timothy 19 appearances

Matty King 12 appearances

Rou Barry 17 appearances / 3 goals

2021/22 U15 Essex County Girls League - B Division Winners

2021/22 U15 Essex County Girls League - League Cup Runners-up

2022/23 U16 Essex County Girls League - Presidents Cup Winners



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ISLA LADBURY**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**SUMMER MAW**

**MOST  
IMPROVED  
PLAYER**

**ISABELLA SCOURFIELD**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 16 BLACKS



**COACHES  
BRIAN BERRY &  
ALEX OSWIN**

# UNDER 16 BLACKS

Following a successful 2022/23 season where we won the Echo A division, promotion to the Echo Premier was to be a real opportunity to show how much we've grown as a team who's roots began in Echo div 6 back in 2018. Very much a have ago season even though we lost our 30 goal a season striker, we recruited some good players in the close season and felt equipped to aim as high as possible in our new surroundings of the Echo Prem.

The season started off pretty well in September having been paired with our other U16 team on matchday one, who were a team we knew had the experience of the premier league however we managed to overcome them on this occasion in a close encounter. Our good form and results continued with the early matches in September and October, in particular, in the League Cup where we overcome another prem side to progress to the next round. Similarly in the Essex Cup, where a convincing win in the first round gave us great belief we could have a decent cup run, and hold our own in the prem.

Unfortunately by November our fortunes had changed rapidly where our squad suffered the loss of several key players to long term injuries, this included our Goalkeeper, who was out for the following 3 months. As much as we could cover the losses of the outfield injured players we couldn't find a replacement keeper for the whole period. Needless to say our results and confidence began to diminish rapidly. in the end we decided we needed to manage how we could become less penetrable without a specialist goalkeeper and a real goal scoring threat.

We tried many strategies in the end settling on possession less counterattacking football. Defend in numbers and see how good you are at breaking us down. Initially this showed limited improvements as our commitment and belief wasn't there but by mid January when our Goalkeeper and other long term injured players started to return from injury we really started to get to grips with our new strategies and although the losses continued initially they were by much closer margins than previous.

The final 6 games were the most productive of the season, losing only once and producing some really impressive results and performances, recording a draw against the eventual league winners (conceding a late penalty in the last min to draw from a winning position ) and win against another title challenging side made up of bigger, stronger, quicker players.

Our takeaway from the season was the never say die attitude of the players who continually turned out for training and matches even when the chips were down. Additionally, were really proud of the intelligence, aptitude and execution of the boys taking on quite adult tactics that required a lot of discipline and selflessness to execute effectively. So for that we are proud of them all!



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**OLLY SMYTH**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**ALFIE EDMANS**



**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 16 WHITES



**COACHES**

**KEVIN MOHAN &  
CALLAN PEASE**

# UNDER 16 WHITES

*We've had an incredibly enjoyable and memorable season, taking a team from Division 6 to the Echo Premier League and reaching the League Cup final. Although we finished as runners-up due to a game not being played, the progress and achievements of the boys have been outstanding.*

*This season, the boys have excelled, finishing at the top of the Echo Premier League and making it to the League Cup final. Their hard work, determination, and teamwork have paid off, leading to a truly remarkable year.*

*A special mention goes to the seven players who have been with the club since they were 6 or 7 years old. Their journey from the lower divisions to the heights of the Echo Premier League is a testament to their dedication and growth. Watching them climb through the leagues and perform so well this season has been a source of immense pride.*

*Our success wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic support from the parents. Their unwavering encouragement and commitment have been instrumental in creating a positive environment for the boys to thrive.*

*Overall, it has been a great season filled with fantastic memories and achievements. The boys have shown exceptional talent and character, making it a pleasure to coach such a great bunch. As we look forward to the future, we are excited to build on this success and continue our journey together.*

*Credit to the boys and parents for a remarkable season!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**TIERE BEAUPIERRE**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**JASON BALDE**



**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 18 BLUES



**COACHES  
PAUL CLARKE &  
COLM HANLON**

# UNDER 18 BLUES

*The U18 Blues capped off an incredible season by winning the Division 1 title with a thrilling final game victory against joint leaders West Essex. This decisive match, switched to a Friday night under the home ground floodlights, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd eager to support the team in their final ever game.*

*The journey to the title was marked by a remarkable run of form, with the Blues winning seven straight league games. One of the standout moments of the season was a dramatic 2-1 away victory against West Essex, where the winning goal came with the last kick of the game. This victory set the stage for the final showdown, a winner-takes-all encounter that promised excitement and tension.*

*In the highly anticipated final match, the Blues delivered a wholehearted and determined performance. They took the lead after 20 minutes, much to the delight of the supporters. The team's defense was nothing short of brilliant, maintaining their composure and focus to secure a 1-0 victory and clinch the Division 1 title.*

*This triumph was particularly special as it was the perfect way to sign off for a team that still includes seven of the original U7 players. These boys have grown together, developing their skills and forging strong bonds over the years. Their journey from the early days of youth football to becoming Division 1 champions is a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and passion for the game.*

*The parents and supporters have been fantastic throughout, providing unwavering encouragement and creating a positive atmosphere that has been crucial to the team's success. This season has been filled with unforgettable moments and achievements, making it a fitting and memorable conclusion for the U18 Blues.*

*Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and supporters for an outstanding season. The U18 Blues have truly earned their place in the club's history, and their legacy will inspire future generations of players.*

*Well done, Blues!*



**MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**HARRY MARCUS**

**PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

**KEAGAN MARCOVICH**

**BUCKHURST HILL**

**THE  
STAGS**



# UNDER 18 EJA



**COACHES  
JAMES LAMB &  
ADAM KAYE**

# UNDER 18 EJA

The U18s EJA had an incredible season, winning the EJA League Championship with an unbeaten 13-game winning streak. This remarkable run of form showcased their dominance and consistency, earning them well-deserved accolades and respect within the league.

Their journey wasn't without its challenges. The team showed immense resilience and determination, reaching the semi-finals of the county cup, where they narrowly lost in extra time. Despite the disappointment, this experience highlighted their competitive spirit and ability to perform under pressure. Additionally, they made it to the midweek cup final, where they faced the heartbreak of a penalty shootout loss. These setbacks only served to strengthen their resolve and camaraderie.

One of the most impressive aspects of this season has been the progression of the players into higher levels of competition. Many of the U18s have played in the reserves, gaining valuable experience and exposure to more challenging matches. Furthermore, numerous players have made their first team appearances, demonstrating their readiness to step up and contribute at a senior level.

The pathway for these talented young players is clear. Their outstanding performances and development this season indicate a bright future, with many expected to join the senior section next season. The club's commitment to nurturing and promoting young talent is evident, and the success of the U18s is a testament to this philosophy. This season has been filled with memorable moments, from their 13-game unbeaten league run to the intense cup matches. The dedication, hard work, and passion displayed by the players, coaches, and supporters have been instrumental in achieving these successes. The U18s have set a high standard and created a legacy that will inspire future generations at the club.

As we look forward to the next season, there's great anticipation and excitement about seeing these young talents continue to grow and make an impact at the senior level. Congratulations to the U18s for an amazing season, and best of luck as they embark on the next chapter of their footballing journey.

MANAGERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR

**DANNY**

PLAYERS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR

**MARQUEZ**

PARENTS  
PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR

**HARRISON**

TOP  
GOALSCORER

**REDMOND**

CLUBMAN  
AWARDS

**TAMI & LEE**

