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Central Ajax has experienced success in many different ways this year, with teams winning trophies, players being spotted by academies, ex-players playing professional footballer and the continued development of our club's grounds. Our aim is to develop skills, not to play in easy leagues or divisions where trophies are assured. We aim to provide facilities that are first class to allow players to develop that skill. We will be providing F.A. training courses in July to develop our coaches further, so that all Central Ajax players will receive training from F.A. qualified coaches. We will also improve the grounds with extra drainage to ensure less games are called off. It is not by accident that we have had scouts from many clubs visit our grounds over the last 12 months including Manchester United over last weekend. They seemed more interested in Ajax players than from other teams and this may not be a surprise for many as we won three out of six tournaments. I wish you well for tonight and for a successful new season.

Club Player of the Year - Roy Dirienzo Memorial Trophy WINNER - Danny Ireland

The manager has described this player as Irreplaceable. He has been with the club since the age of eight. Over the years he has played in almost every position except goalkeeper. Despite approaches from other clubs, he has remained fiercely loyal to the Ajax cause. For the last two years he has worked tirelessly on the pitch in a Youth team that has struggled to keep going. He has taken adversity in his stride and coped admirably with the added pressures, both on and off-field, of captaincy and being the "manager's son". To underline his massive contribution as an ambassador for the club, he has never been booked during his time here. Nominations: Tom Duxbury, Rory Curtis, Lee Painter, Adrian Winnington

Secretary's Cup WINNER - Mick Goor

This person has given much to the club over many years as a manger, fund raiser and Executive Committee member. You can rely on him when something needs doing as he goes about it in a no fuss way. He stepped in as Social and Fund-raising Chairman at short notice when the need arose, despite stepping down from this role the year before when it became too time consuming. As ever his organisation and enthusiasm have raised a considerable sum for the club as well as steering his team through a successful season.

Most Improved Team Don Hemmingway Trophy WINNER - Richard Wardzynski Under 13's Colts -

At Ajax we try and ensure our players are developing the ability they have and not just winning trophies against weak opposition. This team has played in the hardest league in the area in the top division and this year were narrowly beaten in the league cup final entered by around 70 teams. They also provided both finalists in our own 6-a-side competition where they were watched and admired by scouts from 4 clubs including Manchester Utd. 3 players have already been offered places in academies next year.

Parent of the Year WINNER - Sally Kelly

This parent has worked hard over the last few years at team and club level. She gives of her time on the Social committee, not just to attend meetings but to attend and support every event wherever needed. She works hard behind the scenes as can be seen here tonight where single handily she has put together the trophies for presentation evening, badgering managers for names and personally collecting trophies from teams and individuals to ensure everyone receives the right trophy on the night.

Honorary Vice-Presidents Mick Flowers

This man has been with the club longer than anybody cares to remember. He ran an extremely successful team as manager before returning to assist with the Youth team. He always supports club fund raising events, usually by giving generously of his time and through sponsorship. To sum up, a real diamond.

John Kerry

This man has done it all at Ajax, managing a team, gaining his F.A. coaching badge, a spell as vice-chairman of the club and for the last few years running the Junior development side of the club for the 5-8 year olds. His role in coaching setting up the young teams to enter the league has given the youngsters the best start they could have. He will be missed as he steps down this year to concentrate on new business interests. We wish him well.

Under 7's

After spending most of the first half of the season learning skills, all the junior players have now been given the opportunity to take part in several successful friendly matches. Recently, the U7's were proud winners of Kenilworth Wardens 6-a-side competition - the first of many trophies.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - TOM ROBERTS He has been given this award as he has noticeably improved his personal soccer skills and has quickly learnt the art of being a defender.

TEAM PLAYER - MATTHEW QUINN He was nominated for this award as he is popular with all the other lads, and has demonstrated great enthusiasm and leadership qualities. He works hard for the team and hates to lose even in a training match.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - CONOR SMITH A well deserved award selected by his friends and team mates. His all-round soccer skills have been admired by coaches and parents (and Birmingham

City academy).

Under 8's Colts

We are fortunate to have a talented squad with a good mix of hard working defensive players and flair players further up the pitch. All of the boys have worked very hard this year, and their technical skills, positional sense, and most importantly team play, have improved dramatically.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - JACK VAABEL The award goes to a defensive player whose positional play and tackling ability have improved dramatically, and whose strong defensive displays have been the building block upon which many of the good team performances this year have been based.

TEAM PLAYER - MATTHEW CANTY This player has made the transformation from outfield player to goalkeeper during the season, for the benefit of the team. He has performed very well in the role and has produced some excellent goalkeeping displays, making a big difference in several tight games.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - CHARLIE WOODWARD This award was very closely contested this year, but deservedly goes to a hard working midfield player who was ever present in matches this season and finished as

top goal-scorer with 8 goals.

Under 9's Juniors

The Under 9 Juniors unfortunately finished bottom of the league but despite this the players always gave 100%. The spirit of the team carried them through the season to their credit.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - KYLE BEALE

This player has only been playing football for a year and finished the season as the joint second goal scorer.

TEAM PLAYER - JACK GODWIN

This player always works hard and never gives up whatever the circumstances.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - ROBERT BAILEY

This player works hard for the team and finished as the top goal scorer.

Under 8's Juniors

With only one defeat this season this has underlined not only the individual development within the squad but also the progress the team have made as a group. Particularly pleasing has been the lads' positive attitude in training, and the encouragement they have all shown to each other.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - SAM ORRIS - At the beginning of the year this lad was probably not seen by many as a definite starter in games, however, his progress over the year has now made him one of the first names on the team sheet. His strength and determination in a tackle has provided a sound basis for many of

the good wins achieved.

TEAM PLAYER - HENRY REYNOLDS - The fact that this player almost won the players player vote, proves what an asset he has been to the team this year. He is both strong and quick and always works hard at training. He has been asked to play in an unfamiliar position and by excelling there he has undoubtedly proved

to be the most valuable player.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - GEORGE KEANEY - Although this lad is one of the smaller players within the side, it certainly doesn't stop him getting stuck in. He has a great attitude and desire to continually improve, and is without doubt one of most creative and skilful players in the side. He is an excellent passer with both feet and

Under 10's Colts

and he is popular with the rest of the side.

Bottom 3 in the league didn't stop this team from reaching the semi-final of the League cup only to be knocked out by the eventual winners Khalsa on penalties. Some might say we under achieved but I don't think so, I got everything a coach could wish for this season, commitment, team spirit, effort & most of all at this level of football, enjoyment. Thank you Colts I'm proud of all of you.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - TOM WILKINSON

This award goes to a player that has gone from strength to strength this season. His ability has never been in question and he has become a confident & popular team member.

TEAM PLAYER - CHRIS BROWN

This award goes to a player who joined us during the season and has always given 100% in training and matches, a lovely lad

with a great attitude

PLAYERS' PLAYER - LEWIS WARD

Players, player was a unanimous vote for a player who has proved over the last two years his undoubted talent in his position. He has earned a great deal of respect

from his coach & fellow players.

Under 9's Colts

As most of us here tonight are parents, we all know what it's like to do the best for your kids, but when your kids turn round and do the best for you, you don't need one sentence to describe that, you just need one word - MAGICAL. Thanks lads.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - PATRICK JENKINSON This player has a great future in football. It's hard to see him improve on what he has achieved this season but I'm sure he will and we are all looking forward to seeing him do just that.

TEAM PLAYER - ADAM ELSWOOD He is one of the reasons we have completed the season without losing one single league game. He attends every training session and match, and is a credit to himself and his parents. He is just about one of the best defenders of his age there is.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - MARINO PIEXOTO Apart from his skill he has got just about the best left foot I have ever seen in a lad his age. He thoroughly deserves everything he gets out of the game and it will be a sad day for Central Ajax when the scouts spot him.

Under 10's Juniors

After finishing last season level on points with 2 teams who were promoted to the first division, we were disappointed to find ourselves starting this season in Division 2. I asked the team to go out and prove that they were worthy of a place in the top flight - and they proved it in style - as Division Champions! They have grown not only as individuals, but as members of a team - working as a unit to open up their opposition with their passing and movement.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - DEAN PERRY

A cool customer, this player has grown in stature, ability and confidence. Teammates and parents alike have commented on his development as a player.

TEAM PLAYER - ALEX ROBEY

For pure attitude toward the game, his coaches and fellow players, and for his efforts in self-improvement - all of which have benefited the team this season. He has shown us all how to develop in sport while still keeping it fun!

PLAYERS' PLAYER - TOM BLAKEMAN

This player is ever popular with all involved in the team. He has a passion for the game and couples this with seemingly unboundless energy.

Under 11's

Thanks to all the boys and parents for their support this season. We started with a skeleton squad, and no recognised goalkeeper. We finished the season with a full squad, boys who now know competitive football is harder than it looks, and still no recognised keeper. The fact that we got to the semi final of the Supplementary Cup and finished above the relegation places is a tribute to the boys.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - MATTHEW LEWIS This is this boy's first season, He has improved steadily throughout the season, is totally committed and has played an important role in defence.

TEAM PLAYER - JAKE CROWTHER With a 100% attendance record, this boy is always smiling and is extremely popular with all the boys.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - MATTHEW GRIFFIN This boy has enjoyed a great season in defence. He has saved the day in many games with last ditch tackles and helps other players with their game.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - HENRY HOBIL He is an extremely skilful player who added quality when we needed it most. He is very versatile, playing in most of the outfield positions as necessary.

Under 12's Colts

This season has been a difficult one having to play a number of games with only 10 players, the boys never gave up trying to play the right way often not getting the result they deserved. The Club are lucky to have such a talented team of players.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - HARRY STERN This player has improved his game all round this year, playing in many different positions. In training he always listens and puts into practice what he has been taught.

TEAM PLAYER - JACK WATKINS New to the squad this season, this boy has always tried his best, never giving up whatever the score. He always plays with a smile and is a credit to the team.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - BEN KELSEY This player has never given a bad performance, always giving 100% for the team. Although a quiet lad on the pitch he never shrugs a challenge and always leads by example.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - HENRY LEAVER His ability, work rate and willingness to help out in attack and defence have been recognised by his fellow players.

Under 12's Juniors

It has been a pleasure to manage the team this year, we had a hard time playing at different pitches during the bad weather but the lads all deserve a pat on the back for pulling round the season from being 11th with 7 games to go to finish the season 5th.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - DAN WELLS Most players have improved during the last year but this player has seemed to get stronger with every game played, and does not know how to give up, he has become a good asset to the team.

TEAM PLAYER - TOM BILLINGTON This player who is strong in most positions is very much a team player and is willing to put himself out for other team members and is always willing to give support

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - ALEX PEAKE This player who has won this award for the last couple of years is still giving his all for every game, he is a very safe thinking and strong player

PLAYERS' PLAYER - MATHEW READER This player has been very strong in all aspects of his game and could actually have won any of the four trophies, he is a good consistent member of the team.

Under 13's Colts

We completed our 4th season in Div 1 of the Central Warwicks League, and will be in the top flight again next season. This was tough as 4 players were taking part in trials for league clubs. The team reached the Open Cup final - only to lose narrowly.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - DAVID DELLENTY He joined us at the beginning of the season with loads of ability and little confidence. He has now developed the confidence and improved his technique to give us one of the best defensive records in our league.

TEAM PLAYER - CRAIG ELLARD This player started the season as our number one goalkeeper, when we lost a number of players to academy trials he played wherever he was asked. He has appeared in midfield and upfront and has shown fantastic loyalty to the side.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - AARON MANNING It is difficult to put into words the impact a player has on a team, this player leaves me speechless with his ability and commitment. He has travelled from an academy game in the morning to take the field for our side, and his performances never suffer.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - RORY CURTIS This has enabled me to say farewell to a special player who has been with me since he was 7. He is joining Walsall academy and we wish him the best of luck, he will always be an example to players on how adversity can be overcome to achieve our dreams

Under 13's Juniors

This season did not live up to expectations driven from the success of the season before. Many games were drawn or lost by the odd goal and consistency was a problem. The odd game showed what could be achieved but the players now know that success comes from hard work and consistency.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - CHRIS KIRBY - He has shown that hard work and determination can convert what is learned on the training ground to practise in matches. He never stops trying and his effort is an inspiration.

TEAM PLAYER - LORI SWINDELL - He has contributed wherever he has been asked to play from striker to goalkeeper. His willingness to help the team wherever he can, even winning man-of-the-match awards in goal, gave a confidence to the team.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - AARON O'TOOLE - This player has always been talented showing a keenness for goal as well as the intelligence to be an inspiring defender. Wherever he plays he can be relied upon to impress.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - JACK STEADMAN - Joined the team this year and showed his class straight away at the heart of the defence. Strong in the air and tough in the tackle he takes some beating and even managed to score a couple of goals.

Under 14's Colts

This season has been very mixed - we have played some good football, and some not so good. Missing several key players throughout the season didn't help, but hopefully next year should see us back in winning form.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - STEVEN ASPINAL The whole team has improved greatly throughout the season, but one lad has improved by 200%. He is exciting to watch, uses his speed wisely & scored a few crackers. In training he works very hard to improve his ball skills.

TEAM PLAYER - MATTHEW BATES Never gives up competing, always encourages his colleagues, one player that any manager would want in his team, and one that most opposing managers know will give his team a fair, but hard game.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - JOE WESTON Had another good season, a player who rarely goes unnoticed, but is always there when needed, he has always been near to winning something with the club, and I am pleased that he has won this award.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - MATTHEW WELLS. This was really close this year, with only a point separating the winner and last years winner, he has really come on this season, and his sterling efforts throughout the season has made him a really worthy winner.

Under 14's Juniors

The Juniors have done exceptionally well this season, despite the disappointment of dropping back down to Div 2. Having lost the first game of the season, they bounced back and played some great football, finishing a very creditable third in the league, behind Southam and Leam Juniors. Well done to all of you.

MOST IMPROVED

PLAYER - TAYLOR HARTWELL Not only have his ball skills improved, he now thinks about, and reads, the game.

Although a defender, he is always ready to come forward to try his luck at the other end, particularly for corners.

TEAM PLAYER - DAVID LAWRENCE

Strength, reliability, and his footballing skills, make him a vital member of the squad. His commitment is second to none, and he gives 110% effort each week. For the 4th time in 5 years, he has won this award.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - JAMES

TAYLOR This player never complains, and performs well each week. Despite being asked to play in a number of positions, he tackles each game with equal determination and commitment, producing consistent performances.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - LEWIS ROGERS

Another player whose effort and commitment each week is outstanding. His performance in a game can be the difference between winning and losing. He has accepted this responsibility and inspired confidence in his team-mates

Under 15's Colts

Whilst winning no silverware this time round we have enjoyed a very successful season. We started with several new players who settled in quickly and helped us improve on last season with a clear third place in a tough league. Also more importantly we have enjoyed our football and had some

good laughs.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - LUKE

WARBY
A player who only joined us last year, his ability to play well anywhere has made him a managers dream and during the season he has steadily improved, making him an invaluable member of the team.

TEAM PLAYER - MICHAEL ELLIS

This midfield player is the workhorse of the team. His performances have been admired by many and he has been instrumental in securing the good season we have had.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - RYAN

MEAD
One of last seasons new players whose addition to our back four strengthened what was already a fine defence. His commitment to win the ball and also his occasional forward runs have been a pleasure to watch.

PLAYERS' PLAYER-DANNY JENKINS

This vote was almost unanimous amongst the players. A striker whose presence and ability gives confidence to his teammates and scares the living daylight out of the opposing defenders.

Under 15's Juniors

This team struggled with fielding 11 players this season. Highlights were securing a mid table position and a narrow semi-final defeat against the top placed team. Also winning with

only 9 players and playing very well.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - JOHN

NASH
A newcomer this season he started slowly but eventually contributed with six goals and some good performances. Always turned up for training; well done.

TEAM PLAYER - DAVID SHIELDS

This lad has been excellent for over five seasons and one hundred and fifty appearances. He has turned into a good player.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER -

ROSS FEASEY
Another new player who came with a good reputation, excelled in trials and carried this on throughout the season very well done.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - JAMES

LOCKYER

This young man, over five seasons, has exactly one hundred and fifty appearances and has been outstanding as captain of this team. I have watched him become a very good footballer.

Under 16's

The season overall was disappointing as they were a much better team than the results would suggest, finishing mid table and reaching the semi-final of the cup.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER -

DARREN SAUL
It took half the season to convince this player that his best position was full back but once there he was possibly the best defender..

TEAM PLAYER - BEN MCNALLY.

This player never gave less than 110% and always led from the front as team captain

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER -

RORY NOONAN
Whether in midfield or up front he was always the most likely to get you a goal and ended as top scorer.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - CRAIG

CHAMP
With the season we had, this player was always busy and saved the team on many occasions easily winning the vote. The team's goalkeeper.....

Youth Team

A shortage at the start of the season led to a merger of CA U18 and the old Stretton Athletic U16 teams. An up and down season of good results against top sides with disappointment against weaker opposition led to a final position of 8th out of 16 teams.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - KEVIN
ELLARD Astonishing is the only word to describe his first season with the club. His performances in the latter stages of the season were awesome, he can and does score from anywhere, and is top goalscorer.

TEAM PLAYER - CHARLES LEONARD

He has made a tremendous impression in his first season with us. His energy and hard work have contributed enormously to the side and he has an eye for goal.

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER -

MATT REMES He doesn't really look like a footballer, but looks can be deceptive. His performances on the left have been inspirational earning unanimous admiration and respect from his team and, at the same time, the unwanted attentions of desperate opponents.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - SIMON WILSON

He's here, he's there, he's everywhere, his workrate is phenomenal. Not only does he snap at opponents' heels, he weighs in with more than his fair share of goals, including 4 in one match. It'll take three players to replace him next season.

Senior Team

The season started very well, but after the loss of the Manager and Coach due to personal reasons it's been one of the hardest seasons of football for everyone involved. We have struggled to get any consistency in the squad with a lot of players leaving "when the going got tough", and we are hoping for a more successful and consistent season next year.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - DREW
NEWWEY He started the season well and showed there is more to his game than just tackling, as the season went on his confidence grew, as he did as a player.

TEAM PLAYER - ADRIAN WINNINGTON

For the Manager this is the most important trophy. This player has shown he will do anything for this team; it would take all night to tell you what he has done for us. I don't think any of the players would disagree,

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER - LEE
PAINTER This should be fairly easy, as we have only had a handful of players, consistently playing for us this season. But one player has given his all and consistently played well. He is his biggest critic but deserves to win.

PLAYERS' PLAYER - DAVE BRIGGS

As it was last year, this year has been very close again, between: Lee painter, Lee O'Connell, Dave Briggs, Carl Kenny, Tim Goddard and Neal Pegler.