



TEAM

TALK

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Central Ajax's season was devastated by the news of the sudden death of our Treasurer and Under 16's manager Richard Wardzynski in January. Richard was devoted to football and the club and his loss caused a sadness across the club that was difficult to move on from. Richard loved football and success with football played in the right way, passing, skillful and with maximum effort and he led the successful team to Australia. Our thoughts will always be with his family. He will be missed. Central Ajax have always tried to play football the right way and this has led to a number of successes this year. The Youth team won the Coventry League Cup, the Under 15's Colts won the Central Warwickshire league Cup, the Under 14's won their league. The Under 9's and Under 10's Juniors were runners-up in their leagues and the Under 16's colts were finalists in their league cup. On top of this the Under 7's, Under 8's, Under 9's and Under 10's have had great successes in six-a-side tournaments this year already. It is a pleasure to serve at a club where the parents are helpful and friendly and the players make it so worthwhile. Enjoy this evening and enjoy next season.

Club Player of the Year - Roy Dirienzo Memorial Trophy

WINNER – MARTIN GITTINS

This player has been with the club for over 11 years and although for a variety of reasons, including injury, he has not played much this season, his contribution to Central Ajax has been wide. He has done everything this award is meant to reward by showing sportsmanship, support for the club and helping in a number of ways. He started the season by travelling halfway around the world on the U15's Australia trip, to help and referee. Many teams will support that he has always been free to ref games at short notice but near the end of the season he has also helped to coach the U7's and U8's and also helped set-up for the cup finals held at Ajax Park. A thoroughly nice Ajax player through and through.

Other Nominations: Mark Goor, Mark Wells, Conrad Lewis, James Lockyer, Danny Jenkins, John Lee

Best Team – Richard Wardzynski Memorial Trophy

WINNER – UNDER 16'S COLTS – MICK GOOR

This is a new trophy donated in honour of Richard who always coached teams to a high standard. This was a very close run thing with great performances put in by a number of sides this season. In the end the winners were also chosen because of their record over 6 years when they have always challenged for honours in the first division and been in many cup finals. This year, as usual they challenged at the top of the first division of the Mid-Warwickshire league and just lost the league cup final.

Other Nominations: Under 15's Colts, Under 10's Juniors, Under 14's Juniors, Under 9's

Most Improved Team - Don Hemmingway Trophy

WINNER – UNDER 15'S COLTS – RICHARD WARDZYNSKI & JIM CLARK

This was another very close fought thing. It has been very exciting to see so many teams grow from last season and over this one. The winning team have had an incredible year. Two seasons ago they lost a number of players to academies and the side has been rebuilt and gone from strength to strength. Again two seasons ago they flirted with relegation but this season they have challenged for honours in the league Division one and the league cup, in the hardest league in the area. Their Cup Final triumph in beating the team going for the treble, by a convincing 3-0 scoreline was reward for their hard work.

Other Nominations: Under 14's Juniors, Under 16's Juniors

Honorary Vice-Presidents

ADRIAN WINNINGTON & MICK GOOR

Adrian Winnington - He has been one of the stalwarts of the club over many, many years. When his son played for the club, starting around 16 years ago, he was always there to help, guide and referee. His wife Catherine used to take the results for the whole league and feed them into the papers. When our previous Secretary stepped down some 10 years ago he was the obvious choice being extremely organised and well thought of inside and outside the club. When he announced he needed to step down we realised that he has been doing 4 secretary rolls as secretary to the men's side, the leagues, minute secretary and company secretary and we will probably have 4 people to replace him. On top of that he has always helped by referring but also behind the scenes he marks pitches and a host of other jobs that have gone hardly noticed.

Mick Goor - He has served the club for many years as his sons have played their way through the club. He was qualified as an FA Coach and took over the team when the previous manager had to step down. He has been one of most successful managers but more than this he has put himself out to help the club in other ways. He has had two spells and social and fundraising chairman as we battled to raise funds to build the clubhouse. We have also seen him on two occasions shovelling 10 tons of gravel into place to fix the drive as the potholes got too big, and organising the clubhouse on 6-a-sides days.

Secretary's Cup

Mike Moore Trophy

WINNER – TONY LAWRENCE

When the going gets tough you can rely on this person. He has many talents and over the season I have come to rely on them more. Although he has had health problems for number of years he has become a stalwart of the club. Whether it's sorting out bookwork or organising a racenight he never lets you down.

Parent of the Year

WINNER – JANE DIRIENZO

I've never known a year when so many of you have helped the club in so many ways. Whether its on Saturday mornings serving tea and coffee or helping your team by marking pitches or putting up nets. The winner has helped to raise over £1,300 over the season by helping on Saturdays and Sundays and organising a whole group of helpers. She has also helped on cup final days and of course the six-a-sides and gave up her summer holiday to help the Australia tour be successful. All this from someone who hates football.

Other Nominations: Bill Bates, Bryan Bastock, Russ Lee

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

These awards are usually given for ten years continuous service to the club which means serving from 7 to 17 years of age or moving into the adult side. We have five awards to give this year.

Conrad Lewis
Mark Goor
Lewis Rogers
James Taylor
David Lawrence

Under 7's

The team have spent their first season learning skills, and a vast improvement can be seen in their all round play. There is a strong nucleus of hard working defensive players, and flair players further up the pitch, this was shown when they entered their first tournament as a team and finished runners-up.

Most Improved Player – CALLUM ELLSWOOD

Callum is quiet in his approach to the game, but consistently works hard in training. His improvement has been superb over the season.

Team player – JOE WOODWARD

This player has trained for two seasons and in that time it is apparent that he is a very talented, aggressive defender, a must for any successful team. He has a never say die attitude and always gives one hundred percent for the team.

Players Player – JACK ASHFORD

This player has received the majority of votes from his team mates. He shows great ability with both feet, a good awareness of his team mates, and has an abundance of ability.

Under 8's

The team has developed over the first half of the season learning skills, and the second half on friendly matches. In these matches they have shown some great play, and they have the potential to be a successful team, but above all their enthusiasm and enjoyment for football is apparent, win or lose.

Most Improved Player – SOPHIE REYNOLDS

This player has developed over the season, and has shown an incredible improvement in their play.

They appear to be a natural defender, reliable and competitive, and plays the game in a simple manner, a managers dream.

Team Player – MATHEW WATKINS

– This player stands out as a natural footballer, he possesses great balance, awareness and the ability to score goals from any angle. In addition his contribution to the team is immense, when he plays his team mates grow in confidence.

Players Player – CALLUM INGRAM

Selected by his team mates for the 2nd year running, with Mathew Watkins and Pawson close behind. He has vastly improved over the season and quite simply 'loves' football, but still has to do his homework.

Under 9's

An excellent first season with only one league defeat (finishing runners up), a quarter final defeat on penalties and recently two festival wins. It has been a real squad effort with great defensive displays and all the boys scoring in the League, with five players scoring over 13 goals each.

Most Improved – TOM ROBERTS

This wholehearted player switched to a midfield role this season and has grown in confidence throughout the season, including being our substitute goalkeeper. He is an excellent crosser of the ball, has developed in his defensive responsibilities and has a fierce right footed shot.

Team Player – CIARAN HOUSTON

This was a closely contested award and goes to a player who always shows 100% commitment for the team in every performance. He has developed his positional sense, is a strong tackler, and has created many goals for the team.

Player's Player – CONOR SMITH

A clear choice by fellow players this player was pivotal to our excellent season and was our top goal scorer. He has a great attitude, is a team player, works really hard in both training and match situations, and its no coincidence that the players player is also the team's captain.

Under 10's Colts

This season saw the colts playing with a smaller squad enabling all to play more matches. The colts managed to finish mid table in Division one and reach the semi finals of the supplementary cup. All the lads played some good football, improved as players and more importantly, a good time was had by all.

Most Improved - JACK VAABEL

Jack played many more games this time around, and at the end of the season, the improvement was there for all to see. He defended really well and never let his team down all season. We wish him well next season.

Team Player - TOM MILNER

What a goalkeeper! Tom kept his team in so many matches throughout the season with incredible displays of keeping the ball out of the net. He harassed his manager into playing out of goal a couple of times, and but for that one yard of pace, he would be the number one striker!

Players Player - VICTOR ATTWOOD

This was Victor's first full season and he performed magnificently. He scored several vital goals and was very popular with his teammates. He was struck down with injury for the latter part of the season, and his influence was clearly missed.

Under 10's Rangers

Another tough season in Central Warwickshire A league saw the boys compete at the highest level again with everyone's performance improving throughout the year. The highlight was a narrow semi final defeat in the Cup. We did win the Kenilworth Wardens and Stratford Town tournaments at the end of the season. Well done to the boys for an entertaining season.

Most improved - CONNOR HENSEY

This player has had a dedication to improve like no other over the past 3 seasons. He has always been a strong physical player but this year saw him develop his passing and thinking game. Well done.

Team Player - HARRY NAYLOR

This player has had his best season for the Rangers, he has developed his game considerably this year which is to his credit. He has had consistently high performances in a variety of positions.

Players Player - SHAUN ELLIS

This season saw this player consistently perform to the highest standard. Despite being quiet and unassuming he always earns the respect of all his fellow players. The sort of player we all want to play alongside.

Under 10's Juniors

Another great season which has cumulated in a runners up spot and seen us maintain our record over the last two years of having never lost a game by more than an odd goal. The continual development of the team and all of the players in such an enjoyable manner has been most pleasing to the management team, who have once again been particularly grateful for the assistance by the players parents.

Most Improved - JACK WHITE

This player has gone from a lad whom two years ago we were wondering whether to include in our squad to someone who is always trying to improve his game. This may seem like a strange award for a player who has again ended up top scorer, but I'm sure if he shows the same belief in himself that we have in him he will end next year with the players award.

Team Player - HENRY REYNOLDS

This player has improved immensely this year and has proved invaluable to the team in whichever position he has been asked to play. His is quick, reads the game well and has now started to add his natural strength to his game.

Players Player - TOM WATKINS

A clear choice by his fellow players this quiet lad has been a pleasure to coach. He has every aspect to his game, strong in the challenge, good in the air, extremely skilful and the ability to score wonder goals.

Under 11's

This group of lads have had an excellent season, they have all worked hard, played with confidence and a good spirit.

Most improved – THOMAS COX

This player has improved game by game, always putting in 100% effort. He dominates his position and is always alert and confident. He is at the heart of our defence as our Goalkeeper.

Team Player – CHRISTOPHER TUNBRIDGE

This player has played in many positions this season, and has ended up as a good solid defender. Always happy to play and helps in training. A good team player.

Most consistent – LUKE EDWARDS

This lad has put in a good performance in every game. He always plays with a good spirit and never complains. He is our captain and leads by example.

Players Player – KIERAN KAVI

This player is a friendly lad, always putting in a good performance. Picked by his own team mates for all his effort.

Under 13's

Another year of rebuilding, building on a nucleus of boys that have stayed loyal to Ajax. The team didn't get the breaks early on but by the end of the season went on a run of only one defeat in 6 games, that meant a mid table finish. We are proud they play the Ajax way, good football in a good spirit, well coached by Balraj Garcha

Most improved - ALEXANDER PAYNE

This player has grown in confidence, skill and ability through the season. He has improved with every game and is now a key member of the team. He has played in midfield and defence but he has made the left back position his own.

Team Player - GAVINDER SINGH DHALIWAL

This player joined at the beginning of the season and made an immediate impact as our rock in midfield. He is strong, skilful and courageous and has been a major factor in the teams resurgence.

Most Consistent - FRASER LAIRD

This player has continued to develop as a very solid member of the team. He has played in midfield, central defence and even centre forward when required. He also got to captain the side this year.

Players Player - JOSHUA KELSEY

The most hotly contested award with 6 different nominations including a new member of the squad. But the player that wins this award has played for the team since the beginning, he has developed a lot this year, improving his tackling skills in particular, but still being our flying winger with a wicked shot.

Under 14's Colts

This has not been one of our best seasons. The loss of key players to an already small squad caused problems from the start. New players came in & performed well enabling us to make it to the end of the season. I would like to thank all the players for their effort & commitment.

Most Improved – OLIVER DAVISON

When he joined the team it took a while for him to convince me of his footballing abilities. But his stamina & his desire to improve have paid off. This is a well deserved award.

Team Player – MARC PASSEY

This player has been with the team from the very beginning some 6-7 years ago. In that time he has hardly missed a match or training session. What he lacks in size he certainly makes up for with skill on the ball.

Most Consistent – JAMIE REDDISH

We were very fortunate to obtain the services of this player. He came to our aid when a key player had left & has proved to be at least his equal. If it were not for this player the goals conceded total would have been a lot higher.

Players Player – OLIVER DAVISON

This award from his fellow players, is recognition of what an excellent season this player has had, his work rate & the support he provides to other players with his ability to keep running has earned him this award.

Under 14's Juniors

We have had a great year, Champions of division 2 and Semi finalists of the Supplementary Cup. Last year we gained points in just 8 out of 20 games, but this year we gained points from 17 out of 18 games. It has been a great effort by all the lads and trainers and I would like to congratulate them all.

Most improved - JONATHAN THOO

This player is a defender who has seemed to improve in every game during the season, he is a very thoughtful player and has matured in his game and as a person.

Team Player - LUKE SLATER

Luke at times has found it difficult this year, he came as a striker but has played in midfield for most of the year, and even when carrying an injury he has still turned up wanting to play

Most consistent - ZAK WILLIAMS

This Player has been a rock at the back and seems always to be one step ahead of the opponents; he has good foresight and is very reliable

Players player - ZAK WILLIAMS

Due to this players consistency it has led him to gain the trust of the rest of the team and this is the trophy to prove that.

Under 15's Juniors

A season very much of 2 halves, the first being a struggle, often playing well but conceding too many soft goals. However, after Xmas the whole squad really pulled together, got tighter as a unit and won enough games to finish a respectable 5th. Thanks also to a great bunch of parents who have helped me.

Most Improved - JAMES GRIFFIN - Goes to someone who is already very capable in his position but has added genuine pace and the ability to turn a player with ease. He has scored 15 goals in just 17 games, even though he broke his collar bone near the end of the season.

Team Player - DARYN BASTOCK - Goes to a lad who never fails to give 100%. He is a very loyal team member and always maintains a positive attitude to the game. He has worked hard on his fitness during the season and is famed for his crunching tackles.

Most Consistent - GUS SAMRA - It is hard to recall a single game when our Most Consistent player dropped below his own very high standards. Even when our defence faced considerable pressure, he remained calm, dominant and skilful and always defended with authority.

Player's Player - AARON O'TOOLE - This lad always gives everything, which is just as well as he has skill, pace, vision and tenacity - all vital for players wishing to dominate in the midfield. He is a terrific example to his team mates, very popular and always first to offer encouragement and support.

Under 15's Colts

This been a very difficult season for everyone involved with the team. The tragic death of Richard Wardzynski our Manager, was followed by the sudden death of Pete Fleet our League secretary. However we have managed to keep Richard's good work going and the team have honoured his memory with their highest ever place in the league (3rd in the highest, toughest league in the area) and Winners in the Open Cup. A quite outstanding performance, so a massive thanks to everyone who helped and well done to the players.

Most Improved Player - DANNY ROLLINGS This player won this award by a mile. With boundless energy, determination and great skill, he runs and chases every possible opportunity up front, oh and he comes back and helps too. He's a pleasure he is to have in the side too.

Team Player - TERENCE MORTON - This player has had a tough time and yet his commitment to the team is unbelievable. He missed a big chunk of the season with injuries and yet came to every training session and every match, just to be involved.

Most Consistent Player - RHYS EDWARDS This was a very close run decision. Both candidates play at the heart of the defence and have made us very difficult to beat this season. The winner by a whisker, but thoroughly deserved for his commitment, and vocal encouragement to all the team.

Players' Player - DAVID ARMS - This player is a true work horse in the centre of mid-field who works from box- to box creating openings at one end and then stifling the opposition's attacks at the other. He takes the knocks and just gets up and gets on with it. He has a wicked shot that threatens and hits fantastic free kicks.

Under 16's Juniors

The Juniors have had what can only be described as an up-and-down year, winning against better teams but losing to opponents of far less ability. However, they have finished mid-table for the season and, once again, have been a credit to Central Ajax.

Most Improved - TOM GOUGH

This player began very hesitantly, having not played for some time, but increased in confidence with every game. By the end of the season he was a real asset to the team.

Team Player - JAMES TAYLOR

Just reward for his long service to the team and all the effort he has put in over the years. His team-mates have justifiably recognised his contribution and the effort he puts in whenever he is on the pitch.

Most Consistent - JAMES TAYLOR

Whether playing a full game, being substituted or starting on the bench this player invariably put in 100% effort. Although one of the smaller lads in the team his enthusiasm and ability more than made up for his size.

Players Player - JAMES SMALLEY

Ability, courage, speed and enthusiasm for the game have all contributed to this player being voted for this award by a considerable majority. Capable of playing in almost any position, he has excelled in mid-field and is a very valued member of the squad.

Under 16's Colts

The team have again played some really good football this season, without getting the results they deserve; we have finished runners up in the League Cup, and will finish around 4th in the league. I wish to thank them all for the way they have performed this year, they have been a credit to themselves, their parents, and the club.

Most Improved - TOBY LINCOLN

This player could have won this last year, and again has improved his all round game, now taking command in his area, and organising things, shouting out instructions throughout the game.

Team Player - MATTHEW BATES

This player never wants to miss a game, he would train 7 nights a week and play everyday if he could, and he has grown in strength throughout the season. His enthusiasm rubs off on all those around him.

Most Consistent - SAM CANTY

This award could have gone to at least 8 players, but the person who has won this, has come back from injury and has really found his game again, he has got flare, cutting back is one of his favourite moves.

Players Player - TOM DEVEREUX

This year was no exception, it was a very close run thing between several players, the winner thoroughly deserves this award, as most would like to emulate him on the football pitch, his never ending running and contribution to the game makes him one that anyone would want to play alongside.

Youth Team

We had a woeful start to the season and the resulting turnover of players didn't bode well. A strong revival improved our league position but our inconsistency ultimately denied us a top two finish. Our undoubted though unpredictable ability enabled us to win the Coventry & District League Cup Final by beating Hillmorton 2-0.

Most Improved - RYAN MEADE - This young man learns quickly. He has enthusiastically taken on board coaching advice to become a most accomplished footballer. He displays honesty, initiative and determination at all times and is a calm influence on those around him.

Team Player - JAMES LOCKYER - He has made a fantastic contribution to the team giving us power and an imposing presence in defence. He has had a magnificent season impressing all that have seen him perform. He is a credit to the club and to his family. A pleasure to work with.

Most Consistent - NICK ADAMS - Perpetual motion is the best way to describe this human dynamo. A great character and a super player whose enthusiasm is infectious. He won't agree because he is his own worst critic.

Players Player - MIKE ELLIS - In the closest of votes this award goes to a superb athlete and remarkably the youngest player in the squad. A strong tackler and an inventive passer, he has matured throughout the season and developed in to a confident and influential midfielder. He has a good future in the game.

Senior Team

Not a very good season for the mens team, with an unsettled side. On the bright side, with the assistance of some very good players in the latter stages of the season, the team have won three of their last five games and only narrowly lost to the league champions in stoppage time. There is now excellent potential for next season.

Most improved Player - BEN LANGLEY

This award goes to a young player who came into the team towards the end of last season from the under 16's and throughout this season has continually improved to a stage where the defence is so much stronger with his presence.

Team Player - MIKE HAYDEN - Again another young player who has joined us in the latter part of the season but his all round ability on a football pitch is exceptional, influencing every player on the pitch. As an attacking or midfield player, his energy and enthusiasm is outstanding and he has an excellent eye for goal, our top goal scorer.

Most Consistent Player - STEVEN BROWN

- A player who has come into the team late in the season but has proved to be a immense asset to the attacking strength of the side. Although has not really exploited his own goal scoring capacity as yet but can be guaranteed to assist.

Players Player - DAVE BRIGGS - The continuing changes to the squad this season has made it impossible to have a suitable vote for players player so for this year only the award will be given to Player of the Year. Without any doubt this award goes to a player who has stuck by the side through thick and this, always giving everything to each game. The award goes to the team captain.