



# TEAM TALK

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## Central Ajax's season

Central Ajax have always tried to play football the right way and this has led to a number of successes this year. The under 16's Colts reached the Final of the Birmingham County Cup, the most prestigious cup competition for that age. The under 16's Juniors finished runners-up in Division One of the Mid Warwickshire Boys League. The Under 15's had a fantastic season winning the League and Cup double, one of the few Ajax teams to achieve this and not losing a game all season. The under 14's won the Supplementary Cup, the under 11's Juniors won their Cup, the Under 10's controversially finished second in their league, and the Under 8's have won two 6-a-side tournaments already this summer. It is a pleasure to serve at a club where the parents are helpful and friendly and the players make it so worthwhile. The management of the club and the team managers ask for your physical and financial support next season. We do need you to mark pitches, put up nets and help around the ground and at fund-raising events. No manager should do all these jobs and run a team. As you will see John Stevens has worked hard to provide the club with a floodlighted training area for next season but we do need help to complete it and we are looking to improve the drainage for the winter months. Enjoy this evening and enjoy next season and thank you for your support.

### Club Player of the Year - Roy Dirienzo Memorial Trophy

#### WINNER – TOM PALMER

This player has been with the club for many years, captaining his side and player in a number of influential positions. He is a player you can rely on, who trains hard and who plays hard for the team rather than for himself. During his eight year Ajax league career he has played in the hardest league in the area in the top division and his standard of play has increased to keep up with all the competition. Throughout all this his sportsmanship has been second-to-none.

### Best Team – Richard Wardzynski Memorial Trophy

#### WINNER – UNDER 15'S – WILL LEVER

This is a trophy donated in honour of Richard Wardzynski who always coached teams to a high standard and liked to see the game played with some style.

There has been many outstanding team performances this year with a Cup Final win for the Under 14's and a final appearance for the Under 16's Colts in the prestigious Birmingham County Cup. Good league form has led to the Under 16's juniors coming runners up in their 1<sup>st</sup> division and the Under 10's coming runners up in their league

But the outstanding team this year has to go to a team that was undefeated in the league and cup even though they had a large league, scoring 121 goals and conceding only 21.

They dominated this league even though they were only formed this season and from a mix of two teams plus some new players.

### Honorary Vice-Presidents

#### JOHN GULLIVER & CAROL GITTINS

**John Gulliver** – This person started as a parent in the club many years ago, helping out in the normal way within a team. He started helping at fund raising events and in his time with the club has helped by refereeing for a number of the teams here, by helping behind the bar at clubhouse and fundraising events and most will know him because he has kept our grounds in great condition for the last seven years. Unfortunately he can't be with us tonight because he is seriously ill in a nursing home in Leamington, but I will get the award to him next week.

**Carol Gittins** – This person has again been with the club for over 14 years and although her little boys have grown and don't play for Ajax any more, she still puts a lot of effort into helping where she can. Over the years she has been treasurer for a team, helped at fundraising events, been chief cook on a tour to Yorkshire and a valuable leader on two tours to Australia. On top of that she can be seen in the kitchens at our 6-a-side events for about 8 hours a day and helps out during the season on some Saturdays.

### Secretary's Cup

Mike Moore Trophy

**WINNER – JANE DIRIENZO**

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 £1,800 over the season by helping on Saturdays and Sundays and organising a whole group of helpers and with others will raise nearly £4,000 in the kitchens at the six-a-sides this year. To put it in perspective this is about 25% of our budget for a year. She doesn't like football but loves the club and the people in it.

### LONG SERVICE AWARD

**TOM DUXBURY**

#### SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARDS

I first want to present a token of our appreciation to someone who has helped the club over many years by managing so many projects we would miss the Sweden game if I listed them all. Suffice to say we wouldn't have a clubhouse without him and this year we wouldn't have the potential of training lights without his hard work. Just a token of our appreciation for **John Stevens**.

Secondly someone who I can always rely on no matter what. He is treasurer of the club, runs one of the youth teams, keeps the stocks topped up for the bar and kitchen, he runs the tournament for our 6-a-sides, serves behind the bar when we hire out the clubhouse or have an event and organises or cuts the grounds. He finally had time to, with his wife Beryl, organise the whole of the trophies for this evening – **Tony Lawrence**

Last but not least, for working quietly behind the scenes to stock up for our 6-a-sides but mainly for organising this evening – **Beryl Lawrence**

### Parent of the Year

**WINNER – CHRIS PALMER**

This parent has been with us for a long time always helping in the background. For his team he is a manager's perfect helper, with a no fuss approach to making sure the job gets done.

He has helped for many years in marking out pitches, putting up nets and helping with the admin.

More than this, he is always there to give a helpful word or piece of advice. He never seems to be rattled and never forces his view but his advice is always welcome because it is sound.

He would be good role model for any parent helping in a constructive physical way but also helping with advice that is never forced on anyone.

### Most Improved Team - Don Hemmingway Trophy

**WINNER – UNDER 14's & UNDER 16's JUNIORS**

This was a difficult task between two teams that have improved greatly this year. The Under 14's have always had a sense of unity as they have battled through many changes over the years. This year they have finished a credible 6<sup>th</sup> in the league and against the odds won the Supplementary Cup. On the other hand the Under 16's Junior's were in danger of relegation the Christmas before last but this year reached the League Cup semi-final and finished second in the first division. They are also the only team to beat the league winners in the last two years, on penalties in the cup.

In the end we couldn't separate the two teams and we have therefore decided to have joints winners and I ask the managers of both teams to come up and collect the trophies. Congratulations

### Under 7's

Some of this year's under 7's have been with us 2 or 3 seasons and have developed over that time to match some of the under 8's. Next year for the first time we will enter a team in the under 8's league and I am sure they will do well.

#### Most Improved - ONUR GULER

Fantastic little player who is always in the thick of the action. Over the season he has learnt a lot about position and team player to add to his individual skills.

#### Team Player – CALLUM ELLSWOOD

Last year this player developed his individual skills and this year he has learnt team skills as well as improving his all round game. Always involved from the beginning of a game or training until the end.

#### Players Player – KYLE FINN

Fantastic player who has regularly played up with the under 8's this year. He has all the skills necessary to go a long way in the game, great ball control, excellent dribbling skills, good passing and crossing and a great shot. All this and he can defend as well.

### Under 8's

A good year for the Under 8's winning two 6 a sides competitions at Woodloes and Alverston. Some very good players who will do well next year as we enter two teams into the leagues.

#### Most improved – ALEX DOMINGO

A player who is always at training and as keen at the end of the session as at the beginning. This shows in his improvement this season.

#### Team Player – BENEDICT AVEYARD

An all round useful player who doesn't make a fuss but just gets on with it. He has improved greatly over the season and is a brave player in his position as goalkeeper.

#### Players Player – ROBERT FAYOLLE

A quiet player who uses his skills to the benefit of the whole team. He is strong in the tackle, has good control and has energy that drives the team on.

## Under 9's

An excellent first season, with the team only missing out on runners up spot by two points. The whole squad have improved, and at times the team were unstoppable playing great football, both defensively and in attack. Out of two teams entered in the Ajax tournament both played each other in the semis, the winning team losing in the final. A great effort by both teams.

### Most Improved - LIAM KEEN

This player finished the season with great confidence and some outstanding displays. He is enthusiastic at all times, and his all round game has improved as the season went on. He also has some fantastic goal celebrations. Lets hope we see many more.

### Team Player - JOSH WALKER

Although one of the smallest players, this player has been regularly putting in great performances. Very calm on the ball, and in defence very solid. He reads the game very well, and on many occasions has saved certain goals by his defending.

### Players Player - MATHEW OLIVER

Overwhelmingly chosen by his team mates for this award This player has been outstanding all season in goal. His shot stopping and ball handling has been second to none. Again on many occasions has saved certain goals, and all achieved in his first season with the team. Well done.

## Under 10's

Another successful season for the U10's. After an inconsistent start to the season and again being knocked out in Cup at the quarter finals stage the team went on to win every League game after Christmas. This was achieved by all players performing to their potential – well done to all the boys.

### Most improved – ROBERT CUNNINGHAM

Players in this position never really get any of the glory, but this season we have seen some outstanding performances. Apart from being an excellent ball stopper he commands his defence and has developed an excellent goal kick.

**Team Player – CIARAN HOUSTON** You could call him a midfield dynamo who covers every blade of grass in a match, but it is his commitment to the team that has won him this award. He is able to use both feet, is a strong tackler and created many goals this season.

**Players Player – CONOR SMITH** -This was a clear choice by fellow players. He was pivotal to our successful season and was again our top goal scorer from midfield. He is a team player, works really hard in both training and match situations, and fully deserves this award.

## Under 11's Juniors

Another successful, though at times frustrating season, which headlined with a Cup Final success and a 5-1 trouncing of the eventual league winners. Once again the continued improvement and enjoyment shown from all the team has made it a pleasure for management and parents alike.

**Most improved - SAM ORRIS** - This player has had another excellent season and is a cornerstone of the side. His strong tackling and presence within the team provides a solid base at the back, which is a good job because he is useless in front of goal ! He won this award 3 years ago and has now elevated his game to yet another level.

**Team Player - ALEX DAVIES** - This player is always a pleasure to work with, he is consistently trying his utmost for the team and to improve his own game. It is particularly pleasing to see him have such a good season and be able to give him this award bearing in mind he spent most of last season unavailable through injury.

**Most Consistent - LUKE SWINSON** - This award totally sums up this player who is great to coach and always has a smile on his face. Although not involved in the game for long periods he always shows that he is undoubtedly the best in his position in the league.

**Players Player - GEORGE KEANEY** - A consistent performer who punches well above his weight. His hardworking and strong tackling skills are only complemented by his eye for a pass and ability to score important goals. His excellent attitude and presence on the pitch make him currently irreplaceable in the side.

## Under 11's Rangers

The team has had a very tough season this year. The learning curve has been very steep, particularly for the new players, who have had to get used to the 11-a-side game, new team-mates, and a very high standard of football, all at once. The players have shown very good commitment throughout the season, always giving of their best, regardless of the result. There is no doubt that all of the boys have finished the season as much better footballers than they started it, as evidenced by recent wins in local six-a-side tournaments.

**Most Improved – VICTOR ATTWOOD** - This award goes to a player who only joined the team this season, but is now a key member of the team. He has worked very hard in training and has made significant improvements in his technical skills and team play. He always gives his all for the team and has only missed one game all season

**Team Player – LIAM SALMON** - The winner of this award is another player new to the team this season. He has shown an excellent attitude in both training and matches, and has played in every game this season, performing to a consistently high standard. He is always one of the first names on the team-sheet and has made the left back position his own.

**Most Consistent – GEORGE CHURCHER** - The award rightfully goes to one of the founder members of the team, who has never missed a game for Ajax. He has performed to a consistently high standard not just this season, but all the way through from U8's. Relocation means that he will not be with us next year, and he will be greatly missed by all of his team-mates  
**Players Player – CONNOR HENSEY** - This award goes to a player who has been with the team from the very beginning, and has made a significant contribution every year. This season he has played in virtually every position, including goalkeeper. Playing in his normal position up front he also finished as top scorer.

## Under 12's

The team has had a long , hard season but have kept good team spirit. All the lads have worked hard and battled in a good team effort. As manager I am proud of the way the team have performed this season - Well done.

### Most improved player - THOMAS JONES

Thomas has had a good season , playing in defence. He has worked hard and improved his game in all areas keeping his place at left back.

### Team player - GEORGE PERRY

George is a good hard working player always giving 100%. A great team player always solid in his tackles and has stopped many balls from going in the net.

### Most consistent player - CHRIS TUNBRIDGE

Chris is a great player to have in your team , reliable and so consistent in matches and training. Always playing good strong football.

### Players player - Ryan Adams

Ryan is a great all round player , setting a good example to his team mates. Always positive and a good choice for players player.

## Under 14's

After an inconsistent start to the season, the team settled down and went on a winning streak of 9 consecutive games that took us to a cup final and mid table in the league. Against all predictions we won the supplementary cup final beating favourites Wellesbourne 1 - 0. It's the first season for 3 years that we have had a settled side and the boys have created a tremendous platform to go onto greater things.

**Most improved - KYLE BOURNE** -This player is unrecognisable from the one that joined the club a few years ago. He has developed his skills, stamina and all round game to the benefit of himself and the team. He is the first choice in his current position, he is solid in defence, but can also score from set pieces. If he continues to develop, we will be even more difficult to beat next year

**Team Player - GURPREET VIRK** -One of the most skilful members of the squad, who can adapt his skills to play in a variety of positions, capable in defence, comfortable in midfield and the scorer of some spectacular and critical goals. Like all the players in a 16-team squad he has taken his turn in rotation without complaint and then delivered some great performances on the field – a good example to all

### Most consistent - KEVIN TOBIN

Quite simply, the best player in his position in the entire league, and the vital ingredient in our unbeaten run. The confidence he gives the rest of the team is invaluable and his presence, ability, confidence and consistency has ensured victory in key games including the cup semi final and final. His enthusiasm and desire to win has an effect on the entire team. If anyone can follow in the steps of Ben Foster

**Players player - GAVINDER DHALIWAL** This player has once again been the rock in the team, extremely talented, fearless in the tackle, he also delivers a great pass, has an eye for goal and one of the best engines in the team. One of the most reliable members of the squad he trains hard, plays hard and he's a pleasure to have in the team

## Under 15's

This years under 15's team was formed during last summer from of the old Colts and Juniors teams plus a selection of new players. The resultant team turned out to be probably the best team this age group has had since they started playing eleven a side football. They went on the win the League and Cup drawing only 2 games and losing none, scoring 143 and conceding only 21 goals. An excellent season for which the boys should be congratulated.

**Most Improved - MARC PASSEY** - At the start of the season the manager wasn't sure where best to play this player and the player wasn't to impressed with the manager's choice but during the course of season the player has developed into a quality full back.

**Team Player - LUKE SLATER** - This player has not had the easiest of seasons. He started most games on the bench but when he did come on his ability on the ball was 2nd to none. He also suffered a number of injuries, including a broken leg from which he is only just recovering.

**Most Consistent - JAMIE REDDISH** - This player has had another excellent season and is one of the reasons for such a high goal difference. They have been games where it is safe to say he has not been to busy but when he has been called into action he has always performed.

**Player's Player - ZAK WILLIAMS** - An outstanding footballer, strong, quick, good on the ball and with the ability to read the game as well, all you could ask for in a player.

## Youth Team Red

An up and down season which saw us beaten only once before Christmas. The break did us no favours and we went out of both cups in Feb and lost ground in the league. We bounced back well losing only once in our last 9 outings to finish a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Most Improved - JOHN NASH** - This player could have won this last year, he has been a revelation this season coming on in leaps and bounds and forcing his way into the starting line up. He has also mellowed with age. A tremendous tally of 15 goals from 15 starts shows just how much he has developed.

**Team Player - JAMIE LEE** - This player has grown up this year, his jokes are funnier he has learnt to drive and his attitude has improved beyond recognition. He is willing to play anywhere for the team and has even been in goal keeper on several occasions. Thanks and good luck for the future.

**Most Consistent - RYAN MEADE** - This has played nearly 50 youth games, I am still trying to think of a time when he has made a mistake... apart from taking throw-ins. He is Mr consistent not just consistently good but consistently excellent. Make sure you continue your football career at uni. It has been a privilege to manage you.

**Players Player - MIKE ELLIS** - This player shows maturity beyond his years. A captain who leads by example, he sets himself high standards and demands the same from his team mates. Incredibly he is eligible for a third season in the youth division should he choose to do so.

## Under 16's Colts

A good season with a 4th placed finish in the Premier League of the CWYFL, the toughest league in the Midlands, together with an appearance in the Final of the BCFA Minor Cup, unfortunately losing the game, that was hard to take but not as hard as getting there!!! In this final year these talented young men showed tremendous commitment and under Coach Colin Arms consistently produced good quality attacking football which earned respect for Central Ajax from all the other opposition teams. All the Player's deserve credit.

**Most Improved Player - IAN CHERRY** - He's always had Class with a "play anywhere" reputation, this season he has shone in centre midfield.

**Team Player - TERENCE MORTON** - A truly committed player who week in week out gives his all and scores vital goals from midfield.

**Most Consistent Player - JACK STEDMAN** - A previous winner of this award, this award shows his continued consistency and efforts are appreciated by all.

**Players' Player - AARON MANNING** - The nearest thing I have seen to the late Bobby Moore "no - sweat"

## Youth Team Blue

After seven years in the Mid-Warwickshire league, this season saw the team in the tougher Coventry Minor league. After a promising start, the mid-season saw the team losing several tough games that put them near the bottom of the table. However a strong finish ensured a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> place at the end. Well done!!

**Most Improved - DAN LONG**

This player stepped into the breach to fill a position no one else really wanted. He improved with every game and, so well did he adapt to his new role as keeper, his fellow players had reason to be thankful to him many an occasion.

**Team Player - JACK WESTON (Whacko)** - A well deserved award, voted by his fellow players, to a player who put everything, and more, into each game he played. A new face this season, he inspired confidence in the whole team, but particularly in the defence.

**Most Consistent - JOSH GOODWIN**

A terrier, constantly snapping at the heels of the opposition, is the best way to describe this player. Always in the thick of things, and never willing to give up, more than qualifies this player for this award.

**Players Player - TOM DUXBURY**

Many comments were made to me by the opposition managers about the skill and quality of play of this player. His team mates have also recognised and appreciated these qualities by voting for him in this well deserved award.

## Under 16's Juniors

Thanks once again to the Coach, Terry D, and the efforts of the whole squad, finishing runners up in the league and semi-finalists in the Cup, this was undoubtedly this group's best season for some time. Strengthened by the arrival of James Clarke and Chris Rouse, and led in exemplary fashion by Guz Samra, the team gelled and worked extremely hard for each other throughout the season.

**Most Improved - GEORGE HILLS** - Playing for the most part on his weaker side, this player developed into a very proficient, comfortably 2 footed defender and noticeably quicker on the ball.

**Team Player - JACK ALLISON**

We know we need passion and commitment in football, and this midfielder has plenty of both. Added to his 'never say die' approach to the game.

**Most Consistent - JACOB DIRIENZO**

There were plenty of contenders for consistency, this being a key factor in the team's overall improvement. However, consistency of key contributions, like delivery of the dead or moving ball, is also a vital aspect of achieving results. This player contributed to numerous chances for others to take.

**Players Player - AARON O'TOOLE**

It is fair to say that team spirit, workrate and commitment was evident throughout the side. When these qualities are added to real talent and very high self-imposed standards of performance, you have a player who inspires others around him.

## Senior Team

Not a very good season for the men's' team in terms of results but a number of the matches were only lost by the odd goal and there is now excellent potential to build on that for next season.

**Most improved Player - TOM PETT** -

Goes to a player who, at the start of the season was not in the first choice 11 but continued to improve as left back and gave some excellent performances against top class opposition. He capped off his season with a first goal for the team against Continental Star.

**Team Player - GRAHAM HANDFORD**

Could not go to anyone else, this player is the sort that no squad can do without. Although not always first choice 11 he has had the most appearances throughout the season, never complained about being on the bench and ensured on many occasions that the team has 11 players to field.

**Most Consistent Player - CHRIS GRANT** -

Most consistent player without doubt goes to a player who has held the team together throughout the season, leading by example and continuously motivating the team. This award goes to the team captain.

**Players Player - SAM STOKES** -

Player's player this season was heavily contested with three players in close contention. Very close runners up were Matthew Bevan and Tom Quinlan but the overall winner, achieved by his complete commitment to every game and top goal scorer from midfield.