



Pershore Town Under 11's Monthly Update



Pershore Bullitts Feb & March 2011 Update To Date



From the back left to right; DAMIEN ROURKE (Manager), WILL BUGG, DECLAN JULIFF, CHARLIE CROSS, HARRY HAMER, and LEE JULIFF (Manager).
From the front left to right; SHEA ROURKE, BEN RHODES, OLLIE GARNETT, and JAMIE HEWITT.



Missing JACK McCABE.

Welcome to the latest Pershore Bullitts Under 11's Update for February.

Pershore Bullitts v Drakes Broughton (5th Feb)

After a two weeks lay-off from the league due to adverse weather conditions, it was good to get away from frozen pitches and back to the normality of seeing the boys play football again.

Having beaten Drakes earlier in the season on their pitch and in a comfortable manner, the boys went in to the game perhaps thinking an easy victory was there for the taking. Unfortunately it didn't quite work out like that.

Drakes decided to play very differently and defensively since the last game by putting everyone behind the ball, and very limited options up front. The stifling approach worked as the boys struggled to breakdown a stubborn Drakes team determined to put up a fight.

Slowly surely the chances came...and went (!), as the boys piled on the pressure. Amazingly Drakes broke away from a corner and perhaps should have scored, but thanks to Charlie, pulling off a great save, the scores remained level.

After a number of gilt edged opportunities went begging, finally, the breakthrough came – and what a breakthrough ! Will scored with his usual thunderbolt after a crowded free-for-all in the away teams penalty box ended with the ball falling to Will's feet. At last !

Half time came and went, and the score remained 1-0 up until 15 minutes in to the 2nd half. A free flowing move involving Harry, Jack and Ollie eventually finished with Dec thumping the ball home.

The game petered out, and there was much relief that the boys had managed to penetrate the opposition goal twice to finish the game with a victory. Not the most entertaining match, but a win is a win.

Final Score Pershore Town 2 – 0 Drakes Broughton

Man of the Match – Declan Juliff

Pershore Bullitts v Drakes Broughton (12th Feb) Cup

Having played Drakes Broughton the previous week, we knew they would be a stubborn egg to crack, and so it proved to be.

The boys threw everything at Drakes, but they defended as if their lives depended on it. Time and time again we were thwarted, but still we kept coming. At the same time, Drakes were also starting to build on their confidence, and looked a threat from time to time with Charlie pulling off a couple of point blank saves.

The closest we came to scoring was Ollie's three attempts which hit the wood work twice in a row and the bar once.. Luck appeared to be deserting us.

When the final whistle blew, nobody could quite believe that the score was still 0 – 0...or believe that the Cup rules stipulated that there was no extra time...only penalties.

Thankfully we have a strong team of penalty takers, and a very good penalty saver in Charlie. All four penalties taken were scored - well done to Shea, Ollie, Dec, and Will while Charlie saved one, and they missed the target with their other two.

Final Score Pershore Town 0 – 0 Drakes Broughton

Pershore won 4 – 2 on penalties.

Man of the Match – Jamie Hewitt

19th Feb - No league Game

Pershore Bullitts v Crowle Searchers (26th Feb)

Victory was never in doubt when the boys played the bottom club. Having beaten Crowle comfortably earlier in the season and achieving double figures, getting the boys motivated should have been a tall order. However, some of the lads viewed it as an opportunity to improve their goal tally for the season..and duly took the opportunity !

Goals from Will (x4), Dec (x2), Ollie (x2) and Jack M sealed a comfortable victory. However, the score could have been much better if they had passed to each other on occasion rather than seeking individual glory. Lesson learned hopefully.

Final Score Pershore Town 9 – 1 Crowle Searchers

Man of the Match – Will Bugg

Inkberrow Kestrels v Pershore Bullitts (5th Mar)

Having had the previous arranged game with Inkberrow abandoned after 5 minutes due to a frozen pitch, it was a welcome sight to see a pitch in such good condition, and large enough for us to play the way we like too play.

After a very positive start with a goal from Will after only 2 minutes, we suddenly couldn't score and missed a boat load of chances. To be fair, the Inkberrow keeper was having an outstanding game, so it came as a surprise when he was replaced just before half time.

By half time, the boys were 3 goals to the good, but let in a silly goal at 2-0 with a mistake at the back. Half time 3-1 to Pershore.

The 2nd half was a totally different game. The boys played some lovely football and eventually ran out 10 – 2 winners. Goals on the day came from Ollie (x3...all headers !), Jack (x3), Will (x2), Jamie and Ben.

Try as we might to get Shea a goal at the end, it never quite materialised !

Final Score Inkberrow Kestrels 2 – 10 Pershore Town

Man of the Match – Ollie Garnett

Sheppey Swifts v Pershore Bullitts (12th March)

This game was the first of 4 big games, all in a row, to decide the fate of the season for the boys. A good start to the 4 games was imperative.

Sheppey had already lost to the boys in the league and the cup. However, with them now out of contention for trophy glory, they desperately wanted to put a dent in our League Champions aspirations.

A tense start saw Pershore have the early opportunities, but it wasn't long before Sheppey began playing some really good counter attacking football that had us struggling to keep pace with their front players. Sheppey scored a cracking goal that gave Jamie (deputising for the injured Charlie) no chance. We went in to half time 1-0 down. The boys looked deflated. It needed a motivational team talk at half time to get the morale and confidence back, and Wayne, Damian and Lee duly delivered.

The boys were 'electric' in the 2nd half, proving to be much fitter than their hosts and dominating in every area.

Jack produced a great turn in the box to beat two players before unleashing a superb shot across the keeper in to the far corner. Jack did the same again a short time later, only for the keeper to get a hand on the ball. Thankfully Dec was in the right spot to follow in and put us 2-1 up.

The third goal was from Ollie who hit a powerful drive that was unstoppable.

The defence was solid throughout the match. Harry, Jamie(1st half keeper) and Shea were outstanding at the back. Their tackling was awesome. In the middle Ollie was his usual 'engine' winning everything, ably supported by Will and his strong running down the right wing(1st half / 2nd half in goal). A solid performance from Ben and an inspired substitute in Aaron. Upfront Dec and Jack were outstanding in holding the ball up, and distributing effectively.

The team in the second half PLAYED LIKE A TEAM. I am sure all the parents would agree, it was a fantastic performance from everyone.

A great victory, and one that stands us in good stead for next weeks league match against Tewkesbury Pumas.

Final Score Sheppey Swifts 1 – 3 Pershore Town

Man of the Match – Shea Rourke

Current League Position after 14 games.

Division 1

Pool A					
	p	w	d	l	pts
1 >> Pershore Bullits (U11)	14	12	0	2	36
2 >> Tewkesbury Pumas (U11)	13	9	0	4	27
3 >> Lenches Youth (U11)	10	7	3	0	24
4 >> Sheppey Swifts (U11)	13	6	3	4	21
5 >> Bidford Rangers (U11)	11	5	1	5	16
6 >> Welford Juniors (U11)	13	4	3	6	15
7 >> Drakes Broughton Rangers (U11)	11	2	4	5	10
8 >> Inkberrow Kestrels (U11)	13	1	2	10	5
9 >> Crowle Searchers (U11)	12	0	2	10	2

(updated: 12/03/2011)

Division 2

Pool B					
	p	w	d	l	pts
1 >> Tewkesbury Colts (U11)	11	9	0	2	27
2 >> Pershore Rovers (U11)	10	7	2	1	23
3 >> Badsey Rangers (U11)	11	7	1	3	22
4 >> Inkberrow Hawks (U11)	8	5	1	2	16
5 >> Bidford Pioneers (U11)	12	5	0	7	15
6 >> Shipston Excelsior (U11)	9	4	1	4	13
7 >> Broadway Youth (U11)	10	1	1	8	4
8 >> Bretforton Juniors (U11)	11	0	0	11	0

(updated: 12/03/2011)

Goals Scored (up to 12th March) :

Dec	27
Jack M	18
Ollie	16
Will	13
Jack D	5
Jamie	3
Ben	2
Shea	1

N.B. goals scored in friendlies not included

Next Matches

SATURDAY 19/03/11 TEWKESBURY PUMAS HOME

SATURDAY 26/03/11 LENCHES HOME !!

SATURDAY 02/04/11 CUP FINAL DAY v TEWKESBUEY PUMAS (Bretforton)

Look out for more friendly 11 a side matches. Damian will keep you updated.



That's all for now folks. Until the next time !