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2013-14 Annual Report



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CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

by Bob Chandler

The Season 2013-2014 has provided a challenge for all those on the Committee and Gareth Coates at County HQ. I would like to thank you all for your steadfast commitment to continuing this important work for Schools Football in Middlesex.

Gareth has given great assistance in a number of important areas. We are grateful for his work in setting up our website and including "Full Time" that allows our District competitions to automatically update results.

Our Representative teams have had a good season at U14, U15 and U16. The home venue of the Concorde Club has proved popular with teachers, coaches and players.

As usual many thanks to our Competition Secretaries who saw all our competitions through to the finals. We would also like to thank John Taverner for his work over the last years with the Association.

Once again thanks to all the players, officials and teachers/coaches without whom we could not continue to see Schools Football in Middlesex flourish.

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Gareth Coates

Having been asked to take on the position of General Secretary of the Association at the beginning of the season, I am pleased to look back at a challenging but ultimately successful start to the role.

My appointment to this position came about because of a resturcturing of staff roles within my employers, the Middlesex County FA, which is an entirely seperate body to the Schools' FA. Middlesex Schools' FA (MSFA) is unique - certainly within the South-East of England - in so far as it has to pay for administrative support from the County FA, because so few school staff are involved at County level.

As General Secretary, I am responsible for the overall day-to-day management of MSFA, with particular emphasis on the Representative Teams, the Girls' Competitions and Primary Football. However, I have to balance these tasks alongside the management of the 22 County Cups run by the County FA for club sides, plus my responsibilities for the County FA's website, publications and assisting with Discipline and other functions. This creates significant pressures on my time, which is one of several reasons why the Management Committee are continually seeking to broaden the number of people involved.

In addition to the work that I do on behalf of MSFA, the finances of the Association are managed from the County FA's offices. While this has the advantage of ensuring that the neccesary administrative support is always available to MSFA, the costs involved are significant, as will be covered in the Treasurer's report.

In the medium to long term, this is an issue that will need to be addressed, as without a strong volunteer base, the Association will eventually become unable to continue its operations. The bulk of the Inter-Schools Secondary Competitions are run by Bernie Cove, who is a volunteer and who has done a superb job for a number of years. He has been ably assisted by John Taverner, who has sadly chosen to step down from his role. On behalf of the Association, I should like to thank both Bernie and John for their efficient stewardship of the Boys' Competitions this season. Thanks to their efforts and those of the competing schools, all of these tournaments were completed by Easter, despite the difficulties caused by appalling weather throughout the winter.

The Girls' Competitions were all completed by the second week in May, which

was equally pleasing given the difficulties caused by the weather. Again, my thanks are due to all of the schools who took part and who took a proactive approach to fixture scheduling.

While the Alf Gant Cup continued to provide Inter-School competition at Primary level, it was not possible to run the other Primary competitions this season, as there are so many demands on my time that it was simply impossible to get all of the arrangements in place. We do have plans in place to change the way Primary Football is managed in future seasons, which I hope will enable us to improve our offer in this important area.

The Representative Teams had a good season, which will be covered in more depth later. However, it would be remiss of me not to record my thanks here to the team management, specifically Jay Marshall and Kim James of the Under-14 team, Liam Saxton and Keir Roger of the Under-15 team and the Under-16 management team of Keith Young and William Wright. I should like to record a special Vote of Thanks to Liam Saxton of Whitmore High School who, in addition to managing one of our teams, co-ordinated the home fixtures in such a way as to ensure that all matches went smoothly. This can be a difficult task with three games kicking off simultaneously, but the Representative Team programme has been very well received this season.

Finally, in the field of Governance, we have had a productive season. The Association's website - **www.msfa.co.uk** - has been completely revamped and will continue to develop over the next 12 months. I should be very interested in feedback from Schools as to what they would like to see included in the site so as to make running their teams easier. One of the targets for 2014-15 is to upload more resources to the site to assist schools.

The Association has also undertaken a thorough review of its rules and regulations and the Management Committee are proposing that a new set of rules be adopted at the Annual General Meeting. This is the first revision of the rules for some time and will clarify the Association's regulations whilst also reflecting the changes within Youth Football nationally.

In conclusion, I would look back on the 2013-14 as one that I have enjoyed. Much progress has been made, but there is more to do; the Association has huge potential and it is only through the efforts of those who give their time at School, District and County Level that this potential can be realised. My thanks to each and every one of you, at all of the County's schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Association recorded a surplus for the 2013-14 financial year of £1,467, thanks to continuing to maintain tight controls on expenditure. This is actually the third season in succession where income has exceeded expenditure, the 2011-12 surplus being £422.29 and the surplus income for 2012-13 being £622.49.

However, in view of the fact that the Association had built up a defecit of more than £1,500 by the end of the 2010-11 season, the "profits" generated in recent years have simply been used to eliminate that debt.

The Association is fortunate to have the unstinting support of the Middlesex County FA, who have deffered receipt of monies owed to them for the administrative support they provide until such time as MSFA was generating sufficient surpluses as to be able to make the neccesary payments. It is pleasing to record that the historic defecit has now been wiped out and MSFA will commence the new season with a positive cash balance.

However, the administrative support will continue to cost £4,000 per annum. There are also other challenges that lie ahead. The number of schools entering the MSFA competitions is declining, which in turn reduces the amount of income the Association can generate from entry fees. As costs are either stable or increasing, this means that MSFA must continually assess its activities with a view to making further savings.

The number of Representative Teams has already been reduced, with the Under-18 Boys, Under-16 Girls Teams and Under-14 Girls teams all being withdrawn from competition in 2014-15. Representative Football is one of the main areas of expenditure, so further savings will have to be identified here, with travel being an area of focus. We have already changed the supplier of our medals, which has yielded a significant saving. In addition, we have secured a sponsorship which partially meets the costs of the administrave support provided by Middlesex County FA.

This does not mean that other options will not be explored; unless MSFA can identify new sources of income or reduce costs further, it may be neccesary to consider a small increase in entry fees for 2015-16.

The Middlesex Schools' FA

Income and Expenditure Account from 1.06.13 to 31.05.14

Income		Expenditure	
Affiliation	£ 8,286.00	Affiliation	£ 144.00
Affiliation re 14/15	£ 100.00	Admin Exp	
Sponsorship BJMW	£ 2,000.00	Pitch Hire	£ 1,861.20
SEESFA		Referee Exp	£ 630.00
Coach Contribution		Catering	£ 837.36
ESFA U11		Travel	£ 2,030.00
ESFA Grant	£ 2,026.04	Team Kit	£ 272.48
Gate U16 v Essex		Medals	£ 1,024.38
ESFA U16 R3		Ties	
ESFA U18 R2		Kit Wash	£ 145.50
ESFA U18 R3		Courses	
ESFA U18 R4		Programmes	
		Taxis	
		Equipment	
		Bank Charges	
		Middlesex Admin Support	£ 4,000.00
Total Income	£ 12,412.04	Total Expenditure	£ 10,944.92
Balance Sheet to date:		Current Bank Balance	£ 3,824.21
Balance brought forward	-£ 422.29		
		Creditors	-£ 2,779.38
Profit/Loss for the year	£ 1,467.12		
	£ 1,044.83		£ 1,044.83

03/06/2014



REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

The Middlesex Schools' FA competed in the South-East England Schools' FA (SEESFA) competitions for Under-14, Under-15 and Under-16 Boys. An Under-18 team was entered into SEESFA competitions but played only one match in the ESFA Inter-County Trophy and will not be run next season.

MSFA was unable to run Girls' Representative Teams as there were no staff available to manage these teams.

The three teams who participated in SEESFA events acquitted themselves well with pride of place going to the Under-16 squad, who were runners-up in their age group, losing to Kent in the Final.

Another notable achievement was the Under-14 squad reaching the semi-final of the English Schools' FA National competition, losing narrowly at home to Sussex.

The results recorded by the Representative Teams are as follows:

Under-16 Representative Team				
Date	**Opponent**	**H/A**	**Comp.**	**Result**
02/11/13	**Sussex**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**3-2**
09/11/13	Kent	A	SEESFA	3-4
20/11/13	Sussex	A	ESFA1	1-3 aet
30/11/13	Inner London	A	SEESFA	3-0
14/12/13	**Surrey**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**3-2**
26/02/14	**Buckinghamshire**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**4-3**
09/04/14	**Hertfordshire**	**H**	**SEESFA SF**	**5-2**
17/05/14	Kent	N	SEESFA F	1-4

Under-15 Representative Team				
Date	**Opponent**	**H/A**	**Comp.**	**Result**
02/11/13	**Sussex**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**1-2**
09/11/13	Kent	A	SEESFA	3-6
30/11/13	Inner London	A	SEESFA	2-2
14/12/13	**Surrey**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**3-1**



Under-14 Representative Team				
Date	**Opponent**	**H/A**	**Comp.**	**Result**
02/11/13	**Sussex**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**1-1**
09/11/13	Kent	A	SEESFA	1-8
30/11/13	Inner London	A	SEESFA	1-1
07/12/13	**West Midlands**	**H**	**ESFA 2**	**3-0**
14/12/13	**Surrey**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**2-3**
20/02/14	**Staffordshire**	**H**	**ESFA QF**	**4-1**
08/03/14	**Buckinghamshire**	**H**	**SEESFA**	**2-1**
12/03/14	**Sussex**	**H**	**ESFA SF**	**2-3**

2013-14 MIDDLESEX SCHOOLS' FA CUP FINALS

1st XI League, Play-Off Final
Greig City 1-1 Drayton Manor (aet)
Drayton Manor won 4-2 on penalties

2nd XI League, Play-Off Final
Drayton Manor 4-3 Finchley (aet)

U18 Tye Cup
Finchley 2-3 Highlands

U18 Brigg Cup
Highgate 1-2 Twyford

U18 2nd XI Cup
St Thomas More 3-0 Uxbridge College

U17 Ambler Cup
St Thomas More 2-0 Finchley

U16 Boys Moncaster Cup
Park View 3-0 Cardinal Wiseman

U16 Girls Jan Palmer Bowl
Latymer 5-1 Cardinal Wiseman

U15 Blaxland Cup
Salvatorian College 6-0 Harefield Academy

U14 Boys Lyle Cup
Park View 1-2 Greig City

U14 Girls Lyle Bowl
Highlands 2-0 Cardinal Wiseman

U13 Boys President's Cup
Enfield 3-2 St Ignatius

U13 Girls Jan Harding Trophy
Fortismere 4-3 Drayton Manor

U12 Kay Cup
Uxbridge High 2-5 St Mark's

U11 Alf Gant Cup
Martin Primary 1-1 Breakspear Primary
(aet - Breakspear won 3-2 on penalties)



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