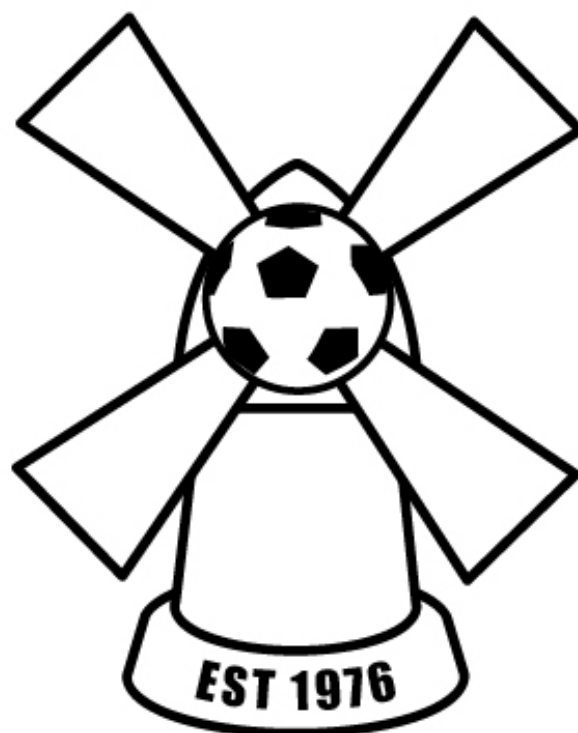


RAYLEIGH BOYS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

PRESENTATION DAY



RAYLEIGH BOYS Y.F.C.

Season 2006 - 2007

Rayleigh Boys YFC – Chairman's Report

The 2006-07 season has been an historic season for RBYFC in many ways. In February this year through the hard work of everybody involved in RBYFC we were presented with the FA Charter Standard Award by Garry Piggott of the FA (also an ex-manager of ours.) This achievement should not be underestimated due to RBYFC being regarded by the FA as the largest youth club in Essex. With this award the club can now progress forward with realising our aim of having a ground that is managed by ourselves for the players of RBYFC. This will be a long journey but the committee are 100% behind this and we have already been in talks with Rochford District Council about the lease on the ground behind the new leisure centre in Rawreth Lane.

The other reason this season has been historic is for all the wrong reason. After 27 years the club has had to deal with the disruption to training caused by the lack of regard to the children of Rayleigh by Rayleigh Town Council actions at King George V Playing Field. I will not dwell on the facts surrounding their persistence at firstly moving us off the field and secondly their efforts to make the field a cash generating area. Their actions have certainly affected teams' performances and have been an unwanted distraction for Brian Mitchell, Paul Quick and myself from the job of taking the club forward. The Mantra of the Council is "we are friends of RBYFC" with friends like these who needs enemies. I would like to thank Brian, Paul and all the parents who have attended council meetings and who have supported us. The fight will go on but I'm sorry to say one match we may not win!

For the coming year we are looking to achieve FA Charter Development Club Status which will again put us in a better position to achieve our aims. This will involve getting some FA Level 2 coaches trained which will be an excellent development for the club. Rayleigh Town continues to improve with the possibilities of getting a grant for drainage on the pitches looking a reality. We are looking to grow our excellent website even further and thank you on behalf of the committee to Neil Kirsh for his efforts.

This year has seen 3 new members to the committee Kate Driscoll, Colin Mayor and Paul Quick, their enthusiasm and efforts are already being seen within the club. Whilst on the subject of the committee, I would like to thank all the committee members for their support with keeping the club running, some of whom do not now have children playing for the club. The committee is the backbone of the club, and we are now looking for new committee members to help strengthen the existing members, and provide future management of the club.

Ian Harrold will be leaving the committee in May due to work commitments and on behalf of the club I would like to thank him for his excellent work and efforts in his time on the committee.

Well done to all the managers, coaches and volunteers throughout the club for their hard work and commitment to their teams and the club. The club would not survive without them.

The club bids farewell to two of our most successful managers, Under 15's manager Mark Williams and Under 16's manager Andy Marshall. Mark's team is joining the Alliance League, they have not lost a game since Under 13's and are U15's Premier League winners. Andy's team are leaving junior league football also finishing top in their last season. Both teams are looking to bow out in more glory as both are in their respective cup finals. Well done lads and thank you for your dedication to RBYFC over many years.

Finally well done to all the children, remember win or lose always play fair and respect your opponents, and **most of all enjoy it**. Have a good summer, and look forward to a new and even more enjoyable season in the autumn.

Martin Shields
Chairman

RAYLEIGH BOYS LIONS U7'S
SEASON'S REPORT 2006/2007

Considering this was our first season together, the boys have quickly jelled and become a team that play a good passing game, as well as defend with considerable commitment (this has been commented on frequently by many opposing managers). We found ourselves in the privileged position of having no weak links with all players being accomplished on the ball and with two left footers, the team is always well balanced. We have seen such true bulldog spirit in our defence and witnessed some fine finishing from our Forwards and the Midfield, which is a true testimony of our team, especially as we have played numerous matches with no subs due to our small squad of eight... The ability to hold their positions, mark the opposition and respond to touchline instructions has come as a pleasant surprise and makes all those winter training days at King Georges totally worthwhile and rewarding.

The table below shows we lost six games, but as all the supporters that were there will testify all the games could all have gone our way.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	
15	5	4	6	35	24	

Liam – Play him in any position and be entertained.

Ewan – Goalkeeper, monitor his work rate in midfield and watch that left foot.

Harrison - Our rock in defence, we challenge anyone to try and pass him.

Reece - Man Marker king. Don't try the Right flank it's out of bounds.

James - Throw in King and main supply chain to the forwards.

Jacob - Midfield General, that says it all.

Charlie - Feed the Charlie and he will score.

Craig - Captain – Set Piece Maestro, Put him through and it's a goal.

No.	Player	Position	Goals
2	Liam Henderson	Goalkeeper – Defender	3
3	Ewan Thomas	Goalkeeper – Midfield	2
4	Harrison Cutler	Defender	
5	Reece Pocock	Defender	
7	James Hedges	Midfield	3
8	Jacob Cullen	Midfield	5
9	Charlie McCarthy	Forward	8
10	Craig Smith	Forward	12
	Own Goals		2

Roll on next season. We are sure we can go onwards and upwards to improve from this season's performance as each match and training session continues. It has become so obvious that our boys are growing stronger and stronger in confidence, enjoying the experience as they go.

“WELL DONE BOYS” and parents for a most enjoyable season. We look forward to many more to come...

Neil & Steve.

Ravleigh Boys Tigers Under 7's
Seasons' Report 2006/2007

It has been a pleasure to witness the boy's development since the former training days as 5 year olds under the patient guidance of Alan Webb.

Colin, Mat & I have a terrific squad of boys whose enthusiasm is reflected in an excellent attendance record at both training and matches. The boys efforts are best illustrated in the below results from their exhibition league season. Each of them has made a significant contribution to the team, and collectively its Tigers by name and Tigerish by nature!

There is a real sense of camaraderie amongst our squad of players so bring on the forthcoming Under-8 season!

Season	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
2006/2007	15	10	1	3	24	10

Player	Position	
Archie Davies	Defence/Midfield	Archie's determination means he is becoming Mr Reliable. Never shirks a challenge and always up for the game. Well done Archie!
Bertie Reade	Midfield/Striker	Bertie was awarded the Captaincy at the outset and has gone on to prove it was certainly the right decision. Our midfield dynamo. Well done Bertie!
George Burlock	Midfielder/Striker	George has progressed the longer the season has gone on. I'm sure we are going to see a few good goals from George next season! Well done George!
Jacques Lynch	Striker	Jacques is establishing himself as the team's key striker. He has an eye for goal and an eye for a celebration! Well done Jacques!
Luke Hayton	Midfield/Striker	Luke stands out for his progression during the season and we've noted he leads the way in looking for the pass. He has a promising left foot and will give balance to the team. Well done Luke!
Luke Simson	Defence	Luke has been a prominent player this season. He is already showing signs of leadership on the pitch and coupled with Thomas they will be a sound defensive partnership. Well done Luke!
Oliver Dowman	Midfield/Goalkeeper	Ollie takes no prisoners! Tough tackling midfielder who will also provide his fair share of goals. Every team needs an Ollie. Well done Ollie!
Stephen Kirsh	Striker/Goalkeeper	"The Cat", great between the sticks & great up front! Has plenty of natural ability and without doubt he will be the scorer of some vital goals for the Tigers. Well done Stephen!
Thomas Stalley	Defender	Thomas has established himself as a key defender, and the taker of set pieces. As his confidence as grown so has his game. Alongside Luke-S they are fast establishing themselves as the heart of our defence. Well done Thomas!
Tyler Timcke	Midfield	Tyler has worked hard this season and his efforts have seen him establish himself as a recognised midfielder. Tyler is pleasure to coach and if he continues to apply himself like he has done to date, he will be a force to be reckoned with. Well done Tyler!

A few Thank You's;

Thanks to Louise Dowman, Carol Kirsh & Lynne Hayton for their assistance throughout the year on both administration and social events.

Thanks to Steve Davies of Advisewise & Clive Murray of London Commodity Brokers Ltd for their generous sponsorships.

WELL DONE THE TIGERS!

Danny Stalley - Colin Lynch - Mat Simson

RAYLEIGH BOYS LEOPARDS UNDER 7'S
SEASONS REPORT 06/07

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
12	6	6	0	23	15

At the time of writing we are currently undefeated, having won six and drawn six. This achievement in our first season shows the progression the team has made in their football development. We are extremely proud of the children and feel lucky and privileged to have the opportunity to coach them. One point that is worth emphasising is in a few of our games we have come from behind to either draw or win the match, and this character and spirit is a credit to our team.

The team is as follows:

Jordan Aspinal – Jordan has been our top goal scorer this season with a tally of 11 from midfield. His lightning pace and technical ability has benefited the team greatly.

Jack Beal - Jack is our striker, whose talented left foot and his silky skills have made him a key player for us. Jack always has a cheeky grin and an infectious giggle.

Abbi Brown – Abbi is our “Princess”, she may bring “Sugar and spice” to us but she has a determined and tenacious side to her play. Abbi is an asset to our team.

Will Caton – Will has quick feet, determination and a desire to win. His football development is improving with each coaching session.

Jamie Coleman – Jamie has progressed and developed his football skills and is a pleasure to coach each week.

Ben Henderson – Ben is our No1. He has worked extremely hard at all aspects of his game and the improvement he continues to show is a credit to him.

Jack Hooper – Jack is fearless, his crunching tackles and desire to win develops with each game. He is another lad who always has a smile on his face.

Luke Ingram – Luke is a talented midfielder, who brings the skill and steel to our side. He has played in many different positions for us this season.

Tom Jarman – Tom is a good reader of the game, whose “last ditch” tackles have stopped the opposition on many occasions. He also has an awesome long throw.

Daniel Warrens – Our Skipper. Daniel leads by example. His enthusiasm and desire to win drives the team. Daniel has also contributed 6 goals this season.

Sean Watson – Sean is steady as a rock at the back. He is so cool on the ball which has now earned him the nickname “Rio”!!!

We would like to thank all the parents for their support and help this season. This has ranged from marking the pitch and putting up goals to making cups of tea on match days. We would also like to give a “special” mention to Mel for being our efficient secretary and Esther and Pete for their sponsorship via Munchkins under 5's play (Tel: 01268 777827 or via the internet at www.munchkinsplay.com) – Good plug!!!

We are looking forward to the new season with the boys and Abbi

Kelvin and Simon

RAYLEIGH BOYS LIONS U8
SEASON'S REPORT 2006/07

What a well deserved second place.

This was the teams first competitive season playing for points and what a great season. Second place in the West league was a fantastic achievement, we were up against the best in South East Essex and the boys played some great football. Their football has improved immensely.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
19	14	1	4	45	18	43

We started off without a goalkeeper, not a good position for the team to be in, but after some tough negotiations Josh came forward and what a star. His continued improvement throughout the season was capped off by a magnificent game against the league winners Forest Glade, a fantastic performance. The rest of the boys have worked so well together as a team and the quality of the football has been superb, they have all been stars.

Player	Appearances	Goals
Mathew Dobson	18	1
Oscar Driscoll	17	0
Henry Hands	19	8
Max Jones	19	12
Lewis Judge	19	8
Conor Maskell	17	6
Josh Sargent	18	0
Conor Slough	17	10
James Smith	18	0

* as of 22/4/07 1 more fixture to play

It has been a pleasure to watch the boys play and develop over the season. They have all progressed to a level where other managers have complimented them on the football they play. A big Thank you to Neil for all his hard work and support during the season and a special thanks to THE MAN IN BLACK who has been professional, impartial and encouraging at all times. The boys have been sportsmanlike and professional during all of their games, they are a credit to you all.

WELL DONE AGAIN BOYS.....

Brian Judge
U8 Lions Manager

Rayleigh Boys Under 8 Tigers

Following on from a successful exhibition campaign this has been the boys introduction to league football.

The Tigers trained hard and have developed as a team. The Central Division was tight and competitive with many games decided by the odd goal. Good passing and attacking play started their climb up the table – weather permitting !

It turned out to be a fantastic season with the Tigers finishing runners up to Hawkwell Athletic.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
20	13	2	5	48	21	41	2nd

The Players should be proud of this achievement.

Birchy - The No.1 Goalkeeper the team can rely on. No fear with diving at players feet and has made exceptional saves throughout the season.

18 - 2006/07 Appearances 0 Goals / 28 Total Appearances 0 Total Goals

Liam - A strong Right Back who reads the game extremely well. Formed a good partnership with the other defenders and has shown us a few of his rocket free kicks.

17 - 2006/07 Appearances 3 Goals / 29 Total Appearances 4 Total Goals

Harry - Started slow but after some extra training in the back garden ‘with a round ball !’ has grown in confidence. Played very well at Left Back during the second half of the season.

18 - 2006/07 Appearances 1 Goal / 30 Total Appearances 1 Total Goal

Charlie - The heart of our Defence. A solid all round player whose positioning, tackling and passing has been a huge contributor to the Tigers success.

19 - 2006/07 Appearances 0 Goals / 21 Total Tiger Appearances 0 Total Goals

Lewis S - Our utility man and the joker of the team. An excellent dribbler and passer of the ball. He has played in ‘every’ position that was asked of him this season.

19 - 2006/07 Appearances 1 Goal / 32 Total Appearances 2 Total Goals

Josho - A fierce competitor who has commanded the Midfield with his strong tackling and never give up attitude. Likes to push forward creating goals for his strikers.

20 - 2006/07 Appearances 1 Goal / 33 Total Appearances 3 Total Goals

Cookie - Another part of the Midfield who has improved his game as the season went on. Protected his defence and has scored some invaluable goals.

19 - 2006/07 Appearances 2 Goals / 29 Total Appearances 6 Total Goals

Lewis H - Has found his best position at Right Midfield this season. Confident on the ball and has used his speed to breakdown defences. He has also scored his share of goals.

19 - 2006/07 Appearances 8 Goals / 32 Total Appearances 16 Total Goals

Sam C - Has worked extremely hard this season on all aspects of his game. Combined very well with Kallum up front netting an impressive 14 Goals.

20 - 2006/07 Appearances 14 Goals / 29 Total Appearances 16 Total Goals

Kallum - The most skilful player in our league. What he lacks in height he certainly makes up with his trickery, turns and fantastic finishing. He is our top scorer with 18 goals this season.

19 - 2006/07 Appearances 18 Goals / 32 Total Appearances 32 Total Goals

Within the team there is a great spirit. The boys are a pleasure to work with and it is good to see that they are now firm friends on and off the field.

With promotion we are looking forward to the new challenge next season. If the boys work hard and show the same commitment then they are capable of giving any team a good game.

Thanks to Simon for all his contribution and the parents / grandparents for their continued support.

Congratulations to our Lions, Leopards and Pumas for what they have achieved this season. So until next time, 'COME ON YOU TIGERS'

Adam Birch (Manager)

Rayleigh Boys Leopards Under 8's
Season's Report 2006/2007

We started the season knowing that we were in a very strong Central Division playing against predominantly Lions and Tiger teams, and our initial target was to reach mid-table. However, the boys played magnificently and achieved 4th place out of eleven teams.

Towards the end of the season we found ourselves in second place, but were eventually overhauled by some excellent teams including Adam Birch's fabulous Tigers team (congratulations to Adam and Simon's smashing bunch of boys who deservedly won the runners up spot in the division).

Throughout the 20 match season, we won 10, drew 5 and lost 5, scoring a credible 42 goals and conceding 30. The Central Division was won in fine style by Hawkwell Pumas, who lost only two matches, funnily enough both defeats were inflicted by our Mighty Leopards. Our 5v3 home defeat of the champions at our Rayleigh Town home pitch was the best game of mini soccer that we have had the pleasure to witness, since the forming of our team.

We managed to beat our Tigers 2v1, and drew both games against the third placed team, Shoebury Youth Tigers. So, if we can continue to play so well against the top teams, it will give us great confidence for next season. In our victories against Vange United Lions (5v2), Hawkwell Tigers (5v1) and Benfleet Youth Tigers(6v0), we played some wonderful passing football that was incredible to watch.

Our Mighty Leopards have also proven that they have a lot of courage, great heart and battling qualities having achieved several results despite trailing earlier in various games. Our boys never give up and try to the end. They are good friends and help each other, which is very special. Our boys are very competitive, but are also very sporting towards the opposition and respectful to the referees.

Congratulations to Christopher Olivares who, with 23 goals, was the top scorer in the Central Division. Congratulations to Adam Galligan, Charlie Seaden and Adam Trunley who each scored their first goals for Rayleigh Boys this season.

Special congratulations to every boy in our Mighty Leopards. Each boy has worked hard in training and given their all during matches. All of their efforts will pay dividends and their progress has been fantastic over this past season, not just individually, but collectively as a team.

	Played 06/07	Goals 06/07	Club Appearances	Club Goals
Christopher Olivares	20	23	34	34
Charlie Seaden	19	2	33	2
Jack Taylor	19	4	33	7
Joe Clarke	18	0	32	1
Reece Jupe	18	0	31	0
Matthew Ridgwell	18	9	32	23
Adam Trunley	18	1	30	1
Adam Galligan	17	1	28	1
Harry Jones	17	0	29	0
Thomas Holt	16	2	30	5
Harry Oldacre	16	0	30	0
Own Goals		0		2

Our thanks go to the ever supportive parents, especially Simon Ridgwell who has been an excellent ref throughout the season. However, the biggest thanks of all are given to our boys. You make the Mighty Leopards special! Keep listening, keep trying to improve, and stay strong as a team. Let's keep the momentum growing, and look forward to even more special times ahead.

Very well done, boys. **GO LEOPARDS!!!**
Manny Olivares and John Seaden

RAYLEIGH BOYS U8 PUMAS
SEASON'S REPORT 2006/07

Despite having to overcome a fair variety of 'challenges' during the course of this season, it is with great pleasure (and some relief) to be able to report upon a solid first season in competitive mini soccer league football...one which should see us retaining our current playing status in the under 8 South division. This was largely thanks to some much improved performances (and consequent results) during the second half of the season. To say we have now 'arrived' as a competitive team is actually somewhat of an understatement as since the turn of the year, we have been 'all the talk' amongst the other Under 8 South managers... "Have you played the Rayleigh Boys Pumas recently? They are a pretty decent side!" Although we have actually lost our last 3 league games played, these have all been against the top rated sides and we have given an excellent account of ourselves each time.

With one more (potentially winnable) league match still to play, the boys results stand as follows:

Season	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points	League Position (out of 11)
2006/2007	19	4	2	13	10	38	8	9

Name	2006/07 Appearances	Usual Position	Goals
Bryn Evans	19	Goalkeeper	
Owen Brooks	19	Striker	3
Oliver Nevin	18	Defender	
Rory Blackaby	18	Midfield	2
Elliot Davies	16	Midfield	
James Buckley	16	Midfield	
Tommy Peirce	15	Midfield	
Keiran Judd	11	Midfield	2
Jay Omokanjuola	11	Defender	3
Billy Cross	6	Midfield	
Sam Missing	8	Midfield	
Jack Timms	4	Defender	

During the course of the season, we unfortunately lost the services of Jack Timms, Billy Cross and laterally Tommy Peirce, all of whom had been valuable members of the Pumas squad. On the plus side however, this did then allow for Sam Missing to step up from being a "training only" squad member and we then recruited both Jay Omokanjuola and Keiran Judd to further bolster the squad. Sam works hard in a buzzing midfield, as does Keiran, with Jay using his considerable kicking prowess to clear danger at the back as well as setting up play through his goal and free kicks.

Oliver Nevin had a very good season at the back retaining good positioning and with a very solid tackle and interception game.....well done Oliver! Jay Omokanjuola has made a big difference to us in defence since joining and is a good foil for Oliver. In goal, Bryn Evans pulled off some excellent stops (especially at low level) and his general kicking has improved immeasurably. Elliott Davies continues to be a solid performer in midfield ably supported by the non stop running of Keiran Judd, the dependable left boot of Rory Blackaby and the energetic work of James Buckley, Sam Missing and Tommy Peirce. Up front, Owen Brooks continues to show the dribbling, balance and battling skills which certainly belie his young age and (along with Jay) he is currently our joint top scorer.

On the coaching side, I want also give a huge thanks to Darren Brookes who has superbly organised and led the coaching of the boys on both Saturdays and match days. Additionally, Darren has also had to ably cover for me during the early part of 2007 due to my absence through illness. I'll repeat the comment I made last year that Darren's interacts tremendously well with all the boys and they respect his mix of firm, fair and fun coaching style. Thanks again Darren.

During the season, we have had some help and assistance from various of the parents Dads to undertake refereeing duties and help with match preparation for which we are very grateful thanks. As an ongoing requirement however, we do need the continued active participation and support of all Pumas parents in assisting with, and tackling the wide variety of duties and work required to provide the boys the desired quality of football we aspire to offer the boys. The sheer amount of organisation and effort which this involves is considerable should not be underestimated. Remember please that we are all volunteers ourselves and so every single offer of help or support (be it a cup of tea from Rayleigh High Street or just vocal support and encouragement from the sidelines on both match days and Saturday training) is most welcome and is much appreciated by all.

We are again already looking forward to next season when we will expect to see continuing further improvements from all of the boys reflecting not only their physical growth but also their confidence and awareness.

Colin Blackaby
U8s Pumas Manager

Rayleigh Boys Under 9 Lions

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
20	8	6	6	24	22	2	30

We started the season looking for a new goalkeeper and an out field player. Thankfully we were successful and recruited both, integrating anyone into a new environment is always challenging but they both responded positively and settled in very quickly, which is a credit to them and the rest of the team. Over the course of the season the team have stuck together which has helped to make the team stronger and difficult to beat. This was evident from the start of the season when we went the first 6 games unbeaten, like others we have had to deal with cancelled games due to the weather & pitch conditions, this had a negative affect on the team as they perhaps lost some rhythm. What we would say about the team is that I believe we are the best footballing side in the league, we also probably are the smallest side in the league which is evident in some of our matches as a more physical side have been able to exploit that. To combat this we have changed our training methods to incorporate some light strength training & quick give & go passing and moving. We said it last year and we'll say it again this year it is football ability that will serve the boys best in the long term and we will be continuing down this path.

Overall given the challenges we have faced I think the boys should be very proud of themselves as they have always given 100% & that is all anyone can ask from all of them. This season has proved to me that once again what a great bunch of boys we have, they have shown togetherness through the ups & the downs. If each one of them can keep improving as they have year on year they are always going to be a football team that is enjoyable to watch & train. With this in mind it gives me great pleasure to say well done lads and lets all look forward to a great season next year.

The Team

Stephen Lynch (GK) - His first season of football. Steve has adapted to playing in goal and has produced some unbelievable saves at vital points in games, his cricketing skills have served him well as his hands are unbelievably fast! He is improving with every game, well done Steve keep it going.

Joe Ives (DF) - Joe has had an absolutely fantastic season. Joe has made defending look easy and has learnt to keep things as simple as possible which has meant that opposing attackers fear coming up against Joe as they know they will not get any change from him. Joe also has scored the goal of the season for Rayleigh it was a thunder bolt from the half way line into the roof of the net. Great season Joe you should be very proud of yourself.

Sam Murphy (MF) - Sam gives everything, he is always the one player out on the pitch that is not afraid of trying new skills in a game. His reading of the game is second to none which has enabled him to develop into a very creditable playmaker for the team as well as a shield for the defence. Awesome season, nice one Sam!

Max Bailey (AMF) - Captain Max has led the team by example. He covers every blade of grass on the pitch. He is never afraid to take players on with his skill & pace. He has linked the midfield with attack very well & he has scored some important goals. Great season Max keep it going.

Aaron Zimmer (MF) - Aaron has had a strong season. He always listens to what his job is on the field & gives me 100% commitment to that job & the team. He tackles hard & runs his heart out up and down the right flank. Well done Aaron.

Daniel Grainger (MF) - Daniel is another new player to the team this season, he is a left sided left footed midfield player who has developed 10 fold from the beginning of the season. Commitment, desire and enthusiasm coupled with some hard work have meant that Daniel has blended with the team and scored his first goal. Great season Dan well done

Henry - If you want commitment and a player you can depend on who wears his heart on his sleeve then Henry is your man. Henry has played left/right midfield, centre back and in goal performing excellently in all four positions. There's never a moan, he just gets on with what he's asked. He has also developed a sense of where the goal is and has been unlucky on a number of occasions. A very popular member of the team. Well done again Henry!

Scott Zimmer (AMF) - Scott has had to adapt to new positions in the team mainly across the midfield and forward positions, Scott has been an excellent foil for the rest of the team when playing the lead striker role as his pace will always disrupt defences, he has also developed a very powerful shot which when used is very effective. Well done Scott

Luke Sullivan (S) - Luke has played mainly as a lead striker and has developed his game so instead of being just a goalscorer he has learnt to defend from the front, create space, hold up the play, and create chances for others. He is a natural finisher but perhaps the chances haven't been there for him and I think this season has been his most progressive with the team, he has advanced to be more of a complete striker which is the result of pure hard work. Well done Luke!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who help with keeping the team going putting the Goals up & down arranging all the functions for the kids i.e. Birthdays, Easter, Christmas & end of season bash. Without your support we would not have such a good team spirit so once again thank you. Also a big thank you to Alan Webb who has refereed the majority of our home games for us, many thanks Alan.

Lastly a massive thank you to Kris Ives who helps with training & all the team affairs. He shows passion & commitment every time we train or play which inspires the boys. Nice one Kris I have really appreciated all the help & advice you have given me over the season.

Steve Sullivan, Manager

Ravleigh Boys Under 9's Tigers

League Matches 2006 – 2007.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
20	2	4	14	14	43
Player	Goals 06/07	Goals all time.	Appearances 06/07	Appearances All time.	
Joshua Powell	1	35	15	56	
Mark Schroder	1	21	21	62	
Matthew Kirsh	1	10	21	64	
Sam Ball	2	11	21	61	
Oliver Quick	3	12	21	63	
Joshua Hayton	5	7	19	59	
Bradley Oliver	0	0	19	58	
Callum Hayes	0	0	20	61	
Martin Shields	0	0	21	64	

A steep learning Curve!!!!

After the success of the previous season and the promotion to Division 4, it has been a season of inconsistency. We have certainly seen the standard of the teams we are playing improve dramatically and against the good teams in the division we have performed extremely well, yet we have struggled against the lower teams which has been hard to understand. We have not found getting goals easy but not through want of trying something we were very good at last year. I am sure we have all learnt from this year and will bounce back better and wiser for next season.

The lads have formed further into a team and more importantly their friendship has grown.

The boys have been a pleasure to work with all season and when you see them congratulating each other on good goals or saves it makes the effort all worthwhile. I would like to thank Lime Packaging for their continued sponsorship of the team shirts and Nova Innovene for their tracksuit sponsorship.

Finally I would like to thank the parents on behalf of Neil and myself for their support and understanding throughout a difficult season and I hope we can count on this for next season.

Sam Ball (striker) has developed well playing more on the wing, has scored some vital goals.

Callum Hayes (defence) always puts in a good performance. His speed and skill on the ball has played a big part in our defence record.

Joshua Hayton (Midfield) has performed well and is our top scorer, has also covered well in midfield has improved his tackling and looks solid.

Matthew Kirsh (midfield) has done well supporting attack and defence.

Bradley Oliver (defence) has worked hard in defence.

Joshua Powell (striker) has not scored at the levels of last season but always puts in a solid performance in Midfield or Attack.

Oliver Quick (Defence) has worked hard in defence and is always solid, also works well when moved up to midfield

Mark Schroder (midfield) supports attack well. And runs well with the ball.

Martin Shields (goalkeeper) has worked hard and is always enthusiastic, has made very few mistakes over a busier season and saved a penalty.

Neil Calamity Kirsh (Assistant Manager) Now a level one coach he has bought lots of new training methods to the training field, works tirelessly to improve the kids skills. Neil still struggles to get to the bar and has taken to making fashion statements whenever the dads go out.

Dave Imelda Marcos Hayton (Head Coach) has found some boots that work and is very protective of his balls. Works hard with the kids in training.

Paul Lord Quick (Goalkeeping Coach) Paul having purchased some gloves from Kenny Everett has joined the coaching team this year and the improvements have already been seen in Martins performances.

Well done lads and keep enjoying your football.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the under 9 Tigers.

Martin Shields (U9 Tigers Manager)

Rayleigh Boys Leopards under 9's

Well, the boys done it to us once again, left it to the last game of the season to determine their fate and once again they done us proud!!

As another season comes to a finish, I would like to say how pleased I am with every one of the boys for their efforts in training and matches. They all have worked really hard and I think that every one of them has improved. They have developed as a team, especially over the last few matches where their passing and teamwork have been excellent. This is very rewarding for myself, Paul and Mark as it shows that Saturday mornings are paying off!

The two new additions this year, Matt and Charlie have fitted in the team very well and have both contributed to a good season. This season has been a bit more of a challenge and I think that the boys have coped very well. I would have been disappointed if they had gone down to division 3 as I think that they can cope with the standard expected in division 2 and have showed in the football they played they are good enough, even if the results didn't always go our way.

The team is as follows:

James Bundy- Goalie who has continued to improve throughout the season a good shot stopper.
Matthew Naylor- Goalie a position that seems to suit him very well. Growing in confidence every game.
George Chapman-Very steady and solid at the back. Can organise the boys in defence very well.
Charlie Moyes-Tenacious defender. Doesn't give into anyone even if they are twice his size!
Jamie Coates- Showing that he can be very useful in any position and growing in confidence all the time.
Angelo Manor-Another one who can cope with playing in different positions and improving all the time.
Daniel Paynter- Plays in midfield excellent when running with the ball.
Beau Simpson- Midfielder who works very hard, likes to attack and is very quick.
Harry Higgins-Very solid midfielder who can be relied on in defence and attack. Covers the whole pitch in every match.
Patrick Mills-One of the top scorer's in the league again this year has good control and leads from the front.

Player	Played 06/07	Goals	Club Appearances	Club Goals
James Bundy	20	0	45	0
George Chapman	22	0	48	6
Jamie Coates	20	0	44	7
Angelo Manor	22	1	45	3
Charlie Moyes	18	0	18	0
Daniel Paynter	21	1	45	5
Beau Simpson	19	8	45	12
Harry Higgins	22	1	48	6
Patrick Mills	21	16	47	41
Matthew Naylor	19	0	19	0

Lets hope that our last season in mini-soccer is as enjoyable as this one.

A few thank you's:

Firstly a very big thanks to both Paul and Mark, I appreciate their hard work and effort over the season.
Mark Simpson for our sponsorship.
Emma Kelly for our sponsorship from The Royal Bank of Scotland.
Once again big thanks to parents, grandparents, siblings and friends for their support and encouragement over the year.

Any mistakes in this report and during the season are entirely mine.

Well- done boys

Dave Mills

Rayleigh Boys Lions U10's DIVISION 1 2006/2007

Squad: LOUIS BUBB- GOALKEEPER
THOMAS COLE- DEFENDER
JONATHAN PASHLEY- DEFENDER
CAMERON WARD- DEFENDER/MIDFIELD
JACK TURNER- MIDFIELD
JACK LONG- MIDFIELD
ELLIS TEMPLE- MIDFIELD
OLIVER SMITH- MIDFIELD
SAM ASHKURI- MIDFIELD/FORWARD
MAX JOBSON- MIDFIELD /FORWARD

This our last season of mini soccer has been quite successful, we are currently lying in second spot two points behind and a game in hand. Our previous two seasons have seen us winning the division first time around and fourth place last season.

In training, I wanted to progress the boy's understanding of positional play communication and skill level, in preparation of 11- a side football. With the usual amount of fun and discipline adhered to there has been a willingness by the boys to apply themselves and the results have been proved throughout this season.

A couple of examples of this was our away game at Trinity Juniors lions, ten minutes into play we lost a defender through injury, and with no subs available, we were really up against it.

The remaining boys adjusted themselves and worked really hard, we survived the first half unscathed. Half time was welcomed as it broke Trinity's momentum, team talk was basically was to carry on with the hard work and do your best.

The boys came out and did more than their best; we defended our goal with vigour and never gave Trinity time on the ball. When we had possession we attacked with speed, which saw Max score a goal which epitomised the whole team's performance, stealing the ball off the midfielder in his own half, he took off like a cheetah, fighting off two defenders either side of him he unleashed a shot that hit the top corner of their net, then in the last minute there was a goal mouth scramble, which saw a last ditch tackle and clearance by Sam help us to secure a 1-0 win. The celebration by the boys alone, have left me with memories I shall never forget.

Another example has been the skill level attained, by our tenacious midfielder and enforcer Jack Long, having just got his new boots, for the game against Trinity Utd. He received a pass on the edge of the oppositions area, controlling it with his left he flicks the ball up and volleys with his right, I still think the keepers still looking for it now. This was a goal that any premiership player would have been proud of.

None of this could have been achieved without the help of Tony Long and Gary Cole, both of who keep me going with their incredible enthusiasm.

Not forgetting you the Parents/Grandparents, whose support and encouragement on match days has been like having an extra player out on pitch.

Next season should be more interesting with the transition to 11 a-side, but I am confident the boys will pull through and make us all proud standing on the touchline. "C'MON YOU RAYLEIGH BOYS"

Andy Bubb

Rayleigh Boys Under 10 Tigers

The boys have had a good season with us ending up in the middle of the table. All the boys have made progressions with their game unfortunately this will be our last season at Rayleigh with the boys forming their own team so we would like to thank everyone for their help over the last few years

Matthew Allingham
Manager u10 Tigers

Rayleigh Boys U-10 Leopards

First and foremost a massive thank you to all the boys and their parents for making my time as manager so enjoyable. The boys have always been 100% committed whether in training or playing matches. They have listened and wanted to learn and I consider myself fortunate to have been able to be their manager.

The season itself has been a mixed bag in terms of results with us not winning anywhere near as many games as our football deserved, it can be cruel sometimes.

On the positive side we scored over 40 goals with Sam Holt leading the way with 15, followed by Rory Taylor on 12. A quick mention for Dylan Galligan and Bradley Keys who both scored their first league goals for the team after 75 and 83 games respectively!

Player	Played 2006/7	Goals 2006/7	Games to	Goals to date
Jamie Henderson	20		84	
Owen Davis	21		86	
Max Roberts	22		47	
Bradley Keys	22	1	84	1
Alex Alone	21	3	77	4
Dylan	21	1	83	1
Alex Murphy	20	3	81	(Jan06-date) 6
Sam Holt	21	15	84	(Dec06-date)
Rory Taylor	22	12	88	37
Joe O'Brien	22	7	90	53

Thanks to:

- 1) Kim for doing the finances, shame she won't be with us next season!
- 2) Steve for his support and assistance.
- 3) Phil for helping out with the goals.
- 4) And of course to all of the parents for their fantastic support throughout the season.

I look forward greatly to next season and the daunting prospect of 11 a side football, but it is with sadness that I reflect on the end of our time together in mini soccer. Some of our boys are moving onto pastures new and I wish them luck with their new teams. I hope all the boys take with them a love of playing football that will stay with them forever.

Pat Galligan
U-10's Leopards Manager

RAYLEIGH BOYS PUMAS U10s

The Team: Richard Carey, Jack Chitty, Ben Clark, Jack Harvey, Ryan Holton, Nicholas Latham, Joe Mackenzie, Lawrie Mayor, Anthony Pegg, James Saunders, and Jack Vail.

Like every other team in the area, this season has seen a lot of disruption due to the bad weather we have had to endure which has created a kind of stop-start feel to the whole season. Despite this, we have played well and at times excelled ourselves, pulling off some fabulous victories against some very good teams. The whole team deserves a roaring shout of "Well done!" and I have to say how very, very proud I am of all the boys. It has been very much a team effort this year.

We were all very pleased to welcome Jack Harvey back into the fold- he has fitted in so well that it is as if he'd never been away.

Thank you to all the boys for a sterling effort; to Graham Holton for being my long-suffering assistant, to Michael Vail and Alan Webb for refereeing and to everyone who has offered words of encouragement and support during the season.

In our 20 league games we have won 14, drawn 2 and lost 4. We scored 67 goals for and conceded 37. In addition we had a little cup run that saw us beating two very good teams (one a division above us) before losing against a team a division below us (funny old game). I am sure you will agree, an excellent season.

It is going to be a big change for us next season as we progress to 11 a side. I am sorry to say that Nicholas, Anthony and Joe will be leaving us but I wish them well in their new team. There will be a few additions to the team and I am sure that we shall make them feel most welcome. I am confident that we can continue to work together and produce some good results.

Colin Mayor
Your Most Wonderful Manager

Rayleigh Boys Under 11's 'A'

<i>Match Type</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
League	18	13	3	2
Tournament	2	Winners x 1	Runners Up x 1	
Cup	2	1		1
Friendly	2	1		1

<i>Player</i>	<i>Appearances for Season</i>	<i>Goals for Season</i>	<i>Total Appearances for Club</i>
Daniel Waggon	24		119
Jack Scrivener	24		115
Luke Douglas	23		111
Daniel Nobes	23	10	111
James Horsburgh	21	5	110
Bradley Hughes	22	2	110
Jack McCarthy	24	13	109
Ellis Lander	23	5	109
Danny Cooper	20	13	107
Joseph Ginzler-Ring	17	5	102
Charlie Scholtka	23	3	102
Edward Hine	21	11	100
Callum Edwards	24	11	90
Nicholas Buckley	22		22

It was with some trepidation that I took the boys into their first season at 11-a-side - not that the boys had any such worries! The old Tigers team had welcomed 3 recruits from our Leopards, one from the Lions and one from our rivals – Ashingdon to make up what I felt was a formidable squad for their first season. Despite warnings from other managers that it could be a mistake I decided that we would try our luck in a higher division. The league we entered not only had teams in it that had previously been one or two divisions above us, but it also had some of our old adversaries that we had never beaten before.

The boys had not played together long when they were invited to their first tournament at Great Wakering. I didn't know what to expect. The first game we played proved just how hard it was likely to be as we were soundly beaten 3-0 by premiership opposition. I had visions that after such a successful season last year this season would be an up-hill struggle. But I was amazed by how quickly the boys got to grips with bigger pitches, bigger goals and even the off-side rule. By the end of the tournament and with one draw and two wins from it, the boys had grabbed the runners-up spot.

This was followed by winning Trinity's pre-season tournament with some outstanding displays of quality football from the boys. All of a sudden I was feeling much happier about the forthcoming season.

It certainly got off to a flyer with 4 wins from our first 4 matches seeing us sitting at the top of the table. We then met Trinity 'A' and with it came our first disappointing performance. After taking a 2-0 lead we let it slip to end up losing 4-2. Still the boys were not down for long. Despite going out in the cup to a premiership team we continued to win our league matches with some great determined performances. I couldn't believe it, but we were becoming a force to be reckoned with. All the boys were showing not only great individual skills but also some superb team play. The way the boys had taken to 11-a-side football was terrific.

It was a very close league and at the Christmas break the top six teams all still had a chance of winning it. The second half of the season saw Trinity 'A' start to pull away from everyone else and unfortunately after soundly beating us the possibility of winning the league began to fade. All was not lost, everyone else seemed to be dropping points and we were still picking up wins.

Unfortunately due to the poor weather conditions the boys had an enforced five week break before they could play their final matches. It was on a very windy Sunday that we met Benfleet Villa. Defending in extremely windy conditions the boys found themselves 2-0 down. Just before the half time whistle they managed to pull one back. It was now Rayleigh's turn to take advantage of the gale force conditions; however it was not until well into the second half that the boys equalized. We were pressing hard for the winner when disaster struck and with only a few minutes remaining, Benfleet managed a rare outing into our half and scored what they believed would be the winner. Most teams would have given up by now as the referee was only playing time added on but our boys are made of sterner stuff. After some neat play the boys grabbed the equalizer. I was just shaking hands with the opposition's manager and agreeing that the match had been a hard but fair battle when to my amazement – and to the boys delight they fired home the winner just before the final whistle blew. To cap it all the other results had gone our way and we were, for the second year running and with two games to go, runners up in our division.

I would like to thank Ian and Wayne for their coaching assistance this year. It is no co-incidence that the boys well deserved success has gone hand in hand with the hard work that Ian and Wayne have put in. I would also like to thank all the parents for their continued support and assistance in running the line this year – I'm sure you all enjoyed it really!!

But without a doubt the greatest thanks must go to the boys for giving yet another great season of teamwork and 100% effort. Twice this season the boys have won a match with the last kick of the game and they have come back from a 2-0 deficit on four occasions to win which is a great testament to the boys 'never say never' approach to the game (mind you it's not doing my blood pressure much good)!! The team spirit and sportsmanship that each and every boy has shown makes it all worthwhile. As for next season - well let's see what promotion brings – a tough challenge no doubt but I'm still looking for that elusive champions spot. Well you never know.....

Colin Waggon, U11s (a) Manager

Rayleigh Boys under 11s (b)

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST
FRIENDLIES	2	0	0	2	3	6
TOURNAMENTS	1					
CUP	3	2		1	7	19
LEAGUE	22	11	4	7	69	64

PLAYER	POSITION	TOTAL GAMES 2006/07	TOTAL GOALS 2006/07	TOTAL GAMES FOR THE CLUB	TOTAL GOALS FOR THE CLUB
Nicholas Baldwin	Goalkeeper	29	0	116	9
Ashley Hill	Defence or Midfield	29	6	113	7
Andrew Hewett	Defence	26	0	97	0
Lewis Williams	Defence	28	0	52	0
Charlie Burlock	Defence	23	0	41	2
James Crowe	Forward	24	2	89	11
Gregory Lamont	Midfield	29	2	104	6
Joe Peirce	Midfield	29	12	53	25
Oliver Lloyd	Forward	29	36	98	107
Adam Bishop	Forward	29	13	114	42
Jack Goddard	Midfield	20	4	63	13
Joe Sullivan	Midfield	23	3	23	3
Daniel Harrold	Defence or Midfield	21	0	107	7
Jordan Kearney-Jarrett	Midfield or Forward	18	1	18	1

This was the boys first season at 11 a side and all in all it has been a successful transition and with a bit more luck and a little more concentration late in games we would have finished far higher in the league (5th or 6th at the time of writing). We continued our free scoring and adventurous approach finishing 2nd highest scorers but being the attacking side we are we often left ourselves exposed at the back.

The boys' team spirit was best reflected in our 2nd round cup-tie away to a team 2 divisions above us. We found ourselves 4-1 down at half time and battled back to lead 6-5 with a minute left only to concede one of those late goals. Still the boys held their nerve and won on penalties and although we were eventually knocked out in the next round we were the only team left at that stage from outside the top 2 divisions which was a commendable effort.

Special mention to Nick, Ashley, Greg, Adam and Daniel on reaching the 100 appearances milestone and Ollie for reaching the 100-goal milestone quicker than his 100 caps!

There were many other memorable moments in a most enjoyable season and I am sure next year could be the one so keep up the good work boys and see you all in the summer.

It only leaves me to thank my assistants Steve Lloyd and Graham Goddard, the teams' accountant Alison Pierce as well as Greg Williams for securing our sponsorship deal with 'RAYLEIGH HI FI'.

Thanks also to our loyal following of supporters

Derik Lamont
Manager

Rayleigh Boys YFC U12's A

Having won promotion to Division A last season and losing four players, I knew this year was going to be a challenge. My objective for the team was to be competitive and try to finish top half. My expectations were far exceeded and this is a testimony to the boys and the effort they have made this year.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wickford Town	20	13	1	6	60	30	30	27
Rayleigh Boys	20	11	2	7	48	28	20	24
Hadleigh Town	20	9	6	5	46	38	8	24
Hambro Colts	20	10	4	6	48	43	5	24
Ashingdon Youth	19	10	3	6	52	43	9	23

They say football is a game of two halves and I think that sums up our season so well. At Christmas both ourselves and Wickford looked untouchable and heading for the Prem. But then we both seemed unable to find our form and as I write this I am not sure whether we have got promotion or not.

One of our problems this season has been trying to get a full squad to the game and we have played many with a team of 11 with no subs and, arguably one of our best games, with only 10 players. We have had Dan missing since February after breaking his leg and George Medcalf missing for part of the season due to appendicitis. I think we could have coped better had we had a bigger squad and only I can take the blame for that. Hopefully we can have a squad of 15 for next season.

Whilst there has been some outstanding performances this year, I'm reluctant to name the boys individually and will instead point out that, despite our lack of form at the end of the season, I am very proud of the team spirit and the way the boys play for each other. Whether we have won, lost or drawn the boys have always conducted themselves with dignity and have shown good sportsmanship throughout the season. Well done boys.

	Appearances	Goals
Adam Bridges	23	0
Ben Smith	23	0
Michael Amoroso	22	5
Joe McCall	23	1
Ben James	21	4
Alex Williams	22	4
Jack Druce	22	9
Matthew Bishop	22	4
George Medcalf	18	10
Max Buckley	23	6
Dan Keys	15	4
George McEvoy	21	16
Edd Cooper	22	0

I would like to thank the parents for their support, especially those that have run the line. I would also like to thank Jayne for organising the collection of subs but mainly I would like to thank each and every boy for their commitment and dedication throughout the season.

Rob Smith

Rayleigh Boys U12B Season Review

Another season, another different line up. As per last season we went through another change with players leaving and new players joining. Despite this we got off to a great start with a big pre season win and then an opening game 9-0 win over Shoebury, things were looking good for the season!!

A few more wins under our belt and the feeling was this could be our year and win the league. However our winning run came to an end which dealt a major blow to our confidence. As the weeks progressed it was a mixed bag of wins loses and the odd draw, although despite all this we still were in a good position to finish the season with a shout of promotion back to Division A.

Unfortunately on the run up to Christmas and thereafter games started to be cancelled due to weather conditions and it would sometimes be up to 3 weeks between games. Then when we did manage to get a game moral seemed low and we struggled to take a point. This started to have a knock on effect with the boys until it reached a point when not only were we struggling to get a match not cancelled but also we were struggling to field 11 boys.

However, despite sometimes only fielding 10 boys and even 9 on one occasion the boys suddenly showed a fantastic togetherness and played out of their skins as a team. This led to more wins with 10 boys after Christmas than we achieved with 11!

What it proved to the boys was when they really want to win they can, and are without doubt easily as good on their day as any other team in the division

Going forward into next season Karen and I hope to continue to build the team and take us forward to challenge for not just promotion but to also win the league.

I would like to once again this season give a special thank you to Karen the assistant manager. Without Karen i'm not sure we could have survived this season. She has been a fantastic support to me especially on the occasions when my work has meant I have not been available to look after training or matches. I'm not sure I show the amount of appreciation for what Karen does deserves. Once again thank you Karen.

I would also like to thank all those parents that have helped out during the season and for letting Karen and I know in advance of your son's availability or issues.

Player of the season this year goes to Harry Davies. Harry has been with the club since the under 7's and has always been an unsung hero. Harry always has a smile and never complains and most of all just wants play football. It has been an absolute pleasure training Harry 6 years now and I hope Harry keeps it up and keeps playing like he always has done. Well done Harry from all of us at Rayleigh Boys.

Lastly I want to say well done to all the boys that continue to make an effort, and continue to want to be part of Rayleigh Boys. So onto next season, ask your friends to come along, lets build a league winning team for the Under 13's next year!! Well done boys.

Steve

RAYLEIGH BOYS UNDER 13s A

DIVISION B RUNNERS UP

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Wickford Town A	14	10	2	2	51	14	37	22
2	Rayleigh Boys A	14	11	0	3	44	15	29	22

Many thanks to all the boys for their tremendous achievement once again this season.

The start of the season for the boys began way back in August with pre-season training on a Wednesday evening with Alex, the boys put a lot of effort in during these weeks and we were fortunate enough to strengthen the squad with the additions of Lewis Rackman, Matt Riley and Lewis Endean.

The season got off to a fine start with us winning our first 5 league games, this meant that the boys had gone unbeaten in 22 league games which I personally believe to be a fantastic achievement. Unfortunately, we suffered early exits in both the league and county cups. After a slight hic-cup where we lost 3 games in a row the team got back to winning ways by playing wonderful passing football.

I'm a true believer and try to encourage all the boys that they have a right to shoot for goal, and the fact that we had 9 different goal scorers is very encouraging, in 2 of the games we had 5 individual names on the score sheet.

I'm sure that with the step up to Division A next season that the boys will continue to give their all in every game, and will be ready for the challenge ahead.

I would like to finish off with a thank you to you all for your support of the boys through out the games, assistants in running the line often a thankless task, Also to Alex for his training and to the other's who help in training when Alex is not there.

The last thanks must go to the whole team for their efforts in both training and games.

Chris

Name	Games for Club	Goals to date
Ben Hockett	122	1
George Wallace	55	0
Charlie Jones	114	2
Jason Ox	36	1
Lewis Major	118	45
Tim Beardwell	70	5
Alex Ward	127	23
Jake Lander	124	94
Sam Johnston	115	12
Dom Matthews	48	29
Joe Bailey	112	60
Nick Burr	26	1
Michael Whitehead	11	2
Sam Dean	121	21
Tom Houghton	90	0
Matt Riley	12	6
Lewis Rackman	9	0
Lewis Endean	14	5

No	Name	06/07 Total	Pre 06 Appearances	Total Appearances	06/07 Goals	Total Goals
1	Andrew Kirby	23	124	147	0	0
4	Liam McElroy	22	131	153	0	0
5	Stephen Winslow	23	44	67	0	2
12	Carl Johnson	22	0	22	7	7
8	Jonathan Bell	9	106	115	0	7
3	Harrison Marshall	20	120	140	1	6
6	Scott James	23	65	88	7	19
10	Danny Baker	9	51	60	1	6
9	Alex Jones	20	126	146	0	25
15	Lewis Underwood	21	42	63	9	40
14	Matthew Cleaver	21	38	59	2	9
11	Lewis Mendies	21	32	53	17	29
2	Fletcher Mguni	21	24	45	1	6
7	Jack Vile	17	11	28	1	4
16	Dan Knight	16	0	16	0	0
8	Jaydon Kinnard	8	0	8	4	4

RAYLEIGH BOYS UNDER 13s B

What a season we have had!

A transitional one.

First the boys got me as their new manager, and then we lost a key player. Team building was needed, we rebuilt with players learning new positions. After 3 games we were sitting 6th in the league. But then the boys fell apart. Things weren't going our way, ref's decisions going against us. Inconsistent was our key word.

But since Christmas, the boys have worked really hard, and we've surprised a few teams and played some great football. But sadly for the boys the results don't reflect that. We have also introduced a new trainer to the boys this season, who's working really hard with the boys to help turn the team around. A big Thank you must go to him for all his help.

The boys are already looking forward to next season.

The one thing this team doesn't lack is TEAM SPIRIT; they are a great bunch of lads.

I would like to say a special Thank You to my wife Elaine, who has been my voice of reason so many times. Also to Pete Kirby and Harvey Winslow the oldest ball boys in town. Thanks for being there at training every week rain or shine.

Thank you also to all the parents that have helped run the line this season. Also thanks to all the parents and relatives for your support towards the team and myself. We couldn't do it without you all.

Bring on next season

Duane Cleaver
Manager

RAYLEIGH BOYS YFC "A" 2006/07 UNDER 14 DIVISION B

NAME	GAMES PLAYED					GOALS SCORED		TOTAL	
	TOURN-AMENTS	LEAGUE	CUP	2006/7	TOTAL	LEAGUE	CUP		
Daniel Mann	1		8	2	11	137		1	1
Conor Mason	1		14	2	17	122	1		1
Sam Levett	0		17	2	19	152			0
Trevor Smith	1		15	2	18	127			0
Thomas Cerson	1		17	2	20	96	1		1
Will Cooper	1		16	2	19	40			0
Joe Peploe	1		14	1	16	112	13	1	14
Ray King	1		15	2	18	127			0
Reece Miller	1		18	2	21	66	13	2	15
James Howe	1		18	2	21	64	12		12
Tom Spencer	1		18	2	21	36	17	4	21
Ashton Moore	1		4	1	6	20			0
Ross Field	1		17	1	19	33	6		6
James Heather	1		17	2	20	20	1		1
Edward Woodford	1		13	2	16	16	2		2
Shane Raffaelli	1		12	1	14	14	3		3
					TOTAL GOALS		69	8	77

At the time of writing this we don't know if we've done enough to clinch second place and promotion. We have one game against Benfleet still to play and are relying on them having points deducted that they won against Trinity Utd who have withdrawn from the league. However, the boys certainly deserve to go up this season, having just missed out last season.

Before the season started, our long-serving Manager Gary Mann had to step down in somewhat unfortunate circumstances after many years. His son Daniel, another stalwart of the team was also unsure whether he wanted to continue but was persuaded to give it a go. Daniel eventually decided to seek a transfer elsewhere, so that was another big loss for the team. We wish both Gary and Daniel all the best for the future and thank them for all their efforts over the years.

We also lost Ashton Moore mid-season and what with the weather, we found ourselves short of players at times when we did have games to play so we had to play with only ten and with some boys playing when they were ill and/or injured. It is to the credit of each and every one of the boys that they have done so well to still be in contention for promotion. I should mention our new players, Edward Woodford, James Heather and Shane Raffaelli who have come in and done so well for us straight away this season.

I must also mention Sam Levett who is worth a goal a game to us, and probably the best 'Keeper in the division. Ross Field our Captain and defensive rock, supported by Tom Cerson and the unsung heroes, Ray King, Will Cooper and Trevor Smith junior who make up the rest of the defence. In midfield, Conor Mason has been brilliant again this season with our wide boys James Howe and Reece Miller who have scored some unbelievable goals between them that would grace the premiership! Up front we had Joe Peploe and Tom Spencer, both of whom have shown so much skill and class in front of goal that it's hard to believe they are only fourteen years old!

For me, our 15-3 win against Shore Athletic was the attacking performance of the season. Our 4-0 win over Chalvedon, the league winners was the most satisfying win from my point of view and our 5-0 away win against Hambro when we only had ten boys and Tom C played with a badly bruised/swollen ankle, was the performance that best showed what these boys are made of. I'm sure we're all very proud of them for what they've achieved this season .I know I am.

Finally, thanks to Catherine Cooper and Geoff Middleton for match days and everything else. Thanks to Graham Levett for standing in for me and everything else he does. Also, thanks to ALL the Parents and Grandparents for running the line, the oranges and the fantastic support you've given the boys throughout the season.

Trevor Smith

RAYLEIGH BOYS UNDER 14'S B

Team	Appearances		Goals	
	06/07	Total	06/07	Total
SHAUN BARLOW	16	83	0	1
CHRISTOPHER RILEY	20	88	2	2
JAMES BUDD	18	73	0	4
RYAN HAYWARD	21	160	13	33
JAMIE BOYCE	13	55	3	8
REECE BAKEWELL	20	66	8	26
BOBBY MILLS	9	9	0	0
EDWARD PROCTOR	21	144	9	23
MICHAEL CROCOMBE	4	4	0	0
GLEN NORFOLK	21	181	16	111
RYAN WENNINGTON	20	148	16	27
TOM SHAW	15	61	1	1
ADAM WILSON	17	35	2	4
JOSHUA WAGSTAFF	20	84	2	21
CRAIG ELKINS	12	12	0	0

As of 15th April 2007

Craig Elkins joined the squad at the start of the season but left half way through, Bobby Mills and Michael Crocombe joined at Christmas.

This season has been very frustrating, a Jekyll and Hyde start getting beaten by nine two weeks on the trot and then the next week beating Benfleet (who will finish second) by six all down to player's attitudes and ego's, then from mid December to beginning of March, with a break for the bad weather, went on a run of seven games unbeaten including a win against the top team Chalvedon Boys. The last part of the season has been like most other seasons boys missing through injuries, holidays, illness and other commitments. All the boys that have played over the latter part have been fully committed and have been unlucky not to win games in which the team has either been a bare eleven or even just ten.

Thank you to Kevin for his help, thank you to the dads who ran the line. I would also like to thank the parents, grandparents, families and friends for there support.

Colin Norfolk

U14 C Team

This is my first season as a manager and last September the thought of trying to control a team of 14yr old boys certainly filled me with trepidation. Trying to maintain the high standards set by Mark Chitty was also going to be a difficult challenge.

The management team has been strengthened with Lee Olley joining as coach and his boundless enthusiasm for the game has been an inspiration to us all. Phil Wright has continued as our training assistant and I am indebted to both of them for engendering such a great spirit within the squad.

At the start of the season we were a little unsettled, mainly because Lee and I were trying the boys in unfamiliar positions and the team in different formations. After four or five matches we had found our favoured solution and set about building the team's confidence in the new formation.

The boys have responded magnificently, going from strength to strength as the season has progressed. They have grown in stature with each game played and have consistently worked hard with excellent results. At the time of writing we have only dropped one point in 2007 and are sitting third in the table – an achievement we are all extremely proud of.

We have welcomed Tom Stevens from the 'A' team this season and he has proved to be a valuable asset, finishing as equal top scorer with Cullen Chitty on 21 goals.

My thanks, as ever, go to the parents for their continued support with a special thank-you to Tim Mahoney for running the gauntlet as linesman and Debbie Chitty for supporting me with secretarial duties.

This has been a season of consolidation, with both the new management team and the boys finding their feet. We have finished the season in a strong position with a great team spirit and we look forward to next year with the confidence that we can achieve excellent results.

Russell Carter

RAYLEIGH BOYS A. U'15s
PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS 2006/07 SEASON

We finished last season as Premier League Champions and League Cup winners unbeaten in the Southend Leagues. It was a fantastic effort by the boys who were just a class above all the opposition.

This season we have just carried on playing top class football and showing what can be achieved by Rayleigh Boys. We are again League Champions and also in the final of the League Cup. This team have not been beaten for two seasons in the Southend Leagues: they are a credit to themselves and Rayleigh Boys. I would like to thank all the lads for what they have achieved, it has given me great satisfaction as a Manager, it does not get much better than this.

It is now the end of an era and the boys and myself will be moving on to pastures new. It has been a great time at Rayleigh Boys, it still seems like yesterday that they were six old years old and running around with shorts to their knees and chasing the ball like bees round a honey pot.

Here they are now fifteen years old and playing football that would not be out of place on Match of the Day. It has been a great experience.

A massive thank you to my Assistant Manager Dave Hayward whose continued contribution to the team has made us a great partnership. CHEERS Dave!!!

The SQUAD

Chris Evers G.K., Nathan Warmer 1, Lewis Yearley 2, Harry Ragan 2,
Kieran Sleaf 1, Jonny Everitt 1, Alex O'Leary 10, Dan Riches 11,
James Hayward 7, Jack McQuibban 9, Billy Shroder 4, Mike Priest 5
Adam Vyse 13, Harley Kee 17

Team names and goals scored with still 2 games to play.

Thank you

Mark Williams

RAYLEIGH BOYS U15's B DIVISION B

This was our second season in Division B, and it has been a fight against relegation from the start of the season. We welcomed two new players to the team this season, Jordan Harvey, and Bobby Carey, plus Jake Weeks came back to us after a season out.

We started with a pre-season tournament at Rochford, and there were some good signs, but as the league season started by November we had lost 5 in the league with only 1 win, and had gone out in the first round of the cup.

November also saw our worst ever defeat, a very weakened side going down 9-0 away to Young Cannons A. By Christmas we was bottom with only 5 points.

We played a lot better after Christmas, but only had 6 remaining league matches, and could not accumulate enough points to escape relegation, finishing bottom of Division B. Hopefully our last season together will be a lot more successful.

Well done to Nicky Cox and Jamie Wooller who both played in every game of the season. Also well done to John Rankin-Maclean who has taken up the role of captain this season, plus moved to a more defensive role.

Thanks to all those that helped me during the season, and thanks to all parents, families and friends for the great support you give at matches. A big thanks to all those that have ran the line too, a tough job!!

Matches This Season

Comp.	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
League	18	3	4	11	28	58
Cup	1	0	0	1	2	4
Friendlies *	3	1	0	2	1	2

* This was a mini-tournament that counts as 1 appearance

Team Details

No.	Player	Position	Games Season	Games Total	Goals Season	Goals Total
1	Jack Leavy	Goalkeeper	18	98	0	0
2	Callum Gammon	Defence	17	54	0	2
3	Josh Gardner	Defence	17	121	0	7
4	Thomas Byford	Defence	16	162	0	7
5	Scott Gledhill	Defence	19	170	0	0
6	Nicky Cox	Midfield	20	136	1	7
7	James Evans	Midfield	15	173	2	44
8	Jamie Wooller	Midfield	20	175	8	50
9	Matthew Bone	Forward	14	107	2	52
10	John Rankin-Maclean	Forward	18	171	5	183
11	Martyn Arnold	Midfield	18	178	5	52
12	Jake Weeks	Defence	14	148	0	17
14	Tommy Clark*	Forward	18	172	2	71
15	Jordan Harvey	Forward	15	15	4	4
16	Ryan White	Midfield	18	18	0	0
17	Bobby Carey	Midfield	14	14	2	0

* Total games/goals for club including 1st team and other RBFC Teams

David Evans - Manager

Rayleigh Boys Youth F.C - U16's - Season 2006/07

What a season we've had. We started at a bit of a trot dropping some points in the first 3 games. After that we seemed to find another gear until we met Kingdown for the return match of the season who beat us 2 nil, Just the wake up call we needed. We dropped no more points to the end of the season. As a result we finished as league winners.

We put together a good run in the County Cup only loosing on penalties in the 3rd round. The team that beat us reached the semi finals but lost to Dagenham & Redbridge 4 nil, Could have been us!

We have reached the final of the League cup which is to be played at Roots Hall on the 6th May. In my eyes we have already played the final which was the semi final against Trinity from the premiership. This game was superb. Down 2 nil, came back to 2 all and eventually won 7-6 on penalties.

We strengthened the team with a few old faces from years ago as well as 2 new players to the club. Well done to James Blewitt, Nick Cuthbert, Ryan Hamilton and Max Hall the returning old faces and well done to Dan Warmer and Jack Taiani, New faces to the Club. 1 player from the old B team joined us so welcome and well done to Tom Nash. A special thanks to Carl Houghton who played a number of key matches in Goal for us during Paul Heasmans injury, really well done.

The season wouldn't be complete without my thanks to a number of people who help in the general running of the team.

Dave Isaacs has been superb as my assistant this season. A voice of reason when tension ran high. I think we both smoked far too much during some of the games this season, Thanks Lads!!!

Bob Hart, who on more than 1 occasion took the team on match day in mine or Dave's absence, and of course all you supporters and linesmen, who have seen the team go from an unsuccessful beaten team from last year to a very successful outfit this year. Many thanks to you all. Every one of you is a credit to the Club, players and parents.

Played – 23 Won – 16 Drawn – 4 Lost - 3

Goals scored all Competitions - 86 (League 50, 1st, 2nd Kingdown 39)

Goals Conceded all Competitions – 35 (League 24, 2nd, best Kingdown 21)

League Position - **WINNERS**

County Cup – 3rd Round

League Cup – Finalists

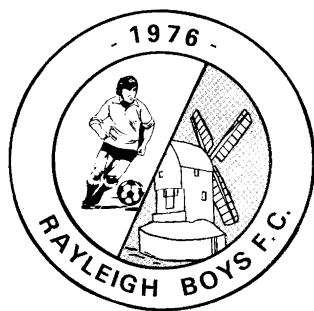
Squad

Paul Heasman, Nick Cuthbert, James Blewitt, Sam Isaacs, Greg Benson, Max Pitt, Carl Houghton, Dan Warmer, Cullen Marshall, Matt Wong, Jack Taiani, Ryan Hamilton, Matt Radford, Tom Nash, Josh Hart, Max Hall.

Coach: Dave Isaacs

I have enjoyed this season very much. It has been a real pleasure.

Andrew Marshall, Manager



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RECORD'S

RECORD SCORES

League Cup	32-2 V. Great Wakering
League Cup (without conceding)	31-0 V. Wittingham Panthers
Metro Cup	22 goals V. Harlow
Other Cups	26-0 V. Rochford Rangers
League (without conceding)	24-0 V. Leigh Ramblers

HONOURS

League Champions	23
League Runners-Up	28
Spring Trophy	5
League Cup Winners	15
League Cup Runners-Up	16
Winners of 5,6 and 7 a-side tournaments	72

RECORD APPEARANCES

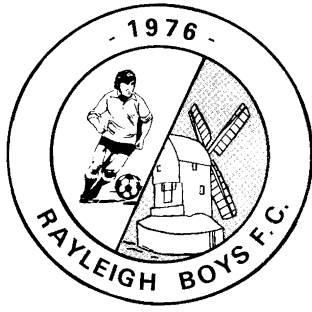
Christopher Tillbrook	-	270 games
Daniel Kittridge	-	265 games
James Ellis	-	264 games

RECORD GOALS

Most Goals Scored by a Rayleigh Boy	- 410 goals by Neil Harris
Most Goals Scored in One Season	- 88 goals by Neil Harris
Most Goals Scored in One Season by One Team	- 232 goals by U16's 92/93
Record Goals by one player in one match	- 16 goals by Paul Hodge
	- 10 goals by Darren Clarke
	- 10 goals by Neil Harris (twice)

MINI-SOCCER RECORDS 1997-2005

League Champions	13	
Cup Final Runner-up	3	
Mini Tournament Winners	16	
Spring Pennant Winners	1	
Record League Score	14-0	U9's (Pumas) 00/01
Record Goals by one player in one match	7	Jonathan Everett (U8s Leopards 99/00)
	7	Jack McQuibban (U8s Leopards 99/00)



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EX-PLAYERS

PROFESSIONAL CLUBS

The following boys have all been given the opportunity to be involved with professional clubs :-

R.Padgington	Southend United	N.Thurston	Southend United
D.Cornwall	Southend United	P.Newell	Southend United
K.Searl	Southend United	M.Darodo	Southend United
A.West	Southend United	K.Dearman	Southend United
D.Clare	Tottenham	P.Clark	Aston Villa
P.Cowell	Oxford United	B.Ikin	Norwich
N.Harris	Millwall	M.Lockwood	Leyton Orient
S.Forbes	Southend United		

Neil Harris Currently playing for Millwall, valued by them at over £1M.
Neil is the holder of some impressive scoring records for us.

Matt Lockwood Currently playing for Leyton Orient.