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**Hello DJFC Coaches, Members & Fans, It's been a while.**





**First and foremost**

On the 13th of January, we lay one of our own to rest, Craig Williams, a quiet family man and lovely fellow. Craig coached for the club for many years, and he ran numerous boy's and girl's teams with amazing success.

He was one of the coaches who help set up our wildcats centre for girls which now boasts 6 teams playing competitively in numerous leagues.

He has worked tirelessly at the club, volunteering his time coaching with our soccer School and amazing teams through to both 16's Boy's and 17's Girl's.

Along the way, he had county cup success along with league titles and cups and has an impressive achievement record.

But, the thing he enjoyed most was using his experience to encourage and give sound advice and values to players and building Children into adults for their future along the way.

Craig will be missed greatly by the whole of the club, and we wish to send our condolences of his sad passing to his family and we thank him for his service to football, DJFC & the community. He really was a true gentleman.

RIP Craig - Get in there!!

Your DJFC Family.

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**Under 11's Panthers - Coach:- Lee Wood (Far Right)**



Shortly after the COVID-19 Restrictions were lifted back in June 21, Lee took his son (Theo) with the view of him joining a Football team.

After a couple of sessions, Lee was approached by the coach at the time, who informed him that, due to the number of new signings at U11's, this was a new team and they needed a coach to get them through the season. Lee was reluctant at first, however a couple of sessions later the rest was history.

The team are starting to grow together and even become friends. We started our campaign with a great team effort and won **6-2**.

Lee has explained that he feels lucky to have such a great set of lads with the same vision & an equally good set of supportive parents. Lee also said that if anyone is toying with the idea of becoming a coach / assistant DO IT!!

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### **RESULTS - U15s Girls pumas:**

Pumas 4 - 1 Mancunian unity

Prestwich sapphires 2 - 4 Pumas

Pumas 2 - 4 AFC Manchester

Pumas 0 - 6 Crompton

Pumas 6 - 1 Failsworth dynamoes

Dukinfield tigers 2 - 4 Pumas

Pumas 4 - 4 Ramsbottom

Failsworth villa 3 - 6 Pumas

Pumas 2 - 0 Failsworth villa

AFC anchester 13 - 0 Pumas

Pumas 4 - 3 Dukinfield tigers

Pumas 6 - 2 Prestwich sapphires

Failsworth dynamoes 1 - 19 Pumas

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**Forthcoming fixtures:**

Pumas v Ashton pumas

Ramsbottom V Pumas

Mancunian unity v Pumas

Crompton v Pumas

Ashton pumas v Pumas

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## **U13's Girls Pumas**



Off and running with our first win of the new league, it's our first season in the south Manchester league playing on grass after moving over from four seasons in the North Manchester leagues on astro and after a slow start loosing our opening game and drawing in the next three games



we beat top of the table with a 4-3 win, fantastic performance and hard work throughout, a goal from our captain marvel April, a whipped in goal from the left side by Hermionie and two goals from our speedy winger Morayo who also picked up Girl of the game, we're currently sitting fourth in the league with a game in hand.

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## **U10's Pumas**



On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Droylsden Girl's U10 Pumas, took part in the Northwest Cup Tournament. They played 4 games in league format 15 minutes per game.

**Game 1: V: Manchester Football Dreams**

**Result: WIN – 1-0 (Goal scored by Amelia Houston).**

**Girl of the game: Marley Wild**

**Game 2: V: AFC Bolton Yellows**

**Result: 0-0**

**Girl of the game: Scarlet Owens**

**Game 3: V: Older Shaw**

**Result: Loss 0-3**

**Girl of the game: Minnie Donehey**

**Game 4: V: Whitehaven Girls**

**Result: 1-1 (Goal Scored by Isla Jones)**

**Girl of the game: Amelia Houston**

Quarter Final: V: AFC Bolton Greys

Result: 0-0 (Lost on penalties)

Girl of the game: Lillie Chadwick (Captain)

Player of the tournament: Isla Chadwick

Absolutely fantastic games, played by all the girls (especially when the weather got cold, wet and when darkness fell!)

They all enjoyed the experience and displayed a great team spirit throughout.

Coach: Ken Houston

Assistant Coach: Guy Harvey

Supported on the day by: Craig Cunningham-Clarke

This tournament was the last day for a core team player Bonnie-Bleu Trayner. We bid you all farewell as you move on after 3.5 years with DJFC. We wish you only the very best.

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### **The Puma's Under 11's**

They had their best performance and result on Saturday - beating our local rivals:- Brendon Bees.

The final score was 6-3 after being 2-0 down in the first 5 minutes. Hugo Duffy won the man of the match, whilst playing in defence for the first time.

Goals were scored by Damiete (2) Koby (2) Reece Ackers (1) and Reece Dalton (1).

There was a great attitude throughout the match, parents also had a fantastic attitude which helps the player's motivation.

Well done Puma's, DJFC are very proud of you! 🤝🏆👍

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Droylsden Predators / Pythons, under 7's teams were invited to play games against Manchester City's Advanced U6's group on the 8th February 2022 at the Burnage Hub, The players / coaches and parents represented our club perfectly and they all enjoyed the experience (as you can see below... there are many smiley faces 😊🏆👍)



Don't forget about KITLOCKER - this may interest our supporters at Droylsden. They offer outdoor clothing, training equipment, all with the bloods logo.









Happy 80th Birthday Deed, from everybody at DJFC.

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**Coaches Urgently Needed!!**

We need coaches for our Soccer School

Training is every Saturday morning, coaching children between 4-6

The session is for one hour however coaches usually arrive 30 minutes before, to set up.

Parents, Guardians and Ex Players are all welcome and the club will pay for your qualifications if required.

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