



Colchester United Community Sports Trust

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Advanced Coaching Programme (ACP)

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ACP Newsletter

Dear Players and Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011-12!

I hope all the players/parents had a nice summer break and have enjoyed the first weeks of the 2011-12 ACP season. Now we are back into the swing of things I trust the players have been working hard putting into practice the help and advice they have been given from their coaches.

During the summer we saw some changes within the ACP when my good friend and work colleague for the past 6 years Sean Hillier decided to move onto pastures new. I have been given the task of following in Sean's footsteps by now co-ordinating both the Colchester and Maldon programmes. So from now on any ACP issues please refer them to me by either phoning 07738 321969 (Sean's old number) or email wlowry@cucst.org.uk.

Our partnership with the Colchester United Football Club Centre of Excellence (COE) continues to flourish and over a busy summer period saw us both hold open trials. During the COE trials some ACP players were invited to attend unfortunately none were lucky to get signed however a worthwhile experience for those players and if they continue to work and develop in the ACP programme they could attempt to be successful at the next opportunity.

The COE trials also saw ACP staff attend, this gave us the opportunity to assess the players. If unsuccessful at the COE trial, however at the required ACP standard this gave us the opportunity to invite those players to the ACP or for an extended trial.

The ACP open trial was once again well supported; from this we selected players to attend a further select trial. The successful players from the select trial are now attending the ACP, or are on a 7 week trial.

Also during the off season we saw more ACP successes with 4 players Jack Mahon (U9), Harry Williams (U9), Jack Tyrer (U14) and Tom Monk (U15) all successful in obtaining a COE contract with CUFC, we wish them every success and look forward to hearing about their progress.

To ensure both ACP and COE are kept up to date Corin Haines and I are having monthly meetings with Sean Thacker (CUFC COE Manager). The purposes of these meetings are to discuss progress of players and to organise matches v COE and CUFC Development Centres. To keep up date on the ACP programme during the season please refer to the attached diary. This will be updated on the website at www.cucst.org.uk throughout the season.

BREAKING NEWS

We have just been informed that former ACP player Callum Rogers has just been offered a 2 year CUFC youth team scholarship. Callum was an ACP player until U12 and was offered a COE contract at U13, we would like to congratulate Callum on his achievement and glad that his ACP experience has been part of his development and wish him all the best for the future. This is another success story for the Colchester United Player Progression Pathway ACP Player - COE Player - Youth Team Scholarship.

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During Half Term ACP Colchester will host matches from Under 7's - Under 16's v Norwich City at Shrub End, attached to this letter/email are the details. The date of the games is Friday 28th October and will be preceded by a training day on Thursday 27th.

ACP Maldon will be playing Tottenham Hotspur at Plume School on Tuesday 25th October, attached to this letter/email are the details.

There are limited places available for these fixtures, so please book early to avoid disappointment. It is very important the ACP coaches see the players during matches and in a competitive environment, especially to access their ability and to see if they can transfer their work from training into a game environment.

We are in the process of distributing what Puma kit that is available and have also just placed a new order for items recently ordered, once they arrived with us they are then sent to the embroiderer, once they are returned we can then distribute. This is the busiest time of the season for ordering and embroidering kit! Thanks for your patience when waiting for the kit.

As previously mentioned I will be your main contact for ACP Colchester and Maldon, however for any payment issues, please speak with our Admin Department on 01206 572378 or email Abigail Saxon asaxon@cucst.org.uk.

Enjoy the season!

Kind regards,

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