

Woodchester Football Club – Season Report 2008-2009 from Vice Chairman Kevin Davies

August was upon us – the start of a new season. I wondered just how well it was going to go after a disappointing season before. The changing rooms finished and the pitch cut we were as ready as we could be for our first game of the season at home.

The first part of the season started well with seven points from the first four games with good performances from a very young squad that exceeded my expectations. The next two months were a bit hit and miss as we were struggling to find players, with injuries and people having to work having a serious effect on the team over this period. But we still managed four losses and three wins in this period which was acceptable under the circumstances.

At this time we won our second round match in the Charity Cup away at North Nibley, a run that would eventually end in semi final heartbreak, but more on that later. At the halfway point in the season we were sitting pretty in the top four – as we had two weeks off for Christmas more than I expected at the start.

The second half of the season got underway after the Christmas break and the team got off to a good start winning our first three games in the league comfortably. Then came the quarter final in the Charity Cup against Randwick, who are a league above, and what was our finest game of the season with Woodchester winning 5-2. The following four games in the league provided mixed fortunes, with one win, one draw and two losses.

The last six games of the league were as good as I could have asked for, with four wins, one draw and one loss which was at the hands of the eventual champions who had not been beaten all season. It was against this team that we lost in the semi final of the Cup – Woodchester were outstanding on this occasion, leading 1-0 until the 80th minute when we conceded two late goals. All in all the season went much better than expected with such a young team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their hard work and commitment, to Carol at the Kings Head who provides Sausage and Chips and a welcome smile after every home game, to Mark Bridle for going to league meetings and to our Chairman Mr Alistair Weir whose financial backing kept the club afloat and for the day to day running he does. A special thank you to our Manager Malcolm Robinson for ringing players, washing kit and ground keeping – all of which he does on his own with no complaints. Also to Andy and Pamela Brown who supply electricity free of charge.

To everyone involved in Woodchester FC your support is fantastic and we look forward to seeing you next year. Any new players (or old!) wishing to come along next year please call Malcolm Robinson on 0752 7116930 (10+ years)

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