

REPORT: 13th February 2010

"We can beat them / Just for one day / We can be heroes / Just for one day"
David Bowie, Heroes.

- **the Under 11s** played their semi-final against **Ratton Rangers** on the 3G pitch at the Downs Leisure Centre. Ratton were very impressive and if games were won on pre-match warm ups we'd have been out before the kick-off! But fortunately they're not. Playing with heart, commitment and no little skill we took the lead through Ryan Jackson's powerful run and finish. Before half-time Louis Bradley's well taken shot made it 2-0. Ryan made it 3-0 early in the second half. Ratton pulled one back but we went straight up the other end and made it 4-1 through Sid Barnes. Parents alternated between cheering the boys on and looking at their watches. As Ratton threw everything forward they pulled two back to make the last few minutes quite tense but the boys ran out **4-3** winners to secure a final against **Saltdean United** at Peacehaven and Telscombe FC on Sunday 20th March - if you are free please come along and support the team.
- **the Under 10s** have broken cover and filed reports for last week and this. Last week they recorded what (I think) is a club record for the season, winning **15-0** against **Peacehaven Youth**. Exceptional work by the whole team and an outstanding performance by Dexter Sherin who scored 11 (yes, eleven). Further goals came courtesy of Alfie Haggar's hatrick and a goal by Callum Peploe. This weekend they ventured an 11-a-side game in advance of next season against **Rottingdean Village Blue** and again scored double figures running out **13-0** winners. The whole team played well in very challenging conditions and after an exceptional goal from Tom Cooklin it was Dexter Sherin (4) Alfie Haggar (3) Jake Thompsett (2) Ollie Treagus (2) and debutant Charlie Wells (1) who scored the goals.
- **the Under 9s (Snakes)** faced a **Premier FC** who had not lost a first fixture all season - and won! Combining brilliant defence with strong running from midfield to take a 2-0 lead at half time through Jay Pullen and Harrison Ovendan's excellent finishes. The second half saw a determined Premier come out but although they pulled one back we held on to win **2-1**. The second game was tougher as we tried players in different positions. While we competed well, we were unlucky to lose the game 6-2 - our goals coming through Jack O'Connell and Jay Pullen.
- **the Under 9s (Scorpions)** played away at **Eastbourne Borough** and were disappointed to lose the first game **1-4**. Despite playing some attractive football we went into break three down and although Henry Carey's really crisp strike pulled one back we conceded another before the end. We approached the second game with more purpose and won a rather one sided affair against a developing Eastbourne second string **9-1**. Goals came from Mac Felix Smith, Mac Carter (2), George Sheill, Henry Carey (2) and a well deserved hat trick from Fraser Cox.
- **the under 8s** faced a strong **Sovereign Saints** side on the front at Eastbourne. Playing against the wind and uphill we were two up at half-time through Felix Atfield-Davis and Joe Shersby-Wignall. A determined Saints team, however, came back hard in the second half and forced a **2-2** draw. The second game saw us take a 2-1 lead into half-time thanks to goals from Felix and Eli Johnston. Ollie Lumsden then hit a long-range rocket to give us a **3-1** victory.

Richard