



# FOOTBALL FANATICS NEWS

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Youngsters from Merseyside learning to work and play together through sport - look out for their match reports

Football Fanatics wish to thank tournament organisers from Hope University: Kate Crowder, Anna Cocker and Lyndsey Newcombe.

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## Football Fanatics Fantastic success

By Khirstie Mudge and Lucy Kehoe

The fantastic success of the football fantastic day is a culmination of the community football work with over 240 children involved from schools and community clubs coming from all over the region as far as Everton, Anfield and Kirkby. Funded by Campaign For Learning, Reading Families Millennium Awards. The project has engaged parents and children with computer work, and a variety of skills including citizenship, and sport.

Coordinators, Mark Mckevitt (of Millers) and John Patterson, for the project said: "The project will be developing Citizenship assemblies using Hope Students alongside Liverpool Football Club and Merseyside Police."

During the Football Fanatics day children took part in a knock out football league. Penalty shoot-outs and football skills.

Granddad, Ian Adamson, whose grandson, 7-year-old Andrew Lloyd was taking part said, "The event was very well organised, and it was great to see so many young people enjoying themselves and keeping so fit. A fantastic opportunity for youngsters to have a fabulous day playing sport and learning so much."

**Well done to Mark Mckevitt of Millers FC and John Patterson of Hope!**



**JOHN SIMPSON (SPRINGWOOD)  
Winner - Under 8's Shootout.**



## Miraculous 5 Year Old Shows Us How To Do It! Exclusive Under 8's

Report written by Khirstie Mudge and Kate Crowder

5 year old Christopher Merrie, the youngest player of the tournament scored a magic hat-trick for Millers Football team today. The youngster demonstrated fantastic ball skills and amazing goal scoring techniques. He netted the three tremendous goals in just 20mins, leaving the rest of the players astounded. The Merrie family are feeling very 'merry' today. His dad said, "I'm so proud of my son he is a little battler and hopefully will have a great career out of the game." Chris was unfazed by the glory and was just concerned about his next match. Watch this space for future action, a star has emerged!

## The 'Rocket' Blasts A Goal In For Ashville Under 9's

By Sam Hughes



**NATHAN DURKIN (MILLERS)  
Winner - Under 9's Shootout.**

## Heroic Houldings Battle Back!

By Callan Burn and Josh Hill

This exciting under 12's match saw Houldings, managed by Billy Wilson, fend off Terry Murphy's Millers. A lot of early pressure and some good moves from Houldings forced Millers goalie, Tony Fanning to pull off some fantastic saves. Although Houldings dominated the initial period of the match a counter attacking move from Millers lead to a powerful opening goal netted by Jonno. Millers now filled



with confidence continued their pledge for victory encouraged by Craig Leather's half way line lob at goal. This excellent shot aimed into the top left corner of goal pushed Houldings keeper to pull out an impressive save. Houldings never gave up hope and were repaid

justifiably, a superbly drilled shot from Callum Burn bringing Houldings level. Soon after an excellent pass from the wing gave Houldings' Josh Hill a fantastic opportunity to clinch the match by skilfully slotting the ball away to the back of the net. The result 2 1 to Houldings. Man of the match went to Houldings' Phil Ferguson on his debut for the team. "A tremendous game, well fought, and I think the best team won on the day" said Billy Wilson the pleased Houldings Manager.

The under 9s contest set the standard for a fantastic football tournament held at Hope University today. The football skills from both sides were 'University Standard'. It was a close shave as the game ended 1-0 to Ashville. Tom Nelson now named 'The ROCKET' blasted the free kick into the back of the net. Springwood showed professional skills working as a team and trying hard to get the game back.

Over enthusiastic, Ashville coach Andy Billington said, "Its like watching Brazil both teams are putting up a magnificent display of skill."

Kate Crowder one of the organisers of the event said, "The children have thoroughly enjoyed the day and stated that one young David Beckham potential told me, that they wish they could come every Sunday."



**JAMES CLARKE (MAGS)  
Winner - Under 10's Shootout.**

## Mag's Victory Over Pato's In The Under 11's League

By James Clarke and Daniel Gillan

Huyton Mag's under 11 team defeated West Derby's Pato's 3-2 in a thrilling opening match in the under 11 league today. Mikey Atherton opened the score for Mag's before Sam Gray equalised for Pato's. Mag's coach, Joe Herry said: "It was a great ball from Andy Furclough which made the goal opportunity for Mickey Atherton."



"The second goal scored by Jack Facenfield from Mag's hit the goalkeeper's hand and went in", said Daniel Gillan.

Kyle Hughes scored another goal for Mag's, while Darren blasted in ball to back of the net for Pato's, but it was too late and the final score was Mag's 3-2 Pato's. Alison Patterson and Terry Pierson, coaches of the Pato's said: "The boys from both teams showed wonderful team spirit."



**A big thanks to the Hope student teachers who volunteered their time and engaged their skills.**



**West Derby under 11's take their photo shoot before the action!**



**STEPHEN CHIOCCHI (OLYMPIC)  
Winner - Under 11's Shootout.**

