



Winners of the Kent Disability League Championship Div. 2



*1066 Specials
Report
September 2014*



A warm welcome back to the players, coaches, parents, carers and to all of the volunteers who continue to give up their time to make the 1066 Specials a very special football club. Here's to another fantastic season of football, fun and friendship!



'Arnold's View from the Subs Bench ...



I'm going to start off with a whinge! What on earth were those coaches doing? Taking *me* off after only twenty minutes against Lloyd's Bank? Don't they recognise natural flair and talent? I was just getting in to the game and I hadn't even started to score my hat trick. I would have made even more impact on the game if only my team mates had bothered to pass to me. But, seriously, I was so proud to wear the 1066 Specials shirt and collect my medal. Also, a special thanks to Brian, Liam and the lads and lasses of Lloyd's Bank, who set up the game and generously raised a substantial sum for the Specials. We all had an enjoyable time and we understand that the Bank would like to make this a regular event. We look forward to welcoming them to our first training session.

Whilst waiting for my next chance to play for the front side, I have been continuing to take every opportunity to wave the 1066 Specials flag. If you hear about or know of any organisations or groups that would like a speaker, please let me know. Recently, I was invited by the Lord Lieutenants of East and West Sussex to speak at an information event about the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The audience were members of voluntary organisations throughout Sussex. It is a great honour for the Specials to be awarded the equivalent of the MBE and I described the positive effects as the three 'P's'. Pride, Profile and Pounds! We all share in the pride, the profile of the 1066 Specials has certainly been raised, and we have come to the notice of individuals and organisations who have expressed a wish to raise sponsorship for us. As we continue to grow, raising finance will always be important!

Over the summer break, the 1066 Specials volunteers continued to give up their time on behalf of the Club. Special thanks are due to our selfless, hardworking committee and especially to Fiona, our enthusiastic secretary. Now in her second year, she has really taken the bull by the horns. Head Coach and Vice Chairman, Paul has been appointed to the executive committee of the Sussex FA Disability League together with player David Barrett. I recommend that you read Paul's View on page 3. His passion for the Specials is clear and we are very lucky to have someone with his drive, energy and sincerity to oversee the progress of the Club in to the future.

The 1066 Specials commence the twelfth season with confidence. Last year we won the 2nd Division of the strong Kent Disability League as well as winning the League Cup. All our teams, both Adult and Junior, represented the Club with distinction and have earned a well deserved reputation for playing the game in the right spirit. This coming season we will have three adult teams plus two junior sides playing in the newly formed Sussex League as well as defending our title of Cup Winners in Kent.

I might only be the Sub, but I am delighted to be able to sit back and watch the continuing success of the Club that is so close to my heart. The family of the 1066 Specials have shared some good times over the years, but as I observe the quality, endeavour and skills of the players, coaches, and our extraordinary volunteers, I am tempted to tell myself,

" 'Arnold, you ain't seen nuthin yet! "

*View from the Coach,
(who also happens to be our
Vice-Chair),
Paul Anderson*



This fantastic Club has continued to develop, and as with any football club or business, continued growth gives rise to more challenges and decision making.

We have an excellent committee where most of the decisions are made, and this will always be the 1066 Specials way. As the Club continues to evolve, however, everyone **connected with it have their views, opinions and ideas on how things 'should be' run.**

I would like to make clear, that I am always approachable and even though we all live in the world of technology and communicate daily through email, twitter and facebook, I am still old fashioned enough to believe and appreciate the power of CONVERSATION. May I appeal to the players, coaches, parents, carers and volunteers to *PLEASE* talk to me (not all at once!) about your views and ideas, so that together we can continue to successfully develop the 1066 Specials.

In all successful organisations leadership is important and necessary. Decisions do have to be made and strategies implemented. Unfortunately, in the real world it is impossible to please everybody all of the time. But it must be remembered that the 1066 Specials Football Club has developed spectacularly since its foundation in 2003, but there is still a long **and exciting journey ahead. So, let us go forward together with a " can do" positive attitude, and most importantly, continue to simply put smiles on faces., 'cos ENJOYMENT is our aim!!!**



The 1066 Specials
Friendly Squad

Specials Report



Our Junior Section, which is absolutely crucial to the future of our Club, continues to blossom under their effervescent Coach/Co-ordinator Kirsty Donno and her coaching team. Here is Kirsty's view and report :

Since the last 'Specials Report', the Junior Section has seen several changes. First of all we said farewell to long serving coach, Jonathan Haddock. He still keeps in contact with me and retains his interest in how everyone is getting on and still promotes the Club and encourages players to join. The Juniors have also regrettably lost the services of Naomi due to the pressure of other commitments, but like Jonathan, she keeps in contact and continues to be interested in following the club's progress.

One big change that the Juniors have undergone, and the best one ... IT HAS GROWN! We are experiencing a constant flow of new players which means more players regularly attend training and we are also seeing great progress by all the players in improving their skill levels.

The Juniors have also played in two Sussex FA Disability football tournaments with some success. We played in the Kent League, but we did not get the best of results. When we went to our first Sussex tournament, we did not know what to expect. But the Juniors donned their kits and set about showing the opposition what the 1066 Specials are all about, winning two games and only narrowly losing one. At the next tournament we won one, lost one and drew one.

All of the Junior teams have been working hard both on and off the pitch and are starting to look a real threat to the England side. Maybe England should contact the 1066 Specials to learn how to play football the proper way!

I would like to thank Luke, Tristan, Simon and Mark Moon for all their help, and congratulations to all of those who qualified as Level One FA coaches. Well done everybody—Keep up the good work!!!



The Harold Lawrence Trophy heads back to Surrey!

1066 Specials v Surrey Blues—Saturday 10th May 2014

On a wind blown pitch at St. Richards School, two teams showed off their skills and sportsmanship in an afternoon of football. Four seven-a-side games were played with the first two played to decide the winners of the trophy. The first was a very close match. The Specials scored first, but eventually lost the tie 4-3. The winner was an unstoppable free kick which would have been a worthy winner in any class of football. The second game ended 5-1 to the Surrey Blues, although it was much closer than the score appears. The Specials missed their chances whilst the Blues converted their opportunities to score. The final games were played with a great spirit of sportsmanship. With some reluctance, Harold presented the jubilant Surrey Blues with the cup. He congratulated the winners but expressed the hope that the 1066 Specials win back the trophy before it becomes the Harold Lawrence Memorial Cup!

The afternoon had proved to be a delightful experience for both the participants and the spectators. The football was of a high standard but the real winners on the afternoon were sportsmanship and friendship. We look forward to the return fixture in Surrey this season to renew friendships and win back that trophy!



1066 Specials V Surrey Blues Teams (One and Two)

The family of the 1066 Specials



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As mentioned previously in this issue (and on many other occasions over the years!) the aspirations of the 1066 Specials has to be fuelled from income. We are always hugely grateful to the organisations and individuals who support our ambitions by their sponsorship. We have continued to be generously supported by Bexhill Rotary Club and have also received welcome financial encouragement from James Wilmoth of Wilmoth Motors, Battle (Provision of Coaches' Jackets), Battle Rotary Club, Colin Belsey (Chairman of East Sussex C.C.) and Graham Peters DL (Past High Sheriff of East Sussex) all of whom have contributed towards the smart rain jackets that have been issued to both the Adult and Junior squads. We always have on-going costs to cover travel and renewals of kit and equipment. Not only are we grateful for the support but equally we value the warmth and friendship from our supporters, Donna and Sam are two such individuals and the following article together with photograph was published in the local press:

“Eastbourne District Hospital physiotherapist Donna Gurr together with her friend Samantha Kenward, having learned of the 1066 Specials Football Club being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (The MBE for groups), determined that they would like to raise sponsorship for the Club. They decided to take on the challenge of walking to the top of the three highest peaks in the UK (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon) all within twenty-four hours. They were successful in all their endeavours and at last Saturday's training session, Chairman Harold Lawrence was grateful to receive from the intrepid walkers a cheque for the huge sum of £990. They received a loud cheer from players, coaches and supporters whilst Harold suggested three more mountains that they might like to scale!”



Donna and Sam came along to our final training session and presented the 1066 Specials with a cheque for £990 !!!



GIFT AID IT !!

On the advice of Donna and Sam we are in future going to make the collection of sponsorship more user friendly by signing up to a 'Just Giving' account. We are also encouraging any individual tax-paying donors (not corporate) to gift aid their sponsorship donations. This effectively increases their donation by 25p for every £ donated to our charity. More information about both of these fund-raising initiatives will be posted on to our website: www.1066specials.org.uk



Three Cheers for the 1066 Specials Volunteers!

The Committee:

Paul Anderson; Fiona Kavanagh-Deeprouse; Chris Mann; Kirsty Donno; Geoff Aslett; Mark Moon; Esther Thomson; Mandy Donno

The Coaches:

Paul Anderson; Kirsty Donno; Geoff Aslett; Duncan Nolan; Chris Osborne; Mark Moon, Charles Shaw; Clark Cham(Clarky); Thomas Elphick; Luke Kavanagh-Deeprouse; Tristan Curtis; Simon Curtis; Scott Greenway

The Board of Trustees:

Harold Lawrence; Danny Sallows; John Meadows; Roger Batey, John Cooper

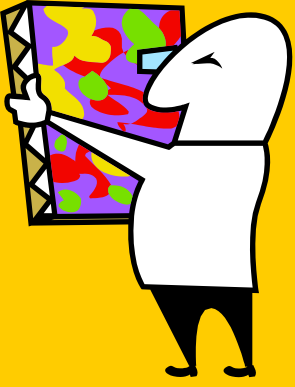
Welfare Officers:

Kirsty Donno and Chris Mann



If your name does not appear above, and you wish it did ~

*Make it **your goal** to become a
1066 Specials Volunteer*



*Even more pictures of the 1066
Specials having Fun*



Training Dates

First and Last Saturday Morning each Month (unless notified)
September 2014—July 2015

2014

September

6th

27th

October

4th

25th

November

1st

29th

December

6th

20th

2015

January

31st

February

7th

28th

March

7th

28th

April

4th

25th

2015

May

2nd

30th

June

6th

27th

July

Training Times:

Adult: 09:30—11:00

Juniors: 11:00—12:00

Venue:

Bexhill College,
Penland Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea

Subs: £3.00 per session

Sussex FA Disability League

2014

21st September

19th October

16th November

7th December

2015

8th March

19th April

17th May

21st June

Venue:

The Hassocks Sports
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Dale Avenue,
Hassocks
West Sussex BN6 8LP

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