

Dear Friends,

I am happy to report that the U12 gave a great performance to end what has been a very good year for the club.

Our first game against Mellor got off to an impressive start with goals from Matt and Frazer the defence of Louis, Ollie and James played constantly well every game Louis is formidable with the long pole James has turned defence into attack with some superb long runs and Ollie continues to grow with good positional play and no fear when tackling much larger boys. Wilmslow held on to win this game 2 – 1.

Game Two was against Cheadle Hulme, and the impressive start continued, the midfield of Matt, JD and Frazer controlled play and the addition of Ben into midfield his first LAX game ever was fantastic. Two goals from Matt secured a very hard fought battle. CH scoring a third but disallowed goal after the horn meant that points wise we looked very strong going into the last two games. Draw 2 - 2

We had a long break and tiredness was a factor in our third game with Oldham, two quick goals in the first 3 mins seemed to take the energy from the team and even a Pazza goal couldn't bring us back, Matt made many long runs on to goal but it was a day when those shots just would not go in. around the goal Maximus, and Jacob worked to pick up anything they could to keep the pressure on and Tom again another first timer played with great pace but the ball would just not cross the line. With chasing the game we allowed Oldham more space and they continued to score, well played Oldham we were there only win of the day but they deserved it with a 5 – 1 win.

This made the last game vitally important and back to back, Rochdale dominated and Charlie worked harder than most his clean catches and quick release gave us hope but that energy was just not there, other teams seemed to have much bigger squads than ours and by this game it showed, injuries to Matt and Frazer slowed our attacks down but they all kept working, Mega Mini showed that his heart is 6ft tall all day he didn't stop attacking the ball and he certainly did the number 20 shirt proud, a shirt formally worn by another titan called max. Matt started to work the ball into Pazza but again that bit of luck we needed was missing. Matt and Pazza did eventually get on the score sheet but we lost 2 – 5

We had finished 9<sup>th</sup> and although the boys showed their usual respect and happiness for the game and each other, no heads dropped as we went into a very rushed final game, Heaton Mersey had decided to pack up and go home so we were asked to play straight away against Mellor. Squad size played its part again as Mellor dominated and finally won with a 0 - 4

Dave Egan took the boys for a sit down chat and I must let you all know that his touch line control and management was first class, he showed consideration to all players and called to the referee for any infringement even if by a Wilmslow player. We were in good hands.

### **What Now?**

Training has finished for Summer so you all can take a break, we have a new coach in the new season, we have a great group of boys but please we need more..... so please keep looking for my emails as I will send out information as I get it.

### **Finally.**

Parents well done for your fantastic support, I am a parent firstly and I know how hard it is to balance your time and what effort you all put in.

**Lacrosse is a growing sport and if stays on track will be an Olympic sport, its inclusion date earliest is 2020 however 2024 is more realistic, so U12 is a prime age target for this goal?**

**David Appleby**