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Lawford Success

Lawford U18s are Colchester & District Youth League champions. After losing only one of their sixteen League games, our U18s are this season's Division A winners. With a final tally of 41 points Lawford headed off strong challenges from Frinton & Walton and Halstead Town, both of whom finished on 38 points. John Duchars, U18s manager, said "I am so pleased for all the players. They demonstrated tremendous commitment and hard work throughout the season and the whole squad played their part in this success. What a way to end your Youth Football experience."

Harry Carmichael, the team Captain, said "The success was built from the

back. In our first 3 league games we conceded 7 goals, but we went on to only concede 9 goals all season and kept 11 clean sheets. They were so solid after those initial games and it gave everyone confidence. The team got stronger in midfield and in attack because of it. Of course, 39 goals from Christian Rayner also helped".

Amongst the Senior teams Lawford Ladies have continued to have a fantastic season. The Ladies were narrowly beaten in the Essex County Cup quarter final losing out to higher league opposition Writtle FC. However, they went one stage better in the Essex
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John Duchars
U18s Manager





Many thanks to Rose Builders for sponsoring the First Team's kit for the forthcoming season.



Forthcoming Events

Youth & Junior Awards:
Sunday 11 June

Lawford FC AGM:
Tuesday 20 June

5-a-side Tournament:
Sunday 2 July

Registration—Youth &
Junior: Sunday 16 July

Short Corner

News from around the Club

New First Team Manager

Welcome to Andy Young who has been appointed as Manager of the First Team. Andy started his playing career at Mistley before going on to play for a number of teams including Lawford. More recently he managed Brantham Reserves, leading the team to victory in the Reserves Senior Cup during his first season.

Charter Renewal

Last month the Club's Youth & Junior section successfully renewed its Charter Status. The FA Charter Standard **CHARTER STANDARD** aims to improve grassroots football and to make a difference in the local communities. The Club has held its charter status since 2006. Thank you to our Chairman for his work co-ordinating the Charter Standard renewal and also to John O'Mara, who has maintained FA Charter Standard for the Seniors since 2009.



First Competitive Matches

The U7s had their first competitive 5 v 5 games on Sunday 12th of March against our friends at Stanway Rovers. We played a couple of closely fought games with Lawford goals in the first game coming from William Finan & Jack Bunyan and in the second game Callum Livingstone gave a man of the match performance scoring 4 goals, Isaac Smith also found his way onto the score sheet. The boys all gave it their all and played their games in the right spirit. Well done to all players.



U14s Local Derby

Over the last few seasons matches between Lawford U14s and Little Oakley Reds have become something of a local derby. Always thrilling for spectators, and on occasion eventful,



these have been closely fought games. So it was a fitting end to this season that this was our last league fixture. A spirited game, played with tremendous sportsmanship, Lawford won by 6 goals to 5. Sadly, Little Oakley have decided to combine their Reds and Blues next season and while we wish them well for the future, we will miss our local derby.



Lawford play host to Norwich City

In February Lawford U11s hosted Norwich City EPDS (elite player development squad) at School Lane. Despite the snow and freezing conditions both teams played out a thoroughly entertaining game. We deliberately played the game without a referee or linesman and the players were asked to be honest around throw ins and goal kicks. All players were a credit to their clubs as they policed the game without any fuss.

Full size images can be found at www.lawfordfc.co.uk



Paul Smart
U9s Manager

Get Involved!

For most players, parents and carers, the face of Lawford Football Club is their team manager and coaches. But these individuals do a great deal more work behind the scenes to make sure that training is properly organised and that fixtures happen. And supporting them are club officials, dealing with finance, fixtures, child welfare, football development, league matters, the clubhouse and grounds, media and fund raising.....amongst other things! We can always do with more help. If you would like to get more involved in anyway please speak to your manager or contact John Duchars, Club Chairman.

Ninety seconds with Paul Smart, U9s Manager

How did you first become involved in the Club?

Both boys play for Lawford, one in the Ugs and one in the U11s

What has been the highlight of your time at the Club so far?

It has been great to see all the boys develop as each season progresses.

Other than Lawford FC, which team do you support? Newcastle United

What is your all time football highlight?
Newcastle 5 Man Utd 0 - back in the mid 90s!

If you could change one thing about the game what would it be?

Some silverware for Newcastle United

Bacon butty or ham & cheese panini?

Bacon sarny all the way

Do you have a football nickname?

Paulo Smartini - based on the AC Milan superstar

Who is your football hero?

David Batty

Outside of football how do you spend your spare time?

Running, playing pool, gardening, DIY and a bit of parenting

What is the best advice you've been given? Always do your best

Half-time oranges - good idea? Yes!!!

If you could choose one piece of music to be played as you come on to the pitch what would it be?

Theme tune to KillBill

Thank you Paul

Lawford Success cont.

FA Ladies League Cup reaching the semi-final. The search for silverware continues with a great 6-3 victory against Frontiers Ladies in the Tiptree Cup semi-final. The final is on Wednesday 10 May at White Notley FC.

The league form continues to impress. With 6 league games to go, Lawford sit 2nd in the Essex FA Ladies Premier League having only lost 3 league games all season .

But that's not all! The ladies also made it through to the regional Peoples FA Cup and currently hold the Essex FA Ladies 5 a-side trophy. No one could have believed at the start of the season just how much progress these ladies could have made, but hard work and belief have seen Lawford Ladies FC being one of the feared ladies' teams in the county. You can follow us on Twitter by searching for Lawford Ladies FC.





New Players

Are you or do you know anyone interested in playing for Lawford FC? Please find contact details for all teams at our website :-

www.lawfordfc.co.uk

Share your experience

Do you have news items or images that we could use for our website & newsletter? Please e-mail to Nick Anderson.

For the Youth / Junior section, please first check with team managers that everyone is happy for photographs to be taken and also remember these should always be of groups of players rather than individuals.

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