

**OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS
COACHES/DADS
TOURNAMENT 2013**

**Friday 14 June 6-9pm at
Woodfarm Astro**

Families are encouraged to
come along and support your
year group for this annual event.

Team OLM Newsletter

June 2013



Coaches/Dads tournament preview special

Sparring begins as Coaches/Dads tournament gears up for another thrilling competition. Last years finalists talk to **Gurnham Spears** ahead of the tournament but will they reach the final again or is it time for another year group to score?

The pressure is now on the team of 2001 as they seek to retain their title as champions of the Coaches/Dads tournament however coach Paul McConnell has no fears “we just try to take each tournament as it comes and focus on the next game. It will be tough this year especially as the tournament will be a round robin initially, then play-offs whereas last year we did not play all the teams.” Last years eventual winners did not have it all their own way as they were beaten in the earlier round by 2003, the team they beat in the final. Stamina proved to be the decisive factor as 2003s fitness levels dwindled throughout

the tournament. Coach for 2003s Billy McCall had some fighting talk for his adversaries of a year ago “fitness levels done for us last year but we did not lack in skill and flair, 2001s were no match in the first game and frankly



Mone last years player of the tournament

could not compete on a footballing level. This year we are beset with some in-

juries but we have enough personnel to fill in and am sure they will do a good job.” 2003s are indeed in some difficulty with players as Denis Mone, player of the tournament last year is in contract negotiations as I write this column. Mone has been on loan with the P1s since the start of the year, a move curiously initiated by McConnell, and this has split Mone's loyalties “Yes it is true I have been helping to build the P1s and my future may lie there for the next few seasons but my allegiances are with 2003s that has been my team for the last few seasons and continues to be so til my contract is up”.

Shake-up for this years tournament as organisers invite P1s

Archie McFearsome
in Thornliebank

Our Lady of the Missions Coaches/Dads Tournament will take on a slightly different complexion this year as the school initiates the first P1 team into the competition. Taking place on **Friday 14 June 6-9pm at Woodfarm Astro** the annual competition originally had six teams but now has seven. This changes the set up slightly as there will now be a round robin with four teams going into a semi-final. In the round robin phase there will be three games played at the same time with refereeing responsibilities going to Maurice Hickey and the rested team. Each game will probably be shorter in length given there will be six games played by each team in the initial phase of the tournament and then a semis and the final. The eventual winners will have to play a gruelling eight games and the team that has good overall fitness stands a good chance.

2011/12 Rogues Gallery

Champions: **Team 2001**



GOLDEN BOOT:
Fraser Murray 2001

BEST GOALKEEPER

BEST PLAYER:
Denis Mone 2003

CONTRIBUTION AWARD:
Eamonn Murphy



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