

CTiS&D Fellowship Football team

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The CTiS&D football team has made a good start to the season so far and has risen to second in the league albeit having played a game or two more than some of the others. We have caused a few upsets already with wins against leaders Icthus and last years league final winners Monks Hadleigh. As one of older teams in terms of player ages it is not too bad a start and there is a good team ethic beginning to be built. We might not have the speed and stamina of some of the younger teams but if we play as a unit and defend together we have seen results are forthcoming.

Some background to the current team might be helpful. There are currently 15 named players in the squad although a number of these are not currently available for selection. One of the younger players, Nicky, decided early on in the season that what with playing at the weekend and other commitments he didn't feel able to also play on the Monday. We do want to encourage the younger guys and we are pleased to have Craig a new player this year at left back. Adam continues in goal who for a young lad has proven to be a brilliant keeper. Our 3-1 win over ICTHUS recently was down in large part to his string of stunning saves.

Paul Tamsett continues to act as team overseer together with main responsibility for the League itself. This is no small task pulling things together; ensuring teams are doing match reports, fees being paid, sending texts and still getting calls from players wanting a lift. He deserves a lot of credit for the work he has put in over many years and we are seeing the fruits now. The CTiS&D team also has a new team assistant this year: Mark Gillett who has recently moved to Great Cornard with his wife and two children. He has taken on doing the match reports for the team and some of the match day prayers and trying to help Paul generally with the team. The teams take it in turns doing a short talk before each game which is generally trying to underline the Christian ethos of the league, for example the free kick rule, or why we don't have referees. We feel this is an important part of fellowship football and might be the only few minutes in the week where God is mentioned in the lives of many of the players.

There is so much potential and we have recently had the first Soul Cafe this season which was well supported by the teams all entering the quiz. It is the only opportunity for many guys to hear some teaching relevant to them.

We are looking to provide more regular updates to all our supporters.

We value your prayer and support for the CTiS&D team and Fellowship Football in general and we feel that God is blessing it greatly.

Mark Gillett 1-11-2012

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Prayer Requests

We would appreciate your prayer support for the following:

- for games free from serious injury.
- for games to be played in the right spirit.
- that the guys involved and those we play against are a good example.
- for the CTiS&D team and opportunities beyond the Monday night football for them to come together socially to build relationships. For good relationships between team overseers.
- for Paul in particular; for encouragement and also for others within the League to step up and take some of the pressure off in terms of the organisational aspects of the league.
- that the team will help unite the churches in Sudbury and District and be able to accommodate individuals who have a desire to play football but attend a church which does not have a team.
- for managing growth and wisdom in ensuring everyone gets a game; they are 8-a-side games. One day this might extend to a B team.