

ASA U18 Junior Boys Qualification Round 2010

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Lancaster's 1st game in the ASA qualification round was against Birmingham. Lancaster started positively and was ahead through Decland Ellwood, followed by Michael Brown as Lancaster piled the pressure on the Birmingham defence. Birmingham fielding 6 Junior Internationals in their team failed to get started as Decland scored again to give Lancaster a 3 goal lead. Elliot Trafford added to Birmingham's misery with his 1st goal of the game. Birmingham finally registers on the score sheet with their 1st goal of the game. Lancaster exclusion gives Birmingham their 2nd. The 1st quarter finishes Lancaster 4 Birmingham 2.

2nd Quarter starts with both sides conceding exclusions, alas neither side were able to take advantage of the situation as the quarter remained goalless. Lancaster finally broke the deadlock as Birmingham conceded a penalty, Michael scores from the resultant shot. Birmingham bounces back after Lancaster exclusion. Mathew Grieve scores to give Lancaster a 3 goal lead. Just before the end of the quarter Birmingham pull one back. Half time score Lancaster 6 Birmingham 4.

Lancaster start the 3rd quarter with a fine goal from Sam Smith, Birmingham score as the game starts to open out. Mistakes on both sides lead to goals at either end of the pool with Decland and Sam Smith scoring for Lancaster and 2 goals registering for Birmingham. Both sides putting everything into attack, Birmingham force a Lancaster exclusion and score. Birmingham score again in the last seconds of the quarter to make the score Lancaster 9 Birmingham 9.

Birmingham now in the ascendancy as they pulled the scores level force a Lancaster exclusion no goal scored. Lancaster force Birmingham exclusion, no goal scored. Birmingham force Lancaster exclusion and call a timeout, Birmingham score from the set play and take the lead for the first time. Lancaster fight back and cause Birmingham exclusion, Lancaster timeout, no goal from set play. Birmingham increases their lead to 2 goals as Lancaster start to look disorganised.

Lancaster restores some order and score through Sam Smith. Birmingham come fighting back and force Lancaster exclusion, no goal from set play. Lancaster drives forward and forces Birmingham exclusion. Lancaster takes timeout and score through Luke Franks. The scores are now level with 30 seconds of the game remaining. Big mix-up in the Lancaster defence see Lancaster fail to control the ball, Birmingham take possession and score to finish the game.

Score Lancaster 11 Birmingham 12

Lancaster's 2nd game in the ASA qualification round was against Dunfermline.

Lancaster had to win to give them any hope of reaching the final.

Lancaster start strongly and force Dunfermline exclusion, Sam Smith scores Lancaster's first.

Dunfermline hit back within seconds to level the score. Dunfermline forces a Lancaster exclusion but fail to score. Dunfermline keep the pressure on Lancaster and force exclusion but the Lancaster defence stay solid. Lancaster speed forward on the counter attack and score through Mathew Calvert. Another Lancaster counter sees Luke Franks

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score, Lancaster having good spell of attacking play force a Dunfermline exclusion which Luke takes advantage of. Lancaster playing strong attacking polo score with Mathew Calvert getting his 2nd. Lancaster keep pressing forward as Luke gets his 3rd of the game. Dunfermline fights back forcing Lancaster exclusion and score. Michael Brown sprints forward unopposed to score leaving the score at the end of the 1st quarter Lancaster 7 Dunfermline 2

Michael opens the scoring in the 2nd quarter as Lancaster mean to dominate and force Dunfermline exclusion, no goal scored. Dunfermline drive at Lancaster and score, they maintain their pressure on the Lancaster defence and force an exclusion and score. Lancaster drive forward and Mathew Grieve finds the back of the net. Further Lancaster pressure results in Dunfermline exclusion, Elliott Trafford scores his 1st of the game. Lancaster now starting to dominate play as Decland Ellwood scores his 1st of the game. Complacency sets into the Lancaster play as Dunfermline score 2 quick goals to leave the score at half time Lancaster 12 Dunfermline 7

Dunfermline buoyed by their 2 late goals score the 1st goal of the 3rd quarter. The game now enters a frantic phase as the 2 sides go on all out attack. First Lancaster attack and Dunfermline counter, then Dunfermline attack and Lancaster counter, with neither side able to score.

Finally Lancaster ends the deadlock as Decland scores. Dunfermline fight back and force Lancaster exclusion, Lancaster defence stays strong as Dunfermline fail to score. Lancaster drive forward and Dunfermline concede exclusion, Lancaster call a timeout but fail to score from set play. Quarter finishes Lancaster 13 Dunfermline 8

Lancaster players get a strong team talk at the end of the 3rd quarter emphasising the fact they must win to have any chance of proceeding to the final.

Lancaster responds positively and scores through Michael, Michael scores again to extend Lancaster's lead to 7 goals. Dunfermline not prepared to give in score in an attempt to get back into the game. Good counter attack play by Lancaster sees Mathew Calvert score. Sam Smith scores as Lancaster start to dominate play and can see the chance of remedying the Birmingham result. Dunfermline under pressure concede exclusion Lancaster timeout Decland scores. More Lancaster pressure as Mathew Calvert scores, to give Lancaster an unassailable lead with only a couple of minutes remaining. Exclusion for both sides saw no further goals as the game finished Lancaster 21 Dunfermline 10

Lancaster's final game of the competition brought Lancaster and Manchester together again with both sides needing to win to qualify for the final. Both clubs seem to be drawn to this situation constantly throughout all age groups.

Lancaster start brightly as Mathew Calvert opens the scoring. Lancaster drive forward and cause a Manchester exclusion, Luke Franks scores. Heavy Manchester defending is punished as Lancaster gain a penalty, Michael Brown scores. In the last minute of the 1st quarter Manchester finally scores.

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Quarter finishes Lancaster 3 Manchester 1

Lancaster start 2nd quarter determined to play in the Final and score through Decland Ellwood. Manchester realise that they had better start to forge forward if they have any chancing of reaching the final and are rewarded with a goal after a Lancaster exclusion. Lancaster is positive in their approach and force Manchester exclusion, Jake Starkie scores to give Lancaster a strong lead at half time. The score Lancaster 5 Manchester 2

Lancaster in focussed mood after half time team talk score first through Decland, Manchester hit back immediately. Manchester has a good period of attacking play and force 2 successive Lancaster exclusion, is this turning point? Manchester score .No Lancaster counter and force a Manchester exclusion and score through Decland. The score at the end of the 3rd quarter Lancaster 7 Manchester 4

Lancaster told to stay focussed and control the ball. Lancaster starts strongly and score as Michael Brown gets his 1st goal of the game. Lancaster press forward and are rewarded with a penalty which Michael converts. Lancaster continues to press forward as Manchester concedes a further exclusion for Michael to register his 3rd of the quarter. Still more pressure on the Manchester causes them to concede another penalty. Michael completes a memorable quarter as Lancaster score 4 without Manchester registering

The final score Lancaster 11 Manchester 4

The successful Lancaster team

Dylan Smith, Sam Liver, Lawrence Daykin, Luke Franks(5), Elliott Trafford(2), Michael Brown (11), Robert Simpson, Mathew Grieve(3), Mathew Calvert(6), Decland Ellwood(9), Jake Starkie(1), Sam Smith(6) , Stefan Detko