

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER REVIEW

It's been a positive first few months of the 2024-25 season. Our teams have consistently demonstrated a commitment to improving both as individuals and as part of a collective, while representing the club with pride.

The importance of training has been a key factor in this progress. Mike and our team of coaches continue to emphasise the importance of our playing approach, with our key principle of staying on the ball, while encouraging our players to be thinkers, intelligent footballers and high-level decision makers. This continued focus on player development has allowed players to refine their abilities, learn from their experiences and build the confidence needed to perform at their best.

Across our U8-U16 age groups we've played close to 100 matches, out every Sunday morning whatever the weather. This wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our coaches, team managers, and parent helpers. Their passion, commitment and expertise have been instrumental and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing efforts and the positive environment they create for our players. As we look ahead to the second half of the season, we remain excited about the future of Ealing United, knowing that our values and dedication to development will continue to guide us toward further success.

U12 - U16 LEAGUE TABLES

As we reach the midpoint of the 2024-25 season, several of our teams have positioned themselves for strong finishes.

Our U16 Red team has been particularly impressive, sitting equal top in the standings. Despite losing a number of key players, their blend of skill and experience, has set them apart as one of the top teams in the league. Our U14 Whites added a number of new players at the start of the season, but this hasn't stopped them as they sit in second place in their league and have made it through to the Middlesex Youth Trophy quarter-finals.

Our U15 Red, U14 Red and U13 Red teams are all in third-place in their respective leagues, showcasing solid performances across the board. These teams continue to develop both individually and collectively, which is particularly pleasing for the U15 Reds who added 8 new players at the start of the season. As the season progresses, there is great anticipation that these teams will challenge for a league title. Our U12's have transitioned into a new league and despite finding it a challenge, they have demonstrated solid development, with a couple of victories against local opposition.

The stage is set for an exciting second half of the season, as all our teams continue to build on their momentum and chase down top spot. Good luck to all our teams!

U12 RED: HYFL - DIV 4
U13 RED: HYFL - DIV 4
U14 RED: HYFL - DIV 2
U14 WHITE: MYFL - DIV 1
U15 RED: HYFL - DIV 2
U16 RED: HYFL - DIV 1





CLUB SHOP UPDATE

It's great to now see all our teams in our yellow and black club kit, proudly sporting our brilliant club sponsor <u>Santa Maria Pizza</u>. We've been updating the club shop as the season has gone on, with club tracksuits, base layers and sock sleeves now all able to be purchased.

Being part of the *Direct Soccer Clubs* initiative, every time an item of kit is purchased from our club shop, we earn money towards vouchers for our club. So far we've received £900 in vouchers which has gone towards new footballs and training equipment.



JAN - APRIL TRAINING: BOOK NOW

Training has been incredibly successful this past term and we want to ensure this continues as we move into the new year. Please ensure you book this term's training in advance of our first sessions of 2025. Sessions resume the week commencing Monday 6th January.

As has been said many times before, we rely on training fees to cover the costs of pitch hire and coaching fees. We use some of the best training facilities in Ealing and want to make sure it stays that way.

- Discount codes will be emailed to low-income families
- U15/16 families will be emailed a discount code for the session they missed last term
- Non-payment will unfortunately result in your child being turned away

Click on the BOOK NOW link, scan the QR code or visit our website to book your child onto next term's training.

*Password: EUFC2425

DAY	AGE GROUP	SESSION TIMES	VENUE
MONDAY	U11 (Year 6)	4.30pm - 6pm	Park Sports Lammas Park, W13 9NJ
	U15 (Year 9) & U16 (Year 10)	6.30pm - 8pm	Cardinal Wiseman School, UB6 9AW
TUESDAY	U9 (Year 4) & U10 (Year 5)	4pm - 5.30pm	Park Sports Lammas Park, W13 9NJ
	U14 (Year 9)	6pm - 7.30pm	Wasps FC, W3 9QA
WEDNESDAY	U7 (Year 2) & U8 (Year 3)	4pm - 5.30pm	Park Sports Lammas Park, W13 9NJ
	U13 (Year 8)	5.30pm - 7pm	Park Sports Lammas Park, W13 9NJ
THURSDAY	U12 (Year 7)	4.30pm - 6pm	Park Sports Lammas Park, W13 9NJ





NEW CLUB COACH

We're delighted to have recently added Jaydon to our coaching team. A talented player himself, Jaydon has been helping out with U12 & U15/16 training each week, while supporting the U15 team on match days.



CLUB REFEREES

Continuing on from last season, we have a small number of young club referees who you will see at both our Brentham and Cardinal Wiseman home matches every weekend. Nathan, Aryan and Abdul, though only 17/18, are all qualified referees and having them officiate every weekend allows our team managers to put 100% of their focus on supporting their teams. It's not easy being a referee so please do say thanks should you see them.

U7, U9 & U12 PLAYERS WANTED

Though we are now well into the 2024/25 season, a few of our teams still require some additional players.

Our U7 & U9 age groups have been involved on a training-only basis up to this point. We're hopeful that with a few new additions these age groups can commence regular Sunday morning matches from January onwards. There's also a need for some additional U12 players to join our club, particularly with the team moving up to 11v11 football next season.

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining EUFC, please ask them to email us: ealingunited@gmail.com

*Player registrations for all clubs close at the end of February
*All our other age groups are currently fully subscribed, though we continue to offer training-only options



BRENTFORD FC COMMUNITY OUTREACH



It's been a terrific past few months as our links with Brentford FC have gone from strength to strength. As one of their local grassroots clubs we've been offered the chance to take part in a number of fantastic opportunities, all of which have been greatly received.

- 11 of our U7-U12 players were mascots for Brentford B as they took on QPR U21's
- We were offered free tickets to Brentford vs Sheffield Wednesday in the Carabao Cup
- Our U13 & U14 age group took part in a stadium tour at the Gtech
- Team Managers have been offered free tickets to Brentford vs Nottingham Forest in the Premier League



GTECH STADIUM TOUR

We hope those who have been involved in the above events have enjoyed themselves! There will be further opportunities in 2025, the first of which is the offer of free tickets to *Brentford v Plymouth Argyle in the FA Cup on Jan 11th*. This offer will be shared with registered families via email.





BRENTFORD B MASCOTS

WELCOMING SAKU SPORTING

We've welcomed visiting teams from the US and Canada to Ealing for friendly matches over recent seasons, but this November we welcomed <u>Saku Sporting</u> from Estonia to our U13 training session. Their U12's were on a 2-week long UK tour, training with some top level academy teams, so it was a great opportunity for our players to mix it with some top Estonian talent! All involved had a great time and who knows, maybe one day EUFC will head out on tour to Estonia.



U14 & U15 BELGIUM TOUR - HAGELAND CUP 2025



TOURNAME.

Our U14 & U15 squads will be visiting Europe this Spring as we take our U15 Red, U14 Red & U14 White teams to the <u>Hageland Cup</u> in Tongerlo, Belgium. The tournament is a two-day international tournament involving teams from across Europe and the US, taking place across the weekend of May 23-26.

We've had a fantastic amount of interest in the tour, with over 40 players and 30 family members due to travel to Belgium by coach on May 23rd, before 6+ matches of tournament football across Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of May. Add in accommodation at 'the best holiday park in Belgium' and a stadium tour on May 26th when we head home, means it should be a trip to remember for all involved.

This will be our second international club tour, after our current U16's headed to Valencia, Spain in 2022.

PLAYMAKER FOOTBALL - XMAS TRAINING

Playmaker Football are running Christmas training camps on the following dates:

- Monday 23rd December 10:00-15:00 | Tuesday 24th December 10:00-15:00
- Monday 30th December 10:00-15:00 | Tuesday 31st December 10:00-15:00



The camps will focus on high intensity play, technical detail and tactical awareness. The idea of the camps is for players to stay sharp over the Christmas period and enter 2025 ready to go! They will also have some specialist guest coaches with them over the 4 days.

Spaces are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis. For full information and to book, visit https://playmakerfootball.classforkids.io

PHOTO GALLERY... SEASON 2024/25



U14 RED ON THEIR WAY TO WINNING THEIR MIDDLESEX CUP PENALTY SHOOTOUT



UI5 RED AFTER BEATING HAREFIELD UTD IN RD.3 OF THE MIDDLESEX CUP



UTI AFTER THEIR FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON



U8 IN CELEBRATION MODE AFTER A WIN



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