

2003

2003 27/11/2011 @ Keravnos vs. Young Stars Soccer Academy

The 2003's made it 3 out of 3 for the academy against Young Stars with another hard fought victory this time by a score of 3-1. Although under some pressure the boys held strong and managed to come out victorious at the end.

2003 24/11/2011 @Archangelos vs. APOEL 24/11/2011

In a tightly fought match Coach George's team took on their Apoel counterparts in a friendly which saw the debut of Patrick Costanian in goal. The team played very well and came out on top 4-3.

NUEVO CAMPO 2003 3-2 ARSENAL 2003 13/11/2011

On Saturday 13th of November we had two friendlies as the 2003 team played against their Nuevo Campo counterparts. Coach George was very pleased with the performance of the team and although the team lost out 3-2 in the end, all the players participated and enjoyed it thoroughly.

2003 Fun Fever Tournament @Da Luz 5/11/2011

Arsenal went into this tournament without their goalkeeper Lex Vitale which was a big blow for the team but had at their disposal the excellent Elias Costi. The group stage went very well for Arsenal considering they weren't fielding an orthodox keeper, beating Anorthosis 1-0, Enosis Kokkinotrimithias by the same score line and Fun Fever B team 3-0 to finish the group on top. In the quarter finals the team faced Young Stars who they had drawn with 3-3 in a pre-season friendly only 3 weeks ago but this time round Arsenal were much stronger and came out victors by 3 goals to nil. Unfortunately that was the end of the line for Arsenal in the tournament as the team came unstuck against a very strong Apoel side and even though they took the lead through Giorgos Christophi they conceded 4 second half goals and would have to play for 3rd place. In the final game Coach George fielded some of the more inexperienced players and even though they did their best they couldn't quite prize 3rd place. 4th position from 16 teams was not a bad showing and Coach George was very happy as everyone played well and many things that he had worked on in training were paying off.

2003 vs Apoel @ Archangelos 28/10/11

This was a difficult match for the 2003s as they were without two key players, namely Alex Solomis and goalkeeper Lex Vitale so coach George had his work cut out for him. Unfortunately the team was outmatched by their Apoel counterparts with an unflattering scoreline of 8-4 being the final outcome. Matches against Apoel are always tough no matter the age group and missing their goalkeeper due to an unfortunate accident in training, did not help the team nor the scoreline as with Lex's presence Arsenal's goal tends to be better guarded! We wish him a speedy recovery!

2003 Farma Tournament 8/10/2011

The top team of the academy last year, the 2003's started off the tournament where they had left off last season with a comfortable 2-0 win against River Plate, the goals coming from Nikolas Ioannou and Ari Jenkins but unfortunately the next 2 games didn't go the way Arsenal's 2003s are used to experiencing. The 2nd game was against Anorthosis and although Arsenal had more possession and more chances, a late goal on the counter attack from Anorthosis saw them take the 3 points with an undeserved 1-0 win. The third game was almost identical, Arsenal had all the possession but 2 goals on the counter attack from Fun Fever saw a 2nd straight defeat almost cost Arsenal a place in the semi-finals. Fortunately though, goal difference meant Arsenal were going through to the next round to face Campeone.

In a hard fought game that went to the wire, Arsenal drew 1-1 with Campeone, a result which meant the game headed to penalties. Unfortunately for the youngsters the lottery of penalty kicks didn't favour them and they found themselves having to play Farma for 3rd place. Arsenal managed to at least extract revenge for their earlier defeat in the group stages and finished a respectable 3rd in their first tournament of the season. Last season also saw the team start slowly and go from strength to strength so Arsenal are hoping the same thing happens this year too!