

Annual Report



2009

SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB***FOUNDED 1972*****PRESIDENTS REPORT 2009**

As President of the Raptors I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am with our club. Having been an active member for the last 10 years, I have had the pleasure of assisting this club to grow year by year into the great club that we are all involved with.

This season has seen the introduction of the Small Sided Games (SSG), which has seen our Under 6 & 7 play under the new format without the use of keepers. I must say to our credit, we have done a great job and our U6/7's adapted well to this new concept. To our U6/7's coaches well done and congratulations.

Next season should see the rollout that will encompass U8's through to U11's who will play on modified fields and U10/11's on a half-field and not the traditional full field.

To the EC committee it has been an absolute pleasure to work with each and every one of you. Jeff, Maria, John, Imad, Renato, Stelly, Alan, Grace, Gary and last but not least Lisa. It is a thankless job and as volunteers again I thank each and every one of you for your efforts.

This season has seen our club steadily grow to a total of 39 teams of which 25 were competitive. As ambassadors of our club I must say that the majority of our teams behaved in an exemplary manner. I have had compliments from many clubs in our district, commenting on how well we run our canteen, how well organised our fields are and how helpful our officials have been especially with outside games.

Well done to our all our teams this season, especially to all our Finalists. This year we have had mixed results but all teams finished strongly with 3 teams making the Grand Finals: U15/2's well done minor premiers and runners up, U15/1's girls runners up and our U10/2's Grand Final winners in the Gold competition– Congratulations Jim, especially without a full squad.

Finally, to all our Players, Parents, Supporters, Coaches and Managers well done and thank you one and all for your support. Which without this club would not survive.

Which also we must mention all our Sponsors: Abel Trophies, Kingsgrove RSL, SWEA, Uplift Cranes, McDonalds Punchbowl, Olympic Hardware and Oreografix.

As we all know without financial support we would not be the club we are today, on behalf of the EC a big thank you and I trust you will all be back next season.

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kon Fotakopoulos

**President
Roselands Raptors Football Club**



Secretaries Report 2009

I am writing my fourth secretaries report for an annual report (2009), wondering where the years have gone and what lies ahead for 2010.

This year has been one of ups and downs. We experienced more drama's than we would have liked, and trying to resolve the various issues that confronted us kept your committee very busy this season. We hope we were fair and equitable to all concerned. Most of these issues revolved around ill discipline, with far too many red cards this season, and 4 hearings at the DC. There are many reasons for this, but we must continue to strive to reduce and eliminate inappropriate behaviour both on and off the field which results in suspensions and citations to appear before the disciplinary tribunals.

In 2009 we had a total of 38 teams comprising 15 mini teams, 16 junior teams and 7 senior teams. We had a total of 490 players registered with us this year.

We were very competitive this year, with a number of competition teams playing in finals series in their respective divisions, with 3 playing in grand finals. Our 10/2 boys went on to win their "gold" grand final. Unfortunately, our 15/1 girls and 15/2 boys weren't able to add premiers to their long list of achievements, but we are proud of their efforts in playing in their grand finals, and both teams could have won their games but for the bounce of the ball!

I am pleased to say, however, that ALL teams did their best every week and need to be congratulated on their effort and commitment.

We started small sided games (SSG) this season, and after sorting out the concept over the first few weeks, we settled into an arrangement with Earlwood where we played each other each week, either at Beaman or Bennett Park. Thanks to Jim Tatsis from Earlwood and John Mamatsi who coordinated the SSG draw each week. The SSG concept will continue to grow and expand to the older age groups so we need to be prepared for this..

Financially the club has again finished in a strong position, which is pleasing considering the amount stock and equipment purchased this season. Hopefully this will mean our expenditure for 2010 will be considerably less. We again left registration fees at last years levels and decreased rego fees for U6 and U/7. Hopefully any increase for 2010 will be minimal. A big thank you to Renato for all his efforts as treasurer this year.

Our canteen again operated successfully with countless volunteer hours being given to keep the canteen running. I thank all those people who gave up their time each weekend.

In particular I wish to acknowledge Lisa Fotakopoulos, who took on the role of canteen manager. A thankless task and one she carried out very well. Lisa opened the canteen most training nights and also spent many hours on weekend duty as well. However, due to the busy lives we all seem to lead these days, it is becoming more difficult to find people able to commit time to helping in the canteen on the weekends so this is an area that the 2010 committee will have to look at.

This season we had a number of functions being organised. We do this to try to enhance the feeling of family throughout the club. Most functions were well attended and I thank all those folk who made the effort to get along and support their club. We also were able to secure a number of sponsors this season and they are acknowledged elsewhere in this report. I urge all members to support our sponsors. Without their generosity this income would not be received or would have to come from other areas such as rego fees.

None of this happens by itself, and I would like to sincerely thank Maria Gissing for the countless hours she spent organising these events and making sure they happened. Maria also coordinated the team photos this year so my thanks go to Maria for all her work this year.

The weather played havoc with the competition this season and is something we have no control over, with many changes to the draw, and catch up games having to be played. However, most games were played and the season finished on time, thanks to the efforts of the association competition secretary. Thanks Ray. Also, thanks to John Mamatsi for his efforts as our competition secretary in preparing the draw each week and making sure our teams knew where and when they were playing each week. Many Friday nights were spent contacting teams about changes due to the weather. I also have to acknowledge the efforts this season of Canterbury Council who kept Bennett in a good condition throughout the year and kept the park open when many others were closed. Our relationship with them continues to grow and I thank Rod Smith and his crew for their efforts this year.

As a club, we need to continue to stress the importance of fair play, and respect of game officials. Speaking of game officials, we had a number of junior players complete the referee's course this year and become active referees in our district. Well done to these boys and girls.. I know they enjoyed themselves and their confidence grew as the season progressed. The money was welcome as well!! I urge our junior players, 13 years and up to think about refereeing for 2010.

We had 5 girls and 1 ladies teams this season and they all did extremely well. This area of the game continues to grow and it is hoped that we can continue to build on this and eventually field a girl's team in every age group.

As always our web site was admired by all those who used it, and will continue to be our main avenue of information and communication. Like all things, the site doesn't get updated by itself and I thank and acknowledge Con Potsou for all the effort and time he puts in to keep the site updated and improving. He reports that the hits on the site are increasing exponentially and we have received many positive comments about how good our web site is. This is all thanks to Cons' efforts. Like the rest of us, Con volunteers his time and expertise freely to run this important function of our club.

Finally, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our current committee for all their time and effort given freely and willingly to continue to grow and make YOUR club strong. As always there were disagreements from time to time but in the end we always tried to do what was best for the club and hopefully we succeeded most of the time. Your current committee is Kon Fotakopoulos, Steliy Georgiou, Jeff Gissing, Renato Santos, John Mamatsi, Imad Allemedine, Alan Daizli, Grace Martin and Maria Gissing.

In closing, our club, like all clubs faces many challenges for 2010 and beyond, including the expansion of small sided games, funding pressures, expanding our volunteer base, working with a more professional orientated association, more and more child and member protection issues, just to name a few. There is no reason why we cannot meet these challenges and succeed but we all need to work together. Please remember that the club is all of us and not just a few individuals. Please remember that our AGM is being held on the 02 November 2009 at 7pm in the club house and I urge you to attend.

Enjoy the off season and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2010..

**Kind regards,
Jeff Gissing-Secretary**

Roselands 2009 Competition Standings

Age Group/Division: 10/Two Gold

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts	Ad	Pt
1	Roselands Gold	15	6	5	4	27	36	-9	0		22
2	Marrickville Gold	16	6	7	3	27	38	-11	0		21
3	Inter Lions B Gold	16	5	8	3	28	48	-20	0		18
4	Enfield Gold	13	3	8	2	14	35	-21	0		11
5	Five Dock Gold	16	3	12	1	10	54	-44	0		10
6	Leichhardt Tigers B Gold	14	2	11	1	20	47	-27	0		7

Age Group/Division: 10Girls/2

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts	Adj	Pt
1	Canterbury	14	12	2	0	87	8	79	0		36
2	Balmain	14	12	2	0	58	7	51	0		36
3	Strathfield	14	9	3	2	47	10	37	0		29
4	Concord	14	8	5	1	37	15	22	0		25
5	Russell Lea A	14	4	9	1	22	38	-16	0		13
6	Roselands	14	4	9	1	18	59	-41	0		13
7	Marrickville	14	3	10	1	10	68	-58	0		10
8	Russell Lea B	14	1	13	0	4	78	-74	0		3

Age Group/Division: 11/1

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts	Adj	Pt
1	Liechardt Tigers A	16	13	1	2	44	9	35	0		41
2	Stanmore Hawks	16	13	2	1	55	12	43	0		40
3	Roselands	16	12	4	0	71	15	56	0		36
4	Abbotsford	15	9	6	0	48	22	26	0		27
5	Balmain	15	5	8	2	34	29	5	0		17
6	Leichhardt Tigers B	14	5	7	2	26	33	-7	0		17

Age Group/Division: 11/4

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts	Adj	Pt
1	Concord	14	13	1	0	67	9	58	0		39
2	Hurlstone Park A	14	10	4	0	43	23	20	0		30
3	Hurlstone Park B	14	7	6	1	27	24	3	0		22
4	Belmore	14	6	6	2	25	26	-1	0		20
5	Balmain	14	6	7	1	27	42	-15	0		19
6	Burwood A	14	6	8	0	31	35	-4	0		18
7	Roselands	14	4	8	2	17	35	-18	0		14
8	Abbotsford	14	0	12	2	10	53	-43	0		2

Age Group/Division: 12/1

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Leichhardt Tigers A	14	12	0	2	60	7	53	0	38
2	Stanmore Hawks	14	10	1	3	40	7	33	0	33
3	Marrickville	14	7	3	4	37	24	13	0	25
4	Leichhardt Tigers B	14	7	6	1	29	23	6	0	22
5	Roselands	14	4	5	5	21	29	-8	0	17
6	Abbotsford	14	4	8	2	24	27	-3	0	14
7	Balmain	14	1	10	3	10	47	-37	0	6
8	Burwood	14	1	13	0	5	62	-57	0	3

Age Group/Division: 12/3

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Belmore	18	16	1	1	80	12	68	0	49
2	Canterbury	18	14	3	1	71	13	58	0	43
3	Concord	18	13	4	1	50	15	35	0	40
4	Leichhardt Saints B	18	9	5	4	34	14	20	0	31
5	Earlwood	18	10	7	1	29	25	4	0	31
6	Enfield	18	7	9	2	32	45	-13	0	23
7	Roselands	17	4	10	3	24	48	-24	0	15
8	Marrickville	18	4	13	1	19	50	-31	0	13
9	Leichhardt Saints A	18	4	14	0	14	68	-54	0	12
10	Leichhardt Tigers	17	0	15	2	10	73	-63	0	2

Age Group/Division: 12Girls/One Gold

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Leichhardt Saints A Gold	15	11	4	0	31	10	21	0	33
2	Marrickville Gold	16	9	6	1	24	23	1	0	28
3	Balmain B Gold	15	3	10	2	17	30	-13	0	11
4	Russell Lea B Gold	15	3	11	1	10	33	-23	0	10
5	Leichhardt Saints B Gold	15	3	12	0	10	37	-27	0	9
6	Roselands Gold	16	2	13	1	9	52	-43	0	7

Age Group/Division: 13Girls/1

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Hurlstone Park	15	12	0	3	51	9	42	0	39
2	Marrickville	15	8	4	3	40	23	17	0	27
3	Earlwood	15	5	3	7	32	24	8	0	22
4	Roselands	15	6	8	1	24	32	-8	0	19
5	Balmain A	15	4	8	3	24	33	-9	0	15
6	Balmain B	15	1	13	1	11	61	-50	0	4

Age Group/Division: 13/2

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Hurlstone Park	14	12	1	1	49	5	44	0	37
2	Five Dock	14	8	4	2	38	24	14	0	26
3	Enfield	14	8	5	1	32	32	0	0	25
4	Roselands	14	6	5	3	15	21	-6	0	21
5	Burwood	14	5	7	2	20	33	-13	0	17
6	Earlwood	14	4	7	3	13	19	-6	0	15
7	Leichhardt Saints	14	4	10	0	23	31	-8	0	12
8	Balmain	14	2	10	2	10	35	-25	0	8

Age Group/Division: 14/1

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	National Sport	15	13	2	0	61	13	48	0	39
2	Hurlstone Park	15	11	3	1	48	28	20	0	34
3	Strathfield	14	8	4	2	23	17	6	0	26
4	Inter Lions	14	5	7	2	30	31	-1	0	17
5	Roselands	15	3	11	1	20	42	-22	0	10
6	Belmore Soccer Club	13	0	13	0	7	58	-51	0	0

Age Group/Division: 14/3

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Enfield	14	10	1	1	71	13	58	0	37
2	Five Dock	14	10	1	1	51	13	38	0	37
3	Concord	14	6	5	1	25	26	-1	0	25
4	Hurlstone Park	14	3	4	5	15	18	-3	0	20
5	Roselands	14	4	6	2	21	32	-11	0	20
6	Balmain	14	2	8	2	14	47	-33	0	14
7	Leichhardt Saints	14	0	10	2	11	59	-48	0	8

Age Group/Division: 15/2

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Roselands	15	14	1	0	39	9	30	0	42
2	Lakemba	15	12	2	1	54	13	41	0	37
3	Enfield A	15	8	5	2	29	16	13	0	26
4	Strathfield	15	3	9	3	18	44	-26	0	12
5	Hurlstone Park	15	2	12	1	22	47	-25	0	7
6	Enfield B	15	2	12	1	15	48	-33	0	7

Age Group/Division: 15/3

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Balmain	14	11	2	1	50	16	34	0	34
2	Earlwood	14	11	3	0	43	13	30	0	33
3	Marrickville	14	10	3	1	50	13	37	0	31
4	Five Dock	14	8	5	1	37	21	16	0	25
5	Leichhardt Saints	14	4	8	2	26	41	-15	0	14
6	Roselands	14	4	8	2	32	49	-17	0	14
7	Concord	14	2	11	1	12	52	-40	0	7
8	Lakemba	14	2	12	0	13	58	-45	0	6

Age Group/Division: 15Girls/1

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Earlwood A	15	13	1	1	57	12	45	0	40
2	Roselands	15	11	2	2	41	12	29	0	35
3	Earlwood B	15	6	4	5	27	20	7	0	23
4	Marrickville	15	5	8	2	24	23	1	0	17
5	Strathfield	15	3	10	2	18	34	-16	0	11
6	Enfield	15	1	14	0	17	83	-66	0	3

Age Group/Division: 15Girls/2

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Leichhardt Saints	15	10	1	1	71	13	58	0	40
2	Russell Lea	15	8	2	3	36	19	17	0	33
3	Roselands	15	5	5	2	32	18	14	0	26
4	Earlwood	15	2	9	1	14	45	-31	0	16
5	Balmain	15	2	9	1	17	72	-55	0	16

Age Group/Division: 18/1

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Enfield A	17	14	1	2	74	19	55	0	44
2	Belmore Hercules	17	13	1	3	58	10	48	0	42
3	Burwood	18	12	4	2	74	23	51	0	38
4	Roselands	18	11	2	5	61	17	44	0	38
5	Concord	18	8	7	3	45	39	6	0	27
6	Earlwood A	17	8	7	2	38	49	-11	0	26
7	Enfield B	18	5	12	1	33	59	-26	0	16
8	Belmore	17	5	12	0	47	59	-12	0	15
9	Leichhardt Saints	18	3	15	0	26	101	-75	0	9
10	Earlwood B	18	0	18	0	11	91	-80	0	0

Age Group/Division: AA/2

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Five Dock	18	11	2	5	37	16	21	0	38
2	Burwood	18	11	5	2	34	25	9	0	35
3	Roselands	18	8	4	6	45	28	17	0	30
4	Balmain	18	8	4	6	45	33	12	0	30
5	Abbotsford	18	9	6	3	41	30	11	0	30
6	Enfield	18	8	4	6	27	19	8	0	30
7	Marrickville B	18	6	9	3	29	27	2	0	21
8	Marrickville A	18	4	12	2	34	47	-13	0	14
9	Lakemba B	18	3	13	2	23	51	-28	0	11
10	Lakemba A	18	3	12	3	22	61	-39	-3	9

Age Group/Division: AA/4

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Leichhardt Saints	18	10	2	4	33	16	17	0	40
2	Strathfield	18	9	3	4	42	20	22	0	37
3	Five Dock	18	8	6	2	43	36	7	0	32
4	Balmain A	18	7	5	4	43	34	9	0	31
5	Enfield A	18	7	5	4	30	24	6	0	31
6	Earlwood	18	6	5	5	21	26	-5	-3	26
7	Roselands	18	5	6	5	19	34	-15	0	26
8	Enfield B	18	4	10	2	27	37	-10	0	20
9	Balmain B	18	1	15	0	22	53	-31	0	9

Age Group/Division: AA/5

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Enfield	18	15	0	3	59	19	40	0	48
2	Five Dock	18	10	6	2	46	38	8	0	32
3	Burwood	18	9	6	3	47	38	9	0	30
4	Earlwood A	18	7	3	8	29	17	12	0	29
5	Balmain B	18	7	7	4	32	28	4	0	25
6	Balmain A	18	7	9	2	40	47	-7	0	23
7	Strathfield	18	6	8	4	31	32	-1	0	22
8	Earlwood B	18	6	11	1	32	52	-20	0	19
9	Roselands	18	5	11	2	31	48	-17	0	17
10	Canterbury	18	2	13	3	17	45	-28	0	9

Age Group/Division: AA/7

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Enfield	18	10	2	6	39	25	14	0	36
2	Roselands	18	11	6	1	47	30	17	0	34
3	Strathfield	18	10	5	3	31	23	8	0	33
4	Leichhardt Tigers	18	9	5	4	47	28	19	0	31
5	Five Dock	18	9	7	2	45	34	11	0	29
6	Hurlstone Park	18	7	8	3	26	28	-2	0	24
7	Balmain	18	6	10	2	34	46	-12	0	20
8	Marrickville	18	5	10	3	31	43	-12	0	18
9	Burwood	18	5	10	3	31	44	-13	0	18
10	National Sport	18	3	12	3	19	49	-30	0	12

Age Group/Division: AA/8

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Earlwood	18	14	1	3	49	21	28	0	45
2	Burwood B	18	11	4	3	42	17	25	0	36
3	Burwood A	18	10	6	2	56	31	25	0	32
4	Concord	18	10	7	1	38	32	6	0	31
5	Enfield	18	6	8	4	29	43	-14	0	22
6	Strathfield	18	6	9	3	32	40	-8	0	21
7	Leichhardt Tigers	16	6	8	2	30	37	-7	0	20
8	Roselands	17	5	9	3	44	48	-4	0	18
9	Five Dock	17	4	9	4	22	46	-24	0	16
10	Belmore Hercules	18	2	13	3	12	39	-27	0	9

Age Group/Division: Women/3

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Lakemba	14	12	2	0	65	22	43	0	36
2	Balmain A	14	7	3	4	30	17	13	0	25
3	Roselands	14	7	6	1	30	29	1	0	22
4	Balmain B	14	6	5	3	23	28	-5	0	21
5	Leichhardt Saints	14	5	5	4	23	20	3	0	19
6	Earlwood	14	4	6	4	22	25	-3	0	16
7	Marrickville	14	4	9	1	28	41	-13	0	13
8	Russell Lea	14	1	10	3	10	49	-39	0	6

Age Group/Division: O35-1/1

Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts Adj	Pt
1	Marrickville	17	11	4	2	55	27	28	0	35
2	Enfield B	18	11	5	2	45	22	23	0	35
3	Balmain	18	9	4	5	37	29	8	0	32
4	National Sport	18	10	7	1	55	40	15	0	31
5	Roselands	18	9	7	2	31	39	-8	0	29
6	Leichhardt Tigers	17	7	5	5	44	31	13	0	26
7	Inter Lions	18	5	8	5	30	36	-6	0	20
8	Hurlstone Park	18	4	8	6	33	38	-5	0	18
9	Enfield A	18	5	12	1	26	53	-27	0	16
10	Earlwood	18	3	14	1	24	65	-41	0	10

23 competition teams

9 teams competed in Finals

1 team Minor Premiers

2 teams competed in Grand Finals and lost

1 team competed in Pennant Grand Final and won

2009 PREMIERS



Age / Division	Premier	Runner-up
All Age 1	Enfield	Hurlstone Park
AA-2	Enfield	Burwood
AA-3	Balmain A	Canterbury
AA-4	Leichhardt Saints	Five Dock
AA-5	Enfield	Burwood
AA-6	Burwood	Balmain B
AA-7	Leichhardt Tigers	Strathfield
AA-8	Burwood B	Earlwood
AA-9	Enfield	Strathfield B
All Age Sunday 1	Five Dock	Belmore Eagles A
Over 35-1	Marrickville	Enfield B
O35-2	Belmore Eagles	Balmain
O35-3	Belmore Eagles	Abbotsford
O35-4	Concord	Hurlstone Park
O35-5	Burwood	Leichhardt Tigers B
O35-6	Concord	Abbotsford
O35-7	Concord	Enfield
21-1	Leichhardt Saints A	Hurlstone Park
18-1	Enfield A	Belmore Hercules
17-1	Inter Lions	Aust. National Sport
17-2	Concord	Marrickville
16-1	Leichhardt Tigers A	Inter Lions
16-2	Marrickville A	Earlwood
15-1	Earlwood	Marrickville
15-2	Enfield A	Roselands
15-3	Marrickville	Earlwood
14-1	Aust. National Sport	Hurlstone Park
14-2	Burwood	Earlwood
14-3	Enfield	Five Dock
13-1	Inter Lions A	Burwood
13-2	Hurlstone Park	Enfield
13-3	Belmore Eagles	Marrickville
13-4	Lakemba	Leichhardt Tigers
12-1	Stanmore	Leichhardt Tigers A
12-2	Concord	Enfield A
12-3	Canterbury	Belmore Eagles

12-4	Five Dock	Abbotsford
11-1	Leichhardt Tigers A	Stanmore
11-2	Balmain	Burwood
11-3	Hurlstone Park	Balmain B
11-4	Concord	Hurlstone Park A
10-1	Leichhardt Saints	Leichhardt Tigers A
10-2	Burwood	Balmain
10-3	Strathfield	Balmain
10-4	Five Dock B	Five Dock A
10-5	Five Dock	Hurlstone Park A
10-6	Strathfield	Balmain
Women AA-1	Balmain	Leichhardt Saints
WAA-2	Balmain B	Marrickville
WAA-3	Lakemba	Balmain A
WAA-4	Strathfield	Russell Lea A
Girls 18-1	Hurlstone Park	Marrickville
G17-1	Burwood	Enfield
G16-1	Balmain A	Hurlstone Park A
G16-2	Hurlstone Park B	Enfield A
G15-1	Earlwood A	Roselands
G15-2	Leichhardt Saints	Russell Lea
G14-1	Balmain	Canterbury
G14-2	Concord B	Concord A
G13-1	Hurlstone Park	Earlwood
G13-2	Russell Lea	Enfield
G12-1	Canterbury	Russell Lea A
G11-1	Earlwood	Enfield
G11-2	Leichhardt Saints	Strathfield
G10-1	Balmain B	Balmain A
G10-2	Balmain	Canterbury

2009 Roselands Raptors Soccer Football Club Perpetual Recipients



Junior Sportsman Award
 Junior Sportsman Merit
 Junior Sportsgirl Award
 Junior Sportsgirl Merit
 Junior Goalkeeper
 Senior Goalkeeper
 Senior Sportman Award
 Senior Sportman Merit
 Senior Sportswoman Award
 Senior Sportswoman Merit

Team Sportsmanship
 Thomas Wake Memorial Award

Manager Of The Year
 Coach Of The Year

Justin Elazzi
Stephen Georgiou
Amanda Daizli
Sarah Mitchell
Christopher Mamatsi
Mathew Manos
Bassam Abdul-Menhem
 Not awarded
Clarissa Nicita
 Not awarded

u10-2 Boys
Nicole Michael (Female)

Maria Athanasiou
John Mamatsi



End Of Season Reports

U6s Goannas End of Season Report

The Year That Was

After a slow start to the season, trying to find a coach and a manager, everything fell into place nicely and the U6s Goannas were born. And what a season it was. We quickly realised that these were a talented bunch who adapted quickly to the Small Sided Format and the goals started flowing. They were ably supported by our coach Cesar Cerqueira who had a great rapport with the kids and could easily impart his knowledge onto them.

As a result the Goannas had very successful season when competing against the other Roselands U6 SSG teams as well against Earlwood SSG Teams.

The Players

Brian Azvedo	Tristan Daaboul
Zade El-Hassan	Connor McCann
Adrian Pulverenti	Nicholas Sourlas

Coach: Cesar Perqueira **Manager:** Omar El-Hassan

Coach's Comments

It was a pleasure to teach these unique boys. I had lots of fun with them. Thanks to the manager and all the parents.

Adrian

This fellow works all game non-stop. Gained lots of skills such as tackling and shooting from far. Scored some very nice goals.

Brian

For his first year he is as keen as anyone. He is like a little fox non-stop always wanting to score.

Connor

Very well behaved. He improved out of sight. His kicks were great and also score good goals. Does not stop trying and he is a great team member.

Nicholas

The rock in defence knows how to play the game so does not need to listen but when he decides to listen he is very hard to stop.

Tristan

If only he could run over everybody he would score hundreds of goals. He is very passionate about the game and runs all day.

Zade

Good left foot has to love the habit of hanging back and waiting for something to happen. When he decides to play he knows what to do.

KEEP ON GOING GOANNAS 2009 !

Manager's Comment

It was a pleasure being involved. I would like to thank the parents for a very harmonious season and would also like to congratulate them for having such well behaved kids.

On behalf of the parents we would like to thank Cesar for a great job.

We would also like to thank the Club and the Committee for organizing the competition and for their great effort throughout the year – setting up the grounds, emailing/texting everyone and ensuring everything ran smoothly. **See you all next season.**



U6s Kangaroo's End of Season Report

Coach : Nicholas Vlahogiannis

Manager : Paul Tozzi

It was a good season, all the kids looked forward to the training nights and game days, a good group of kids and supportive parents made the season go smoothly and fun. All the kids had fun playing the game and even had a few wins but more importantly had fun playing soccer, learning how to kick and pass, dribble the ball, defend the goals and work as a team.

The only down point was the weather it wasn't on our side this year.

All the kids are looking forward to the next season already.

Kangaroo's



U6s Kookaburras End of Season Report

- PRE SEASON:** We were changing over to the new format of the small sided games this year. We didn't know what to expect as we didn't have enough feedback. The kids didn't seem to mind as on registration day they were just happy to see each other again after so long.
- TRAINING:** Coaching under the small sided games a little difficult as game day itself was like training. Trying to keep all the kids active and doing the drills correct was at times arduous. But once we all got to know each other and some rules were set, it was getting easier and more rewarding, watching the kids improve. The kids were showing up to training most weeks except for the weeks which no one can help with colds and flu's. It was really rewarding by about half way through the season, as the kids were forming a bond, and if someone was missing, most kids would ask me where so and so was and if he was coming to training. Those cold nights and a hectic schedule faced by parents is difficult, so it is a credit to those parents who would constantly show up, who helped create that bond which is so special between a team.
- SEASON:** We were all used to the home and away format and we missed that a little. The small sided game was starting to be a little difficult as we were all just getting to know the format and the rule changes. The ball seemed to be out a fair bit and in the beginning the field seemed a little small. Saying that, I did see some remarkable improvement in the kids. I can see the benefits of the small sided game as kids that were scared of getting in there had no choice but to be involved. And with this came enjoyment and improvement.
- SEASON END:** Relief that the season had come to an end was felt by all. But even when we played our last game, a lot of the kids and parents just wanted to hang around and talk. It seemed that they just didn't want to part. All parents of our side got on very well and this showed when it was time to part. It is important for the kids to get on well and form a team, the parents must set a good example and do the same. The season has been a long one but we will miss the kids and parents a lot. Hope to see you here next year, and to those who will move on, good luck and please keep in touch.

Coach: Arthur Athanasiou **Manager:** Maria Athanasiou



U6s Wombats End of Season

It was great to see the kids enjoying themselves and beginning to learn the game and what being part of team is all about.

We certainly started the season as a group of individual players whose main criteria was to get that ball from whoever had it at the time regardless of what side you were on.

By the end of this season, the kids had learnt that of the main thing to do was take the ball from the other team's players only and keep it with your own team. We had even learnt to try to pass it to other members of our own team.

The kids shared their turns in coming off the field and being goal keeper, out of school friendships were made as they learnt to look out for one another on and off field and above all they had fun, win or lose.

It was good to see the regular roll up of the kids not only for the Saturday matches but also for mid-week training. They were always ready to play and eager to give a 100% regardless of the weather.

I would like to thank Rijdy Alameddine, Jessy Silva Castro, Jack Pike, Charbel Geha and Jordon Marques for playing a great season and having fun each week.

Also a special thank you to Joseph for his patience in training the boys each week helping them on game day and for refereeing our home games & to the rest of the Mums & Dads who gave their time and commitment to their kids.

I hope the kids and you had a good season and look forward to seeing you next season.

Rebecca Grange
Manager



U7s Magpies End of Season Report

We started off the season with 7 players, but after a one round we were down to 5 players, but thankful we inherited another more players to make the team complete.

During the first training session my goal was to teach them all to control the ball properly, the next session was to teach everyone to how to use the ball to their advantage. I was very surprised at how quickly they all picked up these skills (May I add – they did not always put them into action on game days – but that’s the way the cookie crumbles). On game day the most asked questions were:- “Can I be goalkeeper?” “Can I be defender?” “Can I do the goal kicks?” “I am thirsty?” and “It’s too hot”. My replies were “Yes”, “No”, “Later” and “Yes”.

We won a few, lost a few and drew a few but I really enjoyed coaching these guys. But as the season went on and on the most pleasing thing was seeing every single player learn and improve out of site. The improvement in the team was justified and reward by the results they obtained towards end of the session. All in all it was a great end to the season and everybody had a great time. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for getting the children to training and the games.

Thank you to Viktor who helped out at training while I had work commitments. To my manager Lisa and her husband on game days, and last but certainly NOT least my players thank you all for a fun and enjoyable season.

From a very proud under 7s magpies coach

Isaac Hamade

U8-3s End of Season Report

In 2009 it was great to be back for football once again and great to see some players from last year and some new faces as well. We had a total of 10 players and we looked forward to a good season, yet first and foremost we wanted the boys to simply enjoy playing football.

At this early stage I aimed to teach the boys their individual positions and their role they had to play and once they got a feeling for the structure; they excelled as a team in my eyes. We had our fair share of win, losses and draws; yet as I have referred too the young lads learnt how to play in a formation which will allow them to grow as players and just as importantly assist their team. It was also great that as the year progressed each of the young boys developed as players and their growth was very pleasing.

A thank you to all the parents whom take the time to bring their children to the games and training; and to Angela who does a fine job as manageress. To all member of the EC whom provide their personal time to Roselands Football Club so that our club can simply play football. A special mention to Jeff Gissing (aka Ted Bullpit) and John Mamatsi (George Costanza), their individual effort to contribute to our football club should never ever be overlooked for their would literally be no club.

I hope to see all you young Lads back next year to play the beautiful game of Football.

U8-4s End of Season Report**TEAM**

Abbey Harrison
Costa Houliaras
Lachlan Sleiman
Justin Sleiman
Alycia Gleeson
Aaron Wunderlich
Callum MCDade-Jacobs
Kaylan Prestwidge
Dimitri Glezakis
Theo Mihas
Danish Ahmad
Marco Hasna

Well what a great season we have had. The team had a very challenging and great season this year. Well done to the 8/4's for each week giving there best to a great game. The kids had a lot of fun and there skills improved every week.

Thankyou to the parents who attended the games, those helped set up the park and those helped with canteen and BBQ.

Hope to see you all next year.

COACH

Angelo Houliaras

MANAGER

Fay Sleiman

U8-9s End of Season Report

Hi Team,

The under 8/9's had a very successful season, we finished with 10 wins, 2 draws and 2 loses. All the boys contributed to the team's success, we could see the improvement from the previous season. The team scored plenty of goals this season and our defense was rock solid. We had a squad of 12 boys and just about every week they would all turn up to play, the boys were very enthusiastic and i guess winning games motivated them to put their best foot forward.

Special mentions to Joshua Pepping, Thomas Kakoliris and Abdulkareem Emir Rudzikylani, these boys were our most consistent performers for the whole year.

Another special mention is to our coach Jacob Stavrou, I want to thank Jacob for coaching and hope he can coach our team again next year.

And thanks to the parents for bringing their kids to the games every week.

Thanks

Thea

U9-1s End of Season Report**TEAM**

Mario Aleksik
Adam Daizli
Austin Hatzidakis
Brendan Sleiman
Peter Argyropoulos
Yianni Nicolaou
Jihad Alameddine
Luke Rigas
Astin Sambinis
James Moscardo – Prosilis

Well what another fantastic season we had. It was a very challenging season this and 9/1's you did us proud. The boys performed really well this season and hey should very proud of their achievements. The team stayed a team and bonded really well together. Throughout the season we had alot of challenges, from entering the Carss Park Gala Day and making the Quater Finals, to beating teams that were unbeatable. The team was always eager to play at each game and they each performed at 100%. We had extra training this year with Nick at NB9. The passing, kicking and ball skills improved week by week. All there talent came out and showed there team work. Thankyou to the team for a great season.

Thankyou also to the parents, who attended the games, attended all those cold training sessions and supported the team throughout the season.

Thankyou to all the parents who helped set up the park, who helped in the canteen & BBQ and Ratako for refereeing at our home games.

Special Thanks this year to our sponsors 3rd Rock Group, Uplift Cranes and Quinton Anthony Identity for their support and sponsorship to the team and club.

Hope to see you all next year.

Allen Daizli
Coach

Fay Sleiman
Manager

U9-4s End of Season Report

The team consisted of 12 players:

Kevin
Harrison
Anthony
Theodore D
Yasir
Joseph
Mathew,
Theodore K
Christian,
Nicholas
Karl
Ming

Coach: Roy Manager: Suzanne

We commenced the season with no Coach, and Nicholas's parents stepped in and contributed to sponsor a coach, along came Roy.

We were placed in division 5 and guided by Roy the team started winning games and after the first few rounds they were promoted to Division 4.

We had a great season culminating in more wins than losses and the players learnt a lot.

Thank you to Roy for doing a wonderful job, to Nicholas's parents for their sponsorship and the parents for supporting the team throughout the season.

Congratulations to the players for their efforts on and off the field see you all next season good work and keep the Roselands spirit alive.

Suzanne Tartak
Manager

U10-2s Girls End of Season Report

2009

COACH

CATHY FARRUGIA

MANAGER

MARIA ATHANASIOU

TEAM

Bianca Farrugia
Jennifer Athanasiou
Isabella Cook
Madeline Gentle
Natasha Najdovski
Katelyn Low
Katerina Kartanos
Peta Chisarlis
Irene Filipis
Eloise Ryan
Chloe Kent

PRE-SEASON

The season started off with uncertainty, as by early in the season the team was left with no coach. As I had started assisting at training and on game day it was suggested that I take on the coaching role. I had some apprehension for many reasons mainly I didn't know if I would be able to put in the commitment the girls deserved from a coach due to work and life commitment. But with the support of the parents and the girls I was convinced that maybe I could do it and looked forward to getting to know 11 new girls. Also the Manager Maria seems like a really nice person who promised that she would take care of all the administration tasks....she kept her word thank God!

SEASON –START

The season started with the girls losing trial games and the first few competition games. Then at training we started focusing on being a team, majority of the girls had never played soccer before, didn't know all the rules and didn't even know each other. The girls soon started to crack down at soccer; we managed to stop talking and really listening at training. The girls started to really not just listen but put in the effort with ball skills and getting involved in the game strategy. This is when it all turned around for us.....soon we not only won 1 game; we won the next 3 games! The team was on a high, the parents where on a high and most importantly the coach and manager where on a high!

TRAINING

Training was a challenge this year with the winter season comes the raining days...it also seems to rain on a Wednesday afternoon when training was scheduled. Along with the rain came the dreadful; as like every other team atmosphere our team was not spared our run of the flu through the team. But when training was on the girls had fun, learning about the importance of fitness, stretching and ball skills. The training

sessions were important as the girls most importantly had fun and got to know each other. The biggest success for me as a coach was to see how 10 girls got to know each other and came together as a team.

The girls loved the most when we would have the team v's the mothers at the end of training. We also need to thank the U7 team and coach Arthur for playing against us at training and for training the girls when I was unable to attend.

GAME DAY

Game days were early Sunday 8:30am starts most of the time, but the girls never complained and to their credit either did the parents. As we started on our winning streak our team soon feel victim to the flu and we missed some of our players for a few weeks. But all the girls held their heads high. The girls would be there 30mins before had for our team warm up, stretching and discussion on the game plan. During our warm up sessions the girls would ask questions about how they should deal with passing to each other, they started talking amongst themselves about calling out one name at a time, calling for the ball and most importantly playing at a team. Maria the Manager was always on hand with the game sheet, tape, and any other requests the coach and the team had....thank god for Maria! All the parents turned up every week eager to watch our girls week in and week out. We were all proud of our girls even win or lost, it was great to see how the team who had never played together before were enjoying the game of soccer. Being a parent and have the opportunity to coach these young ladies it was the greatest reward.

A special mention should also go to the fathers who got involved and referred the games on Sunday mornings.

COMMITMENT TO CLUB AND TEAM

I would like to thank all the parents and the girls for their commitment to the team and the club. Special thanks needs to go to the Arthur & Maria Athanasiou and Chris Filipis (Irene's dad) who early on Sunday mornings would be there for the set-up and help pack away all the equipment each home ground. The girls showed the biggest commitment to each other, it really shows what team work is all about.

LAST GAME

After losing a few games we went into this game with all we had. We had reflected that we had lost a few of the prior games and this was the last one for the season....the girls wanted to win they wanted to finish on a high...and they just that! Although it was the end of the season I believe the girls had more to give, our competition for some reason was cut short but the girls were on a roll. I was proud of the girls, this was a team where the 90% of the team had never played before. We played our last game and although we came 6th in the competition we can all hold our head up high.

CONCLUSION

I was not sure what to expect as coach this year from the girls or the parents. By I must say I really enjoyed getting to know each one of the girls, teaching what I know about soccer and most importantly what team work is all about. The girls really listen and enjoyed our chats, I started to realise early on that I can make a difference to these girls, and they never once let me down. I have to thank the parents for their commitment and being respectful of my as a coach. Majority of the parents provide their support throughout the season. This made my job much easier and more enjoyable as a coach.

The biggest thanks has to go to our Manager Maria, without her I don't think our team would have delivered on a lot of items. Maria was the key to our success; she was also the person that made me feel like I was making a difference to the team. It's people like Maria and Arthur that make the club what it is.

Thankyou

Cathy Farrugia (coach)

Maria Athanasiou (manager)

U11-1s End of Season Report

COACH
Steliy Georgiou

MANAGER
Ignatius Meliss

PRE-SEASON

We started with some light training back in February, and had a few new players try out for our team. With 4 players missing from last year's squad we had some key positions to find replacements for. After a few training sessions we welcomed Mitchell, Anthony C, Anthony M and Chris to our squad and welcomed back Mohamed who missed last year with a broken arm.

THE COMPETITION

Twelve teams made up our division and we were excited by the many new teams making up division 1. However after the first few rounds it was clear some teams were going to find it tough at this level. We had some blow-out scores against the weaker teams. The competition was later split and after the association switched us to a 6 team comp our games were closer. We finished the regular season in 3rd spot. Some close losses against Leichhardt (2:1) and Stanmore (1 nil) cost us top spot.

SEMI-FINALS

Our first semi was played on a warm day against a well coached Abbotsford team that included some quality players. The boys stepped up for this game, combining well to earn a 4:nil win. Our 2nd semi was played against Leichardt. The game was nil all at half time. A little scrappy at times, probably due to the pressure of the game, but we felt confident at half time. We scored 2 minutes into the 2nd half, however conceded 2 goals later in the half to go down 2:1. Again 2:1 against Leichardt!! Leichardt went on to beat Stanmore in the final on penalties.

THE TEAM

Anthony Comminos - Midfield

It wasn't long before the boys nicknamed him ".com" after joining the team. Displaying good physical strength and a fierce shot, Anthony played most of the season in the midfield. An obvious hunger for the game ensured Anthony contested and won many challenges in the midfield. A tenacious player who challenged everything.

Mitchell Cunningham – Striker/Left Half

Within 5 minutes of watching Mitch in his first training session with the boys the coaching staff knew he could cope playing a year up in division 1. Displaying a great first touch, good physical presence and a handy left foot shot, Mitch came to training with a great attitude and his practice away from training showed in the way he has been developing as a player.

Sam De Bari – Striker

Sammy has improved from last year, with his attacking, dribbling and powerful snap shot. Sam has continued to develop in what can be a very difficult position at this level. His confidence, strength and speed continues to grow, however, the amount of goal assists he was involved in this year was special. His development this year earned him our "Player of the Year" award. Congratulations!

John Demos – Sweeper

Cheeky Johnny played another season in one of our most demanding positions in the centre of defence. Johnny cleared the ball to safety during many games where our defence was placed under pressure. He

enjoyed coming to games and training to be with his teammates. Johnny always took on board instructions provided by the coach at training.

Perry Fotakopoulos – Midfield

Our Captain this year did very well considering he was suffering with injuries for most of the season. As well as scoring some unforgettable goals himself from free-kicks, he also provided fantastic corners for others to score as well. Perry is an example of what can be achieved by practicing your shooting and crosses. He also isn't afraid to dribble past a player and usually gets around them in tight situations.

Steven Georgiou – Left Half

Another vital contribution to the team this year by Steven. He was involved in many of our attacking plays on the left hand side, combining with Karim and Mitch to work the ball into the oppositions danger zone. A player gifted with natural speed, and a great understanding of the game.

Mohamed Jabado – Striker

'Moi' was thrown into the deep end at the beginning of the season after missing last year with a broken arm. As the competition progressed so did Mohamed. His physical presence up front enabled him to push through many defenders setting up some great passes for other players and scoring some handy goals himself.

Karim Kaddouh - Left Back

Once again a great talker on the field, which coaches like to see. Karim's talk in defence ensured players around him were focused on the opposition players movements throughout the game. His slide tackle(which he loves) is improving in defence and his clearance headers provided opportunities for our midfield to attack.

Chris Krombas – Stopper

Another little speedster in our team, and another new arrival. Its always great to see a player in a defensive position look for the short pass to play it out of our danger zone rather than just hoof it up to the other team. Chris showed this type of composure and vision throughout the season. Well done!

Stefan Lilic – Goal Keeper

Always a tough position to play in the team, but a season combined with basketball enabled Stefan to pull off some wonderful saves this year. Who could forget the courage he showed when contesting the ball in our semi vs abbotsford.

Anthony Mavris – Right Half/Back

New to the team in 2009, Anthony is a clever player with excellent footwork. Playing out of position for most of the season, Anthony showed composure under pressure and always looked to link up play with his teammates. A player with a brilliant first touch and a passing game that can leave other teams chasing shadows.

Michael Meliss – Midfield/Vice Captain

Last year celebrated a goal vs Five Dock 'Cahill' style and this year scored some great fearless headers Cahill style. Played a lot of balls early out of the midfield and kept busy organising teammates in set plays, in both attack and defence. Always looking to link up the midfield with our strikers, by playing those through balls.

Samuel Michael – Right Back

Samuel's a player who just loves to play the game and had a strong season at right back this year. A never-say-die attitude, he is a workhorse in defence and showed a willingness of wanting to learn at training. During the game he was able to read play well and made some great covering tackles as well as clearing the ball out of our danger zone.

Dean Xenos – Striker

Dean is a player who fires up for match day. Dean did a fantastic job marking some of the competitions most talented strikers. Tactically, when required, he did a great job when moved to a more defensive position. He scored many goals early in the season and was very hard to stop when attacking on the right side of the field. He was our best performer in our big semi-finals games. Well done Deano!!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the parents for supporting the boys throughout the season. Thank you also to all the parents who helped out with the BBQ, canteen, field set up and pack away after each game this year. We found all the parents showed a great manner on the sidelines, encouraging the boys to perform at their best.

U11-4s End of Season Report

This year, we had a 50-50 team. That is, about half the team was aged under 10 so they had to step up to playing against older boys, which I think they achieved, in the majority, admirably.

The year started with a wash out and thus it proved for the season.
Too many wash outs and too much sickness.

We started well with a win, and won 3 out of 4, only losing to the eventual premiers, which, I thought, were graded too low for their talent and ability.

To give an indication of what could have been, is that the team we first played, and beat 4-1, ended up in 3rd position on the table which is at least where we could have been, if not 2nd.

The second half of the season included 3 forfeits and 5 games where we were short by 2 or 3 players. Only 1 game we had a full team (just) and had a 1-1 draw. We even managed a 1-1 draw with 7 players against the bottom placed team.

Our regular main players did well under the circumstances losing by respectable scores on all but 1 game.

The lack of practice days, which were more washed-out than the games, did not allow us to maintain and improve on the flow we were working on.

Many of the boys did was asked of them and did well both in practice and in the games, but there were a few who 'played up' and, unfortunately, caused a disruption to some other players.

I congratulate the team for doing their best, under the circumstances, and, hopefully, weather and sickness permitting, will be better next year, and wish them all the best for the season to come.

Unfortunately, I may not be able to commit to coaching next year as Peter may want to play Rugby League and I will have commitments in that direction (taking him to training and games).

Footnote.

I have a gripe with the FFA and the A League .

The Rugby League clubs send their players to schools to influence the children into playing that code, and good on them.

The FFA, I believe, levies a fee from all player registrations to have more money to pay and get better players to improve the A League. What do the grass roots get in return? SFA?

All fine for the A League 'business', but they do not actively try and promote our code in a similar way Rugby League does.

BIG MISTAKE.....I think they have lost 2, that I know of.

The offer paid clinics and so on, which many cannot afford, but how about some similar promotion from some of these professional as part of their contract to earn their money and bring more children into our game. The World Game.

Child	Pts
Shan Aldrouich	15
Antonis Grigoriou	10
Derick Frimpong	8
Ashneil Shankar	7
Orcun Uludag	6
Shahin Mohammed	4
Peter Thomas	4
Thomas Desfosses	4
Abdallah Kreidich (Aaron)	3
Ahmad Abou Ali	0
Dennis Anastasiou	0
Vlad Focas	0
Daniel El Boustani	5

U12-1s Girls End of Season Report

In 2009 the under 12 girls of Roselands Raptors returned to play football once again, with a number of players from last year and a few new faces in 2009. With a turn out of 15 young Ladies we aimed to do our best and play fair each time we take the field and most of all enjoy playing the beautiful game of football.

We started the season knowing that it was a step up from the previous year with the half the Roselands team being only turning 11 in 2009; yet this will give them the chance to increase their skills quicker for they have to step up and perform to match their opponents.

With the U12's having 12 teams; we were started in the same division and once each team played all the 11 other teams once, then there would be a two separate divisions. We started the season quite well; good to see all the players from the previous year playing and improved from 2008, and with the new young Ladies there was a positive feel with the team. In the first 3 games we had all three outcomes for football and so we were not sure how our season would pan out, yet the girls and Mrs. Organization & I felt positive for our season ahead. Then we came to realize we were playing in a division that was above our level as a team; yet our young Ladies learnt fast and always played above their individual means. I personally feel it is a credit to each of them as a person (and to their families) with the way they always conducted themselves with poise grace and dignity. At all times the young Ladies turned up for training and games happy to be able to play football and give their best performance possible. I suggest that anyone whom is interested go back to the match repots were I have taken the time to write detailed information about our team (and Sunderland); they will be made available soon.

A thank you to all the parents whom take the time to bring their children to the games and training to Sophie who is the most organized person I have ever meet-period! To all member of the EC whom provide their personal time to Roselands Football Club so that our club can simply play football. A special mention to Jeff Gissing (aka Ted Bullpit) and John Mamatsi (George Costanza), their individual effort to contribute to our football club should never ever be overlooked for their would literally be no club.

U12-1s End of Season Report

Squad

Faycal Alameddine
 Cristian Biviano
 Luke Calderaro
 Alexi Daskalopoulos
 Imran Elhassan
 Bobby Gruevski
 Perry Kambitsis
 Themeli Koukouras
 George Lazaropoulos
 Charbel Nakhle
 Ben Naylor
 Christos Papadopoulos
 William Poulos
 Corey Shute
 Panos Stamoulos
 Kostas Stefanou

Coach: George Daskalopoulos

Manager: Imad Alameddine

The season started off well for us with the boys performing well in the North Narrabeen Classic. This was a tournament that attracted top division sides from throughout the state. The boys were very competitive in their draw narrowly losing the first two games & winning the third.

We had a good start to our competition as well with a good win over Burwood and followed up with a draw against Stanmore Hawks.

But two straight loses to the Leichhardt A & B teams signaled the kind of year we were going to have.

We traveled to Figtree for our State Cup game and the boys did themselves proud with a 0-0 draw at full time. After extra time the score was still locked at 0-0. A penalty shootout ensued and unfortunately our boys went down 4-2.

Back to our competition, three straight draws against Marrickville, Balmain & Abbotsford had us slip further down the table. We had many chances to convert these into wins but were not able to capitalize on our chances.

We won the next to games against Abbotsford & Burwood and we started to claw our way back up the competition table. But the consistency was never there & three straight loses to the Leichhardt's teams & Stanmore put an end to any chance of us making the semis.

I'm sure the boys gave it there best shot & really enjoyed themselves.

A special thank you to our coach George for his time & effort this year. Juggling coaching & work commitment is not easy. He tried his best with the boys & he knew they had the potential. But unfortunately things didn't always go our way.

Thank you to all the parents for their support throughout the year, whether it was canteen duty, setting up the fields or shouting encouragement from the sidelines. Thank you also for your quick responses to my SMS's.

As for me, I really enjoyed being the manager of the team. It was the first time I have taken on such a task. I hope I was a good link between the Coach, players & parents.

Finally to the boys, thank you, you have been a good bunch of kids. For those of you pursuing the Reps next year, good luck. For those that aren't, I would like to see the team continue at Roselands and give it another shot.

Yours In Sport
Imad Alameddine.

U12-3s End of Season Report

As another season ends we draw back on the year that was and what it could have been. As an appropriate thought that stayed with me the whole way, and is what I think ruined our season was “Rain, rain, come again another day!”, but never the less the season was a good one regardless of the result.

This year saw a few new kids come into our team which have had a positive impact on our team. This (not just because of the new kids) gave us renewed hope that we could possibly make it the whole way and win what should have been rightfully ours two years in a row now.

The season kicked off with a massive high, as we happened to smash all our opponents in the pre-season and this was a very encouraging sign to see that we were working together as a team, but then as the rain came to ruin the parade. As this happened things happened to go pair shaped for us, as we couldn't train or do anything for what could only feel like months apart from each other and as results speak for itself, this pretty much stuffed us for a period of time, until our buddy Mr Sun decided to shine up and put some rays back into our team, it's quite funny that our form could be determined by the weather. But the rain yet again had other plans to stuff us up yet again, and then again we were faced with a task of winning 5 straight in a row in order to have a chance to make it to the top four. Then it suddenly became four wins in order to make it to the semi finals as they showed a dominant display by disposing of Enfield. The next game was an unfortunate draw as the boys let in a last minute goal in order for them to equalize against us. That moment made it harder for the boys to get in, but as they have shown all year, they have not given up on what was left. This made the third game in order to get into the semi finals, harder to get into. Unfortunately we came up against the premiers and as good premiers do (and I m not talking about Saint George here as they can't dispose of anyone at the moment) they disposed of us and this put the situation of making it into the semi finals beyond reach, but the boys, and this is why I am always proud of them, they still managed to have some hope in order to make it to the semi finals. It was just very unfortunate to see results not go our way, but what can you do.

As for who gets the blame for stuffing up our season, well it certainly wasn't the boy's, nor the parent's, nor bill and I, but I certain blame Mr rain for raining on our parade, but at the end of the day all I can say is we tried our very best in order to get to the final's but we were just unlucky. Here are a few words of advice/ encouragement for the boys, but never forget, Bill and I are always proud of you no matter what you guys do ☺

Keefe: Mate you have honestly become an inspiration to most of those people that want to become a goal keeper, seriously you have skills to burn and be proud of the fact that you can do things that many people can't do. Just be patient and the rewards will be there for you

Blake: You have shown what a year of training does to you when you don't have soccer and that is a very good thing, if you keep it up you can only ever get any better

Billy: Seriously I didn't think that you could show that much maturity for a player your age, it is actually quite outstanding that you can show that now because if you keep doing that now, who knows what sort of a good player will come out of you. But, take all your aggression out on the field and I am positive that everyone who comes in your way will be scared of you

Georgey: All I can honestly say to you is, come to training!!! You're a great kid and you are a great leader

Ali: Your getting better as each year comes and that is a great thing because you can only get better. But one word of advice, keep your eyes out on the field not on other things!

Christopher: You keep putting in the hard yards at training and you will gain its rewards regardless if they take their time or not, just don't give up and we all know that you are a good player

Ayden: Ayden you're a great kid, everyone knows what has happened this year for you and it's hard but all I can say to you is be patient and you will get there

Ross: You have achieved a lot this year and I am very proud of you for that, but in order for you to be better, try get the ball more often, but other than that you are doing great

Sami: You have had an outstanding year, and to see that you have learnt in 3 years how to play excellent soccer, this year it really did show, but the only little criticism I have for you is, don't be afraid to pass the ball a little bit more

Jayden: I am very proud of you on how you lead the boys as a captain/vice captain and your leadership is second to none.

Christian: Man you have impressed in your first year this year with us, honestly you have done what we have asked you to do and more. Only thing I can say to you is to rock up to training

Steven: I know it has been your first year in a while since you have played soccer but you are a good player but a few things must be said. Watch soccer more often! And listen to what Bill and I have to say

Zoghibi: You're a good player and you can only get better just the only thing I have got to say is try get more involved

Tommy: You have had a vast improvement from last year Tommy and now you are leading the team, but one thing needs to be said PASS THE BALL!!!

But as much as we can help you out guys no matter what Bill and I will always be proud of you regardless, we will always love you no matter what.

Special thanks goes out to the parents for helping week in and week out with the washing of the clothes, making oranges for the kids, and giving Bill and I some guidance, without you Bill and I are nothing. But lastly, there has to be a word that describes beyond thanking. Bill you're an inspiration, especially to me. Your dedication for your kids is incomparable and honestly I think everyone from part of our team would like to thank you so so much for your hard effort.

So as a year passes us, let us draw on the good times we have had together and let's hopefully see each other next year all safe and well and ready for a year full of fun. Have safe holidays, trips, whatever you do just I hope and wish you all the best for now and all the years to come ☺

U13-1s End of Season Report

The season for the U13/1 girls started off a little rocky. We had a manager and a team but no coach. After searching through the team for a helping hand in coaching the girls, Mariano Gallo, a close friend of mine offered to take that position. The girls struggled a little, with only 13 girls on the team and juggled it well considering,

We had new girls with no soccer history, with history and girls from last year all in one. Considering all the park closures and wash out games they all tried their very best.

They bonded well through the season maintaining their place on the ladder to reach semi finals. There were games that we had only 9 girls to play with. Only their strive didn't lessen they challenged the other team and they had fun.

As their manager I am proud to say that with any win or loss outcome they still walked out smiling. For the girls it was a good season thanks to the time Mariano spent in coaching them. A season well done!! Go Girls!!

Maria Hatzidakis
Manager U13/1girls

U14-1s End of Season Report

I would like to thank all the players and parents for a great season of football.

With only 5 original players in our squad, we welcomed the new boys with plenty of enthusiasm. I must say I was very impressed with how well all the new boys adapted to 1st Division football.

Our team this season:

Keeper, Haris, defenders George P, Nathan , Thomas, Gamil, midfielders little Nickolas, big Nickolas, Emmanuel, Thanasi, Vas, Jin, Alexander and strikers Panos and George A.

Considering we had a very slow start to our season with an unusual amount of rain, which impacted on training we still managed to play some technical and exciting football. All the boys put in 100% and were keen to learn something new.

Even though we didn't make the finals, by the end of the season we were playing a good style of football. With plenty of movement on and off the ball, a good passing game and some nice set pieces which impressed even themselves.

Boys, I look forward to next season and once again thank you for your efforts on and off the field. I trust you will all be ready for a grueling pre-season....

Go you Raptors !!!!
All the Best.....

Merry Christmas and a Safe Prosperous New Year

KON FOTAKOPOULOS----- Coach 2009
George Krombas----- Assistant Coach/Manager
Lisa Fotakopoulos.....Manager

U14-3s End of Season Report

Here we are again at the end of another season. Each year seems to come around quicker than the last. We had 15 players this year, 1 new player Chris Du and returning after a break Aram Aldrovich. Looking back we had mixed results, in some games we had great defence , in other games we had great attack , but not often enough, did we have both attack and defence working together.

We had some great individual moments on the field .Every player did something special over the course of the season. I think sometimes they surprised themselves in how fast they could move or how hard they could kick the ball.

Throughout the season we managed to stay competitive. At the end of our comp rounds we finished 4th. Hurlstone Pk had to win 1 of its last 3 games and we would have been out of the finals. Instead they lost 1 and drew 2 making them equal 4th with us. But on a count back ruling with them we scored more away goals, thus putting us into a semi- final.

Our semi-final was against Concord. I think this was the best game the boys played all season. There was urgency in their play. Everyone gave 100% and even in the last minute of play we still had a chance. We lost 2-3 at the end of a top game, great effort boys. Goal of the season was kicked by Lachlan Campbell. It was a beautiful goal, kicked on the full, near the left post from a perfect right wing high cross from Dimitri Pistevos.

I would like to thank all the teams we played against, for the manner in which they played the game and the competition they gave us. (A trouble free season). Thank you to the Roselands FC committee who helped me all season. Thank you to our parents who helped on home games with BBQ, Canteen and field duties. Finally a VERY SPECIAL THANKYOU to Christine Parker for all her help as Manager this season, you did a really fabulous job.

Enjoy your summer

Gary Ford.

U15-1s Girls End of Season Report

MATILDA'S IN THE MAKING.....

Theodora Hatzidakis (c)
 Renae Ackling
 Amanda Daizli
 Danielle Craddock
 Annita Hall
 Maria Hampouris
 Samira Belani
 Sara Kato
 Alexandra Bounas
 Tammy Mihas
 Samantha Galea
 Matina Aronis
 Mariah Chisarlis

What a wonderful year!

Our 4th year straight in qualifying in the Grand Final was well deserved. Becoming minor premiers this year just added to all the success these girls deserve.

Unfortunately the trophy was not ours to have this year but who knows next year.....

Our girls had a wonderful year while consistent at remaining at the top of the ladder and giving every other team a run for their money.

Our inclusion in a Gala Day held this year was wonderful. Our girls were playing against older stronger teams yet their success in making it to the Grand Final was remarkable.

A special mention to 5 core girls who have played together for the last 4 years

Amanda Daizli
 Danielle Craddock
 Renae Ackling
 Theodora Hatzidakis
 Annita Hall

The u15/1 girls are a fine example of mature and polite young ladies. Our girls always gave 110% every time they walked on the field; their commitment to training was impeccable. Their ability to support each other and work in a team is what made them special.

A special Thank you to Dimitri for coaching the girls, Narelle for training the girls and our wonderful parents for the support and assistance.

I never had a shortage of hands when I was unable to manage and their dedication in helping with the canteen and bbq duties of the club were always noticed.

Thank you girls for a wonderful year and it was an absolute pleasure being your manager.

Thank you girls for the wonderful tasting chocolate dipped strawberries.....

See you all next year.....

Yours in sporting

Samya Daizli (Manager)

U15-2s Girls End of Season Report

Often the haste to make judgements and draw conclusions, sells us short and we miss the point!

To base the success or failure of a soccer team, on the score of their final game would be a hasty and extremely poor judgement. The game is about the enjoyment of sport; blending and working together to achieve a goal; celebrating that team GOAL; respecting the different parts that each can contribute to the team; making friendships "in sweat" that will last longer!

The U15/2 girls came together at the start of the season with about 3 girls of 2 years experience, 2 girls of 1 year experience and 8 girls (and 1 coach) of no previous experience. The blending happened and we learnt well. Our first game was a 7-1 victory as we rode on the experience of the 5, but there were other teams of much greater experience and we had much to learn.

We learned about each other and about the game - Where to be on the field when Rima belted a clearing kick? How to maintain possession and pass? How to manage the ball in the air? What does a midfielder have to do? How to "shuffle" an attacker to the sideline? How to save a goal and put build an attack? Where to be and when to attack a corner?

Rana was the keystone to our attack. She has deceptive speed and fitness to match her determination and drive. Her timing in the goal was exceptional. On either side was Maryanne and Nicole. Both tall girls with great speed to accompany Rana on attacking raids. Maryanne developed the sideline run and precise cross to the box for others to finish. Nicole developed the finishing touch and she enjoy her goals! All 3 worked well as a combination. Having the patience and trust in the midfielders to get the ball forward and exploding with speed to strike terror into the opposing goalkeeper.

Across the midfield were Bronte, Shae, Jodie, Jessica and Elizabeth. the skills they developed throughout the year were extraordinary. Jessica was devastating with her tenacious ball possession and speed down the wing and Bronte driving through the centre. Her solo goal through the whole Leichhardt team one day was a delight! Shae grew in confidence and technique with each game. She often found the right space in the goal area and without hesitation took the prize on offer. Jodie and Elizabeth started late, but how quickly did they catch up! There was no lag-time and by season's end they put their skills on display with great confidence.

The reliable backline of Chrystalla, Shella, Emily and Alicia were like the proverbial drover's dog! They cut-out and isolated the attack. Hemming them into the corner or against the sideline. Never letting up! Shadowing the ball, shuffling the attack, chasing hard and courageously attacking the ball.

Then there was Rima. Our most reliable sweeper. "Happy Feet" is a natural. The decisive precision in timing of the attack at the ball. Something many experienced players take years to perfect was there after just a few games. Rima was our Captain throughout the year. Something she didn't covert, but her reliability at the back was inspirational to all the girls. Always with a word to help with the position of the backline.

Emily and Alicia shared the goalkeeping duties. Neither had any experience in this critical position, but they were to be congratulated for simply volunteering for this duty. They both did a fantastic job throughout the year, finding instinctive positioning and courage under fire.

The scorebook reads FINALISTS. We finished 3rd, with 5 wins, 5 losses and 2 draws. There were 32 goals for and 18 goals against. We pushed 2nd place to 2 draws and extra time in the Final. But this is no indication of the girl's success.

This doesn't measure the effort that Chrystalla and Shella put in at training; it doesn't indicate the sheer joy that Nicole, Jessica or Shae experienced at scoring goals; it gives no sign of the inspirational leadership of Rima or the dogged determination of Jessica or Bronte.

The Under 15/2 Girls 2009 were a GREAT team, because they had a GREAT time and learnt the value of teamwork, respect and friendship!

U15-2s End of Season Report

Minor Premiers – Runners Up

This is the third year that this team has been together and it has proven to be successful once again, adding Minor Premiers, with only the one loss.

The 2009 On field Team: Christopher Mamatsi, Ibrahim Balhas, Joseph Gouvatsos (c), Mitchell Botsikas, Elie El Haddad, Jack Abouserhal, Mohamad Hariri, Mohammad Bourghabi, Nikitas Hatzigeorgiou, Daniel Santos, Saleh (Sam) Ali, Justin Elazzi, Kevin Gissing, Julian Balloot, Omar Touray.

Renato Santos returned as Manger of the team, his philosophy “when you are on a good thing stick to it” and he wasn’t referring to me.

John Mamatsi decided to continue in the coaching caper and after some counselling from me, he was very restrained throughout the year, whatever! He continued to demonstrate to the boys that if you want to be part of a successful team you must be disciplined, respect each other and work as a team.

During the off season we were fortunate to gain Nikita & Omar after losing a player from last season and they proved to be an additional benefit to the team. We started our training late in March and playing positions were finalised. The boys were eager to get back onto the competition field. The CDSFA confirmed our placing in the second division after last season finishing Runners up in division three. A higher division meant a higher quality of competition. This was highlighted in our first game when we scrapped through to a 2-1 victory against Enfield B.

From there the boys went from strength to strength and momentum was building to a final four placing. They competed in true Roselands spirit; they never gave up when we were behind on the scoreboard, always supported each other, gave 100% on the field, and played in a fair and competitive manner. Our goals resulted on team work and the players were taught that it came from a team effort, those that we scored and those few that were scored against us. In the regular season we scored 39 and had 9 scored against us a great result that we kept the goals against to single figures. Christopher still reminds us of the nine consecutive clean sheets we kept.

Our division consisted of six teams, therefore a competition of 3 rounds and when we entered the third round, the boys minds turned towards keeping the lead at the top of the table, although they knew it was a week to week prospect of winning each game. We did have our hurdles, some we created, Mitchell deciding overseas trip was more important, sleeping in and not turning up to games, arriving late to games and then those dreaded injuries. For a period during the later stages of the season the boys competed with only 11 on the field or with one reserve, and to their credit came away with the victories. It was on the back of these wins that we kept our first place position and enter the finals series.

I have always been an advocate of rewarding the team who finishes first place and not having a final series but there are powers above us that decide these competitions.

When it came to the finals our first game was against Lakemba and after an edge of your seat match we came away victors 4-2 in extra time. The elation on the player’s face of again competing in a grand final was of excitement and relief. Our competitors we found out were Enfield A, and unfortunately the reward and recognition goes to the team we defeated in all three rounds during the season. Congratulations to Enfield for their 1-0 victory on the day.

I listed above the on field team but off the field we had many who made up this team, firstly there were the families who were the loudest and proudest in our division, our technical area could always hear their

positive support for the team which proved an influence on the players, Renato and I thank them for that and getting them to training, to the games, washing of the shirts, the oranges, mandarins' and lollies that came along. Then, thanks to the friends who added their vocal chords on the days they attended, the boys lifted for those games. As my match reports always finished, 'We Never Walked Alone'

Congratulations and thanks to the hard working on the Executive committee of this Great Club, Renato and I know the time and effort that goes into it, you know who you are.

Finally to the players, who were lead well by Joseph, Congratulations on your season this year, always take pride on finishing top of the table as no –one can take that from you. Thank you for the memories.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and enjoyable Festive season.

Manager: Renato Santos Coach: John Mamatsi

U15-3s End of Season Report

2009 was a disrupted season due the number of games affected by wet weather closure of parks. It was a lottery sometimes, if training or the game was on or not.

At the start of the season most of the boys and parents alike were pretty keen to go one better than last year (which saw the boys finish runners up in 14/4s in a penalty shoot-out). Sadly, this saw the end of the era of Mark Wake and Mick Abel coaching and managing the boys after the best part of 10 years together.

Our only trial match promised much as we were convincing winners but with some work and polishing to do. So hopes and expectations were high and there was a new coach and manager for season 2009.

The 1st competition match was washed out, so our 1st game was round 2 and we were brought back to earth with a bit of a thud. A fairly comprehensive loss and a reality check for us. We won the second game but against a 9 man Lakemba team we were not convincing until the last quarter of the game, winning 8-5 (we trailed several times during the match which was disappointing).

The rest of the season saw us compete well for the most part but against the top 4 teams, we were either just not up to their standard or a bit unlucky. Against Marrickville (the eventual premiers) we lost both games 1-5 and that was a pretty fair indication. Despite that, all the boys tried hard and ran themselves to a standstill most times. It wasn't for the lack of trying or effort. Some of the better games we played were against the minor premiers Balmain with a 1-1 draw on the June long weekend and a 1-2 loss to eventual runners-up Earlwood, in July (we had lost the other game to Earlwood 2-10 so this was a big improvement). We could have won those games with a bit of luck.

The comp really split into 2 sections, the top 4 and the rest. Of the rest I thought we were the best team but unfortunately Leichhardt Saints proved to be our nemesis. We should have beaten them twice but the results were a draw and loss. Soccer's a funny game sometimes and results don't go the way you think they should.

It was a disappointing end to the season as well; we smashed Concord 6-0 in the 2nd last round (they were lucky we didn't put more away) and were looking to finish the season on a high by inflicting a drubbing on Lakemba. Unfortunately Lakemba forfeited which meant no game in the last week. A real let down for everyone, especially Joshua who having been red carded a few weeks earlier, had served his suspension and was looking forward to making it up to the boys and himself. This was the first red card for any of these boys in about 10 years and a good lesson for us all about staying mentally disciplined. Remember boys keep your mouth shut when the ref speaks. Keelan injured his knee in one of the last games also and couldn't take the field, so a disappointing way to finish for him as well.

We ended up coming 6th (equal on points with Leichhardt but with a worse goal difference). Had the Leichhardt games had gone our way and/or had we had a chance to play Lakemba in the last round and get better than a 3-0 result for a forfeit, we would have been clearly 5th which is where I think we deserved to be.

I must thank the Raptors lower age teams - Osman's under13s and Garry Ford's under 14s. They helped us out with players when we were short and those boys really stepped up to the mark for us. I'd have any of those boys in with the 15s boys anytime and I'm sure our 15s boys would welcome them too.

Regarding the 15s, a good job by Matt in goal who made some wonderful saves and came out onto the field sometimes. Jamie and Joshua played solidly in their usual fullback roles, Mitchell played dependably as

sweeper mostly, Andrew, Nelson and John shared the role of centre back/stopper along with playing in the halves and always put in a good effort. George, Chris, Dimitri generally played in the halves but switched around when asked to and were full of running. Martin who has speed to burn and Nicholas also played in the forwards and sometimes halves and troubled oppositions. Keelan played almost the entire season in the halves and ran until he couldn't move, he never left any petrol in the tank.

A special thanks to Chris Can and George Bouletos who filled in as goalkeeper when Matt Abel wasn't available (and also Mitchell and John in the last game). They didn't want to do the job but did it anyway (under protest). Great effort for the team boys.

A thank you to Angelo Bouletos for managing the team this year, it takes a lot of pressure off the coach when someone else does all that paperwork and organizing.

Thanks to all the parents who yet again did the nets, canteen and BBQ etc. when asked. Your support for the boys on the sideline is also appreciated by all of us (although no one could probably hear them over the coach).

Thanks must go to the hard working executive committee of the club, without their generous efforts this club would not function at all, let alone as well as it does.

Last of all, thanks to all the boys, you "busted a gut" each week at training and in the game. I know I ran you pretty hard at training most of the time. We could never have competed as much as we did if we didn't lift our fitness levels. Also for putting up with a cranky, old (and probably loudest) coach, you probably deserve medals.

You can all hold your heads high with pride.

Hopefully see you all next season (except for Chris Can, I believe he and his family are moving overseas. Best of luck and thanks).

Noel Gwynne

U18-1s End of Season Report

This season will go down as the most disappointing and frustrating year we have had as a team. What started off with so much promise, ended abruptly when semi-finals were cancelled due to lack of time. With Stefan Diakanastasis, Nick Gotsoulias and Daniel Wallace returning to the squad, and James Mamatsi, Christian Ramaci and Abdallah Bourghiba coming in as new players, we assembled our strongest ever playing roster.

How quickly things can change. Early into the season and Youssef Salame gets suspended for 12 months and then not long after Thomas Katsoukis sustains a serious knee injury, ending his season. Just when things look like they might start to turn around, we lose both Stefan and Christian Ramaci for the season due to knee injuries. To compound the problem Christian Antidormi is unavailable for many games, we get a few more injuries and all of a sudden we have trouble fielding 11 players. Thank goodness that Gianluca Nigro registered and was able to make a huge contribution in our remaining games. Given all of this bad luck, we lost only 2 out of our 18 league games and made the quarter-finals of the State Cup.

What we may well have achieved, only if we had not had so many setbacks. In summary, I must thank all the players who have been so loyal to this team for so many years, the parents who have been so easy to get along with, and the two Georges for being such enthusiastic and committed managers and supporters of the boys.

Sammy Ibrahim was our most valuable player. His improvement as a goal keeper has been phenomenal over the last two years. Nick Gotsoulias was probably our most consistent field player.

Team Members: Con Gouvatsos (captain); Sammy Ibrahim ; Alaa Salameh; Jake Ratcliffe; Arthur Hantzis; Dimitri Tsilioris; Thomas Katsoukis; Thomas Dales; Christian Antidormi; Stefan Diakanastasis; Nick Gotsoulias; Youssef Salame; Andrew Hemmad; George Mitsinga; Daniel Wallace; James Mamatsi; Abdallah Bourghiba; Christian Ramaci; Gianluca Nigro

TREVOR RATCLIFFE (COACH)

AA-2s End of Season Report

A NEW BEGINNING.....

In life as in soccer it is never the destination that matters but it is the journey that makes it memorable. Most of us had begun the year with the hope of the realization of the dream of playing in the Premier League (the CPL not the EPL) but as fate would have it the paths of the Roselands Raptors football club & these 16 players would cross in what Humphrey Bogart (or in this case John Mamatsi) would say was the “beginning of a beautiful friendship”.

This new squad of 16 held high expectations for the club who in their inaugural season played in the AA2. Comparisons were being made early for this team to be the new Busby Babes of the Raptors in the coming years but just like the fate of the 1950’s giants, all came crashing back down to reality. If one were to sum up our failure to make the finals it would be evident to everyone who followed our team that we were truly our own worst enemies.

Nevertheless as a squad of 16 players who hardly knew one another, we did remarkably well to play some excellent football and to have such great team moral. Not even the Bulldogs v St George arguments could break the unity of this team. It is very hard to emphasise any one particular player who stood out as the effort of everyone was outstanding. As a team we started off quite strongly the season, but as the midseason fell upon us injuries and holidays took a toll on us. Nevertheless we finished the season on a high and even though we did not qualify for the finals we had one of the best if not the best team records in terms of results and in terms of goal difference. Actually based on goal difference it should be mentioned that we finished third.

Overall it was a good clean season where we went the whole year without receiving one single red card – an achievement in itself. Hopefully next year we can go that extra step further and bring the silverware to the mighty Raptors.

AA-5s End of Season Report

In what was an enjoyable season for our team, our position on the ladder probably didn't reflect how we played or the closeness of many of our matches. In a ten team competition we did however finish ninth.

A majority of the matches we played this season, we could honestly say we were the better team, however our execution in attack was poor and we leaked in too many goals from outside the penalty area.

This was the first season we had together as a team. In a squad of seventeen players, only half a dozen had played with each other previously. As the season wore on and we played more games together, our results started to improve. This can be seen through the three victories and one draw we had from our final four games of the season. This is a promising and positive sign for next season. We are hoping to keep a majority of the players we had from this season and pick up from where we left off for next season. It was good to see that even though we weren't getting the results we wanted in most of our games, the camaraderie shown by the guys was fantastic and we generally got on well and were able to often joke and laugh about our games over a beer at the end of the day. It was tough towards the end of the season as we had a lot of guys working, injured, overseas or suspended, however we always managed to get eleven players on the park which shows the commitment of the squad.

Whilst I didn't think it would be appropriate to hand out trophies to each player, I would like to hand out mention some players for their contributions this season:

Goalkeeper of the year: Tony Cai.

Goal of the year: Con Effessopoulos's strike in the last game of the year.

Best footwork displayed in a game Award: Matt Buchanan.

Grandfather Award: Praveen Singh for continuing to play at 51 years of age (with a team half his age).

The Harold Holt Award: Stephen Jung for disappearing half way through the season without so much as a text message or phone call to advise anyone

Spectator Award: Jason Tan (For turning up to games and choosing to watch from the sidelines).

Best Training moment: Nicolai Sanchez aggressively tackling teammate Xavier Lo. Xavier missed the rest of the season. Nicolai is like a dog off a leash in defense.

Gregory's Award: Max Sunarcia for turning up at Centenary Park Hoxton Park instead of at Burwood.

Participation Award: Kareem Din for turning up for one match all season (in which the other team forfeited against us).

Best Supporter Girlfriend: Ivy, for running across the field after her partner Tony had been hurt in a tackle.

Best Defensive Effort: Julian Tran against Balmain.

Mr. Versatile: Nehal Hussain for playing every position on the park to benefit the team.

Iron man Award: Hung Mai for playing most of the season through injury.

Leading Goal scorer: Alex Gavrilovic (although he only took one in every eight chances).

Motivator of the Year: Phil Maung for his constant.... Encouragement from keeper.

On a more serious note:

Best and Fairest: Matt Kelly (closely followed by Nicolai Sanchez, Praveen Singh, Tony Dam and Phil Maung)

I would also like to thank Julian Tran for his support throughout the year in running the side whilst I was away and contributing where needed. I would also like to thank the club's management for supporting our team when we needed it. It was muchly appreciated. We can't wait for next season to start.

Lionel Singh (Manager/Coach/Player).

AA-7s End of Season Report

The AA 7's side for 2009 started disappointingly with a few losses, but eventually we got a string of wins together.

Midway to end of Season we had 4 key players out, however, we managed to win 6 matches in a row which amazingly put us 2nd on the ladder leading into the finals.

Having won 11 (eleven), drawn 1 (one) and only lost 6 (six) matches this was an outstanding effort from all AA 7's players all season.

The above achievement of 11 (eleven) wins was the most wins for the entire competition of AA7's 2009.

We successfully made it to the semi-finals but we were defeated by Strathfield 4-0.

In conclusion the 2009 AA 7's side for Roselands Raptors played skilfully, showed team spirit and enjoyed every game day, but were unlucky in the end to miss out on the title.

The AA 7's are to be highly congratulated.

Manager: Leon Vergelatos

Coach: Imad Alameddine

AA-8s End of Season Report

Season number two for this group of players was one hell of an interesting year with many ups and downs from start to finish.

After a rough start to competition last year in division 5, 2009 was a big improvement and it's also brought with it more optimism for 2010.

The squad was made up of about 80% from 08 and 20% new players. Taking charge in 2009 was Greg Gavalas as player/coach and manager.

The season started with a good win over Belmore and it was just what the doctor ordered to get confidence installed into players and get good vibes happening. For the most part the combinations through the season were good and there was some great play in attack in particular between Greg Gavalas, Raff Cuomo, Kane Dodos, Chris Anagnostou, and Michael Zoubourlis. This was most evident in a memorable game with Earlwood Wanderers in round 3 where we pushed the league leaders to the very end only to come away with an unlucky 5-6 lose! We didn't get an established goal keeper till mid season (Neville Karkousi in goals for time been) so this was one game were it cost us dearly but it set the scene for what was to come until we did get an established keeper...

This continued to cost us vs Five Dock the following week when after been up 2-0 we draw 2-2 with again, two silly goals conceded.

Midseason saw us achieve a milestone three wins in a row and two excellent games vs Strathfield in which we played some wonderful football and did as we wanted, in particular play combo of G Gavalas and R Cuomo was very nice to watch as each complimented each other with goals and assists.

More memorable games were to follow, an unlucky lose to Enfield 2-3 in Enfield in another game that flattered the opposition with 3 very soft goals to them while goal of the game was the Dim Halteh-Greg Gavalas throwing-volley goal.

We then went through more unlucky games with a lose to Belmore and a hard to bit 4-5 lose to Concord in which Raff Cuomo scored a hat trick which includes a goal from half way! However the officiating was poor and resulted in two red cards to the Raptors which were not worthy of a red card

Another memorable game with Enfield followed, this time it finished 3-3 in another game we should have won and another Dim-Greg goal like the first game. We conceded the equaliser with 1 min to go! Another milestone was our 7-0 win over Five Dock, Raff Cuomo scoring 4 in this one!

The season ended with us taking on league leaders Earlwood in a game that left us wondering what could have been as we dominated them even when we were down two players at the start, it did provide two memorable goals, the first a screamer on the volley from Greg Gavalas and the 2nd just 1 minute later, a crazy own goal from Earlwood off their kick off!!

At the end of the day we finished 6th with the 2nd best attack in the comp but worst defence when you look at goals for and against... Most players had a moment or three of brilliance and we come away with some great memories and story's we will be talking about for many years to come!

Raff Cuomo led the goal tally with 10, one more than both Greg Gavalas and Chris Anagnostou.

Looking forward to 2010.

O-35s Div. 1 End of Season Report

Our season started as per usual with a bang and half way through the season we were at the top of the table with some gutsy, tough and uncompromising display of team work. We were playing with confidence and the new recruits to the team were fitting in well.

The competition was a lot tougher than the following years, and it's showed with last year's grand finalist sitting at the foot of the table.

Unfortunately with a couple of key injuries and unavailability in players we struggled midseason. We came home with a wet sail but it wasn't enough, and with the wet weather, semi finals were cancelled and only the top 2 teams played the grand final.

Overall, it was a good season, with a good bunch of blokes with huge hearts and it was a pleasure playing with them.

Let's do it all again next year boys. Many thanks to all in the Roselands committee who always work tirelessly to make things happen year in year out.

Tony Lazaropoulos (coach)



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