



From the Secretary

Hello all and welcome to another year of football with the Roselands Raptors. I am pleased to see a lot of familiar faces around the park again this year as well as a lot of new faces as well. Hopefully I will get to know most of you a bit more as the year progresses.

The year is already flying by with round 3 being played this weekend. I ask that every one remember that it is Anzac Day this Saturday and we all spare a moment to remember those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for us. **Lest We Forget**

Our numbers are up slightly on last year which is always pleasing; the big change for us this year is small sided games (SSG) for our U6's and U7's. This is a learning experience for all of us so everyone involved with these age groups needs to keep a sense of humour and lend a hand to make it work. The main thing is that the players are on the Park and kicking that ball!!

As always we are constantly needing assistance with canteen, BBQ, field set up, coaching, managing etc etc! Remember that the club is all of us and we all need to be involved to make it all happen. As the old saying goes, "**many hands make light work.**"

I take this opportunity to remind everyone of our and our associations' zero tolerance policy in relation to violence. This applies to players, officials, spectators, in fact, everyone involved with the game. Think before you act, and there should be no problems. Let's have no red cards this season and no one appearing before the disciplinary committee!

We have a couple of vacancies on our EC this season and I urge anyone who wants to do a little bit more to help in the running of the club to put their hand up and come forward. Please contact me if you are interested and I will let you know what is involved. I would like to see some of our new members give it a go, just as I did all those years ago. You may even enjoy it!!

We have a number of social functions in the pipe line and we will let you know what is happening as soon as details are finalised.

I ask that all someone from each team do a match report each week and submit to the striker. Be assured that your team and the rest of the club like to know how you are going. Let me know if you are not sure what is required.

I'll sign off for now, hoping you have an enjoyable and successful year of football.

Kind regards,

Jeff Gissing

ATTENTION COACHES & MANAGERS FOR 2009

There are many channels of communication within our club. These include email, SMS, the web site, the Striker and the pigeon holes located in the club house.

As all of you are in the club house at some point during the week for training, could you please remember to check your pigeon holes. There is a host of information put in them most weeks about upcoming games, canteen rosters and club news. All of which will help you keep your players and parents well informed and will allow you and the parents to organise their time.

For up to date information, the best place to check is the web site. Having said that, please also note that there are certain things that are not posted on the web and are only placed in your pigeon holes. So please check them.

If you cannot find information through these sources, as always the members of the EC are more than happy to answer any questions, direct or help you in any way we can.



ATTENTION!!

MATCH REPORT WRITERS, COACHES AND MANAGERS

...across all grades and ages we'd greatly appreciate all teams having a match report submitted. It takes just a few minutes and is enjoyed by most players and parents. With so many teams trying so hard to break into a winning run and others overcoming all sorts of difficulties, many people read all the match reports. Keep them coming and if you feel it appropriate to share the workload around, that's ok, but we do ask that this be organised through your manager.

CAN'T FIND YOUR TEAMS MATCH REPORT LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES?

Then refer to your teams coach or manager, chances are that they haven't submitted one yet. It's very simple to do... go to our home page, click on "Match report"... and fill in the blanks!!

Striker Editor

NEWS AND INFORMATION

USEFUL INFORMATION

Do you have any news you'd like to share?

Do you need to contact us?

Do you want the latest news and information?

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- Completed match sheets, for that weeks round, should be returned to the club house by Sunday afternoon. There is a wooden vertical file on the desk. Please place the sheet in the corresponding slot (as labelled).

- The weekly Striker is published on the Web every Wednesday.

Close off for submission of match reports for inclusion is **Tuesday night**.

This allows time for putting it all together and publishing. If you miss the Tuesday day deadline, please still submit your report. It will be included in the following week.

- If you have a problem submitting your match report please check your antivirus & browser settings, adjust if necessary. If you continue to have problems please contact our web master.



JERSEY WASHING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. DO NOT IRON JERSEYS!
2. wash all jerseys together inside out
3. cold machine wash.

If you experience any problems with the shirts please let us know ASAP

Match Reports Week 1 & 2

U8/9 vs Burwood Won: 7-0

DATE: 04/04/09 ROUND: 1

The boys put in a great performance on the weekend to mark our 1st game of the season, after a slow start the team began to find it's rhythm, half way through the 1st half the boys managed to score their 1st goal and their confidence began to grow, by half time they extended the lead to 3 - 0. In the second half they started well putting some good passes together to eventually run out 7 - 0 winners. A special mention to Abdelkareem Emir Rudzikya, he was playing his 1st match for our team and scored 5 goals!!!

COACH NAME: Jacob Stavrou

MANAGER NAME: Thea Georgelli

U9/1 vs Canterbury Lost: 1-11

DATE: 04/04/09 ROUND: 1

Well what a start to a new season. We started out the season with a loss to Canterbury (the academy). They were the strong team from start to finish. Our team played well as half the team are new players and are adapting to each other and if we had a fair referee, we might have had a chance. Well done to Peter and the team for scoring a goal and to Anthony who received the player of the match award. Just remeber 9/1's this was just our first game, we still have alot more games to play.

COACH NAME: Allen Daizli

MANAGER NAME: Fay Sleiman



U10/2 vs Balmain Lost: 0-8

DATE: 04/04/09 ROUND: 1

With only 7 players on the field, it was always going to be an upfield battle for the Under 10/2, although the boys took the game up to the opposition many times. Martin and James played particularly well at the back with some determined tackles flying in to save the day on many an occasion. Tom went well, especially not feeling well when he switched to goalie, and saved some good shots at goal. Jordan, Mohammed and James all had great chances up front although the keeper always managed to get himself in front of the ball. Andreas had a top game, the first half as goalie before resuming his old defensive position, still got it.... Stephen also did well up front with a couple of opportunities just not working out. Overall a tough game with 2 less players, the score line did not really reflect the work and running that went in to this game.

COACH NAME: Jim Plater

MANAGER NAME: Jim plater

U12/1 Girls vs Balmain B Drew: 3-3

DATE: 05/04/09 ROUND: 1

Roselands Raptors Under 12 Girls, had a very positive start to the season for Round 1. With 12 girls available, on a very warm April morning we played our first competitive game. Mr Morris & Mrs K were very happy that the girls kept their positions and began the game quite well. The play went up and down the field initially, with both teams looking to feel their way into the game. The first goal went to Balmain, and this I feel was a good thing, for the Roselands girls came alive. At half-time it was 1 nil to Balmain, and Mr Morris noticed that at half-time the girls were feeling the heat. In the 2nd half the Roselands girls started to settle a get into the game a little more and began to feel more comfortable. We scored the next 3 goals to lead by 3-1, and all girls were doing their roles really well. With less than about 7 minutes to go Balmain got three more chances, and scored 2 goals, leaving the game with a draw.

Mr Morris was very proud and happy with each!

young girls commitment and understanding of their individual role. A very special mention to Maddison & Dana whom played their first game of competitive football and played really well, and undertook their positions and roles as they had been asked. To Katie whom took the penalty we got awarded, it was taken well and with the quality that she can be very proud of. Although Balmain scored 3 goals, our defence of Nicole K, Nicole M and other various interchanged players, they kept the Balmain attack away from goal on many occasions very very well.

See you all next game

Mr Morris

PS- Sunderland to beat Manchester United next week.....I will be watching

COACH NAME: Wayne Morris

MANAGER NAME: Sophie Michael

U13/1 Girls vs Balmain B Lost: 1-2

DATE: 05/04/09 ROUND: 1

The girls gave an outstanding performance even though the result was 2--1. They fought hard after a free kick to the opponents which resulted to 1-0 in the beginning of the game . Unfortunately with 8 attempts at goals they managed to come back to 1-1 ending the score five minutes to the end with a free kick from Balmain finishing at 2-1. Well played girls!

COACH NAME: Mariano Gallo

MANAGER NAME: Maria Hatzidakis



O35/1 vs Balmain Lost: 1-3

DATE: 4/4/09 ROUND: 1

We started the season with very little consistency and commitment in our trial games and that showed in our first game against Balmain. We started the game well and controlled the game and were up 1 nil at the 20min mark, but we lost concentration right on half time and conceded with an own goal. Going into the second half the boys were trying hard but no luck and a couple of 50/50 decisions went Balmain's way and the tide changed. We conceded a second through a penalty and then a third pushing forward for the equaliser. It hopefully was a wake up call for the boys and that they bounce back in round 2.

COACH NAME: Tony Lazaropoulos

MANAGER NAME: Tony Lazaropoulos

U7/2 vs Roselands B Lost: 3-8

DATE: 18/4/09 ROUND: 2

It was our first match of the small sided games. It was a little confusing as the kids started bunching up. More emphasis should be placed on dribbling the ball instead of big kicks, as the ball seemed to be out a lot. We need a couple of weeks to adjust to the new format but I'm sure we'll get there.

COACH NAME: Arthur Athanasiou

MANAGER NAME: Maria Athanasiou

U8/3 vs Inter Lions Lost: 3-4

DATE: 18/04/09 ROUND: 2

Our first complete game, with 9 players available we turned up at Bennett park on a hot day. Our team started well, and all the young boys were keen to play. With Alex starting as goal keeper (Alex loves being a goal-keeper), he did very well in saving and doing his duties well. All the young men kept their positions well, with players such as Zane and Harry undertaking their roles on the mid-field and wing positions. Also are marked improvement from Zack whom positioned himself well also as a winger. Our main sweepers Andre, Harry & Radwin also maintained their positions well.

Our opponents Inter Lions are a well organised team, and credit to them for their skill, and their great shooting for goal. In the end the visiting team won the game, yet for our first game with little training due to park closures with rain, the boys did very very well

COACH NAME: Wayne Morris

MANAGER NAME: Angela Soliman



U9/1 vs Inter Lions Drew: 1-1

DATE: 18/4/09 ROUND: 2

What a game, all i can say is WELL DONE under 9/1's. We wen't into the game a bit nervous, but we came out on top even though we drew. A big well done to Mario for his fantastic goalkeeping, and he also received the the player of the week award. Mario's goalkeeping kept us in the game. Well done also to Peter and the team for there team effort on scoring the first try. Keep it up 9/1's.

COACH NAME: Allen Daizli

MANAGER NAME: Fay Sleiman

U10/2 Girls vs Strathfield Lost: 0-8

DATE: 19/4/09 ROUND: 2

This was our first game as a team. In the first half the girls were a little shaky but by 15 mins into the second half the girls improved. The last 10 mins of the game had the supporters of both sides cheering louder. It was 4-nil in the first half and in the second half only 2 goals were scored which is is an indication of the girls improvement throughout the game. The rain didn't dampen the supporters cheers or the girls spirits. Taking into consideration the improvement that they made in the second half i'm sure with more game time they will improve much more. It was great to see that they all had smiles on their faces and that they enjoyed the game. Well done girls.

COACH NAME: Nick Kartanos

MANAGER NAME: Maria Athanasiou

U11/1 vs Balmain Won: 7-1

DATE: 18-4-09 ROUND: 2

Finally, back on the football field after a long off season. Our under 11's where itching to play soccer & show us all their skills. With half a new team this year due to boys leaving us and heading to rep football. The new boys have been working hard in the off season to carry on our proud name and reputation. Our opponents for the 1st game of the year were Balmain. We started playing our usual attacking soccer with several goalscoring chancers going wide. But after 10 minutes, we finally opened our account for the season with a well taken goal by Dean which came from a nice build up by Michael and Mitchell. After that we quickly settled and had a 3-1 half-time lead. Coming out for the 2nd half we continued on the attack and scored a further 4 goals. Although, at times our defence looked a little un-organised and this something we will be addressing at training. We like to welcome the new boys into our squad and hope you enjoy the 2009 season. Goal scorers were! Sam-3, Dean-2, Mitchell-1 and Michael-1.

COACH NAME: Steliy Georgiou

MANAGER NAME: Ignatious Meliss



U11/4 vs Belmore Hercules Won: 4-1

DATE: 18/04/09 ROUND: 2

For our first outing, since the first round was washed out, we played very well. Both Derick Frimpong and Shan aldrovich scored 2 goals each. And they were all team goals, coming from a passing game, each starting at the defense after winning back the ball. We had many other chances, about 4 or 5 clear-cut. To say that everyone played well, considering that many had missed training and a first time 'together' team, was especially pleasing. To pick the best 3 of the 11 was extremely difficult. Chosing from Tony, Orcun, Daniel & Aron in the back, Shahin, Peter and Derick in the midfield, Dennis, Shan, Ahmad and Thomas. (Thomas & Ahmad swapped and had 1/2 in goals each) in the front who all had a good game.

The boys need a lot more fitness and keeping their positions. Our chase back to defend often left to 1 or 2, but not always the same, players. Also, in the midfield/forwards, running to support players with the ball, and running after a 'through ball", was lac!

king. The midfield and forwards tended to blend and swap.

Year is young and hopefully we can improve on all that.

COACH NAME: Dion Thomas

MANAGER NAME: Zaynab Breidich

U12/3 vs Leichhardt Tigers Won: 4-1

DATE: 18/04/09 ROUND: 2

First game up and it was already a game that had a purpose, not a win, not a draw, not a loss, but for an uncle that passed away that loved his nephew, so it was for him today. The game got off to a cracker with 2 goals in by Ross and a very entertaining first half of soccer. Second half was a bit lack lustre but still very fun to watch having another 2 goals scored but other than that I was very proud at how the boys performed today, a bit more fitness, (and a bit more luck with this weather) and this team might just be a handful to the other competitors.

Mathew bishara

COACH NAME: Bill Beattie

MANAGER NAME: Mathew Bishara



U13/1 Girls vs Balmain Won: 2-1

DATE: 19/04/09 ROUND: 2

Five minutes before the game started the girls got soaked in the rain stopping in time for a winning game. Both goals were due to team effort. They all played their position and enjoyed it. Go girls!!!! Balmain's coach commented and agreed, it was a great game played.

COACH NAME: Mariano

MANAGER NAME: Maria

U13/2 vs Enfield Won: 1-0

DATE: 19/04/09 ROUND: 2

Welcome back team 13/2 2009, Congratulations to all the boys for participating in a school holiday weekend game, well done boys great effort.

Every one played a great game keep up the hard work.

COACH NAME: Osman

MANAGER NAME: Katherine



U14/1 vs Hurlstone Park Lost: 1-4

DATE: 19/04/09 ROUND: 2

Up against a pumped Hurlstone Park team who were keen to pick up where we left of last year (losing the G/F to us.) They played some nice football not scared to move the ball around. We held them at 1-0 first half. 2nd half they just stepped up another gear and scored some nice goals. We looked good in patches with a great team goal finished nicely by Jin, well done for our first goal of the year. Considering we played with no reserves and had to rely on borrowing 3 players from our U14/4's, we played ok.

Thank you for your support to James, Warren and Abbas you guys stepped up and played well.

I'd like to thank all the new boys in our team; we have Gamil, Nathan, Nickolas, Thanasi, Vas, Jin, Alexander and Phuc welcome to 1st Division. And a congrats to the ex-Raptors, six of my last year's squad making it in youth league well done!!!!!!!

Heads up boys not a bad effort for first game, hopefully the rain will hold so we can get some training under our belts!

See you next week Coach Kon

COACH NAME: Kon Fotakopoulos

MANAGER NAME: George Krombas and Lisa F

U15/2 vs Enfield won: 2-1

DATE: 19/04/09 MATCH ROUND: 2

Hello everyone, best wishes for the 09 season. Moving up a division is another experience for the boys one they were looking forward to. Welcome to Nikita and Omar who have bolstered the team. Round one was a washout for us so today was our first game, with the boys anxious to play although the weather was not on our side, when the light rain came down 25 minutes before kick off, but by the 0900 kick off it stopped and the players trotted onto the half way mark. . Enfield have two teams in this division and today it was Enfield B turn to face the Roselands u15-2 spirit. The 2-1 result is not a true reflection of the game, one which we dominated possession and territory for most of the match. It was a pleasing performance, that included considerable input by Nikita and Omar. The downside in today's performance was the 'Rugby League' coming out in a couple of boys with the ball going over the crossbar instead of underneath and between the posts. Half time the score was 0-0 and all that was required was to put away our chances, but not long into the second half and we were behind 0-1. The boys picked themselves up in true Roselands spirit and took the game away from Enfield. Congratulations to the players who were lead well by their captain Joseph, who put his hand up to play sweeper covering for Mitchell who was away.

Footnote: First and hopefully last casualty of the season Mitchell dropped to the bench for sleeping in after too much mayeritsa.

COACH NAME: John Mamatsi

MANAGER NAME: Renato Santos

U15/2 Girls vs Balmain Lost 1-3

DATE: 23/04/09 MATCH ROUND: 2

I am writing this report as fill in coach for the U15/2 girls as John was away on holidays. Day game dawned overcast with showers about, but we were all happy that we were finally able to get on the park. Unfortunately we only had 9 players due to school holidays and illness but I told the girls we would have to do the best we could with the players we had and they would have to work a bit harder all game to cover the gaps. Unfortunately we went down 2 nil early in the game and then had to play catch up football to try to bridge the gap. The girls were exhausted at half time with the amount of defending they had to do but I asked them for a huge effort in the 2nd half and they didn't disappoint. The girls constantly attacked the Balmain goal in the 2nd half, with some good long runs and passing but unfortunately Balmain were able to shut down most of our attacking raids with many of our shots on goal going wide. A second half penalty saw us back to 1-2 down but!

one more goal from Balmain sealed the game for them and the score finished at 1-3. Even though beaten, you girls should be proud of the way you kept trying, even though playing short, and there were some good skills being shown by a number of players. There a number of girls who have not played the game before and it was great to see them trying and listening and wanting to improve. With the spirit and skills I saw on show on Sunday, I know that this team will go a long way. Special thanks to Dion Thomas for refereeing the game with no official ref being supplied. Thanks Dion. Jeff Gissing-caretaker coach

COACH NAME: John English

MANAGER NAME: Karen Mccarney

U15/3 vs Marrickville Lost: 1-5

DATE: 19/4/09 ROUND: 2

Yesterday the 15/3 boys were at home against Marrickville. It was the first game of the season as the previous game was washed out. The boys were eager to get on to the field for the game. Marrickville had started off very strongly in the opening minutes of the game. Matt in goals had a tough job but kept the opposition quiet. After a nervous period the boys began to play more like a team. Some clever through balls had put Martin through on goal but unfortunately could not finish. The scores were level at the half. We all knew that it would be hard now that we had the wind going against us. Marrickville came out blazing and quickly countered us and unfortunately opening the scoring. A quick breakaway off the kickoff let the opposition score another. Two nil down and we knew we had to do something about it. We managed to get one back due to a mistake made by a defender. The boys spirits were high but not for long as Marrickville bounced right back. The end result was 5-1. Thank you to Matthew Gwynne for playing for us.

COACH NAME: Noel Gwynne

MANAGER NAME: Angelo Bouletos

O35/1 vs Earlwood Won: 2-1

DATE: 18/4/09 ROUND: 2

Round 2 came upon us and with very little training since Round 1 due to rain we were in for a hard day ahead against Earlwood wanderers who won div 2 and moved into div 1. The game was evenly poised throughout the first half with both teams coming close to scoring but it was Earlwood who went up one nil at half time, and if it wasn't for John Tokic making 3 magnificent one on one saves, and our boys hitting the crossbar the score could have been anything. The boys came out with some purpose in the 2nd half and through constant pressure in their box, we forced them into error and they scored an own goal. The tide had turned our way and with 15min remaining we received a penalty and Peter Gianakoulis put it away and we never looked back. We shut the game down and came away with a great result. Gutsy win gents, well done!!

COACH NAME: Tony Lazaropoulos

MANAGER NAME: Tony Lazaropoulos

AA/2 vs Marrickville Won: 6-1

DATE: 19/04/09 ROUND: 2

On a sunny saturday afternoon, the new boys on the Raptors block began their campaign in scintillating form with a conclusive 6-1 victory against their helpless opponents the Marrickville Red Devils.

"To win our first game on home soil but more importantly to begin the season with a good solid performance considering we are team consisting of new players who do not have much experience together is a really positive sign for us" said team manager Paul Glekas in the post game interview.

We began the first half in excellent fashion playing some very decent football and this was reflected by our early lead. In defiant manner though the Reds came back to end the first half in strong form and slowly started to get on top of us with some good attacking play and a late first half goal. However that was to be short lived as the Raptors began the 2nd half the stronger team and gradually took control of the game to finish on a high.

Considering we are a team of new players it was a good start to the season but more importantly an enjoyable beginning. Lets hope we are able to maintain a strong home record during the course of the year.

Goalscorers for the raptors included Paul Glekas (2), Peter Stellios (2), Jim Xanthakis (1) and Sam Stefadourous (1 although it is questionable whether it was an own goal but I think he deserves it). Personally I think everyone played well & put the effort in.

Well done lads and lets enjoy the season regardless of results. The important thing is we get out their, give it our best and hopefully play some good football.

COACH NAME: Pantelis Stellios

MANAGER NAME: Jim Tzortzis/Paul Glekas

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