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MPIO Course

The Association is hosting an accredited MPIO course (details below). This is an excellent opportunity for a member of each Club to gain valuable information and training in this area as well as developing relationships with members from other clubs who act in similar roles.

The course is being funded by the Association for its members. As such it's important each club member attends this course. It will be run over two evenings in total in late June / early July.

MPIO COURSE

Dates: Monday 22 June & Monday 6 July

Time: 6:00pm – 9:30/10pm

Venue: Pratten Park Bowling Club

Arthur Street ASHFIELD

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TSP Holiday Camps

Football NSW would like to invite you to attend our new TSP School Holiday Program. TSP is the start of the FNSW Player Pathway Program and will provide all players aged 5—13 years with the chance to be coached by qualified FNSW Instructors.

Football NSW expert curriculums will teach the essential skills necessary for future football success. These skills are the foundation for technical ability. In addition, FNSW will test these skills and complete an easy to understand report card for feedback to both players and parents.

Players attending the program will have their results recorded in the FNSW elite player tracking database and this information is used in the identification and selection in FNSW Elite Pathways Programs.

Each member of the camp receives:

- 12 hours (4 x 3 hour days) of expert instructions
- Soccer Ball / T-Shirt / Certificate
- Skills testing and report card
- 10 week personalised home training program to work on throughout the school term
- Identified players receive 4 x 60min guest sessions with a FNSW State coach. At the conclusion of these sessions FNSW will select a specific squad that will attend an intensive development camp playing selected games representing Football NSW.

For more information see the attached flyer on our website:- www.roselandsfc.com.au or [Football NSW](#)

Interview with Steinar Nilsen, head coach of Norwegian team, Brann Bergen.

1- What is your philosophy about football? What is your favourite type of play?

To play attractive football for all that are interested in football. And if we can create international players it would be even better for us. Ball possession, with players that have the quality to breakthrough a team, even in balance.

2- What is your favourite formation? 4-4-2, 4-4-1-1, etc.

I play different types of formation. But I like both of the above.

3- When the ball is lost on the offense, what do you ask to your team? Do you like to collapse down or to attack immediately, like Liverpool, to win immediately the ball?

Always try to win it back with the 1 defender.

4- Does all the team participate on the defensive practices?

All players.

5- Working with a team from the pre-season: where do you start to work? Which are the first tactical drills you utilize?

I always start with the main idea in our way to play defence. First win the ball and then start to be creative. I switch from defence to offensive all the time in this period.

6- How does your team defend when the ball is in a cross zone?

Zone and man to man.

7- On offense, do you have some schemes or do you give freedom to your players?

We have some schemes that we always are working after, but we have always room for a lot of freedom within the role.

8- How much have you exported, about tactics, from your Italian experience?

A lot in the defence part. I have picked up a little bit from different coaches all around the world in the offensive part.

The mentality and the way of life for an footballer I have also taken with me from Italy

9-In your opinion, which are the tactical trends in the European Top football?

The Spanish way of football. Great individual skills and technical skills. Formation 4-4-2 like Spain.

10- When the ball is on the offense, what do you ask of your defenders?

Offensive marking, and also to be involved in the attack.

11- When the ball is on defence, what do you ask to your forwards?

Drop back and be ready for when we will win the ball back.

Roselands FC Calling For Volunteers

We are currently seeking volunteers to help out with various tasks for the club during 2009. It is sometimes easy to neglect how much work is required to keep a successful club of this size running smoothly throughout the season.

Even the smallest amount of assistance is greatly appreciated and contributes significantly to the overall operation and success of Roselands FC.

As always we constantly need 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.**"

We ask that anyone that considers themselves able to help out in any capacity no matter how insignificant it may seem, please contact us.

Quote of the week!

"If you don't believe you can win, there is no point in getting out of bed at the end of the day."

Verbeeks No Risk Policy

HAVING steered Australia to the 2010 World Cup finals with minimum risk and maximum effectiveness, coach Pim Verbeek will stay true to himself in the final qualifier against Japan tonight.

With both teams having already locked up the two automatic qualifying berths from their group, the match at the MCG has taken on something of the feel of a friendly international. But that doesn't wash with Verbeek.

He has yet to reveal whether he will start with a two-pronged strike attack of Josh Kennedy and Scott McDonald, or persist with a lone target man supported by the likes of Tim Cahill and Mile Sterjovski pushing forward from midfield.

Highly skilled Nick Carle could also get a rare chance to start for the Socceroos in place of Harry Kewell, who's being rested after a long season at club and international level.

But Verbeek won't risk starting any of the large group of players who are only one booking away from missing the opening game of the finals in South Africa.

That means the best the likes of Brett Holman, David Carney and Mile Jedinak can hope for on Wednesday night is a spot on the substitute's bench.

"I will not take any risk with the players with yellow cards," said Verbeek. "The moment they go on the field they forget and they do what they always do. So I think it is better to finish off the World Cup qualification with a group that is ready to start the World Cup."

Despite having kept clean sheets in all seven previous matches in the final round of qualifying, there is a feeling among the Socceroos that they have not received sufficient credit at having booked a berth in the World Cup finals for only the third time.

Verbeek noted that Japanese coach Takeshi Okada was resting all four of his European-based players. "I'd like to do that also (with Australia's European-based stars) because they deserve a holiday, but if I do that we have no players on the field," said Verbeek.

"So I think you should give them a little more respect for what they do. And they love to do it. They did a fantastic job, playing in difficult circumstances."

With a crowd of more than 75,000 expected at the MCG, the clash for Asian bragging rights will take place on Australian sport's biggest stage.

"This is a perfect opportunity for players to show themselves like they did last week against Bahrain (in the 2-0 win in Sydney)," said Verbeek. "We'll do it again, we'll give players the possibility to start and play in a big game."

"I've also told my players that I will not make a decision for the World Cup because of the fact that they played a good game or a bad game tomorrow evening. They have a whole year to show and prove to me and themselves for final selection for the World Cup."

Channels of Communication

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?

Keep this for future reference:

Club Telephone: 9533 4273

Secretary's Telephone: Jeff 0417 216 520

Registrar's Telephone: John 0438 230 595

Club's Website: www.roselandsfc.com.au

Club mailing address: P.O. Box 81

Beverly Hills, NSW 2209

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.

Outstanding Fees

All outstanding fees are required for payment to the club as soon as possible. This is a requirement to ensure your child has adequate insurance coverage with the club, and is registered.

Remember **“No Pay No Play”**

Match Sheets

- 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 webmaster.

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



Coach Talk

Assigning Positions

One of the most important jobs as a coach is putting the right players in the right positions. At the younger ages, set the initial line up is only a starting point for the game. It is up to the coach to find each players “self-identity” and place players in the position that best matches them. I am a strong believer that players must have the opportunity to try other positions during the course of the season as your team should be flexible enough to make adjustments as necessary to match up with your opponents.

Some younger age groups might play without goal keepers, or not play with eleven aside, however, I will go through each of the positions on the field.

Coaching Philosophies

Don't give the ball away cheaply, if you have the ball the opposition can't score

The Goalkeeper (keeper)

The coach must be very careful when assigning a young player to this position, and should only assign players who have had several practices playing this position and has proven qualified to play keeper. The goalkeeper should be coordinated, athletic, hands of a wide receiver and the courage of a hockey player. For younger players, players who play basketball often have good hand-eye coordination and can be a very good candidate as a keeper.

Outside Fullbacks

When assigning a player to this position, the coach should look for players who are defensive minded but pose a great attacking threat as well. The coach should clearly state the most important job of this position is to defend their goal. Their responsibilities often include man marking, closing down attackers, supporting other defenders, watching backside runs, and winning balls. These players must have strength, speed, concentration, aggressiveness, decisiveness and a good understanding of how to defend.

Sweeper

The sweeper's position is basically to be a clean-up man. This player's job is to be the last player on the field (not including the keeper) and is used as the last defensive measure. This position requires a VERY special player who must have a natural talent for defending and being positioned in the right place at the right time. This player should have speed, strength, stamina, awareness, decisiveness, confidence and a natural tact for defending.

Stopper (centre halfback)

The stopper is another defender who plays in front of the sweeper. This player's responsibility is to "STOP" any attack coming down the middle of the field. I generally look for players who are aggressive, strong, confidence in the air, and a clearance for relieving pressure on the defence.

Centre Midfielders

This player should be assigned to your play maker. The centre midfielder's primary function is to support EVERY player on the field (excluding the goalkeeper). They must be offensive and defensive minded, thus they must have outstanding fitness and good at possessing the ball. These players must have stamina, strength, speed, determination and confidence on and off the ball. I often explain this position as being the centre of a wheel with a outlet to each player being a spoke on the wheel.

Outside Midfielders (winger)

This player is both offensive and defensive minded. The outside midfield player does not require physical strength, so finding a player that has good ball control, the ability to take players on and great fitness will often make great outside midfielders. This player is expected to be involved on the attack as well as defending, so this player must be fit.

Forwards (strikers)

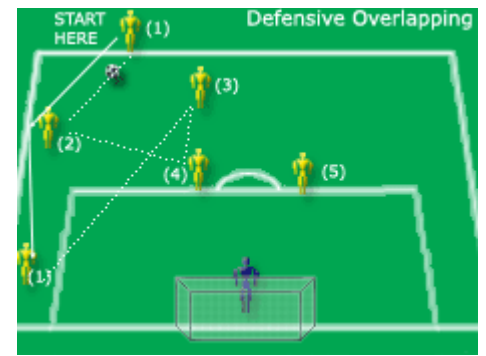
This player is considered the main thrust of the attack and should be the player that naturally scores goals. These players must work closely together and share in the responsibility as feeder and goal scorer. When assigning this position, look for players who demonstrate good attacking ability but not much inclination towards defending. This player needs speed and strength.

Drill of the Week

Defensive Overlapping Drill

Setup

This is a great drill to teach fullbacks to overlap midfielders and getting the defenders into the attack. This is a great starting point to teaching defensive overlaps.



Instructions

The ball will start with the right fullback player (1) who passes to the ball to the right midfielder player (2). The right fullback (1) makes an overlapping run around the outside midfielder player. The right outside midfielder player (2) passes to the checking forward player (4). The forward player (4) drops the ball off to the centre midfielder player (3) who plays a ball towards the right corner flag onto the run of the right defensive player (1). The right defensive player should prep the ball and cross the ball into the two forwards (4) & (5) who have advanced towards the face of the goal.

Variations

- Add players to run the same pattern on the left side of the field.
- Add passive defensive players to simulate pressure on the attackers.

Coaching Points

- Quickly get into attacking half of field.
- Good timing of runs.
- Precise passes and 1 and 2 touch passing.

Coach Talk By Coach Con...

Joke of the Week

A week before the Cup Final at Wembley a few years ago there was an advertisement in The Times which read: 'Man offers marriage to woman supplying Cup Final ticket for next Saturday. Replies must enclose photograph of ticket.'

State Of Origin

Roselands Soccer FC will be hosting **STATE OF ORIGIN** Game 2 on:- **24th June, 2009**



- On the Big Screen
- At the Club House Karne Street, Narwee.
- Start at 6.30 pm
- Kick Off 7.30 pm
- \$10 per head (includes BBQ, salad and either a soft drink or a beer or glass of wine).
- BE THERE!!!

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!!

Match Reports Week 9

U6 Bilbys vs Earlwood

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹

COACH NAME: Alex Thomas

MANAGER NAME: Susan Zhou

U6 Goannas vs Earlwood | Won 8-5 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: We had our first away game this weekend and WON!!!!. The Goannas had another great day out and scored plenty of goals. Everyone listened to the Coach's instructions to the letter. Keep up the good work boys.

COACH NAME: Cesar Azvedo MANAGER NAME: Omar El-Hassan

U6 Kangaroos Vs Earlwood | Won 5-1 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: Good game the kangaroos played well and defend well excellent game boys

COACH NAME: Nicholas Vlahogiannis MANAGER NAME: Paul Tozzi

U6 Brumbies Vs Earlwood

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Morris lemma MANAGER NAME: Rowena Russell

U6 Emus Vs Earlwood

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Victor Unal MANAGER NAME: Megan Myers

U6 Wombats Vs Earlwood

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Joseph Geha MANAGER NAME: Rebecca Grange

U7 Corellas vs Earlwood

DATE:13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Bill Hamade MANAGER NAME:

U7 Rosellas vs Earlwood | Drew 4-4 |

DATE:13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: The boy's are really enjoying themselves and showing strong team spirit (as evident when celebrating a goal). Hopefully the weather can improve to allow them to play and train week in week out so they can continue to improve.

The team enjoyed playing against another club in Earlwood and we thank both club committees for their efforts in arranging such games.

The Rosellas quickly established a 2 goal lead thanks to our goal scoring machine Zac Comninos, who bagged both, before Earlwood struck back to level the score. An additional goal to each side (yet another to Zac) saw the scores level at half time.

Earlwood hit the lead 4-3 early in the second half and the team fought hard and deserved to score late in the game, all be it an own goal by Earlwood, with a 4-4 all draw the end result.

Credit to coach Paul for encouraging the players to attack as a team rather than coaching some players to stand in the goal mouth and block the goal, defeating the purpose of no goalkeepers. Whilst defending is an important part of the game this stage of development should be devoted to encourage more attacking play giving both teams equal opportunity to score, which is what it is all about. There are plenty of years ahead of them to take defense serious.

We look forward to stringing 2 games together, weather permitting.

COACH NAME: Paul Serafin

MANAGER NAME: Gina Stavropoulos

U7 Kookaburras vs Earlwood | Lost 1-9 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: We had a gala day against Earlwood. It was good for the kids to play against another club. They all enjoyed it even though we were beaten. We had so many missed opportunities where the ball just shaved past the goals. Never mind boys' better luck next time.

COACH NAME: Arthur Athanasiou

MANAGER NAME: Maria Athanasiou

U7 Magpies vs Earlwood

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Isaac Hamade

MANAGER NAME: Lisa Dagher

U7 Lorikeets vs Earlwood

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Eddie Ding

MANAGER NAME:

	<p>A Vibrant & Exciting Day or Night Out</p> <p>Come and have a great time out with all the family at Kingsgrove RSL CLUB</p> <p>4 Brocklehurst Lane Kingsgrove, NSW 2208 (02) 9150 6822</p>
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U8/3 vs Hurlstone Park B | Lost 2-6 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND:9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: Wayne Morris

MANAGER NAME: Angela Soliman

U8/4 vs Concord | Lost 1-5 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: Well done to Concord for their win, don't worry 8/4's we will get there. Keep it up you guys are playing well.

COACH NAME: ANGELO HOULIARAS

MANAGER NAME: Fay Sleiman

U8/9 vs Marrickville | Won 8-1 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: Jacob Stavrou

MANAGER NAME: Thea Georgelli

U9/1 vs Leichhardt Tigers A | Lost 0-5 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: Well all i can say is that if we had a fair referee and the opponents played fair our boys would have had a chance and they would have not lost their self esteem in the game. Their home ground was very poor, there were holes in the field and it felt like walking in a swamp. The goal post was blown up with a air pump. Well done to Astin for receiving the player of the week award.

COACH NAME: Allen Daizli

MANAGER NAME: Fay Sleiman

U9/5 vs Strathfield | Won 1-0 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME:

MANAGER NAME:

U10/2 vs Burwood | Lost 0-3 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: Jim Plater

MANAGER NAME: Jim plater

U10/2 Girls vs Strathfield | Lost 0-6 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: This was a great game to watch even though we lost. The girls tried so hard and kept the spectators on the edge of their seat. Strathfield just wore the girls down as they had five reserves and we didn't have any. It was a big lift to the girls to be told by the Strathfield coach what an improvement they have made since our first meeting together. Keep up the good work girls.

COACH NAME: Cathy Farrugia

MANAGER NAME: Maria Athanasiou



U11/1 vs Enfield | Won 3-0 |

DATE: 13-06-09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: UP AGAINST OUR OLD SPARING PARTNER LAST WEEK & NOTHING SEEMED TO HAVE CHANGED ,A TOUGH MATCH AS ALWAYS WITH ROSELANDS IN THE END WINNING BY 3-0 . IT WAS NIL ALL AT HALF TIME WITH ENFIELD PUTTING UP A DETERMINED EFFORT IN DEFENCE TO HOLD US OUT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE & TRYING TO CATCH A GOAL ON THE BREAK,BUT OUR SECOND HALF PRESSURE TOLD & WE SCORED 3 GOALS ; SCORES PERRY,DEAN,MITCH.

SUNDAYS MATCH. V ABBOTSFORD.... THIS WAS A TOUGH MATCH WITH ROSELANDS LUCKY TO WIN 2-1 IN THE END, WE STARTED VERY WELL PROBABLY THE BEST WE HAVE IN WEEKS PLAYING NICE FOOTBALL WITH FAST MOVEMENT IN ATTACK & TIGHT DEFENCE & WITH MOST OF THE PLAY WE WENT UP 1 NIL WITH A LOW DRIVE SHOT FROM CHRIS, BUT CREDIT TO ABBOTSFORD THEY CAUGHT US ON THE BALL & RACED THRU TO SCORE JUST BEFOR HALF TIME,SECOND HALF WE MADE SEVERAL CHANCES BUT THEIR KEEPER MADE SOME OUTSTANDING SAVES, THEN WITH 8 MIN REMANING MITCH RAN ON TO A BALL FROM STEVEN & SCORED THE WINNER.BOYS YOU ALL SHOULD KNOW BY NOW ALL TEAMS LIFT AGAINST US NO MATTER WHERE THEY SIT ON THE TABLE & WE MUST RESPOND TO THEIR CALLENGE.

COACH NAME: Steliy Georgiou

MANAGER NAME: Ignatious Meliss

U11/4 vs Belmore Eagles | Drew 1-1 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: The boys had a much improved game today, and although we defended well and had the midfield, Belmore had a good defence that allowed us few chances. Belmore was, I feel, lucky to get a penalty, which they converted. Overall we were the better side on the day 60/40.

Everyone showed an improvement over the last few weeks and was hard to pick the best players today, as everyone did so well, but feel that Shan Aldrovich, Peter Thomas and Thomas Desfosses were slightly better than the rest.

COACH NAME: Dion Thomas MANAGER NAME: Zaynab Breidich

U12/1 vs Burwood | Won 5-1 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: GEORGE DASKALOPOULOS MANAGER NAME: IMAD ALAMEDDI



U12/1 Girls vs Earlwood | Lost 0-3 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report : Two games this weekend, with our first at Earlwood, and it is a beautiful morning, clean crisp and fresh. You think this is cold?? Would any like to come with me to beautiful Sunderland?? When I was there over Christmas 08 (a NE winter in England) it was minus 8 degrees in the morning around 8am, even the penguins were hiding to find some warmth. But not me, I was off to the Café to get my coffee starting out with only a singlet and a Sunderland shirt (lot's of Red & White shirts over there I can tell-love it). I was wearing long pants though and 10 minutes in the jacket and beanie are on, and the air is fresh and beautiful. As I walk to the Café I notice the water puddles are complete ice. I think you get the idea; Sydney is warm in comparison people.

Now it is time to mention the Coffee twins. I am referring to Jody (Katie's mum) and Helen (Desiree's mum). These two a pair are like Laverne & Shirley (ask your Mums about that show girls) skipping down the road-arm in arm, looking for coffee machines (must have coffee number 3 before 10.30am-can't handle the "rabble" otherwise); and glad that Mr. Morris has their 2 daughter's for around 90 minutes. The coffee twins put this above chocolate and shopping I'm sure.

We have 14 players available (Tina is the only player away), and Catherine is selected to be goal-keeper. Now Catherine gets a crash course from "Super Tim Gissing" (older goal-keeping brother), before the game. Also we have the new goal-keepers gloves which look like a great fashion accessory. They look that good; some girls start asking to be goal-keeper. Go figure?

We kick off, and Earlwood start quickly and I notice they are a good running team and good formation. Our girls begin to slowly work their way into the game, with Earlwood still doing most of the attacking. Catherine in goals makes some wonderful saves (obviously listening to Super Tim) and keeps as well in the game early. Eventually Earlwood break our defence down and score a great goal. Once again I am happy with our centre-mids (the two sisters and Desiree) whom hold their position a lot better know. A special mention also to our 2 central defenders Nicole K and Dana, they work together well and especially Dana whom is playing football for the first year ever. Also to our wingers Clara, Eri, Michelle and Anita they work hard in their roles. Earlwood created some great chances and up with 3, we had some limited chances with not 1 good clear shot on goal. Yet I am happy with the opportunity

being created, the goals will eventually come. My voice once again rings out all over Earlwood and one of the coffee twins (the teacher no less) gives advice (from the grandstand mind you) is to "just go and pull their hair!!" – Great help ☐ We also had a special guest Maddy (Emily's sister) whom came and played in the 2nd half for around 10 minutes, and the young lady did very well. In the end the score was 3 nil to Earlwood, yet I am pleased with the progress of the Ladies, they are beginning to understand and also acting on their roles very well. Just to let you know after the game speaking to the other coach (in a croaky voice) "how did you go against Canterbury", the answer is a 1 nil loss to Earlwood. This shows by the score and I feel we are improving, for I explained we lost 6 nil. I keep saying this, yet I am happy with the girls they are developing well and I cannot fault their effort and wiliness to play. Just a quick apology to Desiree (not Desire), Mr. Morris's honest mistake, Ladies please ask your parents when you ARE 18 about the movie "Streetcar named Desire"...we will move on. Cya next week

COACH NAME: Wayne Morris

MANAGER NAME: Sophie Michael

U12/1 Girls vs Hurlstone Park | Lost 0-1 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: Well it is Sunday morning-I forget to set the alarm, I've been up late with work from the night before-fell asleep on the lounge TV on and with no the alarm..... Ahhhhhhhhhh wake up at 10am , move into crisis mode....if only Jordan was here I would be up on time....quick shower-check, get dressed in Sunderland home shirt.....ahhhhhhhh STOP right there! My fault for not mentioning the away shirt at the home ground last week-I hope we all approve?? I do have a touch of the "Milan fashion" sense about me (now there is a fantastic joke right there, the away shirt from last week was the home strip on Inter Milan football team....hope you got that) and as I promised at training and away games, always the Red & white Sunderland home shirt.....back to Sunday morning.....get the keys, wallet, football, eski with drink and official cards even get chance to get a coffee (not bad hey Laverne & Shirley) out the door at 10.17 (I think) and drink the coffee while I drive. At the lights while I stop, send a misspelt SMS to Mrs. Origination that I was running late. I get a smooth run down Canterbury rd, and arrive at around 10.35 and find out that unluckily some of the other parents are stuck in traffic from the Wardell rd side. We are lucky for the early games are running overtime.

So we warm-up begins and wait for it, the tallest sister whom will go under the assumed name of Miss N, is excited to tell me of her social life which is apparently funny. Well on Saturday; Miss N the whole family went out to a classy restaurant to have dinner....please STOP right there! A restaurant??? In my day the best my siblings and I got was a burger from the take-away brought home with hot chips and a soft-drink and this happened once a month. If we were real good we would get curry prawns and rice the next month, I wish I was 12 again.. Back to Miss N's story... Miss N's brother (poor fellow will never get a fair break with the 2 cheeky and clever sisters) managed to find a dancing partner on the night showing his best Florida moves on stage no less, and then the 2 sisters Miss N and Miss M (incognito like) walk into the room of the classy restaurant in the middle of a Engagement party, with the speeches going on??? Well our two sisters have an opportunity here, do they join in the celebrations, or hand out their business cards with their flourishing beauty and make-up business (I hope we all remember the time that Miss N, Miss M and Anita put make-up on Anita's brother while the poor lad slept. Note too self-never fall asleep in front of Miss N & Miss M). This story during outbursts of laughter takes over five minutes. While they tell me all this I think too myself how much sleep have these two had, lucky it was a late KO and not 9am...

Well we kick off around 10 minutes late due to the small sided games were running late. We started a little sharper than Saturday and we seemed a lot more on a skill level as Hurlstone Park, or as I personally feel our team is getting better each game. I ask more of each player and place them in untested roles and they are beginning to learn their role quickly. A good example is Dana whom as I mentioned last report, Dana has taken on the central defender with Nicole K, and has proven that she does a fantastic role in conjunction with our pocket dynamo Nicole K. Our midfielders ran hard today and were not caught out of position that often, and we created some close chances for goal. To Hurlstone's credit they carved out more chances than us, and we were kept in the game with good defense and once again good goal-keeping from Catherine. At half-time the score being nil all (I was feeling positive) I felt we needed one good clean shot on goal and we could sneak a win. We got a great chance with three players in the box, but Hurlstone were defiant and solid in defence. Then in the last minute, with myself looking at the midfield players,

urging them to run back, a Hurlstone player breaks clear from half way and ends up with a 1 on 1 with our goal-keeper and scores. We do the kick-off and the full time whistle blows. I would just like to say that I am so happy with the young Ladies improvement, commitment and effort; I can never ever fault their wiliness to play. They ask me when they are on the bench "Mr. Morris what about me-when can I go on"-LOVE IT. The fact they listen to me*** (**most of the time) and endeavour to do their best, I am happy they are learning the most beautiful game in the world...Football. I special mention to Clara whom plays and never stops, Desiree whom is getting closer to what I know she is capable and Miss M whom is a centre-mid playing girls older and stronger than herself and Miss M copes very well. To Madison whom blocked a shot in defence and wanted to play on, not even Mrs. Organization could talk her to coming off. These girls are all good young Ladies and you should be proud parents, I am proud of them and I only their coach for a few hours a week.....

Cya next week, I want to join in with the coffee twins, which would PROBABLY makes me Squiggy..... I would do almost anything to get a coffee on a Sunday morning, and the twins don't get the instant stuff, they go top shelf... cafe espresso machine...if you would like to know I have a Mocha with 1 sugar extra hot, normal milk.....

COACH NAME: Wayne Morris

MANAGER NAME: Sophie Michael

U12/3 vs Concord | Lost 0-3 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report : Well this game, I must say, I shall not say anything about the kids but ill quote what some of the parents said "Worst game they have ever played" "You played as if you were like learning soccer from scratch " in saying that there were a few notable stand outs in this game. Jayden and his surging runs/ defence plays was the difference between 3-0 to 7-0 and likewise with Blake, who's in red hot form. The semi finals run just got harder, but who cares atm we would just love a win hopefully it's this week talk with u all soon :)

COACH NAME: Bill Beattie

MANAGER NAME: Mathew Bishara

U13/1 Girls vs Hurlstone Park | Lost 1-5 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Marianno Galo

MANAGER NAME: MARIA HATZIDAKIS

U13/2 vs Enfield | Lost 0-2 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Osman

MANAGER NAME: Katherine

U14/1 vs Strathfield | Drew 0-0 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** 😞

COACH NAME: Kon Fotakopoulos

MANAGER NAME: George Krombas and Lisa F



U14/3 vs Hurlstone Park | Drew 0-0 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: Gary Ford

MANAGER NAME: Christine Parker

U15/1 Girls vs Enfield | Won 5-2 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: Dimitrios Chisarlis

MANAGER NAME: Samya Daizli

U15/2 vs Lakemba | Won 2-0 |

DATE: 14/06/09 MATCH ROUND: 9

Match Report: Top of the table clash today which would have 3 scenarios either we skip to a 6 point lead in the standings with a victory or a 3 point lead or equal leaders if we lost. With Lakemba having a game in hand, we were eager to cement our position, but injuries and illness caused some minor disruptions to our formation. Our players started positive after some slow starts in previous games and Lakemba with a new coach showed that they were a different team. We gained the advantage early with possession and early opportunities that could not be converted through good goal keeping or ill timed scoring shots. We made the breakthrough with a well hit ball over the keepers head and hitting the underside of the crossbar and into the cobweb. At the other end again our defence was solid and worked as a unit with both wing backs moving the attackers wide and under pressure forcing Lakemba to shoot from outside the penalty area, one which produced a fine save by our Goalkeeper. One nil at half time and the boys were confident of a victory, the second half again was much the same with both teams moving the ball around with free flowing football. Midway through the second we were awarded a free kick outside the box to the right, which Justin calmly stepped up and placed it in the top right corner of the cobweb giving us the well deserved victory. Congratulations boys on another determined, committed victory leaving us undefeated half way through the season. Thank you to all our parents and supporters.

COACH NAME: John Mamatsi

MANAGER NAME: Renato Santos

U15/2 Girls vs Russell Lea | Drew 1-1 |

DATE: 14/06/09 MATCH ROUND: 9

Match Report: In the cold and rain at Queen Elizabeth Park, the 15/2 girls fought out a tense 1-1 draw with 2nd Placed Russell Lea. The girls have really come along in leaps-and-bounds, as they need to in order to remain

competitive as the season goes on. The girls are starting to become more aware of their positional play and making DECISIVE passes to players in attacking positions. Nicole was thwarted on a couple of occasions in the 2nd half, when she collected the paintwork or defenders legs with some sharp shooting. Rana was excellent, with her speed and footwork as she made great inroads into the defences and threatened the goal with her confident attack. Shae has developed her ball skills and fed a good cross into a crowded goal square for Rana to fire in her dead-eye accuracy. 1-0 from consistent attack! Special mention to Sarah Mitchell and Sarah Watt(from the 13s), who added some real stonewall defence across the back. We can take something from Sarah's continuous organisation of the backline and in order to protect her keeper. Alicia kept the ball away with confident hands in good position. Both keepers, Alicia and Emily, now have greater confidence to attack the ball and snuffed out all opposition chances. The 2nd half equaliser came from a great cross and a deft deflection that could not be saved. Chrystalla found some good challenging and running in the 2nd half. Shella, Jodie and Rebecca were tireless. Shella and Jodie continuously looked for position in defence, while Rebecca's speed and footwork opened up attacking opportunities. Her raid on goal with minutes to go, was memorable. Great skills to draw an excellent save to push the ball just enough to catch the post and save the game. Bronte was the best on the park! A great burst in the 1st half opened up the goal, but the shot gave the keeper a chance to save. She continuously troubled the defence with good footwork and awareness of position. We are in good shape to take on the undefeated Leichhardt next week at Bennett. It will be another great contest. Well done girls. A proud effort today!!!John

COACH NAME: John English

MANAGER NAME: Karen McCarney



U15/3 vs Marrickville | Lost 1-5 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: On Sunday we travelled out to Mackey Park to play Marrickville in terrible conditions. We were eager to began even though we were soaking before the game had even started. The first half began quite slowly and we managed to keep the 2nd placed opposition at bay. It wasn't until a couple of lapses in defending that allowed them to score goals. This was a result of some poor marking and tracking our men. Unfortunately we let the score blow right out to being 4-0 at half time. After an inspiring talk at the half, the boys came out knowing that they had to restore some pride into the score line. We began to play some good football. We began to challenge the opposition in 50/50 opportunities. We also had some good attacking opportunities with a free kick being saved by the keeper. Marrickville ended up scoring again to make it five. In the last couple of minutes we were given a penalty and Chris converted for a small consolation. In the end the result was 5-1. Hopefully next week we can return to form.

COACH NAME: Noel Gwynne

MANAGER NAME: Angelo Bouletos

U18/1 vs Concord | Postponed |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **Postponed**

COACH NAME: Trevor Ratcliffe

MANAGER NAME: George Hantzis

O35/1 vs Enfield A | Lost 1-4 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹

COACH NAME: Tony Lazaropoulos

MANAGER NAME: Tony Lazaropoulos

AA/2 vs Lakemba A | Drew 2-2 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: We are certainly becoming the Liverpool of the AA2 competition (in terms of the number of draws we have had, not in terms of the way we play because Liverpool are crap & we play more like a Man Utd or a Barcelona). The fellas did well to play against a formidable Lakemba squad with arguably the strongest midfield in the competition we have come up against. Although we put in a pretty ordinary performance credit must go to the team to give it all they can & maintain their effort. It does tell you a lot of a team's character when even things are not going your way players keen on trying and never give up. We came twice from behind to level the score and although Lakemba did have more possession we had better chances, rattling the cross-bar once and bringing out some good saves from the opposing keeper.

It's been a difficult fortnight for the lads given the burden of injuries & games we have had to play. Hopefully we can turn it around this weekend & re-ignite some of the performances we played earlier on during the season.

PS Hint to the committee I think Bennett 2 might be our preferable home field. Its the only field I can score on. I think Bennett 1 may be cursed so we may need to bring in the Jamaican voodoo witch doctors to lift the curse! Just a thought

COACH NAME: Pantelis Stellos MANAGER NAME: Jim Tzortzis/Paul Glekas

AA/4 vs Strathfield | Won 3-1 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹

COACH NAME: Dominic Spano

MANAGER NAME: Angelo Houliaras

AA/5 vs Earlwood A | Won 3-1 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹

COACH NAME: Lionel Singh

MANAGER NAME: Julian Tran



AA/7 vs Enfield | Lost 0-2 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: Imad Alameddine

MANAGER NAME: Leon Vergelatos

AA/8 vs Enfield | Lost 2-3 |

DATE: 13/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: After 3 straight wins the AA/8's Raptors were hungry for more, and we were at our first actual other venue to Bennett Park for a change This time in our way was Enfield, a team experiencing similar good results with us.

The match started in similar fashion to must games with Roselands with standing some pressure at first before getting dangerous ourselves.

Some early chances were a turn and shot from G Gavalas in the 12th min which the Enfield keeper saved, a few over shots from Lil Dim, Kane Dodos, and Raff Cuomo, and another shot from G Gavalas just outside the post which went to the keeper.

We then started producing some great through balls and timing our runs well, on two occasions Cuomo and G Gavalas were through but excellent defending from the Enfield defence saw great scrambling tackles get the ball just as the Italian and Greek were about to shot at goal from a good distance.

Finally though we found a break through, a good thinking quick Michael Zoubourlis throw in found G Gavalas in the box, his layoff then landed all too well for Johnny Zevgitis who with a great volley made it 0-1 It was 1 whole minute later that a terrible goal keeping blunder from Neville Karkousi gifted (and that's an understatement) Enfield the equaliser... as Karkousi fell on the ball he lost it and it was basically a tap in as Bashir Mehri did what he could... so 1-1, hard goal to swallow for Roselands after all that hard work.

6 minutes after that Enfield won a free kick, bout 3-5 meters outside the box, this also resulted in a goal as the shot was carried into his own net by Karkousi, a devastating 2-1 down now and a score line that really hurt going into half time.

The boys went into the 2nd half very determined to turn things around (as much as we could on the field), it was only the 50th minute then when quick and smart play from Lil Dim and G Gavalas made it 2-2! A Roselands throwing was quickly taken by Dim, his long good strong throw found G Gavalas's run just into the box and a nice outside the foot volley was just right to get between post and keeper to make it 2-2, the Roselands boys were pumped now! What followed was basically a Roselands domination but just did not lead to a goal!! Not long after the goal great sweeping play on the right saw Chris Anagnostou sweep a nice ball into the centre but Gavalas's shot was centimetres wide of the right post! We won corners but none really lead to much, the in the 75th min a wild shot from Dim was heading to the top right hand of the goals, he and a few of the Raptors started celebrating only to see the Enfield keeper produce a remarkable save and leave the score at 2-2! Not long after that Roselands won a free kick, Dim to take it but a Zoubourlis touch put the youngster off and the kick went into the wall.

There were numerous through balls that just wouldn't end in the centre of the field were Gavalas was waiting to spring onto.

80th min and a good through ball from Gavalas to Ftarniatis saw the latter just fail to get the final pass to the centre as above. Some other highlights, a shot from Billy that just didn't have the height needed good defensive work from John Saridakis and Peter Papisavva got involved a fair bit. Bashir also doing well controlling the defence.

The referee has a mediocre game, a few 50-50 calls that should have been called in our favour especially one were Gavalas was taken out after beating two defenders and would have been through with just the keeper in sight. It all build up for in the 88th min, some poor clearances had Enfield in good position, somehow a ball came into the box and one of the smallest players of Enfield was able to header it past the line to make it 3-2... It was not a fair result, on paper maybe but the fact was we played our guts out in this one, every one put in 110% well almost everyone but once again, another 3 points was lost to just conceding incredibly stupid goals which we will look to fix in the important 2nd part of the season as this lose also means we need to start winning now to make the Semis.

COACH NAME: Greg Gavalas MANAGER NAME: Greg Gavalas



Womens/3 vs Lakemba | Lost 2-6 |

DATE: 14/06/09 ROUND: 9

Match Report: **No Match Report Submitted** ☹️

COACH NAME: Damiano Nigro

MANAGER NAME: Irene Katapodis

Late Match Reports from Previous Rounds

AA/2 vs Marrickville | Lost 2-3 |

DATE: 06/06/09 ROUND: 17

Match Report: Given that the week prior we had defeated our opponents quite comfortably we were confident of backing up that result despite an increasing amount of injuries & absentees. Unfortunately for some poor finishing it was not to be. Once again I showed my excellent finishing skills by doing the exact opposite. I am adamant that the goals on Bennett 1 (ONLY the ones opposite the fence - the ones backing up the fence are fine) are cursed. There must be some sort of cosmic black hole or gravitational pull their which doesn't allow my shots to go in?? Dunno?? Then again the opponents don't have any problem scoring so it must be me. Despite the result excellent effort by everyone. Unfortunately it wasn't our day (or weekend to be more precise)

PS In saying this I know the irony in that I did score both goals in this game but the reality is I missed a lot more (LOT MORE) easier chances

COACH NAME: Pantelis Stellios MANAGER NAME: Jim Tzortzis/Paul Glekas

AA/2 vs Marrickville | Lost 1-5 |

DATE: 07/06/09 ROUND: 17

Match Report: On the double header weekend all the odds were against us. Given the amount of injuries & absences we had the Sunday game felt like it was a Rocky movie. Playing with 10 men against a fresh Abbotsford team (whom I should mention did not play on Saturday) we did extremely well to stay in the match for a very long duration. With the score us being down 2-1 and about 15 minutes to go, we decided to take the famous Elvis advice - "It's now or never". Obviously things didn't go to plan & the never eventuated with us conceding 3 late goals with a dubious penalty for a handball which according to Con Goodyear he believes the "U" mark on his left nipple is evidence to the contrary (the "U" is from the Umbro match ball we were playing with) Excellent effort fellas and regardless of the score we were in that game & matched our more energetic opponents in every aspect (except scoring of course)

COACH NAME: Pantelis Stellios MANAGER NAME: Jim Tzortzis/Paul Glekas

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