

**THE
GIANTS**

1996

YEAR

BOOK

President's Report

It gives me great pleasure once again to present this 1996 Year Book as a memento of your club's achievement. It is the club's 36th season.

Playing members continue at just over 600 and were spread over 34 Saturday teams and 13 Sunday teams. Most teams had sufficient numbers throughout the year despite some serious injuries which did cause some borrowings during the season. Council failed to complete drainage improvements before the start of the season and as a result of wet weather the fields were closed for a number of weeks for both games and training. The club paid their portion of the cost last December and work has now been promised during the first week in September. Council advise the proposed work will fix the drainage problem but we have heard all this before. We can just hope for better conditions next year.

The Result

We had 15 roo ball teams who enjoyed learning the game and being part of team sport. Most teams won a good percentage of their games, but soccer and the players were the real winners.

Of the remaining 32 competitive teams 19 reached the semi finals with 13 reaching grand finals.

Club Sponsors

Our club sponsors have contributed significantly to the club to offset the cost of the newsletter throughout the season. We are fortunate to have their support and the committee wishes to thank them on behalf of the club and hope all members will give them consideration in the future.

Head Coach and Grading Committee

Nominations are hereby called for the position of Head Coach and members of the grading committee. Written nominations are required by the Annual General Meeting on Monday November 18th, 1996 at 7:30pm in the hall at the oval.

Premiers	9B, 15A, PL1, AL10
Minor Premiers	15A, 21C, PL1, AL8, AL10, AL13, 35C1, 35D
Runners Up	11B, 12D1, 14A, 21C, AL8, AL11, AL13, 35C1, 35D
Finalists	10D, PL3
Semi Finalists	18B, 21A, 35C2, SWB

In addition the PL1s reached the 4th round of the Amateur Cup while the 21As reached the semi finals of the Robertson Cup and the 16As the quarter finals of the State Cup.

As our presentations are being held earlier this year, it is not yet known if we were able to retain the Qantas Cup, but with three first and a second from the four teams involved in the Amateur League Competitions it will take a good performance from another club to beat us.

Congratulations to all coaches who passed their level 1 coaching course this year. With 95% of our coaches now holding this certificate I believe the benefits are starting to show in training sessions and results.

Finally I would like to thank the hard workers of our management committee, the coaches and team managers who put many hours into their respective jobs to help the children and senior players benefit from our great club.

Looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Ray Dennis
Ray Dennis
PRESIDENT

1997 Committee	
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PLAYING SERVICE AWARDS

10 Years

DAVID BIRCH
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15 years

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MICHAEL WARD Jun

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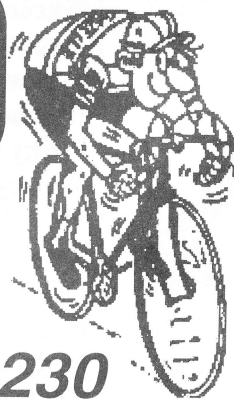
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6C1

COACH:
MANAGER:

COL POULTON
PETER BALTINS

Michael Baltins	Troy Barnes	Bryce Hopkins
Noel Landsberry	Scott Lehmann	Daniel Mariconte
Kyle McCann	Alex Treloar	

With only two losses this season our boys must surely have been the top team in the competition. What an outstanding result for these beginners.

The team was:

<i>Michael Baltins</i>	Who impressed the coach with actually playing in position and his all round ability.
<i>Troy Barnes</i>	When he was hot he showed great attacking ability. He will develop into a fine player.
<i>Bryce Hopkins</i>	Give Bryce the ball and he knows only one thing - to head for the goals and shoot. He was well rewarded with many goals to his credit.
<i>Noel Landsberry</i>	Showed the most improvement over the year and will keep the family soccer tradition going.
<i>Scott Lehmann</i>	Perhaps our most valuable player with great speed in defence he stopped many scoring opportunities and put us back on the attack.
<i>Daniel Mariconte</i>	Joined our team mid season and showed great determination.
<i>Kyle McCann</i>	Kyle is a good team player who played with real enthusiasm.
<i>Alex Treloar</i>	Has plenty of speed and is developing excellent ball control.
<i>The Coach - Col Poulton</i>	It is a credit to Col's perseverance and experience that the boys followed his guidance. It is so hard to get such young boys to do that.

Well done boys, well done coach, we will definitely be the team to beat in 1997.

6C2

COACH:
MANAGER:

SUZANNE SPRING
CHRIS BULTER

Ryan Brown	Alexander Burnett	Jordan Butler
Jason Economos	James Gikas	Michael Gray
Evan Roberts	Riley Spring	Dean Young

What a terrific year of soccer. We saw nine U6s take to the field for (in most cases) their first chance to play the Great Game. All players (bar one) turned five during the year, giving them a second chance at playing under 6s. Our main aim throughout the season was to make sure the boys had fun and enjoyed themselves while learning the basic skills of soccer. They all had equal play time and equal chance regardless of skill. This is the essence of Roo Ball. As manager and part time coach I found our team to be a good mix of top kids. And while I am at it thanks to all our parents. Thanks for helping out through the year, thanks for making sure the kids were on time and thanks for making sure they had fun - the score doesn't matter.

6E

COACH:
MANAGER:

BRAD SAUNDERS
BARRY GREAVES

Karl Chantler	Aaron Greaves	Benjamin Mayo
Daniel Saunders	Joshua Storey	Daniel Talbot
Grant Van Doran	Joel Williams	

From the beginning of the season it was easy to see that the 6Es were going to have a great year. The boys seemed to get on very well together and with their great enthusiasm and a touch of competitiveness they all became great mates.

One of the key factors to the success of the team was the coaching effort that Brad Saunders put in, with a great deal of patience and encouragement he helped develop basic soccer skills and game play to a very good level, at the same time the boys had a great deal of fun. The team lost on only six occasions, which shows the success of their efforts "*well done to all of you*". It was also pleasing to see the great amount of encouragement the parents gave to the team with some of the parents regularly attending training nights and helping Brad with his training program.

On Saturday mornings I am sure the parents and their relatives were entertained by the games the boys played (win or lose) and the advice and barracking from the side lines was great! I'm sure this would have assisted them in some of their victories. I hope all of the boys continue to enjoy their soccer and are looking forward to the season starting again next year. Best wishes to you all and once again thank you for the efforts of the boys and parents.

6F

COACH:
MANAGER:

SHARON NICHOLS
IAN CARTER

Thomas Ackroyd	Jessica Carter	Jessie Davison
Patrick Fleming	Alex Keith	Jenna Lincoln
Adam Nichols	Matthew Sarman	

A total of 16 games were played with 11 losses, 2 draws and 3 wins. Jenna scored 10 goals, Thomas 6, Jessica 2 and Patrick 1. A great little team with three girls and four boys, all of whom played well all year.

Thomas Ackroyd

Thomas showed his English background with a top boot (sizzling), great chasing and some great goals through the year. A truly good all round player, up in the forwards or in the backs, or even the mid field. Started the year strongly with great attacks alongside Jenna. The season saw her move into the backs where she thwarted the opposition with great chases and sideline clearances on many occasions. Her skills developed well all year and missed the latter stages through illness.

Jessica Carter

Jessie Davidson

Started the season quietly and didn't like those cold mornings too much (sensible isn't she). Often seen chasing the ball on the edge of play but hesitant to get the ball off the opposition in the early part of the season. However, in the latter stages she picked up the pace and skill and was in there kicking.

Patrick Fleming

A top performance all year from a determined competitor - often the opposition was left floundering on the ground after a riveting and blockbusting run. Lacked a little ball control as direction lapsed and the ball got too far forward. However the control got better towards season's end and I'm sure his abilities will only get better. Often liked his water bottle mid-play.

Alex Keith

The pocket dynamo with the great kick...often just missing the ball but a nice leg lift action. Obviously loved playing the game and was tireless in his chasing and quest for a goal. Some scything runs often saw the ball run slightly astray - so a little more control and hence time, will see great skills.

Jenna Lincoln

Our top attacker saw 10 goals (how many did you get Dad and Dale?) in a determined effort. Many great runs and breakaways kept our side going as well as many good covering chases. Great all round skills and good ball sense.

Adam Nichols

Mr Nichols was the baby of the side who started the season a little slowly due to an early injury (ball to face). Often seen on the edge of the play and not really getting in there until the last 4-5 games. Then we often saw his great kick place the ball up there for the forwards to utilise (where were those forwards) or the midfielders to run it up. Good play Mr Nichols.

Matthew Sarman

A 'late' starter to the season saw Matthew mainly trying to get the feel of the game. Often on the edge of play and not really getting in there until season's end. However what can I say...fearless as goalie often saw Matthew diving on the ball in the goal circle. Our best goalie all season and he seemed to really enjoy it! We would have lost more games without his skills.

Coach - Sharon Nichols

A great job from Sharon who has three sons and herself playing soccer - what a juggle! Always there to coach, help and encourage. A sincere thank you for helping all the children throughout the season.

Colin Lincoln -

Sometimes manager

Manager - Ian Carter

Thank you Colin.

Their games are a little early but it's great watching the kids develop throughout a season - cheers all.

6G

COACH:

MANAGER:

MARK LAWRENCE

LEE PENNY

Jack Clements	Ben Colee	William Deldin
James Fabian	Reece Imbree	Joel Leffler
Jem Penny	Zachary Thomas	James Attard

Congratulations to all the boys in 6G. Without fail our team tried their best for every game. They were enthusiastic, and they constantly impressed the spectators with their improved skills. As a team we thank Marc for his patience and care in training 6G. The boys improvement with each game was noticeable as our many winning matches were witnessed. 6G always won enthusiastically or lost graciously, but above all they learnt to play with team spirit and good sportsmanship, and always had fun.

To the boys and the parents of 6G, well done and thanks for a great soccer season.

7A

COACH:

DAVID LEE

MANAGER:

IAN FORREST

Tyson Bettini	Kyle Fifield	Bryce Forrest
Adam Faherity	Rhys Greenup	Andrew Lee
Matthew Lehmann	Christopher Miller	

Congratulations boys on a great year which was enjoyed by all your adoring parents, super coach Lee did an excellent job culminating in a resounding final game win which all the lads displayed the skills learned throughout the year. Newcomers to the sport Tyson and Adam improved greatly. Christopher was aggressive in the forward line and Rhys was enthusiastic to get involved. Kyle and Bryce were pillars of strength all over the field whilst the speedy Matthew controlled the defence. Andrew our top goalscorer (including a hat trick) showed the skills needed to succeed in the game. Overall the boys not only showed great determination in their play but also team spirit and respect to their opponents which made the season a pleasure to be involved in. Finally thanks to the parents who supported the team and their individual children.

7C

COACH:

SHANDRA HABERLEY

MANAGER:

MICK GIBBS

Christopher Conin	Jason Fibbs	Luke Gowan
Benjamin Haberley	Jean-Louis Lebreux	Sean O'Sullivan
Timothy Porter	Michael Thompson	Thomas Vernier

The 7Cs may not have been a team of champions, but boy they tried. Each boy enjoyed the chance to be 'on the paddock' each Saturday and with smiles on their faces they played soccer - which is what it's all about. Our coach was there each week with tremendous patience and perseverance as the skills were taught - some were even remembered. Good luck in the future boys, keep kicking with gusto and the rewards will come. Thanks for a fun year.

7D

COACH:

RAY SMITH

MANAGER:

DEBBIE NAPPER

Michael Harte	Scott Inglis	Nicholas Murphy
Craig Napper	Simon Olson-Fox	Dean Smith
Alex Tasker	Thomas Vaughan	Hugh Wilson

The boys had a really good season - this year was the second year most of the boys have been together, with the addition of Thomas, Nicholas and Michael to make us a team of 9 players. The boys were very patient with a terrific roster system organised by our coach Ray Smith which saw all the boys have an equal turn on and off the field.

There was always excitement when it was their turn to be "goalie". The boys had more wins than losses and their overall improvement over the season had been a credit to them and their coach Ray.

It was terrific to see the support and encouragement the boys had from their families. I would like to thank them all for their support during the season which made my job really enjoyable. Have a great summer and hope to see you all next year.

7G**COACH:****MARC CARNEY****MANAGER:****DOUGLAS PITT**

Rede Carney	Mitchell Parkes	Christopher Pitt
Luke Noy	Luke Zagame	William Harrington
Michael Nicholson	Cameron Beck	Mathew Cochrane

Undefeated! for the whole season - a terrific effort by all the boys.

Cameron, Mathew and William had a marvellous first season coming in boots and all from the first game. The most pleasing aspect of the season was the improvement in standard of each player and the team camaraderie and eagerness which made the interchange bench a difficult task. Congratulations to Michael, our star striker with many goals to his credit.

A huge thank you to Super Coach Marc for providing his enthusiasm to the coaching and his lungs on Saturdays. Further, thanks goes to Angelo Nicholson, Gary Parkes, Bill Harrison and "Poppy" Ted who took over training when Marc couldn't.

The boys enjoyed the training sessions as much as the games and every boy improved their ball skills and match play under Marc's guidance. Thanks boys for being such co-operative team players and making our Saturday mornings so exciting.

Thanks to the parents for the support at all the games and being part of the event - this effort ensured the boys had fun and hopefully this team could stay together next season!

7I**COACH:****MITCHELL CLARK/DAMIEN WELSH****MANAGER:****HELEN DEERING**

Adam Deering	James Fowler	Dane Fowler
Hassan Chanem	Rachel Maddick	Paul Meekings
Samuel Payne	Todd Robbins	

The 7Is started out as seven little boys that had never played soccer and by the second game Rachel joined the team, she had not played either. The kids seemed to be having a great time running in a pack - (they didn't care which way they were heading!). The parents certainly had a laugh watching. As the season progressed they started to learn some positional play and some skills began to show. When we had a throw in though they still like marking each other. (A good chance to have a little chat!). It was a mixed year - some wins, some losses and some draws. One team beat us 7-0 in the first round and the boys managed to a two all draw in the second round so they definitely had improved. Thank you very much to Mitchell and Damien, the kids really enjoyed training with them, they were both very good with all the kids. Thank you to all the parents for their help and good company.

7E
COACH
MANAGER

JOHN ECONOMOS
JULIE TAYLOR

Johathon Dixon
David Edwards
Shaun Williams

Ciaran Donovan
Jarrad Spring
Keith Young

Daniel Economos
Dylan Taylor

What a year we had with the team seeing the majority of games as winners. All the boys have shown a marked improvement during the season with the ball handling skills and team play the areas where the greatest development has occurred. Great fun was had by all the boys and they were disappointed when several games were cancelled due to rain.

Keith Young stood up to the pressure in goals and his diving style saved many a point. Jarrod Spring's great sprints from one end of the field to the other, increased the score line on many occasions and who can forget the precise tackling of Daniel Economos to save the day and the game once again. It was a dream to watch David Edwards ball passing skills to help set up a perfect goal for Jonathon Dixon. Both Ciaran Donovan and Shaun Williams did a great job in the forwards and kept the Giants in the game at all times. Dylan Taylor worked well in the backs and tackled hard. A great effort from all the team.

A BIG thanks to John Economos our coach and to all the parents for their continued support and the motivation they proved the team.

8A
COACH:
MANAGER:

PETER LAWSON
IAN CARTER

Blake Allbon	Reece Carter	Thomas Cook
Daniel Fogden	Luke Hopkins	James Lancaster
Brock Lawton	Dale Lincoln	Matthew Nichols
James Treacy		

The season finished with a total of 16 games played - we won 3 games, drew 5 games and lost 8 games. 14 goals total were scored with 8 to Dale, 3 to Reece, 2 to Brock and 1 to Matthew. All the boys improved throughout the year with good skills development, some great wins (with memorable goals) and some truly great performances and a generally good time. The team:

Blake Allbon:

A great midfield player who started the year with his popular sliding tackle which occasionally was great but most often not. The year saw Blake develop the ability to know when to use 'the tackle' and saw his midfield skills and intuition improve to the point where his support and positional play was excellent.

Reece Carter:

A good tenacious player who never stopped (unless sick) chasing and trying all season. Played primarily in the forwards but spent time anywhere - including a development of the love of being in goals and a good 'ball sense'. Was always there in support!

Thomas Cook:

His best play was in defence but occasionally was spotted making some great runs through the opposition to feed the forwards. A great kicker and a good header (his height an obvious benefit). The closing of the season saw him improve his occasional lapses in concentration and was always keen to push forward.

Daniel Fogden

Our 'smallest' player (just!) but that did not stop his tireless efforts at the back where many times he was the last defender holding off many an opposition onslaught. Remember the day at training where the ball hit him in the head....he laughed - a tough opponent indeed!! Even in the games he suffered some 'head-knocks' but often with a short break he was back and at it. Truly a top defender with great 'ball-sense'.

Luke Hopkins:

Luke was great all season playing mainly in the midfield area. He chased hard in all directions, had a good boot, had occasional lapses in concentration but as the season progressed his sense of player support grew, his lapses waned and he proved invaluable to the team effort.

James Lancaster:

James played the season primarily in the mid-field and in the wing position. Last year his defence was his strong point and this year saw him develop the 'other-end' play well. Had a great boot and chased hard with only an occasional lapse with respect to ball control (not trapping the ball before the 'big' kick). A very useful player.

Brock Lawton:

Brock played the season primarily in the forwards and often found himself dribbling past or near past the opposition with some great attempts and near misses at goal. Showed great support play and ball skills with continual improvement. Another good goalie who often made some great saves!

Dale Lincoln:

Dale managed the most goals for the season in the team and showed his all-round ability all season. Primarily a forward but good in goals and in defence (as seen later in the season). His ball sense was excellent and his kicks and skills developed throughout the year and truly has great sporting skills.

Matthew Nichols:

Matthew started the year a little slowly and 'quiet'. However as the season passed so did his skills and abilities and his determination. Early in the season would see minimal chasing but towards the end this had altered and he would turn and chase. However, as his skills had developed, he didn't have to chase that often! A cracker of a goal by Matthew down at Miranda saw us take that game out...in my book the goal of the year!

James Treacy:

The young-one of the team who developed his skills throughout the season to the point of being able to dribble around most players! However the skills development with respect to this was the best of the whole team. Mostly a winger to midfield player - had occasional lapses in the wing positional play but kept a good mid-field position. A great support player.

Coach: Peter Lawton

Well done coach! Always there to help and encourage the boys at game time and not to mention those great training sessions (the boys particularly liked those involving lollies!). Thank you from all.

Colin Lincoln:

Occasional coach, goalie tipster and Manager whose support was much appreciated -loved his lollies too!!

Manager: Ian Carter

Enjoyed the season and watching the development of all the boys. Thank you guys you all did well!

8C**COACH:****COLIN WEST****MANAGER:****PETER BRUCE**

Sam Bruce	Nathan Cawsey	Jason Coulter
Marc Hobman	Jarryd Knapp	Mitchell Moore
Shaun Parton	Shaun Pyne	Garrath Vella
Michael West		

The 8Cs were graded well in 1996 with all of the boys around the same standard of ability. The boys played well together which was obviously helped by the fact that many of them had played in the same team in 1995. We won and drew more games than we lost and that was pleasing for the boys, the coach and the parents, but more importantly, we believe we achieved our objectives in 1996, firstly with team having a lot of fun, and secondly all of the boys developing better skills in kicking, passing, attacking as well as learning more about positional play and teamwork. We didn't seem to have the biggest team around nor did we have the biggest kickers but we certainly had the team with the biggest hearts and many a game was won against fearsome opponents through tenacious tackling and 'never say die' determination. Boys, it was a pleasure to coach and manage you and we hope you all return in 1997 to play for the Giants again.

8E-1**COACH:****DALE KING****MANAGER:****GRAHAM HENNESSY**

Daniel Coupe	Nicholas Deldin	Adam Denham
Robert Fleming	Ross Hennessy	Joel King
Mitchell Cameron	Joel King	Russel Smith
Glen Sullivan	Steven Thornborough	

The 8E1s were competitive at the start of the season but even more so by the season's end.

It took a while to sort the boys out into their best positions but once this happened they blended into a fine team. The team developed the ability to score goals with a number of the players being able to get a shot away given the opportunity.

The outstanding feature of the season was the teamwork and unselfish play. To their credit the boys continually looked to push the ball to a player in a better position which led to some exciting play and terrific goals. Thanks must be given to our coach Dale King who put in long hours of hard work and who endeavoured to make each training session challenging and enjoyable. Dale received great support from his brother Shane and fellow dad Michael Fleming. Thanks also to the parents and supporters who all seemed to enjoy the games as much as the boys.

Editor's Note

I must say a big thank you to Graham on behalf of all the parents for doing a great job as manager. Without your endless support and assistance, the boys wouldn't have grown into the great little players that they are!

8E2

COACH:
MANAGER:

WARWICK GREY
WARREN BECK

Kurt Allison	Nicholas Beck	Timothy Blight
Matt Chaffey	Matthew Dodds	Tess Emslie
Rhys Melbourne	John Nicholson	

We couldn't say we had a wonderful season. With players coming and going, mostly going, we rarely had the luxury of a reserve. You even played with six men once. We only won one match, drew another and lost the rest. However, each week you turned up and played your best because you enjoyed playing. And there are signs that positional play WILL happen. So, thank you for trying, and I'll see you next year.

9B

COACH:
MANAGER:

GARY LANDSBERRY
JENNY LANDSBERRY

Benjamin Baltins	Cameron Bates	Andrew Bell
Brok Carney	Cameron Harte	Christopher Igoe
David Jedrzejczyk	Joshua Landsberry	Shaun Moore
Adrian Player	David Scotland	Michael Treloar

1996 was a very rewarding year for the 9Bs and also very deserved. The boys finished second in the competition, won their major semi final brilliantly and at time of print the boys are waiting to play in their first soccer grand final. Both manager and coach have thoroughly enjoyed 1996 because we had the good fortune of being associated with twelve very good boys and their families. The boys have improved their soccer skills in leaps and bounds since the start of the season.

Congratulations to you all.

9C

COACH:
MANAGER:

STEVE CAIRNS
SUE LEE

Anthony Bates-Handel	Wade Cairns	Lindon Golledge
Matthew Hamilton	Brett Layden	Andrew Layden
Michael Lee	Brent Lohman	Blake Maddick
David Meekings	Daniel Napper	Matthew Stanley

The 9Cs had an enjoyable season of soccer with two wins and four draws. Michael, Wade and Daniel were our goalscorers, who were helped by Matthew S and Blake up front. Our midfield of David, Brent and Matthew H were strong as were our backs Andrew and Brett always solid in defence.

Anthony and Linden played half a game each every week in goals and made some awesome saves. All boys played with enthusiasm showing fine sportsmanship in every game. Thanks to coach Steve Cairns, for all his time and effort with the boys. Thanks also to all the parents and supporters for a good season of soccer.

9E

COACH:
MANAGER:

RHYS McMORDIE/SCOTT MURRAY
DI MADDISON

Ryan Broom	Mitchell Broom	David Edwards
Matt Butler	Joel Couchrough	Phillip Egan
Matt Elliott	Romy Tagliapietra	Andrew Harding
Christian Allen	Lloyd Maddison	Shannon Moore

The stars of the 9Es were:

<i>Ryan Broom</i>	Always on the lookout on the park, great to see
<i>Mitchell Broom</i>	Solid in defence, a pleasure to watch
<i>David Edwards</i>	Nippy little attack player, runs and runs
<i>Matt Butler</i>	Our new import - over from St Patricks, their loss is our gain
<i>Joel Couchrough</i>	Sets those strides up the sideline
<i>Phillip Egan</i>	Scored a few from any position
<i>Mat Elliott</i>	Tough, reliable forward, always in position
<i>Romy Tagliapietra</i>	Our new buy, very dependable
<i>Andrew Harding</i>	Shared goalkeeping with Christian, a huge effort put in by him
<i>Christian Allen</i>	Shared goalkeeping with Andrew, stoic and dependable
<i>Lloyd Maddison</i>	Some nifty side kicks always produced some action
<i>Shannon Moore</i>	Second season in grade, a big effort put in

Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and siblings who support us week in, week out. Thanks also to our coaches who were very patient and diligent in advising and supporting our sons. Remember, get in there and *bustle* them Giants! See in you 97.

10A

COACH:
MANAGER

REECE R FIFIELD
GREG ATKIN

Paul Archer	Timonthy Atkin	Ben Coulter
Ryan Fifield	Travis Fraser	Nathan Grant
John Howard	Roger Lehmann	Trent Rogers
James Tyrrell	Joshua Walker	Christopher Wood

1996 was a year of beginnings and consolidation. Gynea 10As had new players, a new coach, a new manager and a huge challenge being placed in "A Grade". The stars of the year are as follows:

Won 4, Drew 2, Lost 12. Goals for-14; goals against-6. Goal scorers were Trent 7, Josh 3, Ryan L 2, Ryan F 1, James 1. The stats do not reflect the development of the team and the improvement of all players. Nor do they reflect that many games lost could have been won with a bit of luck. The stats don't reflect the determination and fight put up against very strong "A Grade" sides that demolished other sides, yet Gynea performed admirably.

During the season all players performed well. Trent Rogers provided half of the total goals scored. Ryan Lehman supported Trent well up front and then shone in the backs over the last couple of games. Josh Walker shared goalkeeping performing well in that role and played in halves when on the field providing plenty of opportunities. Nathan Grant was strong all season in the halves and was the play maker setting up many goals. Ryan Fifield ran and ran all season tirelessly in halves and was always in the thick of the play. James Tyrell improved tremendously during the season and whilst small in stature mixed it with the often bigger opposition. Travis Fraser shared the goalkeeping and improved in that role to save a number of goals. His time on the field was spent in the halves or forwards. Tim Atkin also shared goalkeeping, and after a tentative start also improved with good work in goals. He also worked well in the backs when on the field. John Howard performed well in the backs all year providing a strong defence at times during the season. Chris Wood also was solid in the backs, and repelled many attacks from the opposition. Paul Archer was our utility player covering backs, halves and forwards at different times showing good skills in all areas. Ben Coulter also provided solid defence in the backs and improved as the season progressed.

1996 was a development year and all players improved as individuals and as a team under the coaching of Reece Fifield. There is a solid basis for a strong team in the future.

10D

**COACH
MANAGER**

**STEVE DONALDSON/BRUCE SYMES
GEOFF MILLARD**

Matthew Cawsey	Michael Dawson	Tim Dodds
Chris Donaldson	Kris Fogden	Lynden Grant
Chris Hamilston	Paul Imbree	Ryan Millard
Jack O'Brien	Nicholas Taylor	Adrian Veale
Andrew Whale	Nicholas O'Reagan	

A very good year with the boys finishing second at the end of the season. Eleven wins, four draws and only three losses saw them set for the semis. Nineteen goals scored with only eight against showed our competitive nature with the boys having a liking to make the games exciting and nail biting to the extreme - a favourite was camping in the opposition's half but waiting to score the winning goal in the last minute.

The semis proved not to be our cup of tea. Pipped at the post in the final with the opposition scoring a goal in the last minute of extra time was a dramatic finish to the year. All 14 boys enjoyed their soccer, showed individual skills and formed a well drilled, coordinated team, positional play was the best in the competition. Andrew Whale was a great goalie. Chris 'hammer', Lynden, and Michael were a solid defence. Midfielders Kris 'froggy', Paul, Ryan, Adrian and Nicholas O were the work horses of the team. Chris D, Matthew, Tim, Jack and Nicholas T were a real frontline machine and always looked close to scoring.

Many thanks to a very supportive group of mums and dads, as well as a great bunch of boys.

**11B
COACH
MANAGER**

**STEWART TEAL
NADA LEBREUX**

**James Austin
Chris Coupe
Jerome Lebreux
Hayden Parker
Daniel Nicholson**

**John Addis
Jason Davison
David Renton
Blake Stroh**

**Magnus Agren
Mitchell Elliott
Wesley Rose
Malcolm Gollege**

What can I say - this year proved to be a revelation to all the kids and parents alike. The boys started off the year relatively slowly and progressed to a great team unit by the time the grand final came around. Instead of having a team of individual stars, we had a team of unified goers who gave their all to each other. It was a shame the boys didn't win the grand final because their attitude to the game and the way it's played deserved better. They came up against a fantastic team and they gave their all. They are a champion side nonetheless.

It was a pleasure to coach these boys and I just wish all kids had the same attitude. It wouldn't be fair to single out any of the boys for their ability because it was such a all round team effort. The boys proved that if you can play together, you can overcome virtually all odds. Thanks to Nada for her fantastic efforts as manager and Stewart once again for his tireless coaching efforts.

**12D1
COACH
MANAGER**

**BILL DAVISON
RICK ANDERSON**

John Anderson	Matthew Anderson	John Bates-Handel
Brett Cameron	Joshua Davison	Scott Dooley
Julian Frood	Andrew Gillen	Ian Hooper
Tim Inglis	James Mason	Tristan Rigby
Cameron Smith	Luke Williams	

We finished second two points behind the leaders who we beat once and will play in the semis. The boys have enjoyed their soccer, some more than others. Some have tried harder also some came to training and are content to play around. That's difficult for a coach to adjust to. Joshua Davison expressed it well when we were beaten for the first time in the second round by the new top team. "That's the best game I've enjoyed all season". That is a great lesson for me.

The boys' commitment has been a bit lacking but their skill in passing and working together plus general skill improvement has been very satisfying. No swearing or complaining has been a feature. Thanks boys for all you have taught me and congratulations on a great season (yet to finish at time of printing).

**11D
COACH
MANAGER**

**KEN MUDIE
CAROL TYRELL**

Cameron Bell	Andrew Donaldson	Jarrad Grant
Bradley Hare	Owen Hennessy	David Little
Neil Mudie	Adam Noy	Mitchell Parton
Luke Riley	Cameron Smithers	Brendon Tyrell

I can't believe the season has come to an end.

What a great experience being manager for this friendly, hard working team has been. Each and every one of the boys gave their very best and the improvement towards the end of the season was seen by all. Even though we had only a couple of wins they all showed great team spirit and sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents whom I had a great many laughs with, you were all a pleasure to be associated with. To our coach Ken Mudie, who is a very devoted and approachable person and had a fantastic driving force behind this team, we thank you.

I hope to see you all next year.

**12A
COACH
MANAGER**

**GEOFF DUVAL
LESLEY LANGLEY**

Damien Davidson	Michael Gamblin	Simon Grant
Jeremy Hubers	Alex Jessep	Simon Kirkman
Owen Langley	Karl McGrath	Con Sgouros
Brad Sutherland	Adam Wright	Luke Wyatt

It often difficult to write a report at the end of the year summarising all the play that has happened throughout the season. To mention everybody's trials and tribulations would take pages. Some of the boys were new to the team and had to settle in very quickly to the fast lane of "A" competition.

Unselfish play and good sportsmanship was displayed week in and week out even though the team may have thought some of the matches should have gone their way. Each boy is only human and putting in 100% every game is a big ask. You all represented the club well and endeavoured to make each match entertaining and exciting. The most pleasing aspect of the season was that you never gave up in any game and always made the opposition work hard. All the boys deserve a pat on the back along with Geoff Duvall the coach, who was totally committed to the team.

Many thanks to the parents for their support and last but not least congratulations must go to all the committee members of the club who have worked hard and made this season enjoyable.

**12D2
COACH
MANAGER**

**MICK BARBER
SIMON THODEY**

Kane Chaffey	Jake Thodey	Brett Hawley
Lewis Steele	Garth Hames	Shane Tate
Gary Harplay	Evan O'Rourke	Ben Treloar
Chris Harrison	Lindsay Poppitt	Sean Thockey
Trent Rke		

The 1996 football season was a very successful one for the Gynea 12D2s finishing a credible 5th just outside the semi finals. The stars of the show were as follows:

<i>Kane Chaffey</i>	Thinking winger, always looking to help his forwards; great team player.
<i>Jake Thodey:</i>	Speedy winger, who also supported his forwards well, turning defence into attack.
<i>Brett Hawley</i>	Midfielder with great ball control, always looking to distribute the ball.
<i>Lewis Steele</i>	Midfield equally at home upfront. Very fast and made a habit of carving up opponent's defence.
<i>Garth Hames</i>	Centre mid who can attack or defence and score goals from just about anywhere on the park.
<i>Shane Tait</i>	Utility player who was at home in the backline or up front. Plenty of injuries this year but he never stopped smiling.
<i>Gary Harplay</i>	Utility player who could attack or defence. Long kicker of the ball turning defence into attack on many occasions.
<i>Evan O'Rourke</i>	Striker, who just loved scoring goals. Good ball control and a typical striker's attitude.
<i>Ben Treloar</i>	Keeper, had a huge season and certainly has a bright future in the sticks.
<i>Chris Harrison</i>	Fullback, very reliable backline player who always got the job done.
<i>Lindsay Poppitt</i>	Sweeper, very casual and unflappable. Had a great year controlling the backline.
<i>Sean Thodey</i>	Fullback, an absolute tackling machine who regularly belted guys twice his size.
<i>Trent Rke</i>	Midfielder who could cope in any position he played. Great ball player who never stopped thinking.

These thirteen buys combined together to make the season what it was. Thirteen very colourful characters who gave their parents and myself plenty to be proud of. Thank you guys for a very enjoyable season. I would also like to thank the parents for all their support during the season, I'm sure you all enjoyed it as much as I did and finally a special thanks to Simon Thodey for his managerial expertise during the year (he loved it!). Thanks to Jai for assisting me at training. It was a great season, well done everyone.

13C
COACH
MANAGER

JOHN WERNEJ
GRAHAM SMITHERS

Glen Barker	Mitchell Bates	Daniel Darrietta
Mathew Heard	Rhys Johnston	Matthew Kidd
Matthew Noy	Rhys Payne	Grant Smithers
Matthew Trio	Grant Walker	Scott Weatherstone
Peter Wells	Ross Wernej	Doc Penny

Another exciting soccer season comes to an end for the coach, manager, parents and more importantly the players of the 13Cs. It is that we get up early every Saturday morning being rain, hail or shine (for the love of soccer and our children) to travel the shire in search of a new adventure.

With all of last year's team playing together and the inclusion of two newcomers, the coaching staff were hoping to carry on from where we left off last year. Some early losses soon put us behind the pacesetters, but we persisted and won the games we were supposed to win and even mixed it with the more fancied teams. One thing we learnt was the fact that the boys don't like playing too early in the morning and their keenness towards training was sometimes non-existent. Apart from that I believe we had a successful and enjoyable year and showed extremely good skills and team work much to the delight of the coach John Wernej.

John stuck with the tried and trusted team from last year and once again Glen, Daniel and Ross did the job up front scoring a mountain of goals with Daniel coming out in front of Glen (15 goals to 14). Mitchell (6 goals), Mathew Heard (2 goals), Matthew Trio, Scott and in my mind the most improved player Matthew Kidd in the centres, all played extremely well with Mathew (like a tiger) Heard a neverending worry to the opposition. At the back it was once again the consistent work of Peter, Mr Reliable Rhys Johnston, big kicking Matthew Noy and the new kid on the block Rhys Payne. The goalie's duty was shared between Grant Walker, Grant Smithers and the other new boy to the team Doc Penny and when they weren't in goals they did their share out in the field where Doc was used in the backs and the two Grants excelled in the midfield.

I'd like to thank the players for an excellent year, to the parents for their support to their boys and towards John, Bill Walker for his time and efforts in his coaching and motivating capacity when John needed assistance or couldn't make it. Hope to see you back as a team next year striving for the finals.

14B
COACH
MANAGER

JAI McMORDIE
SUE GENONI

Nicklas Agren	Michael Ashton	Ian Dunne
Dax Depraubenberg	Luke Edmondson	Mark Genoni
Adam Hucker	Todd Lawrence	David Millard
Iain Mudie	Paul McKay	Lachlan Robertson
Martin Smith	Joshua Waters	

A season that saw some highs and lows, but more lows than highs. Also a year where a lot was learnt about team togetherness and good teamwork, which saw a lot of our goals come from great (team) lead up work along with some good finishing from our goal scorers.

<i>Nick</i>	Put in 100% each match and showed he was not to be messed with.
<i>Mick</i>	One of many who improved greatly this season and supported well.
<i>Ian D</i>	The 'boot' that saved us a lot of times by doing his job at sweeper
<i>Dax</i>	The work he did helped the forwards, but we must get him a pair of cement shoes to stop him jumping
<i>Luke</i>	A strong mid who never said die and was cool under pressure.
<i>Mark</i>	The 'voice' - he may be small but he was all heart when it comes to the game.
<i>Adam</i>	Very versatile in every position and played well all season
<i>Todd</i>	The 'find of the year'. Moved from the backs to the forwards half way through the year and was still our top goal scorer.
<i>David</i>	100% commitment all year and showed great improvement.
<i>Iain M</i>	Strong in goals or at left back which he was all year
<i>Paul</i>	Played well all season and aided Todd up front very well
<i>Lachlan</i>	Very strong in midfield or up front, which was shown by the great goals scored.
<i>Martin</i>	Another one of our strong backs who defended our goal well all year.
<i>Josh</i>	The 'pocket rocket'. A strong mid who fought for every ball and didn't give up.

15A
COACH
MANAGER

JIM ANASIS
DARRYL CLARK

John Anasis	Luke Austin	Gavin Bates
Mitchell Clark	Peter Cox	Kane Curran
Lee Harden	Matthew Humphreys	Drew Hurst
Christopher Kemp	Justin McClelland	Mark Pereira
Andrew Rowlands		

1996 was another very successful year for the Bates Bike Shop Boys, with the highlights being:

- The successful defence of their Minor Premiership and Premiership with 14 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses, and a 61-5 for and against record
- Kane Curran's 22 goals for the season
- The fourth successive A Grade title for both Chris Kemp and Justin McClelland
- Mitchell Clark's 10th year playing with the club
- The team accepting an invitation to play in the South Pacific Junior Soccer Challenge in Fiji at the end of the year
- Winning 3-0 in both the major semi final and grand finals

Although the team was identical to the one who enjoyed such spectacular success last year, we knew this was always going to be a much more difficult year than 1995. Other sides had been strengthened in the off season and, as we were the team everyone wanted to beat, they reserved their best efforts for us. As well, we played without the odd bit of luck that had previously come our way. The boys always played as a team with an unselfish and supportive approach. They displayed great skill and determination throughout the season, gradually increasing the tempo and intensity of their game, playing their best soccer in the finals series.

We would again like to express our appreciation to coach Jim Anasis for his time, effort and commitment, and to Brad Cox for his assistance when Jim was out of action. Thanks also to the players' families and our magnificent sponsor *Bates Bikes, Hurstville* for their wholehearted support. Finally, our sincere gratitude goes to the many friends and club members who supported all the fundraising activities that have made it possible for the team to participate in the Fiji tournament.

Congratulations on a great year and we hope '97 will be just as good.

16A

**COACH:
MANAGER**

**PAUL GOLLAND
MICHAEL MUSSO**

Stephen Archer	Greg Bradbury	Marc Lawrence
Ian Lennon	Reece McMordie	Travis Moore
Stephen Musso	Chroni Petsalis	Chris Robinson
Lee Sutherland	Adam Spooner	Scott Terry
Matt Whyte	Ben Wong	

This was quite a disappointing season in that the team did not make the semi finals, even though on paper we certainly had the ability to do so. At times we proved this on the pitch but not consistently enough to get us into the four. The team finished fifth.

We did have a good run in the State Cup where we made the quarter finals after wins against Fairfield and Manly. Anyone who saw the performance at Gynea against Manly, which went to a penalty shoot out will testify to the excitement that went to the very last kick before we came out winners. In the quarter finals against a strong and very large West Penshurst team we went down fighting losing 0-2 although we had chances to win the game early on.

As already said we did not repeat this performance in the league and often lost games that we should have got at least one if not two points from. A major problem was our lack of goalscoring with the majority being scored by Adam Spooner who performed well all season.

In goals Chris Robertson showed what a good goalkeeper he is developing into and if he continues to put the effort in, will go far in the game. However, the highlight for Robbo (and mostly of the spectators) was his display at centre forward in the last game of the season where he scored the only goal of the game, missed a penalty and got booked all in two minutes. In defence the whole line performed well with Marc Lawrence and Travis Moore particularly outstanding. The midfield played well often against much larger opponents with Stephen Archer and Greg Bradbury showing lots of promise.

If I had any criticism it was in the attitude to training where some of the boys did not put in the effort and this showed during the games. Training is not just about turning up once a week and running around, its about developing skills and ability and this was not always the case with everyone. Having said that this team was enjoyable to coach and should go on and develop as footballers in the coming years if they keep putting in the effort.

Finally a big thank you to Michael Musso for managing the team so well and for the parents who came along to support the team - I hope you enjoyed what you saw.

18B
COACH
MANAGER

PAUL REID
JENI REID

James Archer	David Ashton	Greg Blacker
Steven Bryant	Luke Day	Nathan Higley
Matthew Houghton	Dean Houghton	James Kemp
David Milverton	Stephen McKay	Michael Opperman
Solomon Proops	Paul Reid	Jamie Retten Maier

Our coach called the shots "I want fitness and skills, commitment at training, no hang-over ills!" Sol Proops, Ace keeper, withstood the test, courageous and daring, always giving his best. Jimmy Archer, class sweeper, provides good advice. Has superior ball skills, a cat among mice. Luke Day, a goal scorer new to the side, his speed and great tackles are much admired. Steve McKay's big left boot is a joy to behold, and Dave Milverton's moves are quick and bold. In the mids, Dave Ashton, so involved in the game that "gimme a yellow" is his call to fame. Giggs kicks "pearlers", and Jamie's an ox, desperately keen to score in the box. Dean Houghton's headers are awesome to see, while Matt plays defence, with gusto and glee. Steve Bryant, team clown, runs miles in the backs, in and out through the players, withstands all attacks. "How long to go coach?" you can hear him call, and Michael works hard, often winning the ball. A good pass to Greg Blacker, aerodynamically slick, who runs with the ball and crosses it quick. To James Kemp who can jockey and turn on a pin, when he shoots for a goal, he just belts it in!! The manager watches, her heart in her mouth, three balls she has lost from parks in the south. She gives thanks to the dads who have helped her out, and team thanks to the supporters who came to shout. We're through to the semis' and Reidy's dream is now achieved through his Green Machine.

Jeni Reid

21A
COACH
MANAGER

AARON HARRIS
RAY DENNIS

Steven Bell	Scott Gately	Scott Golland
Aaron Hayward	Michael Hudson	Chris James
Trent Deffree	Dominic Johnson	Zac Marks
Jon McGarrity	Jai McMordie	Michael Riley
Shannon Symons	Brad Glenday	Simon Nowell
Michael Ward		

Third in competition – Semis in Robertson Cup

A disappointing start and finish that clouded what were some great results throughout the season. This included a run of 12 unbeaten games, highlighted by a draw against Menai (best team in the state over the past two years). An unfortunate loss in the first semi prevented us from getting another crack at them. Gynea's high skill level made them a good team to watch, particularly when combined with some teamwork. A lack of players that wanted to do the dirty work cost this team any further success, but this definitely wasn't the case off the field. Good luck next year and thanks to Ray Dennis for his managerial skills.

James	Gained confidence and experience throughout the season, helping his positional play. Pulled off some great saves, a testimony to his solid efforts at training.
Brad	Scored a great goal against Kirrawee, which we heard about for the rest of the season. One of the hardest hitters in the comp with his only injury sustained off the field at Coyotes.
Aaron	Very reliable in attack and defence, playing almost every position on the field - including goalkeeper.
Dom	The best sweeper in the comp. Reads the game well, doesn't miss a tackle, and passes accurately. Despite this, still facies himself as a goal scoring striker.
Jai	Most improved throughout the year. Fast, good in the air, tackles well and scored some incredible goals. Its a shame this will all come to an end once he's old enough to go out and drink!
Huddo	When not on the field at left back, kept the team entertained by recounting his own version of the Kama Sutra.
Mick Ward	Added some bite and skill to the team's defence. His opposite number regularly had a miserable day.
Mick Riley	Was injured so often you'd swear he prefers drinking than playing. Surely not!
Zac	Showed plenty of skill when we were lucky enough to have him.
Belly "C" #17	Scored some screamers from centre midfield and performed his duties as captain without fault. Must stop stripping down on field.
Simon	Part of a great partnership with Belly, creating and scoring some valuable goals. Skilful, fast, tackles hard, smokes like a chimney and drinks like a fish - a valuable acquisition to any side, with the cheque book sure to be open next year.
Shannon	A super player, scoring some scintillating goals at 66/1. Must decide between NBL and soccer.
Johnny	Our Scottish import from <i>Trainspotting</i> - dazzled us all with his accent, skills, goals and dress sense! A credit to tartan!
Scott Gately	Also improved through the year, never letting the team down. A ferocious competitor.
Scott Golland	Incredibly talented, scoring some amazing goals. Needs to drink less (beer and water!)
Trent	Surely must have been our top goal scorer, and was invariably the one to score the crucial ones.

21C
COACH
MANAGER

KEN MUDIE
WARREN MOSS

Paul Ammon	Stephen Bartolo	Cameron Blacker
Daniel Chatto	Mark Cocks	Brent Condon
George Efthimiou	Matthew Elphick	David Houghton
Nicholas Moss	Murray Moss	Ryan McKay
Gregors Ozolins	Adam Robinson	Andrew Twiss

Take 17 lads, drop gently into a pot of older opposition. Season well with bumps, bruises, red to yellow cards. Bottle and leave to stand for one year. Then uncork at the start of the next season and turn loose.

Ken Mudie took his old grandma's recipe and brewed up a storm with the team rising to the top by being conned 'minor premiers'. At the time of writing they had just earned a birth in the grand final with a 2-0 win over season arch rivals Heathcote. The stats for the season's 18 games were:

	First Round	Second Round	Season
Win/Loss/Draw	6/2/1	4/1/4	10/3/5
Goals for/against	27/12	25/8	52/20
Highest scoring win	5-0	14-0	14-0
Goals scored:-	George, Mathew, Ryan, Paul, Mark, Cameron (B), Stephen		
Between 1-3			
Between 7-12	Daniel, Brent, Murray, Andrew		
Goal Contributors	Ali, Cameron (T), Gregors, Adam, Dave		

Highs & Lows

- The season was not without those with prolonged or severe injuries, Nick Moss, Cameron Blacker, Dave Houghton, Brent Condon and George Efthimiou
- This season also marked a first with no red cards or suspensions - a creditable performance
- The team all turned up for ground control - a really creditable performance
- The supporters ranks swelled during the season and to all those who witnessed the highs and lows and cheered us on to victory, many thanks.

PL1

COACH

MANAGER

GLENN FLOYD

ADAM BUCKLEY/CRAIG DENNIS

Amie Ajanovic	Matthew Booker	Josh Hackney
Aaron Cadet	Ben Schulz	Matthew Robinson
Aaron Harris	Mark Stansfield	Troy Colburt
Geoff Phillipson	Mick Ward	Brett Kirby
Tim Perry	Will Hardman	Brett Turner
Luke Mason		

Congratulations to everyone associated with the team for another hugely successful season. It must be noted that this is the boys third minor premierships - premierships double in a row. To our knowledge no team before has done the 21A, PL2, PL1 hattrick in consecutive years. We started the year down at Poofter Park (Loftus) with hopes of simply winning enough games to make the semis however, three quarters of the way through the first round we soon had to readjust that and try to press for a top two spot - I think everyone dreamed of first place but no-one believed it could happen - let alone the double. This year saw the introduction of three new players to the squad - Mick Ward, Brett Kirby and Luke Mason. Unfortunately Luke ended the season on a low note with a busted leg in a trial game just before the semis. Everyone wishes you a speedy recovery Luke. The three of them blended in beautifully with the other 14 squad members. 1996 saw a new year and another new coach - Glen Floyd. Everyone has known and like Floyd for ages so he fitted right in with the play hard, celebrate harder attitude of this team. No yearly wrap up of this team would be complete without two things - a big thank you to anyone who came along and watched us this year and of course the player profile....

Amie Ajanovic

Has more uniforms in his wardrobe than Princess Di has dresses. Against his religion to wear the same uniform two weeks in a row. He also proved grip strips don't work.

Mathew Booker

Shaggy's commitment to his strict training schedule again amazed everyone - he must have been very close to his goal of not turning up to any training sessions for the year. Never mind Shaggs, there is always next year.

Josh Hackney

The brick with eyes was forced to do a Colby and watch the grandie from the sidelines. He did however introduce himself to every forward in the competition with his usual greeting - "Bang geese, you better look at next time mate you could get hurt" as his opponent is usually rolling round on the ground clutching at his leg. Wondering how badly hurt Josh means by this comment.

Aaron Cadet - The Bomb

Cadetty had his usual season showing up on most Sunday's with a wicked hangover and playing as though he'd been at home in bed at 7:30pm the previous night. One Grays Point player has a nice souvenir from Cadetty - a 6cm scar in the middle of the front of his thigh. Good thing Cadetty always plays the ball or he might have really gotten hurt.

Ben Schulz

An absolute revelation at right back this year - finally a position on the soccer field where Schulzy doesn't have to run that much.

Matthew Robinson

Went to Atlanta for five weeks and they were probably the longest five weeks of our midfield's life. His running was missed by the guy's who had to cover for him. Again proved that it is the quiet ones you have to watch - was seen smoking the lily at our end of season binge.

Aaron Harris

The Gary Payton of the PL1 competition - enough said.

Mark Stansfield

As Gynea as the lily. Grazed himself this year and was seen to bleed green blood - something this team has suspected for years.

Troy Colburt

Played his first grand final in three years and wasn't about to let the occasion go without his usual contribution of a couple of goals and a yellow card for swearing. Record year for Troy though he played more games than he was suspended for.

Geoff Phillipson

Went from goal maker to goal scorer this year. Scored some great goals and was lucky enough that Keith and Val missed a couple. Bet by the time they heard about them they were two goals of the century. As pillow has been known to exaggerate slightly when telling stores of his goals.

Mick Ward

Dennis Irwin lookalike likes to play the game the same way as his lookalike. Another one of those quiet fitness fanatics that is guaranteed to surprise you.

Brett Kirby

Another new boy this year and was involved in a running battle with Matt Booker all year as to who could show up to training the least. Word of advice mate - Bookers the best and will always win in the end.

Tim Perry

Didn't see much of Pez this year after those bloody ligaments in his ankle went but he will be back again next year keener than ever to go again.

Will Hardman

For the second year in a row Gooky has given me a headache whilst writing this report - what am I going to say about him and then it came to me - his one weakness - stagefright in the six yard box - enough said.

Brett Turner

Failed to make it to a couple of games this year as his one aim in life (to make it the high rollers club) was within his reach.

Luke Mason

Has absolutely no respect for his body when playing this game. Only knows one way and has only one speed, hard and fast.

Overall this was another successful and fun year for everyone and I'm sure you're all looking forward to next year as much as I am.

35A-2

COACH & MANAGER

PAUL GOLLAND

John Bailey	Steven Brimble	Graham Forrest
Paul Golland	Alan Jones	Peter Jones
David Latham	Mel Meredith	Niall Pettit-Young
Ian Rodger	Joe Treacy	Tony Howard
John Williams	Peter Sutherland	John Henderson
Keith Hall		

Having finished only third in B grade the year before it was a bit a surprise to find we had been graded A. Still, we thought we would get to play on the No.1 pitch after so many years. Not to be as the association forgot Gynea had five A grade sides and we started back on No.2. An appeal saw our home games played at such local grounds as Solander, Anzac and Heathcote (thanks Big H).

We kicked off with a squad of 16 players but by week 3 this was down to 14 with Peter Jones and Steve Brimble not kicking a ball again. Soon it was 13 when Big Mel's indigestion turned into a heart attack and we lost him to the last game (there is no truth that Bosco players offered up thanks). Dave Latham went to England and came back with a hernia and then we were 12. Those that were left by this time had lucky charms and spells to chant to avoid being the next victim. Fortunately we managed to end the season without any more injuries.

Apart from the mishaps above, everyone on the pitch had a good time. We were competitive in most games and took points off all the teams above us. Up until the last few weeks we were just outside the four and only a forfeit against the bottom team when most of our side went walkabout cost us a chance at the semis.

In between we had a good 3-0 win against the other Gynea As, I bet Rosey will listen to what the ref says next time he plays in goals in the only time we played them.

Once again goals were hard to come by and Jurgen led the way (unfortunately not as well as his namesake) with most other players getting on the score sheet once in a while. Defensively John Bailey who turned up for the first game to find himself at sweeper (he still doesn't know why...) had a great season as did Joe Tracey. Midfield saw a well 'supported' John Henderson and John Williams have good seasons, with Dave L. proving that a bad taste in hats does not prevent you playing well occasionally.

Finally thanks to all the wives who turned up every weekend, normally to drink the free champagne, and who once actually knew the result of the game - we hope to see you all again and that you bring the lads back as well.

**SWB
COACH/MANAGER**

STEVE McCROHON

Alissa Beatton	Anne Maree Foot	Belinda Hardy
Emma Howard	Fiona Creaven	Heather Rees
Joanne Earle	Jodie Bradley	Kirsten Bradbury
Michelle Levoune	Natalie Moscott	Rachael Stokes
Sharon Nichols	Sonya Boxall	Vanessa Cordina

Next year we'll have to get Ray to sell a few more steak sandwiches so the club can afford to buy a roof for Lily park. All but one of our losses this year were when we didn't play the week before because of rain.

You'll have to lift your act next year Ray and push those steak sandwiches.

It was a good team effort to make the semis this year with everyone doing their bit when needed. Although it was disappointing to be knocked out of the semis by drawing with a team we beat twice this season, you shouldn't be disappointed with the way you played. This was the sort of season that makes coaches lose their hair, with most of the games being close whether we were playing the top or bottom teams. The fighting spirit that allowed us to win most of these close games is what makes me proud to be your coach.



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