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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, the season's over yet again (God it goes quick) and we have already started planning for next year.

Firstly congratulations to those teams that won the premiership: the 9E's, 9C's, 15B's, AL13-2's, AL8-2's, JW15A-1's and JW16's with the 21A's and 14A-1's still to play. Also to the AL7's and SWF, great work in making the grand final and the effort that showed and the class that was put on display even through disappointment.

To those that didn't make it, congratulations for the effort you put in to be part of our great Club. It's been another big year for our Club with record numbers joining the green and white army and it would be remiss of me not to thank the volunteers who help make our Club what it is. Firstly, the coaches and managers who give up their time on cold winter nights and early Saturday mornings and who have to put up with all and sundry to get our teams on the post. One of these selfless people coached 5 teams of which three won the comp. Take a bow Gary Landsberry, you're a legend. Also to the many people that give of their time for no recognition and lastly to the Gymea Junior Soccer Club Committee. What a bunch of people you are. Whilst other Clubs struggle for committee people, we have people always willing to help out and it's these people along with our members that I believe make us the best Club in the Shire. And with exciting things to come in the near future like the extension upstairs and the possibility of a Gymea #3 in the near future, it all looks good.

So until it's time for next season, please look after yourselves. I'll see you all next year. Until then.

Stewart

CANTEEN REPORT

Well I can't believe soccer is all over for another season and I have enjoyed this season so much. I have worked with many mums and dads, girls and boys, nans and pa's and it has been a pleasure to come up to the oval and know that I have the support of a lot of great families. I also have a great committee behind me, doing some little jobs for me that makes my day a lot easier, thanks to Stewart and all the committee for their help in 2002. I hope that you have enjoyed your season, we have been very lucky with the weather this year not too many games cancelled and the field has held up till the end of the season.

Thanks to the various people that have thanked me for my effort in the canteen I hope that I have given my best service this year and it can only get better next year because as you would have read that I have the job again and looking. Forward to the 2003 soccer season. Well I think that's all for my report for the 2002 season, Please enjoy the presentation day and hope the kids have a great day. Well done to all those teams that made it through to the grand final, you make us very proud to belong to a great club like Gymea United and hope to see you all next year. Thanks once again for your support over the last 18 weeks.

Wendy and Graham Smithers

CONGRATULATIONS!

THE RESULTS

SEMI-FINALISTS:

10C, 14B, JW15A-2, JW19 and AL1/1

FINALISTS:

12A, AL4, AL5, 35A and SWE

MINOR PREMIER & FINALIST:

AL211

MINOR PREMIER & RUNNER UP:

AL7

RUNNERS UP:

21A and SWF

PREMIERS:

14A-1 and 15B

MINOR PREMIERS & PREMIERS:

9C, 9E, JW15A-1, JW16, AL8/2 and AL13/2

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TEAM: 6B

What a team of champions!!!. They proved to be the nemesis of every other team. Week in week out they turned up ready to play and play they did. They were just outstanding.

This team was virtually unchallenged. They displayed skills that defied their age. It wasn't unusual for an opposing coach or manager to come over and tell me what a great team they were...they couldn't believe that our heroes would even think to pass a ball.

Every team normally has a standout player, well, we had 9 and 10 if you include the coach. Doug allowed our kids space on the field and gave instruction in a way which enabled the kids to learn and have a lot of fun, he was the ace up our sleeve.

Thanks to the parents who turned up each week and cheered (with volume). Really appreciate everyone putting up with the "subs" scenario. Having 3 reserves doesn't allow for much game time. Would also like to congratulate you on the behaviour of the kids....it says a lot!!!!

With such a great bunch of kids, a fantastic coach and a top crowd of parents is it any wonder we slayed them?



Kevin Hewitt (Manager), Milchell Wyllie, Kurt Northcott, D'arcy Handley, Karl Orr, Ben Hewitt, Jason Sparks, Dylan Tobar, Jordan Baker, Doug Sparks (Coach). (Absent: David Hagthorp.)

UNDER 6B

TEAM: 6C

STATISTICS.

Games Played = 18, Won = 11, Drawn = 5, Lost = 2, Goals for = 69, Goals against = 11.

REPORT

As a team, all the boys played every game in the best sportsman like manner. At the start of the season we had a mix of 6 boys who had played the previous season and 3 new starters who fitted in and developed their basic skills very quickly. As the season progressed the boys developed a strong team friendship which was to be the basis on which Jason developed their skills and team spirit.

As everyone knows they started out in the 6D's but after 3 very strong wins they were elevated to the 6C's. The change in quality in the opposition must have shell shocked them as this was when we had our 2 losses. But after that they didn't look back and went through the rest of the season without a loss.

Overall, playing in a high level competition I believe they achieved a well above average result as indicated by the statistics above. A great team effort that I believe made Coach, Manager and all of the parents proud.

Hope to see everyone again next season.



ROW 2: Bob Wilson (Manager), Jason Lee (Goach).

RONT: Corey Hogan, Aaron Smith, Nick Tsekouras, Brenton Wilson, Angus Dibley, Jake Anderson, Ben Kennedy, Gerard Stevens, Jack Lee.

UNDER 6C

TEAM: 6E

My final report of the season and what a season it has been for the fantastic 6E's.

Unknown to each other and with varying degrees of skill, we were fortunate to produce a very talented side.

With determination and sheer enjoyment of the game, they took to the field every week, no matter the weather.

As parents, we were privileged to witness the development of skills and teamwork under the watchful eye and enthusiastic guidance of Martin.

Thank you to a great fun bunch of parents who encouraged and supported the team throughout the winter, especially late training nights.

A huge thank you to Martin who gave so much of his time and efforts, especially on Ground Control day, to nurture our little soccer heroes.

Lastly a thank you to the committee for organising and providing a wonderful club and environment for all of us to enjoy. Till next year!



ROW 2: Martin Smith (Coach), Kath Bryant (Manager).
RONT: Shamus O'Connor, Llam Bryant, Harrison Joyce, Luke Morris, Lachlan Fahy, Joshua Shelley, Ryan Mitchell, James Callinan, Sam Owen.
UNDER 6E

TEAM: 6G

Coaches: Peter Beranek & Paul Zumot

Manager: Alison Underwood

The boys started the season following the ball around the field, with no concept of what a goal was let alone which goal to shoot at. By the second game, they started to taste victory. With excellent coaching by Peter & Paul, the boys learnt to pass the ball & spread out, but most importantly, they looked forward to Thursday night training and Saturday morning games. By the end of the season we had nine boys who were playing as a team passing and positioning themselves, they are a credit to their coaches and sponsor DESIGNER IMAGE WARDROBES.



ROW 2: Peter Beranek (Coach), Alison Underwood (Manager), Paul Zumot (Assistant Coach).
FRONT: Ellis Rutar, Matthew Underwood, Adam Sullivan, Hayden Jackson, Ryan Beranek, Daniel Haddock,
Jake Padwick, Blake Zumot, Ben Hunt.

UNDER 6G

TEAM: 6J

Coaches Joel King and Nicholas Del Din Manager Carl Moon

Congratulations to the boys of the mighty 6J's. Although we didn't always win we played with enthusiasm and determination. The mighty 6J's constantly improved throughout the year especially in the second round. As our skills and understanding of the game improved we began to put passes together and combined other skills the boys learned at training.

We'd like to thank our manager, Carl Moon, Greg Zuber who stood in as coach when we had our games, Rod Wilkinson who supplied the boys with tape, the parents who arrived for 8 o'clock games nearly every week and thank you to the terrific boys. All the parents and players were excellent and very supportive, which made our job easier and enjoyable.

Braden Moon: Braden never stopped tackling and his back heel bamboozled the opposition. Jasper Hartney: Jasper made some excellent saves in goals and went to every extreme to get the ball.

Matthew Zuber:_Matt's big runs down the field and big kicks often resulted in some great goals.

Nathan Potter:_His placement of the ball was so precise it seemed Nathan could not be stopped.

Tyson McMillan: When there were shots to be had Tyson was always there putting pressure on the goalie.

Luke Porter: Luke's precision passing often stopped the opponents having shots.

Matthew Laughton: Matt's speed and tackling made it hard for the opposition to stop him.

Jack Wilkinson: Jack improved throughout the season and his big kicks gave the opposition no chance.

Connor Moon: Connor's huge runs down the sideline often resulted in a team goal. Great season boys. We hope to see you all next year. Thanks everyone,



ROW 2: Nick Deldin (Coach), Carl Moon (Manager), Joel King (Coach).

Braden Moon, Nathan Potter, Matthew Laughton, Connor Moon, Jasper Hartney, Matthew Zuber, Jack Wilkinson, Tyson McMillian, Luke Porter.

UNDER 6J

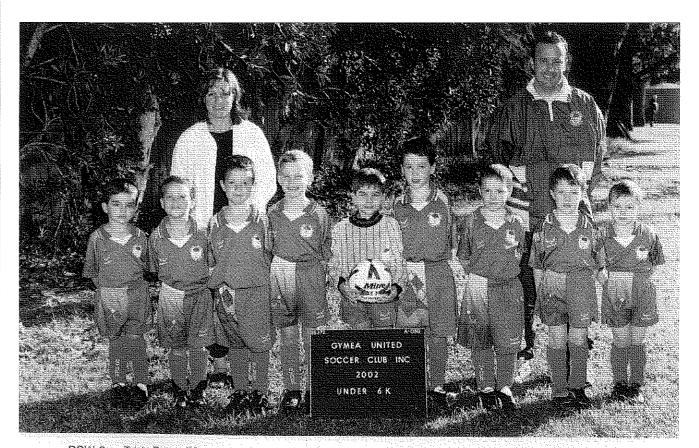
TEAM: 6K

Coach: Adam Landers Manager: Trish Brown

Well what a year! 9 gun players, a brand new coach and manager plus an enthusiastic and supportive team of parents.

We hit the ground running with a few wins and the boys enjoying every minute, testament to this was the roll up at training every week. The boys would always arrive with big smiles on their faces and boots ready to go, kicking, throw ins, passing and the odd game of leap frog. A big thank you to the fathers who helped out with the boys throughout the season. We rotated goalkeeper all year and everyone jumped at the chance to wear the yellow strip, Nicholas had a great year in goals making numerous saves. During the year the boys became more and more confident and distinct strengths developed. James was always strong in the backs, midfielders well, Daniel, Conner, Evan and Kyle always stepped up, running, kicking and passing all game. Liam, Todd and Samuel were never shy at overworking opposition goalkeepers and our supporters witnessed some amazing strikes on goal.

Thank you to Trish, for organizing the team all year and having the treats for the boys at the end of every game. With their first year under their belts we look forward to the boys coming back bigger and stronger next season, it has been an absolute pleasure to be able to coach a team of gentlemen, WELL DONE BOYS!



ROW 2: Tricla Brown (Manager), Adam Landers (Coach).
RONT: Evan Gurgen, Todd Bryant, James Landers, Daniel Hayward, Nicholas Bird, Liam O'Brien, Kyle Brown, Samuel King, Connor McCormick.

TEAM: 6L

We started the season with a bunch of wide-eyed 4 and 5 year olds, all new to the game of soccer. What we may have lacked in experience in the beginning was overtaken by the boys tremendous enthusiasm and their willingness to get on the field every Saturday and have a run. To Jaike, Nicholas, Matthew Garrett and Matthew McLachlan, Liam, David, Jye and Zac, congratulations to you all on a great season.

The boys have all improved so much from the very first game to finally coming together as a mighty little team. They chalked up an impressive 12 wins, 1 draw and only 2 losses. The highlight of the season would have to be one of our games against Menai, where with only four players, (which included one little sister in goals), the boys thumped home with a 12-1 victory!

We certainly had a very happy season with loads of fun. This was due not only to a great bunch of kids, but also a tremendous bunch of parents who attended every match and training session and were there cheering and supporting the boys right through. They were a great help to me, standing in on occasions both on Saturdays and training. Thanks to Trish, our Manager who organises me and did a great job this season. We all look forward to just as much fun next year.



Trish McLachlan (Manager), Jaike Briggs, Zac Barker, Jye Lewis, Matthew McLachlan, David Lawrence, Nicholas Fox, Matthew Gerrett, Kim McLachlan (Coach).

TEAM: 7A

The boys started the year full of enthusiasm and carried it through to the end of the season. They are a fantastic group of kids who always showed determination and passion for the game and gave their best every week.

The season started on a winning streak but for the rest of the year the games seemed to get tougher with a lot of close games and many draws. Each week the boys' skill and teamwork improved with them passing the ball well and developing positional play.

A big thanks to coach Warren Curtis who had a battle at training some weeks with nine 6 and 7 year olds under his control, which is not an easy task, and who always enforced that while it is great to win, the boys should also have fun.

Another thanks to all the enthusiastic parents, siblings, grandparents, etc who made up the cheer squad every week, clapping for every effort made by our boys and by the opposition.

The boys were very unhappy to see the end of another season but are already looking forward to playing again next year.



Tracy Condos (Manager), Steven Condos, Chris Robertson, Jacin Grant, Stephen Curtis, Riley Innes, Bronson Mannix, Max Trew, Michael Clapham, Mitchell Fox, Warren Curtis (Coach).

TEAM: 7D

This was quite an enjoyable season with the 7D's doing very well with a lot of draws, a couple of wins and some very narrow losses.

I would just like to thank Alan for coaching. He put a lot of time and work with the team and I think it paid off because the team's skills work ethic could be seen in the end. And thank you to all the parents who got up early for the games and in the cold at training. Also to my wife for helping with some of the match reports and to the team itself: Jordan B, Chad, Tyler, Joshua, Michael, Jordan J, Stuart and Hayden—well done boys and I hope to see everyone next season because I'm sure we will be a lot bigger and stronger.

One more thing, on behalf of Alan and myself thank you all for an enjoyable season and for my manager's award (HA! HA!). Soccer was the winner!



Jason Noye (Manager), Jordan Jessep, Stuart Dean, Joshua Noye, Michael Blumor, Jordan Boseley, Tyler Heaton, Hayden Specht, Chad Crumpton, Alan Dean (Coach).

TEAM: 7F

It seems like only yesterday that we were all gathered at the Kirrawee School Oval as the teams were graded in the blistering late summer heat. A group of eight fine young athletes were nominated for the Gymea 7F's and Gus Tobar thankfully put his hand up to take control of our boys. I think I can offer a special "thankyou" on behalf of all the parents for the effort and commitment given by Gus. Both his ability as a coach and leader were outstanding, and on a personal note I feel he is the finest coach I have seen during my 7 year association with Gymea United. Now to the boys, Corey, Sam, Harris, Trystan, Jordan, Curtis. Nathan, John (and occasional substitute Dillan). I have searched the sports pages of the Sydney and National newspapers and cannot find enough superlatives to describe the individual achievements of each boy separately, however what started out as a "motley crew" have evolved into some very skilled and talented young soccer players. All credit should be given to the support of the parents for providing the boys with encouragement, support and the logistics (driving to the many and far flung grounds through, rain, cold, wind and the occasional bright sunny day) throughout the winter months. Also thanks to my stand-in manager Diana who covered during my many absences from Sydney. I cannot report statistics of players, games won, for and against results, number of goals, number of red cards etc. etc. but I can report that the enjoyment level for the kiddles was 110 percent.

Let's hope we can keep the team together for next years 8A's.



Diana McKay (Manager), Curtis Flecknoe, Harris McKay, Samuel Phillips, John Badger, Corey Tobar, Trystan Dunlop, Jordan Kelth, Gus Tobar (Coach).

[Absent: Nathan Campbell, Bruce McKay (Manager).]

TEAM: 7G

It was a great pleasure to coach this team of triers as each and every boy gave their best not only in the games but also at training.

There was tremendous improvement in the skill level of each player throughout the season and by the end of the season we were beginning to play as a team and were supporting each other in attack and defence.

The 7G's had an even mixture of results with every game played in the right spirit. The players became good friends who shared in the victories and equally graciously accepted defeat. Throughout the year there was an emphasis on having fun and not on results and these boys certainly had fun.

Many thanks to our manager Paula for her assistance and to the parents and family for their great support each weekend. But most of all a big thank you to each player for making this season an enjoyable experience.



Paula Wood (Manager), Alex Wood, Derek Lian, Simon Jones, Jesse Muir, Mitchell Rutar, Adam Cooke, Lachlan Hunt, Andrew Duncan, Peter Hunt (Coach).

UNDER 7G

TEAM: 71

Coach - Emilie Molan Manager - Gillian Taylor

A great season was had by all, even though the wins were few and far between. This was Emilies 2nd season at coaching and my first as a soccer manager. We could not have done it without the support from the parents, especially Mark, Steve and Mike for helping at training and for pulling on a skirt on Saturdays to coach when Emilie was away. Thanks again to everyone who was able to help with ground control duties, as always many hands make light work. Without the enthusiasm of the children, Emilies job would not have been as enjoyable, they were always eager and willing to have a go. On Saturdays they always came off the field with their heads held high despite the score, they were honestly just as excited to loose as they were to win, but when we finally did win a game the parents went wild.

<u>Kurt Arrowsmith</u> with his wonderful goalkeeping skills kept us alive in many games. A well-mannered player, he always listened to instructions and was a pleasure to coach.

<u>Andrew Barton</u> developed into a fine player. He was always on the go and was eager to participate in the action. He let everyone know that he was enjoying himself.

<u>Luke Brann</u>, not only a goalkeeper but a great goalscorer. He was always paying attention at training and put Emilies words into practice. His ball skills developed with every game. He hated having to sit off through the game, but always had a smile on his face, and a cute one at that!

<u>John Hartney</u>, his never ending smile and his never ending questions will always stand him in good steed. He ran out of puff every so often but was always anxious to get back on the field and have a go.

John Johnson proved to be an excellent soccer player with a great future. He was awesome as a back, quick to the ball and scored a couple of goals in the season. Good luck to him down at Engadine next season!

Adam Joy started the season never having seen or kicked a soccer ball I think, but as the season wore on he proved time and again that he had the goods. He was a good listener and followed the coaches' instructions. He was an excellent back with good footwork and proved that you can skip around the ball and still kick it.

Ante Pedic, always tried his hardest and was consistent in his effort. He always listened to Emilie and was well mannered.

<u>Louise Taylor</u> the one and only girl in the team, never missed a training session and just hated sitting off during any game. Very energetic and enthusiastic on the field, she was always talking to her teammates throughout the game, offering words of wisdom and encouragement to all.

<u>Mitchell Wade</u>, were can we start. From front to back he never stopped. His nickname is Muscles and that says it all. His endless enthusiasm, speed and fitness were outstanding, along with his well-mannered personality.



OW 2: Gillian Taylor (Manager), Emille Molan (Coach).

RONT: Mitchell Wade, Luke Brann, John Johnson, Adam Joy, Louise Taylor, John Hartney, Kurt Arrowsmith, Anté Pedic.

(Absent: Andrew Barton.) UNDER 7 1

TEAM: 7J

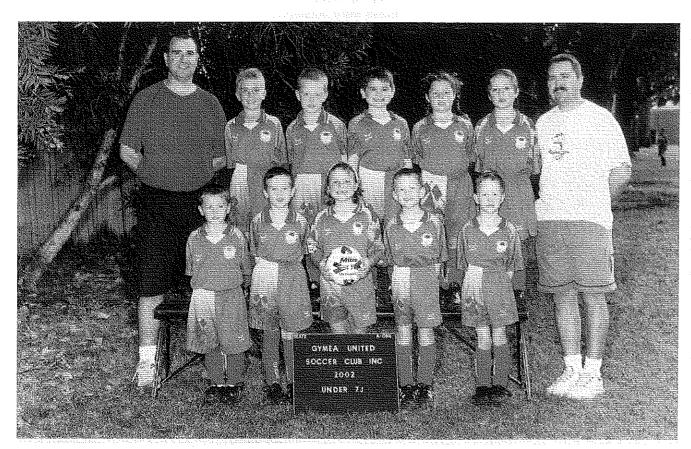
What a great year for the Gymea 7J's.

The whole team deserves a special mention as they came together with little previous experience as a team and gelled to win 4 games straight after a difficult start.

All the parents were there to support the team week in and week out which made for an exciting atmosphere every weekend.

This team has a load of potential and will no doubt go on to bigger things in the years to come.

Well done to all the players.



Keith Knights (Coach), Joshua McKeon, Keelan Black, Joe Knights, Charlotte Williamson, Mason Whyte, Peter McKeon (Manager).

FRONT: Josiah Baty, Connor Riordan, Tessa Herbert, Jarrett Wali, Brayden Wali

TEAM: 8A

The end of yet another season of soccer for the boys, and their parents. It has been an interesting year as we prepare for the competition that 2003 will bring. Grant has been able to try a few different positions this year for the boys. Some worked, others didn't. When the boys fired they were hard to keep up with. Unfortunately they all didn't always fire. All up though, they all had a good year. I think everyone on the team (parents included) learned a little more about the game of soccer. It was great to see the development of the little men. The defence grew stronger every game and that was probably the biggest improvement. Without exception every boy this year has improved. These are a fine bunch of young men and all the parents can be proud.

A very big thank you to coach Grant Petalas. Grant has always given 110%, saving every goal, running with the backs and midfield and kicking every goal with the boys. Thanks also to all the parents for their help. There was a consistent group of parents who showed up every game and training session either to help or support. I think this makes all the difference to the boys. It certainly makes a difference to the coach and the team management.

Thanks again boys for your effort this year, I hope to see you all again in 2003. This will be on the full field and we will be playing for points. If we don't want the season to finish early we will need to get a few wins under the belt.

See you all in 2003!



ROW 2: Grant Petalas (Coach), Metin Zirhmen, Ilia Iordaniois, Max Mannix, Maithew Lewis, Samuel Thomas Tony Clapham (Manager).

UNDER 8A

FRONT: Jack Handley, Josh Seage, Mason Petalas, Jared Mason, Robert Clapham.
(Absent: Llam Di Cesare.)

TEAM: 8D



ROW 2: Michael Jeff (Manager), Brendan Jeff, Callum Rees, Jacob Turner, Patrick Beck, David Anderson (Coach).
FRONT: Dämon Anderson, Nathan Green, Joshua Allen, Lachlan Mayer, Moussa Georges, James Keane,
Adrienne DelDin.

UNDER 8D

TEAM: 8F

It was a wonderful season for the 8F's, not only reflected by the games won but more so in the enjoyment gained through out the season.

Most importantly, the team took to the field every week with so much enthusiasm and pleasure and no matter how tough a game might be, they tried their best from the first to the last whistle.

There were many fine moments throughout the season from many great wins, nail-biting draws and of course some hard fought losses.

Every team member improved during the season, this of course was due to the forever encouraging coach Scott who showed the team not only how to play but also how to enjoy the game.

Thank you coach and thanks also to all the parents and grand parents who supported the team each week.



ROW 2:

Scott Mason (Coach), Alex Clements, James Underwood, Jordan Jackson, Blake Maione, Jason Flynn, Regan Hendricks, Jacob Coombs, Dylan Robson-Bray, Mitchell Westwood, Andrew Lepre, Kayley Dillon, Mitchell Lang, Allson Underwood (Manager).

UNDER 8F

TEAM: 8G

Bringing together a new team and playing on a larger field is never easy, and it was a few games into the competition before the boys found their feet, and began to play like a team. The first few Wednesday nights at training was a challenge, it was great to see the parents helping the coach teach the boys positional play for the first time.

As the season progressed Max & Trent began to settle into the positions at the back which provided great support for our various keepers. Jack led the way in mid field supported by Taylor, Reece, Jake, Kerion & Jai who was playing his first season of soccer, these guys were the runners keeping the ball flowing to our front three Nathan, Ben & Johnathon.

In the first round we were trying hard but just getting beaten in the tight games, but as the confidence improved so did the results and the team won or drew the majority of games in the second round. Our supporters were a great help offering encouragement & support every week.



ROW 2:

Michael Leitch (Coach), Jack McCulloch, Tayler Stevens, Max Weismantel, Jake McStravick, Nathan Bryant,

Steve Marcellino (Co-Manager)

FRONT: Jai Marcellino, Kieran Geraghty, Trent Leitch, Ben Gibson, Rhys Nobie.

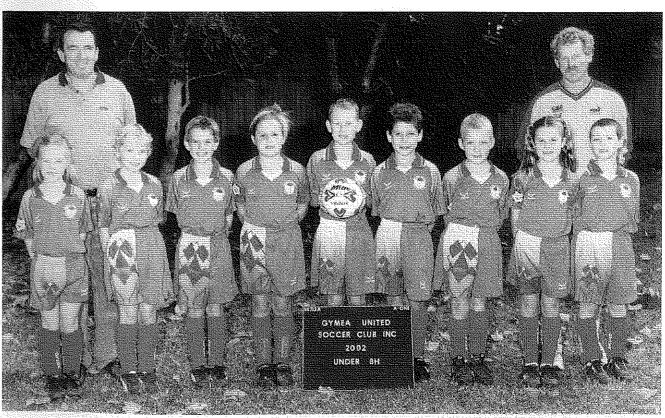
[Absent: Brett Bryant (Manager), Jonathon Moffitt]

TEAM: 8H

The Mighty 8H's played like the true sportspeople they are fast becoming.

Throughout the season they played strongly, fairly and with enthusiasm. The highpoint of the season was the incredibly exciting "win" they managed to produce after lots of close calls, that one win was the culmination of 2 seasons under fantastic leadership of Gred Zuber, not only did the entire team learn the meaning of teamwork and sportsmanship, they produced friendships to last for many years.

"A team of Champions" This season is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Vic Judge – a very supportive Grandfather.



Kevin Walsh (Manager), Greg Zuber (Coach).

Brittany Davey, Jack Zuber, Jake Hill, Emmylou Irvin, Clarke Connolly, Adrian Pedic, Hugh Walsh,

Shae O'Dowd, Thomas Hayes. (Absent: Dylan Ashton.)

UNDER 8H

TEAM: 9A

Congratulations boys on a terrific year of soccer! Stepping out onto a full size field in the A grade competition was a big challenge which all of the boys excitedly accepted and succeeded at. It has been a very satisfying experience for everyone to see the boys develop their individual and team skills and become a cohesive unit. Although we finished the competition out of Finals contention our game results were always very close with most games only being decided by the odd goal. This made for some very exciting and enjoyable Saturdays.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the year was the way the boys turned up each week and gave their best effort oblivious of their standing on the competition ladder. They remained happy, enthusiastic and unaffected kids playing for the pure enjoyment of it and this can only happen with the right support from the parents and coach. A huge thankyou to our Coach Warwick Gray whose patience and soccer knowledge together with the excellent rapport he has developed with each of the boys have been the major ingredient in their development as sportsmanlike players this year. To all of the parents - thanks for a happy and harmonious season! See you next year.

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UNDER 7A

ROW 2:

Stève Roberts (Manager), Jake Munro, Dion Beattle, Ryan Louks, Scolt Fortune, Brandon Biddlecombe, Warwick Gray (Coach).

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RONT: Max Brown, Cory Robertson, Finlay Dibley, Sam Grasso, Patrick McLachlan, Dylan Roberts, Michael Baker

TEAM: 9C

Premiers in 2002
Won 1-0 against seagulls
WE DID |T!!!!!Undefeated all season
Minor Premiers
Premiers in 2002

A fantastic season came to a triumphant end with the mighty 9c's scoring in extra time to defeat a tough and determined Cronulla Seagulls. The golden goal was a truly golden moment for the massive crowd as the coach, team and parents realised a grand final victory was theirs. To the parents, grandparents, cousin's, auntie's, uncle's, brothers, sisters and close friends a big thankyou for your support and commitment throughout the season. To the team, we are all so proud of your talent, team spirit and unselfish play, showing maturity beyond your years. Finally to The King, to inspire and mould a champion team requires an exceptional person. Dale King's vision, experience and rapport with the team culminated in leading this team to sweet victory.



ROW 2

Dale King (Coach), Nicholas Jessep, Christopher Curtis, Jackson Hewitt, Kurt Baxter, Oliver Duncan, Max Dillon,

FROM

Daniel Green, Matthew Joyce, Andrew Clapham, Rebecca King, James Treacy, Ricky Arnell, Clayton Beranek.

UNDER 9C

TEAM: 9E

It was easy to see at the very start of the season that this team was going to be first in the competition. They were always chasing the ball and going forward. As the year progressed, our ball control got better and so did the team work. After only conceding four goals before the semis, our defence was outstanding!

The team improved progressively all year and ending as the minor premiers. What a great achievement!

Thank you boys for all your hard work and effort for the season.

A great end to the season being winners and premiers under 9E's. A big thanks to the coaches, Neil Coubrough and Perry Rosewall, and the manager, Rhonda Weterings. And not to forget the parents. What a wonderful team of great kids. See you all next year. We will proudly hang our plaque in the clubhouse.



Rhonda Weterings (Manager), Rhys Cleverley, Shaun Cochrane, Joseph Smith, Bradley Pyrie, Perry Rosewall (Coach) Edward Weterings, Nathan Farrow, Vaughn Rosewall, Nathan Smith, Dylan Arrowsmith, Elliot Kolega, Scott Coubrough. [Absent: Neil Coubrough (Coach), Aaron Campbell.)

TEAM: 9F

The start of the season saw a blend of old and new players.

Glen the coach did a great job in meshing them together and improvement was seen towards the end of the season. The players all tried to the best of their abilities and we were very close to making the semis - but alas it was not to be.

However winning a few games has I'm sure given the kids a taste of success and hopefully increased their appetite for more wins next year. Encouragement, enthusiasm and commitment are the main ingredients to becoming better soccer players and if both the parents and players alike can keep this going the kids will enjoy an even better season next year.

Enjoying your soccer is what it is all about and I'm sure that the players in the 9 F's had fun this season - combine this with a positive attitude towards next year and Gymea Soccer Club will flourish even further.



LINDER 9F

Sharon Gough (Manager), Matthew Lopes, Joel Northcott, David Sawick, Caltlin Northam, Jacob Mark, Troy Saidey, Johnsthon Ball, Glen Mark (Coach)

Dominic Spathos, Michael Gough, Matthew Dean, Dylan Wright, Jacinta Nicholl, Thomas Barton, Christopher Reeves

TEAM: 10A

The A grade competition was always going to be a challenge. We began the season with six new players but it didn't take too long before they began to blend together as a team. The boys were always competitive and we were very unlucky not to have won more games. Overall we won 5 games, drew 3 and lost 10, 7 of those being a loss by one goal. Our defence was fairly sound only conceding 23 goals, and with 18 goals for placed us up near the top of the competition as far as for and against goes.

We would like to thank the boys who showed up to training every week (sometimes twice a week) who gave 100% and showed improvement for the effort they put in. We would also like to thank the parents for their efforts this season. This makes coaching enjoyable when the boys are having fun and improving their soccer skills.

Thanks to Kym O'Dowd for doing a great job as manager and organising our social nights out. With the new boys in the team this gave the parents a chance to get to know each other. Many thanks also to Wayne Cooper, Gary Rose and Terry Ryan for sponsoring the team and supporting the Gymea Club in their new fund raising ventures.

TEAM: 10C

Well done boys! Congratulations on a great season! And what a season it was!

You all have a lot to be proud of...... not only in reaching the semis and demonstrating great soccer skills and performance, but in also displaying a high standard of teamwork, attitude, commitment and camaraderie.

And of course a great bunch of kids is always a reflection of a fantastic group of parents who continually gave support and encouragement to all players. A perfect combination for what was definitely an enjoyable and great season of soccer – both on and off the field.

With a bit more luck the 10C's could have easily ended up in the Grand Final. Some results proved frustrating as the team were often superior to their opponents but unfortunately the bounce of the ball, referee decisions and Lady Luck weren't always on our side. All players improved their skills as the weeks rolled past and towards the end of the season the entire team really started to function as a cohesive unit. Better luck next year boys!! See you all back in 2003 – bigger and better times ahead!!



ROW 2:

Glenn Brown (Coach), Bryce Lincoln, Grant Brown, Jaiman Stack, Brett Johnson, Bradley Rose, Max Irvin, Liam O'Dowd, Colin Lincoln (Coach).

ONT: Kim O'Dowd (Manager), Matthew Pickering, Michael Inglese, Harrison Cooper, Scott Haswell, Mitchell Ryan, James Wetterings, Chris Baker.



ROW 2:

Neroli Robinson (Manager), David Talbot, Jordan Askwith, Dominic Hines, Luke Prentice, Tyler Trusty, Sean Davey,

RONT: David Clarke, Jordan Tsekouras, Sam Cobb, Sean Tready, Jordan Knapp, Adam Duncan, Daniel Stevens.

TEAM: 10D

The promotion for most players to 10D's (from 9E's last year) proved quite a challenge with Coach: Warren Thompson a distinct rise in the quality of most of the opposing teams and the boys commenced the Manager: Narelle Carden season behind the pace. However, as we discovered, we played 6 of the 7 top teams straight up, losing the first 6 games and having a tally of 3 goals for and 28 against.. The 8th All the players in this team had a most enjoyable and rewarding year. Although being to become extremely competitive for the rest of the competition. Although finishing the sea lots of fun. son with 5 wins and 2 draws, for the last 12 games the boys scored 15 goals whilst conceding 15. Top teams that had beaten us in the first round, we then beat 1-0 and drew with reserve player improved over the year, learning and developing new skills. By the end of the was a credit to the boys' spirit and determination after the first 6 games.

The boys were a pleasure to coach and manage, and really started to understand the funda A special thanks to all the parents for their support, encouragement and praise week after mentals as the season progressed. With 4 new boys this year, they came together as a week. team, using and supporting each other better and better as the season went on. Their spir and the manner in which they all played the game did them credit week in and week out. We were all proud of their efforts each and every week.

TEAM: 10E

game saw a turnaround with a 3 nil win and the boys picked up their spirits and their games unluckily beaten on several occasions, the boys learned how to be good sports and have

spectively, whilst we had unlucky 1 goal losses to the other 2 top teams. This turnaround season, everyone was playing as part of a team. The boys showed real commitment to training and never stopped trying in every game they played.



Paul Foskett (Manager), Jordan Hunt, Zac Mitchell, Liam Griffiths, Robbin Northam, Daniel Rhodes, Jake Self Bryn Gregerson (Coach).

Jordan Rees, Daniel Hitchings, Chris Specht, Mitchell Stevens, Michael Atkin, Cameron Foskett, Thomas Gregerson (Absent: Scott Armour.)

Warren Thompson (Coach), Kane Barker, Dale Thompson, Nicholas Fahy, Conan O'Connor, Ryan Fludder, David Thomas, Narelle Carden (Manager). Max O'Reilly-Phelps, James Carden, Clinton Mudge, Jordan Ricketts, Peter Cardakaris, Jesse Benson, Bryce Mudge, Nicholas Geraghly, Martin Susantio.

UNDER 10D

TEAM: 11A

We knew it was going to be a tough call going up to A grade with five players making the leap from D grade and the balance stepping up from B. But I think we made a great fist of it. Everyone showed up on time each week, if they couldn't make it the coaches and manager were informed well in advance and the social functions were well attended and most of the time we were well behaved. In fact I think the parents had little or no trouble making the step up to A grade! The boys however had a much tougher year than the parents. The step up in class was hammered home in the first game when we were on the receiving end of a 4-0 flogging off Lilli Pilli who ultimately went on to win the comp. Apart from Lilli Pilli, who were definitely a level above us, the rest of the competition was a lot closer. If the luck factor had gone a little more our way a few of those draws and narrow losses would have been wins and then we may have finished the season a little higher than outright wooden spooners. Even though the wins were few and far between (one) the boys always gave 100% and the result wasn't really that important. It was more important that they had the chance to play. David and Mark did a fantastic job coaching and it was great to see how the players developed throughout the year. It was just unfortunate that all the other teams in the comp must have had great coaches as well. The parents also need thanking for their efforts on our two Ground Control days. It was great to see every single parent contribute and as we drew afternoon shifts it actually ended up being more like a social than a chore. Speaking of socials the inaugural Friday night derby against the 11A Possums consisted of a three part competition. The first part involved soccer and parts two and three were sausage eating and beer drinking. The Possums were ahead after round one but the Giant parents dug deep for rounds two and three and ended the night overall winners. The second round scheduled for a Friday night in 2003 is eagerly anticipated. The other socials for season 2002 were the trivia night where we showed everyone we had some class and the end of season Thai nosh up where we didn't. Thanks to all who contributed to the season, players, coaches and parents.



ROW 2: David Gray (Coach), Jarred Moon, Andrew Gray, Zec Thomas, Sam Taylor, Chris Leaks, Sam Johnson, Mitchell Hows Mark Cameron (Coach), Phil Jennings (Manager).

RONT: Graig Wayman, Dylan Jennings, Ben Colee, Josh Cameron, Sean King, Mark Stanley, Matthew Condos, Jordan Janic.

TEAM: 11C

Congratulations to each and every 11C team member, you can all be proud of your achievements this season, without exception you have all improved your soccer skills!

2002 has also been a character-building season for the 11Cs. Every week they took to the field with much enthusiasm and tried their best from the first to last blow of the whistle. The win/loss ratio was never in our favour, but despite the fact that not a game was won all season, their eagerness never waned, they never gave up and they were always cheerful and looking forward to the next game.

Thanks to coach Bryan Molan for his encouragement and positive outlook and also Sharon Nichols for standing in when Bryan wasn't available.

The 11Cs played the game in good spirit and always had fun, they are a credit to Gymea United Soccer Club and their parents.



ROW 2: Sue Melbourne (Manager), Skye Flynn, Jake Anderson, Ryan Emerson, Heather Ingram, Jon Berton, Josh Melbourne Bryan Motan (Coach).

FRONT: Bradley Macinante, Jemma Gailehawk, Christopher Glaz, Adam Nichols, David Inskip, Sam Kuntz, Addison McKay, Georgina Motan, Nicolle Brown.

TEAM: 12A

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If this is the future of soccer in Gymea than we can all sleep well. This side is a wonderful example of a bunch of dedicated, talented and polite bunch of boys. They have done themselves, their families and their club proud this year with another super year. Making it to the Finals this year and running 2nd on the ladder after the 18 rounds is a great effort, even though they were disappointed not to do a little better but we should be very proud of our performance. Results and winning competitions is great but these boys should be just as proud in the manner in which they play the game and the skill level which is not matched by any side in the competition. Such is the confidence and quality in this squad that a number of them will trial for reps in the off season and I wish them all well but hope that all the boys return next year to do it all again and maybe go all the way again.

This year we introduced a few new faces with Grant Moylon & Jack Irvin being added to the team from last year and they fitted in really well and again we had a champion team rather than a team of champions. They played as a team with great teamwork, such was their class that I was asked on several occasions "what age are these boys", to which most were astounded by the reply of under 12's.

Apart from the team play it was also very pleasing to see such personal development of some of the individuals with a number of boys really stepping up this year. Some in unfamiliar positions and some through hard work and others whose natural talent finally blossomed for all to see.

Boys I would like to thank you all for your efforts and trust you had an enjoyable and memorable year and hope it was as rewarding for you as it was for me. I would like to thank our Manager Jenny Landsberry for doing a magnificent job with the team. Thanks to all the parents who have been very supportive of all the boys and me and who so openly express their pleasure in the style and manner in which they play the game. Thank you lastly to my darling wife and family who allow me to get so rapt up in this great team, club and game which I love so dearly.



ROW 2: Te

Terrence Robinson, Bryce Hopkins, Joel Leffler, Mouin Delati, Adam Padmore, Patrick Dibley, Brad Saunders (Coach), Jenny Landsberry (Manager), Noel Landsberry, Daniel Saunders, Thomas Tsekouras, Grant Staples, Yannis Nicholson, Jack India Mitchell Davies

TEAM: 12C

Despite not making the finals the 12Cs can be proud of their season. It was a tough competition with many close fought games, a number of which we were unlucky not to win. We even played short a couple of games but still managed to give the opposition a run for their money. Most importantly, the 12Cs were always good representatives for their club, always playing in the right spirit and never giving up.

Our defenders were Catherine, Christian, Matthew, Michael and Joshua B who always gave the opposition attackers a hard time, while Jason made many fine saves in goals. Our midfielders were James, Josh S, Stefan and Nathan who did a lot of running (hard work) in both attack and defence. Our forwards were Joel, Will & Alex who had the opposition defence running around in circles at times. Well done to all of you!

Lastly, thanks go to the team's Manager - Julie Batty for all her hard work (and Mars Bars!) and thanks also to all the parents / families for all their help & support during the season. It was a good season - hope to see you all again next year.



ROW 2: FRONT:

Julie Batty (Manager), James Fabian, Joshua Batty, Michael Henry, Joshua Storey, Stefan White, Steve Keith (Coach). Alex Keith, Matthew Coulter, Christian Farrow, Jason Economos, Joel Herbert, Nathan Mapstone, William O'Conner. (Absent: Catherine Ware.)

UNDER 12C

TEAM: 12E

The team was made up of a combination of a few players continuing from last year, players transferring from other teams/clubs and newcomers to the greatest game of all. It took a few weeks for the boys to adapt to each other's style of play and this had an impact on our final placement. We had a mixed bag of wins, losses and draws during the season and finished fifth on the table. A few of the losses were close and weren't reflective of the intensity of the games. Given the skills and knowledge the boys gained, they have the ability to finish higher next year. Despite our placement in the competition, the boys and their parents all enjoyed the games. Congratulations boys on a good year and thanks to all the parents for their support and assistance. Many thanks to Rob Sharpe for his commitment to passing on game skills to the boys. While we can now all enjoy a few weekends off, Rob and Bob hope to see you all return for an exciting 2003 season.



ROW 2:

Robert Sharpe (Coach), Luke Deering, Paul Terry, Jack Clements, Tyler Hill, Mitchell Sharpe, Mitchell Auslin,

Bob Costello (Manager).

RONT: Josh Lund, Blake Deacon, George Nicholi, Alan Cowell, Damien Costello, Marc Malliate, Karl Chantler

UNDER 12E

TEAM: 13B

This team had its origin in the 2001 12B's (6 players), 12D's (5 players), 11A's (one) and two boys new to the club. Coach Ray Smith did a tremendous job to get the team firing so soon with their first win in the third game and not another loss until the tenth. Ray stressed team work throughout the season with all boys having time on the bench—hard for them all wanting to play but essential in team sport. It was interesting, week by week, to watch the boys' improvements by season's end. The boys gave 100% effort in each game and never gave in in until the final whistle blew. Highlights include the first win, drawing two all with the leaders Loftus and just missing out on the semis, coming in fifth place.

A big thank you to the parents for getting the boys to training and the games on time and for their support throughout the year. The biggest thank you goes to Ray for his tireless efforts in trying to get the most out of the boys and in encouraging maturity and good sportsmanship from them.



ROW 2

Jill Beck (Manager), Hayden Cooke, Dean Smith, Matthew Cochrane; Thomas Vaughan, Alexander Davies, Michael Gray, Ray Smith (Coach).

FRONT: Tyson Bettini, Peter Kurianowicz, Aaron Greaves, Cameron Beck, Nicholas Murphy, Daniel Economos, Justin Ng

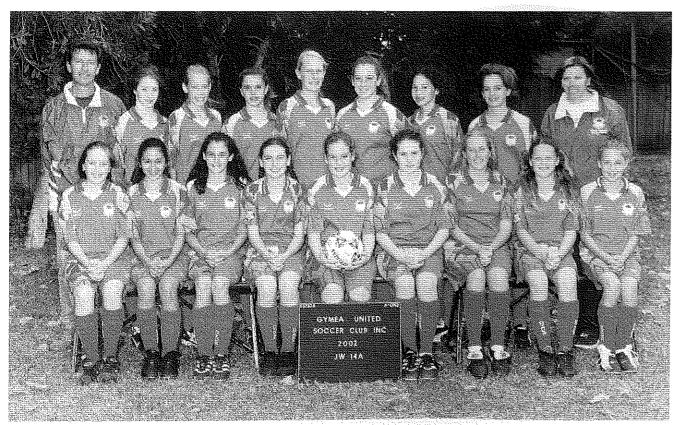
TEAM: JW14A

Earlier this year a bunch of dancers and netballers decided to join forces and create a team of soccer players. Both players and parents were a little apprehensive when they were graded "A" and home ground being Kareela and playing times were often 8.00 a.m. !!! But as their manager would say (and I think he said every week) "to the girls' credit" they fought hard, gave it their all and only missed out on the semis by 2 points. More importantly however, these girls had fun and started and finished the season with smiles on their faces.

A big thank you goes to Sharon Nichols who took on the task of coaching these chattering giggling teenagers. Most of these girls had not kicked a ball in their lives and to lose only 3 – 0 in one of their final games against a team of "rep players" shows how much they learnt. A big thanks to all the dads who helped on ground control at Kareela at a time when the frost was just lifting.

Special mention must go to Courtney Vella, who, after breaking her arm midway through the season became our "Supporter" of the Year.

Thanks also to Gymea Soccer Club Committee helpers who were always there to answer any questions and guide us along during the season.



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Darren Kubbere (Manager), Alicia Powell, Brooke Withers, Sally Nickerson, Reanne Kubbere, Emily Storey, Courtney Vella, Ellen Downick, Sharon Nichols (Coach).

FRONT: Georgia Bettini, Pamela Kourakis, Marnie Rogers, Lauren Igoe, Alexandra Walinsley, Kate Jermings, Tracey Fowler, Kelly Hennesy, Stephanie trwin.

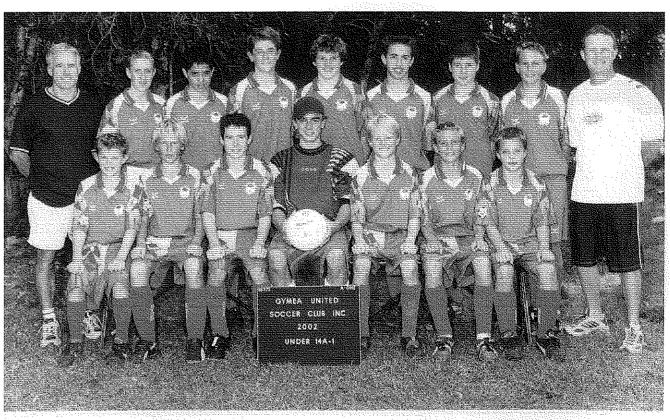
TEAM: 14A-1

Well, another soccer season has passed and this team has shown once again that Gymea Giants Soccer Club can be rightly proud of them. The boys have shown that they have turned into a team that any club would give their right arm for. The commitment, skill level, sportsmanship and genuine love of the game have once again put them (at the writing of this report) in the grand final .

It's hard to pick standouts in this side because they all have their individual skills that contribute to the overall success of the team.

I will say that our two new guys for the year, Brendan and Andrew Findlay fitted in from the start and have been an asset to the side, thanks guys, and I hope you've enjoyed becoming integral parts of the team. The super soccer we've been privileged to watch this year is due in a great degree to the fantastic job Steve Cole does with the aid of Joe Treacy. Steve's method of coaching has shown that a great team does not have to be pounded into shape, but moved in the right direction to achieve super results. A number of opposition coaches could learn from this. The other highlight of the season was our State Cup fixtures, the boys played tough against good competition and went as far as the Semi-Final rounds. It took a golden goal to put an end to our campaign, but I think this competition took the boys to a new level in their soccer. From a manager's point of view, these guys are an absolute pleasure to be associated with. There are few teams these days that "gel" so well, and get on as friends on and off the field.

There are no champions in this team, only a team of champions. Debbie and I thank the boys for making our job easy and enjoyable. I hope when you read this report we're Premiers, but if not, the boys are all champions in my eyes!!!



ROW 2: Steve Cole (Coach), Brock Lawton, Jon-Paul Lavender, Dale Lincoln, Jordan Tasker, Nathan Cawsay,
Daniel Coupe, Brendan Findlay, Glenn Moore (Manager).
FRONT: James Treacy, Luke Hopkins, Tom Cole, Tom Cook, Mitchell Moore, Andrew Findlay, Daniel Fogden.
UNDER 14A-1

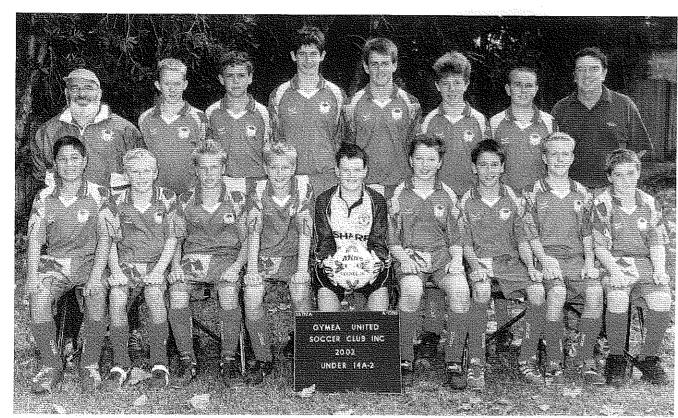
TEAM: 14A-2

The 14A-2's were a team newly formed at the start of the year. The players and coach began the year together as an untried group. We went into the year treating it as a learning and growing season. Having said this I think the year was very successful.

The team had some average games but also some great ones. The trip to Dubbo for the State Cup was a good bonding weekend and the team all got to know each other better.

Overall they deserve to be very pleased with themselves as they achieved what was hoped, which is sometimes very difficult. In the second round of the competition they improved on every round one result – bar one! Well done! We had planned to consolidate an "A" team and I think we did so!

Next year we can hope to take another step forward. CONGRATULATIONS!



ROW 2

Stewart Teal (Coach), Richard Brennan, Ewan Reeves, Dean Gardiner, Luke Hill, Benjamin Duncan, Mitchell Cameron Paul Cooke (Manager).

FRONT: Domenic Tourneur, Jason Coulter, Kurt Williams, Mark Phillips, Matthew Nicols, Daniel Talbot, Graham Cooke, Reece Carter Michael Nicholson.

UNDER 14A-2

TEAM: JW14B

This team consisted of a number of girls who had played before but half that were first timers. It was a big ask to play in this grade with the opposition sometimes three years older and TWO TIMES BIGGER than the girls, but they held their own and should be congratulated on their efforts.

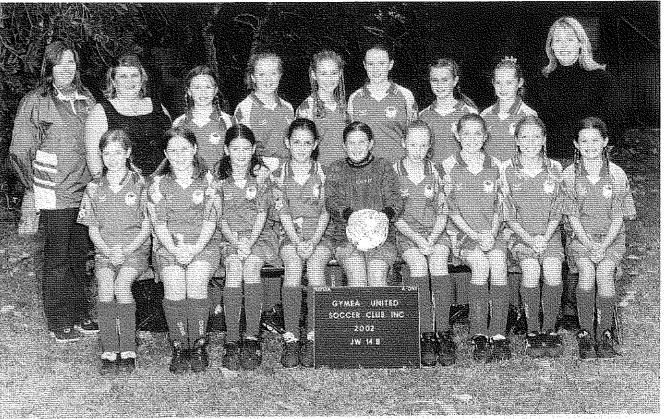
The girls gave it their best week in and out and this showed in the results. The games in the second round were a lot closer and there were several draws and a well deserved win, showing that they will be a real threat in the next few years!!

Many thanks to the parents for their enthusiastic support throughout the year, and their efforts in erecting nets early Sunday mornings at the home ground (Kareela).

Also to Neil and Jenny for filling in the coach and managers role when Julie and myself were unavailable, we appreciate it greatly.

A special mention to Sharon Nichols for her dedication to girl's soccer, not only coaching the 14A's but also helping Julie with the 14B's.

It was a shame the season had to end because everybody was having so much fun, and they were really developing into a great unit. Looking forward to seeing you in 2003.



ROW 2:

(Absent: Emma Taylor.)

Sharon Nichols (Coach), Julie Motan (Coach), Alana Haswell, Corinno Smithers, Amelia West, Ashleigh Hobman, Alyson West, Megan de Boer, Fiona Haswell (Manager).

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Ashley Mason, Emma Dawson, Hannah Phillip, Christina Georges, Sophie Molan, Emma Brien, Rochelle Wood, Rebecca Murphy, Amie Brookes.

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TEAM: 14B

What a tough year, but a great one!

I hope that we stay together next year as we have come so close in the last two seasons that I'm sure that next year will be ours for the taking. We have a great team that knows each team mate's game so well.

And what about that coach!! How patient is he?? (Let's hope patient enough to do another nail biting year.) This season saw some experimenting with positions, with some remarkable effects. Not easy for a coach I'm sure.

I feel that the boys, for the most part, enjoyed their soccer and it showed on the field. Throughout the year they played some great (at times amusing) soccer. The backs scored goals, the mids defended the last line, the forwards learned what it was like to "really work" when they played midfield, and all the while the goalie duties where shared by three superb athletes.

Michael, Garrath, Nick D, Joel, Shaun Pyne, Marc, Tim, Nat, Jarryd, Matt, Zac, Nick O, Shaun Parton and Adam- hats off to you all and hope to see you all next year. It has been a pleasure to be involved with such nice guys. Have a great summer!!



ROW 2: Laura Knapp (Manager), Nick Okrim, Shaun Parton, Nick Del Din, Matt Johnsen, Adam Denham, Joel King, Jarryd Knapp, Dale King (Coach).

FRONT: Michael West, Timothy Blight, Marc Hobman, Zachary McGuire, Garrath Vella, Nathan Doel, Shaun Pyne.

TEAM: 14C

Another exciting and interesting season over and what a season it was! Under the expert and dedicated coaching of Warren Beck every player in the team developed new skills and refined existing talents. The season started well with some early victories indicating there would be more wins than losses. The boys were keen and showed a new level of maturity and commitment at training. There was an impressive feeling of team spirit evolving from the start of the season and this continued over the following months. One of the things that impressed all of the parents was the good manners and sportsmanship displayed by all the boys on every occasion. This was something Warren always insisted on and it became part of the way these young men conducted themselves both on and off the field.

Unfortunately, the team didn't quite make it to the semi-finals but only just missed out, to the relief of the teams at the top of the ladder. Interestingly, the Giants could play very well against the competition leaders, usually defeating them and then go off the boil against lesser sides. These inconsistent efforts cost us dearly at the end of the season. The parents got involved as the cheer squad and had a lot of fun watching their sons in action and seeing them get the benefits of being part of a team such as this. The pleasing thing was no-one believed we were playing for the World Cup and therefore got too serious about things. The boys were good winners and gracious losers and gained many valuable lessons over these months.



ROW 2:

John Riordan (Manager), Breti Ketelaar, Matthew Riordan, Matthew Paynter, Peter Brien, Nicholas Beck Rhys Melbourne, Warren Beck (Coech).

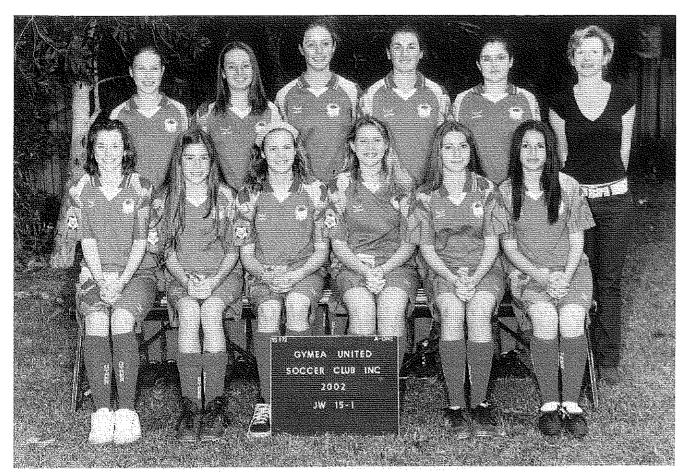
FRONT: Mark Wayman, Tom Rowland, Shane Geotz, Nicholas Chalmers, Luke Mottershead, Thomas Bayley, Niali Watson

TEAM: JW15A/1

With just a few changes, this is the team who were, in 2001, Minor Premiers, won the Grand Final and were narrowly beaten in the third round of Champion of Champions. Along with the new players they continued to impress spectators with their skill, determination and poise. Ever eager for a game, they happily substituted for the JW16, 15/2 and 15/3 teams.

Statistically, the girls have had an amazing year. Wins, 17; Draws, 1; Loss, 0; goals for, 109; against, 0, and are again minor premiers hopefully heading for their second grand final win having won their semi. But if not, then they should be proud of their personal as well as team achievements over the year.

Thank you to the committed cheer squad of family and friends who show up every week to support the girls and a HUGE thanks to Gary Landsberry, Super Coach, for instructing and inspiring the girls for another year. Lastly, I hope all the girls enjoyed their soccer and had some fun along the way. See you next year.

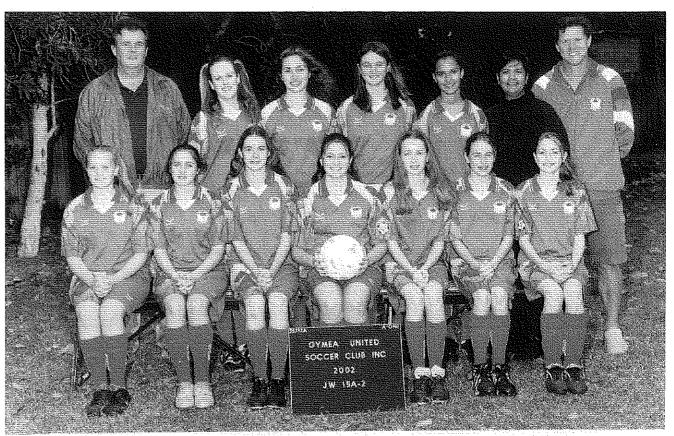


ROW 2: Joanne Donaldson, Megan Pitt, Christie Beattle, Bernadette Dibley, Deanna Popplewell, Jill Beck (Manager).

FRONT: Amanda Beck, Carly-Rose Landsberry, Raquel Parker, Whitney Burns, Rachel Storey, Su Bahceci.

TEAM: JW15A/2

This year we were one of three Gymea teams in the JW15 A competition. The season commenced with our team still finding their feet from last year. Many of the early games were played with just 11 players but further into the season we managed to have everyone on board. There were so many teams playing at Gymea Oval on Sundays that our team was one of the select few who had Kareela Oval as a home ground. Thanks to the committed coaching by Rob Sharpe and Jeff Reeder, our team showed improvement in all areas. Goal scoring, ball skills and confidence on the field all improved considerably throughout the season. For the last few matches we were one point ahead of the Bosco team and it was touch and go as to whether we would make the semi finals. With the last game of the season, we secured fourth spot on the ladder and were elated to be in the semi-finals of A grade. A big thank you for the support shown by all the parents who cheered for the team on the coldest of Sunday mornings, tirelessly took turns to write the match reports and to choose the player of the match. The girls never stopped trying and everyone in the team gave their best and so it was a pleasure to support the team and I know all the parents were proud of their daughters. We hope to see all the girls back for another season of soccer next year.



ROW 2:

Jeff Reeder, Ashlee Stewart, Sophie Worthington, Michelle Reeder, Lauren Sharpe, Helene Sharpe (Manager), Rob Sharpe (Coach).

NT: Erin Collier, Natalie Vincent, Kate Hoghes, Lauren Boothby, Amber Willcockson, Jessica Costello, Kate Taylor. (Absent: Lauren Deacon, Teagan Chidester, April Howard.)

JW 15A-2

TEAM: JW15A/3

Well what a great way to finish the soccer season with our second win. To beat Lilli Pilli 1-0 proved that our first win against Georges River was not a fluke. All the girls played so well and once we got to the front the girls fought for every ball to shut Lilli Pilli out. The first half seemed to be played in our penalty area with Lilli Pilli mounting some good attacks only to be repelled by better defence and some fine saves by Stephanie. The goal came in the second half from some good passing between Stacey O and Jessica with Jessica putting the ball past the keeper.

These girls have certainly come a long way since that first game down at Helensburgh on that hot February Sunday morning. The experts say you learn more from a defeat than from a victory. If this is correct these girls certainly learnt a lot in what was for most of them their first year of soccer. Their skill level and understanding of what is required of them during a game has vastly improved over the course of the season. Their attitude has always been tremendous and in the face of some awful hidings the girls would cheerfully back kup at training to "start again". Hopefully the skills learnt this season will provide the base on which they can build on next year. The season was made worthwhile by the reaction of all the girls and parents when we beat Georges River 2-1. Yes there was a soccer god after all!!! The confidence gained from that first win instilled some self belief in their own ability and when they were in a position to win the last game against Lilli Pilli they knew they had done it before and could do it again. I would just like to thank all the girls for their efforts throughout the season and to our manager, Luanne Piriz, for her assistance. I would also like to thank all the parents for supporting the girls through a tough season. As well my thanks to the coaches and managers of the JW15A 1 and 2 teams for their assistance during the year with words of encouragement and substitute players, it was appreciated.



ROW 2: Luanne Piriz (Manager), Clarissa Piriz, Sara Georges, Carley Housley, Claudia Silvidio, Steven O"Brien (Coach).

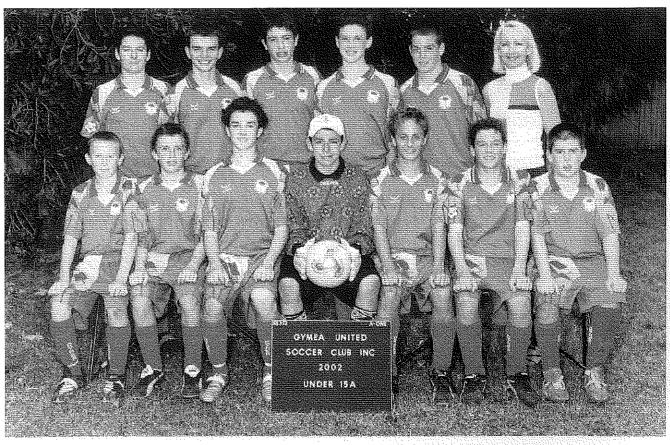
RONT: Judie Gibbs, Stacey Cassel, Tahnee Contoglannis, Stephanie Ho, Jessica Hall, Stacey O'Brien, Lauren Franks.

(Absent: Danielle Nakkan, Amy Thompson.)

TEAM: 15A

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This year was what our coach called our "building year". After quite a few changes to the team at the beginning of the season, the boys settled down to play soccer the only way they knew how: Never give up! Never give up! The team was assisted throughout the season by our ever patient and knowledgeable coach, Gary Landsberry and some fathers who also gave up their valuable time to ensure that the boys were fit and skilled. Mark Carney initially took them for extra sessions of gruelling (but thoroughly enjoyable) fitness training and Doug Cottrell took them for extra sessions of soccer skills. Once again, the teams at the top of the ladder provided us with some of our best games. Gymea has always been the "unknown quantity" in this competition and sometimes the other teams were left wondering how we managed to hold them off at 0-0 for half a game or more. Our secret weapon-the boys believed in themselves and their abilities, they were out there to play soccer and they enjoyed it (otherwise why would they turn up to games and training week after week). The team learnt a great deal this year and the second round definitely showed great improvement in all facets of their game. Next year will be even better! Thanks must go to our ever-present sponsors who, like the boys, never give up-Bates Bikes at Hurstville. Thank you Phill and Barb also for supplying the team's drink bottles and for hosting our annual Cocktail Night. Thanks also to the proud families and supporters who turned up every week to cheer the team on. We certainly were treated to some good games of soccer! Lastly thanks to all the boys from the 15A's—we are all VERY PROUD of you and you are all great representatives for the game of soccer and great ambassadors for the Gymea United Soccer Club. See you all next year!



ROW 2: Brad Cottrell, Simon French, Matt Hamilton, Ben McCarthy, Cameron Bates, Kim Igoe (Manager).

FRONT: Scott Royston, Michael Cleary, Romy Tagliapietra, Chris Igoe, Andrew Arthur, Michael Lee,
Josh Landsberry.

[Absent: Gary Landsberry (Coach), Brok Carney.]

UNDER 15A

TEAM: 15B

The boys have had a great year again with an exceptional run up to the semis. At the time of writing this report we had finished the competition in second place and are awaiting the much anticipated grand-final against fierce rivals, St Pat's. A fantastic result regardless of the outcome.

As always, the boys have enjoyed playing the game and the parents have had just as much enjoyment watching. Teamwork has been exceptional, particularly later in the season. We have had the occasional 'off' game during the season (think Bonnet Bay), but when required to demonstrate how they can really play, they have proved they can do it brilliantly. Our new recruits - Jarrad, Beau, Dan and Andre, have been a fantastic asset to the team. Along with the majority of the boys from last year - Brendan, Alex, Cameron, Michael, Bryce, Brett, Andrew L, Phil, Andrew H and Wade - the combination has created a formidable team - the Mighty Gymea 15B's!!! T

hanks to Bryan for his coaching skills and time (rumour has it that a course could start in the off-season providing finer points in etiquette when being physically removed from the field!).

Best wishes to Beau and his family - you will be sorely missed next year. The South Coast will be gaining a very talented player. Hope to see everyone else back next year.



ROW 2:

Jackie Faiella (Manager), Brendan Dive, Michael Wirth, Phil Egan, Andrew Layden, Brett Layden, Wade Calrns, Alex Burgett, Bryan Molan (Coach).

RONT: Andre Van Gastel, Bryce Falella, Jarrad Langmead, Andrew Harding, Cameron Harte, Daniel Harapa, Beau Cook.

UNDER 15B

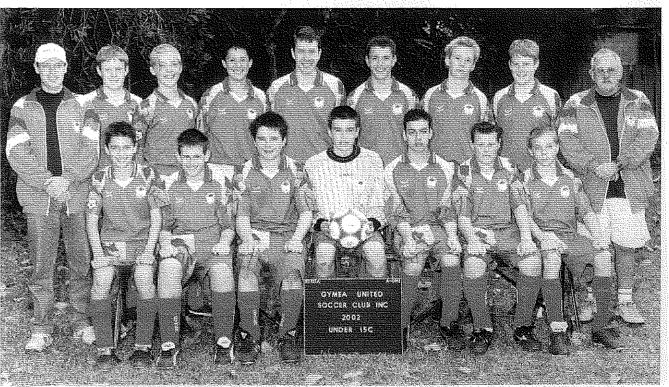
TEAM: 15C

COACH: Gary Stanley Manager: Ross Edwards

The return of most of our side from the 14's demonstrated how much these guys enjoy the game. Damien, Osman, James, Wade, Mitchell, Ryan, Matthew Butler, Joel, David, Andrew, Shannon and Matthew Stanley were joined by new additions Luke and Daniel who fitted in well.

The first round had some close games to start with but a win against an under strength Georges River plus a round 8 win against Loftus got us on the board. The game against Loftus was probably the best of the season with the guys playing some excellent football. The second half of the draw saw us go down in some fairly close matches where we had to come from behind and, in most cases, win the send half. A couple of serious injuries and illness saw us struggle from round 12 onwards. However true to their spirit the guys hung in there and played every game to the fullest.

The team had some great moments during the year and we hope to see you go around again next season.



ROW 2

Ross Edwards (Manager), Mitchell Broom, Shannon Moore, Daniel Read, Andrew Lothlan, Joel Coubrough

FRONT:

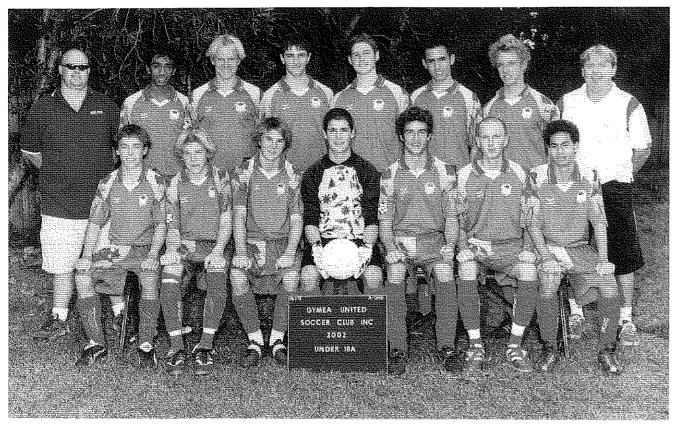
Matthew Butler, Ryan Broom, Gary Stanley (Coach).

David Edwards, Matthew Stanley, Luke Chaplin, Damien Emerson, Osman Akkawy, Wade Blizard, James Benton

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TEAM: 18A

A competitive season highlighted by a series of hard-fought and well-deserved victories during the latter half of the season. Inconsistency early on cost the team a finals place. The physical nature of many games will have hardened the boys for their second season in the under 18A competition. Throughout, this team displayed grit and determination whilst playing a cohesive and attractive brand of football. Many thanks to Gary for his effort and commitment as coach from the players, parents, supporters, and manager.



ROW 2

Shane Barlow (Coach), Adrian Sebastion, Dane Williams, John Adis, Evan Cuthill, Josh Lavender, Ben Cook (Captain),

Steve Williams (Manager).

Wade Osborn, Adam Cook, Dave Marchant, Joel Garlato, Leigh Macdonald, Ben Parkin, Hans De Haas.

TEAM: 18B

The majority of the team played 16C's last season where they finished 3rd and were very surprised to be graded in B's against a number of teams who had played in 16A's.

We had 16 players in the squad and even though we only scored one point for the season, at least 11 of the players were in attendance every week except for one game. The boys played the games hard but with good sportsmanship, unlike most of the teams who seemed to have players receiving yellow or red cards regularly, and for this alone they should be congratulated.

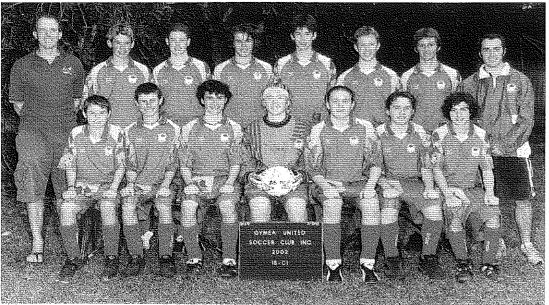
Highlights of the season including Daniel Burke scoring from the kick off against Miranda 1 when their keeper decided that we were easy beats. Another memorable game was against Miranda 2, when the team earned the solitary point after leading 1-nil early (the only time we were in front in any game) to finally get the score to 4 all and then pressured the Miranda goal for the final five minutes with the crowd whispering that a win could even be possible.

Thank you to David Whale for providing all the team with club jackets and for providing the best goalie in the competition, as was mentioned by almost all the opposition coaches every game.

Thanks also to Graeme Hennessy for writing some reports for the newsletter and to all the parents who turned up each week to support the team.

TEAM: 18C-1

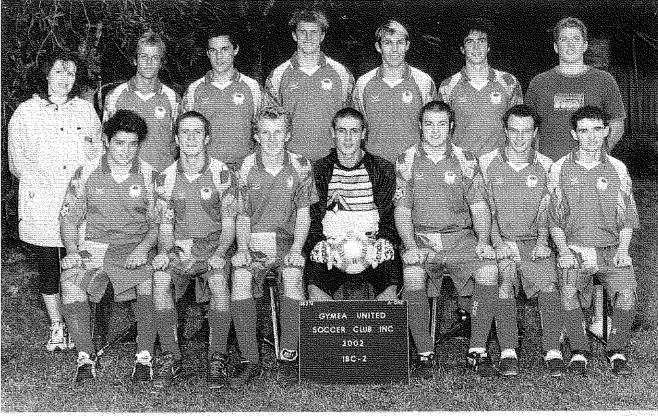
In 2002 a group of friends from Kirrawee High School and/or Gymea Anglican decided that they wanted to play soccer together. Then there was a coach that wanted a team. A good match! They got together and the Gymea Giants committee agreed and the U18C1's was formed. The team was made up of Magnus Agren, Paul Archer, Tim Atkin, Matt Baum, Brendan Blake, Andy Donaldson, Chris Donaldson, Brad Hare, Dave Little, Mitch Parton, Luke Riley, Shaun Thodey, Danny Vrachas. Coach was James Archer and Manager was Greg Atkin. The season result was 18 played, won 4, drew 1, lost 13. Goals For - not enough; Goals Against - too many. What was definite about the season was that no one really knew how a team, with guys aged from 15 to 17 and so recently joined together would perform in a grade where a number of players were under age. Well, the season started extremely positively with a draw with Bonnet Bay. That was OK. This was followed by three wins on the trot, which after 4 rounds had the Gymea side sitting top of the table. Then tragedy struck! Cronulla Seagulls, the eventual minor premiers, handed the guys a 9-nil flogging. The season did not really improve from there. It was about this time also that injuries started to set in. We lost Andy with severe concussion initially for 4 weeks and then the rest of the season. Not long after that Brad joined Andy on the sideline until the last match. Paul was also out for about 4 weeks. The mid season was particularly difficult with the injuries and this was followed by school holidays and a couple of guys were away. But with a reasonably full strength side back on deck the last two games were very competitive against Bosco and Gwawley. So all in all the season was a real struggle but was a great learning experience for all involved. Even though the results were not favourable the guvs always tried their absolute best on the day even when the scores against reached double figures. Each of the guys learnt from the season as they played with a new team, understood a little more about being gracious when losing and keeping on turning up even though the likely result was not a positive one. Week by week there was always someone or something positive in the game. A special and big thanks to Jimi Archer for his contribution as coach and to all the parents who turned up week after week to support the guys and gladly helped with oranges or match reports when asked. And finally, a very big thank you to all the guys for a great season regardless of the results. All the guys seemed to enjoy playing as a team and worked well together. Next year you will provide an opportunity to put into practice the things you have learnt this year.



ROW 2: Greg Alkin (Manager), Tim Alkin, Mitchell Parton, Magnus Agren, Brad Hare, Brendon Blake, Shaun Thodey,

RONT: Chris Donaldson, Andrew Donaldson, Paul Archer, Luke Riley, Daniel Vraches, David Little, Matt Baum.

TEAM: 18C-2



ROW 2: Barbara Barrett (Manager), Josh Neilson, Ben Jagger, Craig Stalder, Shane Talt, Bob Barrett, Daniel Reme (Coach).

FRONT: Luke Della Santa, Lindsay Poppett, Evan O'Rourke, Aron Tree, Adam Noy, Tim Inglis, Shaun Wood. 18C-2

TEAM: 18D

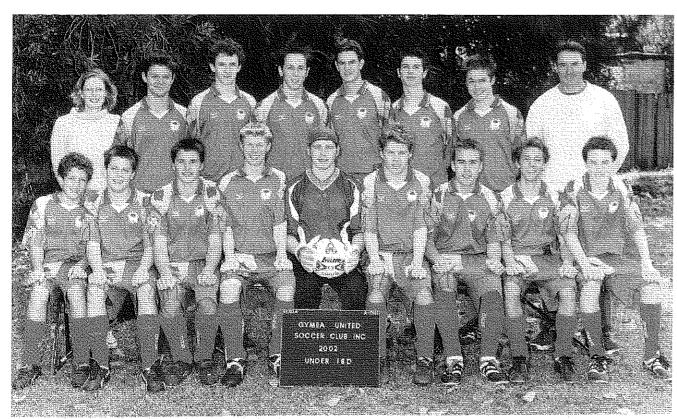
The 18D's represented a combination of the 15 B's and 16B's from last year with the guys therefore playing one and two years above their age group.

The team always had the ability to win games and worked into an impressive combination by season end, just missing the semi finals in a play off for fourth place.

Highlights of the season were beating the leaders twice, with a dream win of 5-2 in the last round. Collectively the skill level of the team was easily the best in the competition, although we were sometimes "out talked" and "out enthused" by the opposition.

From goalkeeper through the defence, the midfield and the forward line, the team displayed all the necessary qualities to go forward and win the competition next year.

From a coaching point of view these guys provided a rewarding experience.



XOW 2:

Jenny Wood (Manager), Mitchell Crestani, Anthony O'Brien, Paul Brander, Peter Austin, Chris Hamilton, Chris Wilson,

FRONT: Ben Coulter, David Hows, Kris Fogden, Chris Wood, Neil Mudie, Chris Holden, John Howard, Ryan Male, James Tyrrell.

UNDER 18D

TEAM: JW19

This year was a fantastic season for the JW19's. First of all I'd like to thank Michael for brilliantly coaching the girls this season and Helen for managing all matters with professionalism and efficiency. After placing third last year the girls were looking for a great season. The year was action packed and left the supporters sitting on the edge of their seats every game. The season saw many different incidents such as: falcons; air swings; our players sent off for long nails; players oversleeping; players under sleeping; opposition players being sent off, injuries on and off the field; vocal supporters, "Tragedy" by the Bee Gees humming from the Gymea #2 hill; and many others.

This year the girls were brilliant with the super-strong defence of Kerryn, Senay, Amanda H, Amanda W, Lisa, Gabrielle, Prue and Sarah. Our fantastic midfield always supporting in attack and defence of Gymea's season started well, defeating Como-Jannali in our first game 8-1. In our next game against Lilli Pilli, Gymea came away with a 3-1 victory. The week after that we travelled to Bangor and in a nail-biter came away with yet again another victory. 4-3 to Gymea. Our next game was an early one, and defeated Marton 1-0. Then we travelled to Caringbah to take on Lilli Pilli 2's. Gymea kept their undefeated record and won 3-0. But it would soon come to an end. The competition favourites Engadine defeated the girls 2-1. Not bad though.

Well, our next game was on Mothers Day. This day will go down in history and be one of the most important days in the girls' lives. As the crowd sat on the hill of Gymea field # 2 with their tired faces and coffee, the girls scored a goal and their theme song was played for the first time. "Tragedy" by the Bee Gees. Oh ... what a day. We came away with a 3-1 win. Our next game was a cold, windy day and the girls faced Como. After a very, very rough game, the girls won again 1-0. Next on the draw was the undefeated Engadine. We led 1-0 by half time, and then we lost the plot. Defeated 5-1. Then came Lilli Pilli. The girls did it tough being short a couple of players and paid the price, losing 2-1. Next game we ventured out to Bangor. The girls knew it would be a tough game and tried hard but Bangor were too good on the day defeating the girls 1-0.

The girls were desperate for a win and this week brought Lilli Pilli 2's. With World Cup football fever spreading in Gymea, plenty of tricky manoeuvres and dives were seen. It was better than any NIKE commercials. Gymea had a well earned victory of 7-0. Next team to step up to Gymea's chopping block was Kirrawee and were defeated 5-0 by a very classy side. Our next game was Lilli Pilli. With no sign of our star goalie Kerryn, things were looking grim, but just as the ref took his whistle to his mouth to start the game, Kerryn arrived to Natalie's (stand-in keeper) luck. The game was deadlocked for the 89 minutes of the game until LP scored with a couple of seconds to go. Another defeat for Gymea 1-0.

Our next match up was Bangor where the girls came back from 2 goals behind to draw the game at 3-3. Next was our last round game of the season against Lilli Pilli 2's. Unfortunately we were defeated 4-1. Gymea finished fourth overall. Our semi final was played at Solander fields against an in form Lilli Pilli side. The girls didn't have their best game though. Our season came to an end as we were defeated 3-1. Not a bad result. Hopefully we'll have another good season against next year and we hope to see all the girls back next season. Thank you for all the people on the tragedy team this season: Chris I, Noel L, Josh L, Simon G, Michael L, Andre VC, Brad C, Michael W and little Jordan K. I have enjoyed writing these reports and I hope to continue next season. I hope that you enjoyed my accounts of the games. Be good to yourself and each other, eat your greens, say hi to your Mum for me and Good night, don't let the bed bugs bite. This is Daniel Harapa signing out for another action-packed season of quality football for the Tragedy team. :)



TEAM: 21A

Coach: Craig Rogers Manager: Gordon Tench The TEAM: Pete "Penalty" Cox,

Josh "Yoshi" Tench, Scotty "YEUOW" Rootes, Nino "El Nino" Borojevic, Alwyn "Pimp Daddy" Patterson, Connor "The Conman" Farrell Tim "Dim Tim" Mitchell, "Stevie Wonder" Reichard, Luke "No Ideas" Elliott, Matt "Saidy" Said, Matt "Spiderman" Vallis, Ben "Denilson" Tench, Neil "Pommy" Brennan, Daniel "Rockstar" Rogers Cam "Boofie" Hooper

After tonnes of phone calls and many a new grey hair for the manager who was scratching for anyone interested in a kick any given Saturday, we had quite a few guys knock back the opportunity to come and play with us but our side came together. Some of them came up with poor excuses like they were living in the AIS training with the Aussie waterpolo squad or they are playing Jersey Flegg league with some club called the "Sharks", what sort of an excuse is that?!

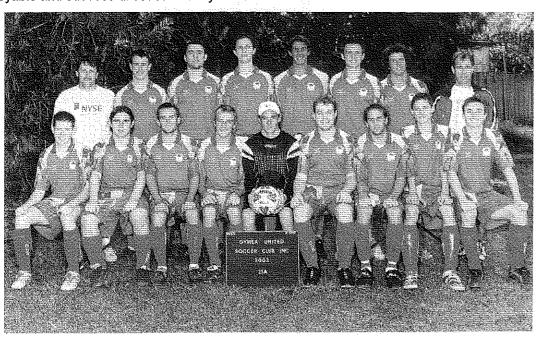
And so we kicked off the season opener with a young yet experienced bare 11 where most could have played under 18's. It was a pretty slow start to the season but as everyone got know each other and we picked up the rest of our squad everything started to fall into place.

By mid-season we showed we were a side to beat and that was no wonder as we scored an average of over 3 goals a game, had the 2 biggest wins (10-0, 8-0) and 50+ goals in our favour during the normal competition. We finished the 1st round with 7 wins, a loss and a draw. From here our confidence continued to grow and we matched and even beat teams when circumstances beyond our control left us with only 9 or 10 men on the park, one of the most memorable being the Bosco match at Woronora Heights where we came from 2-0 at half time to win 3-2. We then pushed our way into the semis easily securing 2nd place behind our now arch rivals Barden before the completion of the competition. After losing the semi 2-2 on a countback we battled hard and beat Loftus 3-2 in the final to come up against Barden for only our 5th time this season in the grand final. Unfortunately we went down 2-0 in a very hard fought game that could have gone either way. It was in our own hands but unfortunately we couldn't find the back of the net first and the match just slipped away from us.

We also made an impression in the Robertson Cup where we made it to the semis before bowing out to, you guessed it, Barden. On the road to the semis we had some convincing and deserving wins. Considering this competition is state wide for all U21 sides, it was an amazing feat for such a young side.

There are many thanks to be given. Firstly to U18's Mitch Elliott, Ben Parkin and Brendan Barret who filled in and sat on the bench for us throughout the season. Secondly to Julie & Brian Molan who worked tirelessly to get all of our players on the park for the start and throughout the season. Thankyou to all of the mothers who washed all of the gear every week before appearing on the hill for their Saturday chat and gossip while our matches were being played. To the Barmy army who were there at almost every game giving us tonnes of vocal support. A BIG thanks to Craig for putting in so much time coaching us and putting up with us all season. And finally a HUGE thankyou to Gordon our manager, who with the trusty red and green shirt received a lot more grey hairs this winter than he bargained for.

I hope that everyone enjoyed this season as much as I did and hopefully we will see you all back again for another enjoyable and successful season next year.



ROW 2: Gorden Tench (Manager), Tim Mitchell, Nino Borojevic, Matt Vallis, Scott Rootes, Ben Tench, Luke Elliott, Craig Rogers (Coach).

FRONT: Neil Brennen, Conor Farrell, Josh Tench, Daniel Rogers, Pete Cox, Steven Reichard, Cam Hooper, Alwyn Patterson, Mell Said.

TEAM: AL1/1

The 2001 season ended with the Lillies finishing a credible fifth. However such is the level of expectation within this proud club, Gymea recruited heavily in the off-season. When the squad returned from their summer break, no fewer than seven new faces had been drafted into a squad expected to challenge for major honours and return some silverware to Avenal Road.

In their first pre-season encounters the Lillies looked shaky. The players struggled to gel together as well as come to terms with a new system. Clearly plenty of effort was expended off the park and by the time they travelled abroad for a resounding victory in their final pre season friendly, they were playing like a team that could seriously harbour title ambitions.

The opening day of the season saw the Lillies travel the length of the land to defeat Bosco away. A first up away victory before comfortably dispatching fierce rivals Lilli-Pilli at Avenal Road then slipping up away to RSL. The form improved and a quarter of the way through the season the Lillies were within touching distance of top spot before a costly away draw to Seagulls. It was a problem that would blight their entire campaign, managing only two victories away from the fortress of Avenal Road all season. When Engadine came to Avenal Road in May in a battle for top spot, the Lillies proved their championship credentials. In a thrilling encounter, Gymea came from behind to secure an important victory. This was Gymea at their scintillating best. Compact in defence allied with fast, free flowing attacking raids, bursting with movement and crisp, imaginative passing.

It was the best they would play for some time, dropping points to relegation bound Bosco, losing to fierce rivals Lilli Pilli and being dumped out of the Cup in a horror mid season slump. They looked to have turned the corner when in the space of three weeks they won the passionately contested Gymea derby, held fellow title contenders Sylvania at Box Road and then turned on the style to avenge their early season defeat against RSL, not conceding a goal in over 270 minutes of football. How they'd have wished that frugality continued for another twenty-four hours. Facing St Pats at Forest Road, the Lillies produced their best away performance of the season only to lose, unluckily, in a pulsating contest to the eventual champions.

Two comfortable wins followed and by the time the Lillies hosted Sylvania in the penultimate game of the season, the title was still up for grabs. Gymea played well but Sylvania stole the points, thereby becoming the only team to defeat the Lillies at home all season and with that defeat went all serious title ambitions. The season finale saw them escape with a fortunate draw in return leg of the Gymea derby.

Nevertheless, there was still a chance to win some silverware through the finals series where they were pitted against Menai in the semi-finals. Unfortunately for travelling fans, the Lillies turned in a tepid display bereft of the quality passing and movement, which had been the hallmark of their finer displays. Despondently, the players exited the arena to reflect on what might have been.

There is considerable cause for optimism within the squad though. With an average age of just twenty-three, the youngest in the league, the Lillies finished just two points short of being champions. In patches they had managed to harness their undoubted talent and produce the type of football capable of being crowned champions, in this, the most arduous of leagues. If they can keep the squad together they will surely mount a stronger challenge next season. And who knows, perhaps bring some silverware back to Avenal Road.......

TEAM: AL1/2

2002 - The Year of the Revolving Door

Well what a year 2002 was. Having lost no fewer than 11 players from last year (including 2 to serious injury and one to the French Riviera), it was a phenomenal effort that we just missed out on a top 4 spot, particularly when you consider that there were a core group of only 12 or 13 players that actually turned up for most games during the year. In fact if it wasn't for some extremely poor refereeing decisions at crucial stages during the season, in particular, the bearded garden gnome with a Scottish accent, things might have been different (yes it was bloody painful missing out on the top 4 for the first time in 4 years in AL1 football).

The highlight of the year was probably our amazing turnaround from Round 11, only dropping 3 points in our last 7 games, which included a thumping of the minor premiers 4-2 a day after beating Engadine Crusaders (another title contender) 1-0. The real shame was that it took so long to find the structure and playing style that we knew we knew we were capable of and showed in the 2nd half of the season.

To the new players who have become part of the "Trees" family – Maka, Stewie, Scotty, Harry, Carlo, Brone and Amir – thanks for stepping up and contributing to what ended up being an enjoyable year and we look forward to playing with you again next year. Also thanks to the other Gymea sides who helped us out during various stages of the year, in particular, Brett, Spike and Woodsie.

To the Gymea club, thanks for providing a fantastic atmosphere in which to play soccer. In particular, special thanks to Brian Molan, Eileen Ward and Brad Saunders, who were always willing to help us out no matter what time of the day or week it was.

We would also like to thank Trish Grima, our manager, for giving up her time for us and stepping up and trying to fill the extremely large shoes vacated by our previous manager.

Finally, there are two people who warrant separate and special mention for their efforts during the year. To our coach, Michael Harrington (Spike), mate without you and the sacrifices you made during the various parts of the season, we would not have even come as close to a top 4 spot as we did, let alone have as much fun trying to. And we know we are the most frustrating team to coach however at least we finally proved to you that RSL are an ordinary side by thumping them in the 2nd last game of the season.

And finally to Simon, the ringleader and organiser of the Trees, we still cannot understand how you have the energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the team (not to mention time) that you have — from recruiting and registering players during the year, to reminders about training, organising beers and BBQ's as well as the end of season trip to QLD. Don't know how you do it — all we know is that if you didn't, it would be nowhere near as interesting or enjoyable playing.

Let's hope 2003 is the year we finally fulfil our potential (before the majority of us become eligible for over 35's).

TEAM: AL2/2

For a team that was never meant to be this turned out to be a good season. This side was literally thrown together after the registration period had ended as a result of some players not being told they were not wanted in the A/A 1. That this happened to players that have given considerable support to the club was disappointing but to a man they stayed to help get this team off the ground.

So after a lot of calling around, gaining a few new players (whose names we were not sure of) and with a great deal of help from Julie Molan we got the team off the ground.

The first few games were difficult as most players did not know each other and this was not helped by work and Uni commitments restricting training attendance.

The first two games were draws, both should probably have been wins then a loss with only 9 men did not help. We were not giving up many goals in fact apart from the last game we never lost by more than 1 goal, but were not putting them away on enough occasions. As such wins were hard to come by and defeats often by the single goal.

At the end of round one we were not looking that great and this was not helped by the loss of Greg Blacker and Neil Blackmore for seven weeks. However Luke Elliott from the 21A helped out most weekends and showed what a great talent he will be with excellent performances each week. Mention should also be made of our other "sub" Jai Mcmordie who helped us out often straight after his own game.

The second round saw us put together some great results the highlight being beating Georges River (grand finalists and possible winners) 3-2 after being 0-2 in eight minutes. This run saw us in with a chance of actually making the semi finals only to slip up in the last 3 rounds but even then it was not until round 17 our chances finally failed.

For those who saw this team develop I'm sure all will agree we played some great football and in the right spirit. Everyone supported each other and it was a pleasure to be involved with them.

In goal Mitch Ottaway saved us on more than one occasion, The defence was solid all season with Greg, Jos Alex Azza Luke and Peter all giving outstanding service. In midfield Jimmy Riley lead the team well with support from Butto's, Neil, Phil Luke and Dave B. Up front most of our goals again came from Woodsy supported by Ian and Simon.

As I said at the start of this report for a team that was thrown together they had a great season. Hopefully we can build on this and next year with training and knowing each others names really give the division a crack.

TEAM: AL5

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In the sombre aftermath of our loss in the Final it is a little difficult to put a report on what really has been a great year. What a terrific season with the 10 players from last year's AL6's we saw a few of the old guard pass over to the 35's and a couple retire and one complete psycho go to another club. This allowed for a new injection of life into the team and with them came a new era of sledging. We picked up Adam, Pete, Roy, Wadey, Belly, Masto, Chow & Mark and quickly gelled into one of the best "piss-take" sides going around, apart from that we didn't play too badly either. As the season wore on and results came our way we managed to move from last at the halfway point to finish equal 3rd and real title contenders, so look out next year!

Only a few rounds in and the "Pink Skivvy" was thought up by Wadey (his only thought of the year mind you) and the legend was born. In only his first week Pete Felice was awarded the MOM award and the Skivvy in the same breath. This would become a regular sight at the Boomerang bar with ten men in Black Guinness Shirts and some poor sap in the Pink Skivvy. Some more often than others like Saundo who seemed to have an attraction to pink was seen regularly up to his neck in it. Whilst others only had it on the odd occasion but did some incredible acts to get it. Like Ballets Air-swing with Pirouette, Wombats burrowing at Marton, Chow's penalty "shot" off the outside of his foot or Steve's girly cry "the sun's in my eyes". Some masterful dummy spits won the prize but none come close to Brian's v Menai or the duffed goals like Prawn's double, Saundo's "chip" or Chow's over the trees effort in the semi. The stuff ups at the back with the brothers in conference or the "Keepers" call from hell. The excuses for being late or missing the game all together, with Sutto's 3.10 start or Gladys's hang-over, so many wrong times, wrong grounds (what's doing Wadey?). Even the ultimate of too much speed to stop one Micky getting to the game! So many memories and so much fun giving it to who ever you could before, during and particularly after the game with a beer in hand back at the Boomerang. However, there was one skivvy award that beats all others and when you line up at the start and your captain asks you to check the cards......he means the OTHER TEAM"S!

Now a team fully loaded with new nicknames the team shall take all before them in the 5-a-side summer comp and I'm sure to return in 2003. Thanks guys for a great year! Thanks also to Kenny the Coach and to all the supporters who turned up each week and often stayed to stumps.

The team: Adam (Kook) Saunders, Paul (Carlos) Darling, Mark (Gladys) Labroyrie, Brad (Pretty in Pink) Saunders, Mick (Heartman) Harband, Steve (pass it to me) Ewings, Tony (Flogger) Wade, Brad (The Pope) Sutton, Dave (Old Man) Duncan, Brian (B3, 3 Knees) Sommervile, Craig (Prawn) Teal, Tony (Chow) Charman, Paul (Ballet) Bell, Steve (The Phantom) Roberson, Roy (Rambo) Peat, Paul (Wombat) Masterton and the cripple Peter (One Touch) Felice.

TEAM: AL8/2

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NEWSFLASH – A "bunch of kids" win the AL8's!

The team that took the field this year, bared little resemblance to the 21's of last year. For starters, we consistently had 14 or 15 guys turning up to play each week as opposed to the 9 or 10 from last year. There was also one notable absence from the team. After a hero's welcome on his return to China, Beijing's favourite son Chin, failed to turn up for pre season training. Marty then informed us that he would be joining Chin in a walk across South Australia in search of alien life forms. We also lost Mitchy Clark who travelled to the UK with the task of setting up his own Boomerang Bar somewhere in London.

While we lost a handful of players, we gained many more, each who added a new quality to what was already a strong foundation. Adrian, Steve & Mick Keep, Dean, Jordan and Dave Musso were all welcomed in to the squad. We all marvelled at Adrian's tackling style. We were astonished at the amount of times Mick and Steve were able to find the net and we couldn't believe the amount of times Dean got hacked. Jordan was one of the youngest in the team and showed he has potential at this level. Dave Musso, unfortunately, sustained an injury early during the season and was unable to see the year out. While these players were all new to the team, I am sure everyone will agree that Darrel the Barrell was the most outstanding performer during the season. Having to watch game after game, sometimes by himself, was not an easy task but one he did with great passion and pride.

As previously mentioned we attained the tag of AL8 premiers for 2002. The win in the Grand Final was a culmination of what we achieved throughout the year. There was a lot of effort put in by people who were not able to take part in the game through different circumstances, but it really was a massive team effort. Congratulations to everybody involved.

Our attack was second to none this year as was our defence. Leading the attack was undoubtedly Mick who made so many defenders and keepers look like dummys. Steve and Mitchy Bates combined to score some great goals but also set up many more. A prime example of this was the second goal in the GF. Toddy Grant's vision in the forward line created many opportunities that more often than not led to goals. Our midfield of Dean, Mick, Tezza and Jordan worked really hard all season and put the hard ones in when it counted. The defence of Corin, Trav, Adrian, Todd L, Spuddy and Muzza constantly aimed up all year and kept us in many of the close games and played a major part in both the finals games.

The success we enjoyed this year was the result of a big team effort. Off the field we had a large group of supporters (including Darrel) as well as Gazza and Pauline. Gaz and Rae put in the effort each week off the field so all we had to do as a team was turn up at the correct time, play soccer and win the game. Thank you Garry and Thank you Pauline. Thanks also to Phil Bates for the sponsorship of the team this year. If you ever need a bicycle, **Bates Bikes at Hurstville** is the place to get it from

Also, congratulations from the team to Gazza on his three premierships this year.

TEAM: AL13/2

"tout vient a celui qui sait attendre"

I don't know if you watched it, but near the end of the Buffy the Vampire Slayer episode "Once more with Feeling" (that's the musical episode) Buffy sings "Give me something to sing about". Well....

The 2002 football season was a very successful one in which we secured the Minor Premiership/Premiership double. This team has been going around in one form or another for over 10 years, and it's our first Premiership. Now that is something to sing about. Especially after the disappointment of 2 years ago.

All players contributed to this marvellous season, whether they were scoring goals, trying to create them, defending ours, cheering from the sideline, or even taking a short holiday during the season. I included that last bit as it was truly a squad effort, as our team was strong enough to fill nearly all positions, when called upon. At the end of the regular season we found ourselves with 13 wins, 1 draw, and 4 losses. We managed to score 41 goals and concede only 17. Our only losses came surprisingly at home, so it was somewhat perplexing for us to look forward to playing away from home, and our defence was the most miserly out of the Gymea teams in the AL competition. Including the Semi and GF we didn't lose a game away from home this year, in fact we won all our away games except the one draw. A big thank you to all those who came along and cheered for us, especially our supporter for the year Holly, who was at more of our games than some of our players! Ah yes the players, here they are folks.....

Rob Blumor Rumours of his absence from this season were unfounded, as he appeared on the Sunday morning that all games were called off. I think he achieved his ambition this season when he lasted a whole game. Retiring this year. Going out a winner and will be missed by everyone.

David Burt The spearhead of our attack. Our leading scorer, not bad for a converted midfielder. But having said that, never scored a goal at home. He'll make up for that next year! Great left foot, don't really know what he uses the other one for.

Jacob Cantwell Another good year from Jacob. Rarely lost a ball in the tackle. Never gave up and scored some vital goals. And we don't care how he got them, and what he got them with! Unfortunate to fracture a bone in his leg at the end of the season.

Marc Conti Bin Laden. Does this man ever stop. Darting here and there. One of the young guns in the team. Another goal scorer in important matches. Brought the average age of the team down and the energy levels up. Often seen after the match trying to outdo the other kids in the playground.

Jim Dean Good Old Blisters. Made the trip each week from the 'Gong to play. That's dedication for you. A rock at the centre of defence throughout the year. Fancies himself as a centre forward.

Grant Edwards Our CEO of the side and all that it entails, the Rolls-Royce and the stress. Will be forever remembered for that thought provoking motivational speech at Solander. The Sharks were playing at Home that day, and it just might've had something to do with their amazing turnaround. Both teams have never looked back since.

Derek Gray A late newcomer to the side, when it was eventually decided what team I would play for. Played well at times. Better things expected for next year. Tarnished his season by a few air-swings in the last game of the regular season. They never remember the good stuff. Saved a ball off the line in the GF.

Bruce Grigg I suppose you could call him the enforcer of the side, but there was a method to his madness. Scored some good goals with that booming right foot shot of his. Missed a few too. Probably his best season for not getting injured. Col Grimble Not only the Oliver Kahn of the AL13 competition, but throw in Marcos, Rustu and Brad Freidel as well. Oh yes and on one occasion a little bit of Bruce Grobbelaar.

Glen Larmour Our irrepressible midfielder. Could drift in and out of a game without you knowing. Fooled the opposition no end. Always helpful with advice. Got on well with all opposition teams.

Paul McMahon Cheese. Young fresh legs that would never stop. Could and did play with confidence in attack, midfield, and defence. Kept on surprising us with his choice of hair colour later on in the season. The Youth of today!

Tony Neale One of The Originals of this team. When the knees were up to it, the opposition had to look out. He took no prisoners. It was kill or be killed. What a fun loving bloke.

Josh Pilkington The other one of our main strike power up front. With Burty not scoring at home, someone had to. Our Ronaldo in the Grand Final, if you know what I mean.

Allan Slingsby The Poo. Another one of the famous backline that kept the opposition at bay on most occaisions. Likes to run on his toes for some reason. Another newcomer. Pretty good at golf as well.

Grant Smithers Dogf##t. Another Teenager. When given the chance brought his own flair to the team. Scored in his last home game which was feted over the PA System. I noticed in the 1996 yearbook that he played a few games in Goal when in the 13Cs. I wonder if he still has that bow to his string. I still don't know how he got his nickname.

Wayne Teal Our General in midfield. Also our goal scoring midfielder. Will be remembered for his imitation of a battering ram (on Cam) one afternoon. Another newcomer to the side.

Graham Waters Another year of Chop bringing his Rugby League experience to the backs. Luckily not fashioned on the defence of his beloved Rabbitohs. Came into his own in the last month.

Oh translating that French phrase at the start - "All things come to those who wait". They know who they are. It was wonderful to see a team ranging over 20-years-plus in age difference to come together and achieve what we did. Congratulations. I hope to see you all next year.

TEAM: SWE

The end of another great year for the mighty Gymea SWE. For the second year in succession we have made the semis, this year hopefully we can go even further.

The 2002 season has had its share of highs and lows, from a 7-4 loss to an 8-2 win. Overall the team has improved its skill level and ability and our passing game has come along in leaps and bounds in the later part of the season. On an individual level Juliet was our most prolific goal scorer with 20 goals for the season. She was closely followed, by Michelle Griener, with 17.

The girls up front have been well supported by the mid field with Haley scoring four times, Kate, Mel K and Kerrie two each and Jodie, Michelle B, Lisa, Louise and Amanda contributing a goal each.

A strong group of backs consisting of Lauren, Robyn, Mel M, Cathryn, Zoe, Lea Anne and Jodie worked tirelessly in defence.

Our number one goalkeeper, Jane, performed some fantastic saves and, as with all team members, put in 100% every game.

The player's player this year is Cathryn our centre back and little general of the defensive line.

A thankyou to Graham Smithers, for his coaching effort this year and a well done to every member of the team.

TEAM: SWF

What can the manager say to end the season, only that The SWF, the 'Old Boilers', 'Ole Girls'. 'Chook Power', whatever they are referred to doesn't matter. They have come from nothing to something, not getting a look in last year to getting through to the semi's, coming 2nd in the comp and making it through to the Grand Final.....! What a feat!

We have our Star Goal Kicker, the Steam Train and a Gazelle. We have more than one goalie who are sensational! Someone that has a throw-in like you've never seen an 'ole boiler' do!!! We have players with fancy footwork, we have ladies who run and just keep running no matter whatsome are just as solid as a rock, others who are just super subs.... And some that can push, shove and joggle And what about all the hard work the sweepers, backs, centre backs centre forwards, our left and right wings, mid fields and all those other positions 'winged bats' and 'Old Bats'!! (well, the memory is fading after all, we are getting to that age, with the exception of Bree-Rebecca). Last but not least our true Beauty Queen, who has so much talent!! And all the others who looked so pretty on the field!!

But seriously to all the ladies Liz, Cathy, Fiona, Wendy, Deanne, Linda, Helen (George), Julie, Sharon, Nora, Robyn, Georgie, Jo, Bree Lea and JAN who early in the season broke her arm, who has been a great supporter, ... the ladies have worked hard and played with great spirit. I congratulate them for a great season of soccer and it would not have been possible without the Coach, John and his assistant Al who have put up with all the women in one way or another, (right John!). You've done a fine job - great work fellas!

Last but not least, a BIG, Thank You to the club and supporters, without their encouragement and support the season, without say, would not have been the same....

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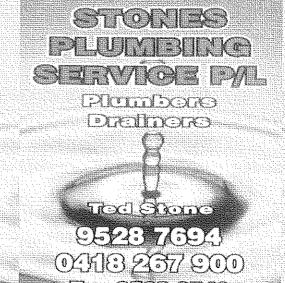
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