

The playing roster for this year was very similar to last year with the addition of four new players Sarah, Gaby, Kirraly and John. We had 10 girls and four boys who really enjoyed themselves both at training and on game day. The season began with a heavy loss against the Crusaders who will go on and easily win the competition. Some of the kids were asked to play in positions that were unfamiliar to them and it was great to see them improve with each game played. We played many a game with the bare eleven and our kids continually showed us their GIANT hearts never giving up until the final whistle was blown. Was it a successful season?, with only two wins and both against Engadine, many would say probably not. What is success?. Success to me is seeing fourteen kids with smiles on their faces each week. It has been a pleasure to be involved with this wonderful group of kids and their parents.



BACK ROW L-R: Michael Thompson (Manager), Tessa Herbert, Kirraly Hansen, Louise Taylor, Chloe Coupe, Dana Thompson, Gabrielle McGrath, David Micallef (Coach)  
FRONT ROW: Taylor Kent, Brendan Micallef, Samantha Biddlecombe, John Hartney, Sarah Farrell, Kade Gronow, Renee Knowles, Andrew Barton

Oh what might have been! The 11B's had an exciting and successful year and were among the top teams in the grade. The boys started well and lost only 1 match in the first half of the season to minor premiers, Heathcote. A mixture of draws, desperate wins and 2 more losses meant that we qualified for the semi finals for the first time to the excitement of all the boys and parents.

We went into the semi finals in 3rd place and very confident having beaten other semi-finalists Engadine and Menai and drawn with Heathcote and hopes were high for a successful August. Unfortunately though we saved one of our worst performances for our first big day and lost 1-0 to Engadine who hadn't beaten us before. Dreams of glory evaporated in a few short minutes and we were left rueing missed opportunities. The boys learnt from these experiences and as they say, will now know how to win the big matches having been there. The 11B's are a great bunch of boys and the highlights of the year were our two bonding sessions on the Port Hacking River and at G.P.K. as well as our semi final appearance. See you next year guys. Dave.



BACK ROW L-R: Maria Losh (Manager), Joshua Seage, Angus Bruce, Matthew Lewis, Ilija Iordanidis, Mason Petalas, David Anderson (Coach)  
FRONT ROW: Nathan Green, Dylan Robson-Bray, Lindsay Stevens, Moussa Georges, James Underwood, Patrick Beck, Andrew Lepre, Blake Morrison, Damon Anderson



We started the new season full of promise, unfortunately we struck the top three sides early, and our confidence deserted the team, but not the management.

Round 4 at our new home ground saw our boys snare a point, and the season had gained momentum.

We began to string together a number of positive performances.

Jack & Josh in goals began to find their feet & put together some fine games, and stopped the flow of goals.

Our backs Mitchell, Trent, Jason, Cameron & Max W had a very good year resulting in our defence being amongst the strongest in the comp.

The new set of halves Kyle, Thomas, Calvin, Max L, Jake, & Blake began to control the midfield & our structure & team work improved each week.

Nathan & Brendon made the most of their limited opportunities, & created plenty of scoring chances.

At the start of the second round we were a chance to make the semi's but a wash out & two unlucky losses meant that the month of August unfortunately was soccer free.

We look forward to next March when the trials begin again & our quest for semi final glory continues.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Brett Bryant (Manager), Thomas Hayes, Jason Flynn, Blake Craig, Cameron McDowall, Joshua Dures, Max Weismantel, Michael Leitch (Coach)  
**FRONT ROW:** Calvin He, Mitchell Westwood, Nathan Bryant, Max Lucas, Jake McStravick, Jack Zuber, Trent Leitch, Kyle French  
**ABSENT:** Brendan Jeff

**COACHES:** Ian Lamp & Mark Ashton **MANAGER:** Kevin Walsh

2005 proved to be a very challenging year for the 11 Ds. Most of our team had played the previous year in the 10 Fs and with a few brand new players our goal was to go out every week and be as competitive as possible at this higher grade.

Our season started out quite well with a couple of small losses and then we had our first big break with a very determined and gritty win against Kirrawee. We had come together and started to rally as a team. Unfortunately, our wins were few but every week we turned up to play the best we could and we never stopped trying. Many times we would start the game too slow to have the other team score in the first couple of minutes, but then we would wake up and keep them scoreless for the rest of the game.

From the outset of the season, we worked extremely hard on learning to play positions and not have everyone chase the ball all over the place, together with reading the play as we went from attack to defence. Our talent improved immensely as the season wound down to the last few games, and teams that had smashed us in round 1 struggled to score against us. If we had to measure success in what we learnt and gritty determination, together with fun and always being good sports, then 2005 was a successful year.

Many thanks go to the parents for your wonderful support throughout the season and I look forward to hopefully having this team back for another crack in 2006 with perhaps a better grading more matched to our abilities.

Ian Lamp  
 Coach 11 Ds



**BACK ROW L-R:** Jordan Reece, Hugh Walsh, Kaj Amnell, Jacob Stockbridge, Jake Hill, Kevin Walsh (Manager)  
**FRONT ROW:** Mitchell Hughes, Dylan Ashton, Jonathan Moffitt, Andrew Donohue, James Dixon, Regan Hendricks, Melike Bahceci, James Keane, Ashlea Houlson  
**ABSENT:** Kieren Lamp, Ian Lamp (Coach), Mark Ashton (Assist. Coach)



Well, not quite the result we had planned but not a bad year all things considered. The aim of the year was to improve our style of play away from kick and chase to more control and passing. The improvement happened but just not right across the playing field. The kick and chase game will not win A grade competitions boys, nor will not being fit enough. Two teams (Georges River and Lilli Pilli) are stand outs in this competition but we really should be looking to reach third or fourth and are very even with the teams that made it. Being ahead of these teams just comes down to a little luck on the day and whoever wants to play the hardest. Boys; it is up to you whether you want to play this grade of soccer.

I hope you enjoyed the season and finished a better player than you started. Many thanks go to Warren for all his training support and to Jacinta for managing the team.

Have a great summer, keep eating those red frogs, and hope to see you all at the start of next season.

Ian

PS; We now know you are better soccer players than ten pin bowlers.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Sam Grasso, Metin Zihman, Nicholas Bhavnani, Oliver Duncan, Kurt Baxter, Jake Munro, Ian Perry (Coach)  
**FRONT ROW:** Cory Robertson, Chris Curtis, Nathan Perry, Byron Brown, Nathan Farrow, Clayton Beranek, Max Brown, Michael Baker  
**ABSENT:** Rohan Ragoo, Jacinta Robertson (Manager)

## JW12B

**Coaches:** Craig Oberg / Graeme Holland

**Manager:** Anthony Mayo

This team created a number of firsts:

1. First JW12 team for the Gynea Soccer Club
2. The majority of the team were playing soccer for the first time
3. Semi finalist in their first season together

A variety of experiences and skills set an interesting challenge for the coaching staff, out of a squad of 17 only 4 had played before. Some from netball and other backgrounds, but as a team they all just seemed to 'gel' right from our first and only trial match at Helensburgh.

The 'real' season began, and it seemed that the team was unbeatable, and it showed in the season's final result on third place. Unfortunately, we were beaten in the minor semi with one minute left in extra time. The season's results were, out of 16 matches – 5 wins, 10 draws, and only 1 loss with a 'for and against' record of 16 – 10. Rumour has it that we were the most feared team in the comp!

A couple of real stand out moments for the season were:

- The selection of the goalkeeping twins
- The great support for the parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members at every match (no matter what the weather conditions threw down)
- The team spirit and moral support during the match from the bench players

Many thanks to Craig and Graeme, (and our casual coach – Nick Deldin) for their dedication and efforts throughout the season. A special thanks to all our supporters, the players really appreciated that support. A 'big' special thanks to all the girls that made up the 2005 JW12B team, it was a pleasure to watch you all each week enjoying yourselves and develop into accomplished soccer players.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next season.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Graham Holland (Assist. Coach), Anthony Mayo (Manager), Alexandra Northam, Chantal Toban, Calbin Northam, Brooke Garrett, Courtney Hennessy, Lauren Oberg, Craig Oberg (Coach)  
**FRONT ROW:** Erin Holland, Jaz Dolso, Alice O'Reilly-Phelps, Emma Louise Irvin, Shae O'Dowd, Elizabeth Bird, Jessica Noonan, Adrienne Del Din, Samara Mayo, Carly Wayman  
**ABSENT:** Lauren Wynn



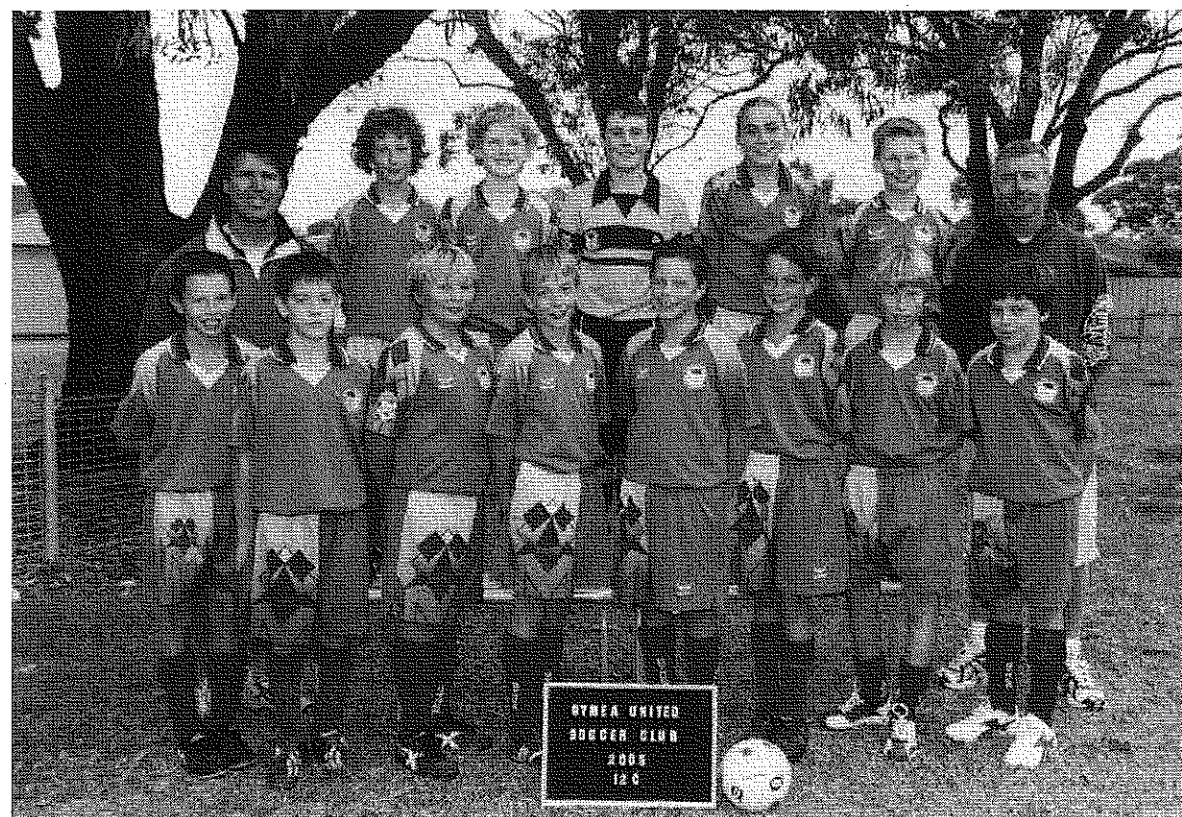
With a new mix of kids and a less than ideal pre-season preparation, the 2005 season for the 12C's began with a string of victories and saw the kids melding their styles and working as a team which was looking to be a formidable formula. However as is always the case, there were other teams in our competition who were just as competitive as ours and the results didn't always go in our favour. As we turned the corner and commenced the second round the team was hovering between 3rd and 4th on the table despite our inconsistent form.

As expected the weaker teams from the first round had improved and what were relatively easy encounters in the first round were now tighter fought matches. Although the results in the second round didn't always go as we would have expected, the kids never stopped trying and were always enthusiastic. With the usual rain interruptions, injuries, sickness and family commitments having some impact on our current form we dropped points to lower placed teams which contributed to us slipping out of the top four. Despite some indifferent performances, we still had a hope of making the semis, right up to the last round, but the luck gods who had abandoned us at crucial time during the season were again absent for the last round and a loss to the minor premiers snuffed out the little hope of making the semis we had. Nonetheless I congratulate all the kids on a successful season and even though we didn't progress to the finals we did play each and every game with pride, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. We improved our individual and team skills, accepted the responsibility for the result of each game as a team and had fun along the way.

I'd like to thank all the parents for the support and encouragement they gave the kids throughout the season, who always cheered on and motivated the kids through the disappointment of defeat.

I'd like to say a sad farewell to our 'Two Becs', Rebecca Coulter and Rebecca King who will be moving on to junior womens soccer next year. They were formidable opponents and integral in the teams' success this year. We will miss you and wish you well for next season. Finally I'd like to thank Zac Spathos our Assistant Coach who filled in for me at training, providing the kids with another training perspective and giving them encouragement, guidance and support both on and off the field. Also to our manager Glenn for his behind the scenes work organising the team for our games we couldn't have survived without you both.

Again well done to everyone, hope to see you all back next year at the Giants to play some soccer learn a few new skills and have fun!



BACK ROW L-R: Neil Walker (Coach), Rhys Cleverley, Bradley Pyne, Jacob Mark, Rebecca Coulter, Max Dillon, Glen Mark (Manager)  
FRONT ROW: Daniel Green, Jared Mason, Nicholas Jessop, Aaron Campbell, Dylan Wright, Rebecca King, Jake Walker, Edward Weterings  
ABSENT: Nicholas Mangialavori, Dominic Spathos, Zac Spathos (Assist. Coach)

**Coach: Alan Dean and Richie Lopes**

**Manager: Jeremy Bennett**

What a good season. The boys turned up at the start full of expectation. A mixture of the team from last year and some new recruits. Following a strenuous pre season training camp the boys were ready, or so we thought. It must have been too many times up and down the sand hills because the 1st game saw us go down 6-1. So back to the drawing board. It must have been a great drawing because we didn't lose another game for 5 weeks. (or was it the bribery that had taken place with the promise of riches such as Pizza and KFC.) A loss to the top team was followed by 3 more wins before again losing to another of the title chasers. (more bribery followed) This turned out to be our last defeat of the regular season. So by the end it was down to 4 teams, including us. We had done it we had made the semis. Unfortunately after a gallant effort we were unable to make it to the grand final but in all what a season.

So well done to all Dane Bennett, Matthew Dean, Brad Baker, Cameron Britt, Jesse Fitzgerald, Zac Hutchinson, Matthew Lopes, Ryan Mullaly, Joel Northcott, Chris Ramirez, Chris Reeves, Joe Smith and Nathan Smith.

Thanks must go to Alan Dean and Richie Lopes for their tireless coaching throughout the season. Thank-you also must go to Jane Dean for arranging the previously mentioned bribery meetings, for the boys, that took place in the clubhouse after a number of training sessions, also, to Michelle Northcott as social secretary for arranging a couple of parent bonding sessions. One last thank-you to all the parents, relatives and friends for turning up to support the boys each week and help make the year a very pleasant one to be involved in.

So until we do it all again I hope you all enjoyed your time with the GyMEA United 12E's.



BACK ROW L-R: Richie Lopes (Assist. Coach), Alan Dean (Coach), Joel Northcott, Cameron Britt, Christopher Ramirez, Joseph Smith, Dane Bennett, Jeremy Bennett (Manager)  
FRONT ROW: Bradley Baker, Matthew Dean, Nathan Smith, Matthew Lopes, Jesse Fitzgerald, Ryan Mullaly, Billy Gsellmann, Zac Hutchinson  
ABSENT: Christopher Reeves



**Coach: Peter Hunt**  
**Manager: Neroli Robinson**

With two teams combining at the beginning of the year, the season began with the players and parents having high hopes but not really knowing what to expect. What happened in the following weeks was really quite special and exceeded those expectations.

After a rather slow start with a couple of narrow victories and with the boys gradually learning each other's game, confidence began to build within the team. With each game played, that confidence grew and before we knew it we were forcing our way to the top of the table.

But more importantly the improvement in the skills and determination of the players was so obvious. Team work was increasing and so was the level of enjoyment the boys were receiving.

As the season progressed, opposition teams seemed to lift when playing us which in turn brought the best out of our team. The crucial game of the season came in round 7 when we played Bosco in a top of the table clash. After a very tight first 50 mins Bosco scored from a dubious penalty. With only 10 minutes remaining, the boys dug really deep and with 2 sensational goals emerged as 2-1 victors. It was at this point that everyone believed that this team was something special.

The second round of the competition with each corresponding match, showed a huge improvement in performance and results and by the end of round 18 we had shown ourselves to be the most consistent side and finished as undefeated minor premiers, which in itself is a wonderful achievement. For the record, we had 13 wins, 4 draws and no losses, scoring 33 goals and conceding 13.

However, what is more pleasing for me as a coach is the team spirit that has built up over the season. It is this spirit that has seen the boys fight hard and in many games come from behind to secure victory or avoid defeat.

At the time of writing we suffered our first loss in the major semi-final, 1-0. Hopefully this will knock any remaining complacency out of the boys and we can finish the season on a high.

To the 13C team: it has been an absolute pleasure to be your coach. I have enjoyed the experience immensely and I thank you for allowing me the opportunity of being involved with a fine group of young men. To the parents, thank you for your efforts in getting all the boys to training and to the games and for your friendliness and good natured encouragement from the sidelines. In closing, it would be remiss of me not to mention the wonderful efforts of our manager, Neroli. Your tireless and selfless running of duties off the field have made my job so much easier and I greatly appreciate what you have done for this team throughout the season.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Peter Hunt (Coach), Jordan Knapp, Jordan Ashworth, Nicholas Fahy, Robert Northam, Tyler Trusty, Neroli Robinson (Manager)  
**FRONT ROW:** Cameron Foshett, Adam Duncan, Michael Ingless, Jordan Hunt, Jordan Tsakouras, Jamie Clarke, Sam Cobb, Daniel Stevens, David Clarke



**COACHES: WARREN THOMPSON**  
**WAYNE PHILLIPS**

**MANAGERS: SUSIE THOMAS**  
**BELINDA GERAGHTY**

Another good year for the boys coming fifth on the ladder but unfortunately missing the semis. The boys have come a long way and seem to be playing well together as a team. They have each developed their strengths and have blossomed in their respective playing positions.

A big credit must go to the two wonderful coaches we had for making it enjoyable for the boys especially during the 'dads and sons' training sessions which was followed by pizzas. The coaches managed to bring out the best of the boys most weekends. It was truly a team effort from the boys to the coaches and the parents who supported the team every weekend.

Once again well done boys and here's hoping next year will be just as enjoyable as 2005.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Susie Thomas (Manager), Robbie Eastwood, Conan O'Connor, James Paynter, Lachlan Berger, Aaron Degan, Warren Thompson (Coach)  
**FRONT ROW:** Martin Susanto, Michael Atkin, Dale Thompson, David Thomas, Nicholas Geraghty, Jake Phillips, Max O'Reilly-Phelps  
**ABSENT:** Wayne Phillips (Assist. Coach), Mitchell Stevens, Jesse Benson, Kane Barker





This season was pretty much a repeat of last season. Another clichéd character building season where apart from two games, we weren't completely outclassed. However we struggled to make the most of our opportunities and there were too many silly mistakes in the backline that cost us dearly. With a bit of luck the boys might get a hiatus in a lower division next season, rack up a few wins and get a bit of confidence back into their game. Despite struggling to convert those close games into wins, there were still plenty of standout team performances. At the top of the inspiration pile was the State Cup game against Sydney United, a team that would have been sitting on the top of our competition table and to go down 2-1 in extra time was a sensational effort. Another was the win against the Eagles in the first round and the way the boys generally lifted when they came up against the top teams. The boys should also be proud of the sportsmanship they showed throughout the season, a quality that at times was a little lacking in some of the teams we came up against. I won't give a critique on the season performance of each player as they all had their ups and downs but every week they rolled up and gave 100%, which is all you can ask. A huge thanks to David for coaching the boys, not only did he develop their skills and game, but instilled in them a good sportsman like ethic and most importantly did all this while still making it fun for the boys. Thanks also to all the parents who were always on hand to help out when needed and judging by the roll ups at the socials we had, it wasn't just the players who had an enjoyable season.



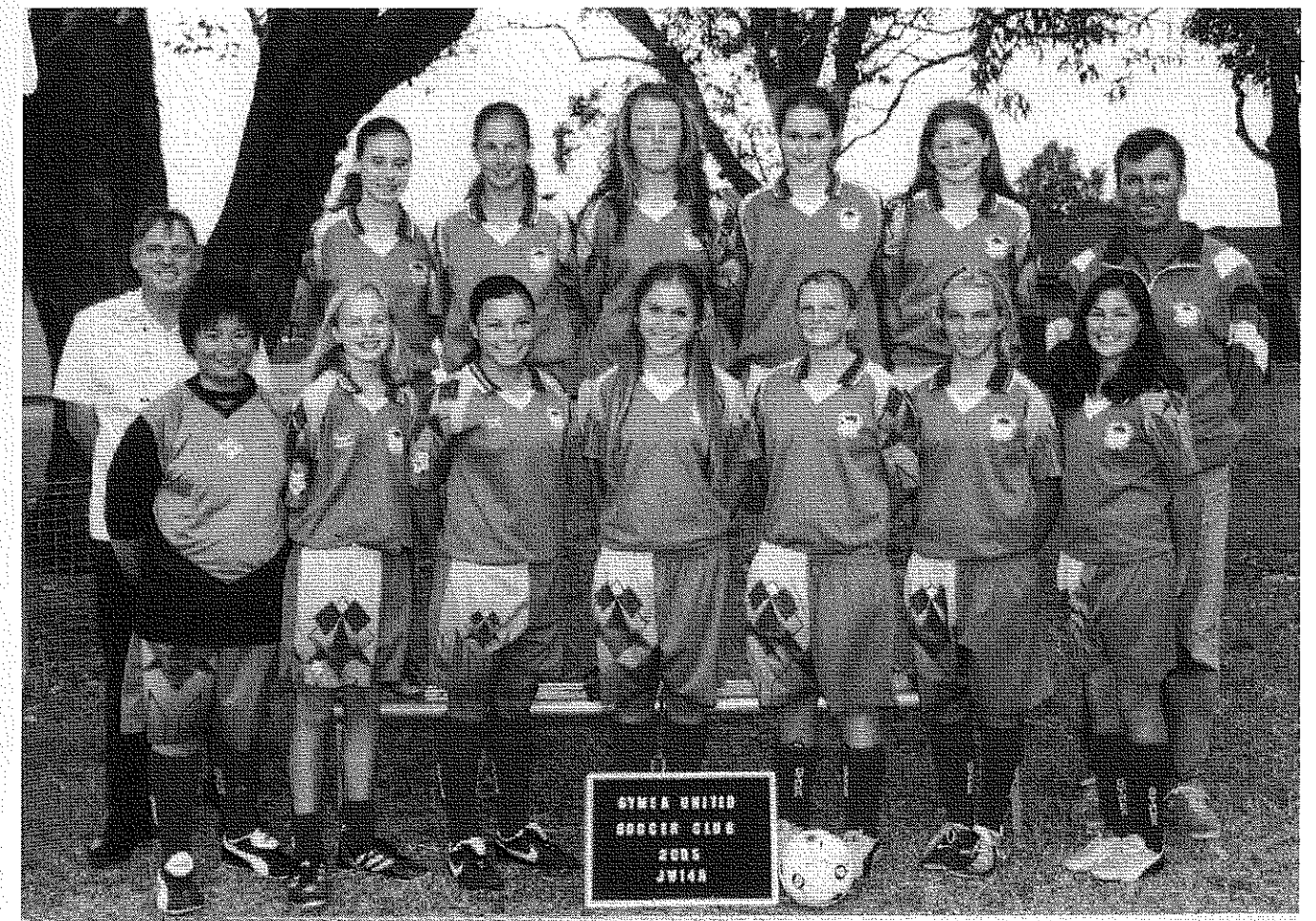
BACK ROW L-R: Phil Jennings (Manager), Sean Mulligan, Sam Johnson, Sam Taylor, Mitchell Hows, Zachary Thomas, David Johnson (Coach)  
FRONT ROW: Mark Stanley, Ben Coles, Andrew Gray, William Deldin, Jarrod Moon, Kieran O'Brien, Dylan Jennings, Tim Mayo

All in all this was a season that is probably best summed up as a year that could have been. With a team consisting of a couple of new players and a fifty fifty mix of girls who played in the C's and the A's last year, we managed to hold our own against every team in the competition and finished the season off with a convincing 2-0 win over one of the top placed teams. Unfortunately though a few missed opportunities throughout the year cost us a couple of crucial matches which saw us finish the season in 5th place rather than somewhere in the finals race.

Still, it's not all about winning and the season was one that saw the girls develop both soccer skills and friendships whilst having a lot of fun along the way and one that they can take the experience from into next year.

Our backs this year in Georgie, Melissa, Paris, Dilara and Mia were strong and consistent all year and backed up by Amy in goals they conceded a mere 19 goals to their opposition forwards for the season. Our midfield consisting of Sophie, Rachel, Danielle, Ellaine and Sarah fought hard all year to win the ball and get it through to the forwards and their endurance and tenacity resulted in our players up front having as many opportunities as our opposition. Our forward attack of Natalie, Jemma, and Dahna regularly dazzled us with their footwork, passed the ball around well and against some strong opposition scored 19 goals between them. Well done girls on a great year that provided those of us on the sideline with a lot of entertaining moments.

Lastly, on behalf of the team I would like to say a big thank you to Michael Lewis for coaching the team again this year and to the parents for their support, assistance and friendship throughout the season. Hope to see you all back for another year with the mighty GyMEA Giants in 2006.



BACK ROW L-R: Kevin Gallehawk (Manager), Natalie Despotovski, Sarah Swaine, Melissa Flynn, Ellaine Thompson, Danielle Gowan, Michael Lewis (Coach)  
FRONT ROW: Amy Wong, Jemma Gallehawk, Dahna Cicco, Paris Pearce, Georgie Molan, Rachel Grant, Mia Toutounzi  
ABSENT: Sophie Lewis, Dilara Bahaci



It was another great year for the team this year. Full of possibilities and with a number of new players joining the side the boys had the potential to get to the Grand Final. New players to the side were Craig Burney who was very skillful in midfield and defense but suffered an injury that put him out for quite a few weeks. Peter Gerasimopolous also joined the team this year scoring a goal in his first game and being one of the mainstays in Centre Mid field with Jasper Brown. Jasper never stopped running every game while also running around the opposition. Mitchell Igoe joined the team again after a year off consolidating the central defense with left and right foot clearing "boomers". A big thank you to Michael Tartaglia who was also new to the side, but after some experience with AFL took on the goalie position and did a fantastic job. Josh Melbourne improved from game to game out thinking the opposition any number of times. Chris Glaz, Addison McKay and Josh Lund had a great second round with their skills improving constantly. Craig Wayman and Chris Leak were solid in midfield also having runs in the forwards and scoring some terrific goals. The forward line of Matt Condos, Tyler McGlinchy and Sean King teamed together well during the year reading each others plays and scoring some fantastic goals. Unfortunately, as with last year, the boys made it to the Semis but were beaten in extra time after the most courageous fight back ever, after being 3-0 down.

Although training was a challenge sometimes it was a pleasure watching the boys develop both as individuals and as a team. When you see them do something they thought was beyond them it's the reason you look forward to watching them play.



BACK ROW L-R: Denise Anderson (Manager), Michael Tartaglia, Peter Gerasimopoulos, Mitchell Igoe, Tyler McGlinchy, Christopher Leak, Dale King (Coach)  
FRONT ROW: Joshua Lund, Craig Burney, Addison McKay, Joshua Melbourne, Christopher Glaz, Sean King, Jasper Brown, Craig Wayman  
ABSENT: Matthew Condos



The JW14C's was a team of girls that wanted to have a fun year of soccer, not taking it too seriously but more importantly wanting to have a good time. There were some first time players and some more experienced ones, some were very focussed (well sort of) and there were a couple that needed a bit of 'encouragement'. Anyhow the season went quickly and within it there were a number of notable events; a number of good wins, almost making the semi-finals, fill in coaches, the special training night at Pauline's, lost wands and broken tiara's, and so on. But mainly it is important to recognise that all of the girls in the team developed their skills in the game, enjoyed themselves (I hope) and got enough out of the year to come back again. Certainly they all have the skills and capacity to give it another go next year.



BACK ROW L-R: Pauline Stewart (Manager), Melissa Irwin, Hayley Blight, Jacquelyn Stewart, Effie Psaltis, Evan Morrison (Coach)  
FRONT ROW: Adriana Charalambous, Natalie Burgett, Tahni Morrison, Kelsey Shoubrook, Cassie Baker, Georgia Brown, Nicolle Brown  
ABSENT: Ellen Lucas, Meg Stores, Lauren Phillips



**Coach: Gary Landsberry**  
**Manager: Anthony Mayo**

With a tough start to the season, it finished on a better note with the team narrowly missing out on the semis in the last round. Needing a win in the last round to move into clear fourth place, the day did not start well with 3 of our players being stranded behind an accident in Bundeena and playing at North Sutherland. The final result being a draw (1-1) not quite enough, but a great effort by all the players.

A number of new players joined our team this year, strengthening our side to make it to fifth position at the end of the rounds.

The season's results were, out of 17 matches – 8 wins, 2 draws, and 7 losses with a 'for and against' record of 42 – 35.

Thanks to Gary for his continued motivational speeches and patience with our team. Also extended thanks to our assistant game coaches – Brad Saunders and Jeff Dibley.

Again thanks to all the supporters who continually watch the boys grow with their soccer throughout the season.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next season.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Gary Landsberry (Coach), John Wade, Aaron Greaves, Daniel Talbot, Ethan Swain, Julian Keith, Anthony Mayo (Manager)  
**FRONT ROW:** Noel Landsberry, Alex Keith, Tyson Donnelly, Thomas Tsikouras, Ben Mayo, Daniel Saunders, Mitchell Davies, Patrick Dibley, Tom Parkhill

**Coach: John Economos**  
**Manager: Brett Henry**

This has been a very challenging year for the 15C's. They are to be commended on their strength of character in never giving up. The score at half time was more often than not favourable but the boys would take on board the half time comment, return to the field, frustrate the opposition with their relentless defence, however not be able to pot those much needed goals.

Although there were not too many occasions to celebrate (one in fact), I hope you all enjoyed playing soccer this year. Your soccer skills (especially defence) have improved, you've developed greater determination and strength of character.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with this group of young men (although frustrating at times). Thanks to the parents, John for your coaching ways and good luck next year.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Brett Henry (Manager), Luke Deering, Michael Henry, Paul Terry, Alexiy Charamko, Joel Herbert, John Economos (Coach)  
**FRONT ROW:** Nathan Mapstone, Tom Brown, Christian Farrou, Josh Batty, Jason Economos, Blake Deacon, Matthew Coulter, Marc Mallate, Jim Brown  
**ABSENT:** Stefan White





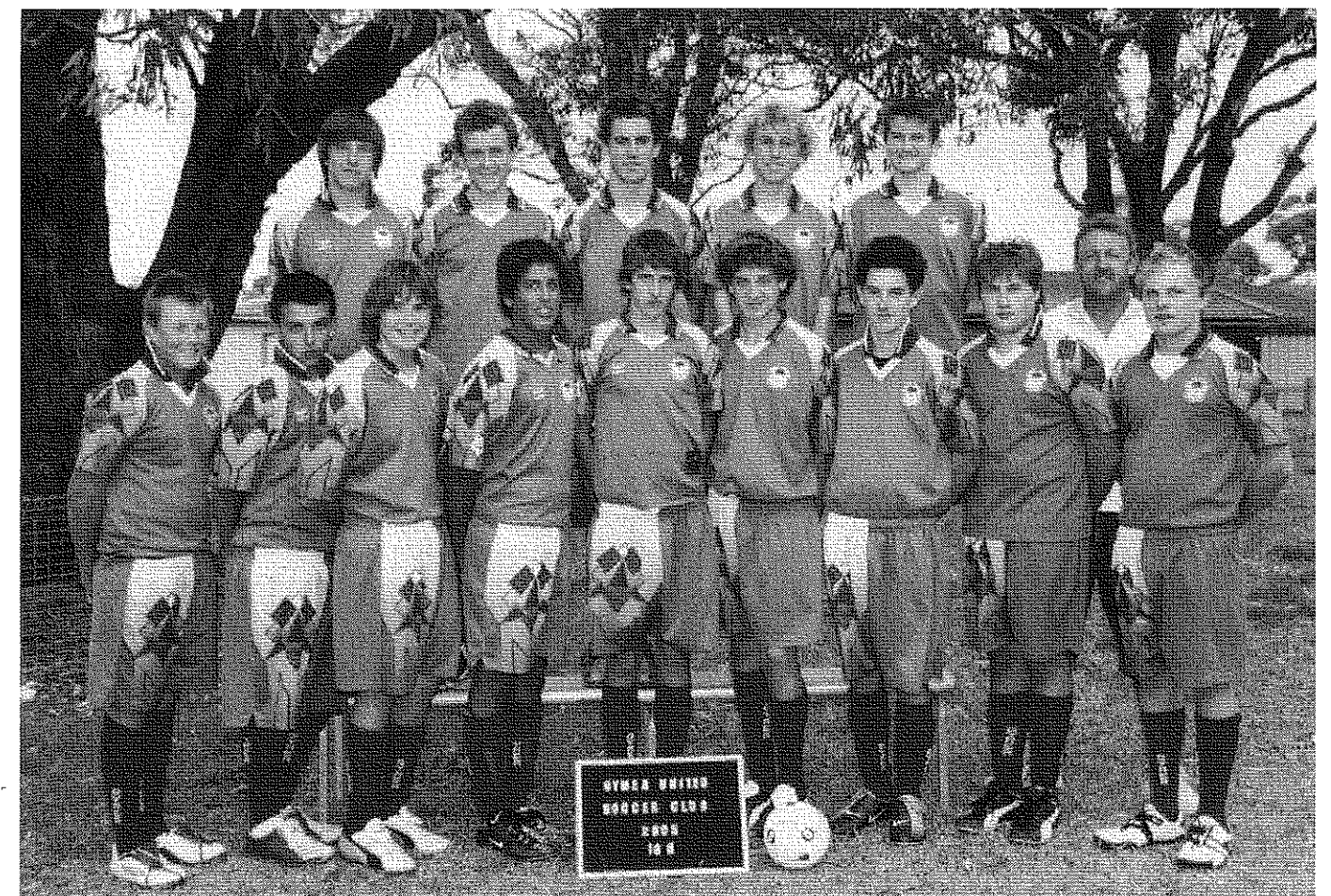
BACK ROW L-R: Lauren Tench, Ashleigh Hobman, Rachel Maddick, Samantha Perri, Lauren Igoo, Mick Perri (Coach)  
 FRONT ROW: Alyson Whait, Ashleigh Samut, Alyce Innes, Natalie Hone, Stephanie Lukin, Allanah Burgett, Georgia Thodey  
 ABSENT: Courtney Vella, Robert Innes (Assist. Coach)



BACK ROW L-R: Emma Taylor, Amelia West, Brogan O'Dowd, Jenna Lincoln, Jessica Carter, C. Lincoln (Coach)  
 FRONT ROW: Catherine Ware, Nadine Livessy, Rochelle Wood, Alana Haswell, Brianna Powell, Melissa Brown, Annette Hardiman, Elizabeth Bergen, Skye Lawton  
 ABSENT: Wendy Lawton (Manager)



What a pleasure this year was! To have a group of teenagers in this period of their lives can either be traumatic or a joy. This group of young men showed up for training each week and every game was played to the best of their abilities. There was not one week that we were short, in fact each week there were four on the sideline patiently waiting their turn without any complaints and were happy to obey Bryan's decisions, even on the few occasions when due to injury the boys couldn't take the field, they were there on the sideline cheering on their mates. Our thanks goes to Bryan for his twice a week training and weekly encouragement to the team no matter if we won or lost. Due to there being only one team in this age group for the last few years the team has learnt to give and take and are aware that the degree of soccer ability varies quite a bit, nevertheless, as team mates they have grown to accept each other and strive to enjoy the game of soccer and just get on with it. One of the only downfalls was that our team lacked a permanent goalkeeper, no-one can blame each and every player for wanting a "run" out on the field, but with a substitute goalie each week it was a little difficult keeping the momentum up. The first round saw us having 4 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw and not really sure if the semis were going to be in our sights or not but as the team found their true positions and their skills were honed and improved, we saw more consistent passing, confidence and an intense attitude. The second half of the season saw 4 more wins, only 2 losses and 3 draws as we gained strength and edged our way back up the table seeing us finishing fourth and on our way to our semi final. Our final game against Bundeena was a great show of defence with a nil all score at half time and only a minutes lapse of concentration saw Bundeena catch us off guard during the second half and were able to score a lone goal finishing our run for the year. We finished 4th this year and can hold our heads high. Thanks again to our coach Bryan, Cathy as manager and a great bunch of parents who enjoy cheering and chatting whilst enjoying Saturday sport in the true Aussie laidback tradition. Gymea Giants Oi,Oi,Oi. See you next year!



BACK ROW L-R: Tim Porter, Michael Gray, Thomas Vaughan, Dean Smith, Hayden Cooke, Bryan Molan (Coach)  
 FRONT ROW: Hugh Wilson, Daniel Economos, Nick Murphy, Rede Carney, Jarrad Spring, Thomas Vernien, Jordan Stock, Paul Meekings, Jason Gibbs  
 ABSENT: Sam Payne, Cathy Economos (Manager)





What a fantastic team of young ladies who successfully combined fun and soccer this season. Their skills improved in leaps and bounds, as throughout the season, the girls combined frivolity, enthusiasm and friendship with commitment to playing good soccer. With only twelve players for most of the season, it was often difficult to field a full team, but to their credit, the girls took to the field with a positive attitude and gave the other teams a challenge to try and beat them. A special thanks to Justin their coach who focused the girls spirit, encouraged them and taught them some of the finer skills needed to play a great game. The team has learnt these and blossomed into a group of successful sportswomen who have earned the respect and admiration of their families, coach and friends. Looking forward to seeing you all back for another season of fun, laughs and soccer.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Michele Pyne (Manager), Chantelle Pahina, Hannah Phillips, Corinne Smithers, Britney Greatrex, Justin Ring (Coach)  
**FRONT ROW:** Clara Truss, Sophie Molan, Jessica Fraser, Rebecca Murphy, Becky Pyne, Katelyn Keenan, Emma Salmon  
**ABSENT:** Emma Coubrough



**Coaches:** Ross McIntosh and Paul Harding

**Managers:** Trish McLachlan and Trish Brown

With 2 coaches and 2 managers, the JW16C team was a well organised and fun team for the girls and their parents to be involved in. This team improved every week throughout the competition. The girls played every game with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. Special thanks to the coaches for their patience and the time they devoted to helping the girls refine their soccer skills and it was great to have two managers who did a wonderful job of making sure the team ran smoothly. Thanks also to all the parents who attended each Sunday to support the girls.

**Jess:** One of the team's strongest defence players; moved to a forward position for the last game and scored two goals.

**Christine:** Another great defensive player; showed true team spirit by supporting her team when unable to play due to injury.

**Karla:** One of our fast forwards, always chasing the ball.

**Tara:** One of our reliable backs. Always there to defeat the opposition with a great clearing kick.

**Sophia:** Played a mid for most of the season and then took over the goalie's position. Fearless in defence stopping many certain goals.

**Elenor:** Lots of skill and a great kick, a great mid field player.

**Natalie:** Non-stop running always chasing the ball - one of our fast forwards.

**Lauren Mc:** started the season as centre forward and scored many of the teams goals; then put in an impressive performance as mid-fielder.

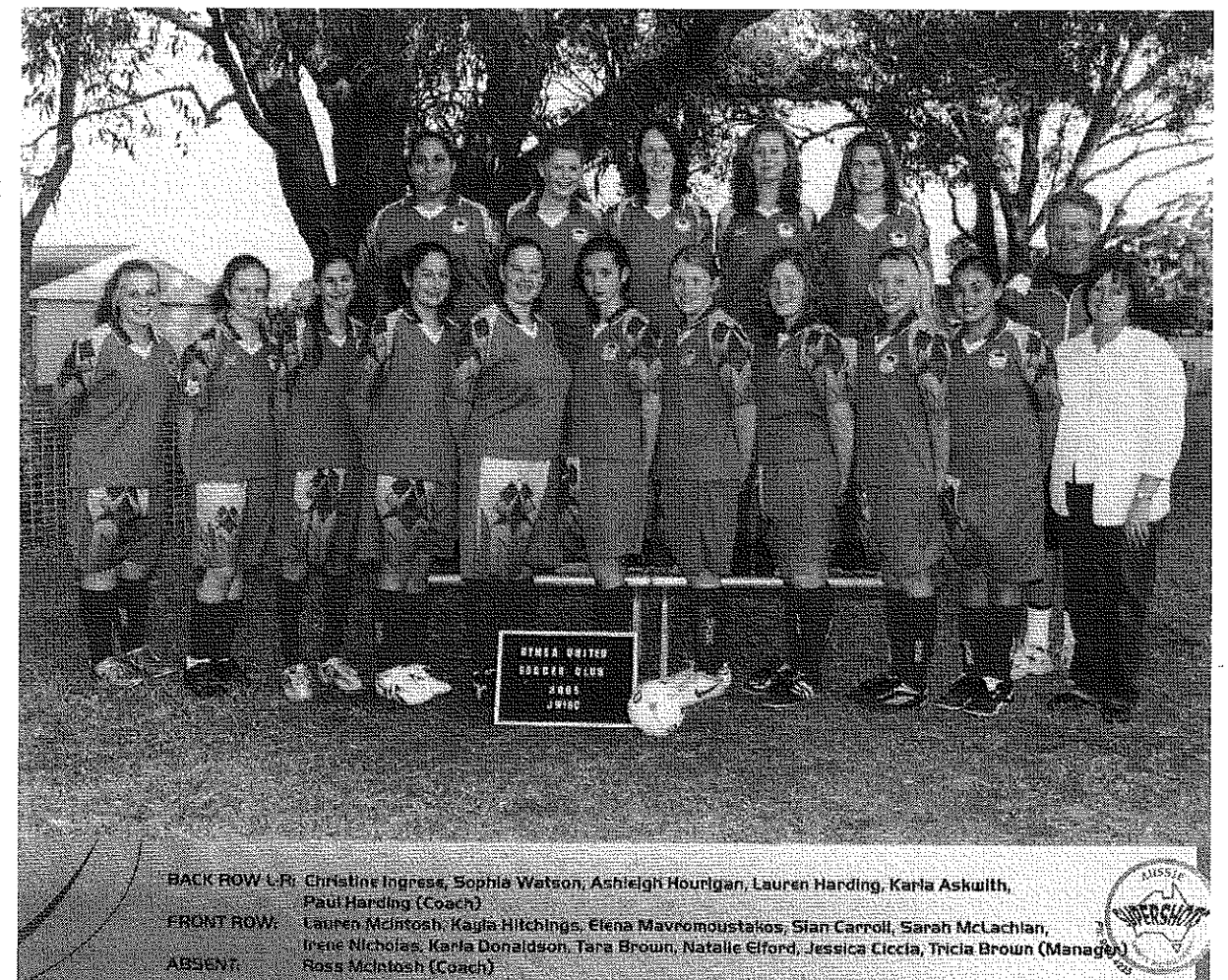
**Kayla:** Played a great game as half until injury mid-way through the season.

**Sarah:** Chased down many attackers in her role as fullback. Always gave 100%.

**Sian:** Started off the season as a midfield player and then switched to forward. Chased down every ball with amazing speed. A great all-round player.

**Lauren H:** Started the season in goals, fearlessly stopping many certain goals; in the latter half of the season ran non-stop as one of the hard-working mids.

**Irene:** A quiet mid-field achiever who pushed through some great passes to her forward. Tireless in defence.



**BACK ROW L-R:** Christine Ingrass, Sophie Watson, Ashleigh Hourigan, Lauren Harding, Karla Askwith, Paul Harding (Coach)  
**FRONT ROW:** Lauren McIntosh, Karla Hitchings, Elena Mavromoustakos, Sian Carroll, Sarah McLachlan, Irene Nicholas, Karla Donaldson, Tara Brown, Natalie Elford, Jessica Ciccia, Tricia Brown (Manager)  
**ABSENT:** Ross McIntosh (Coach)



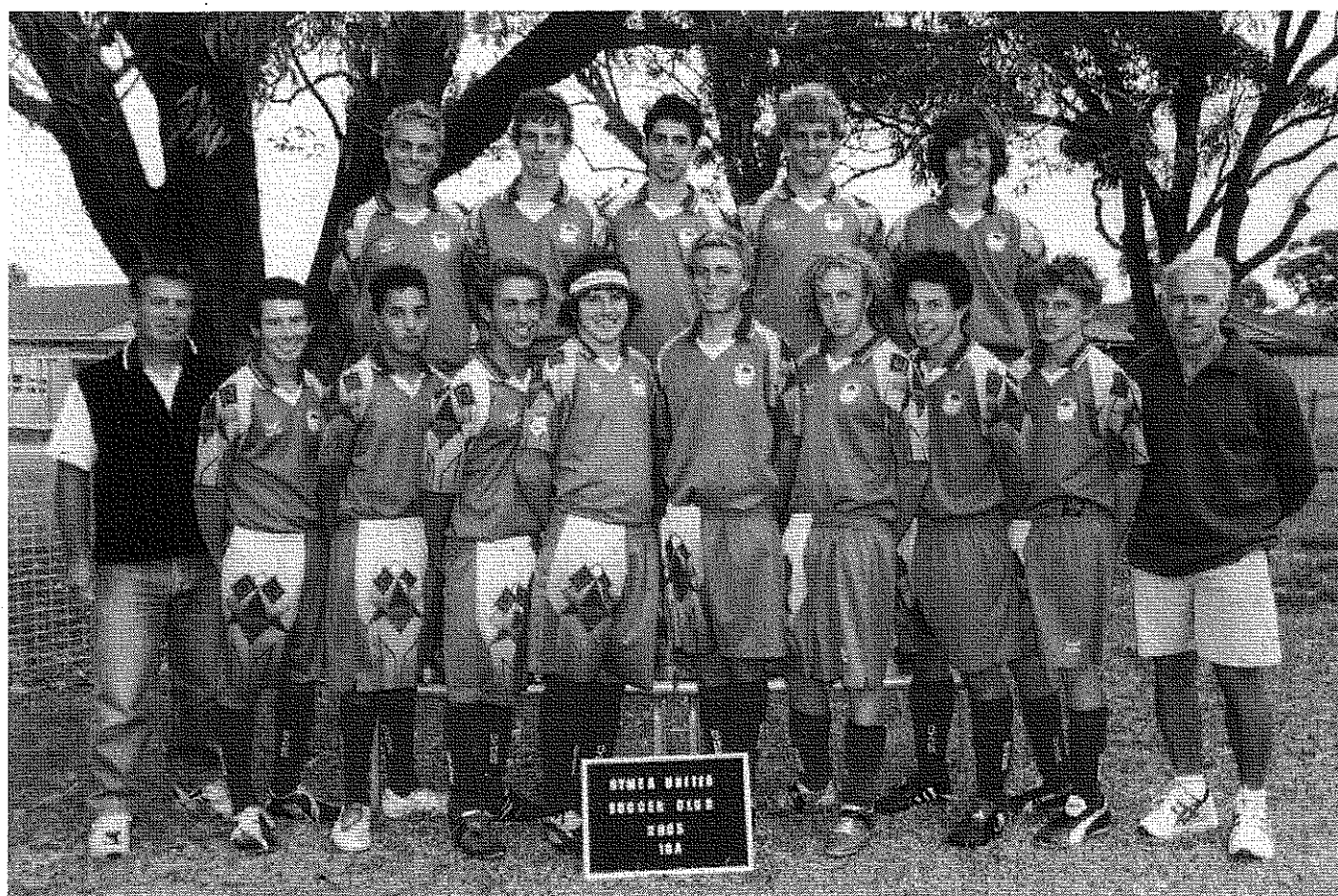


Up from the 16A's we were unsure how this young side would handle the step up in age group. Things did not start well with our goal keeper Richard breaking his arm and getting a diagnosis of 16 weeks out, basically the season. The boys stepped up to the mark quite well and we won our first game 3-0. From then on our results saw us and we seemed to be on the wrong end of tight contests losing by the odd goal. We lost our way a little 3/4 of the way through the season losing some games by bigger margins. We managed to rally and came home with a wet sail, in one game we beat the State champs 5-2. We missed out on the play offs by one point, and the boys will not need to be reminded of the game that cost us a spot.

Highlights of the season were the above game and a fighting loss against River where 10 men put it to a full strength River squad only going down in the last 15 minutes where legs just gave out. All parents and supporters were justifiably proud of the boys that day.

It would be hard to single out players as all the boys shone at some stage of the season led by Dom (another 42 and I have a full deck) Tournier. However Jordan Tasker must rate a mention. Without a keeper for the season he put his hand up to take over the role and without any previous experience played most of the season commendably well between the sticks rescuing us on many occasions. Well done Jordan. Finally thanks to the boys from other teams who filled in during the season, they know who they are, and to super coach Steve for another good season.

We'll be back next year, bigger, stronger and smarter ???.



BACK ROW L-R: Brenden Finlay, Brayden Kolega, Jon Paul Lavender, Luke Hill, Daniel Coupe  
FRONT ROW: Joe Treacy (Manager), Thomas Cole, Dominic Tournier, Nathan Causey, Jordan Tasker, Andrew Finlay, Brock Laiton, Gareth Velia, James Treacy, Steve Cole (Coach)  
ABSENT: Lewis Causey (Manager), Frazer McGroarty

### Coach Gary Landsberry Manager Geoff French

It was a very welcome back to Gary Landsberry to coach the boys after a couple years in semi retirement. Gary was greeted back by half a team of old and a half a team of new faces.

With the team an unknown quantity after only one warm up match we went into the first game against one of the finalists from the 16 As in 2004. It was not expected but we came away with a 11-1 win that could have been even more.

This was a fantastic start and a good indication of how the boys would perform during the year. From 16 games we had 13 wins 1 loss and 2 draws. The team scored 84 goals and had 22 scored against them.

Our forward line headed by Chris, Josh, Adam and Mitch scored most of the goals – many in spectacular fashion that kept the crowds coming back for more.

But clearly with only 22 goals scored against the side – the backs and goal keeper, including Dale, Zac Simon, Luke, Reece and Andrew also played extremely well – often closing out the opposition. These guys also helped create and finished off scoring moves many times throughout the year.

Always taking credit at both ends of the field was the midfield that consisted of Daniel, Michael, Brok and Ben. These guys chimed in all year to score many a good goal when it was needed and provide great balls for the forwards.

The only down side of the season was the early loss of Cameron due to a leg injury and subsequent operation. All the team and supporters wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

The good quality of football the guys played made it easy for them to enjoy the year. The guys also would have appreciated the strong support from family and friends throughout the year. And at this age group it was really good to see aunts, uncles and grandparents too coming along regularly to see the high quality of football that we knew they could play.

All would not have been possible without the valuable coaching and communication skills of Coach Landsberry. When things at times were not going well the right incentive or motivational speech would come out – the right words of wisdom would be whispered – but expressions of encouragement of individual performance was always at the fore front at half and full time.

Gympie Giants are very fortunate to have a person with these skills and the capacity to successfully coach so many sides throughout the year. Thanks again Gary!

By the time this is published the semi finals, finals and grand finals will be completed and the season over. If the team continue to perform and improve as they have all year they will be able to hold their heads high and be very proud of a wonderful and exciting year.

Congratulations to all the team and supporters for a wonderful year.

Geoff French, Manager



BACK ROW L-R: Daniel Harapa, Dale Lincoln, Mitchell Moore, Cameron Bates, Michael Lee  
FRONT ROW: Geoff French (Manager), Josh Landsberry, Adam Cole, Chris McStravick, Luke Hopkins, Ben Duncan, Andrew Harding, Zac McGuire, Brok Carney, Simon French, Reece Carter, Gary Landsberry (Coach)



It can be difficult to write a "year report" on the boys when you've been with the core of the team for the past 10 years. What has been inspiring is remembering the boys when they were 2 foot tall and holding onto their "friends" in team photographs (cause that's what 7 year olds do) to seeing them on the field now in the under 18 competition. They're young men who play the game in the spirit it should be played sometimes paying the price for not being more belligerent. But GyMEA sides are encouraged to play this way and these boys do it well. With another GyMEA team in the C comp (Paul Gollands C2's) there was a friendly rivalry that spurred the boys onto better soccer with the two GyMEA side making it into the semis. Oh! But for a GyMEA 1 vs GyMEA 2 Grand Final (clash of the titans!!) – but it wasn't meant to be. The sensational C1's bowing out to an older side in Bundeena. This takes nothing away from the team as they've been in at least a semi final since the 10's. However, as they would all know Michelle and I and **ALL** of the parents know the boys are capable of going all the way (again).

A few new players joined the side this year with Ciaran Donovan and Niall Watson taking over midfield and defensive roles respectively. Phil Egan (with his second year in 18's ) took on the goalkeeping position and was outstanding. It's a shame we can't alter his birth certificate so he can stay in the side.

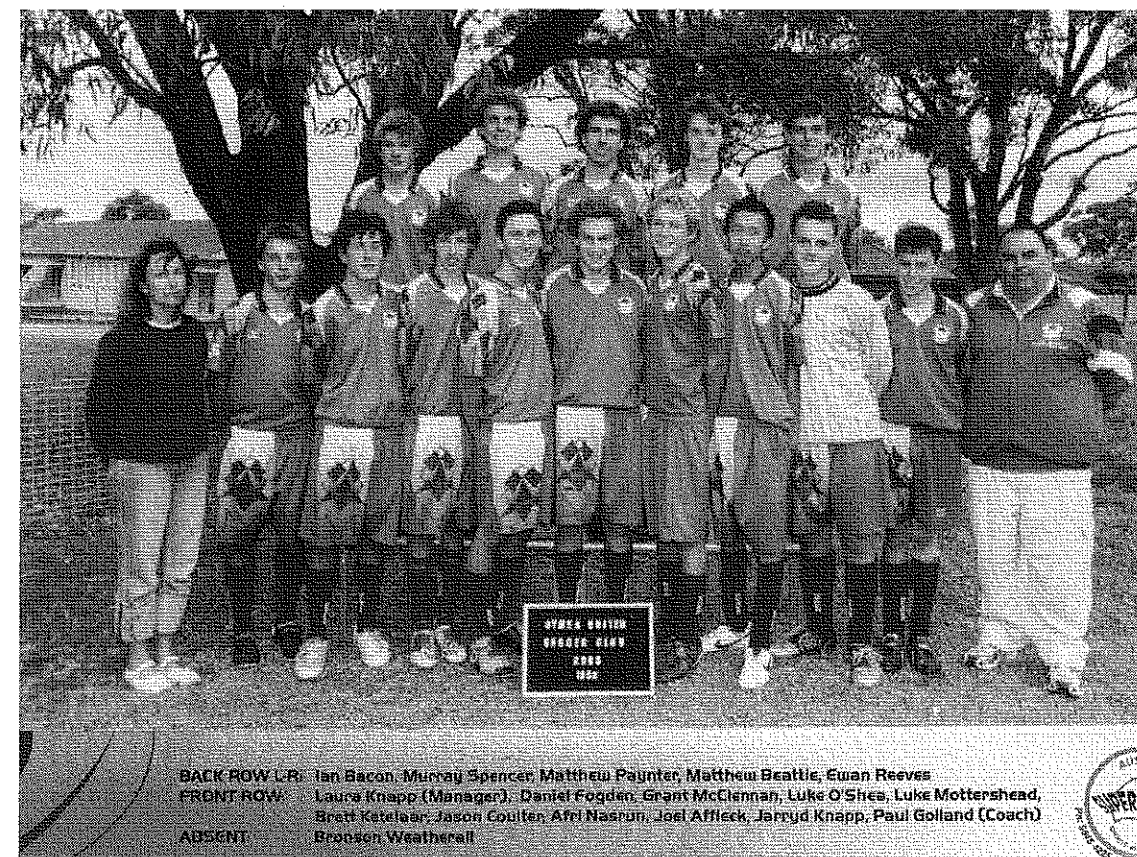
To all the boys, thank you for another great year. Whatever kind of a hard time your getting from us on the side line is because we see your potential (individually and as a team) and know what your capable of. And whenever a parent says they glad to have their weekends back they're not really telling the truth. We can't wait to get back on the sideline cheering on this terrific team



BACK ROW L-R: Matt Johnson, Tim Blight, Phil Egan, Nathan Doel, Marc Hobman,  
FRONT ROW: Michele Pyne (Manager), Gavin Brennan, Shaun Parton, Nick Del Din, Ciaran Donovan,  
Michael West, Adam Denham, Niall Watson, Joel King, Shaun Pyne, Rhys Melbourne,  
Mark Wayman, Dale King (Coach)



This was my first year for a long time coaching junior teams and a very enjoyable and successful one it was as well. Right from the pre season training the attitude was very positive with everyone turning up for training and all working hard at what ever they were asked to do. So we went in the start of the season with high hopes. These were borne out when we thumped Bonnet Bay 8-0 and from that point the boys never looked back. we made hard work of the next game but still won and then came up against first Lilli Pilli (also unbeaten up to then) and beat them 2-1 and then Bundeena (who had come up from the D's unbeaten) 2-0. This was when the boys in my view started to believe they could go on and win the whole thing and this proved to be the case. We went the whole season unbeaten dropping only a single point to Lilli Pilli in the return game when they played for and got a 0-0 draw. However this was the only blip on the horizon although the two return games against Menai teams went to the wire with Daniel scoring the winner in the 89th minute in the first and 90th in the second. Not good for the heart of the coach! The minor premiership was won with a week to spare and we went into the semis hopeful of a grand final. As these things often turn out luck did not go our way and the boys lost two tight games 1-2 on both occasions against teams they had already beaten during the year. However they should look on this season as a major success considering this was their first year in U18. The strength of the team was without doubt the defence which only conceded eight goals all year and this was the best in all divisions. Joel Affleck was solid in goal and even when he was injured Matt Beattie performed just as well. Both when they played on the pitch also slotted home some very good goals. The back four was the same each week and showed a lot of class especially down the flanks where Luke O'Shea and Ian Bacon were rarely bettered. In the centre Luke "boz" Mottershead and Brosan Weatherall formed a very strong team helped on by Matt Paynter when he got back from injury. The power house in central midfield was Daniel Fogden and Jarryd Knapp both scoring and creating quite a few goals during the season. Unfortunately Jarryd suffered a knee injury which resulted in him having to have a reconstruction which put him out for the season and its fair to say we suffered at his loss. Ewan Reeves Jason Coulter and Grant McLennan shared the wide roles and all contributed with goals and solid performances each week. Ewan was also 100% successful from the penalty spot. Up front Brett Ketelaar was our leading scorer with good contributions from both Murray Spencer and Afri Nasrun, who improved throughout the season. We should also thanks Nick from the C-1 who helped us out and played for us in the finals. Thanks especially to Laura Knapp for looking after the team and for the support of the parents who came to watch their kids and left the coaching to me. Hopefully next year we will be a little older bigger and wiser and will continue with the form everyone has show this year. Its been great fun coaching the boys this year and I hope they will all be back next season. Paul Golland



BACK ROW L-R: Ian Bacon, Murray Spencer, Matthew Paynter, Matthew Beattie, Ewan Reeves  
FRONT ROW: Laura Knapp (Manager), Daniel Fogden, Grant McLennan, Luke O'Shea, Luke Mottershead,  
Brett Ketelaar, Jason Coulter, Afri Nasrun, Joel Affleck, Jarryd Knapp, Paul Golland (Coach)  
ABSENT: Brosan Weatherall



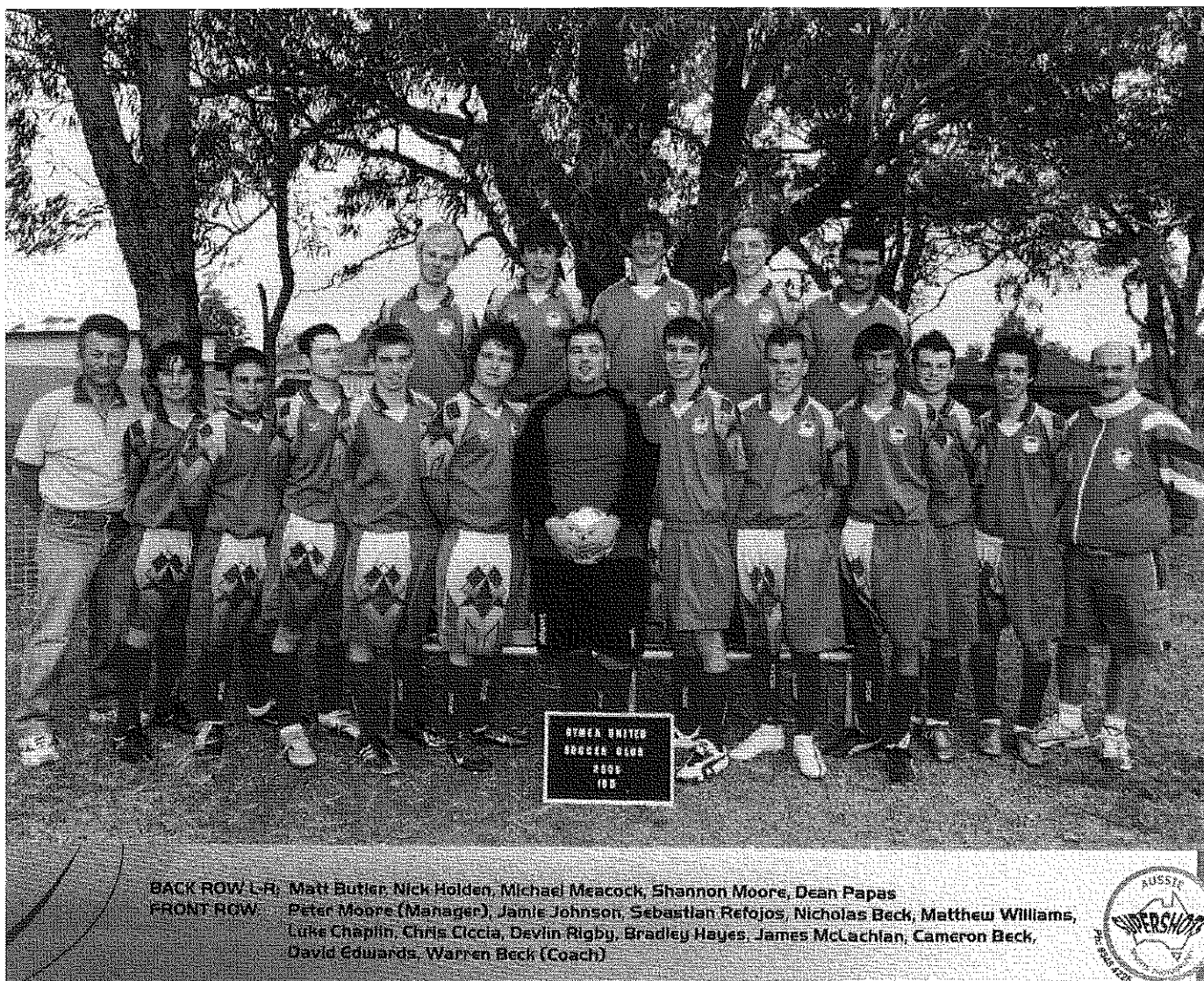


**Coach:** Warren Beck  
**Manager:** Peter Moore

This team was made up primarily from players coming from two separate teams last season. From our disastrous first game of the season, where we lost Nil – 13 and despite losing all but 3 games during the season, the boys stayed positive and by the end of the season had belief in themselves and their team mates. It was fantastic to see most of the team turning up every week to training and always being willing to learn. It was particularly pleasing that the members of the team gave 100% plus in commitment and enthusiasm. In many instances the final score did not accurately reflect the effort made by the boys. The 3 – 2 win in the second last game of the season was, without doubt, the highlight. It is hoped the boys turn up again for next season.

**Coach:** Ian Fardouly  
**Manager:** Margaret Dooley

Our team consisted of 15 girls, most of who had never played soccer before (or even seen a soccer game!) On arriving at the field for the first game, one of the girls exclaimed "Oh, the field is so big!" After the initial problem of finding out where to stand on the field, our soccer season began. The girls set out to have some fun and exercise while learning to play the game. Coach Ian did a great job in teaching the basics of soccer while still retaining his sanity. His infinite patience in guiding the team from the sidelines every week was much appreciated by all. Despite being outplayed each week by more experienced teams, the girls' spirits remained high and they went out each week and enjoyed the game. Their skills improved during the season. Our forwards Alex, Catherine Mc, Emily J and Kimberly learnt to grab their opportunities and make a dash for the goal line; our backs Emily S, Catherine L, Sarah and Jasmine became solid in defence; the midfield of Kate, Nikki, Shannon, Danielle, Katie, Lara and Elise learnt to tackle and move the ball forward. And, of course, there were the brave girls who played goalie – Elise, Jasmine and Catherine L. Playing a season of soccer together will be an experience the girls will always remember. A big thank you to Ian for helping to make the season so enjoyable.



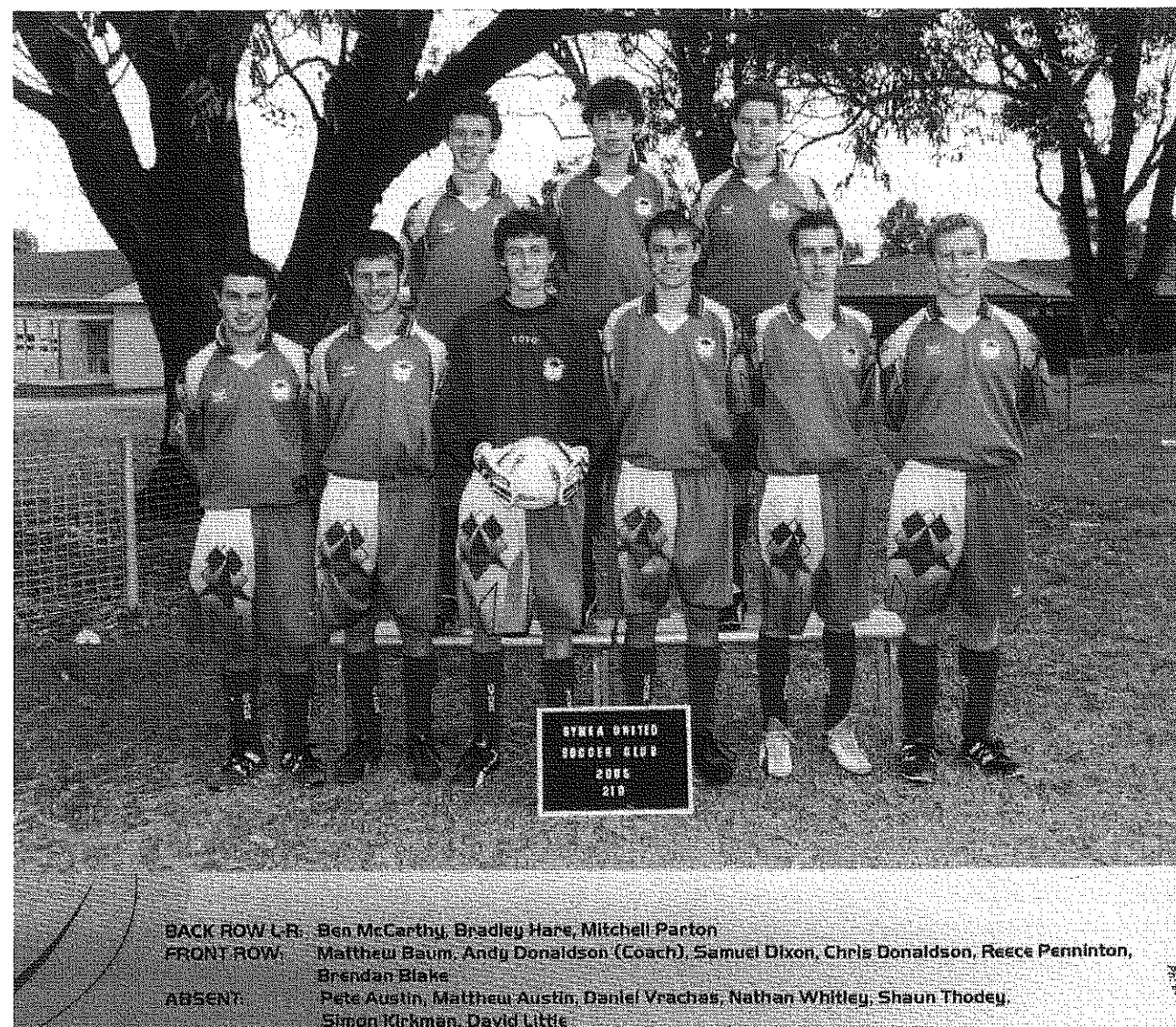
We were a little slow coming out of the blocks and the quality of the competition in this grade took us by surprise initially. It looked like it was going to be a very long season but we trained hard and gradually our results began to look more respectable. By the second round we had our act together and managed to knock over all of the teams above us except the top two by seasons end. We were even leading the minor premiers at half time in one of the last games until the hangovers kicked in.

Even though it became clear we were not going to be in the semi's, it was great to see just about everyone turn up at training every week, right to the end of the season.

Congratulations to Matty Reeves for winning the coaches award, and to Dave Wilson for winning players player narrowly from Jimmy Austen. Every one can walk away proud of how we finished the season on the back of some great team efforts.

The end of season BBQ was pretty good too. The form Dao showed in the last game was only surpassed by his stunning performance on the beer bong.





### 35E v. Bye

#### Bye

#### Episode 18 – "If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home" or Ave atque vale

If Only. One can only speculate what could have been. With the bye this weekend, and what we should have done during the last 17 rounds, we could've been not only in the Semi-Finals in the next few weeks but finished on top. If Only. And with the shocking preparation of some of our players, what started out as a very strong squad of 19 players, we were reduced to playing with the bare 11 in the second half of the season. Suffice it to say that the 2 oldest players were hardly injured and learned to pace themselves during the season. If only. Our hardline policy on the ridiculous in previous seasons was reduced to phrases such as "that would've been a fine last year". Oh well.... There's always next year. If Only we won more matches. If Only we scored more goals. If Only we didn't have so many injuries. If Only we didn't concede all those penalties. If Only we got more players to training. If Only Zoe turned up to show our strikers how to score goals. If Only the second half of the season didn't go like this

Game 10 – 9-0 – A weeks rest and everything clicked. Everything's Green for Go.

Game 11 – 0-1 – That GK blunder and the 100 chances we had. Damn that speed bump.

Game 12 – 1-2 – We took the lead then gave it away. Red light.

Game 13 – Rain stopped play

Game 14 – Rain stopped play again

Game 15 – 0-2 – Those Eagles know how to take their chances. We didn't did we Steve!

Game 16 – 3-3 – The injured returned and showed how much we missed them.

Game 17 – 0-2 – Ahh these redbacks. Bruces favourite team.

Game 18 – Bye Or is that Good Bye and see you next year! So that's what two points looks like.

Hopefully next year we can shake this Masada Complex off and start afresh. Thanks to the new players in the team Brian, Jeff and Grant. To the rest of the team, put the feet up and recharge the batteries. See you all next year. At least we had fun.

Song of the Week: Nine Black Alps – Intermission.



Well most of last years team turned up again another year older but certainly not wiser considering the age of some of our players that were going around again. Hope was high that we could improve on our finish the previous year and we went into the first game against Menai with positive attitude. Unfortunately we only had 12 men and the game was played in 30 degrees plus heat and we finished up losing 5-1. The doubters were out in force "dads Army" were passed it! Should some of our players have gone to Over 45 could we cope in this grade?

The answer was a resounding YES as the team then put together 10 wins on the trot to lead the competition playing a style of football that would have been expected in much higher grades of the 35 competition. In fact our push and run style was compared to teams of the sixties which is not much of a surprise as most of our team were around then. Yes Alan you were there you just don't remember!

We continued on winning ways until we played Grays Point and then only went down 2-1 playing almost the whole game with nine men. Without a doubt one of best performances of the season.

The minor premiership (or as we like to think of it League Champions) was secured with a week to go and then in the semi final we beat Menai to go straight into the Grand final where we hope to win the lot.

As Super coaches Paul Golland and Stewart Teal have stressed all year this had been a total team effort and every player had contributed to us gaining the success we had. We have always know we had the ability and players to do well. In defense we were solid with Brian in goals for most of the season. In front of him Dave Gray and Robbie Sharpe were the backbone of the team supported by Big Phil, Anthony, Keith Izzie and Macca (when he finally got his kit on the right way round).

In midfield Ian and Little Phil scored goals and provided pace down the flanks. In central mid the steadying influence of Stew and Dave Johnson were supplemented by Joe T Jonesie, Mel(what about those goals) and Mark.

Up front most of our goals again came from Andy and Angus with great support from Matt in his first season of football.

Highlights of the season were many but here is just a few.

Mel Meridith scoring 3 goals and still finding time to inflict GBH on opposition players

After game drinks

Alan Jones getting two on the same day

After game drinks

Dave G and Robbie air swings at various times of the season. Robbie amazing own goal at River.

After game drinks

Macca playing with his shorts on back to front and not realizing the fact.

After game drinks

Brian ballet impersonations in trying to save shots

After game drinks

Stewart's defence wall with only him in it.

End of season trip to the Gold Coast

However the main highlight would have to be Joe T efforts to score a goal, which went down to the last game. As more and more players broke their duck Joe battled on until in the last game we were awarded a penalty that he took and scored. As Ian said maybe it would have been better if he had missed we could have had more fun!

All in all another fun season and a great bunch of guys to be around the way over 35 football should be. Thanks to Kerry who managed the team and finally managed to remember to start the watch with about four games to go. Thanks to all our supporters especially Mick Taylor and Gary Stanley who were there most weeks.

So we only have the Grand Final (made possible partly by a goal from Joe T) and the trip to the Gold Coast to come. Lets hope we are successful in both.

## SWF

Coach John Economos signed up once again for the task, and for a final crack at Grand Final victory... as for myself I too signed up as Manager for old time sake.

SWF had the die-hards sign up – Haswell, Landers, Lloyd, MacAlister, Nichols, Potter, Read, followed by Lanky Laura our Goalie, and Leah her side kick, then our Pocket Rocket Suzie came back all fired up and last but not certainly least our new comers Jane Dean, Heather Williams, Trish Samut, Sharyn Elphinstone (Elfo)! Who have made up our Team of 14 – SWFabulous... Sweetie... Darling... Sweetie!!!

The season started off at a blistering pace with the Ladies on Fire and the Coach right at their heels encouraging them all the way. The 1st round started off with a win of 5-0, then 2-1, 7-0, 1-0, 3-0, 4-1, 4-1, 1-1, leaving the other teams bewildered as to whether we should be in this grade at all! SWF Team had a strong back line, with Sharyn Elfo, Jane, Trish, Fiona, and Linda, this combination was Solid as a Rock. Then you have our Centre's Helen-Anne (George) and Robyn who are our blood line they fed the ball through to our forwards, Heather, Deanne (Deanne was our versatile player this year, she had a spot all over the paddock, just depended where John needed a player and Deanne never disappointed), Sharon and Suzie trying to put in as many goals as they possibly could and Left and Right Wing's Leah and Nora were there to help defend, and run until they couldn't run anymore. Then who could forget our wonderful goalie, who has arms and legs like the gadget man!!!!

The SWF were untouchable until the injuries started to plague the girls, Suzie first, with a shoulder injury, and Sharyn Elfo with a foot injury followed by Helen-Anne with an un-known hip injury – out for 6 weeks, then her ankle gave way – out for the season. These mysterious ailments occurring when she wasn't even playing soccer but AAHH!! To our surprise an announcement of pitter patter of little feet on the way (Congrats all round). Then came the Winter Flu, One, Two, Three dropping like flies. Robyn injured with a torn ham-string, then Leah – back problems – out for the season and now our Goalie Laura – Gooooonnnne!!!! We were in dire straits, borrowing from here there and everywhere... Thanks to our Super Subs Carly and Bianca, true champions braving all weather conditions just for us old girls, but as the season drew to a close we needed to borrow more players, (Stewart to the rescue!) His girls from SWH 2 volunteered their soccer skills to help out. Big Thanks go out to Maree Cross, Sarah Sowter, and Sharne Kenyon, with out these girls our chances of semi finals were looking grim.

We played and lost our chances for Grand Final Victory, however, the SWFabulous... Sweetie... Darlings, did themselves proud against all odds. My thanks go out to each and everyone of the SWF and borrowed players for the most exciting season of soccer and without all their dedication and hard work and team effort this would not have been possible. Also, this would not have been possible without the wonderful patience of the Coach John. His knowledge helped everyone with the finer points of ball skills and tactics. Three Cheers to Johnnie for a Coaching Job, well Done! So as we say all good things must come to an end... It's Bye from me for another year...

GO GIRLS GO



## SWH-1

Wow what a year. At the start of the year we had no idea what to expect, the side came together with the addition of eight new players, all of whom had never played soccer before. A new coach was found and with no warm up games and only a handful of training sessions the first game was upon us. Whilst we lacked experience the new players bought athleticism with them and this athleticism got us through the early part of the season. The highlight of the early rounds came with a trip to the home of the undefeated redbacks, the girls outplayed the highly rated redbacks and were unlucky to come away with a draw. This game gave the girls confidence and belief that they could do well and over the next few weeks the girls started to play some really good football. While the much deserved big results did not come the girls continued to not lose any games and finished the season undefeated. Over all a successful season which sees the girls going into the final series with high hopes and expectations, regardless of the outcome just to be part of the finals is a major achievement by all, GOOD LUCK!!!!

## SWH-2

This year was our 1st season together as a team, and for many of the girls it was the first time they had ever played soccer.

Not that you'd know that by some of the soccer that these girls played.

A lot of girls played up quite a few years, having last year played junior women and jumping to senior women this year, but they handled it well, and it proved to be a positive experience for many of them.

The SWH2 star list was as follows

Maree played in goals and did an amazing job, putting her body on the line week after week and never stepping back from the ball.

Our back line was Lauren, Michelle and B1 whose game and aggression got better and better as the season progressed.

Our Central defence consisted of Sasha, Sharne and B2, and they were a tower of strength to the team.

The girls in the midfield- Kate, Sara, Holley, Emma, Emile, and at times Amy, never took a step backwards, more often not, coming up against players a lot older than them, but they gave it their all every week.

Our strikers Sarah, Shelley, Amy and Rebekah, were like grease lightning on the park. They were so quick and never gave up constantly chasing and putting in the effort to score goals for us.

Else was a late comer to the team, but she did some great stuff no matter what position she played.

A lot of the girls in this team were only 16-17 with our youngest player being only 15, but they constantly came up against older girls and did themselves and the team proud by the way they handled themselves.

At times things got tough on the park, we endured a lot of name calling, but we got to round 17 before we copped a hiding and only missed out on the finals by 2 points.

Enormous thanks has to go to our super coaches Rob and Stewart.

I think this season was a bit tougher than they expected, and for Stewart it was his first time coaching women and it was a bit of a shock to the system.

They had to endure the highs and lows of coaching a girls team, put up with tears and tantrums, as well as endless giggling and girls arriving 5-10 mins before kick off.

They were there every week rain or shine, encouraging us, supporting us, and sticking up for us when things got tough, and we want them to know how much we appreciate all they did for us this season.

All in all a brilliant season from a team who didn't even know each others names at the beginning of year who bonded and now play like a team.

Congratulations to the SWH1's, and well be there next year!!

Till next season!

## Over 45

Running true to form a team was entered in the inaugural 045 competition, shades of 1987!!

After an indifferent start, 9 registered players and a first round forfeit, the season didn't look too promising but numbers increased to 20. First points delayed until round 4 but then we were on a roll, made the final, only to be beaten by the eventual champions.

Many thanks to the Association for giving the senior players the opportunity to extend their careers and to the Club for support.

Will they be around at the inauguration of the 055's competition?

## A.L.2.1.

Firstly congratulations on the TEAM for becoming Minor Premiers 2005. There were several reasons that this result happened. Our ATTACKING DISPLAY was awesome with many GOALS scored that were brilliant!. Our MIDFIELD was the most solid in the competition supporting both attack and defence. Speaking of our DEFENCE and our GOALKEEPER, they were fantastic and dedicated to their task. A sound TEAM effort during the Season paid rewards and the Minor Premiership was ours. Of course there were other reasons in addition to the previous mentions. Our COACH "Hibbo" Senior and our MANAGER "Bucko" kept the TEAM on the right track both ON and OFF the field. Thanks to them on behalf of the TEAM for a brilliant job.

Our Supporters were GREAT, being VOCAL, ENCOURAGING and AMUSING and I am sure the TEAM appreciated their week in and week out banter and cheers. All games home and away always had the boys returning to the hallowed ground and very social. Thanks to "Uncle Harry and Auntie Pat" for their support not only to our team but ALL teams at Gynea.

Overall picture I would say that this has been a most successful display of football and has been enjoyed by PLAYERS, COACH, MANAGER AND SUPPORTERS. At the time of writing and as we head into the Semi's, etc I would like to wish the lads GOOD LUCK, be very proud of yourselves and your club and see you all at the Presentation.

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## AL3

### Minor Premiers & Premiers

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This year we experienced yet another successful season under the guidance of Garry. Carrying the title of AL4 Premiers into the AL3 division was a task that we met with great confidence and enthusiasm. This was no better displayed in the opening round when we beat our eventual Grand Final opponents 6-2 after having a 4-0 lead after ten minutes.

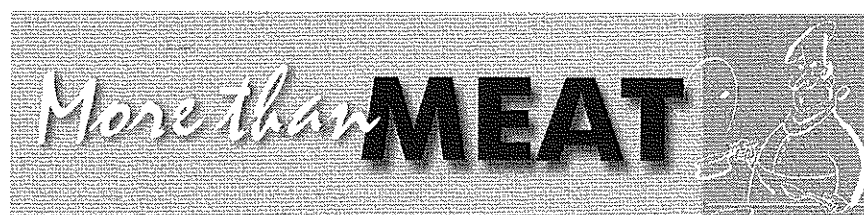
We welcomed into the team this year Pansy, Marty, Matty O'Neill, Luke Elliott and Canadian Club. All five of these players strengthened what was already a solid squad. The pre season took on a different form this year in the shape of great sandy hills. 'Death Valley' had its share of highlights and also its victims. Jordan Curran lasted half a session before leaving the team and linking up with St Pats.

The season itself was a memorable one. The finals series showed what we are capable of and what this team possesses. To come back from a 4 - 0 defeat in the Semi Final to beat defending premiers, Miranda, and then go on to convincingly win the GF 3 - 1 is something that we all worked very hard for. There were probably too many cases of beer drunk after training, but many would argue that this was part of our training.

Season 05 also had its share of goals and highlights. Matt O'Neill's off the corner against River 1, Steve Keep's effort against Heathcote, Todd Grant's diving header in Round 1, Mutza and Luke Elliott's long range efforts, Pansy's GF cracker, Mick Keep's great captains knock in the GF and what can be said about Mutza's crunching tackle against Miranda. All great moments.

At the time of writing this, Airlie Beach is in the not too distant future. I am sure there will be many a story to be told, but as the old saying goes, what happens on tour stays on tour.....

Finally, we must pay thanks to Smudgy and the guys at More than Meat for sponsoring us this season. Shirts were fantastic as were the refreshments after the GF.



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The guideline for this report said 'a general report of the progress of the team during the season - not a critique of each player' well this really spurred some thought. How do you sum up the year of a team that thrives on it's ability to critique the misfortunes, football inability and just plain stupidity its members. In short you can't so let's just be consistent with the past.

At time of writing a semi-final is a matter of days away. So to say how the season actually ended up for the team is not possible. Hopefully a grand final appearance and who knows beyond that, but regardless the year has been a success for a team that is driven by spirit and social interaction more so by the competitive drive to win at all costs. Moving through the team it is appropriate to reflect on everyone's season.

Commando Kuke (Adam Saunders): Arguably one of the best goal keepers within the club, who saved us on many occasions from a potential loss. Such adept skill in front of goal is a reasonable balance to some of the highly dubious weekend pass times and fashion that he chooses. Paul 'Darlo' Darling will at time of press have had another season go by without a goal. Fitness may not be lacking but as the further onset of years takes hold football skill decreases proportionally faster than the rate of increase in years. No season would be complete without the highs and lows of Steve Ewing. Yet again Steve pulled off a half way missile into the back of the net that he still thrives upon as the justification for any subsequent foul ups. Dave 'Drill Sergeant' Duncan played with the same level of consistency in defence as he has in previous years and the same degree of inconsistency from the penalty spot. However, the team would not function without his defensive ability and mindless ranting at the back. Ian: Back room chatter abounded about the Scottish import early in the year. Firstly about what the hell he was shouting on the field, secondly about how this guy could call himself a potential striker. One of the few successful and strategic management decisions made all year was to move Ian to the defence and from that point on he has had an explosive impact. Mind you no one can still understand him! Ian 'Cooky' Duncan, the quiet achiever in the Duncan clan. We know why he is so as he cannot get a word in otherwise with Dave. A team player who always put his hand up for a rest to give someone else a go, but then we all knew it was just an excuse to sit off, have a smoke and watch someone else make a goose of themselves. Speaking of which we come to Tony 'Crash Test Dummy' Wade, the man who is always prepared to sacrifice life and limb for the game and results of the team. Defamation laws and the likelihood that this report will be read by a younger audience prevents any further detailing of some of Wade's off field and nocturnal pursuits. Brad Saunders respected by the team not for his skills and the hat trick of 3 seasons past, but out of fear of being dropped if they spoke out against his management regime. All the hallmarks of a 21st Century malevolent team dictator. Micky 'Chemical' Harband is as fit as a terrier. Fast and relentless in pursuit as one too, but regrettably as thick as one too. Still wonders why the sandals were a mark of suspicion. Todd 'Wilderbeast' Horrell was finally recruited on free transfer from the Kareela retirement park and he quickly became the mid-field pivot that we needed. Alas, regardless of his desire not to stray from the herd like safety of the centre circle his body capitulated late in the season and his career is likely to end as a result. Mark 'Cap'n Kurnell' Laboryie while tragically, but luckily only temporarily, incapacitated early in the season like any phoenix Popeye has risen from the ashes and returned to full strength. Just pity the opposition defender that gets on his left hand side when he is running at full tilt. Road kill! Pete 'Shrek' Felice made a welcome return to the team this year after a brief sabbatical playing in the pensioner league.

Bringing strength, determination and sheer ugliness to the mid field and flanks he was always the thorn in the opposition's side. Roy 'Everyone Right for a Beer' Peat, never reluctant to have a breather regardless of the fact he is one of the fittest people in the team. Started to shine with his adept dribbling skills at the right end of the season, but his other dribbling skills were as always evident throughout the year. Chow's season can be summed as being completely bipolar. Tackling himself on numerous occasions during the start of the season and pulling off almost the goal of the year to beat the minor premiers in the latter half. Probably indicating he plays with the same level of consistency as his beloved Rabbitohs. Brian 'The Man from East Bankstown' Somerville applied the same degree of passion on the field as he did in organising the beer for training and after the game. Jagged two goals against Bonnet Bay to justify his purchase of new football boots. Jordan is our youngest recruit who regrettably peaked in form in the first match of the season and then was struck by the spectre of injury and a high degree of team piss taking for the rest of the season. Tried hard none the less. Better luck next year. Glen 'Giggy / Hobbit' Jamieson returned to the fold of the greens this year and took up exactly where he left off as a bulldog in midfield and owner of a demon shot on goal. However, he has developed a propensity to hurl 'motivational' abuse at his own players after he scores a screamer of a goal. Weird!

Well done guys, this team is what makes it fun to play football at Gynea.

Final thanks to Belly & Stewart - the Laurel and Hardy management team - efforts often ignored but none the less greatly appreciated.