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Monday, 19th October 2015
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President's Report



I have been the President of the club since 2000 and every year I find another reason to love what I do. Whether it is the influence of the Wanderers, or the Socceroos being crowned Asian Champions, or the fact that Parramatta CBD is growing so rapidly, this season saw the club grow to the largest membership in my time at the helm. This is so encouraging and wonderful to see the community embrace our club. And the best and most exciting news is that I expect the trend to continue for a number of years to come as Parramatta can expect up to 7,000 new units to be completed within the next 5 years!!



Of course with such growth will come the growing pain challenges that we must manage together to achieve the best outcomes for our children. A big challenge will always be to find parents who will volunteer to assist with the running of the club. On this point please take notice that currently the club is being run by only 3 persons. I will make this message clear and simple; **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** This has been a draining year for both Tony and myself and we cannot expect a repeat next season. We love what we do and truly find it rewarding in many ways, but this is your club too and with fresh help comes fresh ideas and help to share the work loads.

To ensure on field success, which does not necessarily mean being crowned Grand Champions every year, but rather to ensure the development of our children into better players and better people (good leadership, commitment and sportsmanship), we need more coaches and better coaching. By saying this I am in no way demeaning the efforts of the parent coaches that volunteered this past season, but I am challenging those same parents to learn more and become better coaches, especially the first year coaches. I have been coaching for 18 years and I am still learning new techniques to teach my players. Speaking from experience, this helps keep me fresh and my passion strong for my teams. Of course with more teams expected in the mini roo age teams next year, we will need more parents to volunteer. The club will arrange coaching lessons and training but we will need parents to volunteer first!!

Strong coaching was clearly evident this seasons and resulted in the under 12's being **crowned Grand Champions in a gripping wonderful grand final**. This was truly a game that I will remember where the glory of victory could easily have been swapped for the misery of defeat. I am so proud of Stephen and his team who refused to lose!!

Congratulations must also go to the Over 35's (though most are actually over 45 years of age) **who finished Minor Premiers and Grand Champions!** Many of the team have played for our club previously and for as much as 25 years!

But to all the coaches and managers, especially the first time coaches, thank you for your wonderful efforts. You have made a difference!

To all the parents and players, of course without you there would be no club. Please accept my heartfelt THANK YOU. We are building something special at Robin Thomas Reserve and hope to see you for many more years to continue the Waratah journey.



Whilst I have said that without you, there would be no club, I would like to correct that and take this opportunity to give a **HUGE THANK YOU to TONY FARRELL**, the club's secretary and registrar. Truly without his efforts, there would be no club for your children to play at. Please go out of your way to thank him.

Finally, I will just take the opportunity to let you know that due to an archaeological and heritage issues, the demolition of our old club house and the building of our new has been delayed. In fact Parramatta City Council have discussed with us the possibility of locating the new club house on the south side of the Reserve, just in front of the skateboard park. If we do go with this location, construction works can commence middle of next year. So stay tuned for updates next season.

Well that's it for 2015. Bring on 2016, tell your family and friends and spread the good news that,

WE ARE SOCCER! We are THE WARATAH!!

NOEL DONA
President



Secretary/Registrar's Report

This year I ended up with both the secretary and register roles. The combination of these roles is not a union to be recommended, but still I continued to enjoy being part of a club that is great at making a lot of kids happy whilst making new friends and keeping fit.



There were a lot of great days through the year – even though some came from some frustrating moments. The round 10 wash-out due to the sprinkler system vandalism, being one of the worst days, but when we finally got round 10 played on the fourth attempt, it was a great day. In particular, I enjoyed seeing the shock of then unbeaten and to that point, totally dominant, Dundas U12/4 team, when our team took an early lead and held them off for a draw. I refereed a lot of games during the year, and the round 18 U10 and U11 games stand out as being the most enjoyable. In spite of lopsided score lines in both games, all the players seemed to enjoy themselves, the winners didn't let it go to their heads and all had fun on the day.

Grand-final day was a great day. Both our grand-finalist teams were clearly great teams, but neither had yet beaten their respective opponents. In spite of being opposite ends of the spectrum in many respects, especially age; both the U12 and O35 teams had more in common than just their division numbers: Great coaches, lots of support from the sidelines and a determination from the players to get the job done. The U12 team was facing a Dundas squad that had scored 136 goals in the season, and had conceded only 8 (3 to our team). That is one of the best records I have ever seen! It was a great game – clearly a game of equals putting in maximum effort, with our team scoring the only goal and escaping after conceding a penalty in the final minutes, to win the trophy. I didn't get to see all the O35s game vs Pendle Hill, they were up 2-1 when I arrived. I did get to see a great run and shot at goal by ex Socceroo Matt Bingley – who has shown us great football through the year. It was team coach/captain Paul Black, who I believe started playing with the Waratahs in his mid teens, who put it beyond doubt about 5 minutes from the end with a fantastic left footer's goal.

The big job on the secretary's role this year was the **update of the constitution**. I can see why it had been left so long – it was a big effort to work through. But it was great to see it ready for everyone to consider - hopefully passed by the time you read this.

In the registrar side of my role, it was my job to collect the paper work and money, check the ID's, put all the details into the computer system and send it off to the association so we can get the ID cards we need to play.

This year we had **222 registered players in 17 teams**, though not all of these registered players were actually playing at the end of the season (some had left the area, others just decided not to continue playing, and the U14 team didn't finish the season). This was a little up on last year's 201, but was quite a different mix from last year – last year we had 15 teams, but 5 were adult teams, this year we had only two adult teams, but 50% more junior teams. Having five adult teams was very unusual, so this year was more a return to the modern style of the club, but the increase in numbers was great to see. We were actually pleasantly surprised during our first couple of registration days to see just how many were turning up – and many teams were already full by round one, unusual for us.



One significant characteristic of our community is that it experiences a lot of change and this is reflected in our club, causing the large turnover in players and teams. Another characteristic is the varied background of our community, which I see in the details on the birth certificates I collect for ID purposes. In our 221 players, we probably have players from at least 25 different backgrounds. The breakdown of new and returning players is shown below:

Team	Players	Returning to Club [#]	New to Club
U6/Blue	10	0	10
U6/Green	7	0	7
U7/Red	7	5	2
U7/Blue	6	0	6
U7/Green	6	0	6

U9/Green	12	2	10
U9/Blue	12	10	2
U10/2	15	2	12
U11/6	14	8	6
U12/4	17	11	6
U13/5	17	13	5
U14/5	14	3	11
U15/2	18	8	10
U17/3	18	10	8
AAM/11	16	9	7
O35/4	19	2	17
Total	222	87	133 (60%)



Includes players who returned to the club but have not played anywhere else since leaving us. So they are not considered new to the club.

Like last year, the number of new players was up over the long-term average of 50%, but again due to a big influx of new teams whilst many of the returning teams had experienced a great return of players

Registration for next year will start on-line from mid-January, and at the club house (or its temporarily replacement) through Saturdays in February. *One important point for next year; register as early as possible so we can be sure you have a team! – late registrations can cause problems.*

Please register EARLY, no later than by mid February 2016!

The table below shows the number of teams and players and their results back to 2002.

Club Teams and Results History

Year	Teams	Players	Mini-Roos/ Rooball/ SSF	Minor Premiers	Semi- Finalist	Finalist	Grand Finalists	Grand Champions
2015	17	220	10	1	1	1	0	2
2014	15	201	6	0	3	N/A [#]	1	1
2013	8	91	6	0	0	0	0	1
2012	9	100	6		0	0	2	0
2011	14	190	5	0	3	2	1	0
2010	12	165	4	2	1	3	1	2
2009	12	165	3	0	2*	N/A*	0	2
2008	10	132	3	0	3	1	1	0
2007	11	165	3	1	0	0	3	1
2006	11	180	2	3	0	0	1	3
2005	11	178	1	0	1	0	0	1
2004	11	156	?	1	0	3	0	1
2003	9	139	?	1	0	0	4	2
2002	11	?	?	0	3	0	1	3

*Round Robin rather than traditional final series.

Due to wet weather, the traditional format was not played

COMMUNITY CALL OUT:

We are **looking for SPONSORS** to help with purchasing of new uniforms for every team and additional equipment requirements for the new season. If you have a business and want to be a sponsor, please contact the Club President Noel Dona ASAP. You may be too busy to lend a hand but here is a different opportunity to **support your club and make it the best it can be!**

JUDICIARY RECORD 2015

Our Judiciary record for the year is summarised as follows:

Team	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
12/4	0	1
13/5	0	0
14/5	0	0
15/2	7	1
17/3	5	0
AA11	15	0
Over35/4	7	0
TOTAL	34	2

Historical Record

Year	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
2014	62	13
2013	2	0
2012	25	3
2011	29	7
2010	50	11
2009	24	10

Remember that our club is a proud supporter of Zero Tolerance and we aim to set the standard for other clubs to follow!



PERPETUAL AWARDS 2015

Perpetual Award **WINNERS** are awarded as follows:

Under 6 Blue	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Mohammad Rashid
Under 6 Green	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Jack Lawler
Under 6 Green	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Anthony Thomas
Under 7Red	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Nithin Gajangi
Under 7Blue	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Eric Chen
Under 7Green	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Christiana Kalouche
Under 8	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Christian Stojkovski
Under 9 Blue	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Ricky Ghantous
Under 9 Green	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Mangesh Jagtap
Under 10	Borg Trophy	Most Improved	Krish Raj Negi
Under 11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent	Mohamed Abboud
Under 12	B R Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest	Enrique Milton
Under 13	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved	Aydin Kilciler
Under 14	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent	Akshat Bansal
Under 15	Beau Worthington Trophy	Most Consistent	Ali Reza Latifi
Under 17	D & L Painters	Most Consistent	Michael Nassar

Tony Farrell
Acting Secretary/Registrar



PLAYER OF THE YEAR



The **Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award** – in honor of a great man, a true gentleman, who played for our club as a junior between 1944 - 47 and then went on to become a Soccerroo in 1953 and an Olyroo in 1956.

So how to decide the winner? Is it the club's best and most talented player? Not necessarily. Is it the player who tries the hardest? Not necessarily. Is it the club's fairest player? Not necessarily, though the committee decided that a player who has received a red card, whilst it does not disqualify that player from winning the award, it would make it extremely difficult.

After much discussion within the committee, we determined the award is designed to recognize 3 very important characteristics we look for in all our players. Three characteristics that Bill Henderson himself has endorsed. The winner must consistently display;

1. **Sportsmanship**
2. **Effort and commitment - to game day, training, team and club**
3. **Leadership - by word and actions**

Each coach was asked to nominate a player or players who they believe meet these characteristics. The discussion was very healthy and vigorous and after almost 1 hour of deliberation, we had a winner of **THE HIGHEST HONOR WITHIN OUR CLUB.**

The winner of the **Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award** goes to;

PAUL BLACK

From Over 35's Division 4

'CONGRATULATIONS!!'



YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Whilst the Club Player of the Year Award acknowledges a special player amongst our full field teams, this award acknowledges a special player from our Mini-Roo teams.

The winner of the **Young Player of the Year Award** goes to;

Mohamed Abboud

From the Under 11's

'CONGRATULATIONS!!'



TEAM OF THE YEAR



In season 2002 the Executive Committee introduced this new Award in honour of a life member of the club, the late Mr Frank Jacob. This Award has each team within the club in competition against the other. The Award is based on a points system recognising a team's achievement and most important of all, their fair play.

- The points system is as follows;
- 1 point for every point earned from the regular competition.
 - 3 points for minor premiers
 - 5 points if undefeated
 - 3 points for making semi finals*
 - 3 points for making finals*
 - 5 points for Grand finalists*
 - 7 points for Grand Champions*
 - 2 points deducted for every yellow card
 - 5 points deducted for every red card

Team	Comp. Points	Minor Prem.	Undef.	Semi Final	Finalist	Grand Finalist	Grand Champ	Yellow	Red	Total
U9 Green	42									42
U9 Blue	41									41
U10	6									6
U11	35									35
U12/4	45						7		5	47
U13/5	21									21
U14/5	14									14
U15/2	33				3			14	5	17
U17/3	31			3				10		24
AA11	18							30		-12
Over 35/4	42	3					7	14		38

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And the winner of the **Team of the Year Award** goes to ...



50 years of Service!!

At the Association's recent Annual Presentation Dinner 2015, the Association acknowledged the efforts of our very own treasurer **Vince Wyatt**. This is was our President's tribute:

1965 was the year the first hydrofoil commenced service in Sydney Harbour.

Australia was still using the pound, pence and pennies as our currency and 12 months from introducing the dollar and cents.

Colour television was still 9 years away.

St George had just won the 10th of its 11 consecutive Rugby League grand finals.

The Beatles released Help.

Bill Gates was only 10 years old and founding Microsoft was still 10 years away.

Star Trek had not yet premiered on TV, though Lost in Space had.

Australia's tallest building was the AMP building being only 26 levels .

The Sydney Opera House was 8 years from its controversial opening.

And our Association was only 63 years young and under 6 soccer football in our Association was played on the full 100m field.



Having said that...

At the age of 14 the recipient of this next Award started playing soccer for Granville Kewpies. At the end of the 1965 season he left the black and white of Kewpies...or as they were called then, "the Housos" and at the age of 23 he joined the club on the other side of the tracks, the blue and gold of the oldest club in Western Sydney, the mighty Granville Waratah Soccer Football Club, both as a player and on the Clubs committee. Whilst his playing days ended in the 1970's he has remained on the clubs committee for 50 consecutive years...and to this day is still on the committee of my club! Whilst on the clubs committee he has fulfilled every position on the committee including President for 4 years and for the past 20 plus years our clubs Treasurer.

As a player he was a part of our clubs golden era from 1966 to 1973. Playing left fullback for the division 1 premier team that won 8 consecutive Cottam Cups and 7 Challenge Shields in 8 years, only losing the grand final in 1969 to Tom Newhouse and his Baulkham Hills team.

In 1973 his team won everything, the Challenge Shield, Cottam Cup, State Cups , Round Robin competitions... everything they entered. They were the undefeated Invincibles.



For a couple of years he played for a different club however always remained on the Clubs committee.

With this much experience, as you would expect, he was also a coach. He started coaching when he received a desperate plea from a parent, to please take over a losing u10 div/3 team mid season. He described the team as playing with 9 centre forwards and had just lost 6-0. In his first week as coach he Won his first game 6-0 and coached them for the next 13 years. In 1980 and now an under 18 div 1 team, he coached them to win the prestigious state Champion of Champions.

And for every Saturday winter morning for the past the past 50 years you would have found him at Robin Thomas Reserve doing what he loves... setting up the parks, marking lines, clearing rubbish, putting up nets and serving behind the counter in the canteen.

His wisdom is always appreciated and his contributions invaluable.

If the past season was to have portrayed his life in a TV Reality show...it would have been called the The Lovable Grumpy Old Man, where you would have heard him say such classic zingers like;
"that was the most boring game I have ever seen in my life"
"That was the worse referee I have ever seen in my life"
"The bloody hide of that referee asking for a free meat pie. That's it, you tell Briggsy I am going to deduct that the cost of that pie from the referees bill"
And my favourite, "Its not natural having girls kissing and hugging and dancing in the canteen"
That of course was his grumpy side.

For his lovable side he supports 2 teams.
The Manly Warringah Rugby League team, where he is a proud card carrying member, and
The Might West Ham United - through thick and thin. He is a die hard West Ham United fan and lets everyone know about at every opportunity.

Ladies and Gentlemen friends and family of the Association, I take great honour in presenting a special award for his 50 year's service to our beautiful game to Mr Vince Wyatt.

After the Tribute came a special presentation to Vince. He received a special message of congratulations from Mr David Gold, the Chairman of the West Ham United Football Club!! Now that's special!!! And well deserved.



End of Season Reports

Under 6 Green



The 2015 under 6 (green) Granville Waratahs had a fun-filled season with a few wins along the way. Kicking off the side was young Anthony, who grew so much as a player, securing his first ever official goal with pride. Alongside him was Jack, our superstar defender and keeper of goals. Jack saved the day many times, while brothers Robbie and Rayan consistently demonstrated both skill and courage in their attack and defense.

Our pocket rocket, Zabian joined the team part way into the season as a star striker, bringing along a passionate and patient coach. After a shaky start, Coach Chetin shaped these fine boys into football players teaching them not only how to win a game, but how to lose with

Season latecomer Charlie worked hard at gaining confidence, becoming a great kicker despite his small size, and Ulissis joined us with unrivaled flair and style on the football field. All of our players attracted many cheers from the vocal and extremely proud cheer squad on the sidelines, and with a few wins along the way, the under 6s had a great time and enjoyed the season.

Coach Chetin, Thank you for selflessly giving your time for our young players.

Under 7 Red

The team had a successful year winning all games but two. This year we welcomed two new players Sri and Nilay who showed great enthusiasm for soccer and developed their skills over the season. Tom, our youngest player, was our best defender and improved his confidence in the mid field.

Ben, Ali and Ashwin played consistently well. they all improved considerably in ball handling and passing, allowing them to work really well as a team. Nithin showed exceptional control of the ball and became an invaluable striker for the team who regularly scored multiple goals in each game.

Overall the team showed great sportsmanship and I look forward to see all players next season.

Coach Oscar

Under 7 Blue

What a great year with a full team of 6 excited players. Eric, Ryan and Ethan returned from last year and led the team. Krish, Reyaad and Novac were new to the team and picked up very quickly. Eric was very lean and fast. Ryan was quick to see the gaps and pass. Ethan was able to score some tough long goals. Both Ethan and Eric performed well together. Krish was a good overall defender. Reyaad was a super strong kicker. Novac was a good all-rounder.



We started and ended the season with Parramatta FC with an amazing turn around. Initially we lost to unlimited goals but in the final season game we managed to win the game.

We look forward to seeing you all in the next season.

Coach Kishore

Under 7 Green

Under 7 green soccer team had a fantastic season. Being first season for the team and coach, the team has shown tremendous progress over the weeks in the season.

With Christiana and Zion, who were regarded as a star player by the opposition, lead from the front and managed to score at will, with support of solid mid field from Avaya and Kushagra. Rennas with his powerful kick had the ability to clear the mid field and consistently provided goal post cover.

It was a real pleasure to coach the young and highly organized team and I wish the team all the very best for the future endeavor.

Coach Vipin

Under 8

This season we had a mixed team of experienced payers and new comers.

They all improved throughout the season and we now have a team that is ready to do bigger and better things next year. Each player had their strengths:

Amir the cool, calm and collected.

Andrew no save too hard for him.

Aryan was the fast and furious.

Christian was the opposition's goalie's worst enemy.

Kanav was best all around.
Big kick Liam
Malik 110% every game
Shanon all heart
Tharuka the road runner
Yash the player with style.

This year the games' scores did not reflect the team's ability and I look forward to next season to see the team apply themselves and show what they can do. I can't wait!

Coach Sam

Under 9 Green

We had a very good season overall. I have been coaching for a few years and I can say this was one of the best seasons I had as a coach.

Our team had 6 of 11 players who were playing for the first time and we had to start from kicking and passing techniques. But we also had some fast players who more than made up for our weakness.

In all we played 18 games with a record of 13 wins 1 bye and 4 losses.

Arnav was solid in the goal all season and proved that if we didn't concede goals in those tough games we could make do with scoring a goal or two.

In the defence Bryson, Neil, Thomas, Vinayak and Oisin played their part well given Vinayak, Neil and Thomas were playing for the first season.

Upfront Mangesh and Ali between them scored over 50 goals and Ali with his speed was magnificent making all those runs and creating goals and Mangesh was one of the most precise finishers who made sure most of them went in.

Haroon Mangal supported Ali and Mangesh well in the midfield and also played in defense when required. Om and Anurag were full of energy given their first season. They learnt some skills and enjoyed the game on the way.

Some of our parents helped me in coaching which ensured we were a team of parents and players .

Games against Rydalmere and Regents Park are worth mentioning as the best of all our great games as both these teams tested our patience and resolve and I am proud that boys came away with wins in all these games.

We also came from behind a few times to comfortably win the games which was very heartening to see.

Goals for this season were boys learning a few skills and enjoying the game and if we get a few wins on the way we would take it. But in my view we more than achieved our goals.

Thanks and congratulations to all involved.

Coach Sandeep

Under 9 Blue

Just like to outline what an outstanding year the under 9 team had this year. I enjoy coaching this team and watch them mature and improve throughout the season. It is also great to see all of the same players return from last season with introduction of a few new players and how much the boys and girl have developed and improved over the season.

This year the team did really well with only 4 losses and 2 draws throughout the season. A great effort. As the season got on everyone in the team started to improve and everyone really tried to take on the basic concept of football with playing their positions and trying to stop and pass the ball to their fellow team mates



Up front the main goal scorers for the team were **Rehaj** and **Aavash** while players like **Ricky, Dev, Dean** and **Gene** also managed to score throughout the season.

Defenders also did an outstanding effort throughout the season with the likes of **Dhairya, Soumil** and **Aavash**. The team went through a number of goal keepers throughout the season, with **Adnan, Dev, Soumil** and **Aarov** all doing quite well between the sticks. Also special mention to **Manruj** and **Noura** for doing their part and contributing to the team, throughout the season.

I was very proud of the team and hopefully they will be back together come season 2016. I would like to thank all the boys and girls and in particular the parents for assisting throughout the season.

Thank you.

Coach Goran

Under 10

2015 was a challenging year for the under 10's. We had players that had not played before as well as players who were eligible for under 9's, all playing together. We had only 1 win for the season on the field but plenty of wins off it.

I was lucky enough to have Nick, Joseph and Ishan who were tackling machines. We also had the finesse of Nee, Myles, Cade, Karan and our captain Ammay controlling our midfield. Upfront we had our strikers in Sehandu, Krish and Sansita creating and helping in our attacking raids.



This team as a team and individually, have improved out of sight, which was acknowledged by most of the opposition teams that we played in the second rounds and I look forward to this improvement continuing next year.

Coach Charles

Under 11

My mission this year was to get this team ready to play full field football next season. With the core of the team returning from last year, I felt very confident we would play well every game and improve every game. In this regard it was mission accomplished. We barely lost a game and for the very few that we lose, we were very competitive and mostly unlucky – we certainly weren't outplayed.

The defensive guards of Sam, Amalie and Ritshi were even better than last year and very difficult to crack. Ritshi would swoop like an eagle, Sam would charge in like a bull and Amalie was fearless and courageous like a lioness! The midfielders controlled the game and showed magic to impress and inspire! Abraham and Shane raided down the left, Omar always threatened in the centre and Sandeep and Raynesh and Arnav took turns showing their determination and tenacity out on the right. Mohamed was a class above and his combination with Braha in front of goals was often brilliant. Whilst Aditya preferred being on the field, he was a revelation keeping in goals.

I truly enjoyed coaching this team and want to thank the parents for their continued support. I cant wait for 2016 as this team is ready to play seriously good football!!

Coach Noel

Under 12 Division 5

Justin Sugiatto is a very calm yet very skilful player with good ball control especially with passing. He loves the game and always works hard to be able to play in the first team. Through his commitment and hard work in training, he has developed his skills greatly over the season. He has a great future ahead of him if he continues his hard work throughout his life.

Omid Bageri is a very skilful player with excellent ball control and good dribbling abilities. Omid can shoot the ball exceptionally for his age and despite being the smallest player on the team, he has a huge impact. His big

heart for the game and is always prepared to take on players twice his size. Omid has a very bright future in soccer.

Bernard Sugiatto has developed a lot in the game during the season due to his hard work in training and commitment to learning new skills and dedication to the team. He is very good in a defensive position and a strong member of the team. His big heart and confidence in the game are of credit to him and should he continue to work hard and concentrate on improving his skills, his future in football is promising.

Ojosh Shrestha has improved with his leg strength, ball control and ability to read the game. He is the team reliable left back player. He has shown commitment to improvement and despite being a quite personality; he is loud on the pitch through his hard work.

Mohammed Hatami has an excellent attitude towards learning new skills and has a strong 'can do' attitude towards the game. Over the season, he has become a good team player and improved his ball control and shooting abilities. He loves to joke with his team mates and his hard work and personality leave him with good potential for his future in football.



Lais Niazy is a good player and quick learner and able to implement what he has been taught with ease. Over the course of the 2015 season, Lais has continually improved his movement with the ball and has developed a strong confidence when taking on opposition defence. Through constant support and ongoing hard work, Lais' future looks bright both on and off the field.

Elijah Johnson is the teams' reliable striker. He is tall and fast and can score goals with ease. Elijah has become the teams' top scorer through motivation from his team mates and the clubs supporters. Should Elijah continue working on his self-motivation, he has the ability to become an even better striker in the future.

Rishabh Touneti is a very talented boy with great potential. He is gifted at controlling the ball and is always encouraging team work amongst his fellow players. Rishabh is a quite player and always listens to instructions. He loves playing at right front but is capable of playing any position on the field. With more hard work in the future, he has the potential to become a very talented player.

Tejas Jagtap has a great love of the game and even whilst off the field, is always playing around with a soccer ball. He has improved a lot thanks to his commitment to attending each training session. TJ has the will power to work on anything in order to become a better player. After fulltime at each game, he goes on to play with the ball – perhaps it is his great passion for the game that has resulted in his improvement over the season. He has a promising future in soccer ahead of him.



Atharva Dudhe joined the team after our first match loss to Dundas United. Since then, he has been our talented goal keeper and we have been winning or drawing most games due to his fearless reaction to putting himself between the goal post and the ball. Should he continue to listen to instruction from coaches and work hard, he has a promising future ahead as a goal keeper.

Enrique Milton is our teams' intelligent captain. His experience and communication skills on the field have allowed him to have a successful season in this position. His natural ability to take responsibility of the team and show great leadership gives him a bright future in the game.

Krish Patel has improved a lot in the position of midfielder over the 2015 season. He has benefited a lot from what he has learnt at training and has developed his self-confidence and ball control. Should he continue to work hard like he has this year, he will remain a gifted player and a valuable team member in the future.

Dominique Mendoza one of our most consistent participants at training, loves to play football but also loves to play and joke on the field. Dominique has a great will power which is what is keeping him on the team. he has improved a lot this year Dominique should thank himself for his great effort.

Nikil Siriwandena is one of our developing striker who is the teams energizer always comes in as a powerful substitute to energize the team in the dying minutes when everybody seems to be wearing out, you should have seen him at the grand final, when he come with all the energy to transform the team in its dying minutes. Nikil will improve even further if he continues to work more on his ball control especially during his free time.

in conclusion I should praise all the under 12's for a game well played, Job well done plus consistence of a spirit of "Never give up until the Last whistle" indeed the spirit that has led us to victory.

The Coaches John and I would like to share this victory in a special way with the Club President, Parents and relatives of the team and all well wishers especially in regard to the support they have offered each one in their own different ways

And a word of Wisdom to the under 12's players... let this not be the end of your dreams, take it as the first step of better achievements in the future. Endeavour to develop your skills wherever you go from here and ensure you keep the discipline, which is the foundation of every great sportsman.
Thank you very much,

Coach Stephen Kamara

Under 13 Division 5

Coaches : Aytac Kilciler, John Businge

The early part of the season was tough work for the U13's. Although many of the players came from the champion team of 2014, they had to learn to work together with the new recruits.

After a few hard fought losses, the team was dropped down to division 5 and virtually had to begin again. There was real promise on the field though; with forwards like Yasin, Raj, Nick and Om delighting crowds with their skills.

This was a fast team, with Sujad, Bernard, Jack and Aydin running down the opposition regularly while Robin, Krishi, Anand, Akhand and Vrudent in defence made sure that any shot at the Granville goal would have to be hard won. In the goal, Ralph charged, dived and kicked confidently in every game, regularly attracting comments from spectators and coaches alike.

In the second half of the season, John came on board to assist Aytac with coaching and the team stormed through the remaining games, rising up the rankings after winning many thrilling encounters; and always fighting hard.

As a team, their on field behaviour did credit to the Granville Waratah club. Hopefully, most of them can be back next year. That would certainly guarantee a thrilling season in 2016!

Manager Paul

Under 14 Division 5

Not available

Under 15 Division 2

After last season, I had hoped we could get to the Grand Final but again fell in the Final game, same as we did last year. This year we came second in the regular missing out by 1 point on a minor premiership. Despite having the best defense in the competition, we again had the challenges of stringing enough passes together to score goals. With less than half the team returning from last season, it was going to be a challenge but we did very well to get some good combinations going throughout the season. In the end however, Assistant coach Cem and I felt not enough of the players committed to being the best they could be at both the games AND training. This was very disappointing as there was enough talent to win the competition and be crowned Grand Champions. Next year will be division 1. I am excited by that challenge and hope the boys will come with the right attitude.

Anyway we celebrated the season with a fun night at Hooters restaurant!

Coach Noel

Under 17 Division 3

Not available



Over 35 Division 4

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