

# FREE KICK



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## FROM THE PREZ

Last Saturday proved to be a day of mixed emotions at Robin Thomas. My under 15's team were involved in a very regrettable incident in their match against Merrylands. This game was docile, without tension and has no history to be alarmed by. The game started with Merrylands only having 8 players so I decided to reduce our team numbers and increase them as more Merrylands players arrived during the match – after 15 minutes both teams had 11 players. They have not won a match, we have only lost one. It was 3-0 at half time and we were cruising, in fact, we train harder. So with that backdrop what happened next was just stupid!

A fight broke out in front of our goal mouth whilst a corner was about to be taken. Apparently some nuisance kicking of the shins lead to mouthing off. Words were spoken about someone's mother and punches then followed. Lots of pushes and shoving and swearing was involved. As it was cooling down, it started again and more punches were thrown. What made it worse was that at this point parents ran onto the field – NEVER A GOOD IDEA! Then one of my players who was not playing and was dressed in plain clothes taking photos behind the goals, decided to get involve. Fortunately our Ground Official ran over to stop more stupidity from taking place. Well sort of. A Merrylands parent mistook my injured player for an adult and then confronted him and started verbally abusing him - a child! I had to intervene at this point bring to his attention that he was committing a crime! Meanwhile the referee abandoned the game.

I was very angry at the behaviour of some of my players and I let them know it. This incident was so unnecessary and avoidable. Now my team risks being kicked out of the competition or losing up to 16 points! I asked the offending players did they think their selfish behaviour was worth it?!

**A MESSAGE TO EVERYONE: ZERO TOLERANCE MEANS ZERO TOLERANCE** - If you cannot control your emotions, don't player for this club, don't even play soccer football... **YOU ARE NOT WELCOME!**

After this game of angst and disappointment, I was about to leave and head over to coach my All Age Division 5 team, but I was required to stay and coach and then referee the under 16's game. Now this was a very pleasant and uplifting experience.

Our under 16's team were cruised throughout the game and won 7-0, playing some very good unselfish football in the second half, but this is not what gave me the lift. It was the opposition team Lidcombe Waratahs, who are coming last in this competition.

For the entire 70 minutes they played as hard as they could and gave everything they had – they never gave up. They had 3 girls playing on their team and 2 female coaches on the side lines. Starting with the coaches, they showed enthusiasm and energy to the final whistle always providing encouragement to the team. They never gave up and yet, they could so easily have done so. When they missed their only real chance at scoring I was disappointed for them. Their whole attitude to playing was a refreshing reminder of what my under 15's team, and what so many other teams and coaches forget too readily.

After the game I took the opportunity to join the Lidcombe huddle and say a few encouraging words to the coaches and the team, which were well received and appreciated. I tip my hat to this team and give them the 3 cheers they deserve!

## FROM THE SECRETARY

**Club Photographs** - We have set the following date to be the day we take photographs of all the teams:

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of July** – please try not to go on holidays until after your game that day so you/your child can be in your team's photo!

**U6 & U7 Gala Day** – Good luck to all our Under 6 and 7 teams who will be enjoying a Gala Day out in the leafy suburb of Rydalmere this weekend!

## RESULTS FROM ROUND 11

This would have been the club's best ever week of results if it wasn't for the abandoned match which we don't ever want to see as it brings shame upon our club!

Most teams either won or drew their games with some outstanding results in the MiniRoos.

So, a qualified "well done" to Granville Waratah SFC!

Age Grp / Div	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
08 Koalas	Granville Waratah SFC	0	7	Auburn District
08 Wombats	Granville Waratah SFC	4	0	Lidcombe Waratah
09 Dolphins	Granville Waratah SFC	3	3	Toongabbie Demons
09 Koalas	Rydalmere FC	0	5	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Wombats	Toongabbie Demons	1	1	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Dolphins	Granville Waratah SFC	7	2	Auburn District
10 Koalas	Ermington United	2	4	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Possums	Granville Waratah SFC	1	13	Newington Gunners BLK
11 Possums	Merrylands SFC BLK	0	2	Granville Waratah SFC
13 Combined	Granville Waratah SFC	0	0	Auburn District
14 Div. 3	Granville Waratah SFC	0	1	Guildford County
15 Combined	Granville Waratah SFC	Match	Abandoned	Merrylands SFC
16 Div. 2	Granville Waratah SFC	7	0	Lidcombe Waratah
AAM Div. 5 BLK	Pendle Hill BLK	0	11	Granville Waratah SFC
AAM Div. 5 WHT	Granville Waratah SFC	0	3	Granville Kewpies

## MATCH REPORTS

It is our intention to feature in all newsletters, every match report we receive. Coaches, managers and parents, please organise among you to ensure someone is selected to write a report of the match!

**Please remember to caption who is who in any photos your team submits to be included in this newsletter.** Email reports and photos to: [secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au](mailto:secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au)

All previous newsletters are available from the club website via this link:

<http://granvillewaratah.com/wp/newsletters/>

**Please Note:** The final score will only be shown for U8s and up. For 6s and 7s we don't want to encourage parents to focus on the score but how much fun and enjoyment their kids are having.

Each week we choose the best report to be the **Featured Match Report**, this week it goes to the **Under 9 Koalas** for a great account of their biggest and best win of the season. Thanks to **Jody** for sending it in!

The **Under 7 Possums** win the Photos of the Round for the cutest photos possible! Thanks to **Coach Michael** for sending them in!

### Under 9 Koalas – Featured Match Report

The biggest win of the season for the Under 9 Koalas against **Rydalmere FC** meant nothing but big smiles, high fives and lots of cheering.

A goal in the first five minutes gave the team the edge and motivation they needed to win. Nothing was going to stop them now.

Poor Rydalmere had no chance against our Granville Koalas. Every time they thought they were in for a shot, our side showed that they had other ideas!

The highlights of the game were largely the work of **Veydant, Faheem, Srivardhan** and **Joshua** who all scored goals, with one making it through the goal post seconds before the end of game whistle was blown, bringing the score up to five to nil.

There were some very clever moves from **Ram** and **Shaurya** who were our goal keepers on the day. They



stopped every attempt by Rydalmere to put the ball into our net. Well done boys!

We were also treated to a very good effort from our newest player **Nithin** who has only been with the team for two games but has fitted in very well and quickly.

Finally, we must mention that our clean sheet was largely the result of excellent defending from **Aditya** and **Ariv**. Great job you two!

What a great team effort! The team have worked very hard and have come a long way since their first game.

Well done Koalas and keep up the hard work at training!

**Coach Anand**

Report by **Jody**

**Final Score: 0 – 5 to Granville Waratah SFC**



## Under 7 Koalas WHT

On the weekend we were at home and played host to **Greystanes FC**. With a full complement of players available to select from, it was **Tristan, Ashutosh, Sushanth** and **Liam** who got us started.

Both teams approached the game with enthusiasm and enjoyed equal amounts of the ball in the first half. Greystanes were first to score a goal, albeit with a bit of luck, after an attempted clearance kick from our goal line ricochet off one of our own players and into the net.

Granville were able to shrug off the disappointment of an own goal thanks to some good footwork from **Sineth** in the middle of the park to break through Greystanes defence to score. The excitement of an equaliser seemed to energise the players and a number chances started to come our way, however we went to the break all square at 1-1.

Our defence was tested early in the second half, as Greystanes were able to string a few passes together and get the ball into space. **Tristan** and **Varish** were able to hold off the attack in the most part, along with teammates getting back to cover for each other. After dominating possession for a little while it was only a matter of time before one slipped through to take Greystanes ahead on the scoreboard.

Similar to the first half, it was a goal from the opposition that drew a response from our players to lift their effort and intensity. There was some good dribbling from **Liam** and **Ashutosh**, along with some useful passing from **Arav** and **Sushanth** that gave the team momentum.

**Adriel** (pictured right) was putting in maximum effort all game, and for the second time in two weeks, he was rewarded for his effort with a goal. He also received our Player of the Match trophy thanks to his non-stop determination for the team. **Arav** was beginning to find himself in good position inside Greystanes half and through persistence was able to push through a Greystanes wall of defence to see the ball cross the line momentarily to produce what turned out to be the winning goal.



To be fair it wasn't our best performance on the day, but without a doubt the team has been training well for a number of weeks and have shown great commitment and determination. I was so pleased they got to enjoy the fruit of their labour and hope it will inspire them to continue to work hard and enjoy the game of soccer.

## Coach Anthony



## Under 7 Possums

It was a very early start for the Under 7s Possums away to **Toongabbie Demons**. Unfortunately, we had a depleted squad and were down to only four players on the day which meant 6 missing players were not available. This is something that we must improve on as a squad in future.

It was up to **Moksha, Farhan, Rose** and **Nicholas** to represent our club and I am happy to say they did us proud. They played well as a team and supported each other on the field. Most importantly, there were smiles and enthusiasm from all players. Thank you kids, you all did very well!



**Farhan** was very focused on controlling the ball when it came his way. He impressed me with his effort of trying to dribble or pass the ball when he had some space and time instead of kicking it away. Good job **Farhan!**

**Rose** is doing very well at dribbling and made one of the best dribbles of the match. She went from the right side of the field and was so brave to get past several players. Unfortunately, she was tripped over but that didn't stop her from doing it again afterwards.

**Nicholas** showed everyone just how powerfully and accurate he can kick a ball. He is the youngest player on the field but he bravely stepped up to the call when the team needed him and he played the whole game. Good boy **Nicholas!**

In the second half, the coaches instruction to the team was to pressure the opponents further up the field. The team followed the instruction perfectly and it resulted in a great goal! **Rose, Nicholas** and **Farhan** pressured the opponents and the tackle was made. Moksha pounced on the loose ball and dribbled it all the way to the opponents goal to score. Great goal team!



The team proudly walked off the field at full time together to applause from the parents and we even had parents from the other team congratulating us. Thank you Possums! Great game!

**Coach Michael**

## Under 9 Dolphins

For our match against **Toongabbie Demons** on the weekend, the notable achievements of an unbowed and unbeaten home record against all and sundry, and, let's not forget, the team's current undefeated streak of six matches, were all about to be put to the test.

Our previous match against them, our first of the season way back in April, ended in a four all draw, a result that would make any coach happy with the attacking performance and simultaneously make the same coach gnash his teeth, and weep with despair over the defensive effort. Maybe I'm being a tad over-dramatic (just a tad?) but I did put letting in four goals down to first game positional disorganisation and we'd had all season to work on this problem so I was confident in the team going into the game.



We were without the services of **Troy** and **Siddhant** so the question was: could we show Toongabbie the error of their ways for their audacity in scoring as many goals as our team in the same game? We were soon to find out...

... that Toongabbie had similar ideas as they shot to a two goal lead before we even knew what hit us! The opposition were confident and skilful on the ball and always had one or two players loitering with intent near our goal, waiting for their team to pass to them so they could score. Where was the Granville team of the last few weeks that the parents on the sideline were used to enjoy watching?

At the half-time break, the coach and our statistics-compiling assistant coach had a look at the stats and they were pretty woeful. The sheet of paper was nearly blank such was the paucity of our display. "Play some football!" was the cry and thrust of the instructions as the team munched on half-time oranges.

And play we did in a much better second half! We scored our first goal with some great team pressure leading to **Ishan** bullying the ball over the line to open our account. And our second goal was a thing of beauty ... **Ishan** dribbled the ball down the right, almost to the by-line, and then put in a wicked cross that **Jamaar**, in the perfect position, put into the net with a first time finish! It was one of those goals that a Champions League team would have been proud of, it was that brilliant. It was, however, also a goal born

on the practice field as we usually award goals like that to be worth twice or three times the value of a normal goal, just to encourage this very thing happening.

But just as we were congratulating ourselves for clawing our way back into the match, Toongabbie then scored again to take the lead. Such is football, woe is us. But did Granville mope about, feeling sorry for ourselves? No we didn't! The team deserves lots of plaudits for the way they pursued the equalizer and Toonie were defending for their lives for the rest of the game. The seconds ticked past as we kept the pressure on but we were running out of time.



With only a minute or so to go we were awarded a corner. **Nathan**, who had scored from a corner a fortnight ago, stepped up to take it, and, seeing the entire Toongabbie team defending their goal, cleverly made it a short corner pass to **Ishan** who was in acres of space. **Ishan** then lined up his trade-mark long range effort and we all witnessed the ball sail over everyone's head and nestle into the top corner for our well-deserved equalizer! Cue the sidelines pandemonium! But it wasn't just the parents who were suddenly energized, the team was too, their confidence came roaring back, and, with less than a minute left on the clock, went in search of the winning goal.

Alas, the fairy-tale ending didn't eventuate and we had to be content with a well-deserved draw against a good opposition team. So good was the resurgence at the end, the draw felt a bit like a loss even though we'd only just equalised. In our post-match de-brief we agreed we deserved to be proud of our second half performance but to try to play like that the entire game.

But we did keep our undefeated home record intact and it's now seven straight games without a loss ... good job team! And with the Under 9 Koalas picking up a confidence boosting 5-0 win, and the Wombats a hard fought 1-1 draw, it was a great weekend for the Under 9 age group as a whole. Go Granville Waratah!

**Coach Andy**

**Final Score: a 3 – 3 draw**

## Under 11 Possums

In our match against **Merrylands SFC BLK**, once again we secured a great result with a 0-2 win!

Our goals were scored by **Shivvesh** and **Zach**, great work both of you!

**Meya** was her usual outstanding self in goals with excellent kicks and awesome throws to kick start our attacks.

We saw great defensive play from **Prabnoor, Nilay, Sebastian, Shivvesh, Saksham, Taym, Guled, Deshaun,** and **Aneishah** which meant a clean sheet was achieved, and we also witnessed some good attacking and control of the ball from **Zach** and **Shivvesh**.

Overall improved skills but still need more practice with our running style, ball control, passing and kicking.

Players of the Match went to **Ali, Shivvesh, Zach,** and **Saksham**.

We wish we had more trophies to hand out because the entire team deserved one!

**Coach Kumar**

**Final Score: 0 – 2 to Granville Waratah SFC**



## TEN QUESTIONS

For every issue of Free Kick we select a member of the club and ask him or her 10 questions so that we can get to know this person! This week we have selected **Mickey Ozbrok**.

Mickey is a first year member of the mighty Blue And Gold and plays goal keeper for our senior most team the All Age division 5 Whites. He is also the coach of the under 9 Koalas where his daughter plays and his other daughter plays in the under 6's. He considers himself a Polish Pagan Viking and we wanted to get to know him more, so this week he takes the 10 questions challenge

1. Favourite football player?

*Claudio Cannigia the Argentinian superman from the 1990's. Then Beckham, Zlatan and Lewandowski.*

2. Favourite breakfast cereal?

*I hate cereal. In the land of the Baltic Sea, the North, we eat meat for breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks.*

3. Burger cuisine – Big Mac or Whopper?

*Hate both Maccas and Hungry Jacks...if a burger it has to be grilled at some other nicer place*

4. Wrap me up – Kebab or Burrito?

*Love both, hard choice but kebab because the Ottoman Empire almost ruled the world and they ate kebabs. Mexico never ruled the rule... so not burrito.*

5. Your favourite Cartoon character?

*Johnny Bravo and Shrek, both charming and love women*

6. Your favourite animal?

*Dog, (but it depends on how it's raised. Best friend, loyal. American Cocker spaniel and Dalmatian*

7. Favourite band?

*Maan that's so hard. Iron Maiden because my metal journey started with them. Also Amon Amarth, Nightwish, Dragoforce. Folk Metal, Heavy Metal, Death Metalk, Black Metal, Power Metal Opera Metal...every bloody metal...ha ha ha*

8. If you could have dinner with anyone in history, who would it be with?

*I have 3 idols. Ragnar Lothrok (900's) the Viking, King of Lands were my ancestors. Vlad the Paleman known as Dracula (1460's) the King of Transylvania. Valahia one of the most influential rulers on Europe. Also Marshall Jozef Pilsudski (1920's and 30's) who stopped the attack of Soviet Union and Europe*

9. If you had a time machine, when and where would you go?

*I would go to Jomsberg/Kattegat in 900's and see a Viking village and raise a horn with some Shieldmaidens and warriors to eh future Valhalla*

10. If you could get free tickets to any sporting event in the world, what would it be for?

*Last year I would say Rugby Union World Cup but now Soccer Football World Cup ...or the Wanderers in the World Club Championship against a decent team like River Plate*

