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**Granville Waratah SFC Newsletter
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FROM THE PREZ

The beauty of sport and in particular, soccer football on Grand Final Day is that you can get to learn a real lot real fast.

Last Saturday in the space of 60 minutes, both our under 12 teams experienced the glorious highs of scoring goals and leading a match, followed by the miserable heart breaking lows of defeat. Lessons that are very difficult to accept but valuable nonetheless.

Sure we lost, but the teams were not defeated. They did not throw in the towel and NEVER gave up. This is the most valuable lesson of all. They handled defeat with dignity and remained good sports after the final whistle, when being a good sport may seem impossible to display. They shook hands and congratulated the opposition. This is the right thing to do... it's the Waratah way! I am very proud of our two teams, despite their inexperience, they behaved like role models for all our club members and spectators to follow.

I have coached twelve teams to Grand Finals, but have only won five. All those losses were very painful, but one loss in particular stayed with me for many months. I know how the coaches and players feel but I want to remind them of something that cannot be overlooked, and that is, some players will never play in a grand final, let alone win one.

Despite losing, I hope all involved always look back on the experience and have fond memories. I say all involved because I also mean our spectators too. Our club was very well represented on Grand Final Day and I want to thank you all for turning up, singing, chanting and cheering on our the Blue and Gold. To invest so much energy and passion into the game was great to see and hearing the explosion of sound and euphoria when we scored was absolutely amazing. Despite the losses, we came together as a club and I was very proud of our efforts.

So where to now?



Dion was awarded the match ball for being the Player of the U12/4 Grand Final!

Having tasted playing in a Grand Final, I assure you, that taste will not fade quickly. So let it be for both coaches and players your motivation to play next year and repeat the performance. It won't be easy, but if it was it wouldn't be worth it. It is because it is hard to achieve that will keep you focused and committed. Your 2021 mission, should you chose to accept it, will be the season to attend to UNFINISHED BUSINESS!!

Noel Dona,
Club president.



Granville Waratah Under 12 Division 4, Grand Finalists 2020

RESULTS FROM THE GRAND FINALS

Commiserations to both our Under 12 teams who lost their grand finals on the weekend. Both games were gripping, tense, and close but it just wasn't to be. The achievement of making the grand final should not be underestimated so congratulations to both teams for making it to the big match!

To our coaches Steve and Stephen, we are all immensely proud of you! Better luck next year!

Age Group Div.	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
12 Div. 3	Granville Waratah SFC	2	3	Wentworthville Uniting
12 Div. 4	Granville Waratah SFC	1 (4)	1 (5)	Wenty Waratah

SUMMER SOCCER PROGRAM

This has now been organised and starts next Tuesday, 27th October at 6pm.

Places are filling up fast, please register now (the link is available from the club website: www.granvillewaratah.com.au)

TEAM AND PLAYER PHOTOS

The team and player photos can be collected from the canteen each Tuesday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm until December 15th. Please collect them before then.

PRESENTATION DAY

This year our Trophy Presentation Day is Sunday 8th November 2020 commencing 12:00pm. This is only for our three junior full field teams: the Under 12 Div. 3 and 4, and Under 14 Div. 3, as all our Miniroos have already received their medals and trophies. We will have a BBQ on the day and we anticipate the event will last just over an hour.

Coaches, please confirm with your teams to ensure they attend to collect their well earned trophies. And of course we will be awarding the Perpetual Trophies for each team, the Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award, Young Player of the Year Award and the Team of the Year Award!!

MATCH REPORTS

We publish 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.

All previous newsletters are available from the club website via this link: <http://granvillewaratah.com/wp/newsletters/>

Each week we choose the best report to be the **Featured Match Report**, this week the U12 Div. 3 team wins for being the only report sent in. Thanks to **From the Sidelines** for sending it in.



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8 WEEK SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
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EVERY TUESDAY FROM 27 OCTOBER
TO 15 DECEMBER
6:00pm to 7:15pm
@ BELMORE PARK, CASTLE STREET
NORTH PARRAMATTA
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
AGES 5 TO 11
COST \$100 OR
AN ACTIVE KID VOUCHER



TROPHY PRESENTATION DAY
8 November 2020
Belmore Park
Sunday
12:00pm
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Under 12 Div. 3 – Featured Match Report

G.F. – Big game day. Big game. Big stakes at play. Big nerves. But also, big excitement. The Under 12, Division 3 Waratahs turned up early in support of the game before them – the Under 12, Division 4 Waratahs in their grand final. Theirs was a tight, tough game but, unfortunately, the Div. 4 Waratahs lost out in a penalty shoot-out, after extra time was exhausted. This was a day where simply no-one wanted to go out softly, quietly, easily...

This was the same for our Div. 3 boys, up against **Wentworthville Uniting**. It was a slow start from both sides – it looked as though everyone was weighed down by the tension... But it didn't take long for everyone to be firing on all cylinders. Wenty Uniting were the first to up the ante, managing to drive the ball up to our goals and keep it in the general vicinity for the next ten minutes. Things started to look a little dire; but, ultimately, *our* fire was stoked and then came our response.

The balance was shifted, and suddenly Wenty found us consistently pushing against their defence and endlessly loitering around their goal line for the final ten minutes of the first half. During this time, we managed to secure a penalty – successfully converted by **Seif**. We took the lead! Then, Seif ordered a second goal, executed off a free kick, power-housed by **Ali S**. We went into half-time jubilant, with a two to nil lead. **Angus** and **Ethan** were paramount defence-wise in keeping Wenty from being successful in that first half; likewise, goalie **Fahad**, who was skilled and mature in his efforts of rejection (It would have been a very different score line otherwise). **Nithin** and **Akeem** were strong up front, in bringing it to Wenty; **Saharsh** also valuable and hard-working in helping turning the tide for the better for us Waratahs.

It was felt a hump was gotten over, at that half time mark; but all knew it was far from over – Wenty Uniting having been our toughest competitors all season. The Waratahs took to the field for the second half hopeful, but it also seemed some energy had been sapped, and Wenty once again came out strong – and dominated. Wenty fought back and levelled things at two all – much to the dismay of the cheering Waratah crowd. The two teams then fought it out, horns locked. **Sarth** and

Kyran dug deep and plugged hard to bring our team back to the top. **Adee**, **Ian**, and **Tahaa** gave it their all. Thrown into over-time, it seemed still no-one was going to score and take that lead – take that advantage.



Coach wants to be on the field with his team!



Granville with the first goal of the game

But, at the last minute, Wenty took control and took a goal. With very little time remaining, the Waratahs found themselves not able to respond. It was a 3 to 2 win to Wenty, in extra-time.

It was a hard-fought match, by both sides – but Wenty came out the stronger over-all... Well done, Wenty! Well played. WELL DONE, WARATAHS. WELL PLAYED, WELL FOUGHT – ALL SEASON LONG. CHAMPION EFFORT!

Next year, here we come!

Coach Steve

Coach's Player of the Match: Seif (All Season Excellence)

Report by **From the Sidelines**

Final Score: 2 – 3 to Wentworthville Uniting



Seif, Coach's Player of the Match, Excellence all-season round



Granville Waratah Under 12 Division 3, Minor Premiers and Grand Finalists 2020

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