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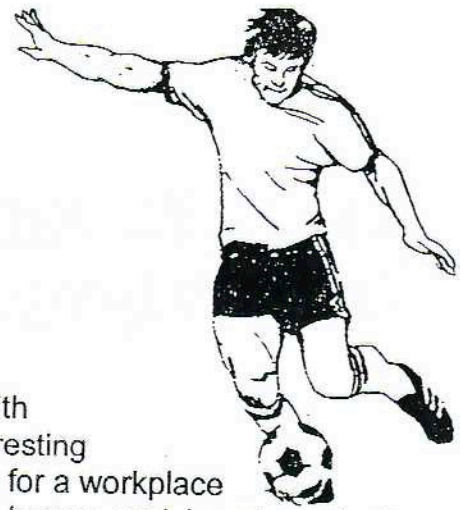
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The Spirit of Soccer

By Andrew Paye*



Soccer, a sport of teamwork and gaining friendship with other team members, is a sport which has a very interesting background. What started as a game of scoring goals for a workplace with over 60 players has now adapted into a well known and loved sport of scoring goals for a team of 7-16 players with 11 people on their team's half at once. The most important rule of soccer is to have fun and co-operate with others in your team.

One of the worst things I have seen in soccer is supporters of one team distracting the players in the other team but it is very nice to see people doing the right thing and supporters cheering you on instead of making the other team feel bad.

Some people think that the only joy of soccer is when you score a goal, but as a person that has not scored a goal yet, I get all the joy I need just from the game itself and not of the goals that make it up. Sure, when your teammates or you score a goal, it is very satisfying to see.

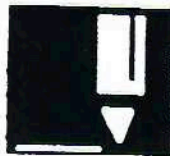
In every game of soccer, (unless it is a forfeit or a draw) there is always going to be a winner and a loser but just because you win does not mean (and I have seen plenty of this) that you can taunt the other team.

In the world of soccer, it doesn't matter if you win or lose, just as long as you enjoy the game and don't forget the spirit of soccer.

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ROUND 5 – 6 May 2000

6 Blue v Wenty Waratah 0 – 7

Aaron & Blake did a great job sharing goalkeeping duties. Luke, Jacob and Sardaj were also really good. A lot more ball control shown by the boys today.

A. Kay

8 Green v Winston Hills 0 – 7

We need to work harder at training - less mucking around and more business. Man of the match Scott Lewin

9/4 v Baulkham Hills 1 – 3

10/5 v Castle Hill RSL 4 – 0 (played 28/5/00)

This was a better effort from our midfielders and defence. Sam, Alfred and Chris worked very hard. Varun as usual covered the field very well. Ashleey & Robie chased and kicked well. Jayde played like a champion. George didn't have to do much, but the time will come. Jamie and Mujtaba are still learning the game. Eden played in defence. Aziz, Chris and Varun scored for us. Chris won the player of the match trophy and Varun won the McDonalds voucher. Well done boys.

Ash

12/4 v Baulkham Hills 1 – 5 (played 28/5/00)

A bit of a wake-up call for the boys today. Playing with three players short against one of the competition hot shots, we matched them for most of the first half, then let in a simple goal. Fatigue set in, and our game plan went out the window – we did some silly things at times in amongst some passages of good play. Guys, we have to learn to keep our heads up and concentrate on what we should be doing. Man of the match was Jashan, Masod was our goal scorer.

R. Paye

13/4 v Wenty Waratah 0 – 15

It was clear that Wenty should not be in this division – they were clearly two if not three divisions better than us. It will always be difficult to play such a team with only ten players and maintain determination – credit to our goalkeeper, Solimun, who played well and saved many more goal attempts, Edwin, Daniel, Qais and Anthony worked the offside trap on numerous occasions, foiling the opposition time and time again. Very pleasing to see Anthony continue to improve.

N. Dona

15/3 v Toongabbie 2 – 2

We had them! The story everybody loves to tell about the one that got away – we just about got it in the boat, all but the last ten minutes the boys were all over them. Over all the time we did play we played exceptionally well. We'll get them next time. Goal scorers were Zimron and Stanley with a ripper – he seems to be making a habit of lighting up our eyes with something special.

M. Esh

16/2 v Greystanes White 4 – 0 (played 21/5/00)

Well, yesterday I wouldn't have thought that we would beat the under 6s, but today we came, we saw and comprehensively kicked ass (whoops – butt). The boys strung passes together, one touch football was the order of the day. We only played to 75% of our ability but if we win all games that well we can save 100% for the grand final. Well done boys.

D. Lewis

17/1 v Baulkham Hills 2 - 3
Man of the match - Nazih Allamedine.

J. Warrington

Sen. 3 v Baulkham Hills 4 - 1

Sen. 4 v Winston Hills 2 - 1 (played 21/5/00)

Sen. 7 v Lidcombe Waratah White. 4 - 4

Excellent game - shame we didn't win but we should get them next time. Still undefeated.

AAL v Granville Kewpie 2 - 3

M. Szabo

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ROUND 6 - 13 May 2000

6 Blue v Dundas 0 - 5

A full strength Granville team put up a great fight. Man of the Match Joshua, along with Blake, Sardaj and Jacob all led great raids. Aaron and Luke were amazing in goal. A good game by a quickly improving team.

A. Kay

8 Green v Castle Hill United 1 - 4

Good defence. Michael played well for his first game in goal. We need to clear the ball and define positions more. Man of the match - Dominic

9/4 v Wenty Waratah 0 - 2

10/5 v Greystanes 6 - 1

Boys, well done. We played reasonably well, but we were out of position all the time. Aziz, Bradley and Ashleey scored the goals, Aziz scored four - well done. I'm very disappointed with our defence. Alfred, Bradley and Andrew played really well. Andrew's tackling was superb. Robie played very well in all the positions. Kids if we play the way we train to play, then we could have scored more. Well done.

Ash

12/4 v Winston Hills 1 - 3

This was a game that we lost in the first five minutes. Playing against the undefeated competition leaders we started slowly and were down three nil before we knew what had hit us. For the remainder of the game we matched the opposition, putting a lot of pressure on and getting one goal back. Still too much individual play at times and not enough teamwork - that and positional play still needs work. Good effort from all the players, particularly our man of the match, Pravineel. Kevin was our goal scorer.

R. Paye

13/4 v Lidcombe Waratah 1 - 2

The boys played below their potential in the first half and were down 2 - 0. The second was a much improved performance, the team played smart and dominated - we scored one and had some very good build ups to fall short on the last shot or pass. It is great to see new players who have never played club soccer improve dramatically and play team soccer. Well done Safi, Anthony, Qais and Haron. Edwin scored a great goal - Solimun was great in goals.

N. Dona

15/3 v Guildford 0 - 0

The boys were flat, they didn't commit to the ball and lost 90% of 50/50 balls. The only committed player was Elias who tried very hard. Overall, disappointing is the best word to describe the game, squandered chances in front of goal too many times.

M. Esh

16/2 v Wenty Waratahs 4 - 1

Very slow start, some missed chances in the first half - 1-1 at half time. A bit of geeing up at halftime and they came out of their shell. The last 15 minutes they played some very exciting football. Very pleased with their effort and the score, we can improve a lot which will come with time.

D. Lewis

17/1 v North Rocks 2 - 5

Man of the match was Brett Debattista whose effort and hard work on the field achieved a second goal for his team.

J. Warrington

Senior 3 v Winston Hills White 6 - 2

Senior 4 v Auburn District Black 6 - 2

Senior 7 v Lidcombe Waratah 2 - 1

A good result, but if we play our game of hold and pass it would have been much easier. 2 nil up is not an unbeatable lead. Keep it up.

M. Szabo

AAL/2 v St Johns Jnr. 2 - 1

ROUND 7 – 20 May 2000

6 Blue v Holroyd Rangers 1 – 2

The team's best game so far. A very close match with Aaron stopping plenty of goals. Blake scored an amazing goal. Jacob, Luke and Joshua gave great support. Sarah, our newest player, got player of the match.

A. Kay

8 Green v North Rocks 0 – 2

Although we lost, we showed some positive aspects, we're starting to play like a team. Passes were made, tackles met the ball and we did have our chances. Man of the match was Dylan Worthington.

B. Worthington

9/4 v Holroyd Rangers 1 – 4

10/5 v North Rocks 2 – 1

Boys, what can I say? The best defensive game we played so far. Alfred, Ashleey, Roby, Eden and Sam played well in defence. Chris played really well in the middle. Aziz and Bradley – very well in the forwards. Varun, it's very hard to see you, but you are the best team player I've seen. George kept us in the game with a superb save. Well done. Roby was the standout and won the player of the match trophy, and George got the McDonalds voucher. Boys, we still have to train hard to be good. Keep it up.

Ash

12/4 v Castle Hill Utd. 1 – 0

One of our team commented on the trip to Castle Hill that if you won 1-0 or 100-0 you still get three points. Today we played well enough to win 1-0, and got the points, this was particularly pleasing as we were minus two key players. A good defensive effort from Jashan, Edward and Gurbaj, who is improving with every game, kept the opposition out. Good attacking play from the rest of the team, particularly our ever improving man of the match Edris, Shane, and, in the second half, Andrew. Special mention to Izzac for a great game, on the field in the first half and as our second half goalkeeper. Shane was our goalscorer.

R. Paye

13/4 v Pendle Hill 1 – 7

The team played well with only 8 players in the first half. Rohan scored a great goal 30 seconds after Pendle Hill's first. Being 1-2 down at halftime we looked to have a chance but the opposition scored 2 quick goals and ended our chances. Fatigue set in as expected and caused a lot of frustration. We had very good chances to score but when Pendle Hill counter attacked our defence was exposed in the back. Safi had a great first half and Anish played well for his first ever game.

N. Dona

15/3 v St Johns Auburn 3 – 1

Excellent effort by the boys – everyone pitched in and lifted after the last two disappointments. Once again Elias had a superb game taking man of the match honours. Goal scorers were Stanley with two and Daniel with one.

M. Esh

16/2 v Castle Hill Utd 1 – 1

Very disappointing effort from a team that a lot of people consider one of the title hopes in the club this year along with the U/15s, Snr 3s, Snr 7s and others. The boys played like they were the bottom club, not Castle Hill. We can improve by 98% boys.

D. Lewis

17/1 v Castle Hill Utd 2 – 3

Man of the match Beau Worthington played a very good game, and the team played well.

J. Worthington

Sen.3 v Pendle Hill 5 - 2

Sen. 4 v Lidcombe Waratah 1 - 1

Sen.7 v Pendle Hill 0 - 2

Down but not out. Still 11 rounds to go, we'll get them next time.

M. Szabo

AAL/2 v Lidcombe Waratah 6 - 0

The team ended up with six goals and the three points, but a bit more team effort would have resulted in a much higher score. We let ourselves down by standing around watching the opposition kick the ball around. The basics let us down - not marking, passes to empty spaces, corner kicks going over the goal line all the time. We can do well in this division if we concentrate on improving in these areas.

Mark Lilley

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ROUND 8 - 27 May 2000

6 Blue v Parramatta City 0 - 4

A good effort this week. Aaron, Jacob, Sarah, Joshua and Sartaj all gave great support to Blake and Luke in goalkeeping. Jeremy got the player of the match award in his first game.

A. Kay

8 Green v Guildford 0 - 1

We lost, but we are improving. A lot of positives came out of today's game - everybody was tackling, everybody was running, and everybody enjoyed the game. We could have had it but we need to learn how to finish the ball. Man of the match: Scotty Lewin.

B. Worthington

9/4 v Auburn District 0 - 3

10/5 v Merrylands 5 - 0

Well done boys. We need to be fair to everyone in the team - I try my best to give everyone a chance. Aziz was superb at the front. George was good in goals. Andrew, Mitchel, Alfred and Chris were good in the midfield. Ashleey and Robie always defend proudly for the team. Jayde's involvement was good. All the others were given a chance (maybe too little). Well done, keep it up.

Ash

12/4 v Lidcombe Waratah 8 – 0

A very good attacking game today – great teamwork and passing gave us the result. It was a game we dominated from the start, we kept the pressure on and never let up. The goal of the season was scored from a great counter attack from our own goal line, a succession of short passes all the way up the field resulting in a great goal. Shane scored four today, his second hat trick of the season, Masod scored three, and Kevin, the man of the match, scored one. Some very good work from the opposition goalkeeper prevented the score reaching double figures. As well as the three goalscorers, Edris, Pravineel and Jashan had great attacking games today, and Edward as usual proved a rock in the centre of defence. Keep it up guys and don't get carried away – you're not going to win every game 8 – 0.

R. Paye

13/4 v Castle Hill RSL 0 – 13

Despite the fact that the opposition should not be playing in our division, we played the worst we have all year. There was little good we could take away from this game, except a good performance from Solimun, who saved a lot more than he let in, and Saffi's first half performance, when he continually put his body on the line to tackle players twice his size. Hopefully the boys will learn from this poor performance that **teamwork** is everything.

N. Dona

15/3 v Pendle Hill 10 – 0

The team played outstandingly. They controlled the ball well and gave themselves every opportunity hence the scoreline. Man of the match went to Chris Safary who won everything. Goal scorers were Zimron, Stanley and Daniel. Fantastic result boys – keep it up for the rest of the year.

M. Esh

16/2 v Winston Hills 3 – 2

Well we took the points, but our game was very much below average. Disappointing but we'll take the points.

C. Lewis

17/1 v Lidcombe Waratah 10 – 1

Man of the match Rouhoullah.

J. Warrington

Sen. 3 v Parramatta City 9 – 0

Sen. 4 v Castle Hill RSL 2 – 5

Sen. 7 v Holroyd Rangers 1 – 3

No comment.

M. Szabo

AAL/2 v Wenty Waratah 6 – 0

A better team effort this week. The passing improved with them going to team mates. We still need to attack the ball in the air, don't let it bounce. Head it or get your body behind it. Great goalkeeping from Mel. Keep up the hard work in defence.

Mark Lilley

16/2 v Fairfield Pats. – 1st round Metro Cup (28/5/00) 2 – 6

An outstanding effort from the boys. We will give them a run for their money in the return leg. The boys should be very proud of themselves. A special thank you to Beau Worthington and Eid Hoachar for contributing. Thanks boys.

D.Lewis

ROUND 9 – 3 June 2000

6 Blue v Castle Hill RSL 0 – 9

A hard game but a valiant effort by the whole team. Aaron was man of the match for his hard work in goal. Sarah, Jeremy, Luke, Jacob, Blake and Sartaj all played well and tried their best.

8 Green v Baulkham Hills 1 – 6

A. Kay

9/4 v Winston Hills 0 – 0

10/5 v Pendle Hill 2 – 0

Boy's we didn't play well, but still we won. As usual our defence was superb. Ashleey, Alfred and Jamie are really good. Aziz and Mitchell scored the goals. Bradley, Andrew, Sam and Chris kicked and chased well. Jayde that was so close – maybe next time you can score the goal. Jayde won the player of the match trophy and Jamie won the McDonalds voucher. Well done boys.

Ash

12/4 v Kellyville 0 – 5

One that really got away from us. Down 0 – 1 at halftime to a goal scored through a Granville mistake, we were the better team and were creating scoring opportunities. In the second half we played terrible soccer – the effort was there from everyone, but we certainly didn't play smart. Remember boys, we have a defensive line, a midfield and a forward line – where was our midfield? At times there was close to 50 metres between our attack and defence, with no Granville players in between – that made it easy for the opposition to do whatever they wanted with the ball. To make it worse, we were standing around watching them do it. We worked hard in attack and hard in defence, but there was too much individual play. Let's concentrate on positional play and teamwork. Man of the match today was Edward, who tried hard all game, as did Izzac, who had probably his best game for the club. Brave effort from Vishal who gave up a tooth in the line of duty.

R. Paye

13/4 v Winston Hills 1 – 5

Playing with eight again! Despite this the boys played well and kept the opposition honest. 0 – 2 at halftime soon became 1 – 2 with a 60 metre solo effort from Daniel producing a screamer! But as usual, fatigue and exhaustion set in to rob the boys of a better result. Watching the boys let in three late goals (one offside) continues to be frustrating. Give us a full team and we will win.

N. Dona

15/3 v Bye

16/2 v Greystanes Blk. 1 – 0

17/1 v Winston Hills 0 – 3

Started slow with 10 players in the first half (0 – 3), lost another player to injury, played a good second half with 9 – nil all second half. Man of the match Nazih.

Sen. 3 v Wenty Waratah 1 – 2

C. Thomson

Sen. 4 v Winston Hills Black 2 – 1

12/4 v Baulkham Hills 0 - 0

Playing against the division's leading team (they beat us 5 - 1 in the first round) without 2 of our main players, this was always going to be a hard game to win. We came close, and although the opposition missed a penalty, we probably created the better opportunities and came closest to scoring. Great effort from all the guys - man of the match Shane was everywhere, and Izzac continues to improve with every game. His save in the first half was a ripper - the ball was heading towards the top left corner of our net when little Izzac jumped above the pack and pulled off a miraculous save - pity he wasn't the goalkeeper! Well done guys, you hung in there and fought right until the end, keep it up and let's finish the season in style.

R. Paye

13/4 v Auburn District 0 - 11

Even though we had only 7 players the boys played disappointingly. It is when we are undermanned that we need to remember the basics of soccer. I hope the boys haven't given up the season yet. Anish tried hard and continues to improve. Solimun played well in goals and only made one "mistake".

N. Dona

15/3 v Toongabbie Match abandoned

16/2 v North Rocks 3 - 0

17/1 v Baulkham Hills 2 - 2

Man of the match was Nazhi, who played with enthusiasm and the right attitude for the game. Well done, Nazhi.

J. Warrington

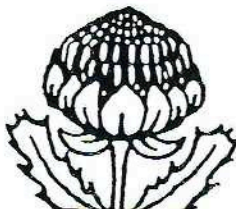
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Sen. 4 v Wenty Waratah 3 - 12

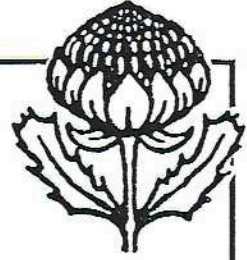
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- Editor apologises for the delay of this issue of Free Kick, however the birth of my first born sort of took priority!! I trust you will all forgive me..... By the way...it was a baby girl!!
- Looks like we have a star in the making...Lets congratulate Aziz Karkour of under 10's. He scored 20 goals in the first 8 games of the year. If he continues at this rate we may have to start checking the record books!
- Speaking of success, after Round 12 I have much pleasure in advising that 5 of our 13 teams Granville Waratah teams are sitting on the top of their respective ladders...10/5, 15/3, 16/2, Sen.3 and AALadies.
- If you would like to get all results and competition ladders on the net then go to www.isport.com.au.
- Special thanks to all the sponsors for season 2000...old and new!!!.....Pssst, have you noticed that the sleeve sponsor of the Parramatta Eels is also a sponsor of this club!!
- Put Saturday 15 July in your diaries because this will be team photograph day. Make sure you ask your coach/manager when will be your teams' turn. SPECIAL NOTICE... because of our sponsors support, the complete package will cost only \$8.00!!! Money up front please.
- Everyone please note that in the clubhouse on Monday 10 July at 7.30pm a forum will be conducted to discuss the "Fors" and Againsts" of changing the club name...all are welcomed. Look out for the next issue of Free Kick to find out what date a vote will be taken to decide our future!!
- Finally, very soon all players will be asked to participate in the clubs annual raffle. Prizes will include a soccer ball signed by Harry Kewell, Sandvik power tools and one nights accommodation at the 5 star Swiss Grand on Bondi Beach (post Olympics).