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Presidents Editorial

I am pleased to state that despite being one of the smaller clubs in the Association we are still proving to be very competitive. At the half way mark of the season it would seem that all 11 teams have settled down and have set their sights on a position in the semi finals. I believe we confidently say will have at least 5 in the semi finals and as many as 8 – remember last season we had 7 – there's our target. Whilst victories and trophies are not the only measure of success, it certainly helps along the journey.

Let me take the opportunity of thanking Registrar Cheryl Thompson whom has put in a mighty effort early in the season to have all players registered. Lord knows we have all tried her patience, too often unfairly but she is a real trooper.

One big triumph we have achieved this year has been the introduction of our new uniforms. They have been a long time coming and I thank you for your patience, but I trust you will agree with me that they look great. They have certainly attracted the eyes of our oppositions. It took 3 rounds of soccer before a team in the club lost in the new uniforms – that honor goes unfortunately to the mighty under 10's. I wonder which team will win the honor of being the last to lose in the new uniforms?... I will keep you all posted.

The choice of the new uniforms was not random selection. Whilst it is predominantly blue, the tradition and heritage of the club and the old strip has not been lost with the legacy of the yellow stripes on the shoulders. There is no other club in the Association that shares this style. Also no other club can boast such a major sponsor. Mortgage House of Australia - also sponsors of the Parramatta Eels (NRL), St Kilda (AFL) and the Sydney Kings (NBL) have supplied the entire club with 17 sets of jerseys to cover the needs of today and in future seasons. Let all the clubs in the Association stand up and take note of this little club in inner city Parramatta. As with all our sponsors, I trust you will support them as they have supported us. Their generosity is valuable and truly welcomed.

Finally, let just wish all coach's and players the very best for the remainder of the season. The Executive Committee asks that you all pay very hard but equally play very fair, doing this club and yourselves proud. Remember to play the whistle and enjoy the world game.

Noel Dona

Round 1 – 6th April 2002

7 Green v Castle Hill United

0 – 9

Although the under 7s lost, they didn't give up. Jayden Case overall played best, and was the MVP (Most Valuable Player). Zak and Cheyenne played their first ever match, Zak was in goals and Cheyenne was in attack, both played well. Nicholas played a great game, but at times failed to follow up the ball. Wayne started as goalkeeper and then switched to defence, in both positions he played very well.

C.Moses

10/4 v Wenty Waratah

1 – 1

11/3 v Pendle Hill

4 – 1

Welcome all the boys to the start of season 2002. The new boys (you know who you are) well done. To the old boys, you gave great support and friendship. The game started in favour of Pendle Hill, who scored first, then some outstanding play from our boys produced 4 goals, two to Masoud, and one each to Milos and Pierre. A great effort all round, good start to the season. Man of the match was Masoud.

Danny & Melanie

12/4 v St Johns

1 – 2

Granville Waratah with only 10 players played St Johns, but good penetrative runs down the left wing caused St Johns a great deal of trouble. Finally Aziz Karkour zig-zagged around 3 players and potted the goal. A few minutes later we pushed up too far and the opposition broke away and scored the equaliser. In the second half we came within inches of scoring, with Eden, Veron and Mitchell in the middle, but it wasn't to be. Tiredness finally took it's toll and St Johns scored to win 2-1. Despite the loss the boys showed a lot of potential to have a fruitful season.

J. Pears

14/3 v Toongabbie

4 – 0

A good way to start the season, the same way as we finished last season, with a win. Everyone pitched in and played well, but special mention must go to Man of the Match, Sam, who was asked to step forward and provide the type of game that some of our departed players provided last year, which he did, and to Edris, who, after some ordinary form towards the end of last year, and in the trials, stepped forward and played the type of soccer he is capable of.

All our new boys fitted in well, in particular Chad and Jack (who looks like he could run all day) played well in attack.

Leading 2-0 at the break, we had a player sent off shortly after halftime and the boys had to dig deep against a committed opposition. It was good to see the effort put in, also good to see the talk and encouragement amongst the players.

Goals today were scored by Sam (2), Edris and Chad.

R. Paye

15/3 v Pendle Hill

3 – 6

The first game of the year showed patches of very good soccer, especially the two Daniel Hansel goals- skill and team work, but we got punished when players did not play their positions. A very good effort from Russell De Leon in his first club game. Once we work out who plays best where, we will do very well. The sooner the better!

N. Dona

17/2 v Dundas

4 – 1

The boys played a good game in the first half, but slackened off a bit in the second. Brendan Soo had a great game, and was man of the match

F. Ayubi

AA2 v Baulkham Hills

0 – 4

AA8 v Castle Hill United

2 – 4

It's only the first round.

M. Szabo

AA9 v Wenty Waratah

2 – 2

35/5 v Pendle Hill

2 – 2

A good start, great goals by Dave and Mikhail. A great result but we could have won – keep playing for fun guys.

K. Betts

Round 2 – 13th April 2002

7 Green v Lidcombe Waratah

0 – 2

What a fantastic effort from the guys, we played the whole game 1 player short, and a lot of the second half 2 short. Our commitment was unbelievable, we had no luck and could easily have had two goals in the second half.

Nicholas was outstanding in defence, as was Jayden in attack. Wayne was everywhere, and Zaki and Shayan tried their hearts out. Great game guys.

John Moses

10/4 v Baulkham Hills

3 – 0

A class act, a good game all round. Everyone did their job from Dylan "Chook" Worthington (Man of the Match) to Mujtaba Faiz in the forwards. You couldn't fault any player, sure there is room for improvement but with a performance like this to build on we should be there at the end of the season.

B. Worthington

11/3 v North Rocks**2 – 1**

The first half saw a scrappy game by both sides and an empty scoreboard. At half time the boys knew that they had to lift themselves in all departments, and thankfully they did. In the second half the boys were on the attack right from the whistle, and this resulted in a good goal kicked by Pierre. They let their guard slip in defence though and North Rocks got an easy goal back. A few positional changes were made, and effective attacking skills were shown by the centres and forwards. A great pass from Thomas to Masoud allowed him to kick the winning goal, the boys were very hot and tired but played well until the final whistle. Man of the match was Chris Eid who had an excellent game centre field with some great passing shots.

May I take this opportunity to welcome our new players – Ahmed, Chris, Payam, Patrick, Mushtaq and Masoud. May we have a happy and goal – filled year.

Melanie Adams-Smith

12/4 v Pendle Hill**2 – 6**

Unfortunately we only had 8 players which made today's task very difficult. I played a fairly defensive formation – amazingly we got off to a flying start where Mitchell Dunne scored an early goal. That motivated Pendle Hill into action and they scored three quick goals. A great header at half time gave them a 4 – 1 lead. In the second half we organized our defence better and Aziz Karkour scored an individual goal. They struck back immediately and then one right before full time since we were dead on our feet made the final score 6 – 2.

J. Pears

14/3 v Lidcombe Waratah**1 – 3**

It had to happen – our first defeat in 22 games, since round 17, 2000. Playing with only ten, and minus some key players, we were always going to do it tough against probably the strongest team in the competition. To our credit, we worked hard all game in trying conditions and never gave up, suggesting that with a full squad we'll match Lidcome next time we meet.

Great games in defence today from Anthony, Pravineel and goalkeeper Mousa, and especially from Sam and man of the match Edris, who both toiled hard all day and attacked with skill. Good goal today from Mladen, who needs to back himself a little bit more and try more long range shots. Great effort today guys, you all worked hard and you shouldn't be disappointed – we'll bounce back.

R. Paye

15/3 v Castle Hill United**4 – 1**

With the guys 1-0 down at half time I thought it was going to be another one of those games where we dominate but come away losers. We had 8 shots to their 1 in the first half, but the boys were more patient in the second and the goals flowed. Accuracy could have seen us with a dozen more. Man of the match Walid scored 2, as did Daniel Hansel. Good performances from Edwin Singh and Bzy. Well done boys.

N. Dona

17/2 v St Josephs**7 – 0**

15/3 v Dundas

1 – 2

A game that will tear your hair out for any coach. We dominated in every aspect of the game except the scoreboard. We should never lose a game when you outnumber the shot at goal 12 to 3...but manage to lose 2-1. I fear this loss may come back to haunt us. Walid, Marwan and Daniel all missed point blank shots and lost their patience. The forwards need to work as a team and concentrate on their positional play better.

Noel Dona

17/2 v Castle Hill United

2 – 1

We played an all right game, but just won.

F. Ayubi

AA2 v Granville Kewpies

3 – 4

AA8 v North Rocks

3 – 6

AA9 v Merrylands

2 – 2

35/5 v North Rocks

1 – 0

A good all round effort by all – goal by Mikail.

K. Betts

Round 4 – 4th May 2002

7 Green v Wenty Waratah

5 – 0

All the boys had a fantastic game. Jayden Case scored 3 goals, Michael 1 and Wayne 1. Keep up the good work boys.

N. Case

10/4 v Merrylands RSL

3 – 0

11/3 v Guildford

3 – 1

We had a much improved game this week. Our positional play was much better, and will get even more so when the new players slot effectively into the team. Both teams appeared very even at the start of the game, and Milos, who kicked a good penalty goal, was the only player to score in the first half. Our boys continued to play well in the second half, with Masoud scoring a great goal after a skillful pass from Aaron. Unfortunately, immediately following this our defense lapsed and Holroyd got one back. The backs then played well with Andrew and Troy leading the way, and Holroyd didn't get back to our goal for the rest of the game. Aaron (Man of the Match) continued to play well up the centre and after giving Masoud another terrific pass, Masoud kicked it in off the post. Congratulations to Masoud, who has now scored in every match so far. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a good result for the coach on his birthday.

Melanie Adams-Smith

A Message from the Secretary

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some of our Association and our Clubs' rules that must be addressed regularly

To all coaches and managers, note that **all game results are to be communicated to the Secretary or the canteen - phone 9891 4310 - at the conclusion of your match.** The preferred way to do this is on a match report sheet, available at the canteen, which also includes a write-up for the magazine. As these results have to be sent to the Association on Sunday, it is imperative that they are submitted. It is not the responsibility of the Secretary to chase up results, rather it is that of the team Manager/Coach. Your assistance is appreciated.

Ensure all team sheets are completed correctly. The team name should be at the top, the players listed correctly, and the Manager should sign the bottom of the sheet. Sounds easy, but too often sheets are filled in incorrectly. **Take note that clubs incur fines** for incorrectly filled out sheets (which will be the team's responsibility) - they must be done right. If you're not sure ask.

Only the coach, manager and substitutes are to be inside the roped off area whilst the game is in progress. Substitutes are to remain seated on the bench, the coach is either to remain stationary at the bench, or if he/she wants to walk up and down then it should be outside the rope. This applies both at our ground and at all other grounds.

If any player is sent off, **it is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure that the player's ID card is returned to the Secretary,** or to the canteen, at the conclusion of the game. **This procedure applies whether the game is at home or away,** and the canteen referred to is the home ground canteen.

It is the responsibility of all teams (excluding Senior All Age/over 35s) to provide representatives for field duty whenever they have a home game. Field duty consists of helping to set the field up first thing in the morning - 7.30am - (ever wondered how the nets got up, and the ground got roped off?), and providing ground officials during the day. If any 'expert' wants to try their hand at refereeing, there's generally a game going in the afternoon. All Age/over 35s are responsible for taking down and packing away nets/ropes. We are a small club so your absence is very much noted.

All team managers/coaches, up to and including under 17, must also complete and sign a "Working with children" form. This is not something the club would like done, or even something the club insists on - **this is the law.** Fines in the vicinity of hundreds of thousands of dollars can be levied for non-compliance. If you are in the group of people that need to complete this form, and you have not done so, please see the Secretary as soon as possible!!.

Committee meetings are held on a regular basis in the clubhouse. All teams should provide a representative to these meetings.

Again, your **Granville Waratah** is a small club, but a successful one. There are a handful of dedicated people putting in lot of time and effort to ensure that you or your child can play soccer every week. Please help the club by ensuring that all the above are complied with to make our job easier.

If you have any questions or comments then please see a member of the Executive committee. Not sure who they are – this is your club, you should know. **We welcome your contribution.**

Rick Paye

12/4 v Merrylands 3 – 5

14/3 v Kellyville 3 – 2

Despite the guys putting in 100% effort most of the time it's still not happening for us. We played well in patches, but we are not playing consistently well as a team. Back to the drawing board – hopefully we can improve for our next outing. Goals today were scored by Shane (2) and Mladen. Man of the Match was Mousa, who showed courage and anticipation in goal.

R. Paye

15/3 v North Rocks 2 – 3

This game, despite the lost will go down as the turning point in our season. Today the boys played at a standard I have not seen from them in this my 4th season at Granville. They showed at skill, heart, team work, character and courage. Norths Rocks had a right to feel they were to trounce another team as they have every week thus far, but how wrong they were. But for 2 late goals we had them beat. Daniel Hansell has recognized where he plays best, controlling the game at center half. Marwan nailed what is likely to be the goal of the season with a ripper from the right wing and David Gee, though still needing to learn that he needs to pass the ball earlier, showed some mastery on the left wing when he took on and beat 5 players to send a ball across the goal face for another great goal. The defence is look solid and Daniel Dona played well as did Russell Andrew and Edwin. Winning will no longer be a fluke. Our confidence is growing rapidly.

Noel Dona

17/2 Bye

AA2 v Merrylands RSL 4 – 3

AA8 v Wenty Waratahs 1 – 8

We lost.

M. Szabo

AA9 v Castle Hill United 1 – 6

35/5 v Lidcombe Waratah 4 - 1

A very sound effort from all. Great saves from Bobby, great goal, Mark, Joe, Emanuel, Ash. Missing Dave and Glynn in defence it was a great result.

K. Betts

Round 5 - 11th May 2002

7 Green v Dundas 2 - 1

Our third win in a row - a great effort. We started the game with only 4 players, and this was when they scored their only goal. Once our late arrivals came, we dominated the game to win 2 - 1. A great effort by all - the boys are really listening, and they are learning every week.

J. Moses

10/4 v Parramatta City 4 - 1

A jumble in the ranks with a couple of changes made. Although at first it showed the players were out of position they soon adapted and played some good soccer. Goals from Chiran (2) Siar (1) and a marvel of a goal by Dylan Worthington from well outside the area! Man of the match was Siar Omary.

B. Worthington

11/3 v Toongabbie 1 - 1

Today our boys played the best first half of soccer that I have seen from them. Even though it was scoreless, some excellent skills were utilised. Our positional play was great and for the first time we spread out and used the whole field for the entire half. There was good pressure from both sides and effective defence. The second half saw a good team goal kicked by Payam, and with 10 minutes to go we were still one goal up. There was a mix-up with a line call, and thinking it was our throw in, we were not back in our positions when Toongabbie eventually took the throw and scored a good goal. The draw did not reflect how well our boys played. Man of the Match went to Thomas for his good passing and attacking play.

Melanie Adams-Smith

12/4 v Baulkham Hills 1 - 0

14/3 Bye

15/3 v Guildford 2 - 2

Today's game confirmed last week was no fluke and the boys sent a loud message to the competition that we can beat the best. Guild have scored 28 goals for and 3 against. They have 2 of the fastest players in the comp - both playing forward - this is their weapons. We shut them down like no one has done before... and better yet, deserved to win. We were down 1-nil at half time. The second half with the strong wind in our face we outplayed and outsmarted Guildford. We played wide and fast. Our 2 goals were brilliant from Daniel Hansell. They got a rude shock to find how well we played.

We had more shots and were unlikely not to close it out in the last 10 minutes when we dominated the game. This feeling of confidence is foreign to this team but we like it!! Full marks to the defence who were tireless and to the bench players who were patient and understanding. Solimun in goals and a great game too.

Noel Dona

17/2 v Castle Hill RSL 9 - 1

AA2 v Winston Hills 2 - 2

AA8 v Castle Hill RSL 2 - 3

Great game - shame we can't get a full side. Very happy with today's performance.

M. Szabo

AA9 v Holroyd Rangers 4 - 2

Round 6 - 18th May 2002

7 Green v North Rocks 2 - 1

All the boys had a great game. Jayden Case scored one goal, and Edburt Chung scored the other. Keep up the good work guys.

N. Case

10/4 v Kellyville 3 - 2

We started off brilliantly with a goal in the first 15 seconds but then fell asleep. Nearing the end a great goal from Nath proved a worthy performance and earned him man of the match. Also a great save by Anuj Verma from the penalty spot.

B. Worthington

11/3 v Merrylands SFC 10 - 1

Today both teams had smaller numbers as we played with just 11 and Merrylands only had 8 players. The first half saw 2 goals kicked by Masoud and 1 scored by Thomas (his first ever goal!!) and a penalty goal by Pierre. However our defense was slightly lacking, except for Tolgay (Man of the Match) who played very well in the role of fullback, and we allowed Merrylands to score. After a good half time talk, the boys went out and scored 3 goals in the first 5 minutes - 2 from Pierre and another from Aaron, who played well in the centres. The final 3 goals came from Masoud (2) and Thomas who worked well together. Patrick was keeper for the first time for the second half and made a very good save. All the boys had a great game but I can't mention all of them. It was fantastic to see the whole team enjoying themselves. Well done everyone!!

Melanie Adams-Smith

12/4 v Toongabbie 5 - 1

14/3 v Merrylands SFC 11 - 1

An improved performance on recent weeks - although the guys are still not playing to their full potential. We scored 11 today, with a bit more control and teamwork it could have been 20.

Man of the match Mladen controlled the midfield well, and was rightfully the target of a talent scout after the game. Jack and Shane played well in attack, as did Pravineel and Anthony in defence, and Kevin, returning to the team, made a big difference when he took the field. Goals today were scored by Shane (2), Edris (2), Jack (2), Navid, Sam, Chad, Mladen and Kevin.

R. Paye

15/3 v Toongabbie 6 - 0

This was demolition job were we simply outplayed a team who probably thought would win, if for no other reason they are higher on the ladder. The boys have strong confidence now and the performances show it. They still must learn to play TEAM soccer and not get greedy, otherwise we risk quick goals against us. There were many strong performances, including Daniel Hansell, Walid and Edwin who scored a great solo goal. Looking good boys!

Noel Dona

17/2 v Winston Hills 4 - 0

AA2 v Greystanes 2 - 2

AA8 v Winston Hills 3 - 2

A great win. Well done boys, keep it up.

M. Szabo

AA9 v Ermington 4 - 3

35/5 v Baulkham Hills 3 - 3

A great start to the game that brought two undefeated teams together, but they produced some good play to counter us, and the draw was a just result. Scorers were Mikhail, Martin and Kenny. Thank you all.

K. Betts

2002 GRANVILLE WARATAH TEAM OF THE YEAR

This year the club is introducing a new Award. At the end of season Presentation, a trophy - yet to be named - will be presented to the Club's team of the year. The competition will no doubt be hot but keep in mind how it is to be awarded - based on a points system, earned as follows;

1 point for every point earned from the regular competition.

2 points deducted for every yellow card

5 points deducted for every red card

3 points for minor premiers

3 points for making semi finals*

5 points for Grand finalists*

7 points for Grand Champions*

5 points if undefeated

(* can only earn one of these.)

Just for the record, had we had this award in place last season, the u/9's would have won the trophy!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

Round 7 – 25th May 2002

10/4 v Kellyville

3 – 2

We started off brilliantly with a goal in the first 15 seconds but then fell asleep. Nearing the end a great goal from Nath proved a worthy performance and earned him man of the match. Also a great save by Anuj Verma from the penalty spot.

B. Worthington

Round 7 – 25th May 2002

7 Green v Castle Hill RSL

6 – 3

A great effort again. We started the game with only 4 players, and got a 5th player late in the second half. We held them to 2 – 2 at half time, and with 5 players ran away with the game in the second half to win 6 – 3.

Special effort by Jaiden – he scored all six goals.

Our effort, being short, was excellent, and Nicholas, Wayne, Michael and Zack all played their hearts out. Well done boys.

J. Moses

10/4 v Holroyd

0 – 2

Well, a loss. What can you do – the other team played well and we didn't. It's a little disturbing to go down to 9 players, but all's fair in love and soccer.

A reality check which I hope brings us back stronger than ever. Chin up boys and let's get on with the season.

B. Worthington

11/3 v Winston Hills

0 – 3

This was a terrible game played in atrocious conditions. Three of our players did not turn up thinking that the soccer couldn't possibly be played in this rain. But of course it was and Winston Hills played very well against our 10 boys. Mushtaq Sarwari was man of the match playing very well in defence and without him the score against us would have been much higher.

Melanie Adams-Smith

12/4 v Parramatta City

4 – 5

14/3 v Ermington

1 – 4

Minus several key players and playing with only 10, we really struggled in the terrible conditions. The guys tried their hardest, but the driving rain and waterlogged field were not ideal for our game. Full marks to Ermington who deserved to win on the day – we'll see what happens when we meet them again with a full squad. Sam and Shane (man of the match) were the pick of a team that never gave up – even 4 – 1 down with two minutes to go this team believes they can win. Good, strong goal scored by Navid.

R. Paye

15/3 v Wenty Waratah	match postponed
17/2 v Pendle Hill	12 - 1
AA2 v Ermington	match postponed
AA8 v Holroyd Rangers	match postponed
AA9 v Pendle Hill	match postponed
35/5 v Castle Hill RSL	2 - 4

A performance to be thrown out. We were beaten by a better performed team on the day, congratulations to them. For us, we will keep playing. Thank you.

K Betts

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Round 8 - 1st June 2002

7 Green v Parramatta City 2 - 1

A great game for Granville Waratah. Jayden Case scored two goals, Edburt was great in defence blocking a number of goals. Good work boys.

N. Case

10/4 v Castle Hill RSL 9 - 0

You expect a little bounce back after a defeat but in this case someone had better check space! A total turn around. Everything that could be frowned upon last week we can smile about this week. Man of the match was Nima Karnifi with a hat trick of goals.

B. Worthington

11/3 v Pendle Hill

9 - 0

We had an absolute goal feast today. Aaron started it with a good goal that just trickled in, followed by two from Masoud who worked well with Thomas. The fourth goal was the best one kicked by Troy (Man of the Match) into the top right corner of the net. Troy, who plays right back made the ball sail over everybody's heads from a long way out. Masoud then scored his third goal of the match, followed by Andrew who was having a break from keeping in the second half. Chris kicked one (his first for the team), followed by two good goals from Pierre. Our defenders played well also not allowing the opposition to score. It was a fantastic game and just what we needed after last week's shambles

Melanie Adams-Smith

12/4 v St Johns Auburn

2 - 2

14/3 v Toongabbie

7 - 2

A good game for the most part, we showed patches of how we can really play with great teamwork and control. Unfortunately at other times we got a bit greedy and got into the bad habits of sloppy positioning and too much individual play. This is getting close to the form we have been looking for, if we cut out the bad bits and concentrate for the entire game, we will beat the best in this competition. We have shown that if we can be solid in defence then we have any number of players capable of scoring, goals today were scored by Chad (3), Mladen, Sam, Kevin and Shane. Navid, with a strong game, was man of the match.

R. Paye

15/3 v Pendle Hill

2 - 1

This was a tough game. The boys played to only half their potential in the first half. Whilst this was disappointing they regrouped to improve by 25% for the second half. This was enough to seal the win. Solimun played well to keep us in the game by saving a number of good shots that tested his skill but the defence is really looking strong and is playing smart as a team within the team. They are misers and hate giving away goals. David Gee put an excellent though ball to Daniel Hansell to score the goal to break Pendle Hills back.

N Dona

17/2 v Guildford

match abandoned

AA2 v Kellyville

match abandoned

AA8 v Castle Hill United

3 - 1

AA9 v North Rocks

2 - 2

35/5 v Pendle Hill

2 - 1

A great win and a better performance after last week's below par effort. Very pleasing - great in goals again the Panther, and two great goals by Marty and David. Great game Ash. Thank you.

K. Betts

Round 9 – 8th June 2002

7 Green Bye

10/4 Bye

11/3 v North Rocks 4 – 0

The boys' team play is improving each week. Today we played with no reserves so all the boys had to give their best the whole game. Our positional back play wasn't as good as it could have been, but we made up for it with great attacking play. Aaron had a fantastic game, scoring the first two goals. We had many chances that did not find the net before Pierre scored a powerful penalty kick. Pierre then kicked an excellent goal after good back up play from the centres. Masoud missed at least five and our goal scoring master didn't have a point beside his name at the end. Eilia was Man of the Match who ran around in the centres like a little terrier dog thwarting any chance of the opposition getting possession.

Melanie Adams-Smith (Manager)

12/4 v Pendle Hill 4 – 0

14/3 v Lidcombe Waratah 0 – 0

A moral victory this one, we had one goal disallowed and a couple of very near misses. This was the best we have played this year, and it is not far off what we are capable of. A much improved performance where everyone played well – great work in defence led by Anthony, who saved one off the line, and Pravineel, who was man of the match. As we didn't have our full squad the attack was weakened a little, but we tested their defence a number of times, with Shane, in particular, having a good game in this area. Good effort guys – we'll get them next time.

R. Paye

15/3 v Castle Hill United 7- 0

This game was a time for all players to get a piece of the action. Whilst we could have racked up a dozengoals, the players who had been receiving less time got a lot of time today. But it was Daniel Hansell who stood out with 4 goals. No real tester here but it is good to feel a winner. Two records today, this is the first time in almost 4 seasons that this team has won 3 in a row and the most number of goals we have scored in a one game.

17/2 v St Johns Auburn LOF

AA2 v Parramatta City LOF

AA8 v Greystanes 5 – 0

A great win – three on the trot. We're looking good for the semis. M. Szabo played outstanding, as did the whole team.

M. Szabo

AA9 v Kellyville

4 - 4

35/5 v Winston Hills

1 - 0

We came to play today, and everyone contributed to this performance. With Bob saving a beauty again this week our defence was up to scratch, backed up by the midfield who dominated the game. Thanks to all, great effort, great fun.

K. Betts

Round 10 - 10th June 2002

7 Green v Castle Hill United

0 - 1

10/4 v Wenty Waratah

0 - 2

11/3 v Holroyd Rangers

2 - 1

We had all been looking forward to today. We lost to Holroyd in the first round and wanted to turn it around on our home soil. We knew it was going to be very difficult as Holroyd were undefeated going into it. I am very glad that I am able to use the past tense there, because they are defeated now. After the first two minutes we were not looking good when our backs allowed Holroyd to score an easy goal. To their credit the boys did not panic, but started to play like the team we know and love. The boys kept defending well and took the opportunities to go forward when they came. Late in the first half there was a hand-ball from Holroyd and Pierre took the penalty kick and lodged it into the back of the net. So at half time it was all square again. We went out on the attack right from the whistle and after 8 minutes Masoud scored the goal that we wanted. It was very nerve-racking watching from the sideline after that, but the boys did not let up and never stopped defending until the final whistle went at last. It was a very proud moment for all the boys and their parents, but I have to say our coach was the proudest of all. The team is a credit to him. Our Man of the Match was Patrick who did some great work out on the wing in both defence and attack.

Melanie Adams-Smith

12/4 v Ermington

1 - 6

14/3 v Castle Hill RSL

4 - 1

The highlight of today's game was the drive to get there, and that was a pain in the @\$\$. After Saturday's great performance we went back to doing everything wrong - we won the game 4 - 1, should have won 10 - 0, and could have drawn it. There were a few bright points, but not many - we really should have done much better against a team who may not have had our skill, but certainly gave us an example of teamwork. We've passed the halfway stage now, and whilst we are performing strongly, it is frustrating knowing that we can do much better. Pravineel was again man of the match with a good defensive effort, Farbod and Anthony were also strong in this area. Goals were scored by Shane, Mladen, Navid and Chad. Navid was unlucky to have another one disallowed, as he was against Lidcombe.

R. Paye

15/3 v Dundas

6 - 1

This is result the boys deserved in the first round. Today we dominated all areas of the park and but for a few incidents in the game where we lacked discipline, we simply outplayed. Great efforts by Andrew and Nacip who scored his first ever goal and Andrew who scored a goal when given an opportunity to play forward. But the real tests for the team will come in our next 3 games ...bring them on.

17/2 v Dundas

8 - 0

AA2 v Baulkham Hills

5 - 0

AA8 v North Rocks

1 - 1

AA9 v Wenty Waratah

5 - 0

35/5 v North Rocks

2 - 3

We did okay we can do better next time. Good effort - thank you.

K. Betts

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7 Green v Lidcombe Waratah

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10/4 v Baulkham Hills

1 - 1

Big trouble! We are not playing soccer – if you want it, prove it!!!!

B. Worthington

11/3 v Guildford

0 - 3

12/4 v Merrylands SFC

2 - 1

14/3 v Kellyville

5 - 2

Unfortunately the coach didn't get to see this game, but the guys played pretty well by all accounts. Still too many missed chances – to beat the top teams we'll have to take everything that's on offer. Man of the match was Chad, so I presume he had a good game, as did Anthony, Pravineel and Mousa. Well done, Farbod, on your first goal – that's what happens when you get yourself into the right position. Good first up effort from the new guy – Asfand – welcome to the machine. Goals today by Shane, Navid, Chad, Farbod and Mladen. Special thanks to Ashleey's dad, Anthony's mum and club president Noel for running the team. Well done Mladen on getting them organised.

R. Paye

15/3 v North Rocks

0 - 1

Despite the result, the best comment to indicate the way our guys are playing is to state what the opposition coach said to me after the game, "if you guys sharpen up just a little more and you will be undefeatable". Whilst our defence played very well, special mention to our sweeper Daniel Dona, it took one moment to allow them a soft only goal of the match in the first half. I was still confident however that with the wind at our back we would win in the second half. Unfortunately the boys got too confident of this too. We squandered 4 shots direct in front of an open goal mouth!!! The BOYS DO NEED TO SHARPEN – their skills are good enough but their attitude has deserted them. We need to get this back to shake up the competition. Special mention to the bench players for their support and patience. Solimun was great in goals and did what was asked of him especially pulling off one great save in the second half.

17/2 v St Josephs

6 - 1

AA2 v Pendle Hill

6 - 0

AA8 v Wenty Waratah

2 - 4

Unlucky – sort of the season motto! Beau, what's going on – fall in love with the crossbar? Time for a boost Tah's, time to take it all the way – opportunity knocks but once.

M.Szabo

AA9 v Lidcombe Waratah

0 - 5

35/5 v Lidcombe Waratah

3 - 0

Our build up today in play was good, we could have finished better but we were good enough to win. Goals by Kenny (2) and Mikail. Great effort by all, let's keep going. Thank you.

K. Betts