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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

58TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2004
AT THE CLUB HOUSE
ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE
HARRIS STREET PARRAMATTA
COMMENCING 7.30 PM

*We have positions to fill in the Executive Committee. If you want to have a say in how your club is run, the please come and lend your support to improve and make your club better.
Many hands make light work.*

President's Report

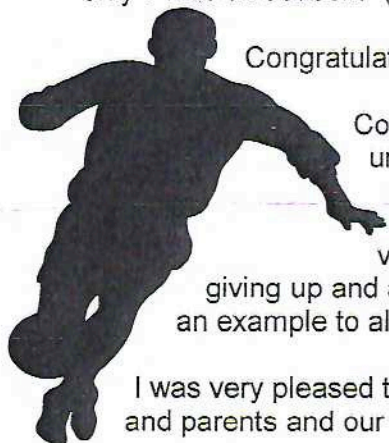
This season has been one of mixed results.

Congratulations must go to the All Age Senior 7's. A brand new team formed this year and won their first Grand Champion. Well done!

Congratulations to under 13's who were minor premiers with a massive 51 regular season points – only 1 loss all season! (not even a draw) Unfortunately they slipped up in the finals.

Congratulations to the under 12's and under 10 division 3 for also making the finals.

Congratulations to the under 10 division 4 team. Due to the high number of under 10 players wanting to play this season, we fielded 2 sides. The Division 4 team was a late inclusion. They did not win a game. Had 160 goals scored against BUT scored 1 goal!!! And that goal was a grand final victory in itself – watching it was jus the best!! A congratulate them for not giving up and always wanting to play. This team could have easily folded and quit. This is an example to all of us who too easily forget why we play!



I was very pleased to see a new under 6 team form. There is good spirit amongst the players and parents and our club's future will be very safe with junior teams like this.

The mighty under 7's returned to play their little hearts out again. They play in good spirit and continue to improve as a team.

Disappointment for the under 8's team that started the season but due to lack of numbers, simply folded. I hope the players that want to play can come back next year with some friends.

Disappointment for our under 16's but all good things must come to an end. After being grand champions 3 years in a row – the bitter taste of defeat will put them a good stead for next year.

And as for my under 14's we (now) know what it takes and can hardly wait for next season.

A Big thank you all the coaches and managers who volunteer their time and efforts to assist in the development of our players in particular for guiding them in the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship. Our results are a direct result of their contribution.

A big thank you to the parents who support their children...you should be proud of them again.

Off the field and behind the scenes, I must thank the tireless efforts of the club's Executive Committee who keep the club in existence. Special mention firstly to Secretary **Rick Paye** and his wife's (**Anne**) energy and spirit. To **Cheryl Thomson** our Registrar and **Vince Wyatt** our Treasurer who is always down at the ground earlier Saturday morning – as he has been for 38 years - setting up the fields and lend a hand.



Finally, tell your friends and tell you families to come and play the world game with the mighty Blue and Gold of the Granville Waratahs. Next year will come quick and I look forward to seeing you hear again in 2005 ...I know I will be!!!

NOEL DONA

Secretary's Report

MEETINGS

Representatives from 10/3,10/4, 12/3, 13,3 14/2 and 16/1 attended General Meetings held throughout the year – representatives from all teams need to attend these meeting to continue the success of your club.

JUDICIAL

The club record for season 2004 is summarised as follows:

TEAM	CAUTIONS (yellow)	SEND OFFS (red)
10/3	1	
10/4		
12/3		
13/3	3	
14/2		
16/1	7	
AA7	1	1
AA9	1	
TOTAL	13	1

The above result is outstanding, as in recent years we have had over 50 yellow cards throughout the season. All players are to be congratulated on this result.

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

The club's perpetual trophies were awarded as follows:

U/6 Red	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Ricky Qadiry
U/6 Red	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Liam Donsworth
U/7 Red	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Reece Barakat
U/10 Div 3	J & B Borg Shield	Most Improved	Brooke Lewin
Div 4	J & B Borg Shield	Most Improved	Joshua Elagha
U/12 Div 3	B. R. Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest	Alfred Mohan
U/13 Div 3	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved	Patrick Thompson
U/14 Div 3	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent	William Li & Aous Malik
U/16 Div 1	Noel Dona Trophy	Most Valuable Player	Mladen Licanin
AA Senior 7	D & L Painters	Most Consistent	Ivo Monaldi

Thanks to the committee, the coaches & managers, and the players the made this another successful and enjoyable season. Congratulations to all those teams that made the finals series, and especially to the Senior 7's – Grand Champions.

Rick Paye

Registrar's Report

Registrations for 2004

	Teams	Players
2004	11	156
2003	9	139
2002	11	183
2001	12	200
2000	13	184

Where we finished in 2004

	Minor Premiers	Semi Finalists	Finalists	Grand Finalists	GRAND CHAMPIONS
2004	1	0	3	0	1
2003	1	0	0	4	2
2002	0	3	0	1	3
2001	3	1	0	1	4
2000	2	1	0	2	2

Cheryl Thomson

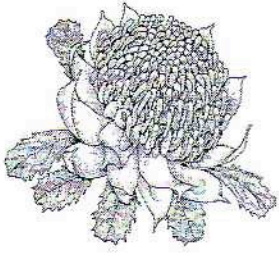
"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

The biggest challenge facing our club right now is not the number of teams nor the number of players but it is the number of parents needed to help run the club. Simply put, the Executive Committee needs new members.

With Secretary Rick Paye retiring after 5 years of great service to the club we need others to replace Rick and fill in other positions. Without a committee there is no club. Whilst I – club president – plan to stay for one more year as club president, the club needs new committee members with new ideas and energy to operate the club and make it a better club. We all live busy lives but without volunteers stepping up the club may not exist.

Traditionally Committee members come from parents of the junior teams. I would encourage parents of the under 6's and 7's to help and become involved. To all parents of players in all teams, it is unrealistic to expect the clubs to just run by themselves and it is unfair for them to be run 3 or 4 people as it has been for the past 4 or 5 years.

I won't labor the point, but simply stress this as being very very important. Please ask how you can participate and get involved with running your club.



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*
- 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	Grand Finalist	Grand Champ	Yellow	Red	Total
U/10. 3	31			3			2		32
U/10.4	1								1
U/12's	26			3					29
U/13's	51	3		3			6		51
U/14's	27								27
U/16's	13						14		-1
Sr 7's	41					7	6	5	37
Sr 9's	10						2		8

'Congratulations u/13's!'

Round 1 - 3rd April 2004

6 Red	Bye	
7 Red	v Castle Hill RSL	2 - 2
8 Green	v Lidcombe Waratah	0 - 12
10/3	v Winston Hills	1 - 3
Best players – Mathew Stoker 1, Hugh Guajardo 2		
12/3	v Kellyville	2 - 3
13/3	v Toongabbie	4 - 1

Vicki

14/2 v Pendle Hill Black 2 – 5

For the season opener, the game showed that the boys need more fitness, but they still show all the toughness and grit that took them to last year's grand final, despite the scoreline. With only 9 players we played better for three quarters of the game – great efforts in defence by man of the match Edward and first timer Sobhi Jamal. Two great goals from William Li who used his exceptional pace, and great team lead lead up work to score the two goals and make many more opportunities.

N. Dona

16/1 v Winston Hills 1 – 2

Well we finally made it to the major league, and as a first up test we met last year's division 1 champions in what turned out to be an even match. For extended periods we only had nine players on the field, and when we did have 11 we were carrying injuries, and struggling in the humid conditions. The guys showed the determination that has been a big part of their success, and matched Winston Hills for most of the game – fatigue and a couple of defensive lapses cost us the game. A good first up effort, we look forward to meeting this team again with a full compliment of fit players. Welcome to the new guys Alex and Salih, who both fit in and played well. Goalscorer today was Walid.

R. Paye

AA7 v Castle Hill United 6 – 1

AA9 v Castle Hill United 1 – 3

Round 2 – 17th April 2004

6 Red v Wenty Waratah 0 – 7

7 Red v Merrylands United 0 – 5

8 Green v Baulkham Hills LOF

10/3 v Lidcombe Waratah Black 1 – 6

Every player must have eaten too many Easter Eggs last week because we played like Easter Bunnies. Ill health and holidays took their toll and we barely scraped a team of eleven together – and two of them were still sick. Our opposition played hard and dirty and our team folded under the pressure. Brooke Lewin played an outstanding game and deserved Best Player. Mathew Stoker was strong and consistent in defence and Adam Hartmann scored a corker of a goal in the last minutes and received third best on field.

Vicki

10/4 v Pendle Hill 0 - 10

The first ever game for the team today and we did very well for first timers. We held them to 2 – 0 at half time with only eight players, but fitness is needed from our team and it got away from us in the second half. All the players played very well today.

Hector

12/3 v Pendle Hill 0 – 4

13/3 v Winston Hills 2 – 1

14/2 v Dundas 1 – 4

16/1 v Lidcombe Waratah 3 – 0

Our first win of the season, and it was a good one over our old friends and rivals from Lidcombe. Some great work in goal from Mousa helped us keep a clean sheet, and some enterprising work from the midfield lead to

three very good goals. Walid and Mladen in particular were in great form, and scored our goals today, Walid with two and Mladen with 1. Thanks to William and Yaw from the under 14s for helping us out today, both had good games and were not out of place in this division.

R. Paye

AA7 v Kellyville 9 - 0

AA9 v Wenty Waratah White 5 - 0

Round 3 - 24th April 2004-04-26

6 Red v Parramatta City 1 - 13

7 Red v Guildford 1 - 7

8 Green v Castle Hill RSL 1 - 2

10/3 v Baulkham Hills 0 - 5

We played like champions today! We played smart, held our positions and passed the ball around like it belonged only to us. Our defence was lethal - shutting down every attack. Hugh, Vandy, Alex and Mustafah were simply outstanding. We played the first half a man down but never looked like losing. Adam and Vandy were consistently everywhere and it paid off with Adam scoring 2 and Vandy 3. Best players were hard to pick with everyone fully deserving the accolade - in the end I chose Vandy, Adam and Mark. Well done team - I was so very proud today!

Vicki

10/4 v North Rocks -13

12/3 v Winston Hills 6 - 1

13/3 v Guildford won on forfeit

14/2 Bye

16/1 v Castle Hill United 0 - 0

As the scoreline suggests, this was an evenly contested match, which could have been won by either side. We dominated the first half, and created some good opportunities, but fell away in the second half which was dominated by Castle Hill. Our first three games in the top division have shown us that we are not outclassed, and can match it with this opposition - we have not had our full team available for any of the games so far, and that will make a difference - especially late in the game when players are fatigued.

R. Paye

AA7 v Winston Hills 2 - 3

AA9 v Holroyd Rangers 1 - 6

ORDER IN THE COURT

This year our club continued its success with having a great record of discipline - only 1 red card. It was very pleasing that the clubs committee members were not troubled by not having to attend the Associations Judiciary Committee with a please explain for any of our members/players, but that does not mean we do not have to regularly attend.



Every month one of the Executive Committee members have to attend to be a member of the Judiciary – other clubs have to attend. This way players are effectively judged by other clubs Executive Committee members so that they can obtain a fair hearing.

We get to judge many 'cases', some more serious than others.
Bottomline is that the message is ZERO TOLERANCE.

Example 1.

A player was sent off for a bad tackle. After being sent off he approached the referee took off his cap and threw it to the ground. For doing that he got 18 months!

Example 2.

A player with a perfect record of 25 years of playing soccer and never having received a red card in that time pleaded guilty to throwing his arm out recklessly (punching) a player who was behind him. The punch stuck the other player above the eye – and it cut him. This player got 12 months!

The message is simple - at Granville Waratah - we stay out of trouble!!! Thanks

Round 4 – 1st May 2004

6 Red	v Greystanes	0 – 4
7 Red	v Greystanes	0 – 4
8 Green	v Castle Hill United	0 – 3

The game started right on schedule, with Granville, as usual short of players with 7, against 8 from Castle Hill in the first half, and 9 in the second half. In the first half the Waratahs played defensively for the most part, Castle Hill United were awarded a free kick and scored a goal. In the second half the Waratahs continued to play with undaunted sprit without any replacements against Castle Hill with 9, and three replacements. Castle Hill scored two goals in the second half for a final score of three nil. Mihir Halai was awarded the best player of the game for his outstanding goalkeeping in the first half.

10/3	v Pendle Hill	2 – 1
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The first half was very defensive with no goals. Changing Vandy from defence to attack and bringing Wassi into midfield with Matthew unsettled them a little and allowed Pendle Hill their only goal. Then the team through Wassi & Matthew created 5 or 6 chances with the result of two goals. Man of the match to Wassi, with second to Vandy as captain and commendation & third to the team.

10/4	v Castle Hill RSL White	0 - 11
12/3	v Castle Hill United	1 – 0
13/3	v Holroyd Rangers	9 – 1
14/2	v Castle Hill RSL	5 – 1
16/1	v Pendle Hill	0 – 2

Today we were beaten by a team that was just a little bit better on the day. This game was never really over until the last few minutes, and we showed that we can match the best teams in this division in most areas. Our 'midfield is probably the best in the competition, we just need to use that a little bit more and dominate games,

and work on our defence a little bit. Samir returned to the team for his first game with us since grand final 2001, and will certainly make a difference. Don't write this team off.

R. Paye

AA7 v Castle Hill RSL 3 - 1

AA9 v Wenty Waratah Black 1 - 7

Round 5 - 8th May 2004

6 Red v Lidcombe Waratah 2 - 0

All 12 Granville players turned up - Ricky scored the first goal soon after the start of play, and Derek followed it up with a second a couple of minutes later. Elias saved two attempts on goal in quick succession, then Stefan had a near miss after taking the ball the whole length of the field. Lidcombe missed another shot on goal and Elias had another great save. At half time the score was 2 - 0 and the team was very excited. The second half started with some confusion over which way we should be kicking the ball. Jonathon saved a near goal, then Elias led the charge up the field and narrowly missed scoring, then Peter and Stefan got the ball up again. Jonathon saved two goals in quick succession, then Ricky nearly scored a second goal. Jonathon made two brilliant saves, then another, then Alex almost scored, while the crowd all cheered. Ricky almost scored another goal and again just missed, then Jonathon had another great save and we won! Our first win of the season!! Well done everyone.

7 Red v Wenty Waratah 0 - 2

8 Green v Ermington 2 - 5

10/3 v Guildford 1 - 0

10/4 v Wenty Waratah 1 - 6

A great effort today, all our players played with big hearts, I was very proud of everyone. Great first goal of the season, we were unlucky not to have more. Training as usual and we will improve with every game.

Hector

12/3 v Castle Hill RSL 1 - 0

The team performed well today. In the first half they were bunched up at the start, but the communication got better and our game improved. Nil all at half time but we were all over them. In the second half we also played well and as a result we scored an early goal, the only goal in the game. Rohim was the man of the match but really everyone played well. Good team effort - keep it going.

M.Licanin

13/3 v Kellyville 3 - 0

14/2 v Granville Kewpies 3 - 0

16/1 v Kellyville 5 - 2

This was a game that we needed to win today, and in the end we won it convincingly, but for most of the game the scoreline was close and we really didn't wrap it up until late in the game.

Whilst we performed well, we should have done a bit better, the goals we allowed in were through some sloppy defence - we need to concentrate and work hard for the full 70 minutes, not just for parts of the game. If we stiffen up our defence a little, and control the game more like we're capable of, then we can match any team in this competition. Walid, Mladen, Samir, Alex and Jack (in his first game of the year) had good attacking games and gave us plenty of options - Samir scored two goals, Mladen two excellent late goals, and Walid one.

AA7 v Lidcombe Waratah 2 – 8

AA9 v Winston Hills LOF

Round 6 – 15th May 2004

6 Red v North Rocks 1 – 0

7 Red v Castle Hill United 0 – 4

8 Green Bye

10/3 v Lidcombe Waratah White 0 – 1

We lost 1-0 on a penalty, but sadly lost the game for ourselves by losing our cool under pressure. As usual half the team was late. Parents – please make the effort and get your kids to the pitch on time! Best players Brooke, Yassin, Mark.

10/4 v Castle Hill United 0 – 16 Vicki

12/3 v Granville Kewpies 1 – 0

13/3 v Wenty Waratah 6 – 0

14/2 v Winston Hills 1 – 2

16/1 v Baukham Hills 2 – 4

Today we were simply outplayed by a better organised, fitter team. Our defence needs more work and more confidence, and we just need to slow th game down and control it a little bit more. Our main fault today was that everyone was trying too hard, every pass, every run had to be a winner. We'll play better when we just relax a little bit. Two goals today to Samir.

AA7 v North Rocks 5 – 2 R. Paye

AA9 v Lidcombe Waratah 1 - 1

Round 7 – 22nd May 2004

6 Red v Dundas 1 – 6

7 Red v St Johns Auburn 0 – 5

8 Green v North Rocks 0 – 3

10/3 v Kellyville 0 – 0

Our team played a terrific game today. We played a little too defensive and were unlucky with two scoring opportunities hitting the crossbar. Every player worked hard, we are the only team not to be beaten by Kellyville thus far. Best players Vandy, Wassi, Matthew.

10/4 v Kellyville White 0 – 2 Vicki

12/3 v Guildford 0 – 0

13/3 v St Johns Auburn 1 - 2

14/2 v Pendle Hill White 3 - 3

16/1 v North Rocks 1 - 3

Crap

AA7 v Holroyd Rangers 1 - 1

AA9 Bye

Round 8 - 29th May 2004-05-29

6 Red v Castle Hill RSL 1 - 0

7 Red v Castle Hill RSL 1 - 0

Great team effort - first win of the season. Keep it up boys, go the Waratahs!

8 Green v Merrylands SFC 1 - 6

10/3 v Winston Hills 0 - 2

We played without flair or energy today and the score reflects this, although we were unlucky with two very near misses. Best players Matthew, Mustafah and Wassi.

10/4 v Guildford 0 - 21

Vicki

12/3 v Kellyville 1 - 1

13/3 v Lidcombe Waratah 6 - 0

A good effort by the guys coming off a 2 - 1 loss, the first of the season. Some great defence led to some good quality shots at goal - they played as a team and hopefully will for the rest of the season. Great goals by Aaron 3, Pierre and Mohamoud. Man of the match to Aaron 3 points, Mohammoud 2 points and Mujib 1 point. Well done fellas.

14/2 v Pendle Hill Black 3 - 2

Danny, Craig and Akbarah

16/1 v Winston Hills 1 - 4

It hurts to loose - especially when we are not playing to our full potential. We started well and took the lead through a goal to Reza, playing his first game, but once Winston Hills hit back to first equalise then go ahead, the game plan went out the window and we played dumb soccer. As in every game we've played, the effort was there but we need to think about what we are doing and play to our strengths, not the opposition's.

R. Paye

AA7 Bye

AA9 v Castle Hill United 0 - 6

Round 9 – 5th June 2004

6 Red	v Merrylands SFC	0 – 5
7 Red	v Merrylands United	1 – 4
8 Green	v Kellyville	0 – 2
10/3	v Lidcombe Waratah Black	0 – 2
10/4	v Castle Hill RSL Black	0 – 6
12/3	v Pendle Hill	1 – 2
13/3	Bye	
14/2	v Dundas	0 – 3
16/1	v Lidcombe Waratah	0 – 2

We didn't do too much wrong today, Lidcombe were just a little bit hungrier and luckier. There's nothing Lidcombe likes more than beating us and they played like that today, maybe we were a bit too confident and thought we'd have an easy match – but there's no easy matches in division 1 guys.

AA7	v Greystanes	R. Paye 1 – 3
AA9	v Wenty Waratah White	LOF

Round 10 – 12th June 2004

6 Red	Bye	
7 Red	v Guildford	0 – 3
8 Green	v Lidcombe Waratah	0 – 11
10/3	v Baulkham Hills	5 – 1

We played an interesting game today, Hugh justified his move into the forward line with a goal 20 seconds after kickoff – it was an absolute ripper. It was a messy game with too much dirty play from the other team which the referee allowed sadly. All players worked hard and it was difficult to pick best players but Brooke, Wassi and Mark deserved the nomination. It was great to hear the rest of the team applaud my choice. I am so proud of the way our team is developing into a really tight unit. Well done all of you.

		Vicki
10/4	v Kellyville Black	0 – 4

We lost 4 nil today but played brilliant football. All our players gave 100% effort today, you can't ask for more than that. Our best player was Joshua with brilliant committed defence that really kept us in the game.

Hector Guajardo

12/3	v Winston Hills	0 – 1
14/2	Bye	
16/1	v Pendle Hill	1 – 1

In our best game of the year so far we came out of our losing streak, and were unlucky not to get all the points against the competition leaders. Both teams scored a great goal each, ours being a headed effort from Samir. Walid, in his new role of sweeper, was outstanding and held our defence together along with Jack and Sam, both playing in unfamiliar positions. This is the type of game we need to play consistently from now on.

AA7	v Castle Hill United	R.Paye 9 – 1
AA9	v Holroyd Rangers	2 - 9

Round 11 – 14th June 2004-06-17

6 Red	v Wenty Waratah	0 – 2
7 Red	v Greystanes	LOF
8 Green	v Baulkham Hills	LOF
10/3	v Pendle Hill	2 – 0

A terrific game today – evenly matched with our team working hard against a determined opposition. All players performed well and several near misses could have seen a 7 – 0 win. Best players were Wassi, Mark and Alex. Well done team.

10/4	v Pendle Hill	Vicki 0 – 9
12/3	v Castle Hill United	0 – 3
13/3	v Winston Hills	12 – 0
14/2	v Castle Hill RSL	1 – 4
16/1	v Pendle Hill	0 – 1

Our second tough game in three days, and again we played well and were unlucky not to get more out of this one. It looks like we have our combinations right, one slight lapse in defence was all it took today to give Pendle Hill a win. We also created chances and could have won or at least drawn, but couldn't find the back of the net – one point blank chance in particular was wasted. Over the weekend we played two of our best games in a long time and were unlucky to get only one point for our efforts.

AA7	v Kellyville	R.Paye 4 – 2
AA9	v Wenty Waratah Black	2 - 4

Round 12 – 19th June 2004

6 Red	v Parramatta City	0 – 9
7 Red	v Wenty Waratah	0 – 6
8 Green	v Castle Hill RSL	LOF
10/3	v Guildford	2 – 1

We started slow but came into our usual form in the second half. Koree was uncertain but brave in goals second half and really saved us from an almost certain draw with a really gutsy save – well done Koree! Everybody worked really hard and played like committed team members. We made plenty of chances in the second half but couldn't convert them to goals or it would have been 10 – 1. It's terrific when it's so hard to pick best players out of an excellent team but best player went deservedly to Vandy, flanked by Wassi and Alex.

		Vicki
10/4	v North Rocks	0 – 6
12/3	v Castle Hill RSL	5 – 0
13/3	v Guildford	8 – 0
14/2	v Granville Kewpies	1 – 3
16/1	v Kellyville	1 – 0

Our good play over the last few weeks was finally rewarded with a well deserved and long anticipated win. In conditions that made it all but impossible to play good soccer, we dominated the first half but couldn't find the back of the net, hitting the crossbar twice and the post, and narrowly missing a few times more. In the second half, running into the gale, our goal came from Mladen, from a penalty that he had to take twice. For the last ten minutes we hung on as Kellyville had all the possession and territory, but couldn't get through our defence.

		R. Paye
AA7	v Winston Hills	1 – 0
AA9	v Winston Hills	3 – 4

Round 13 – 26th June 2004

6 Red	v Greystanes	0 – 1
7 Red	v Castle Hill United	0 – 3
8 Green	v Castle Hill United	LOF
10/3	v Lidcombe Waratah White	1- 1

Terrific game. We started slow but never looked like we weren't there to win. The game was very even - players held their positions and passed extremely well. Matthew and Adam were quiet in the first half but sparkled during the second. Best players were Hugh, Mark and Mahmoud.

Vicki

10/4	v Castle Hill RSL White	1 – 6
12/3	v Granville Kewpies	0 – 1
14/2	v Winston Hills	0 – 0
16/1	v Baulkham Hills	1 – 1

A good even game where we were unlucky not to score more, but also had our goalkeeper, Mousa, to thank for a couple of good saves that otherwise could have cost us a loss. This team beat us first time around, so although we didn't get the win the improvement was good to see.

AA7	v Castle Hill RSL	R.Paye 5- 0
AA9	v Lidcombe Waratah	2 – 5

Round 14 – 3rd July 2004

6 Red	v Lidcombe Waratah	0 – 2
7 Red	v St Johns Auburn	0 – 3
10/3	v Kellyville	1 – 1

What a game! Despite a 1 sided ref and the other team playing in a decidedly ungentlemanly fashion, our team played like champions – every one of them! No matter what was thrown at them, the players kept their cool and just kept playing like the young athletes they are. Best players again was difficult to choose, Vandy, Matty and Marsel well deserving. Mark and Wassi also played an amazing game. Well done team! I was so proud of you all today.

10/4	v Wenty Waratah	Vicki 0 – 9
12/3	v Guildford	2 – 1
13/3	v Kellyville	4 – 1
14/2	v Pendle Hill White	2 – 0
16/1	v North Rocks	0 – 0

Another good performance today, showing our continued improvement. We are playing as a division one team, and matching the best in the competition. I felt we had the better of this game, and were perhaps unlucky not to have a penalty awarded when we had a clear chance at goal. Belal put in a good game first up, and Walid, David And Mladen were strong.

AA7	v Lidcombe Waratah	R.Paye 1 – 1
AA9	Bye	

Round 15 – 17th July 2004

6 Red	v North Rocks	0 – 5
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7 Red	v Castle Hill RSL	0 – 3
10/3	v Winston Hills	3 – 0

We were absolutely sensational today! A team of barely 10, with 3 sick but determined players against a full team with three reserves. We played smart soccer with all players holding their positions and putting in 110%. Vandy, Wassi, Brooke and Adam all did some stunning work but best players went to Mark, Hugh (goalkeeper extrordanaire) and Mathew who was blistering in defence. This team played like champions today – it was one of my proudest coaching moments.

10/4	v Castle Hill United	Vicki 0 – 12
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A tough game today with only eight players, but we still managed to put up a good game. We tired towards the end of the game and let in some easy goals.

12/3	v Kellyville	Hector Guajardo 3 – 1
13/3	v Wenty Waratah	6 – 1
14/2	v Pendle Hill Black	0 – 1
16/1	v Winston Hills	1 – 4

Losing this one really hurt us. Being in the position of having to win all our remaining games to be a chance of making the semis, we dominated early and led 1- 0 through a goal to Mladen. After Winston Hills equalised, they were awarded a second goal from offside, then were disallowed an obvious penalty. This proved to be a turning point as we became frustrated and lost control of the game for the last 15 minutes, allowing late goals to Winston Hills and effectively finishing our season.

AA7	v North Rocks	R. Paye 9 – 1
AA9	v Castle Hill United	LOF

Round 16 – 24th July 2004

6 Red	v Dundas	0 – 4
7 Red	v Merrylands United	2 – 1
10/3	v Lidcombe Waratah Black	0 – 0

Our team showed we are serious finals contenders today. We kept our heads and played really smart soccer. The team's determination was evident and the first half was all our way – we were unlucky not to score from several corners when we had the opportunity.

Best players were hard to choose from a quality team – Wassi, Alex and Vandy were awarded the honour because of their 110% effort.

10/4	v Kellyville White	Vicki 0 – 0
12/3	v Pendle Hill	0 – 2
13/3	v St Johns Auburn	2 – 0

14/2	v Dundas	1 – 0
16/1	v Lidcombe Waratah	1 – 5

Unbelievably history repeats itself. Down 2- 0, we fought our way back into the game to 2- 1 and were causing Lidcombe plenty of problems when, for the third week in a row, we had a penalty disallowed. As happened last week, the opposition was awarded a goal from an offside position which once again turned the whole game around, with Lidcombe scoring a couple of late, good goals. Good luck to Lidcombe if they make the finals, but I really thin we should be there. David scored our goal today.

R. Paye

AA7	v Holroyd Rangers	WOF
AA9	v Wenty Waratah White	LOF

Round 17 – 31st July 2004

6 Red	v Castle Hill RSL	0 – 5
7 Red	v Guildford	0 – 0
10/3	v Baulkham Hills	2 – 1
10/4	v Guildford	0 – 15

We didn't put much effort in today – that's why we had such a big score against us. One more round to go, let's put up abetter effort next week.

12/3	v Winston Hills	Hector 0 – 1
13/3	v Lidcombe Waratah	2 – 0
14/2	Bye	
16/1	v Castle Hill United	0 – 7

With only 7 players, and 9 for the last five minutes, we were never going to be able to match the competition leaders, but we did make them work hard. Only 2 – 0 down at the break, tiredness and the extra numbers worked against us as the game went on and Castle Hill were able to go on with it and score a convincing win. Full marks to the players that turned up today and put in the effort for an entire game that they were never going to win.

R. Paye

AA7	Bye	
AA9	v Holroyd Rangers	LOF

Round 18 – 7th August 2004

6 Red	v Merrylands SFC	1 – 3
7 Red	v Greystanes	0 – 9

10/3 v Pendle Hill 2 – 0

The score does not reflect just how many goals we could have scored today, at least five cracking shots hit the post or crossbar, probably a dozen more missed by a mere whisker. We started unsettled but then settled down and played hungry. Best players today were Alex, Wassi and Vandy.

10/4 v Castle Hill RSL Black 0 – 10
Vicki

12/3 v Castle Hill United 2 – 1

13/3 Bye

14/2 v Castle Hill RSL 1 – 1

16/1 v Pendle Hill LOF

AA7 v Greystanes 4 – 0

AA9 v Wenty Waratah Black LOF

Semi Finals – 14th August 2004

10/3 v Winston Hills 1 – 0 (Extra Time)
Through to the Final

12/3 v Pendle Hill 2 – 1
Through to the Final

13/3 v St Johns Auburn 0 – 1 (Extra Time)
Through to the Final

AA7 v Lidcombe Waratah 2 – 1
Through to the Grand Final

Finals – 21st August 2004

10/3 v Kellyville 0 – 3

12/3 v Granville Kewpies 0 – 1

13/3 v Kellyville 1 – 2

Grand Final – 28th August 2004

AA7 v Winston Hills 3 – 2
GRAND CHAMPIONS!

END OF SEASON TEAM REPORTS

Under 14/2

After 12 rounds we had 25 goals scored against us. In the final 6 rounds we had only 2 goals scored against us!! This statistic truly reflects the season we had. In round 12 we lost to Granville Kewpies – their only win for the season. After that game we played a different configuration on the field ; 1-3-5-1, I used a chalk board to explain how we will play and played Aous in center fullback. The rest of the season is why I coach. The boys then understood how to play soccer and we beat all before us. No longer wild kicking but rather a great controlled passing game without panic. Control pass and run with the ball. Hustle, bustle and muscle without the ball! The personal development of the boys into soccer players was beautiful to watch. All the players improved and I thank them all for making this a very enjoyable final 6 rounds of the season. Players like Aous and William and Mohamed stood out - as expected. But so too did others like our Captain Sobhi, Martin (most improved), Edward and of course Shaher our new goal keeper. Robby, Chris and Jade improved immensely and gave me great confidence in the back. Thiba gives his best and with that probably scored the goal of the year. Daniel and Aziz do what they do best. Eden learnt to talk less – an amazing achievement! Yaw set a good foundation for next season....and finally, I thank George for his patience and excellent team attitude.

Whilst I am very disappointed we just fell short of make the semi finals, I am very heartened by what we will do next year. Bring it on!!

Under 16/1

Coach: Rick Paye

Players: Safi Azizi, Belal Chrara, Samir Eshani, Anthony Fragna, David Gee, Farbod Ghorbani-Seisan, Sam Ghorbani-Seisan, Jack Li, Mladen Licanin, Omar Omary, Walid Omary, Andrew Paye, Navid Rasouli, Mousa Saeed, Reza Shafiyani, Salih Yilmam.

Without a doubt this was the most talented team we have had over the course of the last few years. Unfortunately we just weren't able to put it altogether often enough, but when we did we showed that we were capable of matching any team in division one.

We had our share of set-backs this year, but the players banded together to get over them and play good soccer, just not consistently enough.

At times this year the discipline and dedication were lacking, and that is what contributed to us unexpectedly missing the semi-finals for the first time in four years.

This is a highly talented group of players who should have done better this year – I hope they will come back next year and show what they are really capable of.

R. Paye

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!... it will come quick