

# **BURRAGORANG DISTRICT SOCCER** **CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER NO.3** **JUNE 2005**

Welcome to our next newsletter.

Don't forget that the Macarthur District Soccer Football Association (MDSFA) website - [www.macarthursoccer.com.au](http://www.macarthursoccer.com.au) has details of the entire competition, so you can see how your team's performing by checking the results and points table.

### **SOCCKER PHOTOS**

Soccer photos have been booked for Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 so please make sure you will be there so you don't miss out. The photo packages with prices will be handed out prior to this date.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMP**

Macarthur Rams Soccer Club will be holding their Soccer Camps again this coming July school holidays, which are run by qualified coaches.

4/7/05 to 8/7/05 at Tahmoor Sportsground - 9am to 3pm - Cost: \$120

or

11/7/05 to 15/7/05 at Lynwood Park - 9am to 3pm - Cost: \$120

\*Each child receives a soccer ball, T-Shirt, certificate and evaluation.

To book your child please ring between 9am -2pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday on 4625 1499.

More information can be found on the Macarthur Soccer website:-

[www.macarthursoccer.com.au](http://www.macarthursoccer.com.au)

### **PARENTS**

We have had complaints from residents about rocks being thrown from Willis Park into their backyards, on soccer days. Could you please supervise your children to ensure that this does not continue. Thankyou!

### **CANTEEN**

The committee would like to say a very big **THANKYOU** to all those volunteers that help out in the canteen and BBQ at home games. Your response to our request for volunteers has been wonderful and your support is greatly appreciated.

### **MATCH CARDS**

Managers and coaches, you will be issued with new match cards from now on that only require you to sign the match card **prior** to the start of the game. There is a place located inside the card, underneath your team's surnames for your signature, which is your declaration that the players details are correct. After the game you may ask the

referee if you can check the final score written on the card.

If you have a discrepancy with the score you should contact our secretary, Greg Serone - 4657 1909.

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**McDONALDS AWARDS**

Managers, if your team did not get enough McDonalds awards to last the season, please see me, as I have been able to get a few more. You should have had enough for one award per game. I do not have very many so these are only for those teams that fell short. Thanks! Denise Roberts - 4657 2717.

**"HAVING A BORING SUNDAY! DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!"**

Don't forget our All Age Men's, Ladies and Over 35's are playing and there are only a few home games left, so come and show your support. The canteen is open for food and drink too.

Below is the draw for their home games at Willis Park. Hope to see you there!

**All Age - Mens**

26/6/05 v Mt Annan - 11:00am

17/7/05 v Bradbury Ambarvale - 1:00pm

**All Age - Ladies**

26/6/05 v Bradbury Ambarvale - 9:00am

17/7/05 v Campbelltown Uniting - 11:00am

07/8/05 v Gunners - 11:00am

**Over 35's**

26/6/05 v Tahmoor - 1:00pm

10/7/05 v Campbelltown Uniting - 1:00pm

30/7/05 v Bradbury Ambarvale - 1:00pm

07/8/05 v Gunners - 1:00pm

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Remember that the Bank's pay M & J Financial Services, M & J Financial Services don't charge you!

## **MATCH REPORTS**

**\*\* Managers, thanks for the great match reports but could you please remember to give a BRIEF SUMMARY of the games highlights only.**

Please remember to write: - your team (eg, U6 Blue or U10 Div.4).

- match date.
- the opposition.
- results (for U9's & over).

You can drop your match reports in my letterbox at 36 Edward St, The Oaks (nr Montpelier Dr) or email them to [denisebelinda@hotmail.com](mailto:denisebelinda@hotmail.com). You can also hand them to our Treasurer, Lea Orchard, with your match fee envelope if you prefer, and she can pass them on to me. It would be appreciated if you could get your reports to me as soon as you can after the game, to allow me time to type them all up. There is a Tuesday deadline the week the newsletter is being distributed. Any match reports received after that will be put in the next newsletter. Thanks! Denise.

### **U6 Red**

**21/5/05 v CAM Yellow:** Another great game at home. We are all looking confident and have come a long way since round one. We played another experienced team and still managed to save a few goals and turn the ball around throughout the game. Great goalkeeping by Cormack and Brad and everyone is playing so well, the parents clearly showing our excitement as we echoed through Oakdale. Cormack Stevens scoring our only goal this week, taking home the McDonalds Award. Good work Cormack! Great work team!

### **U6 Red - cont.**

**28/5/05 v STM Red:** We had a really good, fair game. Everyone played well and we did a lot of running. The game was really close and really exciting to watch. Cormack Stevens scoring two goals from outside the circle in the first ten minutes, well done. Everyone is playing so well, and you can see that everyone has been practising at home as well. Nathan and Thomas did a great job in the goals this week, with Thomas saving a great goal in the last few minutes. The player of the week was Thomas Fitzpatrick. Well done Thomas! Great job team!

**4/6/05 v MTA Blue:** Another great game! Everyone played really well. Aidan and Trent did a great job in the goals, saving lots of goals. Good job boys! Thankyou to Kevin (Aidan's Dad) for being our Ref again. Without you we could not play. Well done Cormack, scoring three goals and Nathan, scoring his first goal for the season, and Lachlan, so close this week to scoring a couple of goals and a great team effort by all. Congratulations Aidan for playing so well and taking home the McDonalds Award this week. **WELL DONE TEAM!**

### **U6 Blue**

28/5/05 v APP Red: A great game again boys. We managed to defeat Appin Reds despite being down a couple of players. We were able to borrow a couple of players from BUR yellow so that we had some reserves ( Thanks guys!). Jarrod scored one goal and Alex scored two. Our highlight was James scoring his first goal and also receiving the McDonalds Award. Well done James. Cameron and James defended our goals well. Keep it up guys!

4/6/05 v ING Yellow: Go guys! We won again! A fantastic game played by all the boys. Alex scored two goals and Jarrod also scored one. Corey and Cade were our goalies and didn't let any in. Some big kicks from Tom and Aaron and some great attempts at goal from Corey. Aaron received our McDonalds Award for great defence and teamwork. Well done again boys!

11/6/05 v FIE Black: Our boys were gracious in defeat losing their first game this season. All the boys played a great game with our two goalies, Tom and Cameron being kept on their toes. The parents, too, needed a stiff drink to calm down after this game which was probably our most exciting this season. Alex scored a great goal and there were a few exciting attempts and some great defence by all the players. Connor received our McDonalds Award for his gallant effort. All in all a great effort against an excellent team.

18/6/05 v MIN White: A fantastic game saw our boys winning again. Goals were scored by Jarrod, Cameron and Thomas. Our two goalies, Corey and Aaron stopping many with only one slipping past after it bounced off the goal and snuck in. It was a fast game this week with some great passing and blocks by all. Corey, James and Connor all played exceptionally well but our McDonalds Award was given to Connor for his outstanding game. We missed Alex this week as he was sick and Cade sat off for part of the game as his leg was sore. Hopefully both boys will be back in full form next week.

### U6 Yellow

Date ? v APP: What an exciting game this week. With no reserves the boys had to work hard this week. The boys made a few good breaks on the field, with our first goal of the season to Aiden Rasmussen, congratulations, also a goal to Ryan Hanby in the last 45 seconds of the game. A big pat on the back for Dylan Thomas who put in a huge effort for the team with a great kicking game. Dylan was rewarded the McDonalds Award for his contribution to the team. Well done Dylan!!

4/6/05 v ESC Purple: Another great game this week, especially in the heat. The boys were getting tired quickly but managed to play on. A big thankyou to Dylan Thomas for turning up on the day despite being ill the night before. Our Encouragement Award went to Thomas Keys for his versatility on the field and also in goals, well done Thomas. Well done Team!

### U7 Blue

21/5/05 v COL: The boys all continue to show development week after week. We met Collegians at home and after a slow start we led 1-0 thanks to a superb free kick from Josh Holland. All boys then lifted their pace and listened well to Rob's call to find themselves a space. The floodgate opened and five more goals quickly followed. Well done to all, especially goalkeepers Samuel Bunce and Logan Cunningham. Goal scorers Marcus Berger - a hat trick (who's smile lit up Oakdale), Josh Holland, Samuel Bunce and Kaine Whitelaw. Man of the Match was Reece Harding for great listening to coaches instructions.

28/5/05 v CSC: We travelled to a less windy Ron Dine Oval to play Camden Tigers. This game was especially good to watch as the boys showed glimpses of what is to come from this team. On several runs during the games some great passes were strung together and there was less mass chasing of the ball. The boys are beginning to show understanding of positions and the job they are given to do. Three great goals were scored by Samuel Bunce, Cheyenne Villegas and Kaine Whitelaw. Goals were protected well by Reece Harding and Logan Cunningham who received Man of the Match for being a consistent player over the past few weeks. Special mention to Dylan Watson who has run like the wind over the last two games chasing down the ball and supporting his team mates. Thankyou to Mr Cunningham who stepped in to assist with managing in the second half.

4/6/05 v ?: Back at home at the REALLY EARLY start of 9am, the boys seemed to have left their get-up and go on the floor with their PJ's at home. After a few quick subs the cobwebs were finally blown away and the Burra boys began to show their skill. Playing more spread out than their opposition, the defence of Josh and Marcus had to be solid as it often became five

on one as the opposition attacked. Two great goals saw the score line even. Cheyenne showed a lot of patience to run the ball into the circle and wait until the goalie came off the line before pushing the goal home wide of the keeper. The second goal was a fifteen metre rocket into the top corner by Logan Cunningham. The celebration leap by Dad was impressive! Man of the Match was Aiden, who worked hard, listened hard and tried hard in goals often putting his body on the line. Well done to all the boys who are becoming more skilful every week. A big thankyou to the energetic and encouraging supporters also.

11/6/05 v APP: Off to Appin today on a drizzly morning. The boys looked keener this week. With the opposition also dressed in sky blue Rob brought out his training strips for the team. Pulling on the Macarthur Rams colours seemed to inspire the boys as they put on an impressive display of fast and determined soccer. Week after week all followers are surprised and impressed with the development the boys are showing. They are looking to pass the ball around and are prepared to bring the ball back out of attack and go wide before attacking again. They seem to have quite old soccer heads sitting on young shoulders. The team scored eight unanswered goals with Samuel Bunce scoring five (who must have been hungry having missed last weeks game), Josh Holland two and Kaine Whitelaw one. Reece had a great game putting a wonderful pass back from the corner for Samuel to strike home a goal. Dylan was keen in goals first half and chased hard in the second half. Two Man of the Matches were awarded this week - Cheyenne who, although sick, chased, passed and supported his players 100% and Kaine Whitelaw who stayed focused in goals the second half coming out constantly to protect his area. Well done boys - Many Appin officials and supporters commented on your great team work - keep it up!

### U8 Red

21/5/05 v ESC Orange - Loss 4/2: It was a different day. All the team seemed to be spread out all over the place but we finally rounded them up and with the help of Arial (from the Ladies team), started their warm-up. Brock was keen to try out in goals and with a few tips from Bob, Mitchell's dad who was helping out with coaching this week, he was in there in the first half of the game. He tried hard and did well. Sean did a great pass for Mitchell to put our first goal in. Christopher and Mitchell's joint effort put in the second. All the players played well and tried their best with Bob and Arial. Mark had a great game and did some huge kicks from the backs to take out the McDonalds Award for the week. A big thankyou to Arial and Bob for coaching and supporting the team today.

28/5/05 v LEP Red - Win 3/nil: It was a cool breezy day and our team seemed a little flat in the first half. Mitchell took the ball to the chest early in the game and it appeared to wind him a little but after a drink and a short rest he was back on the field. There was some great passing and one of the father's commented how enjoyable it is to watch the team as they are now playing positions and passing well. It wasn't until the second half that the team seemed to spark. There was a penalty kick by the Leppington goalie, who kicked it straight towards Christopher who promptly kicked it straight back into the goals. With the help of Danial, Christopher scored again. Then a fantastic kick from the corner by James, which went over the top of all the players and curved straight into the goals. All the team played really well in the

second half. Connor was the McDonalds Award winner this week. He has been playing really well at training and in the game with some great passes and kicks. Well done Connor.

4/6/05 v CSC - Loss 4/1: Our team tried really hard and we played a good Camden Tigers team. Alex was in goals in the first half and James in the second. There was some excellent passes and ball control by both teams. There were some great shots at goals. Jordan had a good game doing some great defending. James ran all over the field and defended our goals well. McDonalds Awards to both James and Jordan. Thanks to all the parents who helped on the BBQ and in the canteen today.

11/6/05 v COL - Loss 1/nil: Mitchell and Sean both wanted to play in goals this week and did a great job. The other team had most of the possession, but our team was able to keep them from scoring. Sean, who hasn't been in goals for a while, did well and the game was a lot more even in the second half. It wasn't until the end that they scored. As always, all players had a great game, especially Alex, Connor and Brock. They really tried hard. Mitchell also played well and was the winner of the McDonalds Award.

18/6/05 v ? - Loss 1/nil: With three players down and a last minute phone call to James from the Yellows, we went on the field with no reserves. We were caught out very quickly and were 1-nil down within the first two minutes of the game. The team then came to life and I believe played better than the other team for the rest of the game. Jordan filled the defender position for the day and did a great job, earning him the Player of the Day. We had many shots at goal with great attacking play by Sean and James T but just couldn't get them in. Our goalie in the second half, Connor, did not have to do much work at all. Our backs and mids worked hard and kept the ball going forward at all times to the forwards, well done boys. Thankyou to James T again and to Sandra for managing on the day, as from time to time the coach and manager can't always be there and on these occasions it is greatly appreciated by myself (Mark) and Catherine for your help and support.

### *U8 Blue*

28/5/05 v GUN - Draw 2/2: We knew from the outset that this would be a difficult match today. Last season we came up against this team and neither team had lost for two seasons. On that occasion we were down 4-2 and with two minutes to go we staged an amazing comeback and won 5-4. Today's match was just as evenly contested. Before we knew it we were down 2-0 and the opposition just didn't let up. Hayden deservedly came away with a goal after a lot of hard work just before half time. Bryce was to be commended for consistently working hard especially considering that he had already filled in for an earlier match. Connor once again had an impressive game in both attack and defence with a number of remarkable tackles. With only three minutes remaining the parents, coach and manager began pumping up and encouraging the team and this certainly worked with Matt S beating two players and hammering in a brilliant goal. A great result as well as a great spectacle. MVP was Matt P who puts in week after week and never gives up.

4/6/05 v NAR Green - Win 6/nil: Another strong and almost faultless display by the team today. A special mention goes to our newest member, Andrew Russell, who had his strongest game this season and stepped up a gear defensively. Almost weekly we could mention nearly every team member as they are all playing so well week in, week out. Tony narrowly missed two goals, Matt S and Matt P came away with one goal each and Bryce and Hayden came away with two goals each. Rick, Connor and Carly are just playing harder and harder each week and Alec was MVP for today's match. Alec has had two strong games in a row coming up with some great passes and strong tackling. He was unlucky not to come away with a goal in the second half after beating three opposition players to get in a goal scoring position. A big thankyou to Graham McDonald who stepped into the refereeing role for the day and also to Rob Ison who does such a fantastic job manning the BBQ at every home game. A small club like ours relies on the selfless work of our parents in respect of managing, coaching, refereeing and the canteen. I appreciate the support our team's parents, friends and relatives give myself and the club and it makes the entire season so much more rewarding and enjoyable.

11/6/05 v DOU Red - Win 5/nil: Another strong performance by the team especially considering we had no reserves and Carly was injured in the first half leaving us down to eight players. Bryce was a standout today coming away with three goals and using great footwork to continually beat the defence. Connor made some great breaks down the wing and displayed some great passing skills. Alec was strong in the fullback role and Tony had one of his best games of the season being a lot more involved in the general play. Alec and Tony

provided a bit of comic relief squatting down on the halfway line to take a well earned breather. Matt P did one of the most brilliant saves in goal in the second half that showed plenty of courage. Andrew was awarded today's MVP as, being new to the game, the coach has given him a task in the last three games and he has stepped up each time. Well done everyone - it was an entertaining game to watch.

### U10 Div.3

28/5/05 v DOU - Win 3/nil: This was a hard fought game with a nil all score at half time, with Douglas Park pushing us to new limits on a very windy day at home. This only lifted the spirit of the team to pass the ball around and play positions even better, as they were going into the wind now. As you can notice, we don't highlight our goal scorers as much any more as we are trying to teach them that it is a team effort whether we win, lose or draw. I can tell you all how very proud of this team Rod and myself are. All our hard work is starting to show in everyone

### U10 Div.3 - cont.

in this team. From our number one goalie DJ, to our sweeper and captain Hayden. Our backs and vice captain Cameron, Hannah and Brett, along to our mids of Scott, Jake, Lachlan and Brad right through to our forwards Nick and Ayden, and to our newest reserve Michael. We certainly hope they can keep up their good season and play with the great spirit that we are teaching and showing them.

4/6/05 v CAM - Win 1/nil: Well, what a game of cat and mouse, with coach and parents happy to hear the full-time whistle, as this was one of the hardest games we have had yet. It was a good contest right up to the final whistle, which is great for the team. Once again, with the under 9's not playing, we decided to offer some of them a game and to give us a reserve for the day and well done to Jeffery again. A big well done to Michael, who played his first game of soccer on Saturday against a tough team. We had a team of tired kids, as a large amount of them played in the soccer gala day on Friday in which they played six games of soccer and did it well. Looking forward to a week off then back against an improved Tiger's team. Player of the day was Cameron. Well done Cam!

18/6/05 v CSC - Win 2/nil: It has become exciting to watch this team as they move the ball around and take control of the play. With the score at half time at 2 nil, the second half saw some tired legs with some changing of positions to help cover this, showing us all how skilled and versatile these kids are. Their conduct and sportsmanship on the field to each other and the opposing team is superb. This week we had to give two awards for the Player of the Day as they were both outstanding on the field as they all are most weeks, but well done to Nick and Hannah who keep impressing us. Again, if there is any junior teams out there that want to teach the kids more about positions, come and watch some of these teams hold and play their positions.

### U10 Div.4

14/5/05 v LEP - Loss 1/nil: With a player unexpectedly leaving the team and a player sick, it looked like we were going to be short on the day, but Mitchell and Jordan from the U9's stepped in and helped us out. Thanks Guys! The Player of the Match went to Jordan Meyer for his consistent hard work on the field.

### 21/5/05 - BYE

28/5/05 v ESC - Loss 2/nil: Our coach, Jeff, asked the kids to play this game in the same 'never give up' spirit that his soccer mate Troy, who was killed in an accident recently, had played, and they did him proud. What a great game from all our players. Even though we lost, everyone played hard and did their best and we could see what potential our team have when everyone is playing their part on the field. With two players sick, we borrowed Bryce from the U8 Blues and although still a player short, boy! did we give the opposition a run for their money, with the game scoreless until the last ten minutes when our kids started to tire and the opposition scored twice. Michael Cody did a fantastic job in goals the whole game, saving many attempts. What a bunch of excited parents we were with shouts of encouragement and "that's my boy!" comments throughout the game. Amelia Richardson earned the Player of the

Match Award for chasing and attacking the ball throughout the game. Bryce Roberts did a great job for us and then played a tough game for his own team later. Thanks Bryce! Well done everyone! It was a great game to watch.

4/6/05 v MTA - Loss 5/nil: Although we lost, this was another great game from our kids, with everyone trying hard, chasing the ball and defending well, keeping the game scoreless in the first half. It was a hot day and with no reserves to call upon our kids really felt the heat and tired a lot in the second half with the opposition, who were using three reserves, scoring five

#### U10 Div.4 - cont.

goals. Michael C did another great job in goals, saving many attempts and Andrew N put in a brave effort with an injured foot. Thomas Downey earned our Player of the Match Award for trying hard and attacking the ball all game and even when he came off hurt, he went back on because he knew his team would be short without him, showing great team spirit. Great job Thomas and well done everyone!

18/6/05 v MIN - Loss 13/nil: This was against an opposition that so obviously should not be in this division, so it was great to see the kids keeping their heads up the whole game (I especially enjoyed the backs yelling 'CHARGE' and running up each time we kicked off). Our goalies, Michael C & Kian, were some of the hardest working on the park and without their efforts the score would have been a lot worse. We welcome Robert Hestelow to our team & hope he enjoys the rest of the season with us. Special mention must go to Thomas & Andrew N who are both showing increasing enthusiasm every game they play. This weeks Maccas Award goes to our own little "Energiser Bunny" Loris. PS. we will be taking up a collection for Adam's dad, Max so can buy new batteries for his clock.

#### U12 Div.4

Match 3 v STM - Loss 4/3: A see-saw of goals saw both teams in the lead at different times. Unfortunately the last goal went St Mary's way and we went down 3-4. Best player award went to Joshua Brown for his running and passing game. Wherever the ball was you would find Josh.

Match 5 v TAH - Win 6/1: A resounding win. Our forward line dominated the field. Our backs kept moving the ball up to our halves where Joshua Brown, Talia Brand and Wade Stapleton supplied the ball forward often taking it off the opposition initially. Best player award went to Mitchell Fishburn who was running from halves to backs to clear and move the ball forward. The few shots Tahmoor took at our goal were resounding stopped by Max Mortimer.

Match 6 v RUS - Loss 3/2: A loss this match and just as much action from the parents starting with the coach going to the wrong field. Typical, no one listens. Jayden Parkes and Max Mortimer shared the goals and they both saw a lot of ball. (Nobody noticed they had the same number). The game was a whole field match with the ball attempting to pass both goal keepers with frightening regularity. Our forwards played their best match as a unit. Michael Holmes was trying his best to make use of Jack Holmes crosses. Jake Xerri was confounding halves and backs as he dribbled the balls around and through them. Luke Oakenful kept the ball pointed towards the goal and David Rodgers and Callum Nichols were kicking the skin off the ball. Best player award this week went to Jake Xerri.

Match 7 v ING - Loss 2/nil: We had a loss this week at home but it wasn't for want of trying. Despite dominating the second half things just would not go our way. Passes that were a little off were intercepted, shots for goal just clipped the post, crossed balls bounced badly and couldn't be used. A big thanks to Jack Bennett for his work in the centre. Special mention to Josh Brown, he was everywhere on the paddock but still managed to keep position. Congratulations to Talia Brand. Talia won the sportsperson award for this week for her improved skills, hard tackling and good passing of the ball.

Match 8 v ESC - Win 4/1: A win this week and the team was on fire. Our win was overshadowed by the injury of one of our centres Luke Oakenful. Only 10 minutes on the field and he twisted his knee in the goal mouth. Michael Holmes (match award) had goal scoring fever, knocking 3 balls into the back of the net. One more went to Jack Bennett who dominated the whole field. Several more attempts missed. I thought he was going to rip the skin off the ball in frustration. Forwards Jayden, Jake, Michael and Jack all dominated the

### U12 Div.4 - cont.

match but were fully supported by halves and backs who acted as a wall to the opposition. Max and Wade Stapleton shared the goals. Great defence left them with little to do.

Match 9 v CUC - Win 1/nil: A win today and the whole team was fired up. It seemed the only way to slow down Jack Bennett was with the help of a passing bee at half time. The forwards were having a great day. Jayden Parkes and Michael Holmes were taking crosses from each wing and putting the goal keeper under pressure. Jayden was finding the holes and making plays which earned him best player award. Special thanks to Kian Parkes and Nick Holmes from the U10s for filling in. Nick was our scorer for the match.

Match 10 v COL - Loss 2/1: A loss to one of the top teams. A lofting kick from Michael Holmes saw the scores tied at 1-all in the second half. Callum Nichols, David Rodgers and Nicole Dunn were a wall to the opposition's attack all match but one ball got through late in the second half to see us go down, this time. Callum's clearance kicks and running game earned him best player award.

### U13 Div.3

14/5/05 v HAR - Draw 1/1: Harrington Park scored in the first half - just over Matt's fingertips. Burragorang had quite a few shots at goal without success. In the last 30 seconds of the match, Woody scored a long shot to tie the game 1-1.

21/5/05 v COL - Win 5/nil: The team worked together throughout the whole game securing them five goals to nil. Burra were the strongest team on the day with all play in their half of the field. First half of the game saw Michael P score, with attempted goals by Max, Daniel and Aden. Michael V was a great defender. One minute into the second half Michael P scored again. The opposition's goalie was under pressure with more attempted goals by Max, Daniel, Michael and Kieran. Finally, two more goals were scored by Michael P and then Aden. A great effort from all the players kept Campbelltown Collegians scoreless.

4/6/05 v NAR - Win 2/1: It was a really strange start with our team simply not switched on. Bang! Down 1-0 after only two minutes. Must have been the novelty of the puddle of water in the middle of the field which seemed to cause much interest amongst our players. We had a disjointed first half which was highlighted by our poor passing. Fortunately, Chris and Edward were sound in defence and kept turning their forwards away. The second half started with a quick goal to Kieran which levelled the score. Super! We were now playing with purpose and our passes were connecting. A great cross from Kieran to Mick P to score put us in front. Katelyn's incisive runs were amazing. Good to see Max using his height and head to the max. If only we could bottle MVA's determination, the formula for Aiden's constant running or the secret for Woody's dazzling dribbling. As always, Matt was sound in goals but he received great help from Dean. This was a game which was really tough on the spectators. PS. Giulian was sadly missed as we had no reserves.

18/6/05 v CUC - Win 3/1: An early scare for the team with Uniting catching our defence out with good through balls. Despite a great Matthew save in the first few minutes, Uniting went ahead with a clean header off a corner. Strong defence and another great save from Matty kept us in the game. Burra turned things around with sustained attacking down the left side. Kieran equalising after a through ball from Edward and a powerful shot too strong for the keeper. In the second half Dean supplied a great pass to Kieran who took it right to the line and shot from a fine angle to bag his second goal. Max came close with a great left foot effort - just wide. Burra's third goal came after a strong run from Aden from the back who beat a few, took the ball to halfway and laid it off to Mick who stepped around the keeper and calmly tucked it away. A late spell from Mick on the left wing provided some great crosses but we

### U13 Div.3 - cont.

couldn't put them away. Edward chased back plenty and kept his opponent from getting the ball across to his forwards late in the game. Well done team for showing better commitment in the second half, being first to the ball more often and looking for some great through balls to the forwards.

### Over 35's

29/5/05 v GUN - Loss: Well, what a game by all the eleven players on the day. This was a

game that could have gone either way, as we were rattling the opposition as they had five reserves to our none. It was 1-all at half time and it looked like it still could have gone either way but our legs and bodies just got too tired and sore. With Robert still injured, back taking the field to make the numbers and Martin straight off night shift as well, it was a battle. A good goal to Martin, keeping us in there. It was said by our manager Bob that, that was one of our best efforts and we aren't far off another win. Player of the day went to Dennis, who never gives in.

5/6/05 v MIN - Win 3/1: What a great day out by all. Bob was right, and at 1-all at half time, we were pumped up. With a welcome back to Ian, scoring two goals, and a gem of an effort by Dennis to land one of the best goals I have seen. This was a game where we had three reserves and what a difference it makes. We passed the ball around, we scrambled when needed, we were just great. Some great goalie work from Monir, putting himself on the line again. The families must have known we were getting close to a win, with many of them coming to Minto to watch a great game. Thank you for all your support. Well done team, we are improving and becoming more competitive every game.

12/6/05 v NAR - Draw 3/3: Another great game was played by us old bays. At 3-1 up we certainly were looking good for another win but their determination and legs were just better than ours in the second half. Once again, with no black and whites, our thanks go to Bob for being the ref again. However, we do need refs as we missed Bob calling out the play from the sideline and hope that he will return from injury soon. We welcome our newest player, David to the team (and what a goal he scored) and two goals to Chris, well done. It appears that we are certainly on the improve and starting to show some fitness which gives the spectators a little more to cheer for. Our Man of the Match this week was Chris for a great game. It's also good to get through a week with no yellow cards as it seems 35's do get more than their fair share and it doesn't matter who or what team you are. Once again, if your not busy on a Sunday afternoon and we are playing at home come up and watch, as many of us are the coaches or managers of your children's teams.

19/6/05 v FIE - Loss 4/3: We still had a great game on the day with the team having many more shots at goal than the opposition but just not finding the back of the net. It was good to see that we came away from this game with no injury's and most of us are starting to feel a lot fitter than when we started. It was great to have a black and white to ref the game and thanks to Geordie and Jeff for the line work. It was also great to see that we had four reserves this week to give us all five minutes rest. Our goals this week went to Kelvin and Ian. Great games were had by most with Gary working hard at the back and Leo running well in the mids, but Man of the Match this week for one of his best games goes to Kelvin. Well done team! We have another home game this week and kick off will be at 1:00pm at Willis Park, we would love to see you there.