



# ***“BURRA BLUES”***

## ***Newsletter No.2, July 2007***

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Hello Burraborang Soccer

What started out as a cracker season for all our teams has seen some of our enthusiasm dampened by a string of wet weekends and washouts. To all our parents having to explain week after week to your enthusiastic soccer players at home as to why there's no game, all I can say is "I hear Ya!!". In the past 6 weeks I've been to 4 times as many soccer meetings as games. Hopefully the rest of our season will be better. On the plus side our field looks terrific after all that water.

Macarthur Soccer is doing all they can to get as many of our washed out games played later in the season. Whilst they're still to make a final decision it may be that the Ron Dine competition is not played at all or may be modified from it's usual format this year in favour of all our teams getting back some of the washouts - we'll let you all know as soon as we have details.

Later in this newsletter you'll find our 2007 Club Survey. The purpose of this survey is to get feedback from our club members, parents & supporters as to the direction, priorities and development of the club, so I encourage you to complete it ASAP and hand it to either your team manager or into the canteen. All feedback, positive & negative is welcome. We also welcome constructive ideas as to how our club can grow & improve so please use this opportunity to contribute. We'll analyse the feedback and provide details to the club in the coming months about it's findings and outcome.

One of Burraborang's favourite Sons and ex Junior players, Evan Berger, has signed with A-League Team Melbourne Victory for the coming season. This is a terrific and well deserved achievement for Evan who has a string of achievements already in his burgeoning Soccer Career. On behalf of our club I extend the heartiest of congratulations to Evan and wish him continued success in the future.

All the best to all of you on the field for the rest of 2007

Regards

**Kieran Berryman**

President - Burraborang District Soccer Club

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## **Child Safety & Parent Responsibilities**

A reminder that parents/carers are wholly responsible for the supervision, safety and well being of their child whilst attending soccer training at Willis Park. If you choose to drop off and pick your child up from training, you **MUST** ensure you pick your child up on time or make arrangements to ensure your child is picked up on time, inform your coach and clarify what time training finishes that night as the coach may shorten training. The coach or manager should not be expected to take responsibility for your child if you are late.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to or from training, please discuss it with your coach or manager as they may be able to help you organise alternate arrangements with other parents.

Also, could parents/carers ensure their children do not swing or play on goal posts at Willis Park please, for safety reasons.

## **Good Sportsmanship**

Burraborang Soccer Club prides itself on being a fair, family-friendly club. Please remember that cheering at games should always be positive and fair and show good sportsmanship. Abusive, offensive or insulting comments and behaviour at games is unacceptable and disrespectful and does not set a good example for the kids who deserve a fun and positive experience.

## **Merchandise Orders**

This is your last chance to order club merchandise this season, i.e. jackets, bags, polo shirts etc. They would make a great end of season gift for your coach or manager.

Please place your order by 31 July 2007 to Lea Orchard on 4659 6271.

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## **Troy Betts Memorial Shield**

In memory of Troy who tragically lost his life in a truck accident early in the 2005 season. Troy's love of soccer was nurtured throughout his junior and later senior playing period with Burraborang. His mate: Jim Brown & family donated a perpetual shield to the club to recognise the outstanding achievements/ contribution of either a club player, coach, manager, parent/carer or committee member over any given soccer season.

Previous recipients were:

- 2005 - Rob Ison, who has supported our club in ancillary roles for many years.
- 2006 - Ariel Leonard who, still a teenager, demonstrates dedication beyond her years as a player, coach and mentor.

Nominations for the Troy Betts 'Club Person' for the 2007 soccer season need to be forwarded in writing to our secretary, Anne Oakenful by 31 August 2007.

Email: [secretary@burraborang-soccer.org.au](mailto:secretary@burraborang-soccer.org.au) or mail to BDSC, PO Box 97, Oakdale, 2570

## **2006 Photos or Trophies**

If anyone has still not received their 2006 soccer photos, trophy or senior's key ring, wooden plaque or shield, etc. please contact our Registrar, Bob Jason on 4680 9469.

## **Managers**

If you have any questions in regards to match sheets or refunds on paid-in-advance match fees, etc. Please see our Treasurer Lea Orchard. Ph.4659 6271.

If your team needs more McDonalds awards, there are still a few left. Ph: Denise Roberts on 4657 2717

## **Youth League Try-outs**

The try-outs for the Youth League Competition (from U13's) for the 2008 season will be held in October. For anyone interested please contact Bob Jason for more information. Ph. 4680 9469.

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# Match Reports

Thanks for the great match reports and keep them coming in. It's great that our Burra player's and supporters are able to follow the progress of our teams throughout the season.

Email: [denisebelinda@hotmail.com](mailto:denisebelinda@hotmail.com) or put in letterbox at 36 Edward St. The Oaks.

## U6 Yellow

### Rd 4: 5/5/07 v CUC Blue

Back home on our home ground and we again showed our improving skills and team work. Two tremendous goals were scored by Blake Harris and a wonderful third goal was scored by Jakob Henry. Niamh Quigley shows us her great defensive skills in goals and Callum Whitelaw was a dynamo in his attacking skills and break away runs. We are very excited about our next game where we are going to continue our fantastic run.

### Rd 5: 12/5/07 v NAR Red

What a game!! Two of our players were away so we all had to play all game!!! We did not stop for the entire 30 mins. Terrific defence of our goal by our two goalies Mitchell Smart and Harry Feutrill, laying their bodies down. In fact Mitchell had such a great game he also got the MacDonald's award. Blake and Jakob again showed their breakaway skills with many dashes down the field. After a week of rest, which we will all need, back home for our next game.

### Rd 6: 19/5/07 v CUC Yellow

Another great game where we all had contact with the ball. Emmitt and Callum did a fantastic job of defending our goal. Macie showed her great running skill with quite a few single handed break-a-ways down the field. Niamh showed her wonderful team spirit by being on hand at all times. Two wonderful goals were scored by Harry, and Jakob was our MacDonald's winner for this week. Not quite sure if they greased the grass this week but we did seem to spend quite a bit of time on the ground!!! Looking forward to next weeks game.

### Rd 7: 26/5/07 v BRA Blue

We again showed how much we are improving with our ball skill and teamwork. Blake scored a terrific goal and our goalies, Macie and Jakob, pulled off some incredible saves. Niamh showed her great ball skills with some tremendous kicking and Mitchell was always on hand for support. Our MacDonald's winner was Harry with quite a number of break-away runs down the field. Looking forward to another great game next week.

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## U6 Blue

### Rd 1: 14/4/07 v MTA

A bit of a tough first game for the team as we only had 5 players, so all had a full game on the field. They all gave 100% despite being a bit worn out by second half. Isaac was enthusiastic with his goalkeeping. Lincoln defended well at the back. With Thomas and Ben powering in the centre. Our only goal today was scored by Claire who received the McDonalds award.

### Rd 2: 21/4/07 v NAR

Another game where our team gave it all they had against a very fast team! Our goalies, Isaac and Ben were very busy today and made some great saves. Claire, Thomas and Lincoln were on the field the whole game and worked very hard with plenty of tackles. Our awards today went to Lincoln and Ben.

### Rd 3: 28/4/07 v ECA

A wet field and rain during the game didn't dampen our teams spirit! Despite having only four players on the field our team played consistently. Ben and Claire got very close to scoring early in the second half. Hunter and Thomas took turns in goals today and both made excellent saves. Thomas and Hunter received awards today.

### Rd 4: 5/5/07 v ING

The sun shone on us today and we had a full team at the game. We also had two great players borrowed from the yellows, many thanks. The game today was more evenly matched and each and every player put in their best effort. It was a joy to watch. Great game everyone! Our awards today went to Ethan and Isaac.

## U7 Yellow

### Rd 2: 21/4/07 v HAR Yellow

What a great start to the year. Aiden Rasmussen and Brayden Bint saved some excellent shots. Ryan was on fire scoring 3 goals, a super shot to Aiden resulting in a goal, and a run away goal to Wally and Brayden. The award went to Bailey Gavin for his tireless effort on the field. Bailey defended and attacked all game. A great start to the

year Bailey!

**Rd 3: 28/4/07 v CSC**

Wow! A wet field at Camden made for a fantastic game for Burra Yellow. The boys fired shots at goals all day. Wally scored an amazing 7 goals, Ryan, Daniel, Brayden and Kerwin all scored great goals and put plenty of pressure on the goalies. Dylan did some excellent kicks from goals in the wet weather. Wally received the award for the game. Well done Wally! Well done team!

**Rd 4: 5/5/07 v MTA Blue**

A somewhat slow start this week at home, the boys seemed a little tired today as it was very hot. Dylan paved the way for the boys with his awesome kick and chase game. Dylan received this week's award for never giving up. Ryan saved some great shots at goals, while Wally (in goals for the second half) did some great diving on the ball, stopping our opponents. Well done also to Daniel for his enthusiasm today. Great work team!

**Rd 5: 12/5/07 v NAR**

An awesome game at Narellan this week, everyone came in contact with the ball. Aidan, Wally, Ryan and Daniel all scoring goals. Kirwen was outstanding, positioning himself in all the right places. Both Daniel and Bailey performed well in goals. Great job boys! Dylan is proving to be a great team player. McDonalds award went to Aiden. Great game Aiden with some excellent breaks down the field also good passing to your team mates. Well done boys, we are continuing to improve each week.

**Rd 6: 19/5/07 v ESC**

A windy day at home this week made the conditions a little more difficult than usual. Our passing game is improving now and the boys are starting to take note of who has the ball. Bailey played well, running hard all game, as did Brayden who was our award winner this week. Brayden was great on the field and also in goals. Good work to Ryan who played goals in the first half and ran hard in the second, despite being ill the night before.

**Rd 7: 26/5/07 v TAH**

Great game away this week at Tahmoor. Kirwen is playing extremely well and shaping up as a great team player. Dylan was awesome in goals in the first half, also Wally, in goals for the second, was diving on everything that came his way. Good effort boys!

**Rd 8: 2/6/07 v CAM Blue**

The boys tried hard this week at home. Ryan was awesome in the first half, kicking and chasing everything that came his way. Well done Ryan, our McDonalds award winner this week, for continual effort all season.

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## **Under 9 Div 4**

**Rd 3: 28/4/07 v MTA: Win 8-nil**

First away game on a different field did not upset the Burra Football machine as great team work and running football saw the boys record an 8 nil win of which 6 goals came in the first half. Goals were scored by Sam who, not satisfied with a hat-trick the previous two games, stepped up to score 4 this week. He was backed up by 2 from Marcus, 1 from Josh and 1 from Logan who was awarded the Man of the Match for maintaining great position throughout the game on the left wing. Kaine, while not making the score board, continues to impress with his support of others attackers. Goal scorers are only as good as their defence and Burra was well served by Reece, Zac, Jack, Aiden & Nathan in this area. It was great to see Cheyenne back and with his cool headed passing game.

**Rd 4: 5/5/07 v ESC: Win 12-nil**

Even though Eschol Park were playing short, Coach Rob pointed out to the team that it was a great opportunity to put into action the type of plays they had been practising at training. And the boys did just that! An outstanding game of passing, running to space and holding of positions saw Burra score 6 unanswered goals each half for a very dominating 12-0 victory. The first goal came in less than a minute from kick off with the ball moving through 5 sets of feet before Sam slotted home the ball. Sheer determination then saw Kaine open his 2007 score sheet as he scrambled for the ball at the near post. Goal three was a highlight as the Nathan chipped the ball beautifully over a sea of players to find Marcus on the back post who skilfully flicked the ball off his head into the goal. Josh then finished off a great cross from Logan with a volley to make the score 4 nil. Sam and Josh both then added goals, each a result of individual strong runs into the box from open play.

The second half was a little like Déjà vu as within a minute of the restart the ball moved quickly from Sam to Zac and then onto Lachlan whose left foot strike was unstoppable. Josh(3), Sam (4) and Kaine (2) all added to their tally and Logan was finally rewarded for again holding his space and ignoring the temptation to chase the ball, when a great switch of play by Josh saw Logan launch a powerful left footer that the keeper found too hard to handle. With little to do, Aiden was pushed up from goals and played as sweeper for the last 10 minutes which brought a smile to his face. Man of the Match was awarded to Cheyenne whose great ball distribution and reading of the

play resulted in many of the goals scored by other team members. An entertaining display of good football to watch boys. Well done!

**Rd 5: 12/5/07 v NAR: Win 4-nil**

The 9 available players lined up to face a Narellan side complete with 4 reserves. After 10 mins of desperate defending and some great sweeping work by Marcus, supported well by Nathan and Zac, Burra survived the best that Narellan had to offer. After this Sam (I only score in 3's) made a strong run into the box after receiving the ball from Josh who used the side line well. Sam converted the goal for Burra to take a 1-0 lead against the run of play. With only a few minutes left in the half Jack put a clever back pass back to Marcus who cleared downfield to Reece whose well timed pass saw Sam again rattle the back of the net. After the break Burra did not let up the pressure and after some constant sustained attacking moves Sam this time put a superb cross into Kaine who scored a special goal on his birthday. Sam finished off the score line for another hat-trick having rattled the post and cross bar on two other separate occasions. Sam was awarded Man of the Match as much for his passing game as for his goals and all the other boys received an encouragement award for their tireless efforts. Well done all!

**Rd 6: 19/5/07 v TAH: Win 5-nil**

On a cold windy day a 10 man Burra met Tahmoor in a local derby. Both teams were undefeated and our boys again facing a full strength team met the challenge well going to a 1-0 lead early via some good individual work by Sam. The boys did not keep their positions as well under the windy conditions but were rewarded when they did spread the ball wide with Logan slotting home a lovely left foot for a 2-0 lead at half time. After the break the wind dropped slightly and the boys played much better in the second half stringing together many great passes that saw the Burra team dominate the game. 3 more goals were scored 2 by Sam and 1 from Josh who also worked tirelessly in defence. Lachlan who showed great team spirit to stay in goals when asked by coach Rob was awarded the Man of the Match after making a great one on one save that could have seen the teams equal at 1 all. Special mention was also made of Aidan's performance for marking his man so well when instructed.

**Rd 7: 26/5/07 v RUS: Win 7-nil**

On a rare occasion where Burra had a full side plus one reserve the boys looked a little crowded and confused at the start on what was a lumpy, bumpy pitch. Eventually the boys settled into their passing game and by half time had taken a 3-0 lead after goals by Sam, Lachlan and Josh. The second half saw a much better side take the field and after some good saves from the opposition goalkeeper to deny Kaine and Lachlan, Sam managed to pick up the crumbs of one spill to go 4-0 and soon followed with the 5<sup>th</sup> after a run from midfield. The last two goals were great team goals by Logan who intercepted a rebound from our defence, then entered the box rounding their last line of defence to place the ball at the back post. Very classy! Josh scored the 7<sup>th</sup> and last goal after a well timed run into the box to collect a cross from the wing after some great lead up work by Cheyenne. Our defence of Nathan, Zac, Reece and Aiden worked very hard and special mention to Marcus the goal keeper for a great penalty save and to Jack who gained the Maccas award for his work rate and running game.

**Rd 8: 2/6/07 v STM: Win 14-nil**

Again the boys were slow to start and it took 7 minutes of attack to break through the sea of defenders in the box but Cheyenne finally found a space to knock home a great left footer. Lachlan followed soon after with a superb chip of the keeper. The next followed after some clever play by sweeper Marcus who switched the play to the right and the following attack saw a penalty awarded for a handball. Reece (I haven't scored a goal yet) stepped up to coolly place the ball wide of the keeper. After a few near misses after attack by Logan the 4<sup>th</sup> goal was the goal of the match as it was the result of a relay of one touch passes from Kaine to Josh to Sam who slotted the ball home. The boys went to half time 5-0 nil up. The second half saw a much more organised start and after some solid defence from Nathan, Zac and Marcus the flood gates opened with Josh and Sam taking it in turns to score -6,7,8,9 and then Kaine joined the party. Reece (I've got the taste for scoring now) then hit a solid right footer that rattled the net for number 11 then Sam equalled our highest ever score. Lachlan then joined the hatrick club to again chip a valiant keeper for number 13 and 14. An injured Aiden manned our goal and could have been excused for dosing off but the one time the opposition looked dangerous Aiden was like a spider scrambling for the ball to deny the opposition. Reece was awarded the Maccas award for his best game ever with good defence and great supporting runs- not to mention the 2 goals.

## **U10 Div. 2 White**

**Rd 4: 5/05/07 v CUC: Draw 1-1**

We were once again starting the match with no reserves but thankfully just before the game commenced Jarrod Saunders agreed to play up an age group and what a sensational job he did. He was consistently first to the ball and had a great time in the mid field position. The rest of our team have stepped up a gear since the start of the season and their teamwork has greatly improved which is being reflected in the results. It is great to see such an

improvement in our midfield with the ball regularly being pushed through to set up a number of goal scoring opportunities. A 1 all draw was an excellent result against the team at the top of the ladder. James received our MVP for his relentless chasing of the ball and Jarrod Saunders received the Maccas award for his great efforts in playing for an under 10 side.

**Rd 5: 12/05/07 v NAR: Win 4-2**

Today was the Manager's birthday and the team was instructed that they had to ensure that the day was a happy one. I think it will be the Manager's birthday every week as the team scored three goals in the first eight minutes of the game. This was by far the best performance of the season and there were a number of standout players. We got to a 4-0 lead but Narellan came back with two late goals when our players were on their last legs. We managed to have one reserve today which did help a little but it is amazing how everyone steps up when they know that they can't have a break. Our team will certainly be fit by the end of the season. MVP was Bryce who was a goal scoring machine and Maccas award went to James who again had a strong game, narrowly missed two goals and came away with a bloodied nose. Fantastic team effort!!!!

**Rd 7: 26/05/07 v ING: Win 3-2**

Today we were coming up against the team one point in front of us on the ladder and it was all the inspiration the team needed. The entire 50 minutes was exciting with us scoring and Ingleburn hitting back each time. Both teams came up with some brilliant plays and the supporters from both clubs were on the edge of their seats. There was two minutes remaining in the game when Ingleburn made a break but as he had consistently done all day Tony bided his time and went in for the killer clearing kick. For his great efforts today Tony received the MVP trophy and Jarrod Campbell received the Maccas award for the second time this season. He never gives up and pushes himself so hard that he doesn't even have the energy to speak after the game. Well done also to Matt P, Jarrod and Liam who also backed up after representing Oakdale School at the Cross Country the previous day.

## **U10 Div. 2 Blue**

**Rd 4: 5/05/07 v GSC: Loss 5-1**

The opposition came out firing with plenty of pressure on us, and Graham did some excellent saves. We passed better in this game with Peter and Chris doing some great defending, but the Gunners put the pressure on us constantly and scored. Jordan C. backed up well and we manage a corner. Plenty of hassling and Mitchell gets it just in the corner and it's an even match. But the opposition are playing well and Graham edges out a little too far and they score again. Jordan M goes into goals in the second and defends well until he takes a kick to his stomach and is winded but no goal scored. Our guys seem to be scrambling and they manage to score again. It's now 3-1 and there is some confusion with whistles and Peter accidentally picks up the ball and they score. They had most of the possession, played well and we have some areas we need to improve on but there is always next week. McDonalds goes to Jordan C. and Ariels to Peter.

**Rd 5: 12/5/07 v ING: Win 2-1**

Asleep at the start again and the other team runs away with the ball and scores but this wakes us up and we take over the majority of the game. Mark is having a great game with a huge kick up to our goals and Mitchell follows it through for a goal. A good back heel from Peter. Jack more on the ball and wanting to throw the ball from side line quickly. Jordan M. is covering well. Second half and we are playing better and the possession is mainly down our end. We manage a few corners but can't seem to finish. Jordan C. is has heaps of energy and passes a great cross to James who scores. It is fairly warm and the players are getting tired and waiting for the ball instead of attacking. Opposition corner and ball runs across our goal, Peter misses but Chris comes out of nowhere and takes control of the ball. A good game. Olivia did well holding position and staying on her player. McDonalds goes to Graham and Ariel award goes to Mark Napper who hardly missed a ball...he really had a great game. Some of our team who attend The Oaks primary school had Ariel coaching them so the boys thanked her with flowers and a card. Thank you very much Ariel.

**Rd 6: 19/05/07 v NAR: Win 3-nil**

A little windy and cool today but the team was ready. Passing was good and we saw a few great moments and a few lulls with so many attempts but few goals. Jack, James and Mitchell all scored and Peter, Mark, Chris and Sean kept the opposition scoreless. Karlee had a few attempts and kicked a fabulous goal but she was off side. Never mind she had a great game and with so much improvement and took out Ariels Award today. The coach's new position for Mark and Jordan C are paying off and they are having a great game. Graham as always did a great job in goals and stayed there as Jordan M. came off in the middle of the first half sick. McDonalds award to both Sean and Jack who both held positions and made good use of opportunities in the game. Big thanks to Josh and Nathan from the U/9-4 team who subbed for us. They played excellent in the mid field.

**Rd 7: 26/05/07 v DOU: Draw 0-0**

I unfortunately missed this game but apparently the boys played reasonably well considering a few of them were sick that week preceding the game. Defence was strong on both sides and while we had plenty of opportunities to score were unable to do so. McDonald's award went to Jordan M and Ariels award to Graham.

**Rd 8: 2/06/07 v COL: Win 4-nil**

A good first half bringing training skills to the game. This was the team who beat us in the Ron Dine Cup grand final last year so we were out to prove a point. A goal by Ben who is back from holidays early in the first half encourages us to pick up the game. A beautiful cross later and James gets it in. Sean is on fire today, running all over the park, and an attempt goes over the top and James has another go and hits the cross bar. Mark N. saves a great goal with his head but feels it afterwards. Good defending by Peter and Mark, the backs helping the keeper out well today. Its 2-0 going into the second half and we are a bit sloppy but they start to get it together and pass well. Meanwhile we pick up and Mitchell gets an easy goal, it just dribbles over. Jordan C. has a good game and Jack is playing more aggressive. Graham has some great runs up front. A hand ball penalty in front of goals and Sean gets the kick.....goal and we win. McDonalds to James and Ariels award to Ben.

### **U12 Div. 3**

**Rd 4: 5/5/07 v MTA: Win 3-nil**

At home, and after an initial slow start to the game, our guys started to click and work well together as a team. These Mt Annan players are certainly tall but this didn't daunt our guys at all, they just ran faster than them. There were many attempts at goal but the ones that made it were scored by Daniel P.(2) and Gerard (1). The Player of the Match today was Kian Parkes, for doing a great job in goals, ensuring that the ones that got past our defences didn't make it in the net. Well done everyone!

**Rd 5: 12/5/07 v NAR: Win 7-nil**

We welcome Laken to his first game today as he hadn't been able to play so far this season due to a leg injury. We got off to a slow start again but once our guys found their rhythm there was no stopping them. All the guys are looking and passing well throughout the game. Later in the second half our coach took pity on our goalie, Kian, who, apart from one brilliant save in the first half, wasn't getting much action, so Rod swapped him with DJ and soon after Kian scored a goal. *Well Done!* Loris's brother, Bryce, from the U10's, stood by as a back-up reserve for us today and was also given a run late in the second half, setting up one goal and nearly scoring two himself. Our goals were scored by Laken (1), DJ (4), Jeremy (1) and Kian (1). We gave out two Player of the Match awards today and they went to Andrew Wood and Laken Ledden who both worked hard all game. Keep up the good work guys!

**Rd 6: 19/5/07 v RUS: Win 5-nil**

The first half of today's game was the best football the boys have played so far. Their field positioning and smooth, fluid passing of the ball gave them control of the game from the start. Brad had a tough game with two Ruse players constantly marking and taunting him but he handled them well by ignoring and outplaying them both, giving him the last laugh. Well done Brad! Our goal scorers today were Daniel P.(2) and DJ (3). Jeremy Miller was our Player of the Match today. Great game guys!

**Rd 7: 26/5/07 v DOU: Win 6-1**

After a bit of a scrappy start the boys started to play well again. We conceded our first goal of the season today as the Douglas Park boys said it was their mission to be the first team to score a goal against us, which they did, and they deserved it, it was unstoppable. Mitchell did a great job in goals and made some great saves. Our goals today were scored by DJ (2) - *one a great header into the net off a corner kick - brilliant*, Gerard (1), Laken (1) and Daniel P. (2) - who's speed and agility just took the opposition by surprise. Daniel Piromalli and Brad Ciantar received our Player of the Match awards. Well done guys!

**Rd 8: 2/6/07 v COL: Win 8-nil**

Sorry, I was away for this game, but judging from the result I think I can safely say that our guys had a good game.

**Rd 13: 7/7/07 v MTA: Win 4-nil**

After four weeks of rain and cancellations, finally, a break in the weather and soccer's a go. The team were, understandably, a bit rusty and got off to a slow start, going into the break 1-nil after a goal by Daniel P, but they picked up their pace in the second half with better field positioning and passing, resulting in three more goals. Our goal scorers were Daniel P.(3) and DJ (1). Our backs did a great job as usual keeping this tall Mt Annan team scoreless, with Loris Roberts and Brett Napper earning the Player of the Match awards. Good work!

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## **U12 Div. 4**

### **Rd 5: 12/5/07 v BRA: Loss 5-nil**

The score does not reflect the quality of the game. We had no reserves and a couple of our goal scoring players were away. So even though we lost it was quite an entertaining game. Michael Cody and Amelia were very busy in goals and both did some great saves and strong kicks. Jeff was overall pleased and felt the team was listening to him and tackling well. Man of the Match was Tyson Brown - Congratulations. Thomas and Zeke worked hard in the backs and were supported by Michael Rodgers and Andrew. Jeff commented that whatever Andrew had for breakfast - give it to him next week! Well done Jade you are really starting to get involved. Thankyou to our team manager Peta, especially, for those yummy oranges.

### **Rd 8: 26/5/07 v ESC: Loss 1-nil**

"Oh Dear" Even though the score was only 1 to Nil this was not one of our best games. Few players held their position and no-one appeared to be listening to Jeff. Perhaps the missed training session on Thursday and some very tired players from The Oaks School (who had been in Canberra all week) contributed to the poor effort. Also we had no reserves which put added pressure on the already weary players. On the positive side some good kicks were made by a number of players. Man of the Match was deservedly Andrew Nichols, who put in a strong effort the entire game. Well done Andrew! We look forward to a hard training session this week and better games this weekend.

### **Rd 10: 3/6/07 v ING: Loss 3-1**

What a great match. Even though we didn't win it was a very good game and the first goal scored by us since round one. Jeff was very pleased with the team's performance and commented that "everyone did everything exactly right". Man of the Match was Tyson Brown - congratulations Tyson. The goal was scored by Robert Hestelow. Michael Rodgers had a very strong game and Jade also played very well. Thomas showed some flare as goalie in the second half. Again well done all.

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