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**LIDCOMBE UNITING
S. F. C.**



**ANNUAL
REPORT
1981**

OFFICIALS - 1981

PATRON: "Barney" Donaldson
PRESIDENT: Gordon Weeks
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Stewart Carmichael
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENTS: Geoff Morgan , Roger Bowden
SECRETARY: Ray James
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:
TREASURER: Ken James
COUNCILLORS TO ASSOCIATION: Stewart Carmichael, Ray James
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PUBLICITY OFFICER: Margaret Gaunson
RECORDING OFFICER: Ray James
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Margaret Gaunson, Ken James,
Mary Brown, Nobby Dillon,
Frank Anlezark
GEAR STEWARD: Ray James
AUDITORS: Alan Weeks, Geoff Rider

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LIFE MEMBERS

Dave Eagleson, Jack Rider, Gordon Weeks, Ted James, Dot Rider,
Mabel James, Ray James, Norm Huteau (deceased).

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1981

Dear Members, Players and Supporters,

As our soccer season draws to a close we may look with pride at our achievements during the year. To the youth of our community we have provided a sport and recreation which we hope will enable them to become good citizens in future years. To our supporters we have, I am sure, given many entertaining matches.

To the competition winners I would like to offer on behalf of the Committee, our congratulations on what I am certain was a very well deserved win, and to all players, managers and coaches, thank you for a job very well done.

I would again like to raise a vote of appreciation to our ladies, who work tirelessly each Saturday in the canteen, the only reward being the satisfaction of helping the Club. To Dot Ride, Dot Bird and Mabel James, many thanks.

The team spirit still exists very strongly within the club, but I must admit that the lack of parental involvement is unfortunately very noticeable within our junior teams.

I would also like to extend to the management committee my thanks for a job well done.

The social committee held a number of very successful, well-attended functions during the year and I am sure the people who supported them were more than pleased.

The end of season social will be held on Saturday, 10th October at Lidcombe RSL. Hoping you will be there to help celebrate the end of the 1981 Soccer Season.

GORDON WEEKS
PRESIDENT



SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1981

The 1981 season was approached with a little concern as to the actual number of teams the club would be fielding. Even after the signing-on day at Phillips Park our numbers were down. However once the word got around that training was under way and third games arranged, a big influx of players appeared and at the commencement of the competition over 50 new signings had been made.

To all the new players, along with their parents, a very warm welcome to the "Lidcombe Congs" and we hope your stay with us will be a happy and rewarding experience. Our club now is one of all nations and we are proud to be able to assist in some way to help in the assimilation of our friends from other lands. Even now some very warm and lasting friendships have been the outcome.

Following under the various headings you will be able to follow the season's activities :

TEAMS: A total of 12 teams were entered in competition in ages ranging from under 8 years through to all age teams. With a total of 172 registered players.

MANAGERS: This most important facet of our club was in good hands and through their unselfish approach and dedication helped with the smooth running of the club. They catered well for team needs.

COACHES: To all who undertook these positions the club is very grateful. It is so very necessary for the Juniors to be given a good grounding in the basic fundamentals. However there is still room for more of our Senior players to become involved in this area of operations. Always remember the help you were given as juniors.

SUSPENSIONS: A few of our all age players were given their marching orders during the season and cautions were administered. It should still be remembered that the "Man-in-White is always right". The referee is also out there to enjoy his participation.

CANTEEN: This part of our club is the meeting place of all club members, young and old alike. The club sincerely appreciates the untiring efforts of Dot Rider, Dot Bird and Mabel James. Our functions would only be half as effective without the "Lollie Shop". "Good Food, Cold Drinks and always a friendly smile" and kind words have helped to bring joy to young hearts.

GROUNDS: The club used both Phillips Park No 1 and No 2 grounds, but our main venue in 1981 was "Wembley" Phillip No 1, and even though the ground surface could be improved the atmosphere of the run down towards the canteen end of the ground is part of "Congo tradition". Most of our players turned in the big ones at home. I believe the council along with the Auburn Combined Sports Committee have plans for improved conditions in 1982.

DRESS OF TEAMS: As a general rule most teams were well drilled in this regard, particularly the juniors. A little pride in your dress, I feel works wonders in team morale and performance. Give this some thought, players at fault.

EQUIPMENT: Most club equipment was satisfactory, nets, corner flags, line marker all still in serviceable condition.

SHIRTS AND BALLS: More attention will have to be given in 1982 for closer uniformity in our strips, in particular the junior ranks. The football position is always a problem area as a lot of the imported footballs go out of shape too quickly. However all teams were provided with a match ball and at least 2 training balls.

FEES: Registration and playing fees were kept to a minimum, the fees payable in 1980 remained the same in 1981.

PARENTS: This is an area in which we would like to make inroads, as I feel sure the youngsters would appreciate the Mums and Dads on the sideline encouraging and enjoying the team's participation. An invitation is extended to you all to come out in force in 1982 and become an active part of the "Congos".

"400 GAMES": The club is proud to announce the great achievement of one of the club's stalwarts who has amassed 400 club games. "Big Bob", Robert Eagleson has reached this milestone and has served the club well, both on the administration side as well as being a dedicated player. Congratulations Robert.

"300 GAMES": The 1981 season saw popular "Congo" Dutchy (Richard Holland) march in to club history and join the illustrious "300" club.

"200 GAMES": Congratulations to two dedicated players in reaching the "200" club. To you Phil Bird and Graeme Roberts a top effort.

"100 GAMES": The "100" club is joined in 1981 by Duro Segecic, Robert Lukic, Theo Karabetsos and Lindsay Rutter. Congratulations.

"100 GAMES"1980: Apology is extended to the Irishman "Paddy" (Brendan McKeown). Paddy reached this target in 1980. A popular boy is Paddy.

SUPPORTERS: This season has seen a most welcome increase in the support at home games and in particular the 1st Division team has attracted some of our old followers back to the park. The brand of football being served up has been of high order. However it would be great from a club point of view if some of the all age players could give a little support to the morning games. Give it thought in 1982. The kids would appreciate the senior players in attendance. Remember we all belong to the "Congos".

INJURIES: Good fortune was with us in this aspect and apart from the normal football problems - bruises, hamstrings, ankles etc - no serious injury occurred.

FUN-RUN: The hospital fun-run over 8 km saw a team from the Soccer Club have a victory over a team nominated by the Rugby Union team. Team members Geoff Rider, Ken Collier, Dutchy Holland, Graeme Roberts and Ken James. A top run. 1st Grade trainer Les Wilson was a proud man on the day.

NEW FACES: The club welcomes to its ranks the new managers, Albert Chen U/8, John Hawach U/9, Roger Bowden R/Cup, Steve Enfield U/16, and the new coaches, Peter Eckersley, Assistant Coach U/8, John Hawach U/9, Steve Grundy U/10, Steve Johansen U/11, Ken James U/12, Steve Finch U/13, Steve Enfield U/15, George Luke R/Cup 1st Division and Roger Bowden R/Cup 6th Division. The club is appreciative of your efforts.

PLAYING RECORD: The season up until the last round promised the club 5 premierships, however the final round saw the Under 13 undefeated premiers and the R/Cup 1st Division 1st grade and reserve grade minor premiers with the play-offs to be decided. So we are looking forward to further success. Both the Under 12 and the Under 15 teams met better sides on the day and their hopes were dashed.

In conclusion I would like to record my appreciation and to thank, on behalf of your committee, all you folk who have contributed your time and efforts to make our club so well respected in the community.

A special thank you to Jan Hanhan, mother of the club's youngest player in 1981 (Andrew) Under 8, who supplied the canteen with cakes, pikelets, jams and cream. Jan's a Congo.

Looking forward to you all finding your way down to Phillips Park again in 1982.

Once a Congo - always a Congo!

RAY JAMES
SECRETARY

NOTE: Please all make that extra effort to attend the club's Annual General Meeting - date to be announced.

LIDCOMBE UNITING SOCCER F.C. - 1981

TEAM	MANAGER	COACH	CAPTAIN
8	Albert Chen	Ray James	Joseph Ivankovic
9	Doug Robson	John Hawach	Doug Robson
10	Charlene Donohoe	Steve Grundy	various
11	Margaret Gaunson	Steve Johansen	Edgardo Mendez
12	Chica Batts	Ken James	Berislav Tukonic
13	Arthur Dixon	Steve Finch	Grant Forbes
15	Steve Enfield	Steve Enfield	Sam Annous
16	Beryl Collier	Ken Collier	Geoff Edwards
R/C 1	Nobby Dillon	George Luke	Glen Spierings
R/C 2	Nobby Dillon	George Luke	Phil Bird
R/C 3	Roger Bowden	Roger Bowden	Peter James
R/C 4	Roger Bowden	Roger Bowden	Eddie Lakiss

GRADING COMMITTEE - 1981

Stewart Carmichael, George Luke, Gary James (trainer), Les Wilson.

ITEMS OF CLUB INTEREST

First Captain	1939	F.J. James		
First Secretary	1939	A.H. Cook		
Most Goals in a season	1971	M. Woodhouse	U/9	54 goals
Most Goals in a Match	1971	T. Rooney	U/15	8 goals
Highest score for	1971	U/15		18 goals
Highest score against	1976	U/8		16 goals
Most wins in a season	1976	U/14		21

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BIG "BOB": Tops the "400 Games" - a great effort from a true Congo.

GUT: Seen lurking around the park, expected to reappear on the scene in 1982.

HONOUR ROLL

400 GAMES:

Robert Eagleson

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300 GAMES:

Ray Turnbull
Ian Turnbull
Richard Holland

Alan Weeks
John Weeks

Ken James
Peter James

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200 GAMES:

Gary James
Michael Anlezark
Neil Hillyard
Colin Brown
Geoff Bent
Neil Rudgley
Craig Hinton
Greg Austin
Kevin Toms
Stephen Godfrey
Ken Collier
Grant Henderson
Stephen Luland
Jim Pincott
Graeme Roberts

Russell Hore
Don Eagleson
Bob Hollebone
Steven Burns
Mark Baty
Ralph Brandie
John Dillon
Keith Woods
Graham Godfrey
Grant Pincott
Paul Alsop
Scott Anlezark
Gary Williams
Robert Luke

Kevin James
Steve Edenborough
Greg Stevens
Ray Taylor
Arthur Hollebone
Darren Somerville
Isaac Dib
Norm Death
Bruce Rider
Craig Somerville
Garry Kerrigan
Ron Hollebone
Geoff Rider
Phil Bird

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100 GOALS:

Neil Rudgley
Garry Roberts
Darren Somerville
Alan Weeks
Bill Bruen
Russell Hore

Wayne Beaupeurt
Stephen Burns
Ray Turnbull
Ken Cambaz
Rick Wiley

Mark Woodhouse
Peter Oberemok
Ian Turnbull
Craig Somerville
Ron Rider

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K.J.:

Still retains the Father of the Year title, owns a house overlooking "Wembley".

TATTERS:

Welcome home to Captain Fortune. Found a new lease of life, playing well in the Veterans Team.

"LITTLE FLOPPER":

Migrating to the "States" in 1982. Bon voyage Phil and Kathy.

ROCK:

The itchy feet are coming back. A regular onlooker in '81. Come back Rock, the mafia miss you.

FROGGIE:

The club's Mr Busy. A popular new Congo.

CLUB'S RECORD

(as known)

1943 U/14 Premiers	1973 U/11 Premiers
1947 1st Grade Six-a-Side	1974 U/10 Premiers
1962 U/10 Premiers	1974 U/11 Premiers
1962 U/16 Six-a-Side	1974 U/13 Premiers
1962 U/12 Premiers	1974 U/16 Premiers
1964 U/16B Premiers	1975 U/9 Premiers
1966 2nd Div. Premiers	1976 U/14 Premiers
1967 Open K.O. Winners	1977 U/14 Six-a-Side
1967 1st Div. Premiers	1977 U/16 K.O. Winners
1967 2nd Grade Six-a-Side	1978 U/18 K.O. Winners
1968 2nd Grade Premiers	1978 U/18 Premiers
1968 U/12 Premiers	1978 U/15 Premiers
1968 Open Knock-Out Winners	1978 R/Cup Reserve Premiers
1969 B Grade Six-a-Side	1979 U/11 Premiers
1969 4th Grade Premiers	1979 U/16 Premiers
1971 Over 35 K.O. Winners	1979 R/Cup Reserve Premiers
1971 U/9 Premiers	1981 U/13 Premiers
1971 U/15 Premiers	1981 R/Cup 1st Div 1st Gde Minor
1972 U/11 Premiers	1981 R/Cup 1st Div Premiers
1972 U/12 Premiers	Reserve Minor Premiers

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TEAM STATISTICS - 1981

Premiership and Knock-Out Games

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals Agnst	
8	21	12	4	5	44	10	
9	18	6	5	7	20	16	
10	20	7	6	7	27	28	
11	18	6	3	9	21	38	
12	17	12	2	3	44	8	
13	18	13	4	1	42	10	
15	17	11	1	5	45	18	
16	18	3	4	11	20	46	
R/Cup 1	18	12	3	3	51	33	} Premiership only
R/Cup 2	18	14	2	2	47	25	
R/Cup 3	19	5	2	12	30	37	
R/Cup 4	18	7	5	6	29	33	

Totals

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LEADING GOAL SCORERS - 1981

Team	Name	Goals	Team	Name	Goals
8	J. Ivankovic	16	9	G. Ozcan	8
	M. Sima	19			
10	C. Kottaridis	20	11	C. Stone	13
12	R. Lukic	21	13	P. Oberemok	30
15	T. Mitar	17	16	G. Edwards	4
	N. Kinda	20		D. Brown	4
R/Cup (1)	G. Heterick	27	R/Cup (2)	I. Turnbull	21
R/Cup (3)	P. Geddes	5	R/Cup (4)	R. Eagleson	12

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TROPHY WINNERS - 1981

Team	Most Consistent	Most Improved
8	Joseph Ivankovic	Andrew Stylianou
9	Gurdal Ozcan	Gabriel Halvagi
10	Con Kottaridis	James May
11	Con Stone	Perry Panousopolous
12	Luke Street	Tuncay Icli
13	Byron Dixon	Chris Psathas
15	Jim Tsiklieris	<i>M. GUNTEKIN</i>
16	Stewart Carmichael	Mark Yildiz
R/Cup 1	Claudio Fiori	
R/Cup 2	Phillip Bird	
R/Cup 3	Michael Anlezark	
R/Cup 4	Dennis Bellato	

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"BIG JOHN": Handled his coaching job well. A good effort first up.

"GUESS WHO": Which two All Age goalkeepers were seen eating out (at Lidcombe bus stop) late one Saturday night!!
No names mentioned but one had a dicky knee and the other recently scored his first goal for the club?

"SPOOKY SNR": The club's "Rudi". The socceroos might require his services.

"BARRY & MICK": The St Joachim's twins. Net hanging experts.
Thanks fellas.

ALL GAMES PREMIERSHIP, K.O., SIX-A-SIDE AND GAMES IN HIGHER GRADE

PLAYERS APPEARANCES

Name	Games	Goals	Name	Games	Goals	Name	Games	Goals
R. Eagleson	415	72	J. Kemp	145	7	J. Morcillo	46	11
K. James	379	67	T. Lavender	162	0	P. Gomez	41	4
I. Turnbull	360	147	J. Frame	158	10	C. Stone	46	21
J. Weeks	337	78	P. Oberemok	153	175	P. Lakiss	43	8
P. James	334	55	W. Smith	137	21	B. Savage	36	0
A. Weeks	325	125	Grant Forbes	140	2	J. Ivankovic	39	16
R. Holland	316	3	B. Dixon	139	24	M. Jackson	43	1
C. Somerville	280	139	S. Lukic	126	17	M. Sima	38	19
G. Pincott	290	24	B. McKeown	121	53	A. Hatén	37	7
D. Somerville	264	116	W. Brzica	121	53	A. Stylianou	31	0
J. Dillon	261	72	G. Morgan	129	35	G. Quintal	39	35
J. Pincott	255	94	D. Segecic	110	4	G. Heterick	37	32
N. Rudgley	255	178	R. Lukic	109	35	B. O'Keefe	38	19
R. Taylor	253	39	L. Rutter	107	2	M. Luburic	41	4
S. Edenborough	249	5	M. Luland	115		L. Malenica	39	7
M. Anlezark	246	63	T. Karabetsos	101	16	L. Street	36	2
S. Grundy	239	10	J. Mylonas	101		T. Icli	36	3
I. Dib	224	23	E. Perdomo	97	0	D. Vanstan	35	0
K. Collier	239	21	J. Tsiklieris	91	1	T. Mitar	36	17
R. Hore	237	103	A. Olah	89	0	M. Guntekin	38	1
G. Rider	243	131	M. Frame	87	0	R. Greig	27	0
M. Baty	244	60	D. Sipina	83	7	S. Yildiz	27	1
S. Anlezark	226	39	B. Tukonic	81	5	D. Evirgen	29	4
S. Godfrey	220	1	B. Pinar	78	0	G. Vial	27	7
R. Luke	220	63	N. Batts	78	0	M. Mirkovic	34	4
G. James	215	32	S. Forbes	75	2	J. Lee	32	0
G. Kerrigan	219	26	M. Hawach	72	0	A. Hatén	37	7
S. Luland	207	35	S. Wyngaarden	65	5	J. Xenos	23	0
Ron Hollebone	206	63	L. Pinar	71	1	C. Woo	23	0
P. Bird	205	21	L. Biankin	67	0	S. Castuan	19	5
G. Roberts	208	14	E. Stylianou	68	2	J. Chrysostumou	18	0
R. Bowden	198	33	M. Gaunson	65	2	F. Cizma	17	5
G. Luke	185	2	C. Kottaridis	69	33			
G. Edwards	195	69	F. Eckersley	55	0			
G. Collier	185	29	J. May	55	0			
S. Carmichael	184	24	J. Hawach	57	0			
D. Brown	180	53	C. Donohoe	50	0			
R. Rider	177	120	H. Stone	51	5			
S. Hayes	174	14	E. Mendez	54	1			
S. Enfield	167	13	A. Grattan	63	4			

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"OUR MAGGIE":

"The club's journalist". Look out "Ita", you have competition. A top job Mag.

ANDREW H.:

The club's youngest player in '81.

"THE MAFIA MOB":

The numbers are growing. Could be a take-over bid.

<u>W.J.(BILL) STEVENS MEMORIAL TROPHY</u>	:	Graeme Heterick
<u>BEST A/A PLAYER</u>	:	
<u>MOST PROMISING JUNIOR</u>	:	Jim Tsiklieris
<u>"F & G" SHOE STORE CUP-MOST</u>	:	
<u>IMPROVED JUNIOR</u>	:	Stewart Carmichael
<u>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</u>	:	Glen Spierings
<u>"GEORGE McCOLL" SHIELD-LEADING</u>	:	
<u>GOALSCORER</u>	:	Peter Oberemok
<u>"NORM HUTEAU" MEMORIAL TROPHY</u>	:	
<u>BEST CLUBMAN</u>	:	Margaret Gaunson
<u>E.J. "POP" & "HAZEL JAMES" TROPHY</u>	:	
<u>(MOST PROMISING JNR GOALKEEPER)</u>	:	Adam Olah
<u>"ROBERT BROWN" MEMORIAL TROPHY</u>	:	
<u>(MERITORIOUS TEAM EFFORT)</u>	:	U/12
<u>STIRRERS SPOON</u>	:	Ray Taylor
<u>CRYING TOWEL</u>	:	Ian Petrovic

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PLAYERS COMMENCED 1981

<u>UNDER 8</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Gls.</u>	<u>UNDER 10</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Gls.</u>	<u>UNDER 16</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Gls.</u>
R.Hawkshaw	21	1	P. Azzi	18	0	M. Yildiz	14	2
A.Chen	20	5	J. Venditti	14	0	B. Barudizz	10	0
J. Marshall	20	0	P. Nikolic	12	0	<u>R/CUP 1ST</u>		
S. Harb	19	0	C. Etchecopar	5	0	<u>DIVISION</u>		
J. Shahrouk	19	0	<u>UNDER 11</u>			C. Fiori	20	0
A. Xenos	17	0	<u>Games</u>			G. Heterick	26	27
D. Tomasil	17	0	<u>Gls.</u>			G. Spierings	22	10
I. Slunski	16	0	T. White	16	0	M. Spierings	18	3
Y. Loo	15	4	J. Lee	18	1	C. Petrovic	21	0
T. Ingram	11	0	P. Panousopolous	18	0	<u>R/CUP 6TH</u>		
A. Hanhan	10	0	J. Larkin	13	0	<u>DIVISION</u>		
<u>UNDER 9</u>			A. Slavin	17	0	D. Bellato	18	1
<u>Games</u>			G. Capar	3	0	P. Geddes	16	5
<u>Gls.</u>			A. Vanderveen	6	0	G. Karamalakakis	8	5
M. Weeks	18	0	<u>UNDER 12</u>			E. Lakiss	17	1
R. Hawkshaw	18	2	<u>Games</u>			I. Petrovic	18	1
G. Halvagi	18	2	<u>Gls.</u>					
T. Potter	18	0	R. Kinda	19	11			
G. Ozcan	17	8	J. Ellul	13	0			
D. Robson	16	4	G. Djelevski	8	0			
A. Kinda	17	2	M. Atelgan	7	1			
J. Cameron	16	0	<u>UNDER 13</u>					
U. Evirgen	15	2	<u>Games</u>					
M. Shahrouk	15	0	<u>Gls.</u>					
T. Harb	12	0	M. Lee	21	2			
A. Berios	11	0	C. Psathas	17	0			
E. Ghorra	14	0	P. Kemp	5	0			
P. Rudd	6	0	<u>UNDER 15</u>					
F. Hoashar	6	0	<u>Games</u>					
			<u>Gls.</u>					
			D. Kinda	17	2			
			N. Kinda	17	20			
			M. Lisica	11	2			
			J. Psathas					

UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT

The old saying that "A good big side will defeat a good little side" certainly came true in 1981 for our Under 8 team who, but for their size, would have finished higher than their third in the competition. The boys reached the quarter finals of the Knock Out also while they won one Six A Side match.

My thanks go to all the parents who supported the "babies" and helped out with transport, shirt washing, and good old Congo barracking!

My Manager, Albert Chen, a new Congo, carried out a top job as did young Peter Eckersley, the Assistant Coach. All the youngsters are full of appreciation for both these chaps' efforts.

To the boys who move up to the 9s in 1982, I wish you good luck in your future Congo soccer and I know you will have another successful season.

Finally, to the team as a whole, Congratulations for a great year and hopefully a premiership isn't too far away.

The team was:-

JOSEPH IVANKOVIC (Captain): Performed like a seasoned player in every game and is quickly mastering all the skills of soccer.

METIN SIMA (Vice-Captain): Metin was the leading goal scorer and is a very skilful player with a powerful shot. However a bit more attention is needed at training.

ANDREW STYLIANOU: At last Andrew has shown his true form and he had a very good season with further improvement expected in 1982.

YOUN LOO: A very elusive footballer who is destined for a big future. A top field player and goalkeeper as well.

SAMMY HARB: Eager to improve his game Sammy is a good tackler who delights in heading the ball! good season for this lad.

ALEXANDER CHEN: Played the role of striker and scored some top goals. Encountered some big defenders but always gave his best.

IVAN SLUNSKI: Ivan's form in goals was first class and made many important saves. Will improve further next year.

JASON MARSHALL: When moved to fullback, he turned in some top games. His tackling and throw-ins are first class.

JAY SHAHROUK: Jay's performances improved when he moved to the forwards and his vigorous style was a highlight.

ALEX XENOS: He performed well throughout the season. Alex is keen to learn the skills of soccer and 1982 will be his year.

RUSSELL HAWKSHAW: Russell's game will improve when he learns to concentrate and keep his eye on the ball. He had some big games in the second half of the year and will be a force in next year's Under 8s.

DENNIS TOMASIC: Like, Russell, Dennis must concentrate and a big improvement will be the result. Performs well in matches but will get better.

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Under 8 Team Report continued....

TROY INGRAM: Troy is the only natural left-footer in the team. He is a tough little footballer who really enjoyed the season.

ANDREW HANHAM: Andrew is the baby of the team who filled in on many vital occasions. He will improve in 1982.

Remember boys to improve your game you must pay full attention at training sessions for it is here where the fundamentals are taught and learnt. Always play as a team and keep your eye on the ball.

RAY "CURLY" JAMES:

COACH

F & G SHOE STORE

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Come on in and see Joe and Frances Milazzo!

UNDER 9 TEAM REPORT

This year's side was a completely new team from that of last year and not one of the boys had played soccer with the Congs before.

The team took a while to build up a combination but towards the end of the season, the boys were playing as a team and using the ball well on the field. Overall, the year's results were very satisfying.

My thanks go to Doug Robson for his assistance at training and on match days when he organised the team's transport. I thank all the parents for their support and encouragement and hopefully this will continue into 1982.

I have a lot of faith in the boys and ,if their 1981 form is a guide, next year we will see a lot more success coming our way.

The team was:-

TERRY POTTER (Goalkeeper): A new member who showed outstanding form in goals and thwarted many opposition attacks.

EDDIE GHORRA (Fullback): Eddie was the team's Promising back who will improve all the more with experience.

ANTHONY KINDA (Sweeper): Anthony is a cool soccer player who has good ball control and equally good temperament.

ANGELO BERIOS (Fullback): A newcomer who played consistently well right throughout the season.

UMIT EVIRGEN (Winger): He started off well this season but struggled a bit in the latter half. Keep trying, Umit!

MICHAEL SHAHROUK (Centre): A real lion-hearted performance all year and is always keen to learn more. He has tons of potential.

RONNIE HAWKSHAW (Centre): Ronnie had a great season and he turned in some top games, especially in the second half of the season.

JASON CAMERON (Winger): Jason is showing the form that we know he is capable of however his ball control will improve with more training.

DOUGLAS ROBSON (Forward): Douglas is a very capable captain but if he displays a bit more control his general play will improve out of sight.

GURDAL OZCAN (Centre Forward): Gurdal's tackling is hard and effective and he could always be relied upon to halt the opposition. Well done!

GABRIEL HALVAGI (Forward): One of the team's hardest workers and he really proved his worth up in our forward line.

MICHAEL WEEKS : Always at training and ran very hard on match days. See you in '82, Michael!

TONY HARB: When Tony concentrates on the game, his play improves but he needs to be more consistent in his efforts.

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Under 9 Team Report continued...

PAUL RUDD: The 'baby' of the team who will be an even better player in 1982. Keep it up, Paul!

FRED HOAUSHA: Fred has as much potential as any in the team and he attacks harder than most!

JOHN HAWACH: Coach

DOUG ROBSON: Manager

UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT

At the halfway point of the season, this team appeared certain to collect the premiership trophy for their division. We were undefeated and playing top football however into the second round things went awry and with boys missing matches because of illness and other players simply not turning up on matchdays, we struggled to field a team each week.

Despite this the lads would never say die and always played the game in the true Congo spirit. One example of their tenacity was in the match against Georges Hall when we were defeated 2-1 whilst fielding only NINE players!

The side is brimful of exciting prospects and, with more consistency on the park, it will achieve greater heights.

I would like to thank all the boys and their parents for their help and co-operation throughout the past season and I wish all the players much success in their future playing careers.

The team was:

JAMES MAY: If James continues to play in goals he will be a star of the future. "As safe as the Bank of England"!

BENJAMIN SAVAGE: The tallest boy in the team and longest kick by a mile. He always tries hard but he has to pay more attention to the game.

PATRICK AZZI: He never stops trying and he stopped many promising opposition moves into our territory.

JOHN VENDITT: Plays a hard game but unfortunately was missing in the latter part of the season owing to a stint in hospital. Will improve next year.

CHRIS WOO: Dazzling in defence but he must learn to kick harder and longer.

EVAN STYLIANOU: "Golden boots" is a player of outstanding promise and is destined for a bright soccer future.

GLEN CABLE: "Cable cart"s speed and determination on the wing left many opposing players in the dark as to how he got past!

PABLO GOMEZ: Pablo is very dangerous when he controls the ball. He is a star in the making and "The Dribbler" will go a long way in soccer.

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...UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT CONTINUED....

CON KOTTARIDIS: Con plays it hard and is a nightmare to the opposition defences. He manages to score goals from anywhere and everywhere. A top striker.

CAMERON DONOHOE: He never stops trying and gives a top effort each game. Once he learns to stay in his position his game will be even better.

HARRY STONE: Harry is another trier who has plenty of talent. He scored some good goals and was always a danger to other teams.

There were three other players namely Phu-Hiep-Le, Carlos Etchecopar and Perry Nikolic who unfortunately only stayed for part of the season.

STEVEN GRUNDY

COACH.

UNDER 11 TEAM REPORT

This year the Under 11s side really started to get it together and managed to win and draw more games than they lost.

They are gradually learning to play tactical football and, thanks to our Coach, Steve Johansen, the boys learnt a great deal throughout the year.

Steve was ably assisted by Steve Enfield and together these boys spent a lot of time and effort teaching the youngsters the basic skills.

If the team can stay together for the next few years, I am sure that we will ultimately produce a team of star soccer players!

Thanks must go to the parents who helped out with the transport each Saturday namely Shirley Forbes, Peter Vanderveen and Martin Stone.

See you all next year!

The team was:-

DAVID VANSTAN: A very keen goalkeeper with a lot of potential. David made some great saves this season.

PERRY PANOUSPOULOS: Perry is a promising fullback who broke up many opposition attacks.

ALEXANDER SLAVEN: A very reliable and consistent fullback who showed a great attitude at both training and at matches.

JASON LARKIN: Another good fullback who played well all year.

JANGCHOON LEE: A very reliable and talented midfielder who gave his best always.

EDGARDO MENDEZ: An excellent midfielder who had a good year.

LEVENT PINAR: An inability to use his right foot is the only hindrance stopping him from becoming a top player.

ADRIAN VANDERVEEN: A real trier who, despite playing above his age, certainly enjoyed his football and will improve.

TREVOR WHITE: A keen player who never stopped trying all season.

MATTHEW GAUNSON: A skillful midfielder whose only fault is his hesitation when going into tackles.

MUSTAFA GUNESOGLU: When he learns to control the ball, Mustafa will improve out of sight.

SCOTT FORBES: A good forward who put in a 100% effort every game.

CON STONE: Scored many 'golden' goals this year and will improve when he learns to play as a team man instead of an individual.

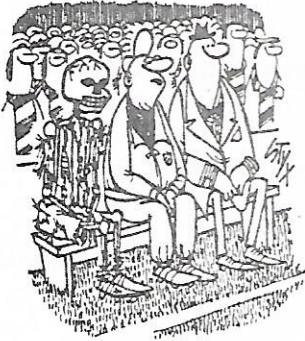
STEVE JOHANSEN
COACH.

MARGARET GAUNSON
MANAGERESS.





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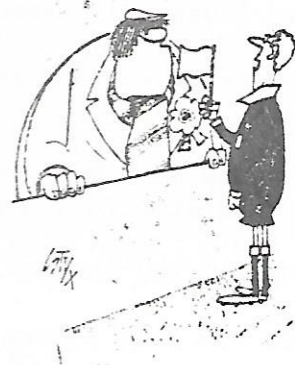


"Don't you think it's about time we gave our sub a game?"



"But I didn't charge him in the back, ref. It was a clean, straight forward shoulder charge."

"If you don't stop using naughty words I'll give you such a thwack with my flaggy."



"Before you allow that goal, ref — have a word with one of our unbiased experts."

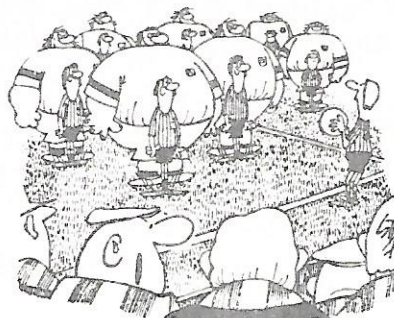
"If that idiot husband of mine hadn't netted that late winner I'd have had eight draws."



"We force a corner and the manager's talking about signs of a revival."



"They could have been a little kinder with their write-up."



"That's the trouble with our lot — they're a bit on the small side."



"Fascinating team — when you expect 'em to win they lose, and when you expect 'em to lose — they do"

UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT

(Awarded the Robert Brown Memorial Trophy for 1981 Meritorious Team)

The season came to a close for the Under 12s when they were defeated in a play-off for first place by Careforce 1-0.

The match was an anti-climax to an otherwise great season and we were just 'pipped' out of the premiership at the last hurdle.

In competition matches, the team scored 45 goals whilst having only 6 goals scored against. This is quite an achievement and it is unfortunate that we were unable to find the net in the most important match of the season against the eventual winners.

I would like to express my appreciation to Ken James for coaching this team and he did a tremendous job with the boys.

The side has started to play team football and hopefully next season they will go one position higher and take out the competition. With a bit more self-control and discipline I am sure they will achieve this.

I must also thank those parents who washed the shirts each week and also thanks to Mrs Street who followed the team around each Saturday.

Congratulations to Tuncay Icli who won the Most Improved Player award.

Luke Street won the Most Consistent Player award narrowly from Berislav Tukonic with several other players in close proximity. Both players performed well all throughout the season.

It would have been great to finish up victors but alas, it was not to be but there is always next year, boys!

- CHICA BATTS: MANAGER/ASSISTANT COACH

The team was:

LEONARD BIANKIN (Goalkeeper): In the absence of a regular keeper Leonard volunteered to take on the job and he made a reasonable go of it. However he must learn to dive when the occasion warrants it.

JASON ELLUL (Fullback): Did not start off the season very well but his game steadily improved throughout the season. A keen listener who now realises he must keep his eye on the ball.

MICHAEL HAWACH (Fullback): Michael tried hard all year. However he could improve his game by doing some private training (daily runs around the "block") regular practice with a ball and a desire to get more involved in a game.

ERSKINE GULER (Fullback): A big strong player who played very steadily throughout the year. His tackling was one of his strong points.

LUKE STREET (Right Half): A non-stop player who deservedly won the most consistent player trophy. His tackling and heading were a delight to watch.

BERISLAV TUKONIC (Centre half & Captain): A very good player who was the cornerstone of our defence and an inspiration as captain. He ran a very close second to Luke Street for the most consistent player and was probably unlucky that his role as "sweeper" meant that he was less prominent on the field than Luke. However his coach and I'm sure the rest of the team know what a good job he did. His only fault is a tendency to over run the ball at times.

NIGEL BATTS (Left half): A wholehearted trier whose game improved over the year especially when he realised the need to become more involved and think about his game.

LOUIS MALENICA (Right winger): A big strong winger with a powerful kick. Had a good season with his only fault being a tendency to take things too easy at times. When he realises he should use his size and run hard all day will become a very good winger.

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...Under 12 Team Report continued...

MARIO LUBURIC (Inside forward): A useful player with good ball skills. However he must learn to get more involved in the game.

MAHMET ATELGAN (Inside Forward): Only came to us half way through the season and took a couple of games to settle in. However at the end of the season he was playing very good football, tackling strongly and displaying good ball skills. One to watch next season.

ROBERT LUKIC (Centre Forward): A clever ball player with a powerful shot who scored some very good goals. However he must learn to go hunting for the ball when it is not getting through to him.

ROBERT KINDA (Inside forward): A clever "thinking" player with good ball skills who never stopped trying. Will benefit from his first season and is another to watch out for next season.

TUNCAY ICLI (Left winger & Reserve Goalkeeper): A wholehearted player who never stopped trying and displayed an unexpected ability to consistently beat his bigger oponents. The "mighty midget" deservedly won the most improved trophy.

GORAN DJELEVSKI (Inside forward & half): A useful player who always tried his hardest. If he improves his ball control will develop into a very good player.

CHICA BATTS (Manager & Assistant Coach): My thanks to Chica for his hard work and encouragement for the team. I'm sure the boys realise he always had their best interests at heart and appreciate the enormous amount of work he did for them.

KEN JAMES - COACH.

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UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT

UNDEFEATED PREMIERS- DIVISION 2

A very rewarding season for both the players and myself. The side was undefeated in the competition and took out the premiership. They reached the quarter finals of the six-a-side and the semi final of the knockout only to be beaten by two top sides of the "A" division. This season a number of players moved into new positions and due to the players application and dedication the results were a just reward.

I would like to thank Arthur Dixon our Manager. We could not have succeeded without Arthur's time and involvement. Thanks also to Mrs Forbes who helped out with our transport problems throughout the season. Well done boys.

MANAGERS REPORT

As in previous seasons it has given me great pleasure to be associated with this team and the boys deserve all the accolades bestowed upon them.

Congratulations go to Steve Finch for his hard work in moulding the team into a winning combination.

Special thanks go to Graeme Roberts for his caretaker role while Steve was on holidays.

Thank you Heather for your support and also Shirley Forbes who was always around to help out.

Well done everybody.

The team was:-

ADAM OLAH (Goalkeeper): Adam took over the goalkeeping duties for the first time this season. With his height advantage he was an immediate success.

CHRIS PSATHAS (Defence): A very slow start to his first season with the club. But after settling down he became one of the mainstays in our defence. The improvement Chris showed throughout the season was incredible and his dedication was rewarded with the most improved player trophy.

GRANT FORBES (Defence): Another good year from Grant although he is getting to the age where he will have to make a decision on whether to play soccer or rugby union. Grant is the driving force behind the team and always gives his best in the big matches.

MICHAEL JACKSON (Defence): Michael started the season at 100 mph and looked as though he was going to set the world on fire. However loss of concentration at vital times hindered his progression. Still a valuable player to the side.

MALCOLM YUNGH YUN LEE (Defence): Another "new boy" who made a big impact on the side although Malcolm has a tendency to explode into action and then just as quickly disappear. When he learns to become involved in the whole game will be an enormous asset to the club.

BYRON DIXON (Midfield): A top season for Byron. Whenever the team begun to falter Byron seemed to make it his responsibility to lift the side and on most occasions he succeeded. Controlled the midfield well and must be itching for another crack at "A" grade.

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...Under 13 Team Report continued...

STEVE YILDIZ (Midfield): Steve would have to be the most enthusiastic footballer I have seen. He covers just about every blade of grass on the field during the game. When he learns to channel his enthusiasm into one area Steve will definitely become one of the top players of the side.

ANDREW GRATTAN (Midfield): Andrew is the thinker of the side. Some of the moves and passes Andrew set up were gems. However he needs to be pushed into doing somethings and possibly the more competitive atmosphere of "A" grade will keep his interest at a higher level.

DAVID SIPINA (Wing): David is definitely a "hot and cold" player. There were times during the year when David could beat any defence offered and other times when he seemed to be nailed to the ground. David has more ability than he showed on those occasions and when he begins to use his height and show more confidence he will turn in good games every week.

PETER OBEREMOK (Forward): Peter continued his goal scoring spree this year. He is the perfect forward who has the ability to shoot with both feet. Must learn to make the defence do the guessing as he gets older.

DENNIS EVIRGEN (Wing): Dennis is without doubt the most skilful ball player in the side but he must get out of the habit of trying to beat the same man two or three times. With more confidence in front of goals and 100% involvement in the game Dennis will begin to match Peter in the goal scoring department.

LEE STYLIANOU (Wing): Lee is another player who has the ability to beat the defence everytime however he becomes his own worst enemy by rushing things and invariably becoming tangled up. By slowing things down he will find it so much easier to gain control and beat his man continually.

PHILLIP KEMP (Forward) : Phillip usually only fronted up at games and always gave 100% on the field. However training is just as important as the games and more effort should be made to attend.

DAVID LARKIN (Forward): Not much can be said about David as he fronted up for a couple of games and was not sighted again which was unfortunate as David showed plenty of promise in the games he played.

STEVE FINCH
COACH.

ARTHUR DIXON
MANAGER.

UNDER 15s TEAM REPORT

It was my pleasure to coach the club's Under 15s in 1981 and I must report that this side came ever so close to taking out the premiership only failing in the last match.

My thanks firstly go to the boys themselves for their continued support they gave me throughout the entire season. Their attendance and attitude at training was a credit to them and they made my job, as coach, that much easier.

I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to the parents to come along and give more support at the games as I'm certain that the boys would play 100% better if they knew that their parents were on the sidelines urging them along!

My appreciation goes to my Mum who always had the shirts spotless week after week. To 'Curly' James and Margaret Gaunson I extend my thanks for the help and assistance they gave me in my first year as Coach.

The team was:

JOHN MYLONAS: John is a very calm and talented goalkeeper who made some really great saves throughout the season and kept the side in the premiership quest.

THEO KARABETSOS: A promising fullback, Theo has a strong kick, but does not utilise his great speed. He tends to hesitate when going in for tackles.

JIM TSIKLIERIS: 'Big Jim' is an ideal sweeper and he reads the game very well. He possesses excellent ball skills.

MUHAMMED GUNTEKIN: He is an aggressive player who gives his best every game. He never takes a backward step in the defence.

JIMMY LEE: Jimmy is a very reliable and consistent mid-fielder who listens to instructions and carries them out well.

SAM ANNOUS: Sam's attitude to training and playing has been excellent. A clever centre mid-fielder with terrific ball skills. Well done, Sam!

DAVID KINDA: David is a good mid-fielder who only blemish is his inability to accept the mistakes of his fellow players.

STEVE LUKIC: He is a good right winger who blended into the attack when needed. He was very successful on the flank.

MARIN LISICA: He is a good player but tends to lose concentration when about to pass the ball.

JIM PSATHAS: Jim is a keen player and always tries his best. He has a little difficulty controlling the ball but, at times, he showed the stronger players how to play football!

BULENT PINAR: "Bull ant" is a reliable winger who puts in plenty of effort every match.

NEVEN KINDA: He is a clever forward and this year he scored some 'golden' goals. Well done, Neven!

TONY MITAR: Tony is another talented player who was found by his opponents to have a deadly shot in either foot.

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...Under 15 Team Report continued...

JIM CHRYSOSTOMOU: Jim is a very good footballer but he tended to run out of 'puff' on several occasions this year.

STEVE ENFIELD
MANAGER/COACH

UNDER 16 TEAM REPORT

The loss of a number of players from last year's team, coupled with many positional changes, had an unsettling affect on our early season form and it was only well into the second half of the competition that we showed anything like our last year's promise.

To tighten our defence, both Walter Brzica and Gary Collier were switched back to the halves.

This had the desired affect, however the striking power up front was reduced and this was telling in quite a few matches.

However thanks go to the boys for their determined efforts in all the matches and, if they keep up their enthusiasm shown at training they will shortly deliver the goods out on the field.

The team was capably lead by Geoff "Hacker" Edwards whilst Mark Yildiz had a top season.

Transport was always a problem but Stewart Carmichael (Senior) was always on hand to assist as were Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Brzica.

Coach Ken Collier devoted a lot of time and effort into teaching the boys all the necessary skills and we are grateful for this.

The Team was:-

Geoff Edwards (Captain), Doug Hatcher, Stewart Carmichael, Gary Collier, Eddie Perdomo, Walter Brzica, Duro Segecic, Albert Hatén, David Brown, Mark Yildiz, Barry Barudzija, Seth Van Wyngaarden and Wayne Lloyd.

BERYL COLLIER
MANAGERESS.

KEN COLLIER
COACH.

RAAHAUGE CUP- 6TH DIVISION

This squad comprised a number of Congo 'veterans' together with a sprinkling of up and coming youngsters. The veterans' experience coupled with their sportsmanship approach to the game has greatly benefited the youngsters who will be trying to make the higher grades next season.

Congratulations must go to big Bob Eagleson who played his 400th game this year.

The squad was capably coached and managed by Roger Bowden who carried out a top job under difficult circumstances.

The Fourth Grade side narrowly missed out on a place in the semi finals on a countback (but only after another team had forfeited their last match to ensure we wouldn't be playing them in the semis!).

Special mention must be made of Michael and Scott Anlezark who both had exceptionally good seasons in 1981. In fact, the whole Anlezark family is to be commended for following the teams around each Saturday.

New player Dennis Bellato made the most of his opportunities and played equally well both in goals and out on the field.

Geoff Rider, our young 'keeper, played both games most of the season and never let the squad down.

Training was a disappointment and it was here that we let ourselves down. A more positive attitude to training must be taken if we are to reach the heights that last year's squad achieved in this division.

My personal thanks go to all the players and I'm sure that we have learnt from our 1981 experiences - a bit more effort at training and a bit more emphasis on conditioning will see our Raahauge boys up there in both grades.

The squad was:-

Peter James (Captain 3rds), Eddie Lakiss (Captain 4ths), Jimmy Pincott, Robert Eagleson, Ray Taylor, Ron Rider, Geoff Rider, Ken James, Mal Frame, Roger Bowden, Steve Edenborough, Alan Weeks, Michael Anlezark, Scott Anlezark, Steve Castuan, John Hawach, Steve Grundy, Ian Petrovic, Frank Cizmar, Dennis "Blacky" Bellato, Peter Geddes, Mark Mirkovic, Ray James, Jeff Vial, George Karamalakis and Steve Enfield.

RAAHAUGE CUP FIRST DIVISION

1981 began with the thought uppermost in everyone's mind that the aim was to achieve a premiership victory and ultimately gain promotion to the Premier League after a two year absence.

George Luke was appointed Coach and sole Selector, Les Wilson was again selected as Trainer and 'Zambuck' whilst popular Nobby Dillon came in as Manager. This formed the administering background for the squad and it was then up to the players to produce the goods on the field.

The boys didn't disappoint their supporters and both sides finished as Minor Premiers in their competitions. It is generally accepted that the Second side will always make the semi finals but, in addition, the First Grade made the semis for the first time.

In the major semi finals, however, our teams came down to earth with a thud as the Firsts crashed to a 6-2 defeat at the hands of Lugarno whilst the Seconds went down 3-2 to Beverly Hills after being ahead 2-0 with 17 minutes to go!

In the finals, both teams were matched against Revesby and the First Grade overcame their previous week's form and were victorious by 1-0 and moved into the Grand Final against Lugarno.

The Seconds, also staging a reversal of their semi final form, swept into the Grandfinal with a 3-1 victory.

The Grand Finals, played yesterday resulted as follows:-

First Grade: CONGS 1 LUGARNO 2

Second Grade: CONGS 2 BEVERLY HILLS 1

Both teams are to be congratulated on their efforts in 1981 and it is hoped that we can take out the double next season.

In the First Grade there were a number of players who shone namely Claudio Fiori (who didn't put a foot wrong at fullback), Geoff Morgan (who continued his brilliant form of past years), Graeme Heterick (a great forward with an even greater shot) and Glenn Spierings (who drove the side on in his role of Captain).

The Second Grade also had a host of good players with Phil Bird, Ian Turnbull and young Darryl Barker having good seasons.

Next week the Congs meet Bankstown in the final of the Knockout and it is hoped that success will come our way in this competition for the first time since the "good old days" of 1967 and 1968.

The squad was:-

Glenn Spierings (Captain 1sts), Phil Bird (Captain 2nds), Jimmy Frame, Claudio Fiori, Graeme Heterick, Garry Kerrigan, Trevor Lavender, Robert Luke, John Morcillo, Peter Lakiss, Barry O'Keefe, Geoff Morgan, Grant Pincott, Mark Spierings, Darryl Barker, Kenny Collier, Russell Hore, Richard Holland, Brendan McKeown, Charlie Petrovic, George Quintal, Ian Turnbull, Graeme Roberts, Lindsay Rutter, Mark Baty, Gary James, George Luke, John Weeks and Barry Wilson.

In the Grand Finals played yesterday, the Second Grade finally put their act together in the one that really mattered and defeated Beverly Hills to take out the competition.

The First Grade again succumbed to Lugarno and never really recovered after their disastrous semi-final effort. However, both sides are to be congratulated on their superb efforts in 1981 and next season should be the big one!
