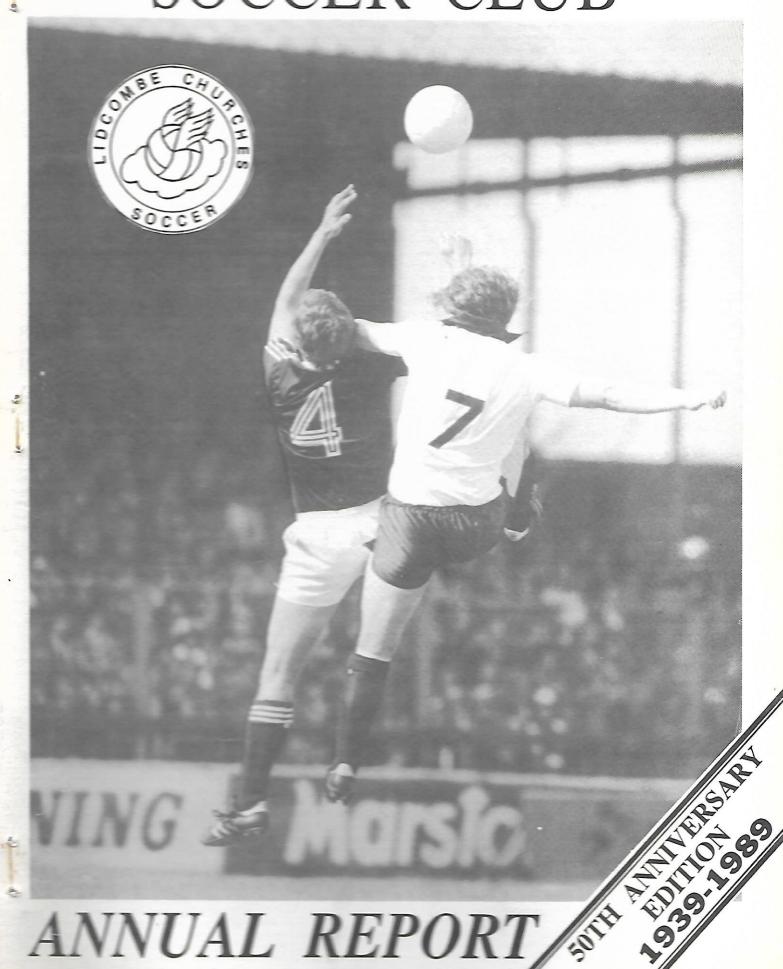
LIDCOMBE CHURCHES SOCCER CLUB



OFFICIALS 1989

PATRONS:

RAY JAMES, GORDON WEEKS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:

MICHAEL ANLEZARK

VICE PRESIDENT:

TREVOR MALONE

SECRETARY:

KEN JAMES

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

NEIL RUDGLEY

TREASURER:

SCOTT ANLEZARK

COUNCILLOR TO ASSOCIATION:

NIGEL BATTS

EQUIPMENT MANAGER:

JAMES MAY

LIFEMEMBERS

1972

RAY JAMES

1974

DAVE EAGLESON, GORDON WEEKS

1975

MABEL JAMES, JACK RIDER

1978

NORM HUTEAU (dec'd),

DOT RIDER

1979

TED JAMES (dec'd)

1982

DOT BIRD

1983

KEN JAMES

1986

NEIL RUDGLEY

1989

ROBERT EAGLESON, RICHARD HOLLAND, PETER JAMES,

JIM PINCOTT,
IAN TURNBULL

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C L U B R E C O R D

1943	U/14 Premiers	1978	U/18 Premiers
1947	U/14 Premiers	1978	U/15 Premiers
1947	1st Grade Six-a-side	1978	R/Cup Res. Premiers
1948	U/16 Premiers	1979	U/11 Premiers
1961	U/12 Premiers	1979	U/16 Premiers
1962		1979	R/Cup Res. Premiers
1962	U/16 Six-a-side	1981	U/13 Premiers
1964	U/16B Premiers	1981	R/Cup Res. Premiers
1966	2nd Division Premiers	1982	U/9 Premiers
1967	1st Division Premiers	1982*	U/10 Premiers
1967	Open Knock Out	1983*	Mini Group 6 Premiers
1967	2nd Grade Six-a-side	1983	U/10 Premiers
1968	Premier League Reserves	1983*	U/11 Premiers
1968	U/12 Premiers	1983	
1968	Open Knock Out	1984*	U/9 Premiers
1969	B Grade Six-a-side	1984	U/13 Premiers
1969	4th Grade Premiers	1984	R/Cup Res. Premiers
1971		1984	
1971	U/9 Premiers	1984	U/12 Six-a-side
	U/15 Premiers	1984	U/18 Knock Out
		1985	U/14 Premiers
1972		1985	
1973	U/11 Premiers	1985	R/Cup Res. Premiers
1974	U/10 Premiers	1986	U/7 Premiers
1974	U/11 Premiers	1986	
1974	U/13 Premiers	1986	
1974	U/16 Premiers	1987	U/8 Premiers
1975	U/9 Premiers	1987	U/11 Premiers
1976	U/14 Premiers	1987	R/Cup Res. Premiers
1977	U/14 Six-a-side	1987	U/12 Six-a-side
1977	U/16 Knock Out	1987	U/12 Knock Out
1978	U/18 Knock Out		

* Denotes St. Joachims Parish Club - all other results prior to 1986 won by Lidcombe Congregational/Uniting Church.

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	TE	AM DE	CAILS
<u>TEAM</u>	COACH	MANAGER	CAPTAIN
6	STEVE BUNNELL	KERRY BUNNELL	VARIOUS
8	PETER IRWIN	PETER SHAW	VARIOUS
9	GABREAL HALVAGI	NAWACH HADDAD	CENK ELGUN
10	KEN JAMES/JOHN O	BEREMOK KEN JAMES	VARIOUS
11	GRAHAM NORRIS	ALAN NELL	FRANK ARCELLA
14	BULENT PINAR	JAMES MAY	LUCHANO LISICA
16	PETER ROMPIES	PETER ROMPIES	PETER ROMPIES
R/C4		KEN JAMES	KEN JAMES
R/C3		JOE LOULACH	JOE LOULACH
R/C2	GIORDANO SCODA	SCOTT ANLEZARK	IAN TURNBULL
R/C1	GIORDANO SCODA		MICK ANLEZARK

HONOUR ROLL

NAME	COMM	FIN	GAMES	GOALS
600 GAMES				
JAMES Ray	1939	1982	630+	7
500 GAMES		.,02	0501	
TURNBULL Ian	1962	*	530	229
JAMES Ken	1961	*	523	72
EAGLESON Robert	1962	1985	520	131
400 GAMES				
JAMES Peter	1961	1987	432	79
HOLLAND Richard	1967	*	432	3
RIDER Geoff	1969	*	430	43
ANLEZARK Mick	1970	*	404	92
ANLEZARK Scott	1970	*	402	51
300 GAMES				
PINCOTT Jim	1965	*	383	109
WEEKS Alan	1960	1984	349	128
WEEKS John	1965	1984	338	78
LAVENDER Trevor	1974	*	333	3
HORE Russell	1969	*	331	132
PINCOTT Grant TURNBULL Ray	1964	1983	325	26
HINTON Craig	1961 1969	1982	324	135
RUDGLEY Ne i I	1961	*	323 318	4 202
JAMES Kevin	1963	1985		6
EDENBOROUGH Steve	1971	1984	306	7
TAYLOR Ray	1964	1984		41
FRAME Jim	1974	1988	304	15
200 GAMES				
PILLING Alan	1974	*	299	66
SOMERVILLE Craig	1967	1982	297	141
ALSOP Paul	1963	1979	296	30
DIB Sam	1965	*	289	14
STEVENS Greg	1966	1977	274	51
SOMERVILLE Darren ROBERTS Graeme	1967	1982	273	121
COLLIER Ken	1972 1969	1984 1987	273 271	1 <i>5</i> 24
JAMES Gary	1960	1984	266	32
McKEOWN Brendan	1973	1988	263	130
DILLON John	1961	1980	261	72
BATY Mark	1964	1985	261	63
GRUNDY Steve	1965	1982	258	10
WILLIAMS Garry	1966	1987	254	15
EAGLESON Donn	1962	1986	254	7
WOODS Keith	1966	1985	253	60
FRAME Lindsay BOWDEN Roger	1974 1967	1987	253	51
HILLYARD Neil	1961	198 <i>5</i> 1979	249 243	42 31
DIB Isaac	1967	1982	241	24

HONOUR ROLL (continued)

1971	*	234	54
1969	1985	233	22
1963	1975	232	29
1973	1983	230	44
1965	1979	230	3
1974	*	224	250
1962	1974	223	51
1972	1983	223	24
1967	1982	222	26
1976	1985	221	76
1970	1981	220	63
1962	1976	220	56
1968	1980	220	1
1970	1978	218	7
1962	1979	. 217	78
1972	1982	214	73
1969	1978	212	27
1975	*	210	83
1966	1975	209	101
1965	1977	209	2
1967	1978	208	25
1968	1988	207	105
1966	1982	207	63
1969	1980	207	35
1961	1981	205	21
1979	*	205	2
1962	1974	203	48
1971	1985	203	2
1961	1972	202	49
1967	1986	200	68
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*Still Playing

200 GOALS

NAME	YEAR
OBEREMOK Peter	1982
TURNBULL Ian	1987
RUDGLEY Neil	1988
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100 GOALS

RIDER Ron	1969	WILEY Rick	1978
WOODHOUSE Mark	1972	CAMBAZ Ken	1979
TURNBULL Ray	1973	HORE Russell	1979
BRUEN Bill	1975	PINCOTT Jim	1983
BURNS Steve	1975	SIMA Metin	1983
WEEKS Alan	1975	EAGLESON Robert	1984
BEAUPEURT Wayne	1977	HETERICK Graeme	1985
SOMERVILLE Craig	1977	McKEOWN Brendan	1986
ROBERTS Garry	1978	ROONEY Terry	1988
SOMERVIIIE Darren	1978	2327 C E W.E - C -	

MOST NUMBER OF GOALS IN A MATCH (8 GOALS)

ROONEY Terry: 8/5/71 vs. St. Barnabas Fairfield (U/15) TRAN Minh: 20/7/85 vs. Penrith Churches (U/13)

TROPHY WINNERS

TEAM	MOST CONSISTENT	MOST IMPROVED
6	DOMENICO ARCELLA	TOUFIC BOSTANY
8	NICHOLAS CAPRATSIS	REECE RAPER
9	CENK ELGUN	CHARLIE EL KHOURY
10	STEPHEN JAMES	MARK BERGANTIN
11	FRANK ARCELLA	TIMOTHY SUH
14	TREVOR HOFER	
16	NAUSHAD KHAN	
R/C4	FIL MILIC	
R/C3	GAZWAN HAMDAN	
R/C2	SCOTT ANLEZARK	
R/C1	MICK ANLEZARK	AWARDED THE W.J. (BILL) STEVENS TROPHY
	OLL SHIELD FOR LEADING RER (24 GOALS)	STEPHEN JAMES (U/10)
	WN MEMORIAL SHIELD TORIOUS TEAM	RAAHAUGE CUP SECONDS
NORM HUTEAU FOR BEST	U MEMORIAL TROPHY CLUBMAN	PETER ROMPIES
STIRRER'S	SPOON	TREVOR LAVENDER
CRYING TOW	EL	ALAN PILLING .
400 GAMES	(Comm. 1970) (Comm. 1970)	MICK ANLEZARK (R/C1) SCOTT ANLEZARK (R/C2)
200 GAMES	(Comm. 1979) (Comm.1975)	JAMES MAY (R/C4) WALTER BRZICA (R/C1)
	(Comm. 1983) (Comm. 1981) (Comm. 1983)	SEAN O'HARA (U/16) ALEX XENOS (U/16) SAM ZAPPALA (U/16)

LEADING GOALSCORERS (Competition games only)

TEAM	PLAYER	<u>GOALS</u>
6	Dominic Arcella	23
8	Nicholas Capratsis	4
9	Stephen James	16
10	Stephen James	24
11	Frank Arcella	5
14	Okan Basacik	11
16	Naushad Khan	7
R/C4	Alex Morozoff	9
R/C3	Sam Dib	3
R/C2	Ian Turnbull	8
R/C1	Neven Kinda	8

TEAM STATISTICS

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DREW	LOST	FOR	<u>AGA INST</u>
6	12	6	4	2	30	13
8	11	0 -	2	9	6	49
9	12	6	2	4	34	7
10	12	11	0	1	71	5
11	11	7	3	1	24	9
14	11	7	0	4	43	27
16	10	7	2	1	16	6
R/C4	11	6	2	3	30	19
R/C3	11	2	0	9	11	26
R/C2	12	9	1	1	50	12
R/C1	12	6	1	5	27	14

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the 1989 season approached, hopes were high for a successful season both on and off the field for the Club's 50th Anniversary year.

The Anniversary Dinner proved to be the highlight of 1989. A large turnout of current and ex-Congos and supporters from right through the 50-year history attended. Countless hours were spent tracing and contacting people by your Committee and the end certainly justified the effort.

Congratulations must go to those great stalwarts who were awarded Life Membership in our 50th year and it was a fitting reward for the many years spent with our Club.

A lot of memories were stirred of the great teams that the Club has fielded and also of the outstanding players, coaches and officials who have all contributed to the making of such a great Club.

However the basis of a good and successful club lies within its administration and in this regard Lidcombe Churches Soccer Club is fortunate to have such dedicated persons as Ken and Sandra James and Neil Rudgley.

If our Club is to continue to operate successfully for another fifty years then everyone must make an effort to get involved with its running whether this be by joining the Committee, coaching, managing or just by providing support and assistance on Saturdays - it all helps towards ensuring the continual success in the future.

On behalf of the all-age players I would like to thank Ken James, Giordano Scoda and Graham Norris for the many hours that they put towards training and the general organisation of the senior teams. Their efforts did not receive the thanks and support that they deserved.

In closing I would like to thank all the coaches and managers for their time and dedication and if our Club is to progress it is going to need the assistance of senior players and parents at the Annual General Meeting to be held in February.

Show that you care and come along!

MICHAEL ANLEZARK (PRESIDENT)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Everyone knows only too well the disruption caused to the 1989 season by the "big wet" and it almost certainly prevented us from celebrating our 50th Anniversary year in spectacular fashion as I am sure three of our junior sides - the U/10's,U/11's and U/16's - would have finished up as winners if their competitions could have been completed.

However I believe that the NSW Churches Foootball Association made the right decision in deciding in late June to continue to play as many games as possible but not to declare competition winners. There were just too many games to be caught up and it was my observation from the 1988 season that the juniors, especially the younger teams, could not really handle two games a Saturday for weeks on end. As it turned out our juniors probably played a lot more games than children in many other Associations where all games for the rest of the season were just cancelled.

One of the pleasing aspects of the season was the willingness shown by a number of people to help out and I must especially thank my fellow Committe members and a number of other all age players in this regard. Hopefully this spirit will continue into the 1990's.

A brief summary of the Club's activities during the season are set out below:

TEAMS

The Club fielded one less junior team this season (seven teams, 87 players) and the same number of senior sides (four teams, 55 players). Most junior players hung on for the whole season despite the disappointment of not being able to play or even train for weeks on end, but there was some loss of senior players as the season progressed and I believe the Committee must look more closely at the credentials of some players who come looking for a game with us.

Most junior sides were competitive and as I noted above three teams would almost certainly have finished up as winners. A special mention here for the U/8's who struck a very strong competition and were always struggling. I hope they all return next year and I believe that if they are prepared to listen to their coach and try and learn a bit more about positional play then their performances can be improved considerably.

At the start of the season hopes were high that our First and Second Grade senior sides would lead the way in celebrating our 50th Anniversary by winning their respective competitions and they certainly started off as though this was going to be the case. They had an influx of good players, were training enthusiastically under the guidance of Giordan Scoda and

Graham"Chuck"Norris and both teams won their first few games. However with the interuptions caused by rain, enthusiasm waned and things never really recovered.

Despite this the Second Grade still made it to the Grand Final, but found the combination of a hot day and much younger opposition too much and were well beaten 1-4. Also the First Grade made the semi-finals but due to the ill-tempered display by a minority of the players they were eliminated from the series by the Association depite the fact that the game finished a 1-1 draw. I am sure that we have learnt a bitter lesson from this and hopefully it will ensure that all our games are played in the right spirit next season.

The Third Grade team were a major disappointment and if a number of these players return next year I believe we should only accept them if they are prepared to play as a team and be more reliable. The Fourth Grade team had a reasonably successful year and was a combination of "oldies and "youngies" and this was never more clearly evident than in the semi-final which they eventually lost in extra time where the best players were the fiftyfive year old "warhorse", Jimmy Pincott and the seventeen year old tyro, Fil Milic.

COACHES AND MANAGERS

The situation was much improved on last year and we were able to fill all positions which took a lot of pressure off my shoulders. Unfortunately, the transportation of the older teams always seemed to cause problems and to those parents and senior players who helped out in this regard, my thanks. Hopefully more parents or other relatives will take a greater interest next year.

A special mention here for 15 year old Peter Rompies who almost single-handedly looked after the U/16's, never an easy task even for an adult. For his efforts Peter has deservedly won the Best Clubman Award and my congratulations to him.

Once again a number of our coaches - Steve Bunnell, Peter Irwin and myself - attended the Level One coaching course conducted by the Association in March and we all found the course extremely interesting and very helpful and I again recommend it to anyone contemplating coaching a junior side. It is anticipated that the course will again be conducted in March 1990 (over three nights).

Anyone interested in helping out with a team in 1990 should not hesitate to contact me ,preferably as soon as possible so that planning can start for next year.

EQUIPMENT

Once again all sides were provided with good quality match balls and all junior sides had at least four balls with which to train.

The First and Second Grade sides were able to outfit themselves

in new strips due to their own fund raising activities and I had hoped that at the conclusion of our 50th Anniversary year our finances would have been sufficiently boosted to enable us to buy new strips for all teams for the 1990 season.

However our finances suffered due mainly to the rain - the canteen rarely opened - and to the late imposition of a compulsory insurance levy on us by the Association and so some of the younger teams will have to wait until 1991. Fortunately the strips for these age groups are still in reasonable condition.

INJURIES

We were not as fortunate as in previous seasons with serious injuries being sustained by two senior players, namely Trevor Malone (broken leg) and Sam Dib (broken foot). Also one of our U/14 stars, Okan Basacik broke his ankle in an off the field accident.

I am sorry to report that one of the Club's stalwarts, Jack Rider, a life member who worked tirelessly for the Club in the 1960's and 1970's has suffered a serious illness and our thoughts are with him.

As mentioned above the Club was required by the Association to take out compulsory insurance in respect of all junior and senior players and it appears that this will be a continuing requirement each year and so fees will have to rise to cover this extra cost. The levy this year was \$20 per senior player and \$1.50 per junior player.

PHILLIPS PARK

Despite the fact that we did not manage many games at home, Phillips Park was not a very pretty sight at the end of the season - especially the No.1 ground adjacent to the canteen.

However I am pleased to report that since then the Council has completely topdressed all fields at Phillips Park and, ironically, all we need now to ensure that it will be in good condition for next season is rain!

CLUB'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the 50 th Anniversary Dinner/Dance held at the Campsie Orion Centre on Friday 9th June when almost 370 people were in attendance.

All comments I have received about the night have been most favourable and it certainly was good to see so many old faces and to relive so many old memories.

Most of the credit for organising the evening and locating so many past players and supporters must go to Neil Rudgley, but the entire Committee can also take a bow along with Ray James and all age players, Richard Holland, Trevor Lavender, Giordan Scoda and Allan Pilling.

It certainly was a night to remember, just ask Milton Brown!

LIFE MEMBERS

The Committee decided that the 50 th Anniversary was an appropriate occasion on which to recognise the contributions made to the Club by a number of players over the years and so on the 9th June life membership was awarded to Jim Pincott, Peter James, Robert Eagleson, Ian Turnbull and Richard Holland.

The decision was particularly well received and my congratulations to each of these players.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

This season the Anlezark brothers, Mick and Scott, became only the 8th and 9th persons to achieve 400 games for the Club. These players are both presently serving on the Committee and have given good service to the Club over a long period. My congratulations to both of them.

Other noteworthy performances were James May and Walter Brzica (200 games) and Sam Zappala, Alex Xenos and Sean O'Hara (100 games).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Committee has decided to try something different by scheduling the Annual General Meeting on the last Wednesday next February (28th February) when enthusiasm for the coming should be building up. Reminder notices will be sent out in mid-February.

CONCLUSION

My thanks to the many people who have helped me over the season, in particular my wife Sandra who patiently answered so many 'phone calls and Neil Rudgley who worked behind the scenes in organising the 50th Anniversary Dinner, publicity in the Review, team photos and this Annual Report.

I hope to see everyone back next season.

KEN JAMES (SECRETARY)

WHAT A BALL AT THE

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER!

The Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner held at Campsie's Orion Centre on June 9th, 1989 was a real highlight of Lidcombe Churches (Congs) Soccer's history.

From the moment we entered the Orion Centre bedecked in blue and gold you could feel the air of expectancy and excitement and we were not disappointed!

Old faces, new faces, memories, laughs- the evening had it all and the pity was that it went all too quickly!

Andy Wills travelled down from the Central Coast to surprise the organisers of the evening, Ken James and Neil Rudgley (who thought that they knew all those who were attending!).

There were players from the first side in 1939; only one footballer missing from the 1966/67 side; Peter and Alison James along with Pam Russell came down from Queensland while Stan Shrimpton (1966/67 side) finally made it after missing the 1979 40th celebration.

The Mayor, George Dunn was there as well as representatives from the Churches Football Association and the Review Newspaper.

Even Jim Taniane, that popular ex-teacher from Lidcombe Primary school, was able to reminisce with his former pupils!

A broken pelvis didn't stop "Chicka" Batts attending as he parked his wheel chair at the packed Batts' table!

And then there were members of the organising committee in their Blues Brothers gear dancing on the stage to Margaret Gaunson's band!

There were tears in many people's eyes as Life Membership badges were presented to Peter James, Robert Eagleson, "Dutchy" Holland, Ian Turnbull and Jimmy Pincott.

Yes, the memories were certainly aroused that night and whenever Lidcombe Congs are talked about in the future mention will be made of the 50th Anniversary Dinner in 1989-what a night!

UNDER SIX TEAM REPORT

Despite what seemed endless interruptions, the Under 6 team realised their main objectives this season namely participating and having fun!

These young footballers developed their skills and friendships as the season progressed, carrying enthusiasm into every game.

My role as Coach was made easier by the support given to mé by the players, their parents and the team's manager, Kerry, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their valuable assistance.

The attitude of the players was very pleasing as win, lose or draw they were happy just to have played and on several occasions when another Under 6 team was not available our side played against Under 7 and Under 8 teams from opposing clubs and proved very competitive.

Even though it was for most their first year of competition the players adapted to team sport very well with each player in his own way developing and improving with each game.

We were assisted throughout the year by a number of players namely Clinton and Joshua Stephen, David Lamb and Brendan Bird. Whilst not being regular players their contribution on the field was greatly appreciated and we thank them for it.

For me personally it was very pleasing to have been associated with these young men.

The team was:

DOMENIC ARCELLA: Scored 23 goals and was a very consistent performer with a high work rate and skills far beyond his years.

TOUFIC BOSTANY: Improved greatly in his first season of soccer with his efforts being rewarded by scoring his first-ever goal for the club.

ADAM BUNNELL: Scored his first club goal this season being a reliable performer who improved with each game.

RANI HADDAD: In his first year he showed improvement and his confidence grew throughout the season.

CHRISTOPHER IRWIN: Scored five goals in his second season of soccer and is a reliable player never too far from the action.

PETER MOSES: Peter performed well in his initial season and has become a good team player.

SUNDEEP REHILL: Another player who showed improvement and increasing confidence with each game.

STEVE BUNNELL COACH

MATCH DETAILS

15/4/89	Vs.	ABBOTSFORD	W 7-0	(Arcella 6, Irwin)
22/4/89		YARALLA	D 0-0	
27/5/89		BALMAIN	W 5-3	(Arcella 3, Bostany, Bunnell)
8/7/89		YARALLA	W 3-0	(Arcella 3)
15/7/89		BALMAIN	L 1-4	(Arcella)
22/7/89		SYD UNI u/7	D 1-1	(Arcella)
22/7/89		BALMAIN U/8	D 0-0	
29/7/89		YARALLA	W 5-0	(Arcella 5)
5/8/89		ABBOTSFORD	L 1-2	(Arcella)
12/8/89		BALMAIN	D 1-1	(Irwin)
19/8/89		ST LLKES	W 3-1	(Arcella 2, Irwin)
26/8/89		ABBOTSFORD	W 3-1	(Irwin 2, Arcella)
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FRANK GODFREY

It was with sorrow that we learnt of the death during the season of this stalwart of the Club in the 1960's and 1970's.

When his sons were playing for the Club ,Frank was almost a permanent fixture at Phillips Park with a Rosehill pie in his hand and a transistor glued to his ear listening to how his bets were going.

There was no more willing worker, keener supporter or greater lover of Rosehill pies than Frank. He would barrack for any side as long as they wore the blue and gold and was a very popular past recipient of the Best Clubman Award.

Frank fought bravely against his illness and was looking forward to the 50th Anniversary Dinner, but sadly he didn't make it.

We will certainly remember Frank "Hey, Hey" Godfrey.

UNDER EIGHT TEAM REPORT

The most consistent thing about the Under 8s season was the bad weather!

With only a few training afternoons and a handful of games, the boys never really reached their potential that I know they are capable of but whenever games were played the side played with full hearted determination.

Peter Shaw and myself wish to thank those parents who turned up to support the boys and assist with transport when required. The sideline support certainly spurred the boys on.

A special thanks to the boys themselves for their patience during the big wet and for turning up on the days that we could get out on the field.

I am sure that if the team stays together for next season they will certainly surprise some of the more fancied sides.

The team was:

MIRO BEGARIJA: Miro missed some games this year but he will be a better player in 1990.

DAVID BURTON: David had a good season playing on both wings and always gave his best.

NICHOLAS CAPRATSIS: Nicholas again proved to be our best player and was always a danger to the opposition goalkeeper.

SHANIEL DATT: Showed some good form when he was able to take the field.

STEVE EL KHOURY: Steve can improve a lot on this season's effort as long as he listens to the Coach's advice.

JAMES IRWIN: James was a good player all year turning in good performances in the defence.

PABLO MONTES: Pablo had a reasonable first season out on the wing but must learn when to cross the ball.

ANTHONY PILLAI: Unfortunately only saw him for a few times this year but has to concentrate on the ball more.

REECE RAPER: Reece's big kick was an asset to the side and he has improved immensely.

MARK RENSHAW: First season for Mark and he defended well and

will be a good player in 1990.

TIMOTHY RENSHAW: Like his brother, his first season was one of learning but he shows a great deal of promise.

DANIEL SHAW: Always tries his best but must learn to co-ordinate his feet when going for the ball. This will come with practise!

JOHN TANNOUS: John has the size to really hit the ball but hasn't realised this as yet otherwise he had a good season.

JAMES McDONALD: Played mostly as Fullback and was always a reliable defender. Shows great promise!

OMAR HAWLI:Unfortunately did not see enough of Omar this season so I hope he rekindles the interest next season.

PETER IRWIN (COACH)

MATCH DETAILS

15/4/89	Vs.	ABBOTSFORD (c)	D 0-0	
22/4/89		ABBOTSFORD (d)	L 2-9	(Capratsis, McDonald)
6/5/89		HINTERS HILL	L 1-2	(Capratsis)
8/7/89		ABBOTSFORD (d)	L 0-8	
15/7/89		YARALLA	L 0-1	
22/7/89		ABBOTSFORD (w)	L 0-8	
29/7/89		BALMAIN	L 0-9	
5/8/89		ABBOTSFORD (b)	L 1-5	(Capratsis)
12/8/89		BALMAIN	D 1-1	(Capratsis)
19/8/89		ABBOTSFORD (b)	L Forf	
26/8/89		ABBOTSFORD (w)	L 1-6	McDonald

YESTER-YEAR WITH THE CONGS

Let's wander back through the Club Annual Reports since they were first published in 1961 and share some of the memories in our 50th year!

1961: "Our credit balance forward from 1960 was one pound!" (Secretary's Report)

UNDER NINE TEAM REPORT

The Under 9s had quite a successful season in 1989 and showed that they could play good football when their minds were on the job.

Every week , the team's performance was one of courage but, on occasions, the lack of goal scoring ability did have an effect on the match result.

The introduction of Stephen and Mathew James however seemed to urge the team on and they were able to put it all together for some massive wins.

The team showed that they could have been a real force had the full amount of games been played. It was clear that the poor weather at the start of the season affected their performances as the boys were unable to take the field.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped with the transport and the washing of the shirts each week.

I know that I have said it before but the Under 9s have the capabilities to give the competition a real shake as long as they all return next season and work hard.

Thanks for a wonderful year and I hope to see you all back in 1990.

The team was:

JASON BURTON: Jason was a new player to the side who always tried his best and showed that he could play good football.

AARON DAVIS: Aaron always played his hardest and used his strength to push past the opposition. All I can say is "may heaven help those who get in the way of Aaron"!

CENK ELGUN: Cenk led by example as he continually performed well each week. By far the team's most consistent player and I hope to see him back in 1990.

CHARLIE EL KHOURY: Charlie was the side's big improver and was the most unluckiest not to have scored a goal. In one game he kicked the ball over the goalkeeper but it stopped in a puddle just in front of goal. A good season, Charlie!

SHAADI HADDAD: Even though Shaadi is smaller than most others he showed some glorious ball skills when going for goal. He was rewarded with his only goal of the season in the last game of the year.

ROBERT HASTINGS: Robert was also a consistent player this

season with his defence quite fierce not liking anybody who dared to get past him!

AIDEN NYE: To our team Aiden was known as "Mr Slide Tackle" as there was not a single game in which he did not try to slide his opponent! On most occasions the slide tackle worked to perfection!

MICHAEL SAID: Michael unfortunately missed a few games due to moving to Croydon Park. However, when he did play he was always one of the team's best and kept the opposition goalkeeper on his toes.

ADAM NORRIS: Whether in goals or out on the field, Adam showed that he has the capabilities of being a very good footballer. All he has to do is work a bit harder so he can become fitter.

BEN SLADE: Ben improved considerably this year and was rewarded with some good efforts. Hope to see you next year when you will be an even better player!

BILL SOLIOLA: Bill scored as few good goals this season and was unlucky not to have picked up some more. He had a solid year.

STEPHEN JAMES: He was a real tiger on the field with his runs down the left wing.

MATHEW JAMES: Mat probably set up 80% of his brother's goals with some terrific crosses.

Also played were Peter Azzi and Kish Polyanszky.

GABREAL HALVAGI (COACH)

MATCH DETAILS

15/4/89	۷s.	ST. MATHEWS	L 0-2	er e de la faction de la constant de
22/4/89	183	CARLINGFORD	L 0-2	
6/5/89		ST MICHAELS (a)	L 0-1	
13/5/89		ST MICHAELS (b)	W 1-0	(Soliola)
8/7/89		CARLINGFORD	W 12-0	(S. James 5, M. James 3, Norris 2, Elgun, R. Hastings)
15/7/89		CREYSTANES	W 6-0	(S. James 5, M. James)
22/7/89		ST MICHAELS (a)	W 12-1	(S. James 6, M. James 3, Said 2, C. Hastings)
29/7/89		ST MICHAELS (b)	D 0-0	
5/8/89		BALMAIN	W 1-0	(Soliola)
12/8/89		BERALA	D 0-0	
19/8/89		HLNIERS HILL	L 0-1	6, 44+ 500 00
26/8/89		BALMAIN	W 2-0	(Haddad, M. James)

UNDER TEN TEAM REPORT

The feature of the season as regards this side was that their teamwork developed to such an extent that they were able to overcome the loss of four good players - Scott Cragg to the Under 11s, Michael Mesic, Paul Crumpton and Sime Lisica - to finish up unofficial winners in the highest graded Under 10 competition, inflicting two defeats on arch rivals Abbotsford in the process.

It was a disappointment that the Association decided not to declare competition winners due to the disruptions caused by the rain but the boys can take comfort in the knowledge that they were clearly the best side this year.

Each week the boys delighted us as they worked on developing their combination, attempting to do the various things that we practised at training and always tried to play attacking football.

Also, as has always been the case with this team, they played with fierce determination and it was their never-say-die attitude which brought them a memorable victory over Abbotsford in the second round when, after being down 1-0 at halftime they relentlessly attacked their opponent's goal in the second half and finished up 3-1 winners. Ray "Curly" James was especially pleased when he made the trip down from the Central Coast to watch this game.

Congratulations to Stephen James on once again being awarded the Most Consistent Player award but we should point out that it was a very close contest and it would not have surprised if any one of four or five of his teammates had won this award.

The team was:

MARK BERGANTIN: Started the season slowly but his game picked up towards the end of the season when he played with much greater determination and it was especially pleasing to see the improvement in his heading. Congratulations on winning the Most Improved Player award, Mark!

KURT EDWARDS: Together with Trent Smith, Kurt formed the backbone of the defence with his fierce no-nonsense tackling and heading being features of his play. His tackling in the Abbotsford game mentioned above was outstanding. He also showed that he could score goals by notching a hat trick in the last game including one with his left foot.

VINCENT GERADA: A classy little player always up with the ball whose great speed caught the opposition out on many

occasions. He was always looking to link up with his teammates and scored some good goals through backing up.

CHRIS HASTINGS: Chris defended determinedly and was always looking to combine with his teammates but unfortunately due firstly to a broken foot suffered late last year and then to the disruptions caused to training by the rain, we weren't able to get him as fit as we would have liked. We have no doubt that if he can improve his fitness he has a future as a footballer.

MATHEW JAMES: A very determined and competitive player who used his fine ball skills to make many attacking runs from midfield and it was pleasing to see him crossing the ball into the centre at the end of many of these runs. He also tackled fiercely, scored some good goals with powerful right foot shots and was also not afraid to have a crack at the ball with his left foot when the opportunity arose.

STEPHEN JAMES: A classic left winger with a high work rate who scored some great goals by utilising his excellent ball skills and also set up many more goals for the team with his powerful crosses from the left. It was also pleasing to see him knocking in a few goals with his right foot. Stephen was also the thinker of the side and many times he "bobbed" up to help out the defence when things looked grim.

JOHN LASIC: A newcomer to the side who proved to be a skilful ball player with the ability to "sniff" out goals. He always played determinedly and had a powerful shot way out of proportion to his size and we certainly missed him when his family moved out of the district at the end of the season.

BRETT MAY: Once again Brett tried hard and it was pleasing to see him thinking a bit more about his game and trying a few things in matches towards the end of the season. With a bit more effort at training his game can improve even further.

TOMMY PAVLEK: A clever ball player who displayed great attacking skills with his running and powerful shooting from midfield. He could also be relied upon to defend fiercely and used his powerful left foot to score some good goals as well as get us out of trouble in defence on many occasions.

MUNDEEP REHILL: In his first season, Mundeep naturally started off a bit slowly but due to a willingness to listen and to try hard at training, his game improved steadily and we expect big things from him next season.

SPIRO ROMPIES: Another successful season for this skilful player whose attacking runs down the right wing and willingness to combine with teammates led to many of the

team's goals. He also scored some good goals including a memorable flick shot from a Stephen James cross in our 3-1 win over Abbotsford which his father certainly enjoyed!

TRENT SMITH: Trent is a great competitor who played determinedly and fearlessly tackled much larger opponents. He and Kurt Edwards were the mainstays of our defence. Trent is also a keen listener and it was pleasing to see him in matches trying out things that we had practised at training. He also scored his first-ever goal for the club and now that he knows where the goals are we expect many more shots next year!

KEN JAMES/JOHN OBEREMOK (Co-COACHES)

MATCH DETAILS

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15/4/89		BYE		Lake a feared a southern amount
22/4/89	Vs.	ABBOTSFORD (e)	W 4-0	(Gerada, M. James, S. James, Lasic)
6/5/89		BALMAIN	₩ 5-0	(Pavlek 2, Gerada, S. James, Rompies)
13/5/89		ABBOTSFORD (b)	W 15-0	(S. James 5, Lasic 3, Gerada 2, M. James 2, Rompies 2, Pavlek)
27/5/89		ABBOTSPORD (a)	W 2-0	(Lasic 2)
8/7/89		ABBOTSFORD (e)	L 0-2	
15/7/89		ST LLKES	W 5-0	(S. James 2, Edwards, Gerada, Smith)
22/7/89		BALMAIN	W 6-0	(S. James 3, Gerada 2, Rompies)
29/7/89		ABBOTSFORD (a)	W 10-0	(S. James 4, Rompies 3, Lasic 2, Gerada)
5/8/89		YARALLA	W 4-2	(Lasic 2, Gerada, S. James)
12/8/89		ABBOTSFORD (a)	W 3-1	(S. James 2, Rompies)
19/8/89		HILLS DIST	W 4-0	(S James 2, M. James, Pavlek)
26/8/89		CREYSTANES	W 13-0	(Edwards 3,S. James 3, Gerada 2, Rompies 2, Elgun, M. James, Pavlek)

1965: "The acquisition of Phillips Park this season has proved a boon and I would venture to say that the ground would rank with the best grounds in the P.C.S.F.A."

1966: "I am very happy and proud to have been your manager!" (Bill Stevens, Manager 2nd Div. premiers)

UNDER ELEVEN TEAM REPORT

The Under 11s showed that they had lost none of their winning form from last year's good season. In fact I would say that 1989 was more successful taking into account the disruption that the "big wet" caused to the training and playing schedule.

I was very pleased with the boys' efforts this season losing only one game to Abbotsford but drawing 1-1 with the highly fancied Greystanes in a game we should have won anyway!

I must make special mention of my Manager Alan Nell who kept the boys in check before the game and did a top job warming them up before kick-off. Thanks very much Alan!

To Tom and Chris Howes I thank you for your assistance in transporting the side to the various grounds along with Mr Arcella. The team's gratitude is extended to all of you!

The team was:

FRANK ARCELLA: Played a real Captain's role every game. Our Most Consistent Player for 1989 who's performances provided the inspiration to the rest of the boys.

TIMOTHY SUH: What a little dynamo this boy is! Timothy just didn't know when to give up and kept the opposition thinking which part of the ground he was going to turn up next.

JOHN ZAIDAN: The team could always expect a big game from John and, like Tim, he did not give up at any time.

CLINTON LANE: He might be the smallest but not light-hearted as the opposition found out continually.

SEAN HOWES: Sean seems to be getting better each time he laces up his boots. His aggression is improving and next year, I believe, the Club will see the best of him.

MARK LASIC: Sorry to lose Mark when he moved from the district but while he was here he gave top service to Lidcombe soccer.

SAM DARSA: Certainly the team wouldn't be the same without Sam and no matter where he is playing he always puts in a 100% effort.

MICHAEL GIANG: Without a doubt the best goalkeeper in the competition. Some of the saves that he made would even make "Lumpy" Lavender proud!

BRETT NORRIS: One of the biggest kickers in the Under 11s,

Brett could be moulded into a very good footballer with a little more speed and concentration. The opposition goalkeepers wondered what went past them when Brett took those famous free-kicks outside the box!

SCOTT CRAGG: Scott has got so much potential that I'm confident about next year's prospects with his return. The talent that he shows is definitely going to be beneficial to the Under 12s next season.

TROY BATY: Ask Troy to quieten down an opposition player and it was no sooner said than done! A tireless worker (but a lousy trainer!) Troy needs a few more road runs and he would be unstoppable!

MATHEW JAMES: Had to call upon him regularly and was never disappointed with his efforts. Thanks Mat!

STEPHEN JAMES: A goal scoring machine if I have ever seen one!

VINCENT GERADA: Called upon Vincent a few times this season and was pleasantly surprised not only with his speed but also with his skills.

ADAM NORRIS & AARON DAVIS: Both Under 9s players helped out a few times this year and their coach, Gabreal Halvagi, would probably wonder why these two tyros don't play for his team like they do for us. Thanks boys!

GRAHAM NORRIS (COACH)

MATCH DETAILS

15/4/89	Vs.	BALMAIN	D 1-1	(Cragg)
22/4/89		NORTH PARRA	W 2-1	(Lasic, Norris)
6/5/89		ABBOTSDORD	D 3-3	(Arcella 2, Howes)
8/7/89		NORTH PARRA	W 3-0	(Lasic, Norris, Zaidan)
15/7/89		HOLY TRINITY	W 3-1	(Arcella, Cragg, Howes)
22/7/89		ABBOTSFORD	L 1-2	(Darsa)
29/7/89		SYD UNIVERSITY	W 1-0	(Darsa)
5/8/89		HINTERS HILL	W 3-0	(Arcella, Cragg, Lasic)
12/8/89		BALMAIN	W 3-0	(Arcella, M. James, S. James)
19/8/89		CREYSTANES	D 1-1	(S. James)
26/8/89		CREYSTANES (B)	W 3-0	(Howes, Norris, O.G.)

UNDER FOURTEEN TEAM REPORT

The team started the season with several strong victories despite the fact that half the side were still eligible to play in an Under 13 competition.

Unfortunately for the boys the "big wet" did interrupt the season and dampen some of their enthusiasm however upon the resumption we were able to field a side which gave a 100% committment but with Phillips Park unavailable for playing and training the boys were unable to worry the top sides which we had to play first up after the rain delay.

My thanks go to Mr Bergantin, Mr Arambatzis and Mr Trikalis who assisted with transporting the boys to the away games on many occasions but I'm sure we all enjoyed cramming into the Tarago when other transport was unavailable (even though we only just made it to the ground in time!).

The team was:

ANDY ARAMBATZIS: Andy is an enthusiastic young man who was a regular at training and always gave a 100% effort in his games.

OKAN BASACIK: Okan is a fine young player who scored 11 goals in three games but then broke an ankle and didn't return after the rains disappeared.

DAVID BERGANTIN: One of the team's more experienced players, always giving his best and on several occasions scoring the winning goal in the close matches.

DENIZ ELGUN: Deniz started the season slowly but once he gave the other team members some room he found himself getting more of the ball and was able to show his various skills.

EFRAM HALVAGI: Another hard-trying thirteen year-old who gave it all, never giving up but he must learn to TUCK HIS SHIRT IN!!

MICHAEL HALVAGI: Michael is a fine ball player with an abundance of speed never letting the bigger players worry him.

TREVOR HOFER: Trevor showed good ability to turn on the ball and get in a good cross justifying his position out on the left wing. Keep up the good work!

KAMAL JAMAL: "K.J. Junior" took over the goalkeeper's position after Breitner broke his finger and he pulled off some amazing saves.

KON KANDILIERAKIS: Kon wasn't a keen trainer and was unable to play this season because of Greek school (that's my story and I'm sticking to it!).

LUCHANO LISICA: Put in a strong effort in every game always giving the opposition defence a constant headache.

BREITNER MARINAS:: Started in goals until a broken finger forced him out onto the field but he gave a strong performance all season.

SEAN O'HARA: Sean is a skilled player but he must show more interest at training and try harder. Show people your undoubted ability Sean and don't rest on your laurels.

THOMAS SUH: A player of the future. Thomas played Fullback and showed soccer skills to take the ball all the way up the field and score on several occasions. Well done!

JAMES TRIKALIS: James, with the fine support of his Dad, always played well. Keep up the good work, James!

FRANK LUBURIC: Whenever Frank wasn't attending Saturday school he played showing skills in goals and out on the field. A very useful player.

JURGEN BRADATSCH: Showed great promise for the future. Keep it up!

JAMES MAY (MANAGER)

BULENT PINAR (COACH)

MATCH DETAILS

15/4/89	۷s.	CARLINGFORD	W 2	2-0	(Basacik, Lisica)
22/4/89		GILROY	W 7	7-0	(Basacik 4, M. Halvagi, Lisica, Suh)
13/5/89		BANKSTOWN	W 1	9-0	(Basacik 6, M. Halvagi 5, Suh 3, Bergantin, Hofer, Jamal, O'Hara, Trikalis)
8/7/89		ST COLUMBAS	L 2	2-10	(M. Halvagi, Jamal)
15/7/89		CARLINGFORD	LO)_4	
22/7/89		BLACKTOWN	LZ	2-6	(Bergantin 2)
29/7/89		GILROY	L 2	2-5	(Arambatzis, Lisica)
5/8/89		GLENBROOK	W 1	1-0	(Bergantin)
12/8/89		ST MATHEWS	W	5-1	(Lisica 2, Suh 2, Arambatzis)
19/8/89		WENTWORTHVILLE	W 2	2-1	(Bergantin, Suh)
26/8/89		GLENBROOK	W	1-0	(Bergantin)

UNDER SIXTEEN TEAM REPORT

With a mixture of players from last year's Under 14s and Under 16s, I didn't really quite know what to expect from the 1989 Under 16s.

However by being confident and retaining virtually the same side throughout the year the majority of results came our way but the only disappointment was the poor weather which cancelled the competition just when I believed we were premiership bound.

Many of the Under 16s have the ability to make a career out of soccer but really need more determination. Most of the players have to learn how to attend training and gain the benefits.

Overall 1989 was a success and I must say well done to the players.

I would also like to thank all those parents who assisted with transport while Johnny Pimm and Ken James contributed greatly with their special efforts to organise the side.

The team was:

TONY TANNOUS: Tony again had a brilliant year in goals saving his team on many occasions and proving an inspiration. A future First Grade 'keeper.

JOEL HARVEY: Joel had an improved year due to his eagerness and determination at training.

BRIGAM LANE: Brigam had a quiet season with his form varying week by week. He can still improve a lot but he needs to concentrate.

FAIYAZ KHAN: The smaller of the Khan brothers, Faiyaz quickly adapted to the Australian conditions and starred in his position of Fullback. He has a great smile as well!

SAM ZAPPALA: Sam was at his dynamic best once again this season serving his side well and not giving an inch to the opposition.

KEIRAN O'HARA: Along with Sam, Keiran makes a great combination in the centre of the defence. With his size and strength he gives his best every game.

PETER ROMPIES: Operating in the centre of the midfield this year was an easy task with so many good players around. It was an honour to lead such a team.

CHRISTIAN ORREGO: I regard Christian as an all-rounder playing well in the forwards, midfield or in the defence. A mate with amazing ball skills who had a great year.

NASHAUD KHAN: The other half of the Khan connection is a player with brilliance written all over him. His runs up the right hand side and his quick passing ability were very useful and those gleaming eyes always caught the attention of the other players!

CHRISTIAN MARINAS: Christian had a satisfying season and tried his hardest in every game. A valuable player.

NICK MILIC: Being one of the smallest players in the team didn't bother Nick at all who showed fancy skills and cheeky through balls.

FAWAZ ELAFCHAL: Another player new to Lidcombe Churches who always showed blistering speed and smart passing. A very good season with class shown.

ALBERT BOKSMATI: Albert always performs well. A quiet achiever he does not say much on the field but lets his legs and football brain do the talking!

ALEX XENOS: Whenever he was available Alex gave his best and played as well as ever.

SIMON BRADATSCH: Simon went missing in the early part of the year just when he was finding what soccer is about.

PETER ROMPIES (COACH)

MATCH DETAILS

15/4/89	Vs.	ST. COLLMBAS	D 1-1	(Orrego)
22/4/89		BANKSTOWN	D 0-0	
6/5/89		CARLINGFORD	W 2-0	(Elafchal, N. Khan)
8/7/89		ST. COLUMBAS	W 3-0	(N. Khan 2, Milic)
15/7/89		BANKSTOWN	W 3-2	(N. Khan, Milic, Tannous)
22/7/89		ST. MICHAELS	W 1-0	(Boksmati)
29/7/89		BYE		
5/8/89		ST. MATHEWS	W 1-0	(N. Khan)
12/8/89		CARLINGFORD	W 4-1	(N. Khan 2, Orrego, Rompies)
19/8/89		ARNOLIFFE	W Forf	
26/8/89		ST. COLUMBAS	L 1-2	(Orrego)

RAAHAUGE CUP 4THS TEAM REPORT

A favourable draw brought about by the wet weather allowed the Fourth Grade to sneak into the semi-finals for the third time in the past four seasons.

The draw saw us only play top sides such as Berala and Beverly Hills once while we were twice matched agaist lowly Campbelltown.

Fortunately for us Campbelltown forfeited the first game and then suffered a 7-0 thrashing in the final competition match against us allowing Lidcombe to take fourth position through goal average.

Unfortunately the semi-final against 1988 premiers St. Lukes was a disappointment as we were defeated after extra time.

Both Fil Milic and Alex Morozoff starred throughout the season with young Fil doing all the running and Alex proving to be an excellent goalscorer finding the net on nine occasions.

Jimmy Pincott celebrated his Life Membership year with some fine performances in the midfield along with Steve Greentree while "hard as nails" Graham Hollebone made some of his famous crash tackles to stop his opposite winger!

Highlights of the season included a rare win in a night Knock Out game at Jones Park thanks to a John Hawach goal while Graham Hollebone's first-ever goal in the match against South Hurstville after 177 appearances was another cause for celebration!

The "old blokes" suffered some injuries this year with both Ken James and Steve Greentree pulling up lame after the semi-final but both seem intent on returning in 1990.

The team was:

Steve Bunnell, Steve Greentree, Gabreal Halvagi, John Hawach, Graham Hollebone, Ken James (Captain), James May, Fil Milic, Alex Morozoff, John Pimm, Jim Pincott, Neil Rudgley and Gary Vartiainen.

Others to play were Marcello Alegria, Eugene Morozoff, Alan Pendleton and Con Trikalis.

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1966: "SPORTS DAY 27/8/66: Manager's 100 Yards. 1: A. Rosevear; 2: E. Bird; 3: J. Rider."

1967: "DOC DOHERTY: sold more dummies than a chemist shop!"

RAAHAUGE CUP 3RDS TEAM REPORT

1989 was another disappointing year for the Third Grade who only managed two wins out of the eleven games played in this rain-affected season.

This year again Joe Loulach captained the side and assisted by Sammy Dib their usual hard running and strong tackling provided the side with inspiration. However the team was never the same on two successive weeks and it was almost impossible to create team work and cohesion.

Again this side survived, as they have done so over the past four seasons, through the efforts and support of Joe and Louie Loulach, Ross Mendocino, Micky Hannouch and Johnny Samaan and this season they were assisted by some bright additions such as Gazwan Hamdan, Mahmoud Jebara and Murat Tasdemir.

Mahmoud turned in a most courageous effort when he volunteered to take over goalkeeping against Campbelltown when he should have been seeking hospital attention for a bad leg injury but he saved numerous goals even if it was in a 8-0 defeat!

1989 also saw the return of Eile Melki and Peter Hallak who both displayed good form on the field. Peter started with us in about 1986 and has just played his 12th game so he's in no hurry to get his 100th!

It is clear that this side must get their wins on the board in the first round as once the defeats start coming it seems the boys start going and as a rule of thumb the team is struggling for players early in the second round!

Maybe a single team from both the Third and Fourth Grade might fare better but then the side would probably have too many so this will be examined in the off-season.

Both Gazwan and Sammy had runs in the top sides but to Sam's misfortune he suffered a broken ankle in his first game.

Potentially the side should have finished much higher up the ladder (haven't we said that before?) but on far too many occasions players from the Fourth Grade had to fill in when the team was short.

Only relatively amusing spot this year concerned that crashtackling Joe Loulach who earnt the wrath of the Judiciary late last year and was sidelined for six weeks in 1989.

Luckily for Joe, the wet weather was kind to him as only TWO games were played during the term of his suspension and Joe had weddings to attend on those Saturdays but hopefully he

has he has learnt the error of his ways!

The team was:

Sam Dib, Peter Hallak, Gazwan Hamdan, Mick Hannouch, Mahmoud Jebara, Joe Loulach (Captain), Louie Loulach, Eile Melki, Ross Mendocino, John Samaan and Murat Tasdemir.

Others to play were Mark Yildiz, Mick Yilmaz, Mick Backi, Daryl Slade, Kassim El Hassan, Mick Lilliebridge and Ned Dobrijevic.

MATCH DETAILS

22/4/89 V	s. CHESTER HILL	3rds: 4ths:	L 2-4 D 4-4	(Dib, Lilliebridge) (Morozoff 2, Greentree,Halvagi)
6/5/89	SOUTH H'VILLE	3rds: 4ths:	L 0-3	(Morozoff 2)
12/6/89	BEVERLY HILLS	3rds: 4ths:		(J. Loulach) (Halvagi)
8/7/89	SEFTON	3rds: 4ths:		(Morozoff 2) (Alegria, Halvagi, Morozoff, Vartiainen)
15/7/89	SOUTH HIVILLE	3rds: 4ths:		(Milic) (Morozoff 2, Hollebone, Rudgley)
22/7/89	ST. LUKES	3rds: 4ths:	W 4-0 W 4-1	(Melki 2, Hannouch, Jebara) (Morozoff 2, Milic, Rudgley)
29/7/89	BANKSTOWN	3rds: 4ths:	L 1-2 L 0-1	
5/8/89	BERALA	3rds: 4ths:	L 0-1 L 1-4	(Halvagi)
9/8/89	CAMPBELLTOWN	3rds: 4ths:	L 0-2 W For	Day L. guerra, E. Janes, e. green, St. 18, 24
12/8/89	NARWEE	3rds: 4ths:	L 0-1 D 3-3	(Vartiainen 2, Halyagi)
19/8/89	CAMPBELLTOWN	3rds: 4ths:	L 0-8	(Halvagi 3, Milic 3, Bunnell)
26/8/89 SE	MI ST. LUKES	4ths:		(Morozoff 2)
KNOCK-OUT				
17/4/89	ST. MATHEWS	4ths:	W For	
10/5/89	COLORBOND	4ths:	W 1-0	(Hawach)
31/5/89	BANKSTOWN	3rds:	L 1-2	(Dib)
19/7/89	MIRANDA	4ths:	L 0-2	

RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS TEAM REPORT

This season , like those in past years, saw the Second Grade make another determined challenge for the Premiership but, as had happened in 1988, the side was unable to produce the form required on Grand Final day and once again had to settle for the runner-up mantle.

Apart from being the Club's 50th year, 1989 will certainly be remembered as the year of the washouts and wet grounds but it was ironic that the Grand Final pitch at Church Lane Rooty Hill was rock hard and the game was played in searing heat!

In the competition games only one loss occurred and this was against Maroubra but the highlight must surely have been the 14-0 drubbing of Bankstown in the final round!

This big victory, coupled with the First Grade's lop-sided 8-0 win against the Bankstown Firsts added up to what was probably Lidcombe highest goalscoring ever on one day for our two top sides!

Lowlight of the season must have been when popular Trevor Malone broke a leg in the July match against Lugarno putting his future soccer career very much in doubt. It speaks well of Trevor when he still hobbled around on crutches supporting the side in their premiership quest.

On the playing field newcomer Michael Trad proved an excellent acquisition with some excellent goalscoring and fine individual ball skills.

Ian Turnbull, as always, continues to keep pace with the younger ones and his lethal left foot saw him net nine goals this year.

Big Scotty Anlezark, not really getting amongst the goals in recent seasons, picked up five in the Bankstown slaughter and another two in the Final against Carlingford so he had a great season celebrating with his 400th game in the semi-final.

Peter Hamilton shrugged off injury problems and returned to the fold late in the season and proved invaluable in the finals. Hopefully the rumours of him calling it a day and retiring to the Central Coast are just rumours because we need players of his skills and besides, the Lidcombe T.A.B. will have serious cash flow problems if "Spindle" takes his business elsewhere!

Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender showed flashes of skills this year but mainly in his newly-found pastime as Goatherder

Extraordinaire. It seems that a herd of goats escaped onto Phillips Park to celebrate Lidcombe's big win over Bankstown and "Lumpy" was called upon to escort them back to the pen. (He reckons there were some good-looking nannies amongst them, too!)

Apart from "Lumpy" scoring a rare goal to take his tally to three in fifteen years, hard-tackling Nigel Batts put away a penalty in the Grand Final to register his first-ever goal in 141 appearances!

Geoff Rider and Alan Pilling performed as well as usual with 'Dutchy' Holland and Kenny Cambaz giving good support to Coach Giordano Scoda.

Sadly we farewelled Russell Hore who has headed up the Kakadu whilst Glen Westerberg moved down the coast and their absences were certainly felt in a season that promised so much but came unstuck at the very last hurdle.

The team was:

Scott Anlezark, Nigel Batts, Ken Cambaz, Peter Hamilton, Richard Holland, Trevor Lavender, Trevor Malone, Alan Pilling, Geoff Rider, Giordano Scoda, Michael Trad and Ian Turnbull (Captain).

Others to have played were Russell Hore, Alex Morozoff and Glen Westerberg.

1968: "ROGER BOWDEN: The popular choom is now stuck with us!"

1969: "PETER JAMES (Inside Left) - hampered by recurring knee trouble. His recent marriage is also noted!"

1970: "NEWS ITEM: Since the club reformed in 1960, only two players still remain - Alan Weeks and Kevin Toms."

1973: "This year's All-age teams still field TEN of the successful 1966 Congo Second Division premiers!"

1973: "GEOFF RIDER: Another YASHIN in the making!"

1974: "AUNTY DOT RIDER: The perfect shopkeeper understanding, sympathetic, obliging and very efficient!"

1976: "BORIS OBEREMOK: Just as well he wasn't TWINS!"

1977: "ISAAC DIB: Some of his "kamikaze" tackles remain strong talking points down at the Lebanese bakery!"

RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS TEAM REPORT

Four wins in as many games put the First Grade on the road to a semi-finals berth this season after missing out in 1988.

Unfortunately the boys must have been suffering the effects of the 50th Anniversary dinner in June as they suffered a shock loss to Bankstown the next afternoon and didn't register a win in their next five games!

However it was sweet retribution when we thrashed Bankstown in the final game of the season to make the semi-finals but we met arch-rivals Lugarno in a game that disappointed in several aspects.

With the scores level at 1-1, the referee called a halt to proceedings and Lugarno went through to the final and what must be learnt from that effort is that the sportsmanship of some of our senior players needs to improve greatly.

Being the top side of the Club, First Grade must set the example for other sides to follow and far to often the disruptive element creeps into the play when there is definitely no need for it.

Apart from the disappointments of the semis, the team performed well to get that far with Mick Anlezark and Neven Kinda turning in consistent performances all season.

Key player Peter Oberemok suffered a serious leg injury that kept him sidelined for quite a spell and it was his dominance that was missing during the side's depressing run in June and July.

Newcomers Mesut and Kenan Kanli and Alan Selcuk proved their worth while Les Wilson was able to mix it both up front and at the back.

Walter Brzica made a welcome return to the side after missing last year and he scored four great goals in the Bankstown game.

The team was:

Mick Anlezark (Captain), Walter Brzica, Andrew Grattan, Craig Hinton, Kenan Kanli, Mesut Kanli, Neven Kinda, Peter Oberemok, Oguz Ozmen, Alan Selcuk, Sam Abdelkafi and Les Wilson.

Also played were Ali Demiroz, Sam Dib and Mark Waters.

MATCH DETAILS

15/4/89	Vs.	BEVERLY HILLS	1sts: 2nds:		(Grattan 2) (Hore 2, Turnbull, Westerberg, 2 x O.G.)
22/4/89		ABBOTSFORD	1sts: 2nds:	W 3-2 W 4-1	(Kinda, Waters, Wilson) (K. Kanli, M. Kanli, Turnbull, Westerberg)
6/5/89		NORTHSIDE	1sts: 2nds:	100000 000000 00000	(Kinda) (M. Kanli, Malone, Trad, Turnbull)
13/5/89		MAROUBRA	1sts: 2nds:	W 3-1 L 0-2	(Oberemok 2, K. Kanli)
10/6/89		BANKSTOWN	1sts: 2nds:		(Trad 2, Turnbull)
8/7/89		LUCARNO	1sts: 2nds:	D 3-3	(Wilson 2, K. Kanli) (Trad)
15/7/89		CARL'FORD BAPS	1sts: 2nds:		(K. Kanli) (S. Anlezark, Brzica, Trad)
22/7/89		NORTHSIDE	1sts: 2nds:	L 0-1 W 6-1	(Wilson 3, Cambaz, M.Kanli, O.G.)
29/7/89		MAROUBRA	1sts: 2nds:	L 2-3 W 1-0	(Abdelkafi, Kinda) (O.G.)
5/8/89		STRATHFIELD	1sts: 2nds:	D 0-0 W 5-1	(M. Anlezark, S. Anlezark, Rider, Turnbull, O.G.)
12/8/89	-	CARL'FORD UN.	1sts: 2nds:	W 3-1 W 3-1	(Brzica, M. Kanli, Kinda) (M. Kanli 2, Trad)
19/8/89		BANKSTOWN	1sts: 2nds:	W 8-0 W14-0	(Brzica 4, Kinda 3, Selcuk) (S. Anlezark 5, Cambaz 3, Turnbull 3, Lavender, Pilling, Scoda)
26/8/89		LUCARNO LUCARNO	1sts: 2nds:	*D 1-1 L 1-3	(Grattan) *Lugarno win (Turnbull)
2/9/89		FINAL CARL UN.	2nds:	W 5-3	(S. Anlezark 2, Morozoff 2,Cambaz)
9/9/89		CRAND FINAL LUCARNO			(Batts)
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29/5/89		LUGARNO	1sts:	L 0-1	
30/5/89		BEVERLY HILLS	2nds:	L For	
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16/3/89		WENTY WARATAHS LIDCOMBE W'TAHS AUBURN DISTRICT		W 3-2	(Oberemok 3, Kinda 2) (Oberemok 3) (Kinda, Oberemok)
18/3/89		BAULKHAM HILLS SEVEN HILLS		L 0-2	(Oberemok)

YESTER-YEAR WITH THE CONGS

1977: "Trevor Lavender, after retrieving a ball from outside the ground, attempted to hurdle the boundary fence only to slip and land on the fence itself - poor old Trevor could not continue and had to be replaced!"

1978: "JOHN HAWACH - a great trier at training!" (U/14 Team Report)

1979: "KEN JAMES - seen taking lawn bowls lessons. Has he retired?

1980: "Only NINE years to our 50th Anniversary! Be there!"

1980: "When Brendan McKeown first stepped ashore in Aussie he was amazed at the size of our blow flies - until we found out that he was looking at a LOCUST!!"

1981: "THE MAFIA MOB: The numbers are growing! Could be a take-over bid soon!"

1983: "TREVOR LAVENDER: backed up every game and managed to play 39 games this year!"

1984: "NEIL RUDGLEY: Returned for three matches and broke down with ankle injuries!"

1984: "How a side can win a Minor Premiership by a clear TEN points and then lose the major semi and final is quite hard to understand!" (Distraught First Grade Coach George Luke in his Team Report)

1986: "ALEX MOROZOFF: Scored his first goal this year since he kicked off in 1974 - can hardly wait until he gets his next one!"

1986: "26/7/86 vs. CARLINGFORD 1sts: L 0-10"

1987: "Jimmy Pincott this year played at Booralee Park for the first time since 1947!"

1988: "Dutchy Holland, en route to Queensland, drove off from Glen Innes leaving his daughter BEHIND at a service station only to be pulled over by Qld. police hours later!!"

1989: "Lidcombe Congs. Soccer celebrates 50th Anniversary!"

1939 - 1989: "Once a Congo, ALWAYS a Congo!"

PATRON'S VIEW

Our Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner held at the Orion Centre in June was a wonderful evening of memories, laughs and entertainment.

All those people who attended will have lasting memories of their association with the Congs. and the Committee, under the leadership of President Michael Anlezark and Secretary Ken James, are to be congratulated on such a fine presentation.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention the diligent work and the great photographic display provided by Neil Rudgley - a great contribution to a great night!

The season just concluded will also be remembered as "the great wet" and I cannot recall so many games being cancelled and Phillips Park being deemed unplayable.

The Association took the only course of action available to abandon the junior competitions.

It was pleasing to see the Firsts, Seconds and the Fourths make the semi-finals but my only regret (apart from these teams not winning a competition in our 50th year!) is that Mabel and myself didn't see as many games as we would have wished.

I am proud to be Co-patron of your Club with Gordon Weeks and I offer my congratulations to the dedicated Committee members, managers, coaches, supporters and players who have assisted Lidcombe Churches Soccer in 1989 - our 50th year!

RAY JAMES





PLAYERS'STATISTICS

1989 SEASON: 1 - 199 GAMES NAME TEAM GAMES GOALS NAME TEAM GAMES GOALS							
HOLLEBONE G	R/C4		GOAL 1	S NAME MARINAS C	TEAM GAMES U/16 61	GOALS 16	
MILIC F	R/C4	180	15	CRAGG S	U/11 59	40	
HAMILTON P	R/C2	164	33	KINDA N	R/C1 59	40	
CAMBAZ K	R/C2	162	108	SAMAAN J	R/C3 58	7	
HALVAGI G	R/C4	156	53	EDWARDS K	U/10 57	8	
HAWACH J	R/C4	154	4	MELKI E	R/C3 57	4	
GREENTREE S	R/C4	150	41	GIANG M	U/11 56	2	
O'HARA K	U/16	149	1	LOULACH L	R/C3 56	2	
BATTS N	R/C2	141	1	HOWES S	U/11 54	5	
MILIC N	U/14	135	20	MENDOCINO R	R/C3 53	2	
GRATTAN A	R/C1	131	41	GERADA V	U/10 53	28	
TANNOUS T	U/16	111	1	BASACIK O	U/14 52	24	
PIMM J	R/C4	107	9	LUBURIC F	U/14 52	0	
ZAPPALA S	U/16	106	0	HANNOUCH M	R/C3 51	7	
O'HARA S	U/14	105	26	HALVAGI E	U/14 48	0	
XENOS A	U/16	104	2	NORRIS A	U/9 47	15	
MALONE T	R/C2	98	45	ВАТҮ Т	U/11 47	1	
PENDLETON A	R/C4	91	5	SCODA G	R/C2 42	3	
NORRIS B	U/11	88	21	MAY B	U/10 42	0	
DARSA S	U/11	88	10	MARINAS B	U/14 41	0	
MOROZOFF A	R/C4	86	20	DAVIS A	U/9 40	4	
LANE B	U/16	82	1	ROMPIES P	U/16 40	2	
BERGANTIN D	U/14	80	7	JAMAL K	U/14 39	16	
YILDIZ M	R/C3	77	. 17	CAPRATSIS N	U/8 39	15	
PAVLEK T	U/10	77	15	TANNOUS J	U/8 38	6	
ORREGO C	U/16	76	14	HADDAD S	U/9 38	9	
LANE C	U/11	75	0	SOLIOLA B	U/9 37	29	
JAMES S	U/10	73	56	SAID M	U/9 37	17	
JAMES M	U/10	72	20	BOKSMATI A	U/16 37	9	
HALVAGI M	U/14	69	18	McDONALD J	U/8 36	14	
HOFER T	U/14	68	5	SLADE B	U/9 36	0	
TRIKALIS J	U/14	68	5	BERGANTIN M	U/10 32	0	
SMITH T	U/10	68	1	TERLECKI C	U/11 30	0	
LISICA L	U/14	66	36	HASTINGS R	U/9 29	1	
LOULACH J	R/C3	66	5	HARVEY J	U/16 29	0	
VARTIAINEN G	R/C4	63	.8	POLYANSZKY K	U/9 28	14	

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PLAYERS' STATISTICS (continued)

NAME TEAM GAMES		MES	GOAL:	S NAME	TEAM GAN	MES	GOALS
SUH Thomas	U/14	28	10	SUH Timothy	U/11	1.1	0
ZAIDAN J	U/11	27	2	ARAMBATZIS A	U/14	1.0	2
HASTINGS C	U/10	26	1	NYE A	U/9	. 10	0
BUNNELL A	U/6	25	1	RENSHAW M	U/8	10	0
IRWIN J	U/8	25	0	RENSHAW T	U/8	10	0
ROMPIES S	U/10	24	11	KHAN N	U/16	9	7
LASIC Mark	U/11	8	3	BURTON D	U/8	9	0
ELGUN C	U/9	24	3	KHAN F	U/16	9	0
IRWIN C	U/6	23	5	TASDEMIR M	R/C3	9	0
ELGUN D	U/14	22	0	BEGARIJA M	U/8	8	0
TRAD M	R/C2	22	6	MONTES P	U/8	8	0
SHAW D	U/8	22	1	ELAFCHAL F	U/16	7	1
WESTERBERG G	R/C2	21	4	LASIC J	U/10	6	10
AZZI P	U/9	11	0	JEBARA M	R/C3	6	1
EL KHOURY C	U/9	21	0	DATT S	U/8	5	0
EL KHOURY S	U/8	18	0	OSMEN O	R/C1	5	0
RAPER R	U/8	18	0	MOROZOFF E	R/C4	4	0
KANLI M	R/C1	16	6	WATERS M	R/C1	3	1
SELCUK A	R/C1	15	1	BRADATSCH J	U/14	3	0
PILLAI A	U/8	15	0	ALEGRIA M	R/C4	2	1
HAWLI O	U/8	14	0	ADAMS C	U/10	2	0
BUNNELL S	R/C4	13	1	BRADATSCH S	U/16	2	0
ARCELLA D	U/6	12	23	DEMIROZ A	R/C1	2	0
KANLI K	R/C1	12	4	TUSTAS E	U/10	2	0
BOSTANY T	U/6	12	1	LILLIEBRIDGE M	R/C3	1	1
HALLAK P	R/C3	12	0	BACKI M	R/C3	1	0
MOSES P	U/6	12	0	BIRD B	U/6	1	0
REHILL M	U/10	12	0	DOBRIJEVIC N	R/C3	1	0
TRIKALIS C	R/C4	12	0	EL HASSEN K	R/C3	1	0
ARCELLA F	U/11	11	5	HAWKINS C	U/10	1	0
ABDELKAFI S	R/C1	11	1	LAMB D	U/6	1	0
BURTON J	U/9	11	0	SLADE D	R/C3	1	0
HADDAD R	U/6	11	0	YILMAZ M	R/C3	1	0
HAMDAN G	R/C3	11	0	ZAPPALA A	U/14	1	0
REHILL S	U/6	11	0				







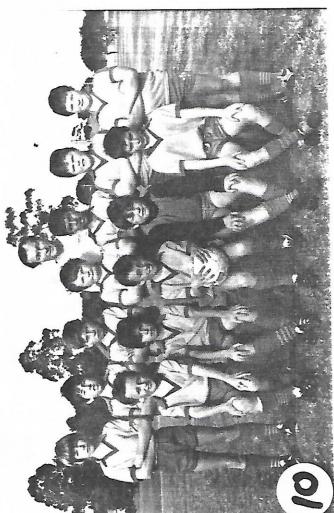


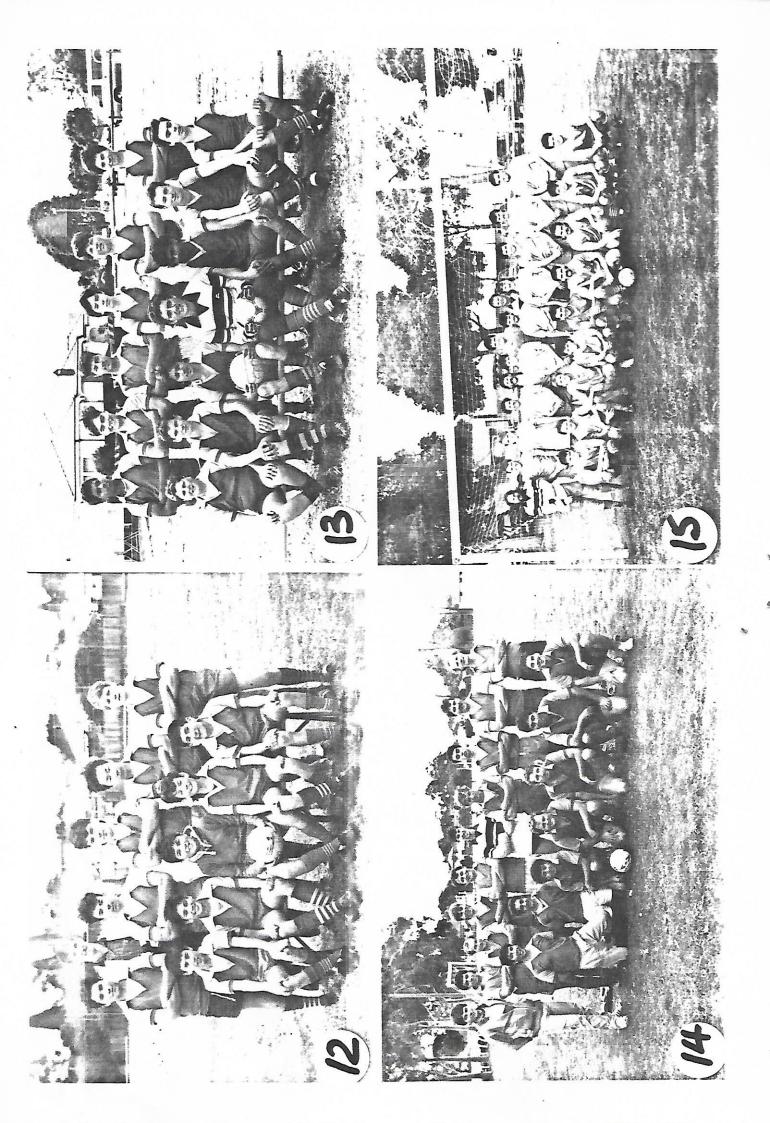












SOCCER SHOTS

- 1 Definitely no shortage of Congo spirit here as Co-patrons RAY JAMES (left) and GORDON WEEKS (right) congratulate new Life Membership recipients JIMMY PINCOTT, RICHARD "DUTCHY" HOLLAND, PETER JAMES, IAN TURNBULL and ROBERT EAGLESON at the Anniversary Dinner in June.
- 2 RAY JAMES (left) and the Congs first-ever Secretary in 1939, ALAN COOK, cut the 50th Anniversary cake.
- 3 TREVOR MALONE (R/C2) still manages a smile despite the broken leg suffered in June.
- 4 Big SCOTT ANLEZARK (R/C2) couldn't wait to show his delight at scoring FIVE goals in the Bankstown slaughter in August!
- 5 Victory in the Final against Carlingford was real sweet for IAN TURNBULL (left), ALAN PILLING, MICHAEL "CHOCO" TRAD and Coach GIORDANO "FROGGY" SCODA.
- 6 These youngsters STEPHEN JAMES (left) and MATHEW JAMES (U/10) certainly set the ground alight when they start their attacking raids!
- 7 UNDER 6: (Rear) Kerry Bunnell (Manager), Steve Bunnell (Coach); (Back Row) Peter Moses, Sundeep Rehill, Christopher Irwin, Toufic Bostany; (Front Row) Rani Haddad, Domenic Arcella, Adam Bunnell.
- 8 UNDER 8: (Rear) Peter Irwin (Coach); (Back Row) Reece Raper, Shaniel Datt, John Tannous, Omar Hawli, Daniel Shaw, Miro Begarija, Anthony Pillai, Steve El Khoury; (Front Row) James McDonald, Pablo Montes, James Irwin, Nicholas Capratsis, Mark Renshaw, Timothy Renshaw, David Burton.
- 9 UNDER 9: (Back Row) Aaron Davis, Charlie El Khoury, Jason Burton, Aiden Nye, Bill Soliola, Gabreal Halvagi (Coach), Adam Norris; (Front Row) Robert Hastings, Shaadi Haddad, Ben Slade, Cenk Elgun.
- 10 UNDER 10: (Rear) Ken James (Coach); (Back Row) Tommy Pavlek, Mark Bergantin, Kurt Edwards, Chris Hastings, Mundeep Rehill, Scott Cragg (U/11), Brett May; (Front Row) Stephen James, Vincent Gerada, Mathew James, Spiro Rompies, Trent Smith.
- 11 UNDER 11: (Rear) Graham Norris (Coach), Alan Nell (Manager); (Back Row) Timothy Suh, Sean Howes, Michael Giang, Tim Mak, John Zaidan; (Front Row) Brett Norris, Sam Darsa, Frank Arcella, Scott Cragg, Clinton Lane.

- 12 UNDER 14: Breitner Marinas, James May (Manager), David Bergantin, Andy Arambatzis, Thomas Suh, Sean O'Hara; (Front Row) Deniz Elgun, Trevor Hofer, Kamal Jamal, Luchano Lisica, Efram Halvagi.
- 13 UNDER 16: (Back Row) Nashaud Khan, Christian Orrego, Fawaz Elafchal, Nick Milic, Sam Zappala, Christian Marinas; (Front Row) Alex Xenos, Brigam Lane, Peter Rompies, Tony Tannous, Faiyaz Khan, Keiran O'Hara, Joel Harvey.
- 14 RAAHAUGE CUP 3RDS/4THS: (Back Row) Ross Mendocino, Joe Loulach, Ken James, Fil Milic, Alex Morozoff, James May, Jimmy Pincott, Marcel Alegria, Steve Bunnell, Neil Rudgley; (Front row) John Samaan, Gabreal Halvagi, Louie Loulach, Gary Vartiainen, Steve Greentree, Mick Hannouch, Eile Melki.
- 15 RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS/2NDS: (Back Row) Craig Hinton, Michael Anlezark, Neven Kinda, Richard Holland, Sam Dib, Andrew Grattan, Scott Anlezark, Peter Oberemok, Trevor Lavender, Walter Brzica, Ken Cambaz, Ian Turnbull, Sam Abdelkafi; (Front Row) Geoff Rider, Alan Pilling, Peter Hamilton, Mesut Kanli, Michael Trad, Les Wilson, Giordano Scoda, Kenan Kanli, Alan Selcuk.

