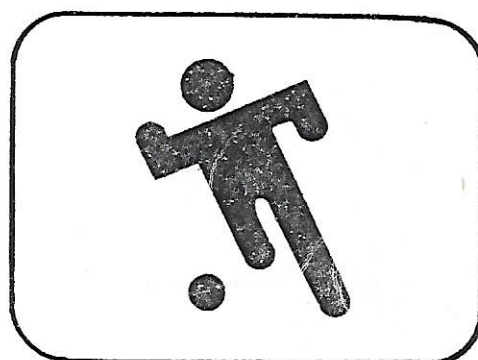
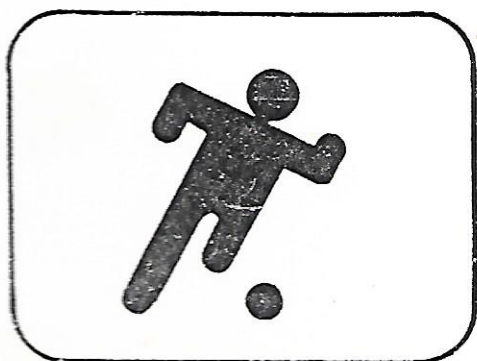




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REPORT

1993

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PATRONS:

RAY JAMES,
GORDON WEEKS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	NEIL RUDGLEY
VICE PRESIDENT:	ALEX MOROZOFF
SECRETARY:	KEN JAMES
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	NEIL RUDGLEY
TREASURER:	ALAN PILLING
COUNCILLOR TO ASSOCIATION:	NIGEL BATTS
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	JAMES MAY

LIFE MEMBERS

1972	RAY JAMES
1974	DAVE EAGLESON GORDON WEEKS
1975	MABEL JAMES JACK RIDER (dec'd)
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
1993	GEOFF RIDER

TROPHY WINNERS

TEAM	MOST CONSISTENT	MOST IMPROVED
6	DANIEL JAMES) ANDREW KOVELIS)	ANDREW ILIEFF
7	RABEEH IBRAHIM	ANTHONY RANCAN
8	THOMAS RAYWARD	BENJAMIN BEATTIE
10	DAVID GREEN) BRETT KISSUN)	NATHANIEL ARCHER
12	SHAADI HADDAD	SHANEIL DATT
13	KURT EDWARDS) JOHN MOUSSA)	DREW HOWE
R/CUP 2	CHRISTIAN MARINAS	
R/CUP 1	LINDSAY CROSBIE	AWARDED THE W.J. (BILL) STEVENS TROPHY FOR BEST ALL AGE PLAYER
LIFE MEMBERSHIP:		GEOFF RIDER
NORM HUTEAU MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST CLUBMAN:		JAMES MAY
ROBERT BROWN MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR MERITORIOUS TEAM PERFORMANCE:		UNDER 10s
E.J. & H. JAMES SHIELD FOR BEST JUNIOR GOALKEEPER:		ANDREW KARABETSOS (U/10)
STIRRER'S SPOON:		HOWARD "POP" HASTINGS
MINI SOCCER- LEADING GOALSCORER:		RABEEH IBRAHIM (U/7 - 30 goals)
GEORGE MCCOLL SHIELD FOR LEADING GOALSCORER - COMP:		ALEX MOROZOFF (R/C 1 - 29 goals)
100 GOALS:	MATHEW JAMES (U/13) ALEX MOROZOFF (R/C 1)	Commenced - 1986 - 1974
500 GAMES:	GEOFF RIDER (R/C 1)	- 1969
400 GAMES:	TREVOR LAVENDER (R/C 2)	- 1974
300 GAMES:	JAMES MAY (R/C 1)	- 1979
200 GAMES:	NIGEL BATTS (R/C 1) JOHN HAWACH (R/C 2)	- 1977 - 1977

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TROPHY WINNERS (continued):

100 GAMES:	SCOTT ASHBROOKE (R/C 1)	- 1986
	ERHAN ERDOGAN (R/C 2)	- 1983
	SHAADI HADDAD (U/12)	- 1987
	CHRIS HASTINGS (U/13)	- 1988
	ANTE KINDA (R/C 1)	- 1981
	CHRISTIAN MARINAS (R/C 2)	- 1986
	JOHN TANNOUS (U/12)	- 1987

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(COMPETITION/MINI GAMES ONLY)

TEAM	NAME	GOALS
6	ANDREW KOVELIS	21
7	RABEEH IBRAHIM	30
8	RANI HADDAD	13
10	ANDREW AMOS	14
12	RIO KARABETSOS	7
13	STEPHEN JAMES	14
R/C 2	CHRISTIAN MARINAS	23
R/C 1	ALEX MOROZOFF	29

COACHES AND MANAGERS

TEAM	COACH	MANAGER
6	JACK DUTTON	
7	LES WILSON	JOE ZAMMIT
8	JAMES MAY	
10	KEN CAMBAZ	KERRY BUNNELL
12	TONY TANNOUS	CHRISTIAN MARINAS
13	KEN JAMES	
R/C 1 & 2	ALAN PILLING/ GEOFF RIDER	ALAN PILLING

TEAM STATISTICS

(COMPETITION/MINI GAMES ONLY)

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DREW	BYE/FOR	LOST	FOR	AGAINST
U/6	18	12	0	3	3	51	11
U/7	18	8	3	3	4	54	18
U/8	18	9	2	2	5	40	18
U/10	18	11	4	1	2	48	11
U/12	18	4	0	1	13	17	44
U/13	18	13	0	4	1	52	8
R/C2	18	5	5	1	7	41	46
R/C1	18	13	1	1	3	60	28

FINAL POINTS TABLES

RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS

Rozelle	30
Bankstown #	29
Lidcombe	27
Blacktown	16
Penrith	16
Greystanes	16
Telopea C of C	16
Wentworthville	9
St Matthews	6
Ryde Raiders	5

RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS

Blacktown #	31
Bankstown	27
St Matthews	23
Rozelle	21
Lidcombe	15
Telopea C of C	15
Penrith	13
Greystanes	13
Wentworthville	9
Ryde	3

UNDER 13

Lidcombe	32
St Matthews	31
Abbotsford	20
Greystanes	18
Chester Hill	18
St Lukes	4
Blacktown	0

UNDER 12

Carl Unit	27
Yaralla	26
Balmain (A)	22
Chester Hill	19
Greystanes	17
Berala	15
Lidcombe	8
Balmain (B)	2

UNDER 10

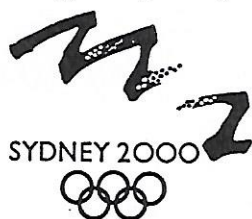
O.L.O.R.	33
Lidcombe	26
Blacktown Unit	23
Chester Hill	18
St Matthews	16
St Michaels	9
O.L.Q.P.	8
Greystanes	3

UNDER 8

O.L.O.R.	31
Parramatta	30
St Michaels	25
St Columbas	21
Lidcombe	21
O.L.Q.P.	16
Carl Unit	12
Went Unit	7
Greystanes	7

GRAND FINAL WINNERS

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HONOUR ROLL

	COMM	FIN	GAMES	GOALS
<u>600 GAMES</u>				
JAMES Ray	1939	1982	630+	7

500 GAMES

JAMES Ken	1961	*	571	75
TURNBULL Ian	1962	1990	547	231
PINCOTT Jim	1944	*	522	110
EAGLESON Robert	1962	1985	520	131
RIDER Geoff	1969	*	503	46

400 GAMES

ANLEZARK Mick	1970	*	479	106
ANLEZARK Scott	1970	1992	455	71
HOLLAND Richard	1967	1992	438	3
JAMES Peter	1961	1987	432	79
LAVENDER Trevor	1974	*	401	3

300 GAMES

PILLING Alan	1974	*	373	70
RUDGLEY Neil	1961	*	370	211
HINTON Craig	1969	1992	360	6
WEEKS Alan	1960	1984	349	128
WEEKS John	1965	1984	338	78
HORE Russell	1969	1991	332	132
PINCOTT Grant	1964	1983	325	26
TURNBULL Ray	1961	1982	324	135
DIB Sam	1965	*	317	14
JAMES Kevin	1963	1985	317	6
MAY James	1979	*	309	6
EDENBOROUGH Steve	1971	1984	306	7
TAYLOR Ray	1964	1984	305	41
FRAME Jim	1974	1988	304	15

200 GAMES

SOMERVILLE Craig	1967	1982	297	141
ALSOP Paul	1963	1979	296	30
ROBERTS Graeme	1972	1992	286	17
OBBERMOK Peter	1974	*	280	276
STEVENS Greg	1966	1977	274	51
SOMERVILLE Darren	1967	1982	273	121
COLLIER Ken	1969	1987	271	24
JAMES Gary	1960	1984	266	32
ROONEY Terry	1968	*	265	126
McKEOWN Brendan	1973	1988	263	130
DILLON John	1961	1980	261	72
BATY Mark	1964	1985	261	63
GRUNDY Steve	1965	1982	258	10

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HONOUR ROLL (continued)

200 Games (cont.)

WILLIAMS Garry	1966	1987	254	15
HOLLEBONE Graham	1977	*	254	8
EAGLESON Donn	1962	1986	254	7
WOODS Keith	1966	1985	253	60
FRAME Lindsay	1974	1987	253	51
BOWDEN Roger	1967	1985	249	42
CAMBAZ Ken	1973	*	248	137
HILLYARD Neil	1961	1979	243	31
DIB Isaac	1967	1982	241	24
WILSON Les	1971	1989	234	54
IRWIN Ron	1969	1985	233	22
HOLLEBONE Bob	1963	1975	232	29
COLLIER Gary	1973	1983	230	44
BRANDIE Ralph	1965	1979	230	3
O'HARA Kieran	1980	*	226	5
HENDERSON Grant	1962	1974	223	51
HAMILTON Peter	1982	1992	223	42
CARMICHAEL Stewart	1972	1983	223	24
KERRIGAN Garry	1967	1982	222	26
MORGAN Geoff	1976	1985	221	76
BRZICA Walter	1975	1990	220	85
LUKE Robert	1970	1981	220	63
BROWN Colin	1962	1976	220	56
GODFREY Steve	1968	1980	220	1
AUSTIN Greg	1970	1978	218	7
BENT Geoff	1962	1979	217	78
BATTS Nigel	1977	*	217	2
HAWACH John	1977	*	215	6
EDWARDS Geoff	1972	1982	214	73
DEATH Norm	1969	1978	212	27
BURNS Steve	1966	1975	209	101
HOLLEBONE Arthur	1965	1977	209	2
GODFREY Graham	1967	1978	208	25
HOLLEBONE Ron	1966	1982	207	63
LULAND Stephen	1969	1980	207	35
BIRD Phil	1961	1981	205	21
RIDER Bruce	1962	1974	203	48
LUKE George	1971	1985	203	2
TOMS Kevin	1960	1972	202	49
KNOWLES Bill	1967	1986	200	68

* Still Playing

200 GOALS

OBEREMOK Peter	1982
TURNBULL Ian	1987
RUDGLEY Neil	1988

100 GOALS

RIDER Ron	1969	WEEKS Alan	1975
WOODHOUSE Mark	1972	BEAUPEURT Wayne	1977
TURNBULL Ray	1973	SOMERVILLE Craig	1977
BRUEN Bill	1975	ROBERTS Garry	1978
BURNS Steve	1975	SOMERVILLE Darren	1978

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HONOUR ROLL (continued)
100 Goals (cont.)

WILEY Rick	1978	McKEOWN Brendan	1986
CAMBAZ Ken	1979	ROONEY Terry	1988
HORE Russell	1979	JAMES Stephen	1991
PINCOTT Jim	1983	ANLEZARK Mick	1991
SIMA Metin	1983	JAMES Mathew	1993
EAGLESON Robert	1984	MOROZOFF Alex	1993
HETERICK Graeme	1985		

OTHER CLUB FACTS

FIRST CLUB PRESIDENT

Edward (Ted) James - 1939

FIRST CLUB SECRETARY

Alan Cook - 1939

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON

54 GOALS: Mark Woodhouse (U/9) - 1971 season

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH

8 GOALS:

ROONEY Terry: 08 May 1971 vs. St Barnabas Fairfield (U/15)

TRAN Minh: 20 July 1985 vs. Penrith Churches (U/13)

HIGHEST SCORE FOR

18 GOALS: 08 May 1971 vs. St Barnabas Fairfield (U/15)
(at Phillips Park)

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST

16 GOALS: 26 June 1976 vs. Georges Hall Tigers (U/8)
(at Birdwood Reserve)

MOST TEAM GOALS IN A SEASON

111 GOALS: UNDER 12s (1992 season)

MOST GAMES PLAYED IN A SEASON
(INDIVIDUAL - COMP.)

35 GAMES: TREVOR LAVENDER (R/C 1 & 2) - 1983 season

YOUNGEST PLAYER

CHRIS KITCHING: 3 years and 102 days - 1988 season (U/6)

OLDEST PLAYER

JIM PINCOTT: 60 years and 144 days - 1993 season (R/C 2)

GAMES UNTIL FIRST GOAL

202 GAMES: RICHARD HOLLAND (Period- 1967 to 1976)
22 May 1976 vs. Hunters Hill (P/L)
(at Phillips Park)

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CLUB RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	YEAR	TEAM
1943	U/14 PREMIERS	1979	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1947	U/14 PREMIERS	1981	U/13 PREMIERS
1947	1ST GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1981	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1948	U/16 PREMIERS	1982	U/9 PREMIERS
1961	U/12 PREMIERS	1982*	U/10 PREMIERS
1962	U/10 PREMIERS	1983*	MINI GROUP 6 PREMIERS
1962	U/12 PREMIERS	1983	U/10 PREMIERS
1962	U/16 SIX-A-SIDE	1983*	U/11 PREMIERS
1964	U/16B PREMIERS	1983	U/15 KNOCK-OUT
1966	2ND DIVISION PREMIERS	1984*	U/9 PREMIERS
1967	1ST DIVISION PREMIERS	1984	U/13 PREMIERS
1967	OPEN KNOCK-OUT	1984	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1967	2ND GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1984	U/11 SIX-A-SIDE
1968	PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES	1984	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1968	U/12 PREMIERS	1984	U/18 KNOCK-OUT
1968	OPEN KNOCK-OUT	1985	U/14 PREMIERS
1969	B GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1985	4TH GRADE PREMIERS
1969	4TH GRADE PREMIERS	1985	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1971	OVER 35 KNOCK-OUT	1986	U/7 PREMIERS
1971	U/9 PREMIERS	1986	U/10 PREMIERS
1971	U/15 PREMIERS	1986	U/13 PREMIERS
1972	U/11 PREMIERS	1987	U/8 PREMIERS
1972	U/12 PREMIERS	1987	U/11 PREMIERS
1973	U/11 PREMIERS	1987	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1974	U/10 PREMIERS	1987	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1974	U/11 PREMIERS	1987	U/12 KNOCK-OUT
1974	U/13 PREMIERS	1990	U/11 PREMIERS
1974	U/16 PREMEIRS	1990	U/11 KNOCK-OUT
1975	U/9 PREMIERS	1991	U/12 PREMIERS
1976	U/14 PREMIERS	1991	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1977	U/14 SIX-A-SIDE	1991	C GRADE SIX-A-SIDE
1977	U/16 KNOCK-OUT	1992	U/12 PREMIERS
1978	U/15 PREMIERS	1992	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1978	U/15 KNOCK-OUT	1992	U/12 KNOCK-OUT
1978	U/18 PREMIERS	1992	U/15 SIX-A-SIDE
1978	U/18 KNOCK-OUT	1992	U/15 KNOCK-OUT
1978	R/CUP RES PREMIERS	1993	U/13 PREMIERS
1979	U/11 PREMIERS	1993	U/13 SIX-A-SIDE
1979	U/16 PREMIERS	1993	U/13 KNOCK-OUT
1979	U/16 PREMIERS		

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

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GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY!

Dateline 28 May 1966: Lidcombe 1st Grade versus Haberfield Presbyterian at Algie Park.

The little Haberfield midfielder had been niggling Lidcombe's big centre forward GEORGE BROWN all day but then George's fiery Scottish temper snapped and he chased the niggler off the field, around two trees and up the hill towards Ramsay Street before he was stopped by the referee and all this was DURING THE GAME!!
PS: George stayed on the field and Lidcombe won 1-0 (so there!).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summarised below are details of the club's activities during 1993.

JUNIORS

Despite the decision to disband last year's Under 15 side because of problems encountered with the players, the club was still able to enter the same number of teams as 1992 (six teams, 74 players) with probably the most encouraging feature being the large number of new players in the Under 6s and Under 7s which augurs well for the future.

Our ability to attract new players each year is due primarily to the support that we receive from the local schools at the start of the season particularly St. Joachims Parish School. Our strong links with that school were maintained during the year when Sam Darsa and myself coached two teams representing St. Joachims at a combined Catholic Schools' Gala Day in May.

On the field, five of our six teams recorded creditable performances with:

- * the Under 6s, despite seven new players, playing strongly and making it to the final of the six-a-side;
- * the Under 7s, a team formed at the very last minute, surprising everyone with their competitive play throughout the season;
- * the Under 8s, in their first season on the big field and with half the team still eligible for the Under 7s, finishing fourth in the competition;
- * the Under 10s, improving dramatically on their last placing in 1992, finishing runner-up to the very strong O.L.O.R. side against whom they played three very closely contested games;
- * the Under 13s winning all three competitions (the premiership, Knock-out and Six-a-side), a feat which they also achieved in 1992 when they became only the first team in the club's history to take out the treble.

Our other junior team, the Under 12s, after a bright start to the season when they won their first two games, proved to be a disappointment although they did reach the six-a-side semifinals. Injuries did not help their cause but at times some of the boys lacked team spirit which detracted from the side's performances. The players concerned really must learn that soccer is all about playing as a team, providing support and encouragement to your mates rather than criticising them.

SENIORS

It is pleasing to report that the behaviour and attitude of our senior sides improved significantly from last year with the

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decision to reduce to only two senior sides no doubt having some effect in this regard.

Our first grade side, appreciating the drop from first division down to second division, performed consistently throughout the season and were probably unlucky to lose 1-0 to Rozelle in the final when they appeared to be the better team on the day.

The second grade side, which included many players from our 1992 fourth grade team, found the going tough against the top three teams but with a bit more consistency in their play they could have at least made the semis.

COACHES AND MANAGERS

This was probably one of the easiest seasons I have experienced as regards filling the coaching and managerial positions.

Jack Dutton continued his excellent efforts with the Under 6s, Les Wilson and Joe Zammit answered my call when we made a last minute decision to enter an Under 7 team and the older boys certainly benefited from the efforts and experience of some of the senior players - James May (U/8s), Ken Cambaz (U/10s), Tony Tannous and Christian Marinas (U/12s).

My thanks to these people and also to anyone else who assisted with the running of teams.

SIX-A-SIDE

For the first time in many years, the club was represented by all teams at this gala event held over the June long weekend with meritorious performances being recorded by the U/13s - winners for the third successive year; the U/6s who made it to the final which was not played until late in the afternoon when the boys must have been half frozen; and the U/8s and U/12s who lost narrowly in the quarterfinals after playing four games.

An unfortunate feature of play on the Saturday was that very few games went ahead at the scheduled time with the delays being especially frustrating because of the bitterly cold weather. While I am sure the boys all still enjoyed themselves, some of the parents and supporters were NOT too impressed.

The club has already made strong representations for the organisation of this event to be improved in the future and hopefully people will give the Soccer Association another chance and support the event in 1994.

BEST CLUBMAN

While a pleasing feature of the season was the number of people who were prepared to step in and volunteer their services from time to time, the Committee really could not go past James May as the recipient of the Best Clubman Award.

James has received this award on two previous occasions and who could deny his credentials this year! As well as reaching his 300th game for the club this year, he also coached the U/8s, helped with groundmarking, organised the oranges each Saturday,

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SECRETARY'S REPORT (continued):

filled in as referee when required and kept an eye on the canteen where there was nobody else around I could call on.

Bill Archer also deserves a special mention for making and attaching hooks to the goalposts at Phillips Park which has made putting up the nets so much easier.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

What a year it was for the veterans of the club with Geoff Rider becoming only the sixth person to play 500 club games; Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender playing his 400th game (only ten others have achieved this feat) and James May reaching his 300th game!

Geoff's very proud parents, both already life members of the club, were on hand at Phillips Park on 17 July to see him play his 500th game and to receive his Life Membership badge which is awarded automatically when this milestone is reached. Unfortunately Geoff's father passed away only a few weeks later but I know that his day at Phillips Park gave him a lot of pleasure.

Other notable performances were recorded by Nigel Batts and John Hawach who both played their 200th club game during the season and by Scott Ashbrooke, Erhan Erdogan, Shaadi Haddad, Chris Hastings, Ante Kinda, Christian Marinas and John Tannous who all reached 100 games.

Also Alex Morozoff and Mathew James joined the elite group of just 26 players who have scored 100 goals for the club with Mathew now equalling his brother's feat.

Congratulations to all the abovementioned players for their achievements.

FINANCES

Today's picnic and presentation day will cost the club about \$1,200 which should leave us with approximately \$400 in the bank with which to commence next season - a satisfactory situation considering that we now have relatively new strips for almost all teams and a good supply of match and training balls.

While the canteen is the main reason for the reasonable state of our finances, I am also pleased to report that this year the club benefited to the extent of \$350 sponsorship from the Lidcombe R S & L Community Club to assist in the purchase of a strip of shirts for which we are greatly appreciative.

As regards the canteen, my thanks to the many people who helped out during the year who are too numerous to mention by name but I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the support I received from my wife, Sandra who was always willing to step in and help out whenever the canteen was undermanned.

Of course, another reason why our finances are in a satisfactory state is that with the purchase of a ground marker in 1992 our marking expenses are now minimal and my thanks to James May for

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SECRETARY'S REPORT (continued):

assisting me in marking the grounds this year.

ANNUAL REPORT AND PUBLICITY

My thanks to Neil "Rock" Rudgley who has again produced a superb report for all to enjoy and his "The Lighter Side of Six-a-side" and cartoons have certainly topped off a marvellous publication.

The recording of the club statistics is the envy of all other clubs and I know that they provide a most comprehensive record for all our players. Again "Rock" has maintained this vital aspect of the club's history.

Thanks also go to Charles Elias and Wayne Cousins from the Torch Publishing who produce the Auburn Review Pictorial newspaper and made the space available for our weekly reports.

BILL HENDERSON

The club lost a long-time supporter in Bill Henderson who passed away earlier this year following a long illness.

Bill was a former Vice-President of our club and his three sons and daughter all played soccer at various times for Lidcombe.

Our condolences go to the Henderson family.

CONCLUSION

For a variety of reasons - good weather, the large inflow of new junior players into the club, the willingness of people to help, well behaved teams, strong performances by most of our teams and the reasonable state of our finances - this has been one of the most enjoyable seasons I had had in my eight years as Secretary.

My thanks to all the people who have made this possible and I hope to see everyone back next season.

KEN JAMES
SECRETARY

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VALE JACK RIDER

Soccer club members, and the Lidcombe community as a whole, were saddened by the passing of club Life Member Jack Rider on August 4 this year.

Jack suffered a stroke in 1989 shortly after attending the club's 50th Anniversary Dinner and he was severely incapacitated since that time.

Jack had over 30 years association with the club and was a very popular figure with both young and old alike. He was a tireless worker and served the club in many capacities including Committeeman, Team Manager and Over 35s footballer.

Jack has now departed but he left behind the memories of a much loved person and we extend our deepest sympathies to Dot Rider and the family.

- RAY JAMES

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF SIX-A-SIDE!!



Those of you who braved the cyclonic-type wind and darkness at the Six-a-side finals last June deserve a medal! The finals featured our under 6s and under 13s and as they kicked off around 5.00pm on a winter's evening (with no lights!) the games were played in virtual

darkness with the players being unrecognisable in the gloom! We know you will never forget those amazing conditions (for some it was the second year of finals' darkness!) so here's how our resident satirist (we don't know what it means either!) recalls the event!

"Who's winning?

"Dunno. I'll LIGHT A CANDLE!"

"Is that 'Lumpy' over there?

"No! It's a WHALE SWIMMING UP IRON COVE!"

"How long to go?"

"Wake up! The game FINISHED AN HOUR AGO!!"

"Who won the toss?"

"Lidcombe's running with the MOON!"

"Who was that running past me?"

"That's one of the twins! You're standing in Lidcombe's PENALTY AREA!"

"Did you find the ball?"

"Yeah, but I've lost THREE PLAYERS AND A LINESMAN!"

"Struth! Hasn't the referee got a loud whistle?"

"That ain't the ref! That's the Five Dock PAPER BOY DELIVERING THE MORNING PAPERS!"

"What's the hold up?"

"The referee DROPPED HIS BIRO and all the players are on their hands and knees LOOKING FOR IT!"

"Got a match?"

"Why?"

"It's nearly full time and the referee needs to LOOK AT HIS WATCH!"

"Shine your torch over there!"

"Why?"

"The ball went over the sideline and the referee wants to see WHICH WAY the linesman's flag is pointing!!"

"They're moving the six-a-side next year!"

"Where to?"

"NEARER THE STREET LIGHTS!"

UNDER 6 TEAM REPORT

This year's Under 6 side had a very satisfying year turning in spirited and rewarding displays each Saturday.

Only two of the boys had played soccer before and the team's strength was built around those solid performers Daniel James and Andrew Kovelis.

These two players were at the forefront of all the team's attack and defence and I could see that the other boys certainly learnt a lot from them.

With the games not being played for competition points, each Saturday's match was a very pleasing event with the players and spectators always leaving the ground well satisfied.

The Six-a-side competition saw the boys battle their way into the final but were unable to come away with a victory. Playing the final in near darkness and straight after winning the semifinal was unfortunate but the courageous efforts of the team will long be remembered.

I know that the boys enjoyed their season and their efforts this year will form the basis of a really good side for 1994.

The Most Improved Player trophy could easily have gone to any of three players with Andrew Ilieff, Billy Karabetsos and Shane Kazan all showing tremendous improvement but Andrew is the choice for his non-stop running and also for his sparkling goalkeeping feats in the Six-a-side notably against Abbotsford C.

Many thanks to all those who supported the team throughout the year and I am looking forward to seeing you all again next season.

The team was:

ANDREW ILIEFF: Andrew was a much improved player in attack and more than adequately filled in as goalkeeper when required.

DANIEL JAMES: Daniel is a very good player who runs and positions himself well both in defence and attack. He is capable of scoring many goals for his club.

BILLY KARABETSOS: "Fearless Fred" never takes a backward step and he has a very strong kick. He improved immensely towards the latter part of the season.

SHANE KAZAN: Shane is one of the smallest players in the team but he runs hard and he has a fair turn of speed.

ANDREW KOVELIS: Andrew is very determined in his attitude both to attack and defence. He is a consistent goalscorer and very safe goalkeeper.

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UNDER 6 TEAM REPORT (continued):

ALEXANDER SMITH: Alexander runs very hard and the longer the season went the more noticeable was his improvement. Whenever asked to play in goals he always took to the task without complaint.

KAREEM SOUROUR: Kareem was always very keen to get onto the field and also willing to play in goals. He is another player who displayed improvement especially in the last games.

ROBERT VOLPATO: Robert is a very reserved boy but I was pleased to finally gain his confidence and his play improved in the final three matches.

JORDAN ZAMMIT: Played five games this year and was improving with each outing. He is a very keen and enthusiastic player.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

03.04.93	YARALLA B	W 5-1	(James 2; Ilieff, 2 O.G.)
17.04.93	ABBOTS D	W 4-0	(Kovelis 2, James, Kazan)
24.04.93	BALMAIN	W 2-0	(Kovelis 2)
01.05.93	YARALLA C	W 6-0	(James 2, Karabetsos, Kazan, Kovelis, O.G.)
08.05.93	BYE		
15.05.93	ABBOTS T	W 4-2	(Kovelis 2, James, Kazan)
22.05.93	ABBOTS C	L 0-4	
29.05.93	YARALLA B	W 4-0	(Kovelis 2, James, Karabetsos)
05.06.93	ABBOTS D	W 5-0	(James 2, Karabetsos 2, Kovelis)
19.06.93	BALMAIN	L 0-1	
26.06.93	YARALLA C	W 2-0	(James, Kovelis)
10.07.93	BYE	D *-*	WASHOUT
17.07.93	ABBOTS T	W 4-1	(Kovelis 3, James)
24.07.93	ABBOTS C	L 1-2	(Kovelis)
31.07.93	ABBOTS D	W 3-0	(James, Karabetsos, O.G.)
07.08.93	BALMAIN	W 6-0	(Kovelis 3, Karabetsos, 2 x O.G.)
14.08.93	YARALLA	W 5-0	(Kovelis 3, James, Kazan)
21.08.93	BYE		

Six-a-side:

Team comprising Andrew Ilieff, Daniel James, Billy Karabetsos, Shane Kazan, Alexander Smith and Kareem Sourour.

12.06.93	BLACKTOWN	W 4-0	(James 2, Kovelis 2)
	O.L.Q.P.	W Forf	
	BLACKTOWN	W 2-0	(James, Kovelis)
	ABBOTS C	W 3-0	(James, Karabetsos, Kovelis)
	FINAL		
	GREYSTANES	L 0-1	

JACK DUTTON
COACH

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UNDER 7 TEAM REPORT

1993 was one of those years when a keen group of children came together to form the Under 7 side and by the season's end this group was a very well performed soccer team.

With the expertise of coach Les Wilson our band went forward to score many memorable victories and the occasional loss was always to a better team on the day.

This side has the basis to mould into a premiership-winning team and I am pleased to say that ball skills and combinations improved out of sight the further the season progressed.

To all those who assisted the team throughout the year I must offer my thanks and to the players themselves I know that the experience gained will ensure an even more successful 1994.

The team was:

RABEEH IBRAHIM: Rabeeh always gave 100% and he was rewarded with 30 goals for the season. Well done!

NEILSON LUKIC: Recovering from a brief stint with a broken arm, Neilson turned in some good efforts for his side.

IAIN MAUNDER: Iain was always in the thick of the action, chasing and passing the ball around the field.

BENJAMIN MILLER: Benjamin was an inspiration. His first year at soccer showed what could be achieved with strong determination.

ANTHONY RANCAN: "Speedy" was there in a flash when needed to get the ball moving for the team and follow it to the opposition goals.

ANDREW THIEL: Despite being the youngest member of the team and being a first-time player Andrew showed that size was no barrier in getting the ball from the opposition. He shows great promise for the future.

MICHAEL WHITE: He consistently involved himself in the play and his defence saved several goals. His positional play was excellent.

GLEN WILSON: On the rare occasions that the ball did get through our defence Glen showed his brilliance in goals and put his side back on the attack with his ability to kick the ball past the halfway. His abilities at both fullback and goalkeeper were well appreciated.

JOEL ZAMMIT: Like Glen, Joel interchanged between fullback and goalkeeper displaying a consistent determination to get the ball from the opposition. Always gave a 100% effort.

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UNDER 7 TEAM REPORT (continued):

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

03.04.93	ST COLUMBAS	L 0-1	
17.04.93	WENT'VILLE	W 7-1	(Ibrahim 4, Rancan, White, Zammit)
24.04.93	O.L.Q.P.	D 1-1	(Ibrahim)
01.05.93	PARRAMATTA	W 8-0	(Maunder 5, Ibrahim 2, Lukic)
08.05.93	ST MATTHEWS	L 0-1	
15.05.93	O.L.O.R.	L 3-4	(Ibrahim 2, O.G.)
22.05.93	CARLINGFORD	W 12-0	(Ibrahim 7, Rancan 3, Maunder 2)
29.05.93	ST COLUMBAS	L 1-3	(Ibrahim)
05.06.93	WENT'VILLE	W 2-0	(Ibrahim 2)
19.06.93	O.L.Q.P.	W 2-1	(Ibrahim, Rancan)
26.06.93	BYE		
10.07.93	ST MATTHEWS	D *-*	WASHOUT
17.07.93	O.L.O.R.	D 4-4	(Ibrahim 3, Lukic)
24.07.93	CARLINGFORD	W 6-0	(Ibrahim 3, Rancan 3)
31.07.93	WENT'VILLE	D 1-1	(Ibrahim)
07.08.93	O.L.Q.P.	W 2-1	(Ibrahim 2)
14.08.93	BYE		
21.08.93	ST MATTHEWS	W 5-0	(Rancan 3, Ibrahim, Maunder)

Six-a-side:

Team comprising Rabeeh Ibrahim, Iain Maunder, Anthony Rancan, Andrew Thiel, Michael White, Glen Wilson and Joel Zammit.

12.06.93	YARALLA	L 0-1	
	ABBOTSFORD	W 1-0	(Maunder)
	GREYSTANES	L 0-1	

JOE ZAMMIT
MANAGER

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"What's with the new ball?"

"I borrowed it from the Blind Society as it's got a BELL IN IT especially for six-a-side finals!"

"Gee! James May is looking a bit thin!"

"That's a CORNER POST, you nitwit!"

"Are they going to play extra time?"

"Yeah. But they'd better hurry up 'cause THE SUN RISES IN AN HOUR!"

"This reminds me of the time I saw the Black and White Minstrel show AND THE LIGHTS FAILED!"

"That linesman's got a white cane!"

"Yeah. ONE TAP for Lidcombe ball and TWO TAPS for Penrith!"

"Come on ref! Blow full time or I'll miss the LATE MOVIE!"

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness". (John 8; 12)

(Thanks to Reverend Bob Jackson at Raymond Terrace for this!)

MORE LAUGHS!

* Just when we thought 60 year old JIMMY PINCOTT (R/C 2) might give it away, out he went and bought a NEW pair of boots for 1994! Jimmy explained to the quizzical shoe salesman that he WANTED THE BOOTS FOR HIS GRANDSON!!!

* And the BAD news is...!!! That bulbous Raahauge Cup goalkeeper (?) TREVOR "LUMPY" LAVENDER has gone out and also BOUGHT NEW BOOTS (whatever happened to the graceful retirement??)

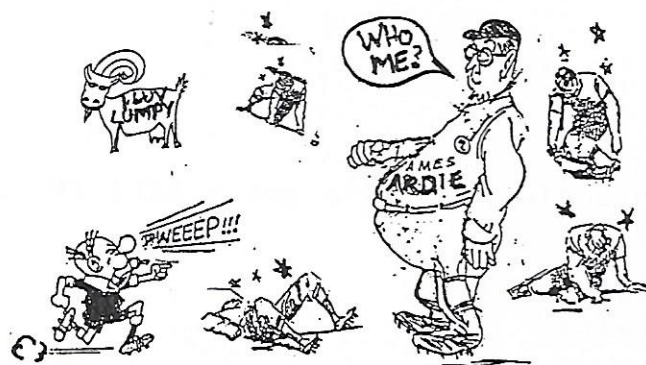
* Theo Karabetsos's son (also named Theo) played with us back in the early '80s so it was no surprise when the younger Theo's nephew (also named Theo) played with the Under 11s last season. This year the last-named Theo turned out with the Under 12s AND his cousin ALSO NAMED THEO played in the same team!! To avoid the confusion with the names, teammates call the latest Theo "RIO" and this partly does the trick!
...and the keeping of club statistics USED to be oh so simple!!

* This explains the short fuse!! Raahauge Cup Second Grader GRAHAM HOLLEBONE idles away his working days making EXPLOSIVE NAVAL MINES!!

* Ah! It seems KENNY CAMBAZ is king of the Under 10s but when it comes to being domesticated it seems Kenny is still a novice and that's why girlfriend Jacqui has spent the past few months showing the "king" how to MAKE BEDS...and he's still learning!!

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"LUMPY" VS. THE REFEREE!



Here we are back again to see if you budding (we did say "budding") referees know the rules! Most of the problem decisions can be related to our own Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender but then that's par for the course isn't it?!!

Q: Goalkeeper "Lumpy" is OUT of his area but the ball is IN the area. Staying

OUTSIDE the box "Lumpy" reaches INTO the area stopping the ball with his hands but doesn't pick it up (typical!).

A: Play on! It is the position of the ball that determines the decision. If the big guy had picked the ball up by bringing it outside the area it would be a freekick for hand ball.

Q: The ball is downfield but Trevor decides to even the score with his opposing striker (must be a big striker!!) and he clouts the striker across the earhole!

A: Trevor is sent off and it is a PENALTY against his side. (Back to the goat farm for that effort!)

Q: True to form, Trevor's goalkick doesn't even go out of the area and the opposition striker runs in and scores!

A: No goal! The goalkick must go out of the area before it is in play so the kick must be retaken. (We breath again!).

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UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT

This team consisted of fourteen players, seven of whom backed up from the 1992 under seven side and another two from the under six side. Together these boys formed the nucleus of a very competitive side in 1993.

The fact that no member of the team had previously played on a full-sized field, combined with the fact that seven boys were still eligible to play in the under seven side, did not dampen the enthusiasm of anyone with all players putting in a 100% effort in every game.

It was easy to see the development of the boys with both individual skills and team work improving greatly throughout the year.

The tremendous team work was at its best in the last two games of the season with the side winning against the previously unbeaten St Michaels 2-1 and unluckily beaten by runners-up Parramatta Churches in the final game at Phillips Park. We played all over Parramatta but just missed scoring with numerous shots which, if they had gone in, could have easily seen us win by five or six goals however it wasn't to be.

At the midway point in the season, a team was entered in the six-a-side competition and I am very pleased to report that the seven boys who played in this tournament showed great courage and team spirit to make the quarterfinals despite the absence of Thomas Rayward and Rani Haddad. This team highlighted the depth which was present in the squad throughout the year; firstly against Hunters Hill in the third round when we came back from 1-0 down to win 2-1 with Jimmy Moussa netting twice in three minutes despite running into a fierce gale. Then in the quarterfinal against Parramatta we drew level at 1-1 and were ahead on goal kicks and corners only to concede a goal with seconds remaining.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the parents and friends who followed, encouraged and supported the boys all year round and also thank those parents who washed the shirts and continually provided transport.

A very special thank-you must go to Alex Morozoff, Levent Pinar and John Hawach for all your assistance throughout the season in keeping a record of who played and who scored the goals!

The team was:

BENJAMIN BEATTIE: First year with the club and Ben played hard every week impressing most when he was switched from the left wing to play in the midfield. Scored his first-ever goal for Lidcombe on his birthday against Greystanes at Phillips Park.

RAMMY DARSA: Rammy showed that he knows where the goals are and

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UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT (continued):

he often beat two or more opponents to score some fine goals. He will net even more goals next season once he learns the off-side rule!

GREG DAVIDSON: Started four weeks into the competition and after two games he was performing like a seasoned player. He shone in the backs and picked up a goal playing on the wing against Carlingford.

RANI HADDAD: Rani led the way in the midfield combining great ball skills with his excellent team play to start most of the attacking raids this year. He was also there to put in some good goals of his own.

ABDUL-RAHMAN ABU-MAHMOUD: Still has more goals than games played. A key link in the midfield and forwards, Abdul set up most of the goals scored often unselfishly being the player who supplied the final pass in the good lead-up work seen throughout the year.

SALIM MEHAJER: Salim was one of the smallest members of the team but you wouldn't think so as he was involved in everything. The way he plays he will develop into a fine midfielder.

JIMMY MOUSSA: Finished the season on a high note playing his best football of the year in the last four weeks. Jimmy has a powerful right foot which he used to take the corners and drive home some fine shots. No goal was better than in the game against Wentworthville at Phillips Park where from the kick-off he was passed the ball, ran down the wing and belted the ball in from just outside the penalty area.

SAM PINAR: Still eligible to play in the under seven side, Sam had a good season and showed great determination both at training and on Saturdays in each game. Improved steadily throughout the year and was also willing to fill in as goalkeeper when needed.

THOMAS RAYWARD: Thomas has the ability to read the game tremendously well and was rarely beaten in defence all year leaving almost every opposition attacker wondering how to get past him.

ARJUNAN SELVAM: Arjunan combined well with Thomas in defence and troubled the opposition with his breaks up the side line using his speed. He played solidly all season and was more than useful as a goalkeeper, pulling off some great saves in the six-a-side to keep us in the tournament.

DANIEL VYAS: "The Enforcer" played solidly in defence and wouldn't let the opposition past without some good resistance.

ADAM YATKIN: Despite being the youngest member of the team Adam was everywhere on the field and never let the larger boys get the better of him, often going into tackles and coming up with the goods.

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UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT (continued):

SALAH ZEIN: After playing in the midfield and forwards early in the year Salah was moved to fullback to bolster the defence and he played his best football there. He was also one of the team's better goalkeepers pulling off some great saves and using the penalty area to great advantage.

ISAM KLINK: Isam was playing in his first year for Lidcombe and showed great enthusiasm on each match day. He played well in defence but must learn to stay back and not go so far forward.

In conclusion I wish to thank the boys for their efforts throughout the year and hope to see them all back in 1994 to form what should be a team which will be very competitive in the quest for a premiership.

Just remember those immortal words that our patron Ray "Curly" James once said and is so often heard to repeat...

"Once a Congo - ALWAYS a Congo!"

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

03.04.93	O.L.O.R.	L 0-4	
17.04.93	ST COLUMBAS	D 2-2	(Haddad, Abu-Mahmoud)
24.04.93	BYE		
01.05.93	CARLINGFORD	W 5-0	(Haddad 2, Abu-Mahmoud 2, Darsa)
08.05.93	O.L.Q.P.	W 5-1	(Abu-Mahmoud 3, Haddad, Moussa)
15.05.93	GREYSTANES	W 4-0	(Beattie, Darsa, Haddad, Abu-Mahmoud)
22.05.93	WENT'VILLE	W 5-0	(Haddad 2, Abu-Mahmoud 2, Darsa)
29.05.93	ST MICHAELS	D 1-1	(Darsa)
05.06.93	PARRAMATTA	L 0-1	
19.06.93	O.L.O.R.	L 0-4	
26.06.93	ST COLUMBAS	L 0-1	
10.07.93	BYE	D *-*	WASHOUT
17.07.93	CARLINGFORD	W 3-0	(Haddad 2, Davidson)
24.07.93	O.L.Q.P.	W 5-0	(Haddad 2, Darsa, Abu-Mahmoud, Moussa)
31.07.93	GREYSTANES	W 4-1	(Abu-Mahmoud 2, Moussa 2)
07.08.93	WENT'VILLE	W 4-0	(Darsa 2, Haddad, Moussa)
14.08.93	ST MICHAELS	W 2-1	(Darsa, Haddad)
21.08.93	PARRAMATTA	L 0-2	

Six-a-side:

Team comprising Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud, Rammy Darsa, Salim Mehajer, Jimmy Moussa, Arjunan Selvam, Adam Yarkin and Salah Zein.

12.06.93	YARALLA G	L 0-1	
	BLACKTOWN	W 1-0	(Abu-Mahmoud)
	HUNTERS HILL	W 2-1	(Moussa 2)
	PARRAMATTA	L 1-2	(Abu-Mahmoud)

JAMES MAY
COACH

UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT

I feel that this year's Under 10 side can be pleased with their efforts in 1993 as they finished runners-up to a very good O.L.O.R. side.

O.L.O.R. inflicted Lidcombe's only two defeats of the season yet we could have very easily beaten them in the 1-1 draw back in June.

The side welcomed back some old faces from last year and these boys combined well with the new players with both David Green and Brett Kissun proving real finds for the club.

I was unable to split these two for the Most Consistent Player trophy and I believe it only fitting that both players share the award in recognition of their exciting football throughout the season.

Nathaniel Archer's improvement is also rewarded by the Most Improved trophy.

I would like to express my appreciation to Kerry Bunnell who always ensured that the boys had clean shirts and fresh oranges each Saturday.

Thanks must also go to the parents and grandparents who supported the boys all year and that white cockatoo supporter who can now say "Come on Lidcombe"!

The team was:

ANDREW AMOS: Andrew is a very skilful player who showed some fine touches around the goal area. He will be more dangerous once he learns to shoot from a distance.

NATHANIEL ARCHER: Nathaniel started the season slowly but improved far beyond expectations out on the wing.

ADAM BUNNELL: Adam is a very consistent performer both in attack and defence. His support play was exceptional throughout the season.

RUI DE SA: Rui is another player who started slowly but got into his stride later in the season with some excellent defensive efforts.

ANDREW ELIA: Andrew is a very capable player but sometimes I wish he could play as good as he can talk.

DAVID GREEN: David is an outstanding prospect who shows maturity well beyond his young years. He has all the skills scoring some very fine goals throughout the season.

TRISTAN HOWE: Tristan is another fine footballer who can play

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UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT (continued):

both in the forwards or defence. His great positional sense was rewarded with several top goals.

ANDREW KARABETSOS: Andrew is a very fine young goalkeeper who will improve as he matures. He is also a very handy player on the field.

BRETT KISSUN: "Ticker boy" was outstanding in the middle of the defence. He always gave a 100% performance each game and will be an even better player next year.

STEVEN KOVELIS: Don't let his small size deter you as he has some fine footballing skills. He was rewarded with some excellent goals through enthusiasm and dedication.

DANIEL LARKIN: Daniel is a non-stop footballer - he is everywhere! Once his positional play improves he will be an even better player.

PATRICK O'RILEY: "Patch" is a very dedicated player and showed a lot of improvement as the season progressed.

NATHAN SMEE: Known as "Lethal Leftie" Nathan has all the skills whether passing, shooting or heading which are great attributes for one so young.

CHRISTIAN SMITH: Christian had a fine season at fullback. He is a big, strong and mobile player who will improve as he gets older.

PATRICK YU: Patrick became "Patrick Who" as he disappeared off the scene without a trace!

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

03.04.93	O.L.Q.P.	W 4-1	(Amos 3, O.G.)
17.04.93	O.L.O.R.	L 1-3	(Amos)
24.04.93	CHESTER HILL	W 3-0	(Amos, Archer, Larkin)
01.05.93	ST MATTHEWS	W 4-1	(Amos 2, Howe 2)
08.05.93	BLACKTOWN	W 2-1	(Amos, Smees)
15.05.93	ST MICHAELS	D 1-1	(Amos)
22.05.93	GREYSTANES	W 11-0	(Green 5, Amos 2, Kovelis 2, Larkin, Smees)
29.05.93	O.L.Q.P.	W 5-0	(Kovelis 3, Amos, Green)
05.06.93	O.L.O.R.	D 1-1	(Kovelis)
19.06.93	CHESTER HILL	W 2-0	(Amos, Green)
26.06.93	ST MATTHEWS	W 3-1	(Archer, De Sa, Green)
10.07.93	BLACKTOWN	D *-*	WASHOUT
17.07.93	ST MICHAELS	W 6-0	(Green 3, Kissun, Kovelis, Smees)
24.07.93	GREYSTANES	W 1-0	(Smees)
31.07.93	O.L.O.R.	L 0-1	
07.08.93	CHESTER HILL	D 1-1	(Amos)
14.08.93	ST MATTHEWS	D 0-0	
21.08.93	BLACKTOWN	W 3-0	(Green 2, Kovelis)

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UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT (continued):

Six-a-side:

Team comprising Andrew Amos, Adam Bunnell, David Green, Brett Kissun, Tristan Howe, Andrew Karabetsos.

12.06.93 BALMAIN W 6-0 (Amos, Bunnell, Green, Kissun,
Howe, Karabetsos)
YARALLA L 0-2

Knock-out:

22.05.93 BLACKTOWN L 0-2

KEN CAMBAZ

COACH

UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT

The Under 12s went into the new season hopeful of an improved showing on last year's fifth placing even though we had lost three players from 1992.

The first competition game did everything to reinforce our optimism when we defeated last year's co-premiers Greystanes 1-0 and followed this up with a win over Balmain (B) to go to the top of the ladder.

However from there on everything went down hill with injuries to Reece Raper and Richard Kissun taking a lot out of the team.

Overall the season proved to be an inconsistent one with Balmain (B) being the only side that we defeated in our meetings.

It wasn't the scoreline which disappointed us but rather the attitude of some of the boys after we had conceded a couple of early goals. Some players seemed to give up without a challenge but we know that they are better footballers if they learn to put their minds to it.

The side needs team spirit and the boys must understand that at their age they are playing for enjoyment and this can be achieved if the boys play as a team.

On a positive note, we were very pleased with the effort of the boys to reach the semifinals of the six-a-side. We were also very proud of the manner in which the team finished off the season and our last four games were very encouraging.

We would like to thank all the parents who helped out over the past couple of years with transport, shirt washing and generally

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UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT (continued):

supporting on the sidelines.

We have both had an enjoyable time with the boys over the past two seasons but because of university commitments we will be unable to coach next year. However, we wish them all the best for 1994 and the future and hope to see them challenging for the premiership - remember a little team spirit can go a long way!

The team was:

BRADLEY AMOS: Bradley's first season proved to a valuable learning experience for him. His enthusiasm put him in good stead and despite his small size he gave 100% each game.

LUCAS ARCHER: Lucas has come a long way in two seasons of soccer and the improvement in his ball skills this year is testament to his hard work and perserverance. His shooting ability has also developed and the goal he scored in the trial match was a memorable effort. Improvement in his fitness and pace will make him an even more formidable player.

MIRO BUGARIJA: After a slow start to the season at left midfield, Miro benefited from the extra work when moved to centre midfield. In that position he was closer to the action and his skill and distribution became valuable assets. Always willing to help out his defenders, Miro has a future in the game especially if he develops some speed.

SHANEIL DATT: Came along in leaps and bounds this year to become an integral member of the team's defence playing as stopper. Shadowed opposition strikers all year long and tackled with commitment all year long. Thoroughly deserved the Most Improved Player award and was rewarded for a solid season with the captaincy in Shaadi's absence.

SHAADI HADDAD: Shaadi relished the move to centre midfield this season where his workload was phenomenal. Combined with his characteristic drive and skill he contributed tirelessly in both defence and attack and led the team admirably. He played with injuries for most of the year but that did not stop his commitment.

OMAR HAWLI: Omar returned to the club after a year's absence and showed glimpses of the form that made him such a promising goalkeeper two years ago. Unfortunately he tended to lose interest in goalkeeping midway through the season but his speed became an important asset when used on the flanks or as a striker. One of the team's utility players.

THEO KARABETSOS: In his second year with the club, Theo has developed into a very potent striker. He worked very hard and was extremely unlucky not to be rewarded with more goals this season but they will come in the future. He has a good understanding with his cousin and set up a number of "Rio"'s goals. One of the "new" breed of strikers who goes looking for the ball.

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UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT (continued):

THEO ("RIO") KARABETSOS: "Rio" joined us this season and showed all the class and skills of an older player. Undoubtedly one of the most skilful players in the competition he had a successful season scoring seven of the side's 17 goals. He has very good vision, touch and composure and obviously has a big future if he can develop some speed and fitness.

MARIO KINDA: Came across from the Waratahs and had big shoes to fill in the shape of his elder brother who was a prolific goalscorer for the club some years back. He had a couple of good games at right fullback but lost interest and went missing towards the end of the season.

RICHARD KISSUN: Richard was sorely missed when sidelined for six weeks with a broken arm early in the year. However he returned and made up for lost time with solid and consistent performances in his customary left back position. Developed his attacking game well, constantly overlapping on the left flank but never forgetting his defensive duties. A coach's delight!

RAAJ PASSI: A team mate of "Rio"'s at St Johns last year, RaaJ had an excellent first season for the club. The backbone of our defence RaaJ turned in strong performances all year and seriously threatened Shaadi for the Most Consistent Player award. He is an excellent reader of the play, has good composure and can play the role of marker, sweeper or playmaker equally well. A big future.

ANTHONY PILLAI: We had hoped that Anthony would have a big season in goals and saves such as that memorable penalty stop against Carlingford proved he has the potential. But, like Omar, Anthony also lost interest preferring to play out on the field. His enthusiasm was valuable as a fullback where his courage and tight marking made him a handful for opposition strikers.

REECE RAPER: Unfortunately Reece was out for six weeks when he suffered a knee injury early in the year. However he came back and took up his customary role as sweeper before moving to a more attacking right midfield position late in the season scoring a 20 metre goal against Balmain (B). Looks like his future might lie in this position where his right foot crosses can be best utilised.

JOHN TANNOUS: John's value to the team was unquestionable as he could (and invariably did) play any position on the park. He has a competitive edge to his game and a heart to match his stature but must learn to take training more seriously. He was called upon to be goalkeeper towards the end of the year where he performed admirably once again. He was a valuable member of the six-a-side team that went so well.

TARAK ZEIN: Terry developed his tackling and understanding of the game this year and enjoyed an overall improved season. However, training wasn't one of his favourite hobbies and he will improve even more if he is more attentive. A real trier.

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UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT (continued):

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

03.04.93	GREYSTANES	W 1-0	(R Karabetsos)
17.04.93	BALMAIN B	W 1-0	(Haddad)
24.04.93	CHESTER HILL	L 2-4	(Haddad, R Karabetsos)
01.05.93	BALMAIN A	L 0-3	
08.05.93	BERALA	L 0-2	
15.05.93	YARALLA	L 0-5	
22.05.93	CARLINGFORD	L 1-3	(T Karabetsos)
29.05.93	GREYSTANES	L 1-7	(R Karabetsos)
05.06.93	BALMAIN B	W 4-0	(Haddad 3, Hawli)
19.06.93	CHESTER HILL	L 2-5	(R Karabetsos 2)
26.06.93	BALMAIN A	L 2-3	(Haddad, R Karabetsos)
10.07.93	BERALA	D *-*	WASHOUT
17.07.93	YARALLA	L 0-4	
24.07.93	CARLINGFORD	L 0-4	
31.08.93	BALMAIN B	W 2-0	(T Karabetsos, Raper)
07.08.93	CHESTER HILL	L 1-2	(R Karabetsos)
14.08.93	BALMAIN A	L 0-1	
21.08.93	BERALA	L 0-1	

Six-a-side:

BLUE team comprising Bradley Amos, Lucas Archer, Miro Bugarija, Shaneil Datt, Anthony Pillai, Reece Raper and Tarak Zein.

12.06.93	BALMAIN B	L 0-1
	LIDCOMBE G	L 0-5

GOLD team comprising Shaadi Haddad, Omar Hawli, Rio Karabetsos, Theo Karabetsos, Richard Kissun, Raaj Passi and John Tannous.

12.06.93	PENRITH	W 2-1	(Haddad, Kissun)
	LIDCOMBE B	W 5-0	(T Karabetsos 3, Haddad, Hawli)
	BALMAIN B	D 0-0	(Won on Corners)
	YARALLA	L 0-2	

TONY TANNOUS

CHRISTIAN MARINAS

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"What's that card with the holes in it?"

"It's a referee's card in BRAILLE to make it easier at future six-a-sides!!"

"Wow! Isn't the moon shining bright?"

"Dumbo! That's Ray James' BALD HEAD!"

"Why are they playing this game at night?"

"They want to get an EARLY START for next year!"

"When's the next six-a-side start?"

"I reckon ABOUT MIDNIGHT next Queen's Birthday weekend!"

"Are you going anywhere after the game?"

"No I can't! Mum says I've got to be in bed BY MIDNIGHT!"

"I am the way AND THE LIGHT!"

UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT

After their record-breaking 1992 season when they became the first team in the club's history to take out the treble - the premiership, knock-out and six-a-side - the boys certainly had a tough act to follow but they proved equal to the task again winning all three competitions this year.

In two of the competitions they met arch-rivals St Matthews head on and it was especially satisfying to finish on top after the disappointing 4-0 loss to them in last year's Champion of Champions event.

Admittedly there was a rare competition loss to St Matthews (1-0) in the process, the team's first competition loss in more than four years, but the boys were desperately unlucky that day as anyone who was there would have to agree.

A narrow 1-0 loss, again at the hands of St Matthews, in the Champion of Champions final was really the season's only disappointment but the boys never gave up and had they taken a couple of early chances I have no doubt that the result would have been reversed.

In a season of many fine performances, two games in particular stand out as typifying the team's fighting spirit; bouncing back to defeat St Matthews 2-1 in the knock-out semi-final the week after losing to them in a competition game and fighting back to defeat a very determined Penrith side in the Champion of Champions semi-final after conceding an early goal.

For the first time we entered two teams in the six-a-side competition with the Gold team winning for the third year in a row in a gutsy performance when they had to overcome very windy conditions which did not suit their style of play.

Our Blue side also managed to play three games but equally as important from my viewpoint was the team spirit which they showed by waiting around in the bitterly cold conditions to cheer on their team mates in the final.

Once again the team was fortunate to have a very loyal band of supporters and my thanks to them for their support with special mention for "Pop" Hastings' very strong efforts against St Matthews.

Thanks also to Sandra James and other mums who washed the shirts throughout the season.

The team was:

KURT EDWARDS: Rejoined us this year after a season's absence and we were sure pleased to see him back in the middle of the defence making life extremely difficult for opposition forwards. Always played in position, tackled strongly and very rarely did

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UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT (continued):

the opposition get past him. His consistent displays throughout the season contributed greatly to the team's success.

CHRIS HASTINGS: Somewhat of a utility player who performed equally as well in both attack and defence. He kept with distinction in all the big matches where his efforts between the sticks often meant the difference between winning and losing. Thanks for all your efforts, Chris.

ROBERT HASTINGS: Played skillfully in the forwards where his excellent ball control and good vision enabled him to set up many of the team's goal-scoring opportunities as well as score some good goals himself. Had an outstanding game in the knock-out final against Penrith scoring a goal which had a touch of "Ned Zelic" about it.

DREW HOWE: Played mostly at fullback where he defended determinedly and with the confidence from having played last season the improvement in his play was quite noticeable. Also managed to make the goal scoring list when he surprised himself by finding the back of the net in the first game of the season.

MATHEW JAMES: Utilised his excellent ball skills to make many penetrative runs through opposition defences, scoring many fine goals and reaching the milestone of 100 club goals in the process. Proved equally at home when called upon to play in defence displaying an absolute "blinder" in our 2-0 competition success against St Matthews.

STEPHEN JAMES: In his frequent attacking runs down the left wing "Eddie" left many an opposition fullback tackling shadows with his dazzling footwork and most weeks demonstrated his excellent finishing ability on the scoresheet. Scored two goals, including a pressure penalty, in the 2-1 semi-final win over St Matthews and his 200 club goals are now in sight.

TREVOR LAWRENCE: A newcomer who provided much needed size and speed to the team. His very strong attacking runs left many opposition defences bruised and battered while his great speed rescued the side in cover defence on many occasions. In only his second season of soccer the "big fella" still has work to do on his kicking and ball control but if he applies himself he has the potential to develop into a very good player.

JOHN MOUSSA: Played as a striker with his excellent ball skills, strength and speed enabling him to score many fine goals. A feature of his play is the ability to find the net in pressure situations and his 76 goals in 97 games is testimony to the danger he poses to opposition defences. Showed great determination to get out of a sick bed to score the vital competition goal in the last game against Abbotsford. Well played, John!

ADAM NORRIS: Played a couple of reasonable games but a frustrating player to coach because he is capable of doing better with more application at training and greater determination on the field. If he made the effort he would get

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UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT (continued):

more games.

TOM PAVLEK: A very consistent player with all the skills who made many fine attacking runs from midfield and combined well down the left side of the field with Stephen James. Also could be relied upon to defend strongly when the situation warranted it.

NATHAN PILLING: What he lacked in size he made up for with his fiercely determined play and he set up many of the team's attacking moves from the midfield with his excellent ball skills. Showed courage to "get up off the floor" after being flattened by a much bigger St Lukes opponent in a torrid game at Phillips Park. Well played, Nathan.

STEVEN RAYWARD: Saved his best game for the end of the season when he did some encouraging things in the Champion of Champions semi-final against Penrith. A player who always tries his hardest and now that he knows what he can do hopefully he will have the confidence to go on with it next season.

TRENT SMITH: A very busy player whose growing confidence on the field was typified by the fine run he made in the hard fought 1-0 win over St Lukes which set up the match-winning goal. His support play with team mates continued to improve and, as always, "Angry" defended with fierce determination. It was also pleasing to see him not afraid to have a shot when the opportunity arose and with this attitude the goals will eventually come.

BEN WILLIAMSON: After taking a while to get going because of illness at the start of the season Ben tried hard, enjoying his couple of runs up in the forwards. The most pleasing feature of his play was the continued improvement in his kicking and, with greater mobility around the field, he can develop into a more than useful player.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

03.04.93	GREYSTANES	W 4-0	(M James 2, Howe, S James)
17.04.93	BALMAIN	W 7-0	(M James 2, Lawrence 2, S James, R Hastings, Moussa)
24.04.93	ST LUKES	W 5-1	(M James 2, S James 2, Pavlek)
01.05.93	ABBOTSFORD	W 5-4	(S James 2, R Hastings, M James, Moussa)
08.05.93	BLACKTOWN	W 8-0	(M James 3, Pavlek 2, S James, R Hastings, Pilling)
15.05.93	ST MATTHEWS	W 2-0	(Moussa 2)
22.05.93	CHESTER HILL	W 3-0	(S James, Moussa, Pilling)
29.05.93	GREYSTANES	W 8-0	(S James 3, Moussa 3, M James 2)
05.06.93	BYE		
19.06.93	ST LUKES	W 3-1	(Moussa 2, R Hastings)
26.06.93	ABBOTSFORD	W 2-0	(M James, S James)
10.07.93	BLACKTOWN	D *-*	WASHOUT
17.07.93	ST MATTHEWS	L 0-1	
24.07.93	CHESTER HILL	W 3-1	(S James 2, C Hastings)

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UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT (continued):

31.07.93 BYE
07.08.93 ST LUKES W 1-0 (Moussa)
14.08.93 ABBOTSFORD W 1-0 (Moussa)
21.08.93 BLACKTOWN W Forf

Six-a-side:

BLUE team comprising Robbie Hastings, Drew Howe, Trevor Lawrence, Adam Norris, Shawn Pereira, Trent Smith and Benjamin Williamson.

12.06.93 PENRITH L 0-4
ST LUKES W 4-2 (Lawrence 2, R Hastings, Smith)
ST MATTHEWS L 0-3

GOLD team comprising Kurt Edwards, Chris Hastings, Mathew James, Stephen James, John Moussa, Tom Pavlek and Nathan Pilling.

12.06.93 BLACKTOWN W 1-0 (S James)
PARRAMATTA D 2-2 (S James 2) - Corners Win
GREYSTANES W 3-0 (M James, Moussa, Pilling)
BLACKTOWN W 2-1 (Moussa 2)
FINAL: PENRITH W 1-0 (Moussa)

Knock-out:

22.05.93 BLACKTOWN B W Forfeit
17.07.93 CHESTER HILL W 3-0 (R Hastings, M James, S James)
24.07.93 ST MATTHEWS W 2-1 (S James 2)
07.08.93 FINAL:
PENRITH W 3-1 (R Hastings, S James, Moussa)

Champion-of-Champions

28.08.93 PENRITH W 2-1 (M James 2)
FINAL:
ST MATTHEWS L 0-1

KEN JAMES

COACH



GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY!

Dateline 8 August 1970: Lidcombe 3rd Grade vs Auburn Churches
at Wilson Park Silverwater

Don Lane was a pretty big time T.V. personality in those days but he really didn't have much to do with us except...!

Third Grader STEVE GREENTREE was being booked by the referee and the man in white asked him his name.

Steve replied: "DON LANE!!"

The referee then said: " MR. LANE! I am taking your name for dissent!"

Needless to say Don Lane has a booking against his name and our Steve still has an unblemished record!!

RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS

The Second Grade had a disappointing season finishing in fifth place on the ladder six points behind semi-finalist Rozelle.

After a crushing 7-1 victory over Ryde Raiders in the first game the side came down to earth with a thud gaining only two points from the next five games and from there on it was an uphill battle to reach the finals.

The two good young sides, St Matthews and Blacktown, tore our defences apart and we were never in the race against them with Blacktown, not surprisingly, eventually winning the competition.

It was very clear by the completion of the first round that only fourth position on the ladder was available as Blacktown, Bankstown and St Matthews cleared out on the rest of the field.

Rozelle then emerged as our rival for that fourth position and we just could not match their ability in the two matches and they were able to snatch the semifinal spot by convincingly defeating us.

We dropped valuable points in draws with Greystanes and Wentworthville while the loss against Telopea in the second round ended our finals aspirations.

However there were some bright performances on occasions throughout the season and these were as follows:-

- * a 3-3 draw with Ryde after being down 3-0 with ten minutes remaining!
- * a 5-2 win over Wentworthville after conceding two goals in the opening five minutes!
- * crushing victories over Ryde (7-1) and Telopea (6-0).

The side welcomed back Christian Marinas who has certainly built up his size and pace since 1991 and he had an excellent season up front being rewarded with a cache of goals and also several appearances in the First Grade throughout the year.

Garry Pilling turned in some polished performances however his season was cut short when he had an accident at home and broke his collar bone.

The committee's decision to reduce this year's all-age sides to only two teams had its desired result with both grades generally fielding full sides each Saturday which was a welcome change from previous years.

The second grade often had 13 players turning up therefore it was always a difficult job to pick the starting side but overall the selections were well received.

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RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS (continued):

The team was appreciative of the sideline support especially from those members of the first grade who were there at kick-off time and generally assisted with the side.

The side also thanks Geoff Rider, Ken James and Alan Pilling who controlled the team this season.

The side was:-

SAM DARSA: The only player from last year's under 15s to turn out in 1993, the pin-up of all 15 year-old schoolgirls played well and showed some frightening tackles and determination at training but he disappeared midway through the second round!

TREVOR DUTTON: The quiet man played strong all season but still can't crack a goal for his own side! Trevor came into his own in the second round with some bright displays but runs a very poor second to Roscoe Mendicino in the vocal stakes!

ERHAN ERDOGAN: When there's a full moon over Jones Park and a rising sun over Phillips, Ernie transforms into "killer" mode and proceeds to mangle as many opposition players as possible in ninety minutes! What a tough defender he is! Yet off the field Ernie's just a subdued banana seller! Another good season from the Benny Elias look-a-like (Benny Banana?)!

JOHN HAWACH: Marriage has done wonders for the one-time "big boy" of Lidcombe and he turned in consistent efforts both in goals and out on the wing. No longer does John do his infamous "up and unders" and it was a sight to behold as he stormed down the right flanks in the general direction of his new missus!

GRAHAM HOLLEBONE: Graham continued his bone-crushing runs in the forwards this year even to the extent of playing out on the left where his lack of a left foot was more than made up by his decking of the opposing fullback!

KEN JAMES: Injuries and junior side duties restricted "K.J."s appearances this season and Ray "Curly" James' games record is safe for another few years at least. Crept in on the far post for a classic goal against Bankstown in the first round!

TREVOR LAVENDER: "Lumpy" must have secured the world's supply of bandages as he wore more strapping than Paleface Adios and presented more doctor's certificates than you'd find in a hospital! Mixed his efforts this season with his best game against Penrith at Jamison when he pulled off some un-Lumpy like saves!

CHRISTIAN MARINAS: Top season from the pony-tailed striker who has shown that his season off has done wonders for his football. His consistent hard running up front inspired the side and he included five-goal hauls against both Ryde and Telopea.

ROSS MENDICINO: "Blocker" hasn't lost any of his vocal talents with another typical display of "team urgings" out on the field

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RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS (continued):

but he still can't figure out why the referees penalise him so much in the tackles - and we can't figure out how some of his downtrodden opponents ever manage to walk again AFTER his tackles!

GARRY PILLING: Youngster Garry was an integral part of the side with his clever ball skills but a bicycle accident put him out in the latter half of the season and this left a hole in our defence ... and the ground he fell on! Perhaps it would be safer for Garry to drive a motor car (licence or NO licence!!)

JIM PINCOTT: The club's oldest ever player (60 last March) took his time to get match fit but he was running hard at the end of the season! 1994 will be 50 years since Jim started for us!

TERRY ROONEY: "Tezza" was an early strong performer but he was sometimes a solitary figure in the midfield having to mark two or more players! Still has the ability to spark the midfield!

CRAIG ROSS: Must have set some sort of Lidcombe club record when he played in EIGHT matches and didn't finish one of them! Best effort was an 89 minute game against Wentworthville but, as usual, down he went and the smart punters took heaps off the bookies who reckoned he'd last a full game in 1993!

NEIL RUDGLEY: Only managed to get the thunderbolts going in the knock-out win over Penrith but a troublesome hamstring and a banzai-type tackle from a Telopea hacker ended his season early! As long as Jimmy Pincott keeps playing "Rock" is happy to be the club's second oldest footballer playing each year!

MANOJ SANTIAGO: A newcomer from Ceylon this year, Manoj went tearing down the darkened side of Jones Park in the knock-out against Penrith and was...knocked out! Unfortunately no-one saw the incident and it was only when Graham Hollebhone tripped over his prone body that we found out he was injured and out for the season!

- NEIL RUDGLEY

RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS

So near yet so far for the First Grade side in 1993 who were narrowly defeated in the final and finished in third position.

Our loss in the final against Rozelle can only be considered unlucky for we should have easily come away as winners yet a defensive lapse in the last ten minutes saw a Rozelle player beat four of our boys before planting the ball in the net for the only score of the game.

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RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS (continued):

Lidcombe, Bankstown and Rozelle broke away from all other sides early in the competition and it was clear that the competition winner was going to come from one of these three teams with Bankstown eventually taking out the premiership from Rozelle.

Our opening matches were very disappointing and included a loss to last-placed Ryde at Phillips Park however the side quickly regrouped winning eight in a row before going down to Bankstown in June.

A 1-0 victory over the previously unbeaten Rozelle in May certainly gladdened the hearts of players and supporters alike however Bankstown certainly had the wood on us in both matches this season.

The side comprised some very good, young ball players in Ante Kinda, Peter Oberemok and Kristo Bugarija while the welcome reappearance of Lindsay Crosbie was a positive step in our premiership aspirations.

Unfortunately Veteran Sam Dib was injured in the second game of the season and missed the majority of the year while Kieran O'Hara suffered cruciate ligament damage that ended his season in early June.

There were some excellent performers this year including Alex Morozoff who was a determined striker up front and caused opposition defenders many anxious moments while the skills of Peter Oberemok confounded all sides. Peter's 30 metre free kick against Penrith was one of the shots of the season and the Penrith goalkeeper didn't even see it!

Matthew Holland and James "Plod" May both had strong seasons with James' first year in the top grade being his best ever for the club while Lindsay Crosbie's consistent efforts were always a plus for the side with his determined displays each game.

Mick Anlezark was again strong in the midfield while Ken Cambaz was always willing to go on the offensive as he charged down the wing.

Goalkeeper Tony Tannous was sound in the goals while Nigel Batts, Alan Pilling and Scotty Ashbrooke continued their determined efforts from past years.

Congratulations must go to Geoff "Jacko" Rider who topped off his 500th game in a stylish manner scoring Lidcombe's seventh goal in a 7-0 whitewash of St Matthews before a large crowd of family and supporters at Phillips Park.

The overall impetus for the side this season was the non-stop running of the youngsters coupled with the football brains of the veterans and this team certainly has the opportunity to take out the competition in 1994.

The team was:

Mick Anlezark, Scott Ashbrooke, Nigel Batts, Kristo Bugarija, Ken Cambaz, Lindsay Crosbie, Sam Dib, Matthew Holland, Ante Kinda, James May, Alex Morozoff, Peter Oberemok, Kieran O'Hara, Alan Pilling, Geoff Rider and Tony Tannous.

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RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS (continued):

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

03.04.93	RYDE RAIDERS	1sts: L 2-3 2nds: W 7-1	(Bugarija, May) (Marinas 5, Hollebone, Rooney)
17.04.93	ST MATTHEWS	1sts: W 9-2 2nds: L 0-5	(Cambaz 3, Morozoff 3, Bugarija 2, Crosbie)
24.04.93	BANKSTOWN BAPS	1sts: L 1-3 2nds: L 2-3	(Morozoff) (James, Marinas)
26.04.93	GREYSTANES	1sts: W 2-1 2nds: D 2-2	(Morozoff 2) (Marinas, G Pilling)
01.05.93	BLACKTOWN REFORM	1sts: W 3-1 2nds: L 0-7	(Morozoff 2; Oberemok)
08.05.93	WENTWORTHVILLE	1sts: W 5-2 2nds: D 1-1	(Morozoff 3, Bugarija, Oberemok) (Marinas)
15.05.93	TELOPEA C of C	1sts: W 2-1 2nds: W 6-0	(Bugarija, Morozoff) (Marinas 5, Ross)
22.05.93	PENRITH	1sts: W 7-3 2nds: W 4-2	(Morozoff 5, Kinda, May) (Marinas 2, Hawach, G Pilling)
29.05.93	ROZELLE NOANTRI	1sts: W 1-0 2nds: L 0-4	(Morozoff)
05.06.93	RYDE RAIDERS	1sts: W 2-0 2nds: D 3-3	(Bugarija, Cambaz) (Hollebone, Marinas, Mendicino)
19.06.93	ST MATTHEWS	1sts: W 7-0 2nds: L 3-5	(Morozoff 2, Bugarija, Cambaz, Kinda, Rider, Oberemok) (G Pilling 2, Rooney)
26.06.93	BANKSTOWN BAPS	1sts: L 0-5 2nds: D 0-0	
03.07.93	GREYSTANES	1sts: W 2-1 2nds: D 3-3	(Cambaz, Morozoff) (Marinas 2, Rooney)
10.07.93	BLACKTOWN REFORM	1sts: D *- 2nds: D *-	WASHOUT WASHOUT
17.07.93	WENTWORTHVILLE	1sts: W 7-0 2nds: W 5-2	(Morozoff 3, Bugarija 2, Cambaz, Crosbie) (Marinas 2, Rooney, Ross, Rudgley)
24.07.93	TELOPEA C of C	1sts: W 4-1 2nds: L 1-2	(Morozoff 2, Bugarija, Kinda) (Morozoff)
31.07.93	PENRITH	1sts: W 4-3 2nds: W 2-1	(Morozoff 2, Cambaz, Oberemok) (Marinas 2)
07.08.93	ROZELLE NOANTRI	1sts: D 2-2 2nds: L 2-5	(Morozoff, Oberemok) (Marinas, Tannous)
14.08.93	SEMI FINAL: BLACKTOWN REFORM	1sts: W 5-0	(Morozoff 2, Cambaz, Marinas, Oberemok)
21.08.93	FINAL: ROZELLE NOANTRI	1sts: L 0-1	

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RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS (continued):

Six-a-side:

B team comprising Kristo Bugarija, Ken Cambaz, Matthew Holland, Ante Kinda, Christian Marinas, Kieran O'Hara and Tony Tannous.

14.06.93	ST LUKES CONCORD	L 0-1
	ST MATTHEWS	W 2-1 (Cambaz 2)
	BLACKTOWN REFORM	L 0-1

C team comprising Nigel Batts, John Hawach, Graham Hollebone, Trevor Lavender, James May, Alex Morozoff and Eugene Morozoff.

14.06.93	ST LUKES CONCORD	L 2-3 (A Morozoff 2)
	SOUTH HURSTVILLE	L 1-2 (A Morozoff)

Knock-out:

11.05.93	ILLAWONG	1sts: W 1-0 (Oberemok)
27.05.93	GRAYS POINT	1sts: L 1-2 (Anlezark)

05.05.93	PENRITH	2nds: W 3-0 (Marinas 2, Rudgley)
25.05.93	SOUTH HURSTVILLE	2nds: L 1-2 (Marinas)

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"Is that a dog on the field?"

"Yeah! It's a GUIDE DOG helping the referee with his decisions!"

"Have they tossed yet?"

"Did it ten minutes ago but still CAN'T FIND THE COIN on the ground!"

"Gee. That linesman's got a flashlight!"

"Yeah! ONE FLASH for Lidcombe ball and TWO for Penrith!"

"Must be near fulltime!"

"Why?"

"There's the EVENING STAR!"

"O.K.! Who's the smart guy singing "BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON?"

"Hey! The committee's caravan is only charging \$20 for OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION including breakfast!"

"Blimey! All I can see is a blur of colours on the field!"

"Come on now! The field's behind you! You're looking at a TELEVISION SET in the house across the road!!"

"Perhaps they might instal lights next year for the DAY GAMES!"

"Who's playing?"

"I think it's YOTHU YINDI!"

"Who's the old biddy in the middle of the field?"

"She's a PSYCHIC to help the referee know where the ball is!"

"Who won?"

"Dunno. The referee broke his pen early in the game so they're trying to decipher his FINGER NAIL MARKINGS on the card!"

THE EARLY DAYS!



AUTHOR "CURLY" JAMES

The Lidcombe Congregational Soccer Club was formed in 1939 by Ted ("Pop") and Hazel James and one all-age side represented Lidcombe that season in the Protestant Churches Football competition.

The "Congregational" part of the name was shortened to "Congs" or "Congos" from the very first match played.

The age of the players ranged from 14 years to mid 30s although most had never played the game before and the club's home ground was at Wyatt Park (Phillips Park was only an open paddock used as a tip in those days).

The club's first game was played at Wyatt Park - later described in a book titled "Growing Up in Liddy" as "denuded of grass" - and the result was a surprising 1-1 draw with Carlingford.

Arch-rivals of the day turned out to be a team representing Lidcombe-Berala Presbyterian Church who were called the "Bloodshirts" because of their red strip.

The two matches against the local foes resulted in 12-0 and 13-0 wins to the opposition - hardly notable events!!

Lidcombe finished near the tail of the field in 1939 and it took until 1943 for the club to bring home its first trophy which was the Under 14 premiership.

A number of the side saw active service during World War 2 and because of this team was rarely the same each week. In 1944 Lidcombe Oval was chosen as the venue for an international services athletics meet and various nationalities were represented at the carnival. Top event of the day was a 100 yard sprint (first prize was \$20!) and the big money was on the Yanks. Those Aussies in the know bet on a sprightly local named Ray James and the Lidcombe Congs footballer didn't let down his army mates as he swept away to take the event!!

The winnings represented a small fortune in those days as the army pay was 60 cents a day!

During the 1940s several junior sides commenced with present player Jimmy Pincott being a member of the premiership-winning under 14 team in 1947.

The war years saw soccer balls at a premium and Jimmy recalls several games when a bundle of rags was used as the ball! In fact, clothing was also in short supply and most players wore home-made shirts and shorts with a large belt holding up the frequently over-sized shorts!

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THE EARLY DAYS! (continued):

If you had boots you were one of the lucky few and the style of the day was ankle boots with leather studs NAILED to the soles of the boot. They were of exceptionally good quality in those days and a pair of boots would be expected to last for many seasons!

Jimmy Pincott also remembers the day that his father took exception to young Jim playing in a higher grade and Pincott senior strode onto the field during the match and dragged Jimmy off the ground and all the way home!

During the late 40s and early 50s, the club was controlled by two local identities in Bob Dobie and Bobby Crawford.

A short recess during the 50s saw our Congs players link up with teams from St Stephens Church of England and Lidcombe Methodists however as the sixties approached these two clubs also struggled for players and Lidcombe Congregational reformed with an under 8 side in 1960.

Success came the following year when an Under 12 side captained by Terry Hore took out the competition and a steady stream of trophies has since come the club's way over the years!

- RAY JAMES

SIGNING-ON DAYS - 1994

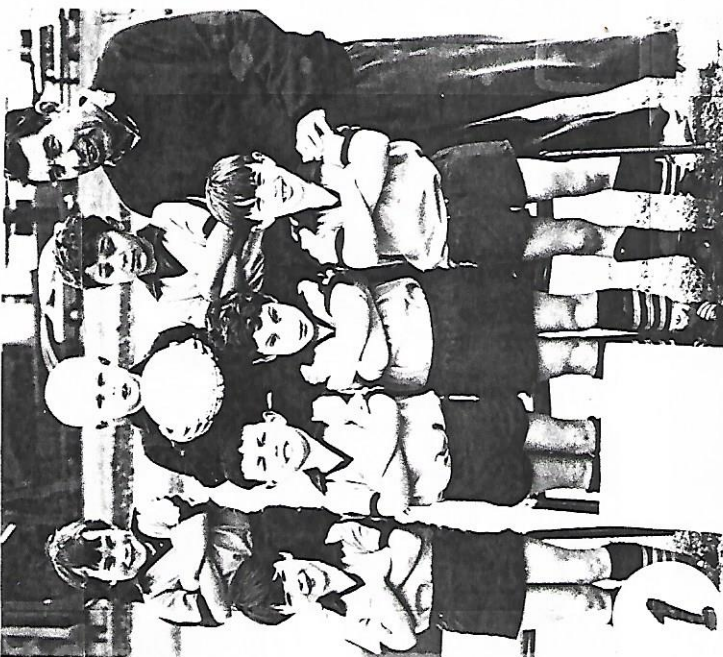
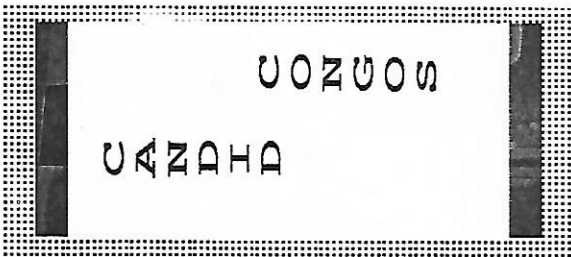
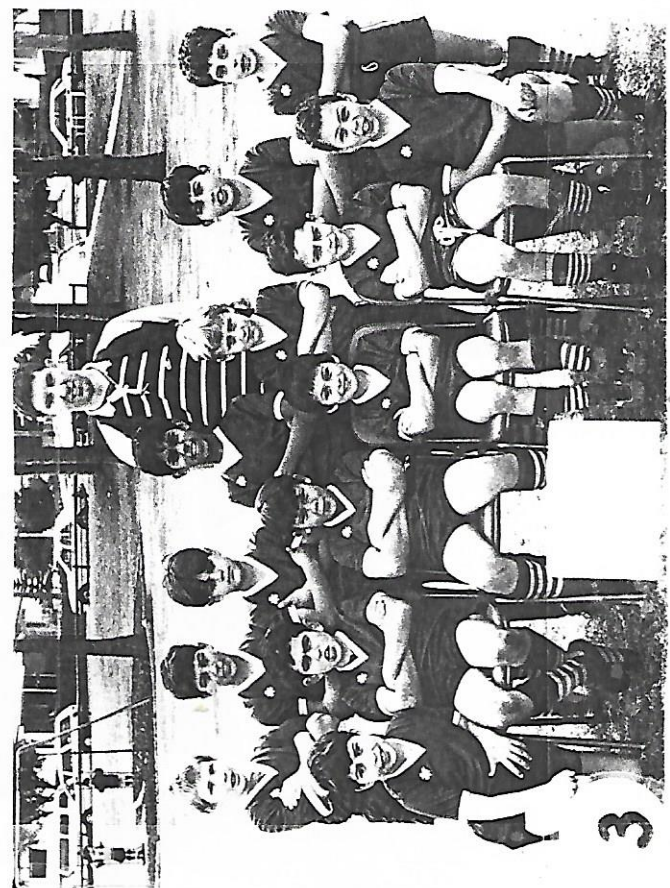
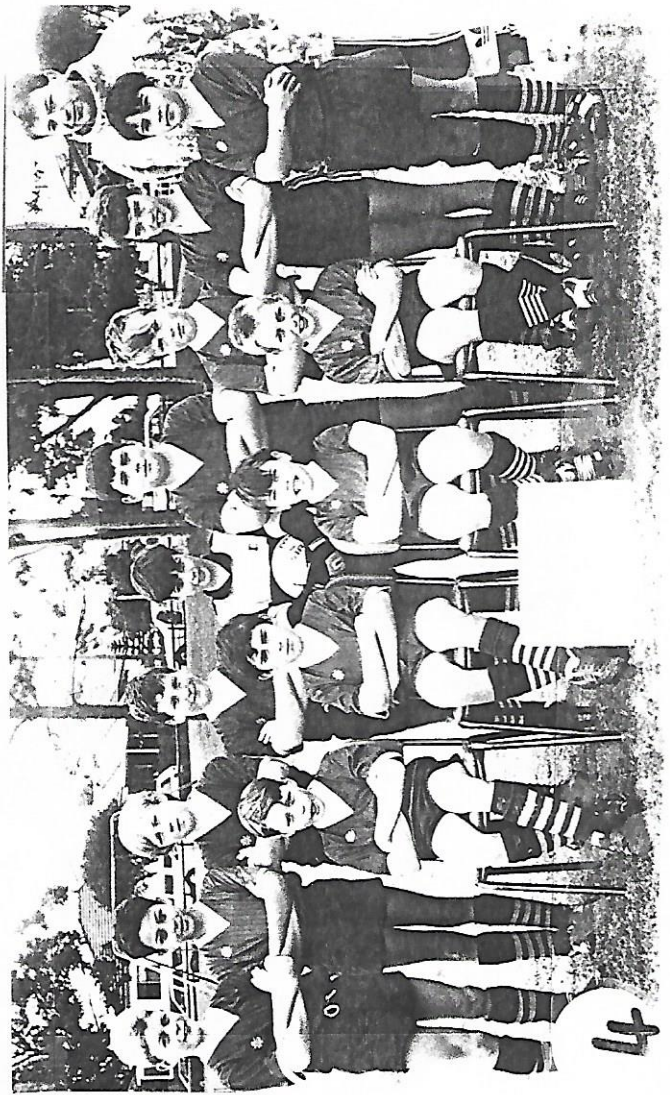
The Club's signing-on days for next season will be held at Phillips Park on Saturdays 5th and 12th February 1994 between 9am and 12.30pm. Reminder notices will be posted out to all players about one week beforehand. Registration fees will remain the same as in 1993.

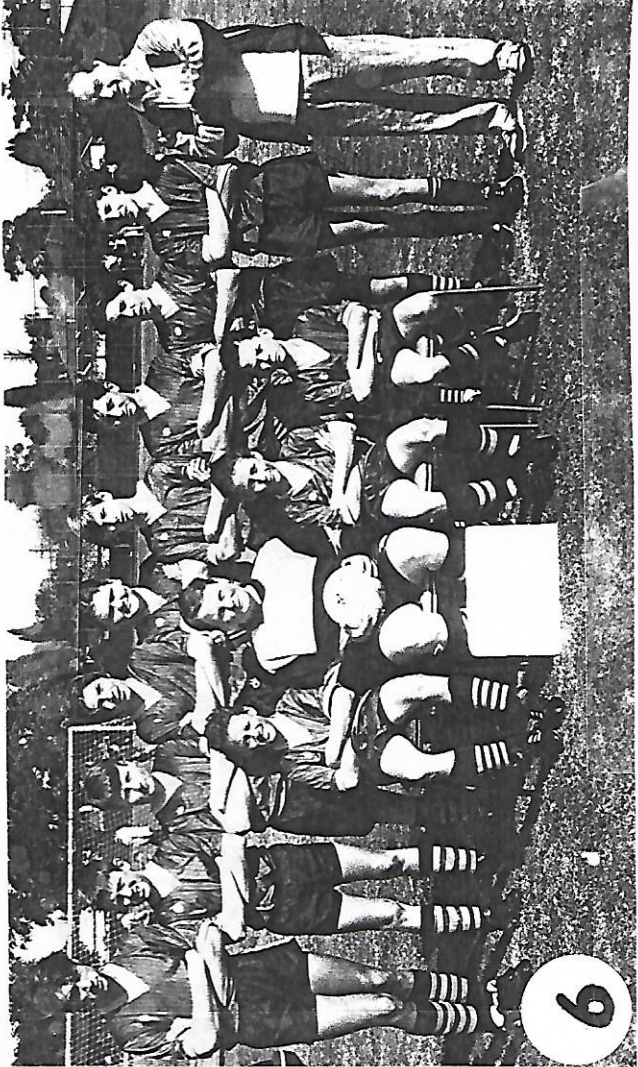
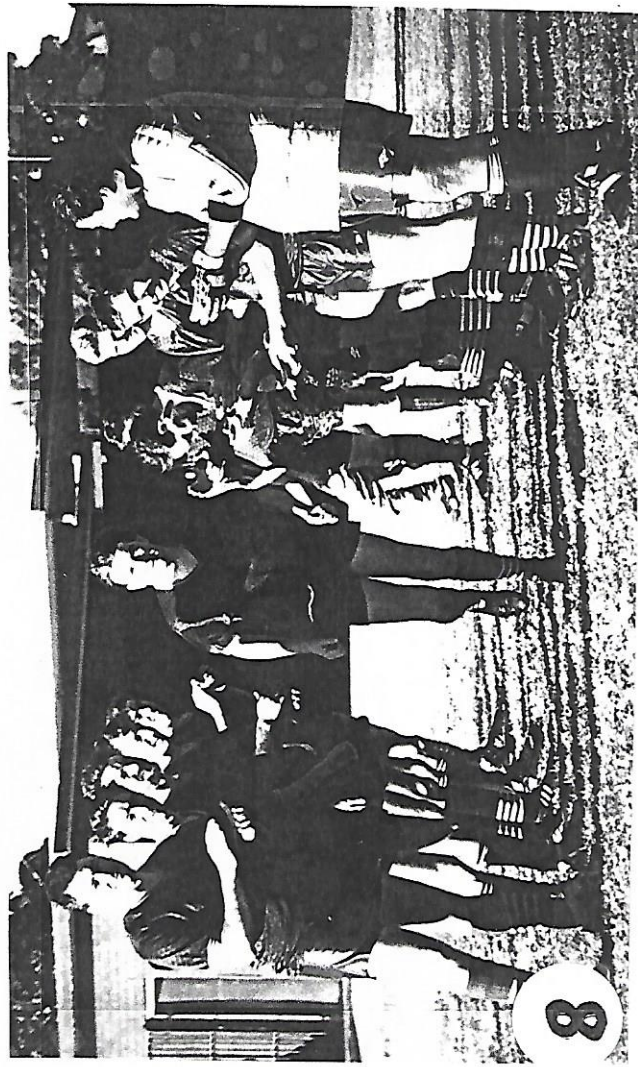
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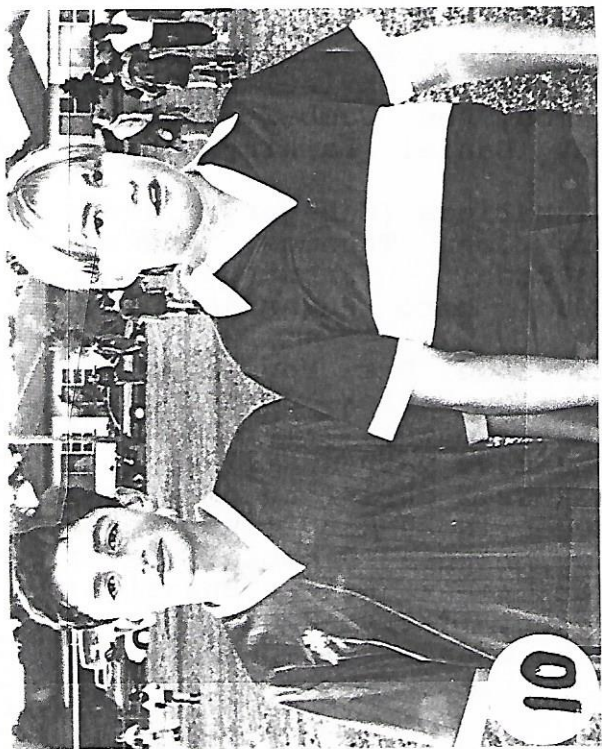
PLAYERS' STATISTICS

1993 SEASON (1 - 199 GAMES)

NAME	COMM	GAMES	GOALS	NAME	COMM	GAMES	GOALS
JAMES Stephen	1986	194	181	IBRAHIM Rabeeh	1992	33	37
JAMES Mathew	1986	192	113	RANCAN Anthony	1992	33	11
PAVLEK Tom	1985	190	36	ZAMMIT Joel	1992	33	1
TANNOUS Tony	1982	175	6	KOVELIS Andrew	1992	32	28
MOROZOFF Alex	1974	174	101	ARCHER Nathaniel	1992	32	2
SMITH Trent	1985	170	4	RAYWARD Thomas	1992	32	7
DARSA Sam	1983	146	13	JAMES Daniel	1992	31	22
EDWARDS Kurt	1986	145	16	SMEE Nathan	1992	31	6
KINDA Ante	1981	118	23	PILLING Garry	1992	31	5
MARINAS Christian	1986	116	52	PINAR Sam	1992	31	0
MENDICINO Ross	1986	116	9	SELVAM Arjunan	1992	30	3
ASHBROOKE Scott	1986	114	14	BUGARIJA Kristo	1992	28	17
HASTINGS Chris	1988	113	6	RAYWARD Steven	1992	24	0
HADDAD Shaadi	1987	104	39	LAWRENCE Trevor	1993	22	4
TANNOUS John	1987	104	7	KARABETSOS Rio	1993	21	7
ERDOGAN Erhan	1983	100	1	GREEN David	1993	20	14
NORRIS Adam	1987	98	16	KISSUN Brett	1993	20	2
MOUSSA John	1990	97	76	AMOS Andrew	1993	19	15
HASTINGS Robert	1988	91	35	CROSBIE Lindsay	1990	19	5
BUNNELL Adam	1988	83	13	WHITE Michael	1993	19	1
RAPER Reece	1988	79	6	MEHAJER Salim	1993	19	0
PILLAI Anthony	1988	72	0	KARABETSOS Billy	1993	18	7
HADDAD Rani	1985	71	65	KAZAN Shane	1993	18	4
DUTTON Trevor	1971	71	0	ILIEFF Andrew	1993	18	1
DATT Shaneil	1989	67	0	AMOS Bradley	1993	17	0
LARKIN Daniel	1990	59	10	O'RILEY Patrick	1993	17	0
BUGARIJA Miro	1989	56	0	SMITH Alexander	1993	17	0
WILLIAMSON Ben	1990	56	0	SOUROUR Kareem	1993	17	0
DARSA Rammy	1991	53	51	THIEL Andrew	1993	17	0
PILLING Nathan	1992	53	9	MAUNDER Iain	1993	16	9
ELIA Andrew	1990	51	2	PASSI Raaj	1993	16	0
KISSUN Richard	1991	51	1	BEATTIE Benjamin	1993	15	1
ZEIN Salah	1991	50	21	MILLER Benjamin	1993	14	0
ABU-MAHMOUD A-R	1991	49	58	YATKIN Adam	1993	14	0
DE SA Rui	1990	49	4	VOLPATO Robert	1993	13	0
WILSON Glen	1991	49	1	DAVIDSON Greg	1993	12	1
SMITH Christian	1990	49	0	LUKIC Neilson	1993	11	2
HOLLAND Matthew	1992	45	3	KLINK Isam	1993	11	0
MOUSSA Jimmy	1991	44	43	MOROZOFF Eugene	1987	10	0
HAWLI Omar	1988	43	2	KINDA Mario	1993	9	0
VYAS Daniel	1991	42	3	ROSS Craig	1993	8	2
KOVELIS Steven	1991	41	8	ZAMMIT Jordan	1993	5	0
HOWE Drew	1992	41	1	SANTIAGO Manoj	1993	4	0
KARABETSOS Theo	1992	39	7	ROGULJ Tomislav	1993	4	0
ZEIN Tarak	1991	39	0	PEREIRA Shawn	1993	3	0
HOWE Tristan	1992	37	3	YU Pat	1993	3	0
KARABETSOS Andrew	1991	36	1				
ARCHER Lucas	1992	35	0				







CANDID CONGOS

1. UNDER 6s: (Back Row) Daniel James, Andrew Kovelis, Shane Kazan, Jack Dutton (Coach); (Front Row) Andrew Ilieff, Alexander Smith, Robert Volpato, Billy Karabetsos.
2. UNDER 7s: (Back Row) Les Wilson (Coach), Michael White, Rabeeh Ibrahim, Andrew Thiel, Iain Maunder, Joe Zammit (Manager); (Front Row) Neilson Lukic, Benjamin Miller, Glen Wilson, Anthony Rancan, Joel Zammit.
3. UNDER 8s: (Rear) James May (Coach), (Back Row) Thomas Rayward, Isam Klink, Rammy Darsa, Arjunan Selvam, Benjamin Beattie, Daniel Vyas, Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud; (Front Row) Sam Pinar, Rani Haddad, Greg Davidson, Salim Mehajer, Jimmy Moussa, Salah Zein.
4. UNDER 10s: (Back Row) David Green, Brett Kissun, Nathaniel Archer, Patrick O'Riley, Andrew Karabetsos, Christian Smith, Tristan Howe, Nathan Smee, Andrew Amos, Ken Cambaz (Coach); (Front Row) Adam Bunnell, Rui De Sa, Daniel Larkin, Steven Kovelis.
5. UNDER 12s: (Back Row) Christian Marinas (Manager), Reece Raper, Shaneil Datt, Richard Kissun, John Tannous, Anthony Pillai, Lucas Archer, Tony Tannous (Coach); (Front Row) Omar Hawli, Bradley Amos, Shaadi Haddad, Miro Bugarija, Theo Karabetsos, "Rio" Karabetsos.
6. UNDER 13s: (Back Row) Trevor Lawrence, Drew Howe, Robert Hastings, Kurt Edwards, Ben Williamson, Tom Pavlek, John Moussa, Trent Smith, Steven Rayward, Ken James (Coach); (Front Row) Mathew James, Chris Hastings, Stephen James, Nathan Pilling.
7. RAAHAUGE CUP: (Back Row) Craig Ross, Christian Marinas, Tony Tannous, Neil Rudgley, Erhan Erdogan, Ross Mendicino, Peter Oberemok, Trevor Lavender, John Hawach, Lindsay Crosbie, Geoff Rider, James May, Matthew Holland, Ken Cambaz, Kristo Bugarija; (Front Row) Nigel Batts, Jimmy Pincott, Terry Rooney, Alex Morozoff, Trevor Dutton, Mick Anlezark, Graham Hollebone, Ante Kinda.
8. It's 500 games for GEOFF RIDER and he runs out to take on St Matthews to the applause of his First Grade team-mates.
9. "King of the Kids" (but not the bed making!) is the Under 10s Coach KEN CAMBAZ as he calls the roll before the game!
10. Hard to pick who was the smiling winner as JOHN MOUSSA (left) contemplates the Under 13s Knock-out final win with former team-mate STEVEN RUDGLEY now at Penrith.
11. Who has the biggest tummy? Well it's a toss-up between TREVOR "LUMPY" LAVENDER (left) and FRANK ANLEZARK as they show off the 1971 Over 35s team blanket!
12. TONY TANNOUS and his Under 12s are well rugged up against the wind at the six-a-side (at least it was daylight then!).
13. It's SHAADI HADDAD (U/12s) in full flight as he breaks away down the wing.
14. DAVID GREEN (U/10) and his bird buddy who attended all games!