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CC Strikers Form Links With Cambodian Street Kids

In July, 2008 Lilly Castor, former Under 16 and 18 years Striker's sweeper sought to extend her love of football to street kids at the M'Lop Tapang Centre for street working and living children in Sihanoukville Cambodia.

M'Lop Tapang was established in 2003 by an Australian John McGinley and British nurse Maggie Eno. M'Lop Tapang provides children with education, medical care, nutritious meals, a safe environment, protection from abuse, counseling, vocational training and access to recreational activities. M'Lop Tapang's extensive outreach services have enabled many children to be reunited with their families and provide options and alternatives for children who previously were never given any.

Sports at M'Lop Tapang took off in 2007 with the opening of the new community playground. With a large covered area for basketball and a sandy football field and volleyball court and a winding rollerblading ramp. Children are now able to access a range of sports and physical activities seven days a week.

So what do the children of M'Lop Tapang and the Strikers Football club in common? A love of Football of course!



Caption: M'Lop Tapang street kids show off their CC Strikers' jerseys with pride.

M'Lop Tapang have a number of football teams including staff teams who compete after work when the temperature starts to get below 30 degrees Celsius (positively chilly by Cambodian standards). What they lack in uniforms, footballs and shoes, the M'Lop Tapang kids make up for in enthusiasm and skill. There are a number of very talented players at the Centre, two of whom recently attended FIFA Coach-

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Mimmo's Photo Of The Week

Caption: Winner of this week's Mimmo's Photo Of The Week Competition' is this shot of Kynan from U15/1s putting his face on the line to head the ball away. Photo taken by Dan Simpson.

Winner of Mimmo's Photo Of The Week Competition for the last 4 weeks is Mary Houten for her shot of Lauren from U14/1s in Issue 13 on 2nd August. Her prize is a \$25 meal voucher at any of the Mimmo's Pizza Express outlets.





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ing Courses in Phnom Penh. Every day there are two sessions of practice led by the gentle and football mad Dora, a Manchester United supporter from way back. The pitch is a dust bowl, full of small stones which are irritating and dangerous to the young players, most of whom have no shoes.

Lilly had visited M'Lop Tapang in 2007 and asked to volunteer as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, teaching English and Football at the Centre. She was in luck! Knowing M'Lop Tapang's lack of resources and reliance upon global sponsors and organisations she approached the CC Strikers to see if there were any old jerseys, boots or balls that were surplus to the Club's needs. A week later, thanks to the prompt action by the Club, Lilly was presented with five teams of jerseys, half a dozen new balls and from one Club parent some used boots and a Beckham shirt.

Thank goodness for the additional luggage allowance she had also managed to acquire from Singapore Airlines. Lilly arrived in Sihanoukville with close to 40kg of luggage and a huge smile on her face. Her smile, which didn't leave her face for the week she was there was reciprocated a thousand times over by the children.

One set of Strikers jerseys was distributed immediately to the kids and then it was out on the "paddock" for a game. They loved them and it was agreed that they all played better as a result of them. Dora the coach of course put on Beckham's jersey and was in Nirvana (a Buddhist's equivalent of Heaven). They ran around the field like made things but exhibited skill and grace in their passes and shooting.

Then of course came the time to hand back the shirts at the end of the game: but this wasn't to be. No these lucky kids were able to keep their jerseys and keep them they did. Every day for the week we were there, they wore their new shirts with pride going back to their families in the slums with something special sent by some people they had never met in Australia.

Thank you Strikers; your generous donation has been greatly appreciated by the street kids of Cambodia.

We would like to keep you posted of further developments: should you wish to make a private donation or want more information about M'Lop Tapang either go straight to their web site at www.mloptapang.org or contact Bronwen Castor on 0411 685711.

Save your old boots and jerseys for 2009 registration day as we shall be collecting again for our visit next year.

Kind regards
Bronwen Castor



Do You Know The Rules?

'Studs-Up' Tackles

The increasing pace of modern football has brought with it a trend towards tackles that seek to ensure that the progress of the player in possession is prevented past the point of the tackle. Invariably this means many tackles have become more vigorous and that the intent of the laws of the game to encourage tackles being made shoulder to shoulder is becoming less relevant.

The use of "studs up tackles" is one of the most serious challenges facing our game and one that has the capacity to cause serious injury to players if not managed appropriately by match officials.

In much the same way as FIFA has sought to eliminate the use of two footed tackles from the game the 'studs up' tackle poses a very similar and real danger to players worldwide.

Players who choose to lunge into tackles with legs outstretched exposing the soles of their boots are to be cautioned and shown the yellow card as an absolute minimum sanction.

Tackles of this type can at best be classified as 'reckless' and MUST be treated as such by match officials.

This direction will, in no way, limit the referee from dismissing and showing a red card to a player whose actions exceed the level of recklessness and involve the use of excessive force.

Referees have a duty to protect players to the best of their ability and while it is not possible to penalise these tackles before they occur it is mandatory that they be dealt with whenever they occur.

Source: Soccer NSW. Referees Circular Issue 022/07

Ladies Day at St Matts

This Saturday the 9th August is the 5th annual "Ladies Day" at St Matthews where the boys in our Premier League team provide a free BBQ and Champagne to thank all the club's loyal lady supporters we see at the grounds every week supporting their favourite Strikers team from the Under 6's to the Over 35's are invited.

The Premier League team would like to thank you for your support, and invite you to come on down to St Matts, enjoy the game, and have a light BBQ and a sip of champagne from 12.30pm onwards.

Don't forget to bring your chair to relax in whilst being waited on!

PREMIER LEAGUE games at St Matthews Farm:
CC STRIKERS v BEACON HILL
Res. Grade 1:00 PM
1st. Grade 3:00 PM



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Plateau Park Main Field Closure

From July 21st until the end of the football season all games scheduled to be played on the main field at Plateau Park will now be played at Nolans Reserve.

This is due to works being carried out on the main field by a pipe drilling company which has a contract to put a submarine cable out to sea. Yes, unbelievable as it may sound Plateau Park was chosen as the spot to bore the hole to sink the cable. This work is expected to take three (3) months or more so our best option was to relocate the games from the main field to Nolans Reserve. Games allocated to the ¾ field will not be affected. The pipe drilling area will be fenced off completely.

If your team trains at Plateau Park all we can ask is common sense prevails and everyone works together to get a equal area to train. We apologise for this disruption but it was out of the clubs control.

ID Check - Reminder

All teams are reminded that the procedure of ID checking must be undertaken at every game. TEAMS WHO ARE REPORTED AS NON-COMPLIANT WILL INCUR A PENALTY OF ONE MATCH POINT. Please ensure you are ready to undertake the ID check at the time marked on your draw.

Are You Receiving Sidelines Express?

There have been problems with the email distribution of Sidelines Express since the beginning of May. You need to log onto our website at www.ccstrikers.com and download the current as well as any back issues.

Softball Camp for Girls

Warringah Softball Club would like to extend an invitation for your female football players from years 1 to 6 to join us in the July school holidays to participate in a "Try Softball" camp. As you may or may not be aware Warringah Softball Club has been running a softball camp in the July school holidays for the last 3 years.

The camp is aimed at girls who are looking for a team to play in over summer. The "Try Softball" hopes to encourage the girls to become involved in playing the wonderful summer sport of softball.

You can get additional information and download registration forms from their website at:
<http://www.warringah.softball.net.au/>

Club Awards

The committee needs nominations for the following:

- a) Junior Player of the Year (Paul Richards Award) - this is for a player who has contributed to holding a team together in some exceptional way or is an example of what the game is all about (not necessarily the best player in the team)
- b) Junior Coach and Manager of the Year - not necessarily the person who is the coach or manager of the division one team but someone who displayed an exceptional example as a coach or manager
- c) Sub Junior Coach and Manager of the Year - the coach or manager who has brought out the best in his/her charges.

Canteen Roster for August			
8-9.15am	9.15-10.30am	10.30-11.15am	11.45-1.00pm
16/08/2008			
U6 Crocodiles	U7 Kewells	WU18 Div3	U8 Rooneys
92308/2008			
U6 Leopards	U6 Meerkats	U8 Bekhams	U8 Maradonas



Match Reports



U6 Hawks Vs BTH Kookaburras

Last week, the Hawks "stoned" the Crows but this week there was another battle of the "birds" when they met the Belrose Terry Hills (BTH) "Kookaburras" at Dee Why.

The Kookaburras arrived with one player down and no subs and they showed early that they were no "easy beats" with some great defence and some of the best goalkeeping we have seen this season from their spirited young player in the No.10 jersey. An early shot at goal from Riley just missed the mark but Hudson was right on target for a great goal to take us to a 1-0 lead at half time.

After the break, the Hawks took to increasing the lead with shots at goal from Brock & Joshua just missing out but Oscar & Bailey each adding to the score line with well placed shots. Kai again played a great game with tight cover defence whenever the Kookaburras made a break and Harrison kept our goal secure throughout the second half showing his skills by saving a couple of goals to keep the opposition scoreless.

Bailey was all over the field today chasing the ball and definitely has his speed back and he will prove to be a handful for our opposition in our remaining games this year.

I would like to say how great it was to see Brock and Joshua getting in the thick of the action today and both were hungry for that elusive first goal, Joshua played his best game yet for the Hawks and he has found some speed in his game and was well placed in attack and defence during the match. Brock moved from his "specialty" sweeper/defender role into the forwards to boost our attack and showed great determination with his shot at goal, well done boys!

Our point scorers today were Hudson, Oscar & Bailey with one goal each and great attempts from Riley, Brock & Joshua!

At full time, the Hawks won the game 3-0 which is a credit to the defence of the BTH Kookaburras with one player missing today, we wish them all the best for the remaining games this year.

We have four more games to go and looking forward to seeing what the Hawks can do next as we get better and better every week! See you at training!

Our player of the week this week is Hudson for another brilliant game! Hudson gives 100% each and every week and he certainly led the way for the Hawks today with a great goal and some tough defence as well, well done Hudson! Our encouragement award went to Bailey who showed he is now back in top form after an illness earlier this year.

We Need Your News and Match Reports

Sidelines Express wants your team achievements (match reports, interesting bits of information, even a team profile. Please send to: news@ccstrikers.com

U8 Platinis 1 Vs Pittwater Tigers 2

In a sunny day we started brightly with Blake into the game early with a long pot shot at goals and Tom followed up with a snap at the net only to be denied by the Tiger's keeper. The boys are outgrowing the smaller fields and the games flows back and forth very quickly with Mathew busy at the back and Nathan solid in defense. Lachlan was in the wars with two heavy Falcons and Cameron fantastic in goals with outstanding keeping. Sam in one of his customary runs had us up a goal at half time.

The second 15 Tom continued on his attacking ways with a brave recovery after a knock to the head. Blake had another shot to hit the post but the Tigers managed to put one in the back of the net. Daniel made several nice breaks and Damien was strong in winning the ball. Sam made some great diving saves and we were unlucky to concede another goal. Try as we might we could not pull back the difference.

Player of the Week was Cameron.

U11/1s 0 Vs BTH Raiders 1

This was the game we were waiting for against the table leaders. For the first 15 minutes we had all the possession our way, with 'Legs' Lachlan doing backward scissor kicks and high flyers but just couldn't get them in the net. James B was always on the rebound. Billie, Oliver and Max trying to set up passes that got intercepted. The back line of Angus, Liam and Josh P kept it tight as always. Goalie Charlie coming out to make a great save. Tony always there blocking the ball. Half time and nothing to show for it.

The two teams came out fired up after half time, Lachlan kicked it high, just missed. The Sharkies found a wide spot, put in a goal. Our boys regrouped, Liam and James B kept the ball away from them, Josh P and his big boot taking it forward, but we just couldn't get it to the net. The ball went BTH way, Charlie came out, Liam got tripped, the goal was open to a ball, but Josh G got there and kicked it away. The boys kept bringing it forward, they had a break when Billy, Luca and James B all tried to get it to the net, but it wasn't to be. Liam put his body on the line to the end. Aaron was Man of match.

Thanks to our coaches A1 AND 2 who fire up each Saturday giving the game passion, but also balance and fun in the game.

U13/3s 2 Vs Avalon 0

Well, its hard to believe that today was the last match of the draw. I think that the team all have had a very enjoyable season. I have had a great time as a first time manager, as all the boys are a really great bunch of kids.

Some knew each other, some were new to the club and they all got on really well. The parents were lovely and a great support. Our coach was a first time coach as well, oozing with enthusiasm and just the right amount of firmness to have fun but still be slightly competitive.

Our match today was awesome and they won!!! The boys played a great game, with Tom and Marc each scoring a goal.

Our Man of The Match was Jake. Hopefully, the weather will be good and the Round Robin will go head. Good luck U13/3s.