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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 'every picture tells a story' shot of the U15-1s scoring against Beacon Hill. Strikers won 3-1. Photo taken by Dan Simpson.

Small Sided Games Rollout and Education

In 2009, the MWFA will be rolling out Small-Sided Games (SSG) for the Under 6 to Under 12 age groups. This rollout will commence with the Under 6s only moving through the other age groups from 2010 and beyond. A trial is planned for the next school holidays for teams from the Pittwater, Avalon, Narrabeen and Collaroy Strikers under 6 teams.

Throughout 2008, Football NSW in conjunction with FFA has been rolling out SSG in 16 Associations, in both metropolitan and country regions of NSW. The 16 associations have commenced SSG in the Under 6 age group with some associations also conducting SSG for age groups up to U10's. Our neighbours Ku-ring-gai and Gladesville Hornsby are up and running with it.

SSG are football games with fewer players competing on a smaller-sized field. They are fun games that encourage players to have more contact with the ball because fewer players are playing on smaller playing areas. It makes the game of football a better experience for children. The

idea is that players will be more active due to playing both attacking and defensive roles within a match and will understand the importance of team-mates and playing and working together.

A significant amount of research has been conducted in countries where SSG are prevalent, which overwhelmingly highlight the following benefits:

- more touches of the ball by all players throughout all areas of the pitch
- more shots on goal
- more efficient use of facilities, given there can be multiple games on one standard-size field
- repeated decision-making experience
- the ball is in play far more often
- the emphasis is on player development rather than winning or losing
- better success rate leads to improved quality of play, self-esteem and player retention
- the game is easier to understand
- freedom of expression – no positions in early

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- stages
- less perceived stress on the players
- less perceived pressure from coaches and parents
- parents more likely to volunteer for SSG game leader roles
- children enjoy the progressive and sequential game formats.

“SSG is about learning, self experiencing, having a lot of touches on the ball and above all, children having fun every time they step on the pitch. The future of your son, daughter or pupil, as a ‘player for fun’ or as a future Socceroo or Matilda, must begin with SSG,” stated Robert Baan, National Technical Director, Football Federation Australia (FFA).

“SSG will have a definite developmental impact on younger football players,” stated our Club President, Lou Caruso. “It will be interesting to see whether the rollout will have the desired effect over the next few years and if the experiment proves to be a success,” he added.

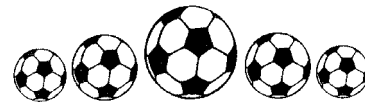
Clubs and Parents are encouraged to use the resources being made available to ensure the roll out of SSG over the coming years within Australia is successful and beneficial for all. The SSG Handbook can be downloaded from the Football Federation Australia website at: http://www.footballaustralia.com.au/site/_content/document/00000576-source.pdf

ID Check - Reminder

All teams are reminded that the 2008 procedure of ID checking must be undertaken at every game. A full copy of the procedure has been circulated previously but may be viewed at the CC Strikers or MWFA websites. 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. Games to commence on completion of the check at 8.30am, 10.00am and 11.30am for the Junior morning games and as soon as possible for Senior games at 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Referees Cards and Results

All competition teams are reminded to check that ALL SECTIONS on referees cards are completed in full. Please do not staple or sticky tape labels to cards. Fines may be issued to teams with incomplete or incorrect information on cards. When phoning through results, please advise whether or not an official black & white referee was in attendance. Further information regarding completion of cards is available on the Managers & Coaches pages of the CC Strikers website (www.ccstrikers.com) - 2008 Coaches & Managers Handout (Pages 10 & 11).



Do You Know The Rules?

LAW 15 – Goal Kick

A goal kick is a method of restarting play. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team. A goal kick is awarded when:

- the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored.

Procedure

- the ball is kicked from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team
- opponents remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play
- the kicker does not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player
- the ball is in play when it is kicked directly beyond the penalty area.

Infringements/Sanctions

If the ball is not kicked directly into play beyond the penalty area:

- the kick is retaken.

Goal kick taken by a player other than the goalkeeper

If, after the ball is in play, the kicker touches the ball a second time (except with his hands) before it has touched another player:

- an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team, kick to be taken from place where infringement occurred.

If, after the ball is in play, the kicker deliberately handles the ball before it has touched another player:

- a direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team, kick to be taken from place where infringement occurred
- a penalty kick is awarded if the infringement occurred inside the kicker’s penalty area.

Goal kick taken by the goalkeeper

If, after the ball is in play, the goalkeeper touches the ball a second time (except with his hands) before it has touched another player:

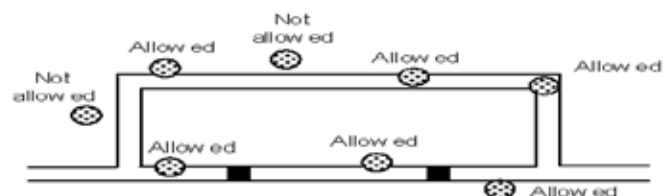
- an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team, kick to be taken from place where infringement occurred

If, after the ball is in play, the goalkeeper deliberately handles the ball before it has touched another player:

- a direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if infringement occurred outside goalkeeper’s penalty area, kick to be taken from place where infringement occurred
- an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the infringement occurred inside the goalkeeper’s penalty area, kick to be taken from place where infringement occurred.

For any other infringement of this Law:

- the kick is retaken.



Source: Law 16 Goal Kick
 FIFA Laws of the game 2007/2008



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Letter of Appeal

M'Lop Tapang is a facility in Sihanoukville, Cambodia which was established by John McGinley, a local Australian man. The facility was established to provide support and education for street living and working children.

Our family have been involved with M'Lop Tapang fund raising via our school SCECGS Redlands. Lilly our youngest daughter has been given the opportunity of volunteering at M'Lop Tapang in the July school holidays: this is unique as foreign workers are not used in the Centre at all.

Lilly has been asked to teach craft, English and sport, with football being her chosen sport. Lilly played for Strikers of about 8 years and our family has been associated with the Club for even longer.

It would be great if we could take some old football jerseys and boots with us to Cambodia when we leave early in July which we could use while we are there and leave behind for the kids to use later. We could take some photos and send these back to you for inclusion in the next newsletter so Strikers might be able to establish a relationship with the Centre should they see fit. The Cambodians are generally small of stature but any shirts, shorts or boots and balls would be most welcome.

We are leaving for Cambodia on 8 July, 2008 so would need to have any donations in by 5-7 days beforehand to enable us to pack. Please leave any gear inside the store room at St Matthews. We look forward to the opportunity of working with Strikers on this fantastic opportunity.

Kind regards
 Bronwen Castor

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/>

Coaches and Managers Night

All coaches and managers need to place Monday the 23rd of June in their diaries. This is the date when the Club shows its appreciation for all the work that coaches and managers have done in fielding teams for the season. A light meal will be served and drinks made available. Venue and time will be MWFA Clubhouse on South Creek Road, Cromer. The evening will start at 6.30pm for 7.00pm meal.

Please RSVP your age coordinator so that numbers can be catered for.

Canteen Roster for June/July			
8-9.15am	9.15-10.30am	10.30-11.45am	1.45-1.00pm
21/06/2008	U7 Brescianos	WU14-Div1	U8 Scholes
28/06/2008	U6 Jaguars	U6 Falcons	WU14-Div 3
5/07/2008	U6 Wolves	U6 Buffaloes	WU11-Div 2
			U8 DiStefanos



What's In A Name

Under 7 Popovics - Anthony Popovic

Popovic's family is of Croatian descent and he grew up in Fairfield, Sydney. He attended Fairvale High School and left in 1989 to pursue his football career.

Popovic began his career with Sydney United before a move to play in the J-League, where he stayed for five years scoring 13 goals in 94 appearances. He signed for Crystal Palace on a free transfer in August 2001 from Sanfrecce Hiroshima. He became an integral part of the Palace defence, eventually becoming club captain. Popovic's contract with Palace expired at the end of June 2006, and he decided against accepting the club's offer of a new contract. He instead moved to Qatar club, Al-Arabi.

In 2007, with the growth of the A-League and slight homesickness, Popovic, moved to his home town club Sydney FC, signing a three year deal, with coach Branko Ćulina also announcing him the club's captain. Popovic scored his first goal on the 28th October 2007 from a corner to beat the Mariners 3-2 in front of his home crowd of 17,850.

Popovic began his full international career in 1995 with the Australian national team. Over the next eleven years Popovic made 58 appearances for the Socceroos, scoring 8 goals. Tony Popovic announced his retirement from International football in October 2006.

The highlight of Popovic's career came in 2006 when the Australian national team qualified for the FIFA World Cup under the management of Guus Hiddink. He took part in both legs in the qualifying match against Uruguay. Being replaced in the first half of the second leg due to injury by Harry Kewell. The tall defender was named in the competing squad and made his World Cup debut against Brazil on 18 June. He suffered a calf injury 40 minutes into the game and was replaced by Marco Bresciano for the second half. His injury ruled him out of Australia's last match in the group stage, against Croatia, and their second round loss against eventual winners, Italy.

On 4 October 2006 Tony Popovic announced his retirement from the Socceroos. Popovic's most famous goal was a header, the opening goal in a 3-1 win for Australia against England at Upton Park in 2003.

Source: Wikipedia, 16th June 2008

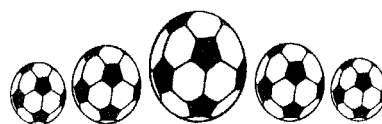
Match Reports

U/6 Platinis 5 Vs Avalon Stingrays 0

After the big wet, the boys were very keen to get back on the park. We started early with Daniel quickly in the action with an early goal and this was followed up by Blake with a right boot into the back of the net. The Stingrays fought back well and were well controlled by Mathew and Nathan in the midfield. Sam made some nice saves in goals and we were up 2 nil at half time.

The second half the boys continued to combine well with Lachlan providing some good link passes and Damien off a neat pass from Cameron chimed in with a goal. Tom was on fire in the second half with back-to-back goals to extend the margin to 5.

Lachlan was safe in goals to keep a clean sheet and Blake won Player of the Week.



Match Reports

WU10 Daisies 4 Vs Manly Vale 0

Great to see all the girls back in action this week with the exception of Rachel. Hurry back Rachel we miss you.

As the game started the Daisies were on their way with a great break from Arlia down the side, then great inside pass to Tara equally good onto to Sophia who scored our first goal... A couple of minutes later Grace J latched onto the ball, dribbled past a few defenders and the left power boot belted the ball in for another goal. 2-0 to the Daisies. Grace D was popping up all over the park with fantastic defence. Ella, Ruby and Rebecca were awesome at the back stopping most attacking raids. Indiana proved that she is a goalie in the making with some great saves, with a great right foot, that drove the ball into the oppositions half. Many breaks were made by Emma another player who was all over the ball.

The second half saw Grace D looking very sharp as goalie. Play was going from end to end until finally something gave and Emma seeing the goalie out too far lifted the ball over her head and straight into goal. The girls trying so hard continued to push that ball forward. Ruby almost scoring, then a few minutes to go Ella powers a shot past the goalie. What a great finish.

Daisy of the week goes to Ruby. Well done to all girls – a GREAT GAME. A very special mention goes to the father on the sideline who thought he was Pele and kept the other parents well entertained.

U10/5s 1 Vs Wakehurst 0

Probably the less said about this game the better. Playing against 9 men we should have had an easy win, yet we didn't seem to want to play today. The opposition was gallant, never gave up and did not deserve to lose. Strikers didn't seem interested in winning the ball and spent the day waiting for it to come to them. This was not the same side from 2 weeks ago that held their positions and passed magnificently. Our lone goal came at the end of the first half after a determined effort from Luke G had the ball heading towards goal and Mitchell was on hand to force it over the line.

A better effort was expected in the second half, but although we created chances, we failed to capitalise. We snuck home in the end but it was a close thing and a much improved performance is required next week against the undefeated Manly Vale.

Best on the day were Amy (who plays well whichever position she's in), Luke G, Mitchell and Lachlan.

Goals – Mitchell 1, Player of the Week – Amy, Encouragement Award – Luke G.

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