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Under 7 Tigers - 1981

Despite the under 7 tigers winning only one game, their determination and spirit remained high for the whole season. The youngsters would probably have lost their interest early in the season had it not been for the excellent support given by the parents, and the determined effort put in by our coach, Lyle Spivey and assistant coach, Rob Cranch. The object of junior soccer is to provide a healthy medium for boys to have fun, learn how to be part of a team, and develop some basic soccer skills. In this respect, it was a very successful season, and a good introduction to the sport for the boys and many of the parents alike.



Under 7 Cats Report

Our season started in a confusing manner due to the fact that the boys had to explain positions and rules to the coach. But after a couple of the games the team moulded into a very competent and hard working team. Our two goalers Guy Noel and Matthew Campbell did an excellent job throughout the year. Our forwards headed by Mark Timms, Craig Campbell and Michael Calder, who all won hat trick certificates, were very consistent and improved as the season progressed. Our backs were finding the going tough early in the season, but with a lot of hard work and determination by the boys we developed the most aggressive and attacking defence in the competition consisting of Brad Campbell, Stephen Jefferies and Dean Shannon. A special mention to our two most improved players of the season in Luke Hynes and Sean Hettel.

In the under 7 carnival we were a bit unlucky being eliminated from the finals by Berwick who we beat on the previous day 2-0. In conclusion I would like to thank the boys and parents involved for a very enjoyable year. A special thanks to Tony Noel and Andrew Timms for their umpiring efforts. The season would have to be considered successful with us winning 75% of our games.

While most of us were still on the beach and wondering if the world would ever cool down again some of our junior players were striving for selection in the Peninsula Regional Squad. Two of our boys, Dean Simkin and Paul Helmore made the squad and played in the Regional Championships held over two weekends at the end of March and beginning of April at Croydon. Peninsula were not as successful as we had hoped. Seven regional teams competed and of the six games that Peninsula played = against each of the other teams = it won one, drew one and lost the other four. However Skye is proud that two of its boys were selected and we hope the experience will stand them in good stead in the future. By and large the teams that Peninsula met were big, strong and fast and it was all good practice. The squad was composed of under-12 and under-11 boys and so Dean should be especially congratulated. Despite his lack of years - he qualifies as an under-11 player but plays with Skye under-12s - and lack of inches both up and across he mixed it with the best of them. Both Dean and Paul received their regional badges as a presentation night at the Mornington Soccer Club in June. All the boys found one of the biggest problems was the timing. Because the championship games had to be played before the winter season got under way training and selection had to take place in late February and early March. The training grounds at Seaford were rock hard and the boys taking part, used to wearing thongs all summer, and having to force their feet into last seasons boots often found the going very hard. Well done, Dean and Paul.



Under 8s

Another season has been completed and, I'm pleased to say, a very successful one. Last year = we found it very hard to win matches but this year the results speak for themselves.

	won	drawn	lost	goals for	goals against
Skye Magpies	12	1	5	48	20
Skye Saints	3	6	8	15	32

The young and inexperienced Saints didn't win quite as many matches as the Magpies but in the later half of the season they showed a marked improvement. As the coach of Peninsula commented as our last game: "That's the best B team game I've seen all season". When the boys learn to listen to the coach and try to stay in position the results should come - shouldn't they Wade? Wade will know what I mean.

With a few positional changes early in the season we found a couple of stars in the Magpie line-up. The most important of these was the changing of our tough and hard tackling defender Matthew Duffy into a brilliant goalkeeper. (By the way, Mr. Hall and Mr. Storer, he is not for sale on the open market!). Also the forced change of Jason and Brett helped us give Mornington a real battle.. In that particular game we opened the scoring with a mercurial kick by our goalkeeper Matt Duffy and from then on we never looked back and won 3-1. This was a fine result against a team that won our under-8 carnival 8-0. I must make mention of our two top strikers, Gavin (25 goals) and Timmy (11 goals) who gave us something to aim at. In midfield Goldy was tireless (well almost) and the other two lads certainly made names for themselves in the Mornington Carnival. Young Tanou saved the day with a blistering left foot equaliser - well done son. Simmo played the best game of the season in the semi-final, out-playing everyone who came near him.

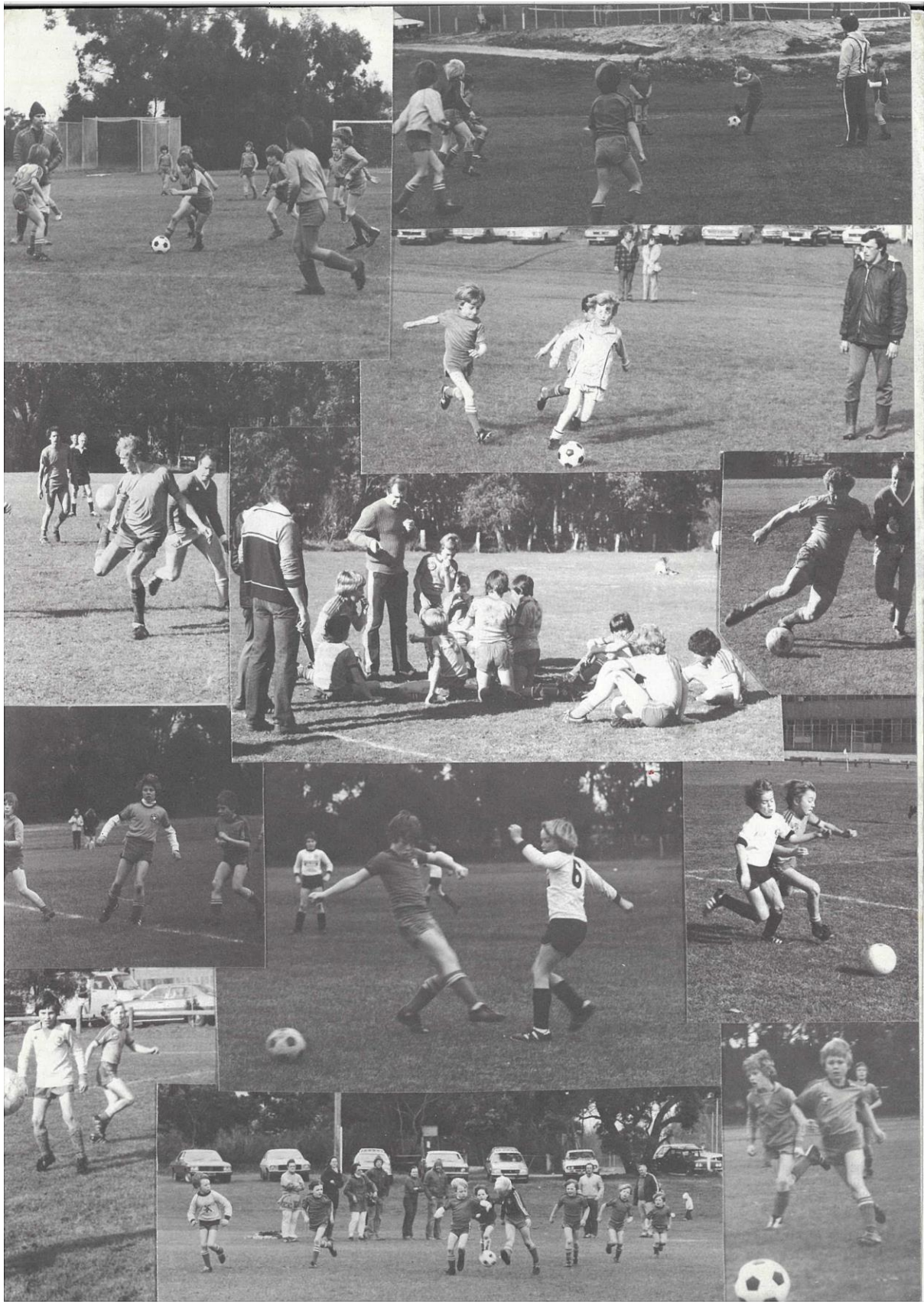
With the Saints opening the season on a crushing 6-1 defeat they sure did come back strongly. The little lads, never admitting defeat, kept trying all day and I'm sure none of them were ever disappointed. With more experience they will improve especially with strong lads at the back Brendan, Mark and Andrew tackling harder, Matthews and Stuart haveng some sprint training. Up front the two Davids with (shooting for goal practice) and their running ability. Tim, a natural left footer, Wade holding down his position. Who forgot little Jan just because he's the smallest player we've got he still has the hardest kick in the team. With the extra year under their belts and some hard training to follow next season we'll make a good team.

I would like to say a thank you to all families who followed the boys and gave them support throughout the season, after all they do need the encouragement. On a final note a young fellow who shows tremendous potential and is a real pleasure to coach and train has moved to Mornington to live and may not play for Skye next season. If he is unable to join us again next season I would like to wish him and his family all the very best for the future. Good luck and thank you Brett.

Coach and Manager
Graham Baulk.









Under 9 Jets

Another successful season has concluded, and the boys have been fine ambassadors for our club. The future of our club rests heavily on the small shoulders of these boys, and it is my opinion that if we can retain each and every one of them, the future looks encouraging.

I have not nominated individuals when evaluating performances during this season, because I feel that this great game of ours is a team effort and each member has contributed his own particular talent during the year.

I would like to thank the boys, for giving me so much enjoyment during the season, and the parents, who have extended that helping hand.

See you all next season.

Alan Parrott.

Under 9 - Gunners

What a finish to the season for the Mighty Gunners - only one loss (to Seaford) in the last six matches. Led by captain Jamie Burrows the boys deserve all the credit for a tremendous season. From goalkeeper Ian Wright to winger Adam Virgona they all put in.

My thanks to joint team managers Graham Ryan and Dennis Nichols for making my job easier - also to Mrs. Wright for the big supply of oranges. Finally to the parents who supported us, win, lose or draw throughout the season.

Tony Hall

Under 9 - Hammers

Bill Dawson, Mike Oram and Paul Adams have put a lot of effort into our first year U9 team. Ninety-nine percent of the boys had never played soccer before and they took some heavy losses. Despite this the boys trained eagerly each week and never got downhearted. This type of enthusiasm is surely something to encourage.

Tony Hall



Under 10s

The start of the season was one of optimism with many new boys joining the team. Despite the efforts of these enthusiastic young lads their inexperience resulted in losing every match in the first half of the season. The scores didn't always illustrate the standard of soccer played and it was easy to see the potential our boys had.

The turning point came when Peninsula challenged Skye to a friendly game as they wished to give their weaker boys a run. Skye took full advantage of the situation and won 6-0, this was all the incentive the team needed as the results for the second half of the season was 5 wins 2 draws and 4 losses. The under 10s have always enjoyed a strong following of parents and friends and all were delighted to see the improvement in the team.

We now eagerly look forward to the next season which will be the start of competitive soccer.

Mike Storer.



Under 11

After a slow start to the season, the Under 11s gradually developed into a formidable combination. During the second half of the season the team's results improved considerably and their performances against Peninsula (1-2) and Mornington (2-1) were an indication of what this team can really do.

These boys are slowly learning that soccer is a team game and they will show dramatic improvement in 1982 if their attitude is right and they train hard.

While all boys played well, a special mention is due to Bruce Howden and Nigel Church whose tremendous determination was an inspiration to the whole team.

Kevin Smith.

Under 12s

The under 12s achieved a great deal this season. They showed character, courage and determination throughout each game and rarely failed to give their all.

Although the season held little in the way of good results, the boys had to be admired for their fighting spirit and dedication to the game.

On behalf of the under 12s I wish to thank Alan Parrott and Tony Hall for their time and effort during the season in coaching the boys. Apart from teaching the boys the skills of the game, Alan instilled enthusiasm into their game and earned their respect and admiration.

Again thanks to the parents for playing their part. It is nice to know you were with the boys throughout the season.

Finally, a special mention to the boys from the other Skye teams for filling in when required. Thank you.

Eric Booth.

Most parents will be aware by now that some of our older boys and our seniors have been able to train under lights on a Wednesday evening at Skye Ground since quite early in the season. The lights were the result of a grant from the Ministry of Youth Sport and Recreation and the work of Angus Morrison.. Club President Kevin Finlay officially switched the lights on for the first time in early May.

The benefits are enormous.. Our older boys can now have two coaching sessions a week, their normal Monday afternoon session and the Wednesday night at the ground. The presence of senior players on the Wednesday night sessions means that the boys can have individual tuition in the many arts of the game.

The enthusiasm of the boys for the night training is great to see. We are starting to see some of the results of this training on the field and we hope that it will become even more evident next season.

The damage to our senior goalposts early in the season was not financially crippling and all things considered it did not take that long to repair. But it was very disheartening.

Skye Soccer Club provides the opportunity for boys and young men of many ages to enjoy themselves and use up their surplus energy on the field.. So it is very upsetting when someone decides to use his energy in another way and consciously or unconsciously comes close to ruining the fun of others.

Although the damage was not so severe that it could not be righted it still took a little time and effort on behalf of club stalwarts to put it right and on the same day some twenty or thirty members and their sons spent two hours at the ground carrying out some of the other myriad tasks that need to be done to keep our ground in order.

You will have guessed by reading this far that we would like all Skye members and members parents to help out. Next season like this season regular tasks will include cutting the grass, marking out the ground and putting up the nets before games and taking them down afterwards. We would be pleased to have whatever help is offered.. Please ask next season when the working parties are scheduled and you will be included.

This is an SOS.

We have a lot of boys playing in our various age groups.. A large proportion of them are under nine and younger and there are quite a few at under 10. We have enough under-11s but after that the picture becomes a little grim.. Our under-12 team (which will be next seasons under-13s) has only nine boys of true under-12 rating. The team counts as valuable members three or four under-11 boys and plays this mixed team each week. However if one or two boys cant make a game - and this often happens through family holidays and weekends away and other activities such as scouts or other sports - we are hard put to it to field a full strength team. So the SOS.. Please, please, please if you have any under-12s in your family or you know of any as sons of friends or who even live in your street or round the corner ask them if they would like to don the green shirt and enjoy the comradeship of what will become our under-13 team next season.

Under-13 as far as the VSF is concerned is under-13 on 1 January, 1982.

All you parents out there dont need to be told how expensive it is to buy soccer boots for your boys at the beginning of a season. And we are sure you cant believe how quickly your sons' feet grow and how soon they need to have newboots. But when you are buying rhe new ones please don't throw the old ones away. Give them to the club.
We hope that this way we may be able to build up a stock of boots and hand them down the line. Many hopefuls turn up for training and some stay and some don't. We can give them a chance to try out the game without the expense. We can also keep the cost of buying boots down by donating them to other regular players.
If properly cared for most boots will last at least two seasons and this will keep down the cost of preparing for another winter.

That green shirt that your son is so proud of looks really great and it is very tempting to wear it to training sessions. We have to ask you not to let your son do so. The same is true of shorts and socks provided by the club. All three articles are fairly durable but take quite a pounding out there in the middle. The club ruling is that strip only be worn at club games.. The reason is that this way it last longer and we can keep membership costs down.
The alternative can be a tee-shirt, old PE shorts and old socks - it does not matter at all at training - but please keep the club strip for the real thing at the weekends.
Perhaps your boys would like to sport their favourite Collingwood guernsey (Carna Pies) or perhaps they are Blues or Hawks fans. These sorts of jumpers certainly make the training sessions more colourful!

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