

FRANKSTON UNITED
JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

FAREWELL TO SEASON 1990



FRANKSTON UNITED UNDER 7'S

"THUNDERBIRDS"

TEAM: S Ballerini, A Caminiti, S Cliffe, D Marasco, K Naismith, C Nicholes, A Poole, A Rath, M Tyas, P Tyas, N Walsh, D Wehner, B Van Zarden

Manager: Robert Rath
Coach: David Cliffe
Assistant Coach: Rodney Naismith

From the first kick-off, to the final whistle of the season, the boys and parents of the "Thunderbirds" enjoyed a very special and successful year.

Over 230 goals were scored by the team during the regular season plus another 34 in gala day competitions.

Indeed, the team won their own gala day event held at the Robinson's Road complex, near the end of the season, by beating friendly rivals, Seaford United 4-0 in the final. The team also came runners-up at the Seaford gala day, being beaten 2-1 in the final by Sandringham.

A feature of the season was that all boys got their name on the scoresheet, at least once, and played all games in the spirit of how soccer should be played – fairly and with enthusiasm.

Success on the park throughout the season – a 35 win, 1 loss record, was overshadowed though by the progressive development of the boys own soccer skills.

In games against Peninsula, Langwarrin and Dingley, glimpses of outstanding individual skills and combined teamwork by all boys was previewed, hinting at just what the boys were capable of when it "all came together" in the return game against Mornington.

This game, which the boys won 9-0, was not outstanding for just the final score line, but rather for the way in which the boys played – well above what their years and experience dictate.

Anyone watching this game would have seen under 7 soccer at its *best* and been delighted as players including Adam Poole, Kane Naismith and Daniel Wehner turned opposition players inside out and constantly dribbled the ball down the wings, past defenders, to the goal line before crossing perfect centres where finishing by Calib Nicholes and Mark Tyas was clinical.

In defence, Bret Van Zanden, who played a sweepers role consistently kept Mornington players at bay, closing them right out of the game.

Other boys to feature, not only in this game but at other games throughout the season include: Steven Ballarini, who is a strong tackler of the ball and shows great potential as a future goalkeeper; Steven Cliffe, who has improved with every game he plays; Andrew Rath, who has a good sense of direction to the oppositions goal. Nicholas Walsh who has one of the longest "throw-ins" seen this year; Adrian Caminiti who can turn opposition players inside-out and Paul Tyas; whose determination has made him one of our players most popular players.

A long and successful year, with big wins against the majority of opposition, all boys should be well pleased with their efforts and the progress they have made and should look forward with enthusiasm to next season.

"So keep kicking the soccer ball around the backgarden during summer boys!"

Many thanks are extended to all parents for their support throughout the season and to the teams sponsor for 1990, Proud Chick.

A particular mention of thanks is extended to Mr Colin Sannen, who came to the Under 7's rescue when he constructed and installed new goals, at Robinson's Road, early in the season, following the pathetic antics of unknown vandals who destroyed the existing goals.

FRANKSTON UNITED
UNDER 7 - FALCONS

The under 7 team started training in early April with no permanent coach. But thanks to Clayton and Ryan Lee this task was undertaken, "Claytons Falcons" were born. A total of 9 boys with no experience of Soccer, Clayton had a big job before him. Watching from the sidelines the first few practice nights the boys were to test Clayton and Ryan's patience, but were slowly learning the skills. The first game of the season was April 21st against Seaford, we went down in both games but the boys fought hard and a win was just around the corner. The third game of the season Falcons teams first goal was kicked, the roar of the parents could be heard down the whole of the Peninsula, to notch up our first win for the year.

Having 2 teams more players were needed, canvassing the schools, 3 more boys were found for a full squad of 12 players. Winning and losing at this young stage in life is not important, but learning the skills and mateship is. With the help of Clayton & Ryan's coaching this was made possible.

We are coming to the end of the year now with all the boys a Soccer season wiser. Five player's because of age go up to U/8's next year. The boys and parents of Claytons Falcons wish you all the very best for the future.

I haven't named any of the falcons squad because in my eyes they all try hard and one is not better than the other, we are a team. I thank the parents for their help this year, but new idea's and more parents assistance for season 1991 U/7's would be gratefully accepted. Once again thankyou to all the boys and parents for a most enjoyable season. Hoping to see you all next year with some of your friends as new players.

Wayne Stevens
Team Manager U/7's Falcons.

FRANKSTON UNITED
UNDER 8'S

For the boys it has been a long but rewarding season. They came together several weeks before the first game to form what in the near future will be a good soccer team. The first half of the year saw them getting to know one another. They had a number of excellent games against some very good teams. Winning four, losing five and drawing two. The second half of the season also had its moments with some tight games. Winning five, losing five and drawing two.

We played in two carnivals. One being our own and the other at Seaford. We were very proud of the way the boys represented the club, and both days we found ourselves tied on goals for a place in the semi-finals. This meant a play-off of two five minute halves, which we unfortunately lost.

We had a practise match against Cranbourne on a large pitch, to give the boys some idea for next year. I feel they will see a big difference between the two pitches next year but it will be nice to see all the boys play together in one team.

On behalf of the boys and parents who supported us for the year I would like to thank Nick Marosco for coaching the Under 8 team.

Robert Law.

REPORT FROM THE UNDER 11 TEAM

The under 11 boys have had an excellent season. They have won 15, drawn 4 and lost 3. They have scored 67 goals while only having 22 scored against them (11 of these from one team - Cranbourne).

We have had a successful hot dog and video night where, thanks to Ken Taylor, the boys were able to see some of their games on video.

I would like to thank our parents for their support this season, with most of them turning out all weathers to support their sons. In particular I would like to thank the stand in refs. and linesmen when I was unable to do the job. It makes a tremendous difference to see the support, know that help is there if required and canteen rosters fulfilled.

Finally nothing could have been achieved this year without the determination and commitment of the boys. They always turned up, training as well as games, and never gave up trying in any of their games. They are all worth mentioning by name:

Nickolas Blanch	Scott Buchanan	Nickolas Cimdins
Kenny Doyle	Peter Fullwood	Carl Gray
Sean Hunt	Barry Jones	Cameron Naismith
Scott Phillips	Travis Sannen	Daniel Stabb
Mark Taylor	Brett Thornton	Craig Whitlow

Barry Fullwood
Manager

FRANKSTON UNITED U9 SEASON 1990 REPORT

The boys played their 'little' hearts out this season. They usually played one or two players short, which put a lot of unpleasant pressure on the boys, especially upon those who were in their first season of soccer. The more able boys coped reasonably well, but they too were often frustrated by the lack of numbers needed to create scoring opportunities. However, even against these odds, the boys enthusiasm for soccer wasn't dampened. They tried their 'darn' hardest and best to win in all the games they participated, but often the going was a bit beyond them.

The boys played without a regular goalkeeper, until Nataniel Roberts appeared on the scene later in the season, and very capably took over the goalkeeping position.

I'm certain that all the boys have now gained a good understanding of the game of soccer, as each game was an important learning experience for all the boys (and parents). Next year, the boys will be given further opportunities to build upon the knowledge and skills gained this year.

Under 9 Results for Season 1990

1. 28/4 Away v Karingal 5-1 Aaron Petrucci (1)
David Morgan (1) (U10)
Paul Robinson (1)
Martin Donnelly (1) (U10)
Owen Winsor (1) (U10)
2. 5/5 Home v Doveton -0-0
3. 12/5 Away v Seaford 0-4
4. 19/5 Home v Peninsula 1-0 David Morgan (1) (U10)
5. 26/5 Away v Mornington 0-4
6. 2/6 Home v Langwarrin 0-1
7. 9/6 Away v Baxter 0-1 Aaron Petrucci (1)
8. 16/6 Home v Dingley 0-2
9. 28/7 Away v Doveton 1-3 Paul Robinson (1) Penalty
10. 4/8 Home v Seaford 1-4 Phillip Jones (1)
11. 11/8 Away v Peninsula 0-2
12. 18/8 Home v Mornington 2-3 Aaron Petrucci (2)
13. 25/8 Away v Langwarrin 0-4
14. 1/9 Home v Baxter 2-0 David Morgan (1)
Paul Robinson (1)
15. 8/9 Away v Dingley 0-1

* The last game was the best game the boys played all season. It was evenly contested throughout, but Frankston United missed several good opportunities to score. (Dingley finished the season undefeated!)

SCORELINE:

- * Played 15 - won 4 drew 1 lost 10
- * Goals 13 for 29 against.

PLAYER PROFILES UNDER 9

AARON ELIAS

Central defender or "blocker". Not the quickest player in the team, but has bamboozled many attacking thrusts by opposition teams. In his first season of soccer, he made gradual improvement to become a reliable defender.

PHILLIP JONES

Right forward and the "dynamo" of the team. When he gets a run-on nothing, and nobody can catch him! He is blessed with good soccer skills, and has the ability to do the unpredictable and spectacular. (He appears addicted to the cold, watery sponge as he has the ability to attract some crippling injuries!)

ANDREW KINNAIRD

Defender of considerable courage. He has made the biggest improvement of all the new boys. He is a good listener, and has always worked conscientiously at training. Always plays keenly, and will progress even more next year.

JOHN KOOT (JNR)

Solid sweeper and dependable backline trouble shooter. John has repelled a "million" opposition attacking moves this season. He has been an unrelenting and untiring player all season, always giving ALL he had! He carried the responsibility of defending for his team with great determination.

AARON PETRUCCI

Centre forward who found it difficult to break through the cordon of opposition defenders who surrounded him in many of the games this year. When he did manage to sneak through, he usually scored... much to the coach's relief! (The running verbal exchanges between him and the coach, were very "entertaining!") He'll be bigger and stronger next year, and certain to give the opposition defenders a lot more "cheek"... much to the coach's relief!

CARL SMITH

Defender/Mid-fielder/forward/winger/goal-keeper....you name it, he played it...all in the one game! He really enjoyed his soccer, and a real trier all year. Carl found the going a little tough early in the season, but gradually came to terms with the game of soccer, as the season progressed. (I've heard that Carl is doing a pre-season running program next year!)

NATHANIEL ROBERTS

Nathaniel played in the U8's last year (1989), but didn't return to play in the U9's at the commencement of the 1990 season. However, he was "nagged" by David Jones to return to soccer and following the mid-season break, Nathaniel, who didn't like seeing a grown man cry, appeared for a game... much to the coach's (and David's) relief! He has been the team's regular goal-keeper, and has saved a "million" goals! He seems suited to the goal-keeping business and we hope he doesn't go walkabout next year.

PAUL ROBINSON

The striking machine of the team! A bullocky and tenacious player, who has displayed enormous determination in all the games he played. He doesn't like losing, but who does? When he realises that in sport "you will always win some and lose some" he'll enjoy himself a lot more. I'm sure he'll kick many winning goals during his very promising soccer career.

NICK WEERHEIM

A defender and another most improved player in the team. What he may lack in pace, he makes up for in determination. Early in the season he was a little overwhelmed by the game of soccer, and often watched in amazement as opposition players pranced casually past him. Suddenly, as if possessed, he started moving at them, and even chased many of them all over the park..much to the coach's relief! As Nick's confidence grew, so did his skills.

STEPHEN WYTE

Stephen really enjoyed his soccer this season. He liked playing the "loose man" around the pitch, always looking to create opportunities for team mates! On many occasions he provided great assistance in defence, and when playing forward one day came close to scoring a goal or three, but was always caught off-side..much to the coach's anguish!!! (I wonder if anyone has ever explained the off-side rule to him, because he often appeared perturbed when he was pulled up by the #\$\$¢*¢#!* referee!

THANK-YOUS

A sincere hearty thank-you to the parents of the UNDER 9 team. John and I have greatly appreciated your support of and involvement with the team. Thank you to Beth Weerheim for all her work as social manager. A thankless job well done. Thank you to David Jones, who picked up a carload of boys from the neighbourhood every Saturday morning, to ensure we had a team on the park. Thank you to the under 10 boys (David Morgan, Owen Winsor, Martin Connelly), and the under 8 boys (Marcus Law and Luke Bardsley). who helped out in times needed throughout the season.

Thank you to John Koot (Snr) who coached the team with genuine enthusiasm and dedication and for giving the boys the opportunity to play the great game of soccer.

Hope to see you all return next season.

Matthew Petrucci
(Team Manager)

John Koot
(Coach)

DON'T FORGET.....

8th October PRESENTATION NIGHT
McCLELLAND DRIVE (6.00pm)

15th October ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Robinson Park Rooms (8.00pm)

*** TEAM PHOTOS *** Will be available for purchase on presentation night
(\$5)

FRANKSTON UNITED UNDER 10'S

The start of the season saw us looking for players to make up a full team, and we had our new Coach, John Darmarkis to "break in".

The boys were a bit nervous about their first game, being our old foe Seaford. They beat them 1-0 and things started looking good.

Our regulars - Daniel Simmons, Martin Donnelly, James Robinson, Rodney Cibura, David Morgan, Noam Shoa, Graham Hanmer, Owen Winsor, Drew Boyle and Dominic Boucher, were joined by Ashleigh Thomson and Trent Kennedy to form a good squad. Also through the season we have had help from Under 9's Paul Robinson, Aaron Petrucci and John Coote plus from Under 11's, Scott Phillips. Thank you to these boys.

When the boys played as a team they were very impressive and a joy to watch. But when they forgot about being a team, and some players started picking faults with others, they were shocking!

During the year we achieved 12 wins, 2 draws and 4 losses.

We entered 2 carnivals in which we won one and were runners up in the other.

As you can see, the team spirit was with us more than not.

Well done boys on a great season!

Thank you to our Coach, John Darmarkis and to our supportive parents.

See you all next year.

**KEN ROBINSON
TEAM MANAGER**

UNDER 12's

During the early weeks of March, our under 12 team did not look very stable as we had lost four players from the previous season. Pre-season training started with eight players with two (Daniel & Elliot) on regional duties.

With Langwarrin 12's folding, we were fortunate enough to recruit three of their best players, Dan Uden, Daniel Magill (Magoo) and Adrian Vandintren. Also, with the inclusion of Jeff from Harrys team, our confidence started to rise especially after a 4 - 1 victory over Seaford in a practice match.

On to the season. With fourteen boys in the squad: Daniel Darmakis, Daniel Magill, Daniel Uden, Daniel James, Kristan Boyle, Elliot Brooks, Jeff Newman, Andy Beasley, Ben Wehner, Andrew Donnelly, Jed Shearn, Lachlan Wright, Adrian Vandintren, Jamie Schloffer and Matthew Shurgold who transferred to the U.K. there was plenty of depth to choose from. Our first match was against Beaumaris who had, last year, won their league undefeated, we didn't worry about that outstanding record and beat them 2 - 1. That was the start of a very confident first half of the season. The boys were working hard on the training track, enjoying the efforts on the park, playing really good soccer and the team spirit was extremely high.

After our first 10 matches we had fine results - seven wins and three draws. The last game of the first half of the season against top team East Richmond produced a very entertaining and exciting game in wet conditions with the end result a 1-1 draw, so we turned the half way mark in second position on the league ladder.

The eleventh game saw our unbeaten record broken with a 1-2 loss to Beaumaris. That was Matthew Shurgolds last match after six years with the team. Matthew and his family left Australia to return to England, hopefully we will see them back at Frankston one day. In the following few weeks we had some problems that could have effected our lapse in form. Matthew left us, Jamie and Andrew had six weeks overseas, the coach had a back problem Ben a torn muscle (2 weeks) Andy chipped his knee cap (12 weeks) and Pines had a 7-2 win over us in the cup. To our guys credit, it was a very good game to watch, apart from the first 10 minutes when we conceded 4 goals, after that it was a very competitive game. We will get them next time fellas - right?

Our league season finished last week with a 0-2 loss to East Richmond (0-0 at half time). It didn't help having our captain Daniel on the bench sick and Andy watching on crutches. There is still the Peninsula Trophy to compete for - October the 13/14th at Cranbourne - let's show them how we can play.

Results for the season were as follows :

P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
20	12	4	4	40	17	28

We probably finished 3rd in the league

I don't like to single out individual players, but sometimes outstanding performances need recognition. Bens 27 goals were a pleasure to watch. At the other end of the park Big MAGOO hates to have goals put past him and had a very courageous season - with help from his personal masseur. I know it's a team game and I'm sure the team will agree you need an engine room, ours this year has been Elliot. Keep it up Elliot you have a lot to be proud of this season, even if dad gives you heaps!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Darmakis, Team Manager, for his help and support throughout the season. Also, Kevin and Len for their help over the season. Finally the boys have done a fine job over the season playing some great soccer, showing great skill, team spirit and most of all sportsmanship - THANKS GUYS.

With a team sport come the players and with the players come their Mums, Dads, Brothers and Sisters - a special THANK YOU for the support during the year especially the training lights and also for the support you give your son and the other players in the team.

Graham Baulk

FRANKSTON UNITED
UNDER 13 SUPER LEAGUE 1990

Games played - 22, Won - 11, Drew - 3, Lost - 8, For-35,
Against 29, Points 25.

League Standings (in order)

1. Sunshine Heights (Champions) We took 3 out of 4 points from Sunshine Heights
2. Sunshine Park
3. North Reservoir
4. Forrest Hill
5. North Sunshine
6. Mitcham
7. Frankston United
8. North Geelong
9. Melbourne City
10. Seaford United
11. Nunawading
12. Caulfield City

A solid years performance for the Under 13's resulting in us finishing in 7th position in the Super league.

All players contributed well throughout the year and deserve congratulating for this.

We took an early bath in the Cup competition this year, but I'm sure we will make amends in the Regional Championship.

Goalscorers for the Year

C Traynor	10
L Parrott	8
C LEOPOLD	5
D Cavallaro	4
A Barrett	3
M Doyle	1
M Bennett	1
Total	32

*awarded a 3-0 win v Caulfield as they withdrew from the comp.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON

- * 6-0 win v's Caulfield including a Luke Parrots Hat Trick
- * Taking 3 points out of 4 from the Champions Sunshine Heights, including a 1-0 away win
- * The "Double" over our neighbours Seaford United
- * Tim Prendergast actually wore only shorts in one game.
- * Matthew Simmons got the policeman to show us his Blue Lights!!
- * Matthew Bennett scored a penalty for us!!

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- * Andrew Gray played a full game without getting the "stitch"
- * Anthony Petrucci used his right foot on two occasions!
- * Cameron Leopold got through half-time with only eating half a dozen oranges!
- * Luke Parrott controlled the ball and went forward, rather than turning on the Ball First!
- * Glen Palmer shouted at someone!!
- * Adam Jamieson scored (even if it was against the under 12's!!)
- * Greig Taylor won a sprint in training!! (against his mum!!)
- * Alan Barrett won a green shirt!(in the Regionals)
- * Chris Traynor smiled in training (or was it wind!!)
- * Damien Cavallaro got through a month without stabbing himself or getting spots!!
- * Michael Doyle scored!
- * Harry brought us all a present back from Italy
- * Steve controlled himself during one game(well half of it anyway)
- * Anne Barrett presented a new beautiful daughter to the world.

LOWLIGHTS OF THE SEASON

*None worth mentioning

Many thanks go to those who helped in Canteen duties this year and those who delivered white pages and Melbourne Bigs. These are jobs that need to be done every year and the old phrase "many hands make light work" has never been more true when it comes to Club duties. Thanks to the Lads for a most enjoyable season and the coach for putting up with them! - only joking Harry - again your help and coaching throughout the year has been first class. And finally to all the parents of the boys for supporting them and the Club throughout season 1990.

See you all next year.

Steve Gray (Team Manager)

FRANKSTON UNITED
UNDER 14's

EASTERN 'A' COMPETITION

Three weeks prior to the start of the season it was doubtful we would be able to field a side in the Under 14's. We had no Coach and were at least four boys short of a side. However thanks to the efforts of Harry who both included our boys in his pre season training sessions as well as searched for a Coach and boys to make up our numbers, club spirit won out and with one week to go we had an excellent Coach in the form of Ivan Symonds as well as the numbers to begin the seasons battles.

The season for the side was a very good one. we lost only two games on the park and two as a result of total administrative incompetence on behalf of the Soccer Federation who failed to inform us of changes to the fixture and then gave the games against us.

Despite the frustrations the year was very successful, we drew too many that we should have won and the two we lost we learnt from, however, we still came fourth, a great effort. The club picked up some very good dedicated players as well as maintaining our stock of loyal year in year out, contributors. Ivan Symonds did a magnificent job with the boys, made even more credible given our shakey start and his initial lack of knowledge of his team. Well done mate.

Thanks to all parents who did their bit in the Canteen and in running the line, your assistance was much appreciated. Sue Trainer thanks, you "killed em" again.

To the boys , well done, and congratulations on being the best group of kids in the competition, your a credit to your parents, your club and made your Coach and Managers proud to be associated with you.

John Bradbury.

UNDER 16's

1990 was an eventful, and in many respects, a disappointing year for the under 16's. Although the team started the season with some very impressive wins, there was an undercurrent of unrest which was preventing the team from performing at their best.

The team ended the season in fourth position on the league table, and I feel sure that we could have won the flag if the players had performed as a coherent team. Final table positions were as follows:

Team	Points
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Karingal	32
Waverley	30
Brighton	24
Frankston United	24
Springvale City	24

Our results were 11 wins, 5 losses and 2 draws. 36 goals were scored, and 19 were scored against us.

The team comprised, in alphabetical order, Gavin Artico, David Barrett, Michael Bolton, Steven Ellis, Terry Gunning, Peter Klesel, Peter Kyriazis, Ryan Lee, Stephen Lukey, Geoff Lyon, Peter Matthews, Rob Pase, David Price, Darren Smith and Steven Wisniewski.

The under 16's were coached by Darren's father Paul Smith from the start of the season, when it appeared that the team may not even exist through the lack of a coach and players. Fortunately, the players materialised, and Paul performed the thankless task of coaching, until he discovered he had cancer, which was to put him out of action for the rest of the season.

Ryan's father, Clayton Lee volunteered to take over from Paul for the duration of his illness, and found himself doing so for a major part of the season. It is unfortunate that neither Paul nor Clayton were given due respect by some of the players, but I offer them all the thanks that they rightly deserve, and I hope that I speak for all the players and parents in hindsight.

Thanks also go to the parents and players who helped to make the season possible, including those who helped with the nets, oranges, running the lines, organising fund raising, cleaning the clubrooms etc. Special thanks go to Ryan Lee, Michael Bolton, Peter Matthews, Darren Smith, Gavin Artico, Steven Ellis and Stephen Lukey, and the parents who helped deliver 1,200 telephone books in May.

Without going into detail, I would like to express my disgust with the poor sportsmanship, racism, hooliganism, and generally abhorrent behaviour demonstrated by some members of the team throughout the season. It is through this behaviour and attitude that soccer gets its bad name, and I personally felt sick to be associated with it.

If these comments sound extremely bitter, it is because I have had many enjoyable years with the club, and have invested my time and money to help provide my son and the youth of Frankston with a sporting and character building opportunity second to none. This year, I saw the side of the sport which I had hoped I would be spared by being part of Frankston United. I hope for the sake of the club that lessons can be learned from this year.

Peter Lukey
Team Manager