

Regional Squads

The regional Peninsula squad teams have been in training for over a month now, two boys BRUCE HOWDEN in the U12's and PAUL HELMORE U13's have made the final squads, well done boys. JAMES FINDLAY, ADAM PARROTT, WAYNE PALMER U12's ROSS PAXTON U13's unfortunately did not get selected, apparently in some cases they just didn't get a fair chance and gives the committee the problem of whether it is advisable to send our boys along to future Regional selection.

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CLUB NEWS

Our senior squad's training is well under way, in two friendly fixtures they beat BOTANY PARK 1 - 0 and BALLAM PARK 2 - 0. Runners up to LYSAGHTS in the SAFEWAY - DAVID BONAR SHIELD and semi finalists in the 3MP cup last season, the team is looking for better fortunes this season. Matches are played on Sunday mornings K.O. 11am so any parent is welcome to come along.

The older players in the side are gradually giving way to younger players, a good sign, as we now have an U14 team it shouldn't be that long before some of these boys are ready for senior soccer

A warm welcome to Vanessa Fritz and boys who have joined the club from Baxter, we hope that you will enjoy your time at SKYE.

Social Activities

The JADE HOUSE in FRANKSTON has guaranteed the Club a considerable amount of money providing we can fill the house, we need approximately 120 people at \$15 a head, the date has yet to be arranged but it will possibly be a mid week event. Our end of season dinner/dance will be held at Wingham Lodge, again more details later.

Reminders to Parents

The Clubs fees do not cover for insurance, insurance fees for sporting clubs are very high and the club cannot therefore take responsibility for injuries to boys.

Parents are asked to drop their boys at John Paul College McMahons Road at approximately 4.15 on training nights and pick them up at 5.30, no child will be left at the ground on his own, but parents are asked to be prompt. No Club shirt, shorts or socks (unless old socks) to be worn on training nights.

SKYE "HIGH"

1978 saw the foundation of SKYE ROVERS with twenty boys taking their first steps into the world of soccer, in 1979 we affiliated to the Victorian Soccer Federation and in the seemingly short three years since have seen the Club grow to nearly one hundred and twenty boys, this year it will go higher.

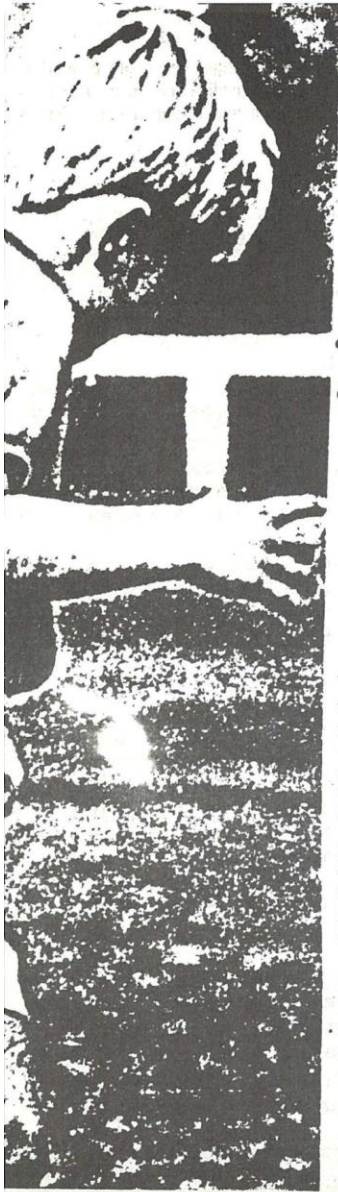
The Club have been fortunate in having KEVIN FINDLAY as President and his deputy MIKE McGIVERN, a very hard working secretary and GRAHAM SAMBELL to see us through our initial baptism, as you will notice from the list of Club officials these three stalwarts have retired from their positions, however all three remain within the Club with boys in various age groups, Mike also coaches our U12's, thanks for all your time and effort guys. Richard Stubbs is the Club's new President and he has gained a fine back up team to see the Club into its next era.

McDonalds Sponsorship

McDonalds in Frankston have once again agreed to sponsor the soccer club with "BIG MAC" vouchers throughout season 1982. For parents unfamiliar with the "BIG MAC" vouchers, team managers give the boys a voucher for endeavour on the field, ususally two boys per week are selected from each team. A great incentive for the boys, for parents don't forget to patronise McDonalds Frankston.

Ladies Auxillary

The ladies section of the Club is in progress once again. Irene Lukey, Noeline Spyve, Pauline Baulk and the girls had their first meeting, apparently everybody in last year's team have once again "signed" up. Our auxillary has raised thousands of "\$" since our inception and are the backbone of the Club.



The parents' role

There is nothing more frightening in soccer than to see a handful of fathers racing up and down the touchline yelling at their young sons.

Often you also see the mothers, even more vociferous. They call their urging — barracking. We call it a harmful extension of parental love. The boy you are shouting at — your son — is probably enjoying his game and playing it to the best of his ability. So let him enjoy it. To more than 80 per cent of the players in the junior grades, the matches are fun and recreation — a chance to be with their mates.

Only the other 20 per cent have a chance of staying in the game after they are 15 or so. Of these, a handful may reach the top. Perhaps one or two may rise to stardom but we are concerned with the 80 per cent — the happy majority.

It's utterly useless hollering instructions to these boys during a match; the chances are they will play worse than they normally would. When they hear the deep, resonant yell of their father, the boys usually react badly.

They want to please and flatter, but a mixture of resentment, fear and their own technical limitations will cut against them. More often than not these 'instructions' are not terribly constructive anyway and the boy, even when he is very young, instinctively knows it.

You shout at him: 'Boot it big!' But your son knows that he can't boot the ball more than 10 metres or so because nobody has taught him.

So he feels that his father is unreasonable and too demanding; his confidence wilts and his fun evaporates. At the earliest stage — in cases of boys under 10 or so — simple, logical and reasonable instructions from the sideline can bring results. Boys are apt to lose concentration and watch not the game in progress 40 metres from them but a low flying aeroplane, a bird or a stray dog.

By all means, draw his attention back to the game, not with a yell but with a quick and brief remark. But yelling won't get you anywhere. The worst is when fathers shout 'instructions' — and they are the wrong kind. This happens when dad himself is only vaguely familiar with soccer and he supposes that his more advanced age gives him an edge over his son. Every team has a coach or manager, so leave matters to him.

Imagine if every boy had to obey the loud instructions of his father; you'd have an orchestra

with 11 conductors. Give encouragement when things go wrong — when the boy completely miskicks a ball or misjudges the flight of a pass. Give him back his confidence with a casual remark — don't destroy it completely with a pained outcry.

If you feel you know enough about the game to offer your boy some criticism, keep it until after the match, preferably after the boy has had a shower, a bite to eat and some rest.

Don't drown him minutes after a match with your 'brilliant' tactical advice, don't tell him what you would have done in his place. Let him cool down and then — provided you know what you are talking about — have a father-to-son chat about the match and his role in it. But always remember one thing: you can't put old heads on young shoulders.

It's his team and his game; he is not reliving your youth for you. You may have been a veritable champion; your son may have inherited the wrong genes.

There is nothing sadder and more ridiculous than a father who wants to make his son into the champion he never was. This is the surest way of robbing your son of any pleasure he may get from his game.

SOCCER ON T.V.

The growth of soccer in Australia has had a marked effect on TV stations. The ABC give coverage twice a week, on Fridays "Match of the Day" and on Saturdays, "The Road to Wembley" or a repeat of the Friday programme.

Channels 7 and 9 also contribute programmes. 9 on Wednesday (very late) and 7 on Saturday (very late).

Possibly the best time to see British soccer would be on the Saturday ABC show, times of all programmes would have to be checked.

Captain Socceroo purely designed to show boys the basic skills in soccer can be seen on Wednesday and Saturday. They also have a local content show on Monday, and an overseas show on Friday, as can be seen. Channel 0 is the one to watch, check the times and tune-in.

President's Comment.

1982 Soccer is now with us. We welcome all new "up and coming" junior soccer stars and their families who I know will be well looked after by the club, which in the past four years has become very strong especially with the valuable support of many of our parents.

The club is growing quickly and will need more parental support in many areas. Please help make soccer an enjoyable sport for your boys by participating in some way if possible.

Richard Stubbs.

Ladies Auxiliary.

Welcome to the 1982 Season, after a successful 1981 we hope 1982 will be equally successful, please support the club and your boys as, without you the club cannot function.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have their next meeting on Monday 5th April, at 104 Grimwade Cres. 7838899 at 8.p.m. we would like as many new faces as possible.

Volunteers are needed to represent all teams for canteen, oranges and other duties throughout the year.

President Ann Gardener 7838899

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Our U11 squad under coach Mike Storer were invited by Balnarring Soccer Club President Brian Summerfield to help the club celebrate Hastings festival weekend in a mini tournament.

The weekend proved to be an outstanding success especially for our boys, Anthony Smith on loan from the U12 squad won the penalty Kicking competition and a new soccer ball. Billy Fleuter also won a soccer ball for outstanding play and the team won the overall competition, - Mike Storer's grin went from ear to ear.

Club Coaching

Senior player Liam Okelly has offered to run two or three short coaching courses for parents interested in learning the basics of soccer this could perhaps take in rules of the game, tactics general skills. Many parents have expressed interest in learning exactly what their boys really should be doing on the field.

Names can be handed into LIAM OKELLY who is at the ground today or any committee member Liam will also give you further details.

Horse Padgent.

A big thanks to all the people who turned up to assist in the horse padgent that was held at the Skye reserve last week. Most of the money raised on this occasion is used to improve facilities in the area. According to the organisers of the function they were most grateful for the overwhelming support given by Skye Rovers.

Pollution with a Purpose.

"You only get out of something what you put into it" so the saying goes. If that is correct what do you make out of the rumour that Mike McGivern finished up with a trailer full of horse manure off the Skye Soccer ground last week?