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Wow!

Yesterday was some day!

We had 9 teams competing in grand finals and we won 7 of them with the 7s finishing first and second in their knockout competition.

Congratulations to all those teams.



Results Tuesday 13th October 2020 Preliminary finals

U9 White



Unfortunately not the results we wanted to end our season with but the boys played hard. We saw some great passes and team work but unfortunately found it difficult to finish off the play and find the back of the net. Thank you to all the parents and supporters that came down to support our team. Hoping to see everyone back next year to continue on where we left off.

MOM: Jonah Cicchini

Premier League vs Goal scorer – own goal St Barnabas Broadway

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Wednesday 14th October 2020 Preliminary finals

U11 vs Kings Old Boys

After a very ordinary warm up I must say I was a little bit scared. Kings have been on the up all year and despite them not beating us throughout the season they had been improving out of sight and the boys were mucking around like it would just be an easy match. Both teams came out strong and fast and it was a nail biting first half. We bunched a lot in the midfield and so did they, making it impossible for us to get a shot on target or for them to clear the ball. Finally we took it wide; Sunday was able to get a beautiful cross in and Husein met it on the other end with a beautiful one touch finish. Half time saw the score with us 1-0 up, but in a final anything can happen and the boys knew we needed another goal. They came out in the second half and played their positions well. Ali, William, Benton and Mohamed in the back line were impenetrable and Kings only entered our half twice in the second half. A nice through ball from Francis found Sunday and we had our 2nd goal. We kept going hard and another cross from Sunday found Husein once again, sealing the deal. Grand Final here we come! Player of the Match tonight was Francis who was phenomenal!

Goal Scorers - Husein Abdikarin 2, Sunday Makuendit 1



Results

Saturday 17th October 2020

Knockout Finals

U6 White

OLQP Falcons Blue



It was a disappointing end to the season for the under 6's. They tried their best but got beaten by OLQP. CONGRATULATIONS boys on a great game and great season.

Goal scorer: Arman Davodi 2



U7 Red vs McCredie White 1 – 6





Well we made it to the grand final. The team was not in good form, so many hand balls , an own goal and a sense of chaos. This is not how we normally play. Congratulations to the whites on winning the grand final . All year the reds put in so much effort and for that I am so proud. There is always next year to win against our biggest rivals. The kids got donuts and lolly bags, so they were stoked anyway.

Goal scorer – own goal 1



U7 White vs McCredie Red 7 – 1



What an epic way to finish the season having both under 7 in the finals. The Reds were the first to score. With the coach reorganisation of the team we were able to equalise. After that the team was all pumped up and we were able to score another 5 to make it 6-1 in the end.

Goal scorers - Isaac Ibrahim 3, Jabari Uno 3, own goal 1



Grand Finals

U8-10 Girls



Our 8-10s had a fantastic game. The girls played their hearts out. Defence was great Faith and Lopasi defended really well. Danielle had a great game.

Goal scorers - Kuei Deng 4, Danielle Sleiman 1



U9 Red vs OLQP Falcons Blue 3 – 2



An awesome way to end a memorable season for the U9 Reds with our very first grand final win! The boys put in 110% effort against a team we drew 3 times with this season. We were expecting a challenging game and we were right. Their defence was strong but so was ours. The boys played their positions well, marked players, cleared the balls well and attacked the opposition relentlessly. And when the opposition attempted at the goal, our keeper Sebasjin stopped them in their path every single time. At full time the score was nil all and there was a feeling we were heading to a penalty shoot-out situation. The extra time saw both teams unable to score the golden goal. The penalty shoot-out was announced at full time and coach lined up the players. Sebasjin looked calm and was ready! The Reds started first and on our 5th attempt, we successfully scored 3 goals and OLQP was on 2. The pressure was on and when our keeper caught their final shot, it was all over and we had won! Our supporters went wild and all that could be heard was cheers of excitement. We are so proud of the boys and they have improved so much throughout the last 5 months. Their hard work paid off and they deserved the win. A massive thank you to our U8 reserve players, John, Jeremias and Emaan for all their support this season. It was great to celebrate our win together today. Thank you to all the players, parents, siblings and the club for making this soccer season possible. A positive memory for 2020! Player of the match was Sebasjin Tuki for being the best goal keeper ever!

Goal scorers: Logan Chen 1, Jeremias Ezenwa-Ndukaky 1, Kevin Quach 1



U10 Onyx



Well I think there was a big sigh of relief from coaches and parents when the season of hard work was paid off with a 6-1 win. After a dominant season it was very rewarding to see the boys finish with a solid win over Wenty. The first half in particular was exceptional with us constantly keeping Wenty camped in their half. The second half wasn't quite as dominant but we still managed to win the half 2-1 which demonstrated that even when not at our best we are still able to stay on top of oppositions. In terms of goals, Aaron was the standout with a hat trick and all round man of the match performance as well as Yonathan with a very nice long range goal and Nik continuing his goal scoring form right to the end of the season. Both Wil and I were extremely proud of how the boys played all year and how well they put into practice the things worked on at training and before games. We hope to see everyone back next year to do it all again!

Goal Scorers - Aaron Kidane 3, Yonathan Kiflom 1, Nik Dimitriou 1



U11 vs Wentworthville Uniting 2 – 1



Sitting here writing this I still can't believe it. All year I have been telling the team, we only have to beat them once. Wenty were undefeated all season and had only had 3 goals scored against them (all 3 from us) 2 of which came from Penalties. Everytime we faced them this year we improved, each game tweaking our line up to try and see what would work best. Last week during our Major-Semi we ran a risk by switching, for the first time all year, Michael our striker and Benton our centre back. Benton and Sunday worked so well up front during this game and their combined speed was too much for Wenty's defence. We were unlucky in that game but confident this strategy would work again. So we took the field our heads held high ready to give it our all. The first half saw us spending an equal amount of time in attack and defence. Ricky, Rahmen and Husein worked really hard working the ball around the midfield and making sure to drop and move up with their team. Sunday and Benton up front worked together along with their wide midfielders Akram and Francis. The defenders Ali, Michael, William and Mohamed held strong in defence, an iron wall no one could get past. We had a couple of attempts but had yet to find the net. Two minutes before half time saw Sunday make a run down the left side of the field. Benton positioned himself well and the cross from Sunday found him right on the right foot and like that for the first time all year Wenty was trailing. The crowd was uncontainable as everyone went wild. The confidence in the boys skyrocketed and we came off at half time beaming. With the lead it only felt wise to drop one of our best defenders Benton back into his position and Michael, who had been playing awesome as well, back up front. We came out hard in the second half attacking nonstop. Every ball that came near Ali was cleared 25 metres plus, as well as working hard to win every one on one. Then it happened. With 8 minutes to go Ali put a ball over their backs; everyone in the midfield and our strikers chased it, only for it to land at their centre back's feet and for him to send it flying up the other end of the field. We were caught off guard and made a mad scramble back. Their player ran it down the line and made a beautiful cross across centrefield to find their goal scorer and before we knew it the game was level. It was like a blow to the stomach. But the boys weren't going down like this. We were non-stop attack for the next 5 minutes. Then a break-away! Sunday again taking it wide, with 90 seconds on the clock. As he crossed it we all looked up to see Francis, in the goal mouth, who took one touch and bang straight into the back of the net! 2-1 with a minute to go. We couldn't contain our excitement. They came out from the kick off strong everyone scrambled back into defence, their player was away and we gave away a foul just outside the box with seconds left in the game. They kicked and bang we cleared it first time. Michael was away down the field heading towards goal but that was it. The whistle blew and we had done it! What a season! This win was a long time coming! We are so proud of how far the team has come! Special mentions today to Francis and Benton. Francis scoring his first ever Guildford McCredie goal and Benton scoring his first goal for the U11s (Benton scored his first and only other goal back in round 1 for the U12s). Not bad scoring your first goals for your team to win the Grand Final! Also to Matthew whose lightening fast reflexes in goals were amazing. Player of the Match today was Ali Sena who had an absolutely spectacular game in defence and allowed us to stay on the attack! Goal scorers - Francis Nahas 1, Benton Setefano 1



U11-13 Girls vs Wenty Saints 1 – 0





GRAND FINAL WINNERS!!! What an absolutely nail biting game it was. To Wenty's credit they took so many more shots at goal than us, however they do not have the best goal keeper in the comp. Huda saved everything! Georgia, Olivia, Rianna and Sarah did not stop in defence, each time a player got past, they chased them down to win the ball back, without our strong defence, we could have been in trouble. Aroha was determined today, the effort put in and the fight was great. Lucy is tough, she goes for the ball and fights for it every time, her never give up attitude made a huge difference in the midfield. Abak made some nice plays that enabled our presence more on the opposition's half. Renee was unlucky not to score today, 3 one on ones with the keeper and a touch too much caused the keeper to catch every time, she really ran her heart out today. Kaskade had a really flat first half, after going on in the second half she was a different player. She ran down the sideline winning the ball, ran all the way towards goal and passed to Stella who then scored the winning goal. It was the best she has played all year and a great assist. Stella as always was everywhere, strong in midfield, chasing down the ball and using her impressive skills to outplay Wenty. The girls deserved the win, so proud of them.

Goal scorer - Stella Fitzpatrick 1



U17 vs Auburn FC 4 – 2



What an awesome way to finish such an enjoyable season. Only losing 1 game in 2 years is a testament to how well these boys play and how well they play together. We defended our GF crown from last year because we are 1 team not 11 individuals. The boys were actually slow to start conceding early but scoring 4 goals in the space of 25 minutes in the first half took the sting out of the game. Really strong games from Ayush who was a rock at the back and the best player on the field Robert who was simply outstanding. Great season boys, pleasure as always and look forward to going for the 3 peat next season.

Goal scorers - Robert Dennis 2, Krish Shrestha 1, Ibrahim Koroma 1



With regard to our end of season presentation, we are having a committee meeting this week to discuss and will make an announcement to all players in the next week.

To assist the club we ask that all coaches and managers prepare their end of season reports for the annual report and forward to the secretary as soon as possible, that all equipment is returned when requested and trophy winners' names are sent through this week. Thanks for your cooperation as always.