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Narrabeen Football Club President's Report:

The 30th annual Strikers Cup was played out last Sunday, featuring 28 of the strongest Under 9 sides from NSW in tough competition. The NFC Rebels represented Narrabeen, and although not featuring in the finals they played their best and gave some of the more fancied sides a good workout. Our boys exhibited great sportsmanship and team camaraderie both on and off the pitch – and their parents should be very proud of the way that they conducted themselves throughout the day. Special thanks to Coach Reg Prasad, assistant Ian, and Manager Narelle. van Leeuwen for getting our guys ready for the big day, and making it such an enjoyable experience for our stars of the future.

On Saturday NFC hosted Avalon, CC Strikers and Pittwater clubs in a trial for the Small Sided Games (SSG) to be introduced in our area in 2009. The day was well organized (thanks again Narelle – a busy weekend for you!) and most of the feedback has been positive. Any comments from those participating (positive / negative or suggestions for improvements) would be appreciated.

Don't forget the Sub Junior Gala Day this Saturday at Boondah!

Have a great week!

Denis Hole

President Narrabeen Football Club

NEWS ITEMS:

MATCH REPORTS – Please submit your Match reports (max 100 words) by email to boondahnews@narrabeenfc.com.au by **MONDAY 8pm** at the latest, or if **HAND WRITTEN** deliver to the Canteen mailbox where they will be collected at 5.30pm each Saturday.



Some photos from the Strikers Cup 2008

look the part decked out in our team uniforms, team officials, groupies, hangers on, you would have been forgiven for thinking the Pope had moved his mass to the hill at Cromer Park, our set up was much better than any other club, after all we had to win at least one thing on the day! 8am, field two and game one got underway against an ole nemesis Forestville Killarney a gun side well drilled and well coached we had never beaten them, in fact the last three times we played them they thrashed us. This time round was a different story, we won the toss and it was on, the REBELS put up an enormous fight neither side could put one in the net and with great defence and strong attack from both sides it could have gone either way until a lucky goal in the dying minutes – The REBELS played one of the best games ever. Score 1 nil to Forestville.

Game two was against Canterbury FC and after a delayed start due to much confusion about Canterbury's choice of Wardrobe the REBELS were off to a solid start Canterbury were a fast attacking side with an arsenal of dirty tricks but we matched them all over the park, not with the dirty tricks of course but with skill and raw talent nil all at half time but unfortunately a few missed shots at goal and a short lapse in defence late in the match cost us the game. We weren't helped by a referee who let a game full of fouls go unchecked but no excuses, Score 2 nil to Canterbury. It was fully sic mate!!!

Game three was at midday against Winston Hills and it was going to take more than a "Hillsong" to get us to the Quarter finals - we needed a miracle to make it, unfortunately the Pope had used up his miracle quoter getting the bridge closed for the day. By the time the REBELS took to the field they were tired - We fought gallantly against a side that was fuelled by Red Cordial and food additives but to no avail everyone in the team played their hearts out but at the end of the day we simply ran out of steam too much fun had already been had! With three late goals and a Score of 4 nil to Winston Hills the sound of the full time whistle signalled an end to our cup quest.

The REBELS did their best against some amazingly talented young players. Without out focusing on individual players, as a team they did Narrabeen proud, each and every one of the players gave their all, we didn't train everyday of the week like other teams, we didn't have a profession coach like other teams, and we didn't take the whole thing too seriously like other teams. What we did have was a talented group of 9 year olds who have great personalities, showed great sportsmanship and know how to have fun because at the end of the day the road to victory is not always fun but as the REBELS proved you can always have lots of fun without a victory! There are so many people who contributed much to the REBELS cup journey and without their time and support the experience would have been no where near as rewarding and memorable, my special thanks goes out to Narelle Van Leeuwen our team manager who pulled the whole thing together, Ian and Sharon Reeves, Ian Raymond, Sharon Clark, Wendy Waters, The Narrabeen Football Club, Denis Hole, Ted Blackwood, Mari Ouakrim, the under ten players, parents, managers and coaches for their time at the trail games, all of the parents and supporters of the mighty REBELS team and finally the Kids themselves. I was honoured to be their coach and proud of what they have achieved, no doubt they'll grow and become better players in the future as a result of this amazing experience!

Reg Prasad

THE MIGHTY REBELS

Jayden Clarke (The Pope) – "Stops everything" (Goalie)
 Connor Hickey – (Pocket Rocket) (Striker)
 Ryan Haworth - (The Machine) "Never stops" (Centre Midfield)
 Nick Marsh– (The Dentist) "Plugs up the holes" (Back)
 Taj Prasad – (Dirty Harry) "The Enforcer" (Midfield Sweeper)
 Richard Ouakrim- (BP) "The Quite achiever" (Midfield)
 Ellis Raymond – (Snipper) "Shoots from anywhere" (Striker)
 Kyle Rees – (Shotgun) "Has a mean kick" (Back)
 Justin Reeves– (The Postman) "Always delivers" (Back)
 Toby Rutherford – (Halvorson) "A classic Cruiser" (Midfield)

Christian Senior– (The Joker) "Gets a kick out of everything" (Midfield)
 Brendan Waters – (Dunlop) " A great all rounder" (Midfield)
 Henry Whelan – "Jumping Jack Flash" (Sweeper)
 Tyler Van Leewen – (The Calculator) "You can count on him" (Goalie / Midfield)
 Reg Prasad (Towtruck) "Heading for a breakdown" (Coach)
 Narelle Leeuwin (The Mechanic) " Fixes everything" (Manager)





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