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Brookie & Beanies classic contest

SPECTATORS at Terrey Hills Oval on Saturday described it as the best game of local football seen in decades, and it looked like not even 100 minutes would be enough to separate Brookvale and Narrabeen.

But a golden goal header from captain Simon Euers was enough to send Brookvale through to next weekend's decider.

"From a spectator's point of view it was a classic game," Brookvale coach Vince Santarosa said.

"From a coach's point of view, the closeness of the game isn't as fun . . . you want to be three ahead late in the game, just to be safe."

Brookvale's David Guzzo levelled the scores just before half-time, cancelling out Paul Martin's early strike. The scores remained 1-1 until the third minute of injury time when Keith Shevlin scored what looked like the winning goal with 65 seconds left on the clock.

However from the kick-off Narrabeen won a free-kick, and Mark Butler latched onto a 40 yard free kick to send the game into extra-time where the veteran Euers landed the final blow.

"The feeling in the sheds after the match was one of relief as well as excitement," Santarosa said.

"We're looking forward to next week and we'd like to finish the year off on a high note."

Narrabeen coach Dean Harding said the post-match atmosphere was tough to gauge.

"The boys were disappointed, but it was a strange feeling," he said.

"The feeling was quite buoyant - we were disappointed to have lost but we were content that we pushed Brookvale all the way."

"No one had anything left in the tank, and everyone knew that they played well."

Brookvale didn't emerge from the game unscathed however, with Steve Riches (groin), Nathan Lindsey (broken ankle) and Jared Medhurst (red card) all watching the dramatic finish from the sideline.

Elsewhere major premiers Beacon Hill went down fighting in a 1-0 loss to Wakehurst.

Brookvale and Wakehurst will now face off at 3.15pm at Cromer Park next Sunday.

Manly Vale claim Ladies PL prize

ECSTATIC Manly Vale coach Tony Bruzzano insists his team can still get even better next year despite watching them claim back-to-back Premier League Ladies grand final wins last Sunday.

A wonderful team goal finished off by striker Phillipa Robinson 20 minutes from full-time proved to be the decisive moment of an absorbing clash with champions Brookvale in which Vale prevailed 3-2.

The grand final win caps a successful season for Vale who finished second in the league and also made the final of the State Cup.

"We've been improving every year for the last five years," Bruzzano said during victory celebrations yesterday.

"We finished third last season and won the grand final and second this year and won the grand final."

"We're still improving as a team and want to go even better next year."

Both sides have clearly been the best two teams in the competition this season and put on a grand final that showed just that. Flowing end to end football was a feature of the match that kept the healthy crowd at Cromer Park entertained throughout.

Manly Vale B made it a perfect day for the club winning the reserve grade decider in a penalty shootout.

Cattanach strikes GOLD again !

Even though the majority of the evening belonged to NSW Premier League Champions and Premiers Blacktown City Demons, as they were by far the busiest at picking up awards, it was Manly United's quality striker Robbie Cattanach who claimed the biggest prize of them all – the 2007 Gold Medal, for the second time in his career.

Having previously won the prestigious award in being recognised as the best player in the NSW Premier League two years ago with the Blue Devils, Cattanach was at it again after spurring on Manly United to a credible finals series finish, as well as finalists in the Tiger Turf Cup.

Dazzling the competition with his bag of tricks and his accuracy to score at any given moment, whether it be from a set-piece or inside the box, Cattanach was again rightly the talk of the competition.

His efforts this season did not go unnoticed as A-League outfit Sydney FC did offer the Canberra born star a trial with the club a few weeks back but with

the squad being all but finalised, he has been given the chance to continue training with Branko Culina's squad. With contract negotiations still yet to take place between Cattanach and Manly United, it would be interesting to see just how many other clubs will be fighting for this young man's signature.



Manly United's quality striker Robbie Cattanach

There were a number of other awards presented on the evening which was held at the lush surroundings of Bicentennial Park, Homebush Bay at the 'Waterview Convention Centre'.

The Errea Goalkeeper of the Year Award went to A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers' Matthew Nash who had a stellar season in-between the sticks for his side.

Like Cattanach, Nash was also spotted as a future star and has since been given the role of playing reserve goalkeeper to Sydney FC's Clint Bolton due to the injury to former Demons shotstopper Ivan Necevski. The Coach of the Year Award was won by Blacktown City Demons' Aytek Genc, quite convincingly.

Genc had a tremendous season with Blacktown and has carried on his passion for coaching for the last couple of seasons at the club.

Genc was not present however as he was appointed as Sydney FC's new assistant coach, which was a huge plus for the NSW Premier League as not only does the competition provide players to the A-League but coaches as well.

On his behalf, Demons assistant Milan Blagojevic accepted the award that was handed to him by one of Australia's finest ever coaches, Rale Rasic.

The Andreas Golden Boot Award went to Demons' promising young striker Tolgay Ozbey who picked up the award for the second year running having scored 13 goals for the season.

Dropping down to our promising youngsters, the Grade 20 Player of the Year Award was jointly won by Blacktown City Demons' Chris Bedzo and Marconi Stallions' Glen Trifiro.

The pair had solid seasons for their respective clubs and have both been added as two players to look out for in next season's NSW Premier League.

The Under 20's Golden Boot award was also taken out by two players in Bedzo, who collected his second award of the evening, as well as Stallions' classy striker Nathan Elasi.

Blacktown City Demons continued to dominate the evening as they also picked up the Fair Play Award as well as the Club Championship which made them easily, the team of the year.

The Australian & British Soccer Weekly also got in on winning an award as Football NSW rewarded the publication the 2007 Media Award which proudly sits on the Editor's desk.

Finally, love them or hate them, there was also a Referee of the Year Award which was won by whistleblower Srebre Delovski.

Argentina names superstars for Australia clash

Argentina has named a squad full of international superstars for the blockbuster match against the Qantas Socceroos to be played at the MCG on 11 September.

Head Coach Alfio Basile has included some of the biggest names in world football including Carlos Tevez (Manchester United), Javier Mascherano (Liverpool), Hernan Crespo (Inter Milan), Gabriel Heinze (Real Madrid), Javier Saviola (Real Madrid) and the player some experts rate as the most exciting on the planet, Lionel Messi (Barcelona). Football Federation Australia CEO Mr. Ben Buckley said it was a unique opportunity to see such a quality team in action.

"Argentina are bringing down some of the greats of world football. It will truly be a once in a lifetime opportunity for Australian sports fans to see some of the world's best in action against our own Qantas Socceroos. This reflects the intention of the original postponement and we thank AFA President Mr Julio Grondona for fulfilling his commitment to send a full strength team," said Mr. Buckley.

"The clubs that these players are at are some of the biggest in the world including Manchester United, Liverpool, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Inter Milan and Barcelona."

"The strength of their squad reflects how important the match is to them. Like our own Qantas Socceroos they are about to start the qualifying process for the 2010 World Cup and will be using this as vital preparation."

In addition to current day superstars the Argentina team also includes Sergio Agüero who was the player of the tournament and leading scorer at the recent FIFA Under 20 World Championships which Argentina won.

Good tickets are still available for the match from all Ticketmaster outlets, www.ticketmaster.com.au or on 13 61 00.

The match will be shown live and exclusive on FOX SPORTS and available on Radio 702 ABC nationally.

ARGENTINA SQUAD TO PLAY AUSTRALIA, MCG, 11 SEPTEMBER 2007

Roberto Abbondanzieri (Getafe), Oscar Ustari (Getafe), Sergio Romero (AZ Alkmaar); Gabriel Heinze (Real Madrid), Daniel Diaz (Getafe), Gabriel Milito (Barcelona), Fabricio Coloccini (Deportivo La Coruna), Nicolas Burdisso (Inter Milan), Javier Zanetti (Inter Milan); Fernando Gago (Real Madrid), Martin Demichelis (Bayern Munich), Jonas Gutierrez (Mallorca), Javier Mascherano (Liverpool), Federico Insua (America, Mexico), Cristian Ledesma (Olympiakos), Maxi Rodriguez (Athletico Madrid), Sergio Agüero (Atletico Madrid); Javier Saviola (Real Madrid), Hernan Crespo (Inter Milan), Carlos Tevez (Manchester United), Lionel Messi (Barcelona)

Aussies Abroad Wrap

Qantas Socceroo captain Mark Viduka scored on his return to Riverside Stadium, but did not receive the customary cheers of the Middlesbrough fans. Viduka's 77th minute goal had put Newcastle United in front against his old club, in a match that eventually finished 2-2.

Viduka's goal was a gem of a debut goal for his new club, picking up a lobbed ball on his thigh with his back to goal. Getting the under control with England defender Jonathon Woodgate on his tail, Viduka turned his former team-mate and then stroked his shot past his helpless national team-mate Mark Schwarzer in the Boro goal.

Scott Chipperfield was also amongst the goalscorers, scoring twice for FC Basel in a 4-2 win at Lucerne in Switzerland. Chipperfield scored twice in the space of eight minutes in the second half to settle the match in Basel's favour.

Meanwhile, the weekend saw the Italian and Spanish leagues kick off with a host of Australian and Argentinean players in the mix. Australia meets Argentina on Tuesday 11 September at the MCG. Vince Grella, who confirmed his availability for the match last week, didn't see much game time for his new club Torino, lasting just 22 minutes in the 2-2.

His good mate Mark Bresciano, came on at half time, as Palermo lost 2-0 at home against Roma.

Back in England, Lucas Neill recovered from his injury to play for West Ham, as they drew 1-1 with Wigan Athletic.

Josip Skoko however did not feature in the Wigan squad. Brett Emerton played another full game, as Blackburn Rovers drew 1-1 away at Everton, who were obviously minus the injured Tim Cahill. Patrick Kisnorbo played a full game, as Leicester City won 4-1.

In Scotland, Scott McDonald had his first start for Celtic, as they cruised to a 5-0 win over Hearts. McDonald was replaced in the 87th minute. Michael Beauchamp and Josh Kennedy both started for FC Nurnberg, as they lost 1-0 at home against Werder Bremen. Beauchamp played a full game, while Kennedy in his first start for Nurnberg played for an hour and was substituted. Qantas Under 23 defender Matt Spiranovic was on the bench.

In Holland, Qantas Socceroo team-mates Jason Culina and Brett Holman came up against one another, with Culina a 66th minute substitute and his PSV team winning 5-0 against Holman's NEC Nijmegen. Meanwhile Luke Wilkshire was denied a late winner as FC Twente drew 2-2 with FC Utrecht.

Nick Carle continues to enjoy good game time at his Turkish club Genclerbirligi, but was again on the wrong end of the scoreline with his team going down 3-1 at home against Buraspor.

Muscat gets rewarded

Melbourne Victory captain Kevin Muscat has signed a new deal with the club, until the end of the 2009 season, and joined its coaching staff.

"He's done his coaching course and it's great that we've got Kevin on board officially as an assistant coach as well as a player and captain," Victory coach Ernie Merrick said Wednesday.

"It doesn't change his role, because he's been doing this since he's been at the club. It's just to acknowledge he's been doing a lot of leadership work and a lot of one-on-one coaching."

"He spent a lot of time with Adrian Leijer, who's now at Fulham, he spends a lot of time with Leigh Broxham and now with the youngsters Kaz Patafta, Evan Berger and Sebastian Ryall coming on board, he's a sort of mentor and an individual coach to these boys."

Muscat, who has passed Football Federation Australia's B-Certificate coaching course, echoed Merrick in saying that he would be given no preferential treatment after the announcement.

"I'm optimistic about the whole thing and excited. Not too much is actually going to change for me personally," the 34-year-old said.

"I'm fully focused on playing football. I'm enjoying it more than ever at the moment and we've got a great squad predominantly made up of youngsters, which certainly excites me."

Melbourne will play host to Perth Glory this Saturday at Telstra Dome minus off-season signing Ljubo Milicevic.

The central defender has a tear of the medial ligament in his left knee although star striker Archie Thompson has resumed training after being cleared of any structural damage to his knee.

"It could've been worse," Merrick said of Milicevic's injury.

"Ljubo's very resilient, he's walking around unhindered today, so it might be closer to four weeks, rather than the six. We're positive about it and that's our only injury."

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RED CARD: THIS goes to the coach who berated a young referee repeatedly well after a semi-final had finished last weekend to the point where the match official was reduced to tears.

Very poor showing indeed!



GOOAAAL: TO all involved in last Saturday's premier league semi-final between Brookvale and Narrabeen at Terrey Hills Oval. What a game – a great advertisement for local football. A special mention also to referee James Rafael.

The former English whistleblower's performance was exceptional and ensured the match could reach the heights it did. Some labelled it the best game of local premier league football in 10 years...



PERRENIAL finalists Brookvale will enter Sunday's "Father's Day" grand final against Wakehurst as favourites despite losing three key players in Steve Riches, Nathan Lindsay and Jared Medhurst.

The former two suffered injuries and the latter a red card in last weekend's gripping 3-2 Golden Goal victory over Narrabeen. While the favourites tag may sit atop the shoulders of the Blues players, Mumbblings senses an upset with the Gary McGinnis-coached Wakehurst outfit very well drilled and hungry for the title.

It will be the Scotsman's first taste of local Grand Final day from the technical area while Brooky counterpart Vince Santarossa will also take the Blues out on the last day of the season for the first time in this two-year stint in charge after winning first-past-the-post honours last year but missing out on the GF.

Should make for an interesting tussle on Sunday. Kick-off is at 3.15pm.



WOMEN'S football is often labelled "one-paced" but Mumbblings can reveal last Sunday's MWFA premier league grand final between Brookvale and Manly Vale at Cromer Park was anything but.

It was a genuinely fantastic game of football and Manly Vale were good value for their 3-2 victory under coach Tony Bruzzano.

Star striker and martial arts champion Philippa Robinson scored a fitting winner with 15 minutes left on the clock. But Brookvale coach Graeme Euers and his charges certainly played their part in ensuring this was one of the best local women's grand finals in recent to mid-term memory!



SEEMS there could be some major changes within the coaching ranks of the MWFA premier league over the off-season.

Gary McGinnis (Wakehurst), Ron Linsink (Mosman), Mark Gale (CC Strikers), Dave Wilson (Beacon Hill), Vince Santarossa (Brookvale), Jonny Whelan (Dee Why) and Graeme Lomas (Pittwater) are all rumoured to be on the move.

Time will tell but it seems a shame after the closest premier league competition in years.



REFEREE James Rafael (see above in GOOAAAL) has been a breath of fresh air within local ranks as first an inspector and now a whistleblower this season.

Hailing from England, Rafael was a level four referee (you start at level 10 over there) before coming out to Oz. Illness kept him sidelined for most of this season but his handling of the Brookvale-Pittwater last round premier league match and last weekend's Brookvale-Narrabeen semi-final – both matches that could have turned ugly given what was at stake – was exemplary and won many votes of confidence from players, supporters, coaches and club officials alike.

The referee's association is well aware of his expertise and experience and has been using him to coach and advise the young brigade coming through.

"Even at my age, I've picked up a thing or two from James – he is a fantastic referee," refs boss Tom Browne told Mumbblings this week.



SENIOR finals day on Sunday will be a special day for many – but particularly for all those dads celebrating Father's Day! What greater present could you wish for than a game of football – and a win - on Grand Final Day? But for Pittwater O35/4A player/manager Kenny Robertson, the occasion will be extra special.

"It's my first final on Cromer Park in 30 years," he told Mumbblings this week.

"It's also 50 years since I played my first competition game on a full-sized pitch. I coach my daughter's team and run the 35s side and my wife reckons she will scatter my ashes on the hallowed turf of Kitchener Park."

You know what they say Kenny – once the game is in your blood....



SPEAKING of "old boys" the Pittwater O35/1s will trot out on to Cromer Park on Sunday morning looking for their fifth – yep fifth – title in a row!

Coach Adrian Calleia is said to be pondering what line-up to start with given he has a plethora of stars champing at the bit to run on. Luckily for him its unlimited interchange and everyone will get a run with only one major injury concern – will star striker and Manly United assistant coach Les Macedo shake a nagging calf strain in time for game day? The record-breaking title tilt could well hinge on it!



AVALON'S 14/4 boys' coach Derek Hynd was the subject of a letter from a parent from opposing semi-finalist Narrabeen after last weekend's game. But before you arrive at any wrong conclusions we can confirm the letter was purely out of admiration for the coach.

"He has shown outstanding sportsmanship at every game we have played," Narrabeen mum Joanne Argent wrote.

"He showed support for the efforts of all the players on the field and was gracious and encouraging throughout. Today, after a tight game, Narrabeen won. The Avalon coach came over to wish us luck in the final next week - a wonderful role model to the end and a credit to (Avalon)."

All that from a losing coach – hats off to Derek Hynd we say!



PICTURE this: Two players sent off from the same team, those sent off and those left on all crying at the completion of the game, and parents threatening to take their problems into the car park.

True story! But get this – it was in an under-8s game last weekend. We wish we were joking...



THE MUFC Schools Initiative and Community Centres ("Manly's Futuroos") continue to go from strength to strength with more than 10 schools per term booked in for the former and all five venues close to full in the latter. Both programs will continue during school term throughout the off-season.

For more information on either, email school@manlyunitedfc.com.au or go to www.mwfa.com.au (right hand column under "More News")



THE MWFA will be running a Junior and Youth Licence later this year.

The Junior Licence will run October 26 (6pm-9.30pm) and 27 (8am-5pm) followed by the Youth Licence November 28 (6pm-9.30pm), 30 (6pm-9.30pm) and December 1 (8am-5pm). All dates and times are inclusive.

For more information and bookings go to www.mwfa.com.au or email mossy@mwfa.com.au



FORMER grand final-winning Beacon Hill premier league coach and Manly United first grade captain Richy Williams returned to his old stomping ground during the week to take the club's talented 18/1 side through their paces ahead of this weekend's decider at Cromer Park.

Coach Peter Frith will be hoping Williams' "Midas Touch" rubs off on the youngsters after the premiership-winning Beacon Hill premier league side, under the man who took the reins from Williams - Dave Wilson, dipped out in the semi-finals last weekend.



THE mighty Wakehurst 12/1 girls' side capped a brilliant year last weekend with victory in their grand final. Their run home during the last 12 matches (including State Cup glory) has seen just one solitary goal scored against them.

Congrats to coach Justin Layden and all his little starlets!



THE recent fundraiser for the Tom Schulenburg Trust Fund – in memory of his father Paul who passed away playing for his beloved Narrabeen AL3Rs in 2006 - was a resounding success at Narrabeen RSL club.

The night, which featured the World Premiere of "Playing For Paul – the story of Narrabeen FC's AL3R in 2006" (Rated M), attracted more than 200 people and raised in excess of \$12,000.

Just another example of how this great Northern Beaches community bands together in times of hardship. Congrats to Jamie Turmanis and his team of organisers - and everyone else who chipped in to make the night such a great success.



A **BIZARRE** season of local football comes to a close at Cromer Park this weekend with Junior and Senior Finals Day leading all-comers to the home of the round ball code on the Northern Beaches – Cromer Park.

In a year when rain had the major say in so many ways, it's a credit to all those involved in the game – from the MWFA to the clubs, coaches, players and supporters – that the season has run so smoothly (all things considered).

Thanks to all Mumbblings readers for your interest and input during 2007, enjoy the off-season and don't let the dreaded Christmas pud turn pre-season 2008 into a nightmare if you are lacing on the boots again!



The Manly United FC Community Centres

“Manly’s Futuroo’s”

- The Manly United FC Community Centres have been designed to give young players, playing for any of the 17 clubs under the banner of the MWFA, the opportunity to receive ongoing expert technical development sessions run by Manly United trained coaches in the Manly United way.
- The centres are available to local club players on a user pay basis.
- The centres are open to boys between the ages of 7 and 12 and girls between the ages of 7 and 14.
- The centres will take place at 5 venues within the Mosman, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater areas giving players from all 17 clubs within the MWFA football catchment area the opportunity to attend.

- Venues:

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CENTRAL	DEE WHY OVAL – DEE WHY (Centre Manager Richard Paddle)
WEST	MELWOOD RESERVE – FORESTVILLE (Centre Manager Gill Foster)
SOUTH	DAVID THOMAS RESERVE - MANLY VALE (Centre Manager Matt Lanzarone)
FAR SOUTH	BALMORAL EAST RESERVE – BALMORAL (Centre Manager Matt Lanzarone)

- Each venue will hold 1 x 1¼ hour session once a week.
- Each session will take place between the hours of 4 and 6pm. (Most probable session time being 4:15pm – 5:30pm)
- Each venue will employ a strict 24-player limit ensuring player coach ratios of no more than 1:12
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- Each venue will be assigned 2 qualified, experienced coaches’ hand picked by MUFC Head Coach Phil Moss and Assistant Head Youth Coach Richie Williams.
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Manly United Community Centres
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“Manly’s Futuroo’s”

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