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NSW Premier League

Rams hold Manly to thrilling draw

Manly United FC threw away the chance of two bites at the cherry in the finals series after giving up an early two-goal lead against a plucky Macarthur Rams at Cromer Park on Sunday afternoon.

Notorious for their woeful form on their home patch, Dusan Mihajlovic had the northern beaches faithful feeling optimistic after he opened the scoring in the 6' minute following a foul on Michael Lloyd-Green. The Bathurst junior dusted himself and delivered a teasing ball into the path of Brad Groves who had the presence of mind to create space for Mihajlovic who unleashed an unstoppable drive from 22-yards past Rams custodian Brody Crane. Strike partner Craig Midgley doubled United's lead four minutes later after he was given far too much room on the edge of the penalty-area, and a long afternoon looked in-store for Paul Carter. Phil Moss' men then went for the jugular but, as has been their story all year, failed to show composure in-front of goal and a handful of chances went begging leading into half-time.

Macarthur made them pay on the half hour mark when they pegged a goal back after former Northern Spirit utility Steven Beveas fired past Brad Swancott following some lazy Manly defending on the right-flank.



The Rams took their game to their more fancied opponents after the break and snared a deserved equaliser on 54' minutes. Matt Toogood delivered an inch perfect ball onto the head of Glen Trifiro, who glanced his headed chance brilliantly at the first attempt past Swancott. Both teams had chances to claim the three-points in what was a frenetic second stanza. Shannon Hankin was denied by Swancott after 61' minutes when clear on goal, and seven minutes later Joey Schirripa went within inches of taking the lead for United but agonisingly side-footed just past Crane's near post. Rams substitute David Lagudi then tested Swancott with a stinging shot from the edge of the box with eleven minutes remaining and despite fielding a plethora of youngsters, it was Macarthur who was finishing the stronger.

In a moment that summed up the afternoon's football, Manly's central defender Pascal Julliard somehow sprayed an injury time effort over the bar from four-yards that most park footballers would have slotted in their sleep to ensure the match finished honours even. A surprisingly upbeat Phil Moss felt the end result was fair on both teams:

"Credit to Paul and his team, they came at us and I thought they were outstanding," he said. "In saying that, after we went up 2-0 I expected us to go on with it but once again our focus altered.

"We created enough chances to have the result wrapped up before half-time but didn't take them.

"This team likes doing things the hard way and while we would have loved two chances (in the semis) the boys respond best when their backs are to the wall. They will be 'up' for the Sydney United game and I have no doubt we can cause some damage in the coming weeks."

His opposite Paul Carter sported a beaming smile outside the Cromer Park sheds:

"I couldn't be prouder of the boys, what a great result," he said.

"It could have gone pear-shaped had they dropped their heads after conceding two early but the fight amongst the boys is fantastic. The club has been decimated by injuries this week and the boys I sent out did an enormous job.

"At the start of the year if you would have said to me we will finish equal on points with Marconi and higher than Blacktown City and Penrith-Nepean United I would have taken it with both hands.

"For our first year back in the Premier League I think we have done ourselves proud," concluded Carter.

MUFC Narrowly Miss Club Championship

MANLY United head coach Phil Moss today spoke of his "mixed emotions" as the Cromer Park outfit narrowly missed out on collecting the Football NSW Premier League Club Championship over the weekend. Manly's 2-2 draw with Macarthur on Sunday afternoon saw the club miss the coveted trophy by just five points – a win in first grade would have secured it – as Sydney Olympic finished just above them. Moss said the result of the game and the Club Championship was a "double whammy". "We were 2-0 up after 10 minutes with third spot and the Club Championship within our grasp and let it slip," Moss said.

"It is bitterly disappointing to come so close and miss out by the smallest of margins – particularly the Club Championship because that is a reflection on the club as a whole and the hard work that is put in by so many people.

"First grade will live to fight another day and we now have an elimination semi-final against Sydney United to look forward to. I can assure everyone the players will be breathing fire for that game!

"The flip side is that as a small budget club we have punched above our weight this season to finish second in the Club Championship, fourth in 1st grade, second in under-20s and won the under-16s premiership. The 18s missed the semis by one point.

"So overall, it's been a fantastic season for the club but you don't know whether to laugh or cry coming so close!"

The main game on the weekend should have been dead and buried after 20 minutes with Manly United taking a 2-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes – courtesy of two great finishes from strikers Dusan Mihajlovic and Craig Midgley – before missing three great chances to seal the result in the next 10 minutes. Mihajlovic went from hero to villain after squandering two one-on-one chances with too many touches on the ball allowing the Macarthur defence to clear the danger on both occasions. Robbie Cattanach, too, had a chance to score his side's third goal but Rams 'keeper Brody Crane thwarted his attempt with an outstretched leg. Macarthur then sensed they may have luck on their side and went searching for a goal that would get them back into the contest. It came via ex-Northern Spirit midfielder Steven Beveas who took on the Manly defence and slotted home from the edge of the box past Bradley Swancott. The Rams came out strongly in the second half but Manly still enjoyed some good possession and created several chances, but again it

was the finishing that let down the home side. Defender Pascal Julliard and midfielder Joey Schirripa had the best chances to seal a victory but saw their efforts miss the target while Midgley had a one-on-one thwarted by Crane. Julliard, from inside the six-yard box, missed the best chance of the game when a set piece fell at his feet but he cannoned his left foot shot over the crossbar.

"We had enough chances to win four games of football," Moss said.

"But credit to Macarthur, they stuck to the task and clawed their way back to take advantage of our wastefulness in front of goal.

"No matter who you play, if you don't take your chances you are vulnerable."

Manly United now take on Sydney FC's youth team on Thursday night in preparation for the elimination semi-final against Sydney United on August 17 – a game Moss said he was looking forward to.

"I'm not unhappy at drawing Sydney United first up because we have had a recent look at them (Manly beat them 1-0 last weekend) and there will be no surprises," he said.

"We know what to expect and we know that physically we have to match them to stand a chance. We did that last week and we'll do it again in the semi-final. The regular season is over now and the finals are a different kettle of fish so we can really build towards this game and go into it with confidence."

The club's Grade 20 side finished their regular season with a 2-1 win over Macarthur courtesy of goals from Mitch Macedo and Nick Swart.

Survival battle tougher after draw

NARRABEEN coach Dean Harding still believes his team can avoid the drop to AL/1s next year but conceded the "tightrope is getting shorter" following their draw with BTH Raiders on Saturday at the Sydney Academy of Sport. With games against semi-final aspirants Wakehurst and Pittwater RSL FC followed by another clash with the Raiders to round out the year, Harding treated Saturday's home game as a "must win". After conceding an early goal, Marcos Dezerri and Neil Martin gave the Beanies the lead only to relinquish it within minutes after some haphazard defending.

BTH skipper Chris Hallett nabbed his second and when striker Rod Kruger pounced on a loose ball in the area the men from Wyatt Ave looked set to record their third win of the campaign. Phil Moss turned back the clock when he rifled home a free-kick from 25 yards to square proceedings with eight minutes remaining. And when youngster Daniel Grant finished off a team goal deep into injury time, it appeared Narrabeen had pulled off the great escape. Harding was left searching for words after the effort was cancelled due to a contentious off-side call from the linesman.

"I couldn't believe it when the goal was disallowed, I thought we had pinched it," Harding said.

"It's definitely two points lost. The boys were up for a scrap but fell asleep with two quick goals, we did well to get back into the match and even though we have a tough run home we won't give up the fight."

In other games, Tom Cottey scored a second-half hat-trick in Pittwater RSL FC's 5-0 romp over Dee Why, Brookvale out-classed Manly Allambie 4-1, Wakehurst scored a late goal to defeat Forest Killarney 3-2, Beacon Hill overcame Mosman 2-0 and CC Strikers stayed in the hunt for a semi-final spot following a 1-1 draw with Manly Vale.

Trial dates for Futsal

Trials for the representative futsal (indoor soccer) sides will be held over the next few weeks at:

Curl Curl Community Hall.
Abbott Rd, Curl Curl

Sat 2nd August:
U13 Girls (9.15 to 10.30 am)
U16 Girls and open women (10.30 to 12.00 noon)

Sun 10 August & Sunday 17 August
U12 Boys (12.00 to 1.15 pm)
U14 Boys (1.15 to 2.30 pm)
U16 Boys (2.30 to 3.45 pm)
Youth Men (3.45 to 4.45 pm)
Open Men (4.45 to 6.00 pm)

Please arrive 15 minutes early to complete nomination form.

Enquiries: Boys/Men - Janie Parsons 0414 993 273.
Girls/Women – Cathie Sweeney 0410 106 428.

CC Strikers Form Links With Cambodian Street Kids

In July, 2008 Lilly Castor, former 16 and 18 years Strikers Sweeper sought to extend her love of football to street kids at the M'Lop Tapang Centre for street working and living children in Sihanoukville Cambodia. M'Lop Tapang was established in 2003 by an Australian John McGinley and British nurse Maggie Eno. M'Lop Tapang provides children with education, medical care, nutritious meals, a safe environment, protection from abuse, counseling, vocational training and access to recreational activities. M'Lop Tapang's extensive outreach services have enabled many children to be reunited with their families and provide options and alternatives for children who previously were never given any.



Sports at M'Lop Tapang took off in 2007 with the opening of the new community playground. With a large covered area for basketball and a sandy football field and volleyball court and a winding rollerblading ramp. Children are now able to access a range of sports and physical activities 7 days a week.

So what do the children of M'Lop Tapang and the Strikers Football club in common? A love of Football of course!

M'Lop Tapang have a number of football teams including staff teams who compete after work when the temperature starts to get below 30 degrees Celsius (positively chilly by Cambodian standards). What they lack in uniforms, footballs and shoes, the M'Lop Tapang kids make up for in enthusiasm and skill. There are a number of very talented players at the Centre, two of whom recently attended FIFA Coaching Courses in Phnom Penh. Every day there are two sessions of practice led by the gentle and football mad Dora, a Manchester United supporter from way back. The pitch is a dust bowl, full of small stones which are irritating and dangerous to the young players, most of whom have no shoes. Lilly had visited M'Lop Tapang in 2007 and asked to volunteer as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, teaching English and Football at the Centre.

She was in luck! Knowing M'Lop Tapang's lack of resources and reliance upon global sponsors and organizations she approached the CC Strikers to see if there were any old jerseys, boots or balls that were surplus to the Club's needs. A week later, thanks to the prompt action by the Club, Lilly was presented with five teams of jerseys, half a dozen new balls and from one Club parent some used boots and a Beckham shirt.

Thank goodness for the additional luggage allowance she had also managed to acquire from Singapore Airlines. Lilly arrived in Sihanoukville with close to 40kg of luggage and a huge smile on her face. Her smile, which didn't leave her face for the week she was there was reciprocated a thousand times over by the children and staff. One set of Strikers jerseys was distributed immediately to the kids and then it was out on the "paddock" for a game. They loved them and it was agreed that they all played better as a result of them. Dora the coach of course put on Beckham's jersey and was in Nirvana (a Buddhist's equivalent of Heaven). They ran around the field like made things but exhibited skill and grace in their passes and shooting.

Then of course came the time to hand back the shirts at the end of the game: but this wasn't to be. No these lucky kids were able to keep their jerseys and keep them they did. Every day for the week we were there, they wore their new shirts with pride going back to their families in the slums with something special sent by some people they had never met in Australia.

Thank you Strikers; your generous donation has been greatly appreciated by the street kids of Cambodia. We would like to keep you posted of further developments: should you wish to make a private donation or want more information about M'Lop Tapang either go straight to their web site www.mloptapang.org or contact Bronwen Castor on 0411 685711. Save your old boots and jerseys for 2009 registration day as we shall be collecting again for our visit next year.

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MOSSY'S MUMBLINGS



MUMBLINGS is a column based on true events and real people. While we have eyes and ears everywhere please feel free to email your short story – funny, quirky, sad, stupid, hilarious, down right ridiculous or otherwise – to mossy@mwfa.com.au While we try to get every story to print the final decision rests with the editor.

RED CARD: BTH Raiders are a great club with great people – led superbly from the top by President Neville Drake. Premier league coach Richie Dowdall too has done a fantastic job with a young squad that is better than their lowly position belies. And that is why it saddens Mumbblings to see one twit on the sideline of last week's thrilling 3-3 draw with fellow relegation-threatened Narrabeen drag the name of the club down. Pull your head in mate!



GOOAAAL: THE Olympic Games is here! What a sporting extravaganza. Go the Olyroos and go the entire Australian Olympic Games team. We are all right behind you!



MANLY United will host its second "home" semi-final in two years next Friday night with a blockbuster elimination clash against Sydney United at Cromer Park. The peninsula side took all three points from Edensor Park a fortnight ago and will be ready and waiting for the Bravehearts to arrive in God's Country next week (August 15). Kick-off is at 7.45pm.

The club's second-placed Grade 20s will back up on the Saturday (August 16) to take on Marconi Stallions at Cromer Park in its semi-final at 12.30pm.



MUMBLINGS hears popular and hard-working BTH Raiders President Neville Drake has been very ill in recent weeks. We, along with everyone at the MWFA and Manly United FC, wish you a speedy recovery Nev! Get well soon.



MANLY United starlets Maddie Bart and Jess Wharepouri have won Football NSW 2008 McDonald's Scholarships worth \$500 each to aid in their bid to become professional footballers of the future. It's a massive feather in their cap – congrats to both girls.



YOUNG Narrabeen striker Mat Wilson is hitting form at just the right time of year! He has scored an incredible 13 goals in his past two outings for the Narrabeen 15/2 side – including an amazing nine-goal haul against Beacon Hill last weekend.

"We are all waiting to see what he can produce this week after the last couple of weeks, flabbergasted coach Michael Rogan told Mumbblings this week. Just remember Mat: "Pressure is for tyres!"



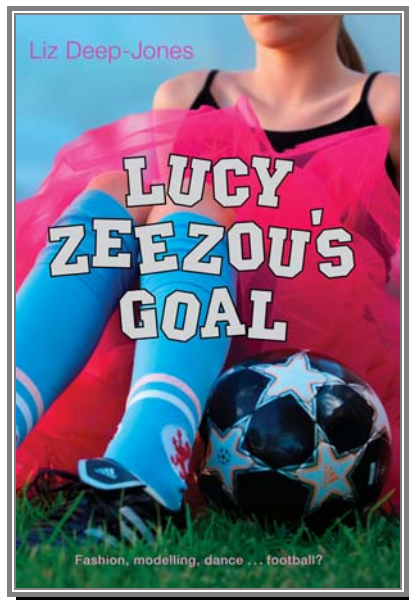
ONE Mumbblings reader couldn't resist a swipe at media reports of the recent CC Strikers-Brookvale premier league clash after it was claimed players and spectators engaged in some "push and shove". The incident was clearly blown out of all proportion! "Whoever said any media exposure is good exposure was wrong," our reader wrote in to Mumbblings this week. "Sensationalism might sell papers but it also makes the game less desirable to spectators and parents who don't care what sport their kids play

(so long as they have good role models). "(I wasn't at the game) but impartial spectators at the ground who I spoke to said it was an excellent game of football with emotions running high from two passionate groups of players and supporters." Enough said..



A HOT new book called Lucy Zeezou's Goal proves that fashion and football make a perfect mix! Former television sports journalist Liz Deep-Jones has woven her vast experiences covering and playing football for the past 15 years into an engaging and sassy fictional story about a young girl named Lucy chasing her dream to be a footballer against her parent's wishes. The daughter of a famous football legend in Italy and former Sydney model mother is banned from pursuing her passion because her parents believe that football isn't for girls. Instead they expect her to model for their fashion label – "23" - and follow a career on the catwalk. Lucy though is defiant, skipping her dance classes and casting sessions to secretly play football with her old team mates. But her secret life comes unstuck. Does she come clean and reveal the real Lucy or does she give up her dream?

The Matildas also share their inspirational stories in the book – to be launched on Monday September 1 when Lucy Zeezou's Goal published by Random House will be released. Mumbblings will be running a giveaway in coming weeks after securing a few copies of the book. Stay tuned – it's a fantastic read!



REFEREE'S Corner is back for another week. Here is last week's Q&A.

Q. The ball becomes defective whilst not in play at a throw-in, the game is restarted with?

- A. A Drop Ball
- B. An Indirect Free Kick
- C. A Throw-in

Answer: C. Throw in (the game was already stopped).

Q. If a player taking a kick-off handles the ball before it has been touched by another player - what is the correct restart?

- A. Drop Ball
 - B. Indirect free kick to the opposing team
 - C. Direct free kick to the opposing team
- Answer: C. Direct free kick (the most serious offence is punished)

And now (drum roll) for this week's brain teasers:

- Q. A referee can expel a team official from?
 - A. The field of play and its immediate surroundings
 - B. Only from the technical area
 - C. Only from the field of play
- Q. Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity involves a player?
 - A. Moving forwards in any direction
 - B. Moving in any direction
 - C. Moving towards the opponents' goal



NSW SPORT and Recreation is hosting a forum on one of the most important issues facing elite young sports stars and their parents – burn-out! "Going the Distance" will provide answers to the following questions: How do you know if a young athlete is approaching burn-out? How can you help them to avoid it? How can you help them address the issues they face and find their motivation again? The forum will present real-life case studies of pre-elite athlete burn-out, and explain how to identify it, understand it and ways you can prevent it. Forum sessions will be conducted by experts across the fields of education, sports science, coaching, sport psychology, sports management and athlete welfare. It is suitable for parents, coaches, administrators, sports trainers, Regional Academies of Sport and educators of athletes at the pre-elite level.

Date: Friday 14 November 2008

Venue: Sydney (venue to be confirmed)

Cost: Approximately \$55, including lunch

For more information visit

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/>



CROMER Park hosted yet another day to remember last Sunday as a group of celebrities took on the Australian Deaf side in a curtain-raiser to the Manly United-Macarthur Rams NSWPL fixture to help raise funds for the hearing-impaired players. In what was a fantastic game of football the Deaf side came out on top 3-2 – courtesy of a "dubious" penalty awarded by referee Donny Gale. All in good fun, the celebrities – including ex-Soceroo Robbie Slater, ex-NFL star Colin Scotts, actor John Waters, surfing legend Layne Beachley, ex-Test cricketer Gav Robertson and Manly-Warringah's man-about-town Duncan Kerr – had a ball. To a player they all slept like logs last Sunday night after running themselves into the ground..



FORMER Socceroo-turned-Fox Sports commentator Robbie Slater loves putting back into the game that made him a star. And that legacy will continue in the October school holidays when he hosts his first "live-in" coaching camp at Narrabeen's NSW Institute of Sport from October 7-10. Cost of the camp is \$495-00 (includes accommodation and all meals). For more information and bookings, call 9453 3354 or 0415 544 686





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Boys and girls - aged 6-13yrs (NEW YOUNGER AGE GROUPS)

NOTE: Open to all players aged 6-9yrs and 10-13yrs playing MWFA club 1st division (or the highest division in their age group at their club)

Dates: Monday August 4 – Monday September 22
Times: 4.15pm – 5.30pm
Venue: Cromer Park – 101 South Creek Rd, Dee Why
Cost: \$160/player for 8 weekly sessions + *\$20 for training kit + ball)

(*optional for players with MUFC training kit from previous camps)

Payment: \$160 or \$180 due on July 28 at 1st session
Cash or cheque (payable to MWFA) only

COACHES: Sharon Egger – MUFC Girls Youth League Head Coach
Susan Wheatley – MUFC 1st grade player
Staff coaches

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With Bruno Jasiczek (MUFC GK COACH)

Dates: **WEDNESDAY** July 30 – Wednesday September 17
Times: 6pm–7.30pm
Venue: Cromer Park – 101 South Creek Rd, Dee Why
(Synthetic-grassed cage)
Cost: \$35/player per session
Bookings: BRUNO on **0421 131 051** or email bjgeronimo@gmail.com

Open to all goalkeepers aged 9-18yrs playing representative youth league or MWFA club 1st division (or the highest division in their age group at their club)



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REPRESENTATIVE YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYERS
Boys and girls - aged 10-15yrs

Dates: Tuesday August 5 – Tuesday September 23
Times: 4.15pm – 5.30pm
Venue: Cromer Park – 101 South Creek Rd, Dee Why
Cost: \$160 for eight sessions (\$20/player per session)
Cash or cheque (payable to MWFA) only
Payment plans available

Coaches: Phil Moss (MUFC Head Coach)
Sharon Egger (MUFC Girls Youth League Head Coach)

Program: Technique, 1v1, 2v2, specific game-related positional play

Bookings: Essential email mossy@mwfa.com.au

Wet Weather: Call 9982-6228 after Noon on day of program

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