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Manly exorcise some Demons

Manly United had an emphatic victory over Blacktown City at Gabbie Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The 4-0 win was the first time Manly has defeated Blacktown at Gabbie Stadium since 2001. It was Blacktown City who started the stronger and Daniel Wilkinson put in an early cross to Chris Bedzo who headed the ball wide of the far post. Then debutant Agyei Akwasi interchanged with Bedzo on the edge of the penalty-area and played Matthew Lewis into a strong position, but Brad Swancott blocked his path in the Manly goal area.

Manly started applying pressure on the home side in the 10' minute and it paid dividends. 4' minutes later, after it looked as though the Demons had avoided danger, the ball fell to Robbie Cattanach a long way from goal. His shot beat Ivan Necevski at the far post and struck the back of the net. The effort had come from twenty-five yards out and was struck along the ground with maximum effect.

Four minutes later Cattanach was almost presented another chance but his shot was poor. It was a mistake he learnt from, but his opponents did not. In the 27' minute Blacktown's Paul Karbon turned inside and laid the ball into Cattanach's path and as Ivan Necevski advanced he slipped, leaving Cattanach to chip over him and into the back of the net.

Six minutes later Michael Williams could have played Cattanach into space on his left but instead played Craig Midgely on his right and Midgely had his path blocked by Necevski. Then Karbon repeated his mistake again, but this time it was Midgely who pounced. As he advanced though, he shot too early and Necevski made an easy save. A minute later a through ball put Joey Schrippa into space but his shot was turned around the near post by Necevski.

In the 38' minute the local crowd thought that they may have had a penalty when Jordan Simpson went down in the area but the only thing Blacktown City collected was a yellow card for diving. Three minutes from half-time Cattanach almost completed his hat-trick after he smashed a shot past Necevski and onto the post after good lead-up from Midgely on the right. Seconds from the break Bedzo had a half opportunity to grab a goal but Roberto Hamad blocked the chance and it came to nothing.

Immediately after the break, a head clash between Graeme Forbes and Bradley Groves saw Groves taken to hospital with a large gash on his head and concerns over a possible neck injury.

In the 55th minute Agyei Akwasi had the ball in the Manly area but rather than take an early shot he stepped back across the defence and he was shut down. Blacktown was playing better football and Manly had drifted from the task at hand but in the 57' minute Cattanach put in a cross from the right and Midgely headed it towards goal - Necevski saved easily.

Two minutes later – at the other end - Bedzo and Akwasi both had shots denied by Swancott. In the 63' minute, a calamity almost occurred again as a clearance from one defender deflected off a team-mate into the path of Cattanach once more. Bizarrely, his shot beat Necevski but bounced off a third Blacktown City defender and back into the hands of the Blacktown City goalkeeper.



Manly United striker Robbie Cattanach was amongst the goals once more as he notched up a brilliant hat-trick in their 4-0 win over the Blacktown City Demons on Sunday

In the 68th minute Manly saw a shot from Midgely saved brilliantly by Necevski but his parry fell for Cattanach whose effort was also saved by Necevski. The ball was then quickly played away by Bedzo and he played it into Jordan Simpson who saw Brad Swancott trip-up on one of his own defenders as he advanced towards him. Simpson's shot was blocked on the line by another Manly defender and Leo Carle put the follow-up effort on the wrong side of the post. Two minutes later Swancott saved from Simpson superbly.

In the 77' minute Michael Lloyd Green put the nerves of his team behind him as he put the ball in the back of the net after strong lead-up work by Cattanach. In the 85' minute Ken Chun at the far post put a cross wide of the target when it was possibly easier to score than miss.

After all his efforts it seemed Cattanach's desire for his second hat-trick of the season was to be denied after Necevski saved a late effort from a free-kick. However, one-minute from time Cattanach pounced on a long ball and fired it past Necevski into the far side of the goal for his third of the afternoon.

After the match Ken Schembri was disappointed with the overall display from his team:

"We don't take our chances and gifting the opposition soft goals when we are struggling is a formula for no success. We opened well but they were clinical with their chances."

As for Phil Moss he was pleased to have come away with such a good result:

"I was reasonably happy with our first-half. In the second-half it showed we had to play an extra Cup match mid-week and we took our foot of the accelerator. I am delighted for Cattanach, he rose to the challenge today. We have tried some new things today in our play and it worked well which was pleasing."

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Australia misses out on CWC

Australia has lost its bid to host the 2009 and 2010 Club World Cup, FIFA president Sepp Blatter announced. The championship designed to crown the world's best club side will go to the United Arab Emirates. Japan, which will hold its fourth straight event in December, will regain the tournament in 2011 and 2012.

"A decision that will bring joy to the Arab world and not so much to Football Federation Australia is that the Club World Cup in 2009 and 2010 will be played in the United Arab Emirates and we will ask the association not to play the series in only one city," Blatter told a media conference in Sydney on Tuesday at the end of a two-day executive committee meeting.

"One of the reasons we could not consider Australia was not because their bid was not good. Australia's bid was exceptional but this competition has a time constraint.

"The competition can only be played in one week because of the international calendar. But it is difficult for the teams to get to Australia and go back in a week."

Blatter said he wanted to reassure the FFA that its failure to secure the CWC tournament would not adversely affect its chances of successfully bidding for the 2018 World Cup.

"As a consolation I would like to tell our friends from Australia that when bidding for the World Cup takes place distances won't be an issue because for the World Cup you have 14 days to prepare, according to our Statutes.

"Therefore hope and emotions are still valid for a country that in the last three or four years has proved that football, which was called soccer before, is another good game and really a part of Australia's social (fabric).

"Football is the highest participating sport in Australia, especially among girls."

FFA chief executive Ben Buckley was quick to offer his congratulations to the UAE who have "first-class facilities and resources" and vowed his organisation would continue to bid for major events.

"We want to be a strong and positive contributor to the world of football in as many ways as possible," he said.

FFA head of corporate and public affairs Bonita Mersiades said Australia was "learning all the time".

"We are encouraged by Mr Blatter's words and as far as we are concerned it's onwards and upwards for 2018," she said.

Blatter said it was FIFA's intention to spread the tournament around the world but Europe was not an option.

"I must emphasise that the tournament can only be played in December but where can we play it?" he asked.

"I can tell you we had interest from Portugal but in Europe there is so much top-class club football that taking the Club World Cup there would not be a good promotion for the event.

"We expected candidatures from Mexico and the USA but they never materialised and we know that in future South Africa might be a contender.

"Finally it came down to Japan and the Emirates. We wanted a change and give the UAE a chance to prove what it can do, not by having one event but two."

Blatter also said the executive committee was fully behind the controversial 'six-plus-five' plan restricting the number of foreigners any club can use in any match. The president said he hoped the ruling would be in place by season 2012/13.

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RED CARD: THE short-sighted, small-minded people who keep firing shots at the round-ball code for trying to increase the number of football fields in the area. It is a simple case of demand with more than 17,000 registered players wanting a game each weekend. The petty jealousies from those connected with other codes is nothing more than the "tall poppy syndrome" raising its ugly head. Get over yourselves and let everyone play the sport of their choice!!



GOOAAAL: FFA held the inaugural FFA National Coaching Conference at Homebush this week with some 400 coaches flying in from all over Australia to hear from some of the world's leading figures. Most informative and some wonderful information for coaches at all levels of the game! More of the same please..



THE biggest game of the NSW Premier League season to date will take place at Cromer Park on Sunday afternoon when second-placed Manly United host top-of-the-table Sutherland Sharks. With just one point – Sutherland are on 29 points ahead of Manly United on 28 – and two goals separating the two sides not to mention the leagues two best goal-scorers (Robbie Cattanaach from Manly and Brad Boardman from Sutherland) on show, it promises to be a cracker of a game. Manly United officials are confident of a big crowd so make sure you get to Cromer Park early. The BBQ will be cranked, the clubhouse open and Manly United's famous dancing girls will be working up a storm – don't miss all the action! Kick-off is 3pm following the Grade 20s at 12.30pm and the 18s at 10.30am.



A NEW chapter in the history of local derbies will take place on Saturday at Millers Reserve when newly-promoted Manly-Allambie locks horns with Manly Vale. It's the first PL meeting between these neighbours in 10 years. The last meeting was August 1998 at David Thomas – the same day Manly-Allambie was relegated back to AL1s. There will be four survivors from that fateful day lining up for the home side this weekend determined to turn things around this time. "Even our supporters from the old days have started returning to Millers to watch the team go round," coach Dave Bonney told Mumbblings this week. "It should make for a very closely fought contest against Vale, who I know will be desperate to get their season up and running after not starting as well as they had hoped." Bring on the fireworks!



COMMITMENT and desire is alive and kicking in the CC Strikers O35B ranks if last weekend's "clash" with Brookvale A is anything to go by. Determined to hold out the classy Blues outfit – choc-full of ex-Premier League players who won countless trophies together – the Strikers were dealt a blow when one of their players came off second best in a nasty head clash while using his noggin to defend a high ball in the area. With blood spilt for the cause, the "elephant man" returned to the fray with the wound bandaged and held together by electrical tape usually used on his boots! Much to the amusement of his teammates and supporters alike, every ball played to him from then on was head-high! The result? Brooky ran

away 3-0 winners, but our bloodied soldier won the sympathy vote!



MUMBLINGS has brought to your inbox this season one of the most intriguing Ladies O35 teams in the MWFA with weekly updates of their "shenanigans". Well, this week we can confirm just how wacky this group of loveable rogues is with photographic evidence! With the team's full permission we bring you...drum roll please.. the Curl Curl Ladies O35 "YOUTH" team in all its glory! The first photo is of new major sponsor Col Gair presenting his troops with a big fat cheque for their efforts and the second is none other than Australian cricket legend Darren Lehmann – who was accosted during a recent visit to the team's favourite watering hole, the Harbor Hilton!



The team has produced a "YOUTH" jacket and the aim is to see who can get it photographed being worn (and we quote): "By a famous person, on a famous landmark or in a sexy pose." Leaving that last one right alone!



WHILE on all things Ladies O35s, it seems there is another team making waves all of their own.

A group of suburban housewives is not normally where you would expect to find natural football talent, but Mumbblings may have stumbled upon just that down Pittwater way! The Pittwater Ladies O35/2bs won their 5th game of the season last weekend to go second on the ladder. Nothing special we hear you mumble. But when you consider that 15 of the 19 in the squad had **never** played football before this season it adds credence to their achievements so far. "It is quite surreal to watch them put away a goal as if they have been playing all their lives and then have to remind them that they have to get back in their own half for the re-start," amazed but proud coach Matty Whitten told Mumbblings this week. Another example of Girl Power!



APOLOGIES to our avid readers of REFEREE'S CORNER for the popular segment's non-appearance last week. To catch up on things, here are the questions and answers from two weeks ago:

Q. If the ball rebounds off the Referee whilst he is on the field of play, and enters the goal? How do you re-start the game?

A. A kick off, the referee is part of the field of play so it's a goal.

Q. During play, two opponents are contesting for the ball inside the centre circle. A player standing in his own goal area, uses his fist to strike an opponent in the face. The Referee should stop play, and restart with?

A. A penalty kick to the team that has been struck.

Q. A free kick is taken inside a team's own penalty

area. Before the ball has travelled outside of the penalty area, a team mate handles it. What is the restart?

A. The kick is retaken.

Now for this week's brain-teasers:

Q) During half time, can a substitute sitting in the technical area be cautioned (shown the yellow card)?

A) No, but he can be reported B) Yes C) Only if he has previously played in the game.

Q) A player taking a throw-in, has both heels just on the inside edge of the touchline, whilst the rest of his feet are inside the field of play. Is it :

A) A legal throw: B) An illegal throw. C) Only legal if he moves his feet back whilst taking the throw?

Stay tuned for the correct answers next week!



WHAT do you get when you combine a Devil and a Rover? A winning football team! The CC Strikers under-9 Red Devils and Red Rovers mixed and matched to reach the final of the Carss Park Gala Day last Sunday. Unfortunately the decider didn't go to plan and the youngsters went down in a dreaded penalty shootout to AC United after the scores were locked at 0-0. It was the players' first attempt at 11-a-side football and augurs well for those in the squad looking forward to the annual Strikers Cup at Cromer Park. The team was: Tal Weiner, Diego Xavier Cuabros-Garrot and Isaiah Vumbaca, Matt Damore, Will Jeffcoat, Jayden Lagana, Will Martin, Jacob Seeto, Gianni Stensness, Brody Strachan, Jacimo Townhill, Harry Van Der Saag, Rhys Vorillas. Young Gianni Stensness was awarded Player of the Final. It's fair to say the boys – and coach Mark Strachan – slept very well last Sunday night after playing five games in 7hrs..



WHILE on the strength of players coming through at CC Strikers, four under-9 boys have won selection in the Football NSW Top Gun team after the recent 4-day camp at Narrabeen's Sydney Institute of Sport. Gianni Stensness (player of the final in the Carss Park Gala Day), Brody Strachan, Tal Weiner and Diego Cuabros-Garrot will take part in a 15-day tour of the Gold Coast and Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra later this year. The peninsula boys makes up more than a quarter of the squad drawn from most of NSW. Needless to say all have also won selection in the CC Strikers outfit for the annual Strikers Cup at Cromer Park later this year. Those in the know are rating the 2008 Strikers Cup team the strongest in years.



YOUNG Sam Benton was distraught when his bag – full of goalkeeping gear - went missing recently (as reported in The Soccer Post last week). But alas, a kind-hearted soul who wished to remain anonymous handed the bag in and Sam is again a happy chappy! "It just goes to show there are still good souls out there," relieved dad Nigel told Mumbblings.



MANLY United continues to make waves in the Ladies NSW Premier League with a fantastic 6-3 victory over Marconi at Cromer Park last Sunday. It augurs well for the Larry Bates-coached side as they begin the run home to the finals in a top three spot!



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