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club news

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Snapshot: Grand Finals

Juniors

U9 Div 4 : Loss 0 - 2 Vs. Auburn District

Seniors

Senior 5's : Loss 0 - 2 Vs. Lidcombe Waratah

Ladies

U10G Div 1 : Won 2 - 0 Vs. Pendle Hill

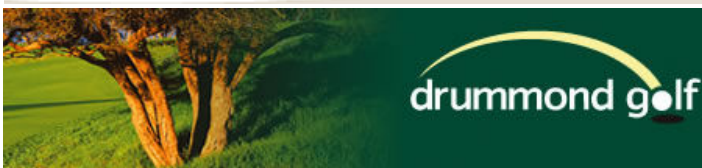
U16G Div 2 (B) : Won 2 - 1 Vs. Castle Hill RSL (White)

U16G Div 2 (W) : Loss 1 - 2 Vs. Castle Hill RSL (Black)

U19G Div 1 : Loss 1 - 7 Vs. Beaumont Hills

AAL4 (B) : Loss 1 - 2 Vs. Pendle Hill

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Match Reports

U14 Div 3 - Semi Final 23rd August rockets 3 vs guildford mcredie 4

Well, this was it. Our last chance to get to the Grand Final and after going down in our last two games the boys knew this was it and the next 60 minutes would decide their fate. We started with a slightly different lineup and pushed Zach into the midfield to partner Pete and Adam B was put back into defence. I always knew the change may leave us vulnerable in defence. However, we knew they only had 1 player to look out for and felt confident that the backs could do the job. They opened the scoring in the first 5 minutes and before we knew it, we were 2 down after 20. They pushed their goal scorer back into defence and shortly after we earned a penalty after a foul in their box and daddy cool Zach made no mistake burying it to make the score 1-2. Guildford automatically pushed their man forward again and it worked, he gave them a comfortable 2 goal lead at the break. At half time the talk was positive and I encouraged the boys to believe in themselves and to play with their hearts, the game was far from over and if we could get a goal early we were back in the game.

We were set for a cracking final 30 minutes and things looked to be going well when we were awarded a second penalty in the box. It was up to Zach again and the ice man again made no mistake. We were back in the game and it was going to be a tense, anxious and fingernail biting last 15 minutes. Guildford again restored their 2 goal lead with no one on the day being able to lay a finger on their striker. He bagged his 4th goal in one game and 8th goal against us during this season. We got our 3rd goal with 5 to go with a perfectly hit free kick from Pete which hit the bar, Zach was all over the rebound and headed home his 3rd of the day. The full-time whistle went and the game was over. We missed out on the grand final but the boys had given it 110% and could hold their heads high. We had never lost a game after scoring 3 times and no one had put 4 past us all season so we were a little unlucky especially since we smashed Lidcombe and probably deserved to be in the final from that ...

U14 Div 3 - Semi Final cont... rockets 3 vs guildford mcredie 4

... performance. Overall, a brilliant season and we really earned our Minor Premiership crown. Big huge massive thank you to all the parents for all their commitment and support to the team (p.s I loved the frame).

Special mention to Paul for all his effort during the year and last but not least to my boys *Thank you!!* Hope to see you all soon at 7-a-side and throughout the pre season and 2009.

~ Monica ~

U10 Girls Div 1 rockets 2 vs pendle hill tigers 0

The teams that finished 1st and 2nd in the competition this year, met in this thriller of a grand final.

Some weeks ago, Castle Hill played Pendle Hill in a semi-final match that we certainly thought would be a preview to the grand final and that is exactly how it played out. With the rain coming down consistently early in the morning, surfaces were wet and the ball certainly had a mind of its own during some sections of the match. The first half saw Pendle Hill stack their defence against us to stop our strikers from having any opportunities in front of goals. There were a number of good balls put through from both sides but both sides' defence did their jobs and kept the score line at nil apiece ...



Rockets U14/3's
Photos C/- Monica



U10 Girls Div 1 cont... rockets 2 vs pendle hill tigers 0

... The 2nd half commenced and again Pendle Hill's defence stood against our girls throwing everything at them, until a corner from Tahlia that landed in the middle of the goals. Girls were kicking the ball left, right and centre in some very scrappy play but luckily for us the ball ricocheted off the post and was knocked in at the far post by Chloe. The girls started celebrating and after some strong words from the sideline advising them to keep their heads in the game and that it was certainly not over, they settled down to get to business. Pendle Hill restarted the match with their striker coming up with some very good dribbling and beating a number of our players down the sideline. Emma put her body on the line and covered sweeper areas very well, kicking the ball out on a number of occasions to allow our girls to get back down to help with defence. Then, after some kick passing from our backs to our midfield, a through ball to Madeleine saw her make another break up the sideline. She crossed the ball in front of goals which met Chloe unmarked and our second goal was put into the far post again.

The girls held off a number of attacks from Pendle Hill's strikers and midfielders, who never gave up and played the game right down to the final whistle. We would like to finish off our final match report by acknowledging how well the girls played throughout the entire season - they got the trifecta today, undefeated, un-scored against and

grand champions!!!

It has been an absolute pleasure coaching every single girl in the team. We hope to see all of you back next year for another stellar season with the Rockets in 09. Finally, we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our Manager **LISA** who put up with all our demands throughout the season and to the parents - without you we wouldn't have a team. Thank you for your support and allowing us the flexibility to have the girls at extra training sessions etc. throughout the season.

~ Frank and Allison ~

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Wow! This was a day we were all excited about. Our first Grand Final in 5 years and at Parramatta Stadium.

The night before it rained nonstop, but the stadium field was the best the girls have ever played on. The atmosphere was intense and expectant. Several of the team had butterflies, but they soon ran them out as they warmed up. The first half was great football to watch and Beaumont got in a goal not long before the break. Our girls matched them well with fantastic passing, nice through balls and excellent defence. Ash had some great saves.

After the break, Ilana scored a lovely goal and we thought we could hold them off and score some more. Fatigue set in for our girls and Beaumont scored again and again. Ness did a mammoth job against a fit and fast opposition and saved many of their goals from going in. Well done to the whole team. You never gave up. Despite your best efforts we were not to be winners today.

Thanks heaps to our many supporters, not just today but for the whole season! It's been a long and rewarding season and we are so proud of every player on the team. Corrine we missed you, get better soon. Our thoughts are with the many who will have HSC exams in 6 weeks. Farewell to Tess, who's off to India, we'll miss you. Final score: 7/1

~ Bev ~

