



GUILDFORD McCREDIE
UNITING SOCCER CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT

1999



Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club Office Bearers 1999

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Associate Referees – Mr Nick Creer, Mr David Menger, Mr Scott Frain, Mr John Atkins, Mr Greg Wark, Mrs Carolynne Wark, Mr Steve Maltby

President's Report

Well, what a great first year! Congratulations McCredie Uniting Soccer Club. To all the coaches, managers, parents and players you are to be commended for your efforts.

I am sorry that I have not been able to meet you all but I had the pleasure of meeting some of you. I trust this might be possible on Sunday 12th September at the church service/lunch/presentation.

I would also personally, on your behalf, thank Greg and Carolynne Wark for all their hard work in getting the club started.

See you all next year.

Grace and peace

Rev. David Wrightson

Secretary's Report

In Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club's inaugural year we were able to field two junior teams in the Under 10 and 8 age groups, a mini team in the under 6 age group and two senior teams in the Raahauge Cup competition. All teams throughout the year recorded good wins at different times and enjoyed their soccer but special mention must be made of the under 6s who completed their Saturday rounds undefeated and the Raahauge Cup reserves who qualified for the semifinals in third position.

As secretary it was particularly pleasing to look away from the kids playing on the field at times, to the parents watching and supporting their children as they chatted with each other making new friends themselves.

It is hoped that next year McCredie will be able to enter more teams in more age groups so that all children will be able to play in their own age groups. To do this we will require the kids to bring their friends along next year. We will also require more coaches, managers and other helpers to make this possible. Coaching and referees courses will again be offered in March and April next year so please consider how you can assist the club. Volunteers are sought now for the positions of canteen manager, ground caretaker and fundraising coordinator for next season.

Also planned for next year is the purchase of club jackets which will be able to be ordered at registration in February. At this stage the cost will be approximately \$50.00 and will be available for players and parents.

Thankyou to all the coaches, managers and associate referees for your assistance throughout the year. No club can function without your support.

Don't forget that the registration days are the first two Saturdays in February at Granville Park between 8am and 11am. You can also register any time up until then by seeing me but remember no registration will be accepted without a \$20.00 deposit. Please register early as I would hate anybody to miss out.

Greg Wark
Secretary

**Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club
Income and Expenditure Statement for 1999 Season**

INCOME

Registration Fees	\$5,165.50
less discounts	-\$130.00
Uniform Sales	
-Socks	\$328.00
-Shorts	\$255.00
Canteen Sales	\$801.10
Fund Raising	
- Easter Raffle	\$148.00
- Trivia Night	\$1,002.90
- Trivia Night Raffle	\$510.00
- Coconut Ice Drive	\$72.45
Other	\$50.00
Accounts Receivable	
- Jersey	\$35.00
- Refund of rego overpaid	\$115.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$8,352.95</u>

EXPENDITURE

NSWCFA Fees	
- Club Registration	\$20.00
- Team Registration	\$3,531.00
- Fines	\$50.00
Coaching Fees	\$150.00
Uniforms	
- Jerseys	\$1,533.50
- Socks	\$240.00
- Shorts	\$240.00
Equipment	
- Balls	\$560.00
- Witches Hats	\$60.00
- Mini Goal & Corner Posts	\$130.85
- Misc.	\$24.45
Trophies	\$336.90
Ground Fees	\$360.00
Canteen	
- Drinks/Chips	\$457.65
- Misc.	\$19.95
Fund Raising	\$68.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$7,782.40</u>

Under 6 Team Report

First and most of all I would like to thank all the boys for their good work this season. They have all come a long way.

Ab – has done wonderfully in goals. Like all the other boys he has come a long way. His skills in the goal area have grown tremendously, saving both hard and easy goals. In future nothing will get past or around Ab while he plays this position.

Adem – has come a long way. Not only can he control the ball without much effort; but he can score a goal with the greatest of ease. Adem will make a great centre one day.

Amarvir – is a marvellous player, with a little one on one coaching he will be a very skilled player. After scoring eighty five percent of goals for the season, Amarvir is a natural at this game and has had a great season.

Charbel – in the beginning of the season was more afraid of the ball than it was of him. During one training session he kicked the ball really well and from then on played with no fear at all. Playing hard and fast and well with his team mates.

Ibrahim – in much the same way as Charbel, Ibrahim was also afraid of the ball. Then with a flash of colour he also started to face the ball, kicking well and scoring a few goals in the last third of the season.

Jordan – at least will now kick and watch where the ball goes. He is also running with the ball and playing well with his team mates. Scoring goals as well, Jordan has had a great season.

Sameer – has also learned how to kick and watch the ball. Sameer played in the halves which was the right position for him. Sameer with a bit more practise will also be a fantastic player.

In closing the team had a wonderful season, being undefeated throughout the comp. The season was played well by all.

Linda Bickley
Manager

Under 8 Team Report

The under eight team had twelve registered players (six of whom were under seven) however, unfortunately two players dropped out halfway through the season and one went overseas. With nine players this made it hard at times but despite this we improved throughout the year and played our best soccer in the second half of the season.

The highlights of the season were:

- the second round of the six a side when after leading by a goal for much of the match we eventually lost by a single corner to Yaralla who went on to win the competition.
- the victory over St Matthews and the draw with St Lukes when the boys played their best soccer and showed just how much they had improved.
- the development of players like Ahmed, Joseph and Mat. By the end of the season other teams wouldn't believe they were only under seven!

The players:

Ahmed Abdul Hamid – played centre forward and by the end of the season knew his position well and made several attacks on the opposition goals every game. Ahmed's goal in the 6 a side was a beauty. Hopefully we can get an under 8 team together for next year because Ahmed will score plenty of goals in it.

Andre Akkari – Andre was always at training and one of the first to be ready to play each game. Super keen he even wanted to train after our season had finished! Andre had his finest hour on the field in the match against OLQP Falcons when he kept popping up with the ball and going for good runs.

Caner Temel – Caner starred for us all year. Carolynne whilst watching our last game said I was too hard on Caner, when after helping in attack I called out to him to help in defence. But that's what we came to expect from Caner who was not only one of the best players in our team but one of the best in the competition – every week.

Cem Tekirdag – Like Caner, one of the best players in the competition. Unfortunately for the team, Cem had an operation and then left for an overseas trip in July. Hopefully Cem will return next year and we will again have the pleasure of watching his exceptional ball skills.

Chafic Khoury Geagea – Chafic played in the fullbacks with distinction. Chafic was one of the first players to learn how to clear a ball safely away from goals and how to move up to get offsides. Chafic also had a moment of glory when having a go in goals he saved a penalty!

Denny Lepua – Our right half who always knew where to go to be in position. Denny was a good team player being one of our best passers.

Joseph Membreno – Probably the teams biggest improver as the season went on. Joseph's tackles and big kicks cleared away lots of problems for us as well as sending the ball back to the attackers when they lost it.

Mat Biber – Mat split his season playing in the fullbacks where his aggressive tackling and good kicks were important and in goals. Mat doesn't seem to like it much but he has developed as a terrific goalkeeper. Just to prove it he made a great save on what looked like a certain goal in the last game.

Nabeel Darwish – Nabeel played centre fullback and held our defence together all year. Very few opposition players actually ran around Nabeel without being dispossessed of the ball.

Patrick Ajnas – started the season on fire in the goals. However as the year went on he played a little less in goals and more on the field where his good teamwork and passing were used. During the year Saturday's captain was selected by the most cooperative and reliable at training. Patrick was captain the most this season.

All in all the season was a good one for the under 8s who improved immensely as a team which is what playing soccer is all about. Next year it is very much hoped all the boys will return and that they will all bring their friends! Thankyou very much to Josephine for her help as manager and to Gaven for his assistance at training and running the lines on Saturday.

Greg Wark
Coach

Under 10 Team Report

Our season started with 16 very enthusiastic players, most of whom didn't even know each others names or how to kick a soccer ball properly.

The first goal of the draw was scored by Jasvinn, closely backed up by a second goal by Wayne. The boys continued to improve their soccer skills week after week. Bilal and Bassam were showing excellent ball skills when they left for overseas. The big improvement came when we kept our front row consistent with Nathan, Jasvinn, Wayne and Timour showing great team work. The midfielders had the hardest job as they not only had to defend but they had to get the ball up front. Edmond and Minawere run off their feet filling up the gaps, while Andrew and Larry did an excellent job with throw-ins. Elias proved a great asset with his super kicks. Elias was our top goal scorer with 8 goals, well done. Our backs defended really well. Most other teams found it hard to get past Graem, John and Moheb – all improving with every game. Joseph and David developed into a great goalkeeping partnership both showing ballskills and sportmanship.

The second round of the season had the coaches and managers of our opponents costantly commenting on how much our team had improved. We only lost 2 games out of 9 in this round.

On behalf of Robert, Herb and myself, I would like to thank all the parents for their enthusiastic support. We were the only team with a cheer squad! A special thanks to Errol for his help and especially for lending Robert his voice!

We had a great time this season and hope you did too, and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Helen French
Manager

Raahauge Cup Report

The Raahauge Cup squad consisted of 24 players:

Andrew Wigmore	Billy Shing	Brendon Deppi
David Beaver	David Menger	Gaven Biber
Glen Mackenzie	Glenn Rogers	Greg Wark
Jack Au	John Atkins	Matt Broadbent
Nick Creer	Peter Chapman-Stone	Philip Chan
Phil Singline	Ricky Brook	Samih Hadid
Scott Frain	Sheldon Smith	Steven Maltby
Stuart Elliott	Sunil Mishra	Tom Kennedy

As a new squad we were at a disadvantage to other clubs with, in addition to never having played together before, nine players playing their first season of all age soccer. However, despite taking a couple of games to get settled in, in firsts, the squad played well together and defied the odds by finishing the first round in first place in first grade and second place in reserves.

During the second round the reserve grade juggernaut rolled on losing just one game. The reserve grade finished the season in third place and qualified for the semi finals, an outstanding result. Unfortunately the first grade side won just one game in the second round and finished out of the semi final placings. In the end despite such a poor finish the difference between seventh and fourth place was merely two wins and we did beat every team except the top two. Throughout the season the presence of reserve grade players at each training session and at each game was probably the difference. Next year with the addition of some new players (and that dreaded HSC out of the way for a couple of our key players) hopefully we will manage a finish to match our start.

Within the reserve grade team some individuals demand special mention. Throughout the year David Menger and Glen Mackenzie reliably held the midfield together and controlled the game. Up front Tom finished the goals and whether in the backs or halves Sheldon's contributions were always important. In the backs Matt's pace and Brendon's ability to win the 50:50 ball prevented numerous dangerous situations. The importance of having a couple of older heads like Phil and Gaven in the halves, using their experience should also not be underestimated. Steve, Nick, Stuart and Peter filled in week after week as our small squad played two games each Saturday. Their quality contributions, not always in positions they enjoyed, were highly influential in the eventual semi final birth of the reserves. It was disappointing that not all these players qualified for that game. However the topic that was probably most often discussed was the efforts of David and Samih who at 15

years old played every week with the “big boys” and held their own. Congratulations guys.

First grade relied heavily on the experience of a couple and the skills of our younger members. Starting at the back Steve Maltby showed that his skills are as good as any. As a junior Steve played in the forwards but this year after trying a couple of positions Steve played in the sweeper role. He still found an opportunity to venture forward on occasions scoring a great individual goal against St Columbas. The other two most influential players were Peter and Nick who developed a great combination over the season, one that should really blossom in the future. Peter knocks ‘em over and takes the ball, gives it to Nick who either sets up an attack or takes on the last half a dozen and scores! The other ‘finds’ of the year were Ricky and Phil. As the season progressed and I watched Ricky more closely I realised that he in fact almost always won the ball and that he always passed an intelligent ball to our team. It sounds easy but the rest of us couldn’t always manage it. Phil found through the year extra skills to allow him to adapt to playing in the halves and his tenacious running and tackling were a source of frustration to many teams. In the backs Scott and Andrew were solid. Our second half season slump corresponded to Scott’s injury and the two are not unrelated. John had work commitments at this time too and his ability to hold the ball up in attack was certainly missed in a couple of critical games. Andrew at just 16 defied his years when playing and after taking some inexperienced options early fitted into the squad really well. Unfortunately one of the most influential marks on the season was when our goalkeeper got a Saturday job. Stuart, Sheldon, John and Brendon all scored the job on occasion, but it was a job and not what these guys signed up for. Thanks for your efforts guys. Next year we need a regular keeper, so start looking guys! As with the reserves the firsts relied heavily on guys playing two games and Sheldon, Matt, Samih, Brendon and Macca’s efforts are much appreciated.

Thankyou to the associate referees for your assistance particularly David and Scott who refereed or lined most weeks. Next year there will be strong encouragement for more to help out and to share the burden.

Thanks to all the players who supported me as manager: who got to games without needing to be chased, who arranged transport for others, who didn’t moan and who got to training when they could. For a squad that was formed almost accidentally our results were outstanding, the camaraderie was terrific and the season was most enjoyable.

Greg Wark
Manager

CLUB TROPHIES

Encouragement awards

Under 6 Player of the Year 1999 – Amarvir Singh

2000 -

Under 7 Player of the Year 1999 – Ahmed Abdul-Hamid

2000 -

Under 8 Player of the Year 1999 – Caner Temel

2000 –

Under 9 Player of the Year 1999 – Nathan Cross

2000 –

Under 10 Player of the Year 1999 – David Sallak

2000 –

Runner Up Senior Player of the Year 1999 – David Menger,
Peter Chapman-Stone

2000 –

Williams shield - Junior Player of the Year

1999 – Adem Stevens Under 6s

2000 –

McCredie Shield - Senior Player of the Year

1999 – Steven Maltby

2000 -

Final Points Tables

Raahauge Cup Reserves

Telopea Church of Christ	32
Yaralla Soccer Club	28
Guildford McCredie	26
Carlingford Uniting	25
Blacktown Uniting	25
St Pauls Castle Hill	18
Greystanes Churches	14
Petersham Saints	12
Wentworthville Uniting	9
St Columbas Castle Hill	8
Baulkham Hills Baptist	6
Team Thunder	1

Raahauge Cup Firsts

Telopea Church of Christ	26
Petersham Saints	26
Yaralla Soccer Club	26
Carlingford Uniting	24
Wentworthville Uniting	23
St Pauls Castle Hill	20
Guildford McCredie	19
Greystanes Churches	15
Team Thunder	12
St Columbas Castle Hill	7
Baulkham Hills Baptist	6
Blacktown Uniting	0

Under 10

Greystanes Churches	29
St Michaels Baulkham Hills black	28
Lidcombe Churches	25
St Michaels Baulkham Hills purple	22
St Lukes Concord	19
Guildford McCredie Uniting	14
OLQP Falcons	13
St Columbas Castle Hill orange	12
Blacktown Uniting	2
St Marys Churches	0

Under 8

St Bernadettes blue	28
Yaralla Soccer Club	28
OLQP Falcons blue	23
St Michaels Baulkham Hills	21
Penrith Churches	15
St Lukes Concord	15
Blacktown Reformed	14
Guildford McCredie	10
St Matthews Baulkham Hills	8

Club Goal scorers

A. Singh	u6	42	D. Sallak	u10	3
G. Wark	RC	32	C. Tekirdag	u8	3
A. Stevens	u6	19	A. El Sleiman	u6	3
P. Chapman-Stone	RC	13	S. Maltby	RC	2
N. Creer	RC	12	G. Biber	RC	2
T. Kennedy	RC	8	B. Deppi	RC	2
E. Sallak	u10	8	J. Thomas	u6	2
J. Atkins	RC	7	W. French	u10	1
G. Mackenzie	RC	5	C. Temel	u8	1
P. Chan	RC	5	N Cross	u10	1
D. Menger	RC	5	S. Hadid	RC	1
S. Smith	RC	5	B. Shing	RC	1
J. Singh	u10	5	S. Nasir	u6	1
S. Mishra	RC	4	A. Abdul-Hamid	u8	1
I. Darwish	u6	4			