

A.C. UNITED



FOOTBALL CLUB

2023 YEAR BOOK





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U9 - LOW WHITE	Med Direct Pharmacy & Planet Builders
U9 - MEDIUM WHITE	CCCC Services
U10 - LOW	Fixed Today & Prime Certifiers
U10L - RUBY MEDIUM	Morlin Kitchens
U11 - MEDIUM BLUE	Kenekt
U11 - MEDIUM WHITE	VPT Group
U11 - LOW	Stefcon Building Services & Morlin Kitchens
U12 DIV 2	Aqua Corp Plumbing
U12 DIV 5	Heading Pro / Deploy
U12L - DIV 1	Nippy's
U13 DIV 4 BLUE	Chef's First Choice
U13 DIV 4	Fowler Homes
U14 DIV 4	It's Football
U15 DIV 1	Nicriel & Form Focus Physio
U15 DIV 2	Maldini's By The River
U15L - DIV 1	Stain Ash
U16 DIV 2	Westside Boating
U16/17L - DIV 1	Supreme Teamwear
U17 DIV 1	Form Focus Physio
U17 DIV 2	Supreme Teamwear
U18 DIV 1	Smithfield RSL
U21 DIV 1 WHITE	Autotune
U21 DIV 2 BLUE	HBA Travel
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AC UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB - ACHIEVEMENTS

SEASON	MINOR PREMIERS	PREMIERS	RUNNER-UP	FAIRFIELD CUP	KNOCKOUT	CHAMP/CHAMP REPS	STATE/METRO CUP
1994	UNDER 17 / 18 DIV 1	UNDER 17 / 18 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1				
1995	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1			UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 13 DIV 1 *Winners*	
1996		UNDER 14 DIV 1	UNDER 13 DIV 1				
1997			UNDER 10 DIV 2				
1998	UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 9 DIV 2				
1999							
2000	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 2		UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 9 DIV 2			UNDER 10 DIV 1	
2001	UNDER 9 DIV 5 UNDER 10 DIV 4 UNDER 15 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 5 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 11 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 4 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1 16 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 3 UNDER 11 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 14 GIRLS UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 15 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	
2002	UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 2 (JP) UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 14 GIRLS UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	
2003	UNDER 9 DIV 3 UNDER 9 DIV 4 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 9 DIV 3 UNDER 9 DIV 4 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 9 DIV 4 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 12 DIV 1 *Winners* UNDER 13 DIV 1 *Winners* UNDER 15 DIV 1	
2004	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 ALLIANCE LEAGUE	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 16 GIRLS ALLIANCE LEAGUE	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1	UNDER 13 DIV 1	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 *Winners*	
2005	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3 UNDER 14 DIV 1W UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 4 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1W UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 ALL AGE LADIES W	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3	UNDER 14 DIV 1W	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 1G UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 10 DIV 1 *Winners* UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1 Winners UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 1
2006	UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3 UNDER 14 DIV 1 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 2 PEMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 10 DIV 2 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 2	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3 UNDER 14 DIV 1	N/A	N/A	UNDER 14 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 14 DIV 1
2007	UNDER 17 Div 1 UNDER 10 GIRLS UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 2 UNDER 18 LADIES ALL AGE LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 17 Div 1 UNDER 10 GIRLS UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 2 UNDER 18 LADIES UNDER 14 DIV 3 UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 9 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 ALLIANCE LEAGUE ALL AGE LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 1	DNP	DNP	UNDER 17 Div 1 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 1	U11S RUNNERS UP U17DIV 1 WINNERS
2008	UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 2 UNDER 16 DIV 2 UNDER 17 DIV 2	UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 2 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 14 GIRLS DIV 2	UNDER 9 DIV 5 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 1 UNDER 18 LADIES	DNP	DNP		UNDER 14 DIV 1
2009	ALL AGE LADIES DIV 2 UNDER 16 DIV 2	UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 2 UNDER 17 DIV 2 O35 DIV 2	UNDER 9 DIV 5 UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 2	PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES	PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES	UNDER 16 DIV 1 RUNNERS UP	UNDER 13 DIV 1 WINNERS
2010	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 Div 1 PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES O35 DIV 3	UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 1 UNDER 17 Div 1 PREMIER LEAGUE O35 DIV 3	UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV 3 O35 DIV 1			UNDER 13 DIV 1 Runners Up UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 Div 1 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 14 DIV 1 Winners UNDER 17 Div 1 Runners Up
2011	UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 O35 DIV 2 O35 DIV 3 PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES	UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 4 UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 O35 DIV 3 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 14 DIV 1 O35 DIV 2 PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES		UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 12 DIV 1 Runners Up O35 DIV 1 Runners Up
2012	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES	UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 21 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 2 PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES UNDER 14 GIRLS	UNDER 11 FERRARI UNDER 18 DIV 1 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 3		UNDER 13 DIV 2	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 1	
2013	UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 UNDER 14 GIRLS OVER 35 (Blue)	UNDER 12 DIV 1 GIRLS UNDER 14 GIRLS UNDER 14 DIV 3 OVER 35 (Blue) UNDER 17 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 2 UNDER 21 DIV 1		UNDER 18 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 1 Winners	UNDER 14 DIV 1 Winners
2014	UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 GIRLS AAL DIV 3 UNDER 21 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 2 (BLUE) UNDER 16 DIV 2	UNDER 15 DIV 2 (GREEN) UNDER 16 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 GIRLS UNDER 14 DIV 1 GIRLS PREMIER RESERVES UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 21 DIV 1	AAL DIV 2 AAL DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1		WINNERS UNDER 15 DIV 2 GREEN RUNNERS UP UNDER 13 DIV 2 AAL DIV 2	UNDER 12L DIV 1 Runners Up UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 GIRLS UNDER 21 DIV 1	UNDER 15 DIV 1 Winners UNDER 21 DIV 1 Winners
2015	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 14 LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 21 DIV 1	O35 DIV 2 WHITE UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1			UNDER 13 DIV 1 RUNNERS UP UNDER 14 LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1 RUNNERS UP	UNDER 15 DIV 1 WINNERS UNDER 14-1 L RUNNERS UP

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2016	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 2 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 2 GIRLS U17 DIV 1 U18 DIV 1 LADIES U21 DIV 1 LAA DIV 2	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 2 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U17 DIV 1 U18 DIV 1 LADIES U21 DIV 1/AAM3	U12 DIV 5 U13 DIV 4 U17 DIV 2 O35 DIV 2 BLUES LAA DIV 2		WINNERS U16 DIV 2 LADIES RUNNERS UP U18 DIV 1 LADIES	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U17 DIV 1 U18 DIV 1 LADIES U21 DIV 1	U14 DIV 1 GIRLS RUNNERS UP
2017	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U18 DIV 1 LADIES U15 DIV 2 U16 DIV 2 U17 DIV 1 U18 DIV 1	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U18 DIV 1 LADIES U15 DIV 2 U16 DIV 2 U17 DIV 1	U14 DIV 1 LADIES U18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 4		WINNERS U14 DIV 1 RUNNERS UP U13 DIV 1 U12 DIV 2 GIRLS	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U18 DIV 1 GIRLS U17 DIV 1 U18 DIV 1	
2018	U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 2 GIRLS U18 DIV 1 LADIES U17 DIV 2	U14 DIV 4 U18 DIV 1 LADIES	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 2 GIRLS U17 DIV 2 U18 DIV 1 U21 DIV 1 LAA DIV 1		WINNERS U14 DIV 1	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 1 GIRLS U16 DIV 1 GIRLS U18 DIV 1 GIRLS	
2019	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 1 GIRLS U15 DIV 1 U18 DIV 1 LADIES	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 1 GIRLS U18 DIV 1 LADIES	U16 DIV 3 O35 DIV 1 O35 DIV 2		RUNNERS UP U17 DIV 1	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U14 DIV 1 GIRLS U15 DIV 1 U18 DIV 1 LADIES	
2020	U12 DIV 1 GIRLS U12 DIV 5 U13 DIV 2 U16 DIV 1 U21 DIV 1 LADIES	U12 DIV 5 U15 DIV 1 SHIELD U16 DIV 1 U16-3 U18 DIV 1 SHIELD U21 DIV 1 LADIES O35 SHIELD	O45 U12 DIV 2 U14 DIV 3 U16 DIV 1 LADIES				
2021	COMPETITION CANCELLED DUE TO COVID PANDEMIC						
2022	U16 DIV 2 U18 DIV 1 U21 DIV 2 O45 DIV 1	U14 DIV 2 U21 DIV 2 U18 DIV 1 WHITE CUP U18 DIV 1 BLUE SHIELD U16 DIV 1 SHIELD U14 DIV 1 SHIELD				U18 LADIES DIV 1 U18 DIV 1 WHITE	
2023	U12 DIV 5 U14 DIV 4 U17 DIV 1 U17 DIV 2 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 3 O45 DIV 2	U12 DIV 5 U13 DIV 5 U14 DIV 4 M LEAGUE LADIES PREMS AAM DIV 8 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 3 O45 DIV 2	U12 DIV 2, U13 DIV 4, U15 DIV 2, U16 DIV 2, U17 DIV 1, U17 DIV 2, U18 DIV 1 U21 WHITE DIV 1		RUNNERS UP U15 DIV 1 LADIES	M LEAGUE LADIES PREMS U17 DIV 1 U16/17 LADIES	

PRESIDENT REPORT 2023

Welcome to the President's Report for AC United as we reflect on what has been a truly outstanding year. It is with immense pride that I share with you the remarkable achievements and moments of success that our club has experienced in the past year.

In the 2023 season, AC United fielded an impressive 40 teams, showcasing the growth and strength of our club. Among these teams were:

18 Junior Non-Competitive Teams (U5-U11): These young players laid the foundation for our club's future. Their enthusiasm and development are essential to the continued success of our club AC United.

11 Junior Competitive Teams (U12-U16): These young talents demonstrated their skills and determination, with 2 of them earning the title of Minor Premiers and 10 reaching the finals. Six (6) of these teams advanced to the Grand Finals, and 3 teams proudly emerged as Premiers.

11 Senior Competitive Teams (U17-O45): Our Senior players, ranging from U17 to O45 age groups, continued to excel. Four (4) of these teams claimed the title of Minor Premiers, while 8 reached the finals. An impressive 8 teams made it to the Grand Finals, and four (4) were crowned as Premiers.

The highlight of this year undoubtedly belongs to our Women's M-League team, who not only performed exceptionally but went on to clinch the coveted M-League Championship title. This triumph is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and talent of our players, their Coaches and Managers. Their victory represents the culmination of countless hours of training and unwavering commitment to our club's values of teamwork and excellence.

But our journey did not stop there. We have now embarked on a new and thrilling adventure as our M-League champions along with our U17 Div 1 Boys & U16/17 Div 1 Ladies are currently competing in the Champions of Champions tournament. This prestigious competition allows us to showcase our prowess at the highest level in park soccer and we are determined to make AC United proud once again.

These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our players, coaches and everyone involved with AC United. The commitment to excellence and the AC United spirit run deep within our club and these achievements are a testament to that ethos.

I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, whose unwavering support has played a pivotal role in our achievements this year. Your generosity enables us to provide our players with the best possible resources and opportunities to excel. We are truly grateful for your partnership, and we look forward to continuing this successful journey together.

Our Coaches and Managers have been the backbone of our club, working tirelessly to nurture talent, mentor players and guide our teams to victory. Their dedication is immeasurable, and we owe much of our success to their tireless efforts. This extends to our Junior coaches who hold the future of our teams in their hands, instilling a passion for the game and a commitment to excellence in our young players.

A big special thank you is also in order for our Committee members. They selflessly dedicate their valuable time and expertise to ensure the smooth operation of our club week after week. Their hard work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed, but it is the reason we can enjoy the successes and growth of our Club AC United.

I would also like to take this moment to acknowledge our esteemed Life members. These individuals have been the pillars of our club for many years, providing wisdom, guidance, and unwavering support. Their contributions have been instrumental in shaping the identity and legacy of AC United, and we are deeply grateful for their enduring commitment.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of this past year, I encourage each and every one of you to take pride in being a part of AC United. Our club's success is a collective effort, and it is your passion, support, and commitment that makes AC United what it is today.

Let's look ahead to the future with optimism and determination. With your continued support, I am confident that AC United will continue to shine brightly for years to come.

Always Loud, Forever Proud AC AC!

Sincerely

Andrew Bella
President, AC United

SECRETARY REPORT 2023

What another successful year for AC United with 586 players, just under 100 coaches/managers registered and a total of 40 teams participating.

Congratulations all our 2023 teams and a special mention to the following AC United teams for their outstanding achievements this year:

<u>Premiers</u>	<u>Minor Premiers</u>	<u>Runners Up</u>
U12 Div 5 U13 Div 5 U14 Div 4 M-League AAM8 AAL3 O45 Men's	U12 Div 5 U14 Div 4 U17 Div 1 U17 Div 2 AAL 3 O45 Men's	U12 Div 2 U13 Div 4 U15 Div 2 U16 Div 2 U17 Div 1 U17 Div 2 U18 Div 1 U21 White Div 1

Congratulations also to our participants in the Knock Out - 15-1 Ladies, Champion of Champions - M-League, Under 17 Div 1 and Under 16/17 Ladies and State Cup - Under 21 White, Under 16/17 Ladies and Under 15 Div 1 Boys.

Thank you to Andrew, our President and all the committee, Roslyn, Frank, Domenic, Nick, Silvana, Marisa, Odette, Steve, Tony, Phil, George, Rose and Chiara who volunteered their time, we appreciate your support and contribution.

A big thank you to our coaches and managers who coach and guide our players. We sincerely appreciate all that you do for AC United and our players and families.

50th 1 Star Club Changer Club

In 2023 AC United was proud to be recognised with a 1 Star Club Changer Badge for Club Changer Football Australia's Club Development program designed to safeguard and elevate clubs, making them robust and resilient and helping them to grow and achieve their development goals.

AC United was recognised as the 50th Club in NSW to receive this recognition which acknowledges AC United's dedication and commitment to the development of Women's and girl's football. This achievement is testament to the dedication and hard work of our amazing players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters.

FIFA Women' World Cup

The Women's World Cup and the Matildas were fully supported by AC United!. Teams flocked to the Southern District Football Association-organised live site at Cirillo Reserve to support the Matilda's, what a great opportunity for our players! Our female players also had the opportunity to take part in a FIFA World Cup photo session. One lucky girl, Ebony Akinpetide from our U12 ladies team, was chosen to appear in a promotional video that was posted on social media by FIFA.

M-League Women's Premier Team

It was wonderful to witness our M-League (Premier) team's fantastic achievement during the year, where the Women's World Cup was hosted in Australia. Some of their accomplishments included; Champions in Macarthur Competition, Team Fair Play, Competition Runner Up, Highest Placed SDSFA Team, Golden Boot Recipient, Coach of

the Year and MVP Runner Up. From the Club, a very special congratulations, we look forward to continue to watch you all shine and succeed in 2024.

Community Engagement & Fundraising Opportunities

Throughout the year AC United were involved in many community engagement and fundraising opportunities for our junior players and families. Some of these opportunities included:

AC had the unique and special opportunity to participate in the A- League Women's Trophy Tour. AC were the only club in Southern Districts that were selected to participate. We welcomed special guests including Southern Districts Management & Board, Catherine Cannuli - Female Technical Director, Frank Carbone - Mayor and Dai Le - Member of Parliament.

We celebrated Female Football Week with Melbourne City's players Holly McNamara and Rhianna Pollicina coming out to Powhatan for a meet and greet. The highlight of the night was the Pink Cannoli kindly donated by Crostoli King. We thank Santino and Crostoli King for their generous donation. We also supported the Breast Cancer Network Australia by wearing pink socks for one of our rounds, we raised an amazing \$2,473.

Throughout the season we had a meet and greet with AC players through the Wanderers in the Community program. Lauren Keir and Malia Steinmetz from the Womens A-League team came out to Powhatan and met our players during their training sessions.

Our AC players experienced a Western Sydney Wanderers holiday clinic to keep our players active during school holidays, this delivered a fun experience for players in the area.

After the season ended, we conducted our trivia night at Smithfield RSL and raised an incredible \$4,008. What a great evening under Dyu D'Cunha's direction from On Stage Experiences. The prizes and raffles were the night's high point, and it was amazing to see players, families, and friends participating in the trivia competition!

A big thanks to Southern Districts, Football NSW and to Western Sydney Wanderers for your support to create opportunities for our players.

In 2023 we continued with our Life Members meetings, which has been a way to acknowledge our life members' contribution to AC United. We continue to meet on a regular basis to keep our members informed and to allow for feedback on club activities. A special thank you to Kylie Ojeda, Life Member and former club Secretary who has continued to support and guide on activities from the slide line, she has also made a significant contribution with jumping in and helping the Committee in various areas.

I would personally like to thank all our AC Family. Thank you for volunteering your time, for your hard work and above all the friendships.

We are looking forward to seeing you in 2024 for another successful year!

Giovanna Romeo
Secretary - AC United

AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U5 Budgies Mixed Blue

Coach: Daniel Gentile
Manager: Silvana Gentile

Our little U5's had an amazing year of fun, learning and forming of new friendships. It was the first time that Lucky, Tristian, Marco, Rocco, Benjamin and Santino played football for AC United. The boys enjoyed playing with each other, and we loved seeing them grow together. We hope to see you all next year!

The boys learnt new skills and developed so much over the season, particularly when they used these skills during weekend games. Halfway through the season they began to understand the importance of teamwork and were even trying to pass the ball to each other during games which shows such amazing growth.

A big thank you go to our fabulous group of parents and grandparents, your dedication and enthusiasm for the boys never ceases to amaze us. Thank you for your ongoing support of Daniel and myself and making our job super easy.

To our sponsor Vince Labbozzetta from Raine and Horne Liverpool, thank you for sponsoring our little U5's we apricated it so much.

Thank you to the AC United Committee, in particular Giovanna and Steph for all the coordination during the season. Giovanna and Steph you guys are amazing!



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 5 Budgies Mixed Blue ~ 2023
Proudly Sponsored By: Raine & Horne Liverpool



Second Row: Silvana Gentile (Coach), Daniele Gentile (Coach)
First Row: Marco Di Mascio, Lachy Worrall, Santino Genfile, Benjamin Rached, Rocco Labbozzetta



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U5 BUDGIES WHITE

Coach: Juurans Minasian
Manager: Diana Kljajevic

It was a great year of fun and learning for the boys & also myself and our manager being the first year of coaching.

It took the boys a couple of weeks to get into the swing of the game and understand the rules, however it was great to see them having a go.

Training at first was quite stressful but also fun – maybe too much fun for some of the boys!

It was great to see them learning new skills and developing over the season, particularly when they used these skills during the games on the weekends.

Halfway through the season they began to understand the importance of teamwork and were even trying to pass the ball to each other during games.

As both their coach and a parent I'm very proud of the boys for the dedication.

Thank you to all the parents for their commitment – I know all the boys really appreciate it.

Thank you to the AC United Committee, for all the coordination that goes into the season.



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 5 Budgies Mixed White ~ 2023
Proudly Sponsored By: Kulture Kafe



Second Row: Diana Kljajevic (Manager), Jourans Minasian (Coach)

First Row: Luka Gulic, Nicholas Gulic, Noah Minasian, Isaac Burrell, Oliver Kljajevic, Harvey Hunyh



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Kulture Kafe

**AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U6 DINGOES BLUE**

Coach: Leonard Nastasi
Manager: Matt Borg

Dear U6 Dingoes Blue,

I am incredibly proud to be your coach and to witness your enthusiasm for the wonderful game of football. Each one of you brings a unique spark and joy to the team and it has been my privilege to guide you throughout the season.

Thank you for bringing your energy and smiles to every training session and game. Your commitment to the sport, even at such a young age, is truly inspiring. I have seen you work together, communicate and support one another on and off the field. You have all played with fairness and respect. I'm most proud of your willingness to learn and grow, whilst making lasting friendships along the way.

It has been a pleasure to be your coach and I'm excited to see the brilliant things you will achieve in the future.

A special thank you to Matthew for all his assistance throughout the season, it is much appreciated. Also, many thanks to our team sponsor Winchester Interiors.

Thank you to the AC United committee for their support and efforts throughout the year.

Lastly, thank you to all the amazing parents for bringing your child to training and games each week.

Regards,

Leonard



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 6 Dingoes Mixed Blue ~ 2023
Proudly Sponsored By: Winchester Interiors



Second Row: Leonard Nastasi (Coach), Matthew Borg (Manager)
First Row: Xander Ojeda, Luka Naumovski, Austin Mekha, Emilio Nastasi, Matteo Borg, Marco Borg



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**Winchester
Interiors**

AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U6 DINGOES WHITE

Coach:	Ibby Ishaia
Assistant Coach:	Javier Ruiz Davila
Manager:	Silvana Von

This season was the first year of soccer for all our boys. Having never played before that did not stop the boys from immediately developing wonderful friendships and building a strong team.

Training six year old's was interesting to say the least. However, it has been very rewarding to see how much they have grown and developed as individuals and as a team.

Unfortunately, very early on in the season our team was left with four players. Joseph, Peter, Phoenix & Zac. Except nothing was going to stop our little superstars!

They showed up week after week with a smile on their faces, a great attitude and had fun, regardless of the outcome. Giving it their all each and every time.

To say that I am proud of the boys would be an understatement.

Thank you to coach Ibby & coach Javi for dedicating their time to our boys and teaching them fundamental soccer skills.

I want to thank the parents for their commitment and support. We have been blessed to have met each other and have certainly shared many laughs and fun times along the way. We love our little AC family.

Thank you to our sponsor SKU Logistics. We really appreciate you supporting the club and our team.

Finally, thank you to the AC United committee for their continued support. We appreciate all your hard work and effort.



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Grade 6 Dingoes Mixed White ~ 2023
Proudly Sponsored By: SKU Warehousing



First Row: Ibrahim El Khoury (Coach), Peter Fatouros, Zac Zaidan, Jude Zindo, Phoenix Von, Joseph Alkhas, Silvana Von (Manager)
Absent: Javier Ruiz Davila (Coach), Assaad Hussein



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U6 KOALAS

Coach: Frank Mammoliti
Asst Coach: Maximiliano Floresta
Manager: Dom Carlino

What a spectacular season of football with a great bunch of kids!

2023 saw a group of young boys consisting of both novice and experienced players, working together to build on their confidence, ball skills and team work.

Our main goals for this group, were to exercise good listening skills towards each other and their coaches, work together by passing the ball to one another and emphasise the importance of showing respect to all players and officials. We were so proud to watch the boys display the finest sportsmanship.

Witnessing the boys having fun during training and games, made the commitment that we all put in, feel minimal. I would like to thank all the parents for their involvement and positive attitude towards their own children, the rest of the team and other teams and their families.

A massive thank you to Frank and Maxi for teaching these boys the knowledge of skill & technique on how to move around the field and playing as a team, constantly keeping the boys engaged.

Regards,
Dom Carlino - Manager/Sponsor



OUR TEAM (Pictured left to right):

Back Row: Maximiliano Floresta, Frank Mammoliti, Dom Carlino

Front Row: Rafael Isreal, Nicolas Villavicencio, Rafael Floresta, Lorenzo Vaccari, Ashur 'Zico' Benjamen, Felice Carlino.



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 6 Koalas Mixed ~ 2023
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First Row: Francesco Mammoliti (Coach), Lorenzo Vaccari, Ashur Benjamin, Nicolas Villavicencio, Rafael Floresta, Rafael Isreal, Maximiliano Floresta (Manager)
Absent: Felice Carlino, Dom Carlino (Manager)



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U7 GOANNAS BLUE

Coach: Phillip Bonvino
Manager: Rodney Agassi

Wow, what an incredible season we've just wrapped up! It's been a season filled with memorable moments, from our fantastic training sessions to scoring heaps of goals, sharing countless laughs, and building friendships that will last a lifetime. I want to take a moment to celebrate the remarkable growth and achievements of each and every player on our team.

Sebastian, you've demonstrated your ability to adapt to change, and your flexibility on the field has been impressive. Marco, your skill and finesse have thrilled us all, and I can't wait to see how you continue to improve. Genz, your dedication to improving year after year has not gone unnoticed, and your hard work has paid off. Adrian, you've come a long way since last year, and your progress has been remarkable. And Luca, your determination to defend and attack has been a game-changer for us.

Reflecting on this season, we should be proud of the incredible progress we've made. Yes, we may have lost two games, but those moments will only fuel our determination to do even better next year.

A huge thank you goes out to our sponsor, Hi Quality Mechanical Repairs, for their support throughout the season. Your contribution has been instrumental in our success.

And let's not forget our amazing club, AC United, whose motto "Always loud, forever proud" perfectly embodies the spirit of our team. Together, we've created something truly special.

I can't wait for what the future holds, and I'm already looking forward to next year's adventures on the field. Thank you all for an amazing season filled with growth, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments.



A.C. United Football Club

Grade 7 Goannas Mixed Blue ~ 2023

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Second Row: Rodney Agassi (Manager), Phillip Bonvino (Coach)

First Row: Adrian Agassi, Alessandro Vacari, Vincenzo Cutri, Marco Tornatora, Sebastian Bonvino, Luca Di Mascio



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U7 GOANNAS WHITE

Coach: Richard Ali
Manager: Rabea Yako

It has been an amazing year of football for our U7 boys this year, especially considering we formed this team at the last minute with most of our boys being first timers & having never played this format of soccer before. But man!!! did they deliver.

Our boys had a stellar season with an incredible 17 wins & 1 draw to remain undefeated all season with 1 game remaining before seasons end.

Now I know that's an incredible achievement that the whole Ac Family would be proud of.

We've had alot of incredible learning experiences this year with some great games where the boys had to really fight hard for the victory, which really tested their metal & resolve, to other games where the boys were completely untouchable and absolutely smashed the opposition out of the park.

But no matter what situation we were in, the boys always had fun & always had smiles on their faces.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their support and commitment to the team this year, from sponsoring the team, to the cold winter night training sessions, to the loud cheering & support you all displayed on game days, thank you all for your dedication.

It has been a fantastic year of football with great memories.



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 7 Goannas Mixed White ~ 2023
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Second Row: Rabeo Yako (Coach), Sheik Ali (Coach)
First Row: Malakai Sebayang, Alexander Jabbour, Samer Brindaro, Ethan Mikhael,
Raphael Yako, Zayden Ali



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U7 OWLS MIXED

Coach: Mehmet Yilmaz
Manager: Lenardo Shimmon

What an awesome season to reflect on for Mehmet and I. This was our first time being involved in coaching and I believe we both fell in love with the gig immediately and that's simply because all the kids within our team came in every training session and game day full of positive energy and enthusiasm.

Whilst our form fluctuated throughout the season, the important thing was the boys gelled together and formed a good relationship to the point where they are keen to keep in touch outside of the scheduled sessions. This is a great outcome for us all as it shows we provided an environment where they naturally established a connection.

From a coaching perspective, we wanted to develop all our player's confidence:

- on and off the pitch,
- on the ball
- In communicating

We witnessed significant strides made by all the players in being more vocal on and off the pitch, assertive in significant moments during games and taking risks, without the feeling of failure looming on them, but more from a perspective of intent and attempt. Mehmet and I couldn't be more satisfied with this outcome, and it's made us want to do coaching again.

I hope the kids take this season as a platform to work off, now we need to work on our ability, stamina and understanding of the game. At this age the most important thing is to formulate a relationship between our feet and the ball, this will further develop our confidence on the ball and how to deal with it at various moments, don't go anywhere without a ball!

It's also important for Mehmet and I to review our methods and develop a more strategic approach in what we aim to get out of our players in the future.

Thank you AC United the club and committee for giving us the opportunity to Manage and Coach, the equipment and venue to work on, we're grateful for it, I speak on behalf of our team and their parents. We're thankful to have an experienced organisation behind us to guide us through what and how to do things.

Thank you to the parents and their commitment to bringing their kids for training and games, I know the kids are grateful for this. Bring on next season!



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 7 Owls Mixed ~ 2023
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First Row: Lenardo Shimmon (Coach), Mario Torrelli, Xavier Yilmaz, Kyrn Nguyen, Rafael Crema,
Joaquin Shimmon, Mehmet Yilmaz (Coach)
Absent: Noah Kafu



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U8 MEDIUM

Coach: Estevan Olivera
Manager: Kerry Olivera

The 2023 season has come to an end and what a year it has been. In what must have been the first time in a long time, no games were postponed due to weather, ensuring plenty of football games and plenty of fun. This year was an important step forward for our U8 boys' and their football journey, as they transitioned from midi to mini sized fields.

Our main objective this year was to ensure that the boys had fun and enjoyed their football. Developing core skills was a crucial part of our training sessions, however, having fun was a key factor. Our goal was to make sure the boy's desire to continue playing football remained strong, not only after this season but for seasons to come. Witnessing the boys arrive at training and matchday with big smiles on their faces was very encouraging to see and made Kerry and I comfortable with our football approach.

Our team was complete with 10 wonderful boys, each bringing their own funny and spirited personalities. **Chase** our team blocker with no hesitation in throwing himself in front of a challenge. **Sakson**, entertaining us with his new tricks on the field. We had **William**, our fierce competitor, who never backed down from a challenge. **Cruz**, small in stature but tall in his determination to apply pressure. **Peter**, our resident keeper who would always put his hand up when no one else volunteered and a handful to get past in defence. **Eamon** who does not know how to slow down, wanting to be defender, midfielder and attacker all at once. **Lucas**, quietly spoken but never shied away from competing for the ball. There was **Xander**, whose shot could put a hole in the net. **Gilyana**, our busy midfielder always available for a pass, and **Logan**, our key defender, who could be everywhere at once when defending our line.

The season could not be complete without thanking all those involved in making sure the season went ahead without major disruptions.

Firstly, thank you to our wonderful parents. Your commitment every week, in what was a long year, to ensure your boys turned up to training and games (even with the various venue changes 😊). We commend you. Thank you for your dedication and for the laughs in what was a very enjoyable season.

To our team sponsor, Goji Modern Asian Cuisine, thank you for supporting our team and grassroots football in this country. We value your contribution.

Thank you to our manager Kerry, for all hard your work behind the scenes to make sure things ran smoothly. It does not go unnoticed.

Finally, thank you to all the AC United committee members for the arduous work and sacrifice you put in throughout the year. None of this would be possible without your commitment and dedication.

As we say goodbye to season 2023, Kerry and I would like to wish our U8s every ounce of good luck moving forward. We have no doubt you will succeed in all you set out to achieve. We will miss seeing your smiling faces every week.

Coach Esty and Kerry



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MODERN ASIAN CUISINE

AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U9 MEDIUM BLUE

Coach: Steve Marrone
Manager: Marco Tagilavento

We (Coach Steve and I) have had a fantastic soccer season this year. Our little champions have improved with their skills and communicating as a team. Throughout the season we only lost or drew a handful of games, all other games we won! This was a massive improvement from last year's season.

Coach Steve and I are very proud of our champions this year...training hard, combining team playing and having fun really paid off. The best part of this season was seeing smiles on the boys faces each time they won and every player being supportive of each other while on the field, this made us very proud.

As always, a big shout out goes to the parents, Coach Steve and I would like to say a big thankyou in supporting our Coaching and Managing styles for the team this season, it had made our job more enjoyable. We are excited to continue with the team next year and many more years to come.



A.C. United Football Club

Grade 9 MEDIUM Mixed Blue ~ 2023
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Second Row: Steven Marrone (Coach), Izaiah Akinpetide, Ashur Georges, Gianluigi Vaccari, Giovanni Tagliavento, Marco Tagliavento (Manager)
First Row: Patrick Bonaventura, Aram Benjamin, Nikolas Pastoors, Christian Kotrotsios, Samuel Marrone, Leon Bonaventura



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U9 LOW MIXED BLUE

Coach: Radwan El-Ali
Manager: Michael Correia

It all started with some loyal AC United diehards, a few new recruits and a couple of first timers. All with the same goal and drive to learn the fundamentals of football. Most were ready to take on the Soccerroos.

This year's competition was more evenly matched for these guys than in previous years. To date the record stands at 6 losses, 6 draws and 6 wins. The next game, being the last game of the season will be one to remember.

The weather was favorable this year with no games called off by inclement weather. Although the cold was out to remind us that this is a winter sport.

Luca C – Lightweight Luca. Agile in goal, good on the ball and able to slot in a goal out from nowhere.

Hedo - The Dribbler. Great on the ball and happiest taking on the opposition in their own half. Able to shoot from anywhere.

Hermiz – The Quiet Achiever. Has developed well from a first timer to our most improved.

Joey – The Rock. Always solid in defence and not afraid to start the play from the back.

Mateo – The Steam Roller. Never afraid to make the hard tackles. Great in goals and in defence.

Max V – The Tactician. Has a play for every situation.

Agostino – The Studious. Reads the play well and positions himself perfectly. Keep your eye on him. A great first season achieving huge progress.

Noah – The Backup. Always there to help out the midfield or to clean up in defence.

Max S – Smiley. Always smiling, especially when beating the opposition and heading towards goal.

Valentino – The Cracker. Able to win the ball and unleash the thunderous left foot strike on goal.

Thank you to the jersey washers and taxi drivers better known as our mums and dads that have made it to training nights and game days throughout the season.

A huge thank you to the proud sponsors of these boys: Reni Financial Solutions, Flawless Kitchens and Rasheys Wetherill Park.

A.C. UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

A.C. United Football Club
Grade 9 LOW Mixed Blue ~ 2023
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Second Row: Michael Correia (Manager), Noah Burrell, Giuseppe Malvaso, Mateo Andres Silveira Neves, Agostino Labbozetta, Radwan El-Ali (Coach)

First Row: Luca Campolongo, Valentino Correia, Maximiliano Valdes, Joseph Hermiz, Max Shaaya, Joseph Hedo



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U9 LOW WHITE

Coach: Sonny Naamo
Coach: Rabea Yako

The 2023 season brought new players and some return players to our team. We played some extremely tough matches however we have a team of fighters and what our kids showed was absolute resilience. Towards the end of the season, the scores became tighter with the team even managing an epic win against Moorebank Sports! The game was a nail biter and the kids were ecstatic to have won the final game of the season 3-2, it was a great day!

This season the boys developed new football skills including passing, positioning, dribbling and communicating to one another on the field. Towards the end of the season you could see a great improvement in their defensive skills and attack.

Gabriel, Zyon, Meron, Sargon, Levi, Jud, Jacob, Zayn, Chace and Orazio you should be proud of where you started and finished the season. Continue to be brave and persist through the tough times and it will pay off.

Keep up the never-give-up attitude and with practice you will only get better and stronger.

Thank you for the memories and allowing us to be your coaches.

Coach Sonny and Rabea



A.C. United Football Club

Grade 9 LOW Mixed White ~ 2023

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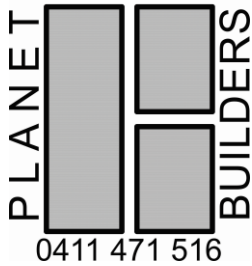


Second Row: Rabee Yako (Coach), Meron Safar, Zyon Gorgees, Jud Zahrah, Chace Ruisi, Sonny Naamo (Coach)

First Row: Gabriel Yako, Zayn Rashid, Jacob Naumovski, Orazio Scotece, Sargon Zaya, Levi Naamo



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U9 MEDIUM WHITE

Coach: Ryan Xerri
Manager: Nora Lopes

What a season... we started slow, integrating new members to the team, learning new ways, positions of the players, and focusing on possession and movement.

Using the field was always a key to success and getting the lads to know the field, and how to use it was the greatest challenge. At the start, we started slow, with a win and 2 losses, then slowly, as the season progressed, we started to learn what position each player is suited to.

With that, and using the same formation, we gradually improved, and saw the players learn to play from the back, not rush up... focusing on the passing and using the field.

With this, seeing the play come to fruition and how the boys kept their heads up and talking to one another, showed how much they took on and focused on what we can do, and not on what we couldn't.

To finish the season on an 11 game streak, was an outstanding result given the work and efforts all involved from coaching, to parents helping in training, and kids listening and taking feedback on shows how great a team we had.

Thank you to all players for a great season. And challenge on to duplicate next year.

Team - Jacob W, Jacob V, Ayrton L, James W, Adriano P, Tristan M, Slobodan S, Andre R, Archie W and Noah H.





A.C. United Football Club
Grade 9 MEDIUM Mixed White ~ 2023
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Second Row: Ryan Xerri (Coach), Slobodan Strbac, Jacob Warda, Noah Herrera, Andre Rached, Nora Lopes (Manager)

First Row: James Warda, Tristan Mohan, Jacob Vihas, Adriano Paul, Ayrton Lopes, Archie Worrall



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U10 LOW MIXED

Coach: Elias Bahbah
Manager: Rafi Banbekian

It was a challenging year with all new boys onboard.

It took the boys a couple of weeks to go into the swing of the game and to get to know each other, however it was great to see them having a go and becoming good mates.

Training was always a challenge but it great to see them learning new skills and developing over the season, particularly when they used these skills during the games on the weekends.

It was good see throughout the season as they began to understand the importance of teamwork and passing the ball to each other during the games and seeing the rewards the comes from it.

As both their coach and a parent I'm very proud of the boys for their dedication.

Thank you to all of the parents for their commitment – I know all the boys really appreciate it.

Thank you to the AC United Committee, and finally thank you to Raffie for being the Manager and coach when required.



A.C. United Football Club

Grade 10 LOW Mixed ~ 2023

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Second Row: Raffi Banbekian (Manager), Andre Banbekian, Ali Akhar Hussein, George Dankha, Frank Barilla
First Row: Liam Mehka, Yousif Saeed, Armando Kaeno, Jayden Borg, Julius Bahbah, Elias Bahbah (Coach)
Absent: Abel Chahda, Christopher Moshe, John Warda



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U10 LADIES RUBY MEDIUM

Coach: Anthony Barone
Asst Coach: Steve Gatt
Manager: Marisa Morlin

The Under 10 Ladies were an absolute joy to watch this season. Our season started a bit slow with the girls struggling with coordination and communication on the field. The girls seemed a bit unsure of themselves and their role within the team.

However, with the dedication of our amazing coaches, Anthony and Steve, they helped the girls to understand that communication amongst each other is key. The girls never lacked enthusiasm at training and improved their ball skills through numerous drills all while bonding as a team.

As the season went on it was amazing to see the girls put what they learnt at training into their game as a result we watched their confidence soar. They became more confident with each other, forming a tight-knit bond that reflected in their game play. The once hesitant passes became more precise and accurate, and the defensive line grew stronger preventing opponents from scoring easily. By the end of the season, the Under 10 Ladies team had become a force to be reckoned with.

The games were filled with thrilling moments, heartstopping saves and breathtaking goals. What stood out most from this season was the girls' unwavering spirit and sportsmanship. They cheered each other on, celebrated every goal and supported each other through both victories and defeats as well as the odd injury. It was inspiring to watch their positive attitudes and camaraderie which truly embodied the essence of team sports.

This season we also had some amazing people on the sideline. Each and every game our sideline was filled with cheers, applause and proud smiles from the girls' parents and families. It was evident at every game that the players had a strong support system behind them which also contributed to their success on the field.

Overall, the Under 10 Ladies 2023 season was a memorable one. The girls' growth, determination and resilience were commendable and they should be very proud of what they achieved this season. These young ladies showcased their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship leaving a lasting impression on everyone who had the pleasure of watching them play.

It is safe to say that the future of Women's Soccer is bright and we can't wait to see what these girls achieve in the years to come.



A.C. United Football Club
Ladies 10 Combined ~ 2023
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Second Row: Stephen Gatt (Manager), Carlia Nastasi, Ella Deballista, Marita Khoshaba, Olivia Vartuli, Aimee Gatt, Anthony Barone (Coach), Marisa Morlin (Manager)
First Row: Elifana Canturi, Eva Jekki, Alexandra Vihás, Alexis Morlin, Angelina Barone, Allegra Crema
Absent: Allegra Addabbo



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U11 MEDIUM BLUE

Coach: Laurence Singh
Asst Coach: Sharan Singh
Manager: Clarisa Ruckert

An awesome bunch of kids with can do attitude! I had an absolute pleasure to train U11's Blue team. We were lucky to have started training early in the season and by the time trials came along the team were in the zone of what was ahead of them.

The season itself was a successful one despite most of the boys had never played with each other before. I would like to commend the team for their hard work, commitment, dedication, competitive nature, general motivation and respect towards each other. You were all a very great bunch of kids!

I would also like to thank all the parents, grandparent, siblings and other family members for your continued support throughout the season. It's always good to see you all cheering and having a good time from the sideline and I hope to see you all back next season to do it all over again!

We as a team would also like to thank our Sponsor Martin and Clarisa Ruckert. Thank you for the gratitude and your generosity! We as a team and the whole club are grateful for your kindness and your support and we hope to see you back next year.

Thank you to all our committee members for working hard behind the scenes allowing us to have a great season.

I would also like to acknowledge our asst coach Sharan Singh, Daniel and Jelena Nikolis. You have been always there to help out whether it would be refereeing the game, setting up and taking down the field, mentoring the team or for any other general duties that we need to run a successful team. Your help and support made my job as a coach much easier and I really appreciated every bit of that. Thank you!

Lastly, I would like to thank our Team Manager Clarisa Ruckert. A Team Manager has a vital role to play as a link between the Team and the Club. Your administrative and communication skills were outstanding, and on behalf of our team I would like to thank you for the great job you have done throughout the season!

I hope you all have enjoyed the season, and I hope to see you all back for the next season.

Be well and stay Safe!
Laurence Singh.



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 11 MEDIUM Mixed Blue ~ 2023
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Second Row: Laurence Singh (Coach), Clarisa Ruckert (Manager), Matteo Marando, George Nikolis, Jayden Youkhana, Michael Chandler, Alessandro Rafoo, Sharan Singh (Manager)
First Row: Manmeet Shergil, Ameer Shaba, Ethan Ruckert, Rocco Vaccari, Ayden Singh, Adam Benjamin, Andrew Shaba



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U11 MEDIUM WHITE

Coach: George Karamaneas
Manager: Antony Neofytou

We are BLUE.
We are WHITE.
We are A-C DYNAMITE..... BOOM -- WINNER WINNER....yeah.

Before we could chant the team song for winning, we undertook our journey. This journey of a thousand miles (18 games to be precise), began with a single step, or in our case a single kick of a ball

What can I say, firstly and most importantly, a massive **thank-you to George** for dedicating his time every Tuesday and Thursday to get to **Powhatan Park** and set up for training.

George your dedication is very much appreciated, we couldn't do it without you. Coming up with all the Tik Tok drills and YouTube videos for skills and coaching sessions – Genius. Kids loved it.

To all the parents for bringing the boys to training and games, thank-you.

A **BIG BIG shout out to our major sponsor VPT Formwork, Pete** we really appreciate your commitment to sponsoring our team for the last few years and hopefully many more to come.

To all the lads in the side, through thick and thin you gave your all, sometimes for more than 2 games over a weekend. Amazing effort.

Now we all know that the side will be disbanded, and everyone is moving on sadly, however we had a bumper year.

Over 9 or so wins this year, half that in draws and losses – what an effort considering some of the crew last year were not so fortunate in different teams.

Glovesman awards to both Goalies – **Jonathon and Ethan**

Defensive awards to **Salvatore, Lucas and Elliano**, strong at the back and defensive mid field

Central Mid-field / winger awards to **George, Dan and Dave**

Up Front & Striker awards to **John, Nathaniel & Luka**

Some cracking goals scored, and some mighty saves made.

The boys all rotated well into different parts of the field, back to mid, mid to front, front to mid, front to defence. WOW well done.

Hope you all enjoyed the academy training also, and you now know how to big toe little toe, step off the back and pivot, pass to open space, make a run to back post, through ball to team mates etc.

On behalf of George and myself, we hope you learnt a great deal, and we wish you all the best in your careers whatever club you play for.

Stay Safe, travel well and take care of yourself.

Antony (ant). George



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**AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U11 LOW**

Coach: Paul Jekki
Manager: Stefano Pisano

We started the season with nine new players, some of whom had picked AC United as their first soccer club. We kicked off with a few tough games struggling to get a win. The team trained hard, played harder which resulted in a nine game streak of wins and draws from round six onwards.

Each match was more exciting than the next and as coaches, our pulses were racing. We had goals direct from corner's, goals in the final seconds to win or draw and so many shots that hit the crossbar or posts that we lost count.

We will remember for a long time the away game we played with one player short on the field against a full team. We walked away with a convincing 5-0 win, leaving us with no choice but to shout Macca's on the way home. It was an awesome effort!

Whether at training or during the matches, our players conducted themselves in a manner that was respectable and showed great sportsmanship. We couldn't be any prouder of the team's conduct and achievements throughout the season. Congratulations Andrea Michael, Blake, Christian, Dante, Ethan, James, Logan, Marcus, Oscar, Patrick, Rameil and Xavier for what you have all accomplished.

We also give a big thank you to our parents and families for their support throughout the entire season and the fun we've had along the way. It has been a pleasure to coach our team and be a part of AC United.

Steve & Paul
AC United Under 11's



A.C. United Football Club

Grade 11 LOW Mixed ~ 2023

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Second Row: Stefano Pisano (Manager), Oscar Zindo, Blake Morlin, Christian Vihas, Rameil Albarway, Patrick Jekki, Paul Jekki (Coach)

First Row: Marcus Gageanu, Andrea Michael Pisano, James Nguyen, Dante Moriana, Logan Merriman, Elhan Donatiello, Xavier Von



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MORLIN KITCHENS

AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U12 DIVISION 2

Coach: Steve Marrone
Manager: Chris Sayers

Lansvale United Grade
AC United Football Club
Chipping Norton F.C.
South West Wanderers
Kemps Creek United
White City SC
Fairfield Hotspurs
Fairfield Bulls

Stepping up to full sized fields this season was always going to be a big challenge and the team grasped it with both hands.

We managed to keep all the squad from last season, added 1 more, and after 12 weeks of summer futsal, were ready to hit the ground running.

We started the season very well, 8 games unbeaten, then had a few ups and downs, but the character and resilience of the boys is first class and they always bounced back next game.

And once we signed a permanent goalkeeper midseason, the team has gone from strength to strength.

We've been in the top 2 positions on the ladder all season, and that's where the team stayed, a remarkable effort by all.

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends for supporting the team this season, it really lifts the boys to another level on match days and is much appreciated by Steve and I.

I'm sure you're very proud of them all and rightly so, they are a great bunch of lads and a pleasure to coach and manage.

Huge thanks to coach Steve, who has dedicated a lot of time and energy to get the team playing in multiple formations, hard to beat, while playing an exciting brand of football.

As I'm currently writing this, we have made the Grand Final and I feel there is still one more chapter to be written

Win or lose, they are Champions in our eyes.

Chris 'team manager'

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A.C. United Football Club

Grade 12 Division 2 Mixed ~ 2023

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Third Row: Yousef Dujaily, Aiden Sorajevic, Mason Sayers, Yousep Mikhaeel, Johnny Camilleri
 Second Row: Christopher Sayers (Manager), Aiden Brown, Zane Borg, Anthony Agassi, Marcus Marrone, Steven Marrone (Coach)
 First Row: Alireza Khamar, Lachlan Morabito, Calvin Sami, Terrin Cheung, Alexander Alamade



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: U12 DIVISION 5

Coach: Phillip Bonvino
Manager: Kylie Smart
Manager: Anthony Hanania

AC United Football Club
Liverpool Olympic
Liverpool Olympic
Liverpool City Robins F.C.
Chipping Norton F.C.
Fairfield Hotspurs

As we come to the end of an unforgettable season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our U12 Div 5 Boys have had together. What a season it has been! We started as Minor Premiers and ended as champions of our division, and every step of the way was filled with dedication, teamwork, and heart.

Isaiah, you truly had a cracking season with multiple goals and that clinical hat trick in the grand final will be etched in our memories forever. Your skill and determination were inspiring, and you played a crucial role in our victory.

To our resident goalkeeper and captain, your remarkable 10 clean sheets in 20 games demonstrated your exceptional leadership and skill. You were the backbone of our defence, and your contributions were invaluable.

Noah, Max, Josh and Savo, our defence was rock solid throughout the season. Week after week, you held strong and gave nothing away. Your commitment to the team's success did not go unnoticed, and we owe many victories to your efforts.

In the midfield, James, Elijah, Marian, and Simon, you were nothing short of magical. Your creativity, teamwork, and dedication added a special dimension to our gameplay. Your hard work paid off, and you made us proud.

Losing only two games all season is a testament to the hard work and determination of every single player on this team. You all had an amazing season, and your growth, both on and off the field, was remarkable. The friendships that blossomed within this team are just as important as the victories, and they will last a lifetime.

A big thank you goes out to our sponsor, Heading Pro, for their support and belief in us. We couldn't have achieved what we did without them. And let's not forget the parents who dedicated their time and effort to training and showing up to every game. Your unwavering support was a driving force behind our success.

Lastly, our club, AC United, deserves a huge shoutout. "Always Loud, Forever Proud" – these words truly embody the spirit of our team, and we are grateful to be a part of this incredible club.

In closing, thank you all for an extraordinary season. The memories we've created together will be cherished for a lifetime, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of you. Let's continue to strive for greatness and make AC United proud!

Always Loud Forever Proud!
Coach Phill



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 12 Division 5 Mixed ~ 2023
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Second Row: Mariano Scotece, Simon Alyas, Isaiah Hanania, Christian Kako, Joshua Davis, Max Talese
First Row: Phil Bonvino (Coach), Elijah Hanania, Noah Hadid, Alessandro Bonvino, Ralee Kina, Marcus Briksa,
Anthony Hanania (Manager), Kyle Hanania (Manager)
Absent: Daniel Sayda, Savo Stolica, James Kousoulos



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: U12 LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: Michael Beauchamp
Asst Coach: Leonard
Manager: Maria Macri

Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
AC United Football Club
Liverpool City Robins F.C.
Fairfield Bulls
Sydney United Juniors FC

What a year of football for our under 12s!

It was a year of firsts for different reasons within our group of players, for some it was the first time playing competitive football, for others it was the first time playing on a full size field, and for most it was the first time making it to the semifinals.

Unfortunately, we fell short of making it to the grand final but it was not due to lack of effort from our girls, they gave their all right up to the final whistle!

Looking back on the season from beginning to end, we progressed from a team of new faces and individuals to a squad of players who always gave their all for each other, played every match with a winning mentality and great sportsmanship, the way the game should be played.

It was great to see the way the girls started to flow passes together as the season went on, and although it may be a biased opinion, although we didn't win the comp, we played some of the best football across our division.

I'd like to say a big Thank You to the following people.

- Maria for always being a step ahead and her constant support of myself, the team and the girl's parents.
- Leonard, for helping out with training and games when I wasn't able to make it, and for quickly giving me a yes or no, when I bounced off ideas with regards to a live game situation.
- The parents, for trusting me with the development of your daughters love for the game, skill level and competitive spirit. Your support throughout the season was always positive, whether it be with regards to training venues or game day cheering, which made my job easy as a coach.
- All of the committee members for your constant support of all the AC teams, and special mention to Nick and Giovanna for your individual support of our team through the season!

I wish all the players the very best for their futures in football, I hope that we created some lasting memories and friendships from the season finished.

WHO ARE WE!.... AC AC!



A.C. United Football Club
Ladies 12 Division 1 ~ 2023
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Third Row: Michael Beauchamp (Coach), Sienna Macri, Medine Unal, Ebony Akinpetide, Lara Cardeno, Talia Cavicchia, Leonard Nastasi (Assistant Coach)

Second Row: Sienna Hosking, Reyvan Centinay, Sophia Frizzo, Valentina Crema, Maria Macri (Manager)

First Row: Skylar-Rose Beauchamp, Carrera Di Tommaso, Ava Lapierre-Walkley, Milania Nastasi, Aaliyah Barone



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U13 DIVISION 4 BLUE

Coach: Joseph Vartuli
Manager: Alfonso Moscato

Liverpool City Robins F.C.
Chipping Norton F.C.
Bonnyrigg F.C
Liverpool Rangers
AC United Football Club Blue
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Liverpool Warriors
AC United Football Club
Fairfield Hotspurs
Mounties Junior Soccer

This has been the first season for some of these players and a lot of people had their concerns including me, but the boys had the dedication to well and they showed that in their ability throughout the season.

The boys really tried their hardest throughout the seasons there was some up and downs, but the boys always tried to put the loss behind them and wanted to win in their first season is what they did even if they were losing it didn't stop them from trying.

We started our season in Div. 2 but lost 3 out of the 4 games that we had and drew the fourth one and when the boys found out that they got dropped to Div. 4 they were eager to get back to that division and showed what they were made of. 5 out of the 14 players I had have never played soccer before and some of them couldn't even kick the ball. But through their hard work they have become new players and some of them have done so well that you would probably think they have played before. They showed their worth in the knockout tournament and by winning their first game to Chipping Norton and then drawing to a Div. 2 Liverpool Robins side. Unfortunately, they got knocked out, but they showed themselves that they could do it.

From the start of the season to the end of the season is amazing seeing as they haven't even played one season together and they accomplished winning the grand final which takes some teams years to achieve. They did so well this season as they played the least number of games as the other teams played 17 to 18 games the boys accomplished something great this season.

All the boys did well this season especially the 5 boys Robinho Twafiq, Shurukin Anwiya, Marco Zappia, Gabriel Khamo, Aiden Nguyen and Aprim David that have never played before they did exceptional this season. Hopefully all the boys can keep it up next season.

Thank you to the parents for your kind support and your dedication to the team all the boys did amazing and they deserved it.

To our sponsor Chefs First Choice thank you as well for sponsoring the team.

Big thank you to the boys for coming to training every night. All of you are truly talented. But to be better you got to put in the work.

A big Thank you to Alf Moscato (the Manager) for helping with the everything. Thank you.

A.C. UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

A.C. United Football Club
Grade 13 Division 4 Male Blue ~ 2023
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Second Row: Joseph Vartuli (Coach), Robinio Tawfiq, Antonio Moscato, Sharukin Anwiya, Jayden Aouraha, Frankie Moscato, Alfonso Moscato (Manager)

First Row: Antonio Ranieri, Marco Zappia, Anthony Frizzo, Daniel Vartuli, Gabriel Khamo, Aidan Nguyen, Yousef Koshanna

Absent: Aprim David, Franco Miltiga



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U13 DIVISION 4

Coach: Niel Hanna
Manager: Joe Helo

Liverpool City Robins F.C.
Chipping Norton F.C.
Bonnyrigg F.C
Liverpool Rangers
AC United Football Club Blue
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Liverpool Warriors
AC United Football Club
Fairfield Hotspurs
Mounties Junior Soccer

It gives me great privilege to tell the story of the truly amazing AC United U13 Boys that I had the pleasure to coach during their 2023 remarkable season.

Our team had some amazing wins, incredible goals scored and some serious defending in some of the hardest games against the toughest teams in the competition. The boys never gave up and played hard and strong no matter how many obstacles came their way.

Even when the team was down a few players, they never stopped trying. I will never forget the semi finals against another AC team, with just 10 players including the goalkeeper and no substitutes, while their opponents had a full team with substitutes. The boys fought till the end and the full-time whistle was 0-0. Every member of the team that day played with heart and pushed themselves over and over the limit and never gave up. It was truly a team spirit on display, the way these boys came together with just 10 players and fought till the end was remarkable.

Big shout out to Anthony Hanna for scoring 20 goals this season and our goalkeeper Mathio Barota for saving at least 12 goals in the semifinals. A Big thank you for captains James Isaac, Raul Hanna and Alexander Tsolomti and our vice-captain and an all-rounder Sleo Helo. You boys showed great leadership and skills. To our midfielders Lionel Sawa, Sebastian Grippaudo and Leroy Lopez. You guys were outstanding in carrying the ball forward and defending when required. To our quite but ready to launch line of defense; Ninor, Christine and Matthew. You guys always played your hardest in every game. We couldn't have done it without your resilient defending.

Thank you to our fabulous group of parents and grandparents, your dedication and enthusiasm for the boys never ceases to amaze me, thank you for your ongoing support of Joe and myself.

Thank you to our awesome sponsor Fowler Homes for their support and sponsoring our team.

Thank you to the AC club committee and especially to Giovanna for endless support during the season. Also, a thank you to all the AC United's coaches and managers.

And a big thank you for our team manager, Joe Helo, for supporting me and the team, we will always be grateful for your support and your hard work.

Finally, a big thank you to the boys. You are truly amazing, we love each and every one of you and what you bring to the team whether it be skills, goals or laughter! God Bless You All.



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: U14 DIVISION 4

Coach: Franco Zanella
Asst Coach: Roberto Zanella
Manager: Trudi Zanella

AC United Football Club
Bossley Sports Club
Wetherill Park Westerners
Chipping Norton F.C.
Liverpool City Robins F.C.
Liverpool Olympic
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Austral Soccer Club

The journey of this team has been nothing short of awe-inspiring. From the first whistle to the final whistle, they displayed a level of dedication that inspired coaches, peers, and spectators alike. Each training session and every heart-pounding match was a testament to their commitment and each other.

Key to the team's success were the invaluable lessons they learned on the field. Every win celebrated their skill, but it was in their unity that the true victory lay. Their camaraderie and shared goal were evident in every strategic pass, every powerful shot, and every jubilant celebration. It was clear that they were not just a team, but a closely-knit family, with each member contributing their unique strengths to the overall success of this team.

Acknowledging the integral role of parents in this journey is essential. The unflagging dedication of parents who faithfully brought their sons to training week after week cannot be overstated. Your support, both on and off the field, laid the foundation for this incredible achievement. Your unwavering encouragement, sacrifices, and cheers from the sidelines uplifted these young athletes and fueled their determination to push their limits.

As the year draws to a close, it's important to reflect on the lasting impact of this season. Beyond the wins and losses, it's the friendships forged, the lessons learned, and the growth experienced that will endure. The Under-14 Boys' Team has shown us that through teamwork, perseverance, and a shared passion, great achievements can be accomplished.

As the final chapter of this year's story is written, it's clear that this team's legacy will extend far beyond the pages of this book. They have not only etched their names in the history of the sport but have also left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who had the privilege to witness their journey. Here's to a season of triumph and the bright futures that lie ahead for these exceptional young athletes.



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 14 Division 4 ~ 2023
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Third Row: Franco Zanella (Coach), Joshua Zanella, Julian Nassar, Hussein Fossa, Rashad Yamak, Seth Nashmi, Trudi Zanella (Manager), Rob Zanella (Assistant Coach)
Second Row: Rafael Ciampa, Ethan Giorgio, Ottavio Scotece, Dominic Grima
First Row: Joshua Buffigieg, Mazin Bifar, Byron Inthavong, Jordan Hadid, Vince Rossini



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U15 DIVISION 1

Coach: Liam Salkeld
Manager: Victor Baptista
Manager: Rob Esposito

Camden Tigers Football Club
Bradbury Ambarvale Football Club
Fairfield Hotspurs
White City SC
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Kemps Creek United
AC United Football Club
Camden Tigers Football Club Orange

Coming into the 2023 season there was optimism and expectations for the season ahead, we had some ups and down through the trials with the strength of the squad as we had some key players from the previous season not return.

Early in the season the team took some time to gel and was hit with several injuries and players being unavailable, with a long season ahead the team started to play some quality football only to be struck down again with several injuries to key players.

Notwithstanding that the team never gave up and often playing with less than a full team or no substitutes the team should feel very proud of their never give up attitude and for battling through a horror run of injuries during the most hectic period of the schedule.

Towards the end of the season the team really started to come together and gained some good results with players starting to own their positions and benefitting from returning players.

A massive thank you to the team for their brave and often very tough game play and they should be very proud of the resilience and versatility they have all shown throughout the year.

To all the parents, thank you for all your efforts throughout the year, often helping out during training sessions and on game day and a special mention to Victor our manager and official photographer for all your efforts at every game taking quality photos.

A special note to our sponsors Nicriell Partners for supporting the team again this year.



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 15 Division 1 ~ 2023
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Second Row: Victor Baptista (Manager), Joseph Shamoon, Harrison Olive, Dylan Baptista, Liam Norris, Nicholas Esposito
First Row: Rob Esposito (Manager), Oliver Field, Cruz Hancock, Nathan Goncalves, Mustafa Dujaily, Mohamad Masri, Nicholas Jabro, Jayden Singh, Liam Saikeld (Coach)
Absent: Jack Lehner, Yaseen Joosab Aboo



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: U15 DIVISION 2

Coach: Denis Nascimben
Asst Coach: Christian Nascimben
Manager: Leonard Nastasi

Sydney United Juniors FC
AC United Football Club
Fairfield Bulls
Liverpool Rangers
Canley Heights RSLFC
Liverpool City Robins F.C.
Liverpool Olympic
Mounties Junior Soccer

Another year, another story to behold!

Arguably, the strongest team we have had, AC United's U15 Division 2 team played sensationally for the majority of the season. We produced some great football, securing 2nd spot on the ladder and Runners Up in the Grand Final - the 3rd consecutive grand final the team has played in, falling short to our nemesis Sydney Juniors.

The 2023 season saw the majority of last years' AC U14-2's team return, welcoming back Luka Djukich, from our previous U13-2s team and introducing Adrian Bava - adding both additional flair and defensive masterclass, enabling the team to progress as far as we did.

Our training sessions were focused on positional awareness and drills centred around playing out from the back, ball possession and distribution from middle of the park to our wide players on the flanks when transitioning our play into attack, with emphasis on cutbacks to goals.

As coaches, we are very proud of our team for their dedication and efforts at both training and on game days. It was very rewarding to sit back and enjoy the team's progress and football they displayed. More importantly it was most pleasing watching the friendships, bond and spirit within this talented team flourish from week to week, as the playing group matured as a football team.

Highlights of the season for me was the incredible comeback against Liverpool Rangers in a vital semi-final. From conceding an unlucky goal early in the first half, then to Xavier Baldock, scoring his first goal and the best goal of the season, a first-time volley finished beautifully into the bottom left corner, escaping the Ranger's keeper's grasp, assisted by his very own twin Marcus Baldock. It was now late in the second half, scores still deadlocked at 1-1, with most of us expecting to go into golden goal, extra time. However, this was not the case of the AC boys, giving it their all, until the climax of the game, where Rocco Marando slotted the ball into the right corner of the net from a corner set piece, giving us the win against Liverpool Rangers and booking our place at the big dance against Sydney Juniors, the most highly anticipated game of the season.

Christian, Leonard and I would like to take this opportunity to thank this wonderful and talented team, which we thoroughly enjoyed coaching.

I am very grateful and thankful to coach alongside my son Christian Nascimben and collaborate with our Team Manager Leonard Nastasi. Without these guys our team would not have reached its full potential and success this year.

Thanks to all our parents, family and friends for your support throughout the year, which set the platform for another successful season. As coaches we appreciate all your support, but more importantly the team enjoyed the cheering and encouragement provided from the sidelines.

Thank you Giovanna Romeo, Andrew Bella and all the wonderful AC United Committee for all your hard work and support throughout the year.

Lastly and importantly, our thanks and appreciation to our team sponsor, Maldini's By The River. Thanks again to the Bava family, we greatly appreciate your generosity and support of our team and club.

Our Squad:

Cooper Davino, Alexander Nascimben, Martin Martinovic, Xavier Baldock, Marcus Baldock, Matias Nastasi, Darius Nastasi (Captain), Leonardo Russo, Mark Sorojevic, Rocco Marando, Ethan Ladurner, Brian Hextall, Luka Djukich and Adrian Bava.

Congratulations and thanks to all for a memorable season.

Denis, Christian and Leonard.



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U15 LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: Sargon Warda
Manager: Odette Bjazevic

Semi Finals
SDSFA Knockouts – Runner Up

Harrington United Football Club
Campbelltown Uniting Church Soccer Club
Liverpool City Robins F.C.
AC United Football Club
Ingleburn Eagles Soccer Club
White City SC
Liverpool Rangers

A brand-new team for the U15Ladies recruiting a diverse mix of girls from multiple teams in our district and starting from scratch. Our team had some new first-time players to our beloved game of football, and we all worked together to get our skill level tuned and capabilities up. In doing this over this season I was able to get the girls in the best fit positions to give it a good attempt!

From 19 games played we took 8 wins, 1 draw and 10 losses. A slow burn for us early on and then we came into our own and soon improved and I was proud to see the girls responding to utilising new skills for our first-time players and younger crew and in addition the more experienced girls providing ongoing support and guidance along the way keeping up the good energy. We had some exceptionally good wins and some losses with lessons learnt. The effort and determination the girls gave each week should be commended and I am so proud of all of them.

Currently a great result that our team moved on to make the semi-finals currently and yet to next take on the SDSFA Knockouts.

I'd like to thank the parents for their ongoing support, time and commitment for these girls as wouldn't be possible without it. A note of thanks to Odette our Manager, as well as Damien and Sam assisting in the coaching this year. A callout of appreciation to the AC United Club and our sponsor of the team Stain Ash.



A.C. United Football Club

Ladies 15 Division 1 ~ 2023
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Third Row: Siena Bjazevic, Stephanie Warda, Eva Korendis, Lillian Munezero, Jessica Pattinson
Second Row: Odette Bjazevic (Manager), Holly Pescod, Sabrina Costa, Amelia Casella, Mirai Korkis, Sargon Warda (Coach)
First Row: Levanda Basaca, Allegra Hevia, Cassandra Karamaneas, Farah Alkalmashe, Rose Dowd



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U16 DIVISION 2

Coach: Sasha Stanojevic
Asst Coaching Staff: Rui Lopes
Peter Carbone
Andrew Gallardo
Manager: Nora Lopes

Austral Soccer Club
AC United Football Club
Chipping Norton F.C.
Mounties Junior Soccer
Canley Heights RSLFC
White City SC

The AC United U16's Div 2 2023 season began with much promise. Key players from the 2022 finalists: Anthony Stanojevic, Armando Scotece, Dylan Di Tommaso, Dylan Jammo, Luca Topalovic, Dominic Carbone, Youshaman Nazoraia, Anthony Lombardo and Maximus Lopes returned with the motivation to go one better this year. The introduction of handpicked new talent: Alek Kopanovski, Ilia Urosevski, Christopher Gallardo, Kristian Eleninovski, Edis Aslani, Luca Mitrovic and David Asman ensured a very well-rounded football team.

Under the tutelage of their shrewd and experienced coach, Sasha Stanojevic, the team performed valiantly throughout the season. From a shock loss in the first game, the team gelled into an imposing side, posting a respectable 15 wins; 3 draws and 4 losses from the 22 competition games played.

From the very beginning the team established quite a spirited bond between one another and through their common commitment to training and team goals, they developed into an exciting unit and displayed a very attractive and entertaining brand of football.

Forwards Armando, Anthony S and Dominic provided the main offensive threat for the team and were the impetus for the team's goal scoring prowess. Their lightning-fast interplay and strikes on goal provided memorable moments of the season.

The engine room, made up of midfield combinations of Dylan D, Luca T, Dylan J, Youshaman, Christopher, Edis, Luca M and David proved resolute in winning the ball, creating countless scoring opportunities as well as chipping in on the goals front.

The "twin pillars" aka centre backs Alek and Maximus along with Ilia, Anthony L, and a dependable pair of hands in Kristian provided a daunting defensive line that saw a total of 11 clean sheets. The backs were also instrumental in set play situations such as corners and free kicks and through these managed to respectfully chime in on the goal contribution themselves.

All in all, the team finished second on the ladder, ultimately only decided in the last round game against the eventual minor premiers. The boys managed to rack up an impressive for and against goal tally of 73 For and only 18 Against.

Some noteworthy season highlights were: the round 5 win against old foes Chipping Norton (6-0); and again, in round 18 (8-0); and their fearless display in the major semi-final win against Austral (4-2).

The Grand Final match against the minor premiers Austral seemed almost predestined and looked to follow a similar script to their four previous encounters: hard fought, physical, free flowing end to end football. In the end, given the countless opportunities, persistent attempts on goal and near misses from both teams, when the referee blew the whistle at full time, a solitary goal by Austral in the 8th minute separated the two teams. Regrettably, the boys were just not able to replicate their faultless performance in the semi-final two weeks prior.

Notwithstanding, the pain and disappointment the boys felt after the loss, they should hold their heads high and take great pride in their efforts this season as well as their overall development of their football skills and IQ. The grand final loss should serve as sufficient motivation to work extra hard in the off season to return in 2024 to go one better.

Undoubtedly, a tangible factor behind this teams' confidence and accomplishments has been the unwavering and passionate support from all the mums, dads, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have week in and week out, rain, hail or shine turned up to not only the games, but to training too. A very big thank you to all our families and friends for their enthusiastic support.

Also, a massive thank you to *Westside Boating* for sponsorship again this year and for making our boys look schmick by supplying all the training kits, jackets, and bags.

Special mention to our assisting coaching staff Peter, Andrew and Rui who have mentored and imparted invaluable knowledge to the boys.

Lastly, a loud shout out to Sasha, your dedication and backing that you offer the boys is greatly appreciated and valued by the team and their supporters. Moreover, your devotion, time and efforts are widely recognised amongst the boys and in turn provides them with a great source of inspiration.

Signing off, team manager extraordinaire,

Nora Lopes

 **A.C. United Football Club** 
Grade 16 Division 2 ~ 2023
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Third Row: Luka Mitrovic, Domenico Carbone, Maximus Lopes, Aleksander Koparovski, Youshaman Nazaraia, Rui Lopes (Assistant Coach)
Second Row: Andrew Gallardo (Trainer), Peter Carbone (Trainer), Dylan Di Tommaso, Anthony Lombardo, Armando Scofece, Ilija Urosevski, Christopher Gallardo, David Asman
First Row: Edis Asani, Anthony Stanojevic, Kristian Elenovski, Luka Topalovic, Dylan Jammo, Nora Lopes (Manager), Sasha Stanojevic (Coach)



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: U16/17 LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: Tony Romeo
Asst Coach: Vince Timpano
Manager: Giovanna Romeo

Camden Tigers Black
Picton Rangers
AC United
Oran Park
Eschol Park
Camden Tigers Orange

In the blink of an eye, our soccer season has come to an end. As we reflect back on the year, we would like to recognise the 16/17 Ladies for their amazing season.

Congratulations to our team:

Angelina, Ava, Chiara, Erica, Gabbi, Georgia, Jade, Kiara, Lorenza, Marielena, Olivia, Phoenix, Sienna 'K', Sienna 'Vlada' and Sienna 'Volpe'

The team were the only Southern Districts team to play in the Macarthur Football Association. There were 12 teams in the very competitive competition and the ladies finished 3rd on the ladder.

The team made it to the Semi Finals and played against Picton Rangers, which was a nail biting game, but the ladies skills and determination shone through. We played an awesome game and the ladies dominated and deserved to win. The team were down 2 nil and in the last 7 minutes. Olivia, our youngest player scored 2 goals to equalise. We went into extra time and then penalty shoot out and unfortunately lost.

Some of the other competitions the team participated in representing Southern Districts and AC United were the State Cup against Lindfield which unfortunately luck wasn't on our side. The team also participated in Champion of Champions against Emu Plains and had an amazing 3-1 win, which we are looking forward to round 3. The ladies took on the challenge of playing in the 18 Ladies competition for both of these competitions which shows massive determination as our players range from as young as 13 to 17 years.

Our season was filled with challenges, triumphs, laughter and fun. The 16/17 Ladies are one of the most engaged teams in AC United and have always got behind club events and team celebrations, some of these were:

- FIFA Women's World Cup Photoshoot - the ladies were photographed doing action shots at Powhatan to feature in a Women's World Cup promotional video.
- Trophy Tour & Female Football Week- the ladies played a significant role in the celebrations for the A-League Womens Trophy Tour and Female Football Week. The ladies were given the rare chance to take a picture with the A-League Women's trophy, commemorate Female Football Week by wearing pink socks, and support the club's fundraising efforts by claiming the raffle.
- Trivia Night - the ladies, parents, siblings, family members and friends got right behind the event and dressed up in the AC jersey and colours which they always wear with pride. Despite failing miserably at the trivia, the team won best dressed.
- FIFA Women's World Cup Matches - In order to celebrate and support the Matildas during the Women's World Cup, the team joined together! Team members attended the live site at Cirillo Reserve and gathered at Marconi for dinner and watched the Australia vs. Nigeria game together. It wasn't the outcome we expected, but the team got completely behind this and wore their supporter shirts, colours, and even got their faces painted.

- Summer Soccer - after the regular season, our teams continued to play soccer, and the squad ultimately decided to join Southern Districts Soccer. Don't ask us about the names of our two teams, Ducks United and Ducky FC (that's quacka!).

We owe gratitude to our dedicated coaches, Tony and Vince who have guided the team throughout the season. Their knowledge, patience, and support have been instrumental in the team's success.

We would like to thank our parents for the friendships, connections, and support. A special mention to Hilenia, Ava's aunty, who frequently attended our games and served as a fantastic source of inspiration for the girls by encouraging them from the sidelines. Our parents also demonstrated their incredible cheerleading abilities to the opposing teams, and we upheld the AC motto of "Always Loud, Forever Proud."

Thanks to our sponsor Supreme teamwear, we appreciate your contribution to AC and for all your support.

We are looking forward to seeing all the ladies back next year for another awesome year.



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: U17 DIVISION 1

Coach: Messi Yako
Asst Coach: Gus Mendoza
Manager: James Galera

AC United Football Club Grade 17
Bonnyrigg F.C Grade 18
AC United Football Club Grade 18
Liverpool Olympic Grade 17
Mounties Junior Soccer Grade 17
Kemps Creek United Grade 18

It all started in September 2022 with a massive recruitment drive to assemble the best possible squad of 16 players to represent AC United Under 17's Division 1 Male.

The EOI's came in thick and fast with more than 30+ registered trialists wishing to trial. A final squad of 16 was settled after numerous trials were conducted over several weeks. The eventual squad was made up from a mix of NPL, Division 1 players from other clubs, and a handful of boys from last season's Under 16 Div 1 squad.

Training for the squad started not long after trials were completed as it was important to get the new group together as soon as possible.

After a few sessions, it was evident that this squad had the makings of giving the 2023 competition a good shake. To say that the Coaching and Management Staff weren't excited would be an understatement.

The squad's first challenge (we gave them a few) was to participate in the Bathurst Cup at the end of January 2023 where we were registered in the 18's competition. The trip to Bathurst was designed to (a) give the boys an opportunity to bond, and (b) test our squad's strength against some serious competition. This was our squad's first hit-out, and whilst we didn't get any wins, the boys didn't lose any games by more than a goal and we even managed some draws against AYL and Regional NPL teams that had been playing together for a while. The future of this squad looked bright.

On to the regular season....

We learnt in March that our squad would be participating in a 17/18 Division 1 SDSFA competition which was due to not enough clubs registering squads for the respective 17's and 18's Division 1 competition. The result being, three clubs representing 17 Div 1, and three clubs representing 18 Div 1 so, a total of 6 teams. The competition was made up of Liverpool Olympic, Mounties Juniors FC, and AC United (17/1's) representing the 17's age group, with Bonnyrigg FC, Kemp's Creek, and AC United (18/1's) representing the 18's age group.

Minor Premiers!

After 15 regular season rounds (Note to SDSFA: 15 rounds are unsatisfactory), the boys secured the Minor Premiership. The squad had one or two games to forget but all-in-all, the boys did what they had to do to secure the minor premiership. A great result given that we were playing in a higher age group, and we were plagued by injuries with one being a season ending injury.

Semi Finals Time!

A weird semi-final make-up with SDSFA deciding to split the semi finals into the respective age groups. Our first semi was against Liverpool Olympic with the winner going straight into the GF. We had some mixed bag results against Liverpool Olympic and this time, they got the better of us with us going down 3-2 in regular time. So, it was now a sudden death qualifying final against Mounties Juniors FC who mysteriously, enjoyed a week off for coming 3rd in the 17's competition, and 5th in the combined competition. Mounties Junior FC were our bogie team with a loss and two draws against them in the regular season. The monkey was off our back with a 1-0 win to go into the GF where we again get to meet Liverpool Olympic.

Grand Final Time!

An 8:00am kick-off at Ernie Smith Reserve was the venue and time. An extremely early kick-off time especially for 16- and 17-year-old boys and, we had to get them to the field at 7:00am.

We went into the GF with a game plan, and credit goes to the boys for sticking to the plan. 0-0 at half-time. 0-0 after 80mins, and 0-0 after golden-goal extra time. We couldn't find the back of the net, so it was off to the dreaded penalties we went. 5-3 Loss in penalties. A tough way to lose a GF. Congratulations to Liverpool Olympic.

The boys should be proud of their efforts during the season in securing the Minor Premiership. A GF win would have been icing on top of the cake but, it wasn't meant to be.

We're off to Champions of Champions!

By the time this goes to print, we would have played our first (hopefully not last) Champions of Champions fixture. A just reward for securing the Minor Premiership and one of only a few teams representing AC United in this prestigious Football NSW Association Tournament. I'm sure you will hear about our journey.

A big thank you to our Coach Messi Yako and Assistant Gus Mendoza for all your efforts throughout Season 2023. A GF Win would have been fantastic but, it wasn't meant to be. Let's hope by the time this review goes to print, we have WON the Under 17 Div 1 Champions of Champions competition.

Signing-Off for Season 2023, James Galera (Team Manager)



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U17 DIVISION 2

Coach: Frank Ferraro
Asst Coach: Andrew Bella
Manager: Dom Romeo

AC United Football Club

Liverpool City Robins F.C. Red
Chipping Norton F.C.
Liverpool City Robins F.C. Black
Freeman Sports
Austral Soccer Club
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club

It was a great year for our 17/2s.

The core of the squad have played together for a few seasons, and some great new additions made this a very competitive team.

An undefeated regular season, with twelve games for 10 wins and 2 draws, scoring 81 goals in the process.

We were the team to beat all season and as semi finals came around the team was understrength with injuries and a few players away. We narrowly went down in a penalty shoot out after being down 1-3. Down to 10 men, the boys showed resolve and character to come back to 3-3.

In the final the boys bounced back to win easily and secure a spot in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was one of those days and unfortunately the perfect season wasn't to be.

Very proud of this group of young men, they play attractive football, have a great team spirit and they thoroughly enjoy their football.

Thankyou to AC and the committee for all the hard work they do, to the parents for their commitment, our sponsors Supreme Team Wear, to Andrew Bella and Domenic Romeo for all their help and lastly the lads for an enjoyable season, laughs, good football and overall great group to coach.



A.C. United Football Club

Grade 17 Division 2 ~ 2023
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Second Row: Angelo Magoulas, Matthew Maculan, Noah Veliz, Massimo Romeo, Alex Bella, Alessandro Richetti
First Row: Domenic Romeo (Manager), Andres Laccapo, Luca Florio, Tye Giorgio, Naseem Bitar, Ibrahim El Khoury, Francesco Ferraro (Coach), Andrew Bella (Assistant Coach)
Insert: Shaurav Prasad
Absent: Christopher Esho, Denzel Bonarrigo, Marcelo Veliz



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U18 DIVISION 1

Coach: Mark Abi-Arrage
Manager: Tina Petkovic

AC United Football Club Grade 17
Bonnyrigg F.C Grade 18
AC United Football Club Grade 18
Liverpool Olympic Grade 17
Mounties Junior Soccer Grade 17
Kemps Creek United Grade 18

Backing up from an extremely tough 2022 season for most of the boys, we had some early concerns early on with the depth of the squad as some were wavering in their commitment to training and playing. Concerns we needed to address and in a hurry!

From the first trial game I could see that there was enough talent in the squad to be able to compete at a much better level than they had the previous years. Week in week out, the team showed encouraging signs that they were beginning to gel, we tried players in different positions and they started to offer so much more to the side.

In the first half of the year there were ups and downs and the results were inconsistent but the consistency in the development and teamwork was ever so evident.

Just after the halfway mark everything started to click into place. It was the day we went to King Park and handed Mounties a touch up with a 4-0 trouncing. That was the beginning of a great run into the Grand Final culminating with the win of the season where we beat our GF rivals Bonnyrigg 2-0 with our game of the year! Bonnyrigg had previously beaten us twice in the season proper and once in the knockout. You could actually see the belief in every individual increase and we became believers!!

Outside of the result our Grand Final performance was spot on, we dominated extended periods of time throughout the match and were extremely unlucky not to win the "Big Dance" in normal time. As we went into extra time we held on largely thanks to Nicholas Camilleri making two incredible saves late in the second period of extra time.

Unfortunately after the penalty shoot out we came out on the wrong end of the score line but as I said to the lads in the sheds.....they had done themselves, their families, myself and the Club extremely proud!!

What these boys were able to achieve this year was amazing to say the least! Whilst this is a team sport and there were many in contention for the player of the year.....in fact there were 6 players within a few points of each other! Zack Roth finished the year slightly ahead of the rest.

The highlight of the year has to be the way the team went on a great run through the latter part of the year.

Special thanks to the parents that were ground officials on match days, the Club committee for their outstanding ongoing support and most of all to our team manager Valentina who made my life a whole lot easier on match days!!

Mark Abi-Arrage, Coach



A.C. United Football Club
Grade 18 Division 1 ~ 2023
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Third Row: Zack Roth, Dominic Smyth, Julius Peeku, Andrew Gewargis, Francesco Fuda, John Sawo
Second Row: Mark Abi-Arrage (Coach), Mateja Jez, Jayron Jaramillo, Nicolas Camilleri, Mitchell Petkovic, Marcus Petkovic, Valentina Petkovic (Manager)
First Row: Aidan Mikhael, Antonio Palermo, Nicholas Carniato, Kiriolos Tadoros, Lucas Denis, Amanuil Talia



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: U21 DIVISION 1 BLUE

Coach: Gino Scamardella
Coach: Rob Mazzotti
Manager: Alan Schembri

Mounties Junior Soccer
AC United Football Club White
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Kemps Creek United
AC United Football Club Blue
Freeman Sports
Fairfield Bulls

What a season!

Many laughs, some tears and moments of absolute joy. And that was just the coaching staff.

A collection of friends, mates and extras came together to form a champion team, albeit the results didn't always go our way. The guys were required to face into some Challenges with a number of injuries and periods of overseas holidays. They did this without issue and played to our strengths as much as possible.

If not for having just missed out on the finals. A few more weeks would have been perfect for our team, as they continued to build and pushing many of the leading teams. This included getting a win versus the eventual minor premiers, which turned out to be their only loss of the season.

Special thanks to Alex Bila who put up his hand this season to be our keeper. Some massive saves throughout the season which kept us in many matches. Well Done Alex.

Our team, Anthony (Capt), Alessio (v Capt), Alex (GK), Luca, Luke, Alex, Darren, Adrian, Andrew, Jovan, Massimo, Antonio, Carlos, Josh, George. Thanks guys, it has been a pleasure to be involved with leading you. Your respect of the officials, your opponents and our Club was obvious.

Thank you to our coach Gino for driving the team once again this year and to our Manager Alan for his support and help through the season. And of course, to Silvana and Laretta for their great photos and videos.

A special mention and our MVS award for the season goes to Jelena, Carlos's girlfriend. Jelena was there for every game, even when Carlos was out for a few weeks injured. Gold Star.

Thank you to our team sponsor HBA Travel. Brad from HBA Travel was super keen to get involved and we are greatly appreciative for his support.

Thank you to the A.C United FC committee and our family and friends for their support.

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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: U21 DIVISION 1 WHITE

Coach: Nick Stojcevski
Asst Coach: Frank Peronace
Asst Coach: Matthew Stojcevski
Manager: Angela Biviano

Mounties Junior Soccer
AC United Football Club White
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Kemps Creek United
AC United Football Club Blue
Freeman Sports
Fairfield Bulls

Golden goal decider robs us of another Premiership.

A new season and a new challenge ahead. A team built on belief and no fear was finally ready to take on the mens 21's competition.

It was an interesting preseason. There was a bit of player movement happening from last year's squad. But we also had some players coming in which balanced the equation.

On paper we managed to assemble a very strong team. Now we just had to put it together on the field as a team.

Pre season friendlies we were looking good and the team was coming together nicely.

However, it was also the start of our first casualty. Ever reliable Lucas Romero (named to be captain this season) suffered an ACL injury which ruled him out for the season.

We Started the season strong and put our competition on notice early. Our only challenge was fielding a full team each week. We were hit with injuries, suspensions and the occasional hangover throughout the entire season.

A few losses and draws along the way was challenging for us, from achieving our fourth minor premiership in a row. We eventually finished the season in second place.

This would not have been achievable without the help of our 17's and 18's boys. When required they backed up and never let us down. Without their help i dont think we finish in second place.

As the finals approached, we took on the tag of the underdogs. We knew that we still had the team to win this competition. We put behind the regular season and were now focused to win the final series.

We reached the Grand Final. We dominated. We played one hell of a game. Only to lose by golden goal.

Proud of the effort.

Squad:

Evan Frendo, Domenic Velardi, Anthony Rodi, Jessie Cootes
Messi Yako, Mitch Stojcevski, Same Peronace, Luca Biviano, Samuel Staffieri,
Javier Ruiz Davilla, Nikolas Hagarty, Mark Borg, Simone Arborio, Nathan Aloe,
Jayden Dasilva



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 5

Coach: Robert Wilson
Asst Coach: John Connaughton
Manager: Bruno Yoshikawa

Wetherill Park Westerners
Mounties Junior Soccer
Canley Heights RSLFC
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Kemps Creek United
AC United Football Club

“Never work with animals or small children” is an often-repeated phrase from those in the acting game. Perhaps the equivalent in park soccer is “Never work with All-Age Men”. It’s clear the Referees association held that view as we were told that officials were a rarity for AAM games (“there’s already 22 refs on the pitch” they complained). We were encouraged to become Club Referees and be prepared to step in on game days. Well it may be shocking to hear that referees don’t always get it right as our experience throughout the season was quite the opposite: we always had at least one official and whilst the football was robust, it never overheated or resulted in anything unseemly. Our young men were great ambassadors for AC United and should hold their heads high even if the final table standings in AAM5 show a gap in quality with the other teams. There’s always next year and until then here is their 2023 summary (noting thankfully that no animals, small children or AAM players were hurt or anyways disturbed or upset in the production process)

“Dad, will you sign up as coach because we need someone to represent us at Judiciary?” went the strange request in March of this year. Another false statement as it turned out (see comment above regarding the AAM5 exemplary behaviour) though the need for a coach was very evident after the initial get togethers. Some in the squad were new to park soccer and its demands regarding fitness and ability. So I turned to my SBT (soccer brains trust / serious beer taster) Rob and asked if he would help out. We both agreed the lads had declared too high (having originally elected for Division 4) and we are grateful President Bella got us moved down one level before the competition started.

Training nights in Brenan and Powhatan were usually a mix of audible groans (“bloody shuttles”), animated conversations (performance reviews on the previous Sunday) and lots of good-natured banter and laughter. Sessions were varied (as we were keen to try out new drills) and usually finished with a mini game or match ups with our training neighbours (U17s, AAM8). Game days were sometimes chastening experiences though we only got beaten significantly (ie. greater than four goals) on a few occasions. The majority of games were competitive close affairs and it wasn’t unusual for the opposition coach and some of their players to genuinely commend our lads. The scorelines were not always a true reflection of events. A last minute 1-0 to Canley was particularly heartbreaking whilst the same scoreline against Moorebank was also hard to take. Our opposition were more clinical and simply had the necessary guile and grit. All that said, our AAM5 always stayed positive (the joyful optimism of youth) and earned actual reward and credit with three notable victories, the best a 4-1 demolition of Moorebank (when we borrowed some AC friends). By season end, the squad was clearly on an upwards arc in terms of development, which augurs well for next season and beyond.

A big and sincere thanks to Rob who brought the prep, smarts and structure to training and matchdays. I brought the balls and bibs.

Hats off to Bruno for his consistent “dribbling” support. Likewise committee stalwarts Giovanna R and S who addressed any enquiries promptly.

To the players we borrowed (Samuel S, Massimo S, Massimo R, Javier D, Andres M and Carlos D) and their respective managers, you certainly made a positive impact to the team.

We had a loyal band of supportive parents, partners and pals cheering from the sidelines each week and it was appreciated.

Last but by no means least - a genuine shout out and recognition of all the lads. A wonderful group to work with ... even if they only listened some of the time. Their enthusiasm and likeability are a credit to themselves and their families. May they find great success, enjoyment and fun on and off the pitch for many years to come.



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 8

Coach: Steve Amin
Manager: John Currao

Bossley Sports Club
AC United Football Club
Green Island FC
Austral Soccer Club
Leppington Lions
Liverpool Warriors

Reflecting on this unforgettable soccer season, the AAM Div 8 team has shown tremendous growth, unity, and sportsmanship. Our journey was marked by countless moments of perseverance and triumph on the field.

Through hard work and dedication, our players honed their skills and showcased their passion for the beautiful game. Each match was an opportunity to demonstrate not only our technical prowess but also our unwavering team spirit.

We cannot overlook the friendships forged, the bonds strengthened, and the memories created during this season. It's not just about the goals scored or the victories earned; it's about the camaraderie that defines our team.

As we close this chapter, let us carry forward the lessons learned, the victories celebrated, and the challenges conquered. The boys have not only excelled on the field but have also exemplified the values of sportsmanship and dedication.

Here's to a season filled with remarkable moments, and to the promising future that awaits us.

Thank you to our players, coaches, and supporters for making this season unforgettable. Couldn't of asked to coach a better group of boys and call them my brothers.

Best wishes for the future, and here's to another season of success!

Coach
Steven Amin





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TEAM: ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 9

Game Day Coach: Frank Ojeda
Man Manager: Cody Ojeda
Lolly Provider: Kylie Ojeda
Bench Warmer: Victoria Vlahadamis

Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Liverpool Warriors
Mounties Junior Soccer
Horsley Park United
Liverpool Rangers
Fairfield Pats FC
AC United Football Club
Fairfield Hotspurs

Everyone's favourite Sunday League side was back for another year and with a bit of turnover through the off-season and relegation to two divisions below, expectations were high. There was finally a belief that this squad could avoid last place.

Gone were the days of needing to borrow copious amounts of players to field a team each week. Instead this was a luxury and we were able to turn up most weeks with at least one player on the bench.

Training was at a high level throughout the year, mostly because we had players actually show up this year. Intense 7-a-side games were followed by intense games of red ass, which Julien will have nightmares of for some time moving forward.

Some of the best moments of the season was my own long-range screamer against Hotspurs (that was so close to the top corner, the ref needed to double check with the linesman that it actually went in), Josh pulling out a performance even Neuer would be jealous of to keep our first clean sheet in two years (that we actually earned across 90 minutes), Jono only pulling out 10/10 performances when he was hungover and Sam, our striker, actually scoring a goal!

According to the table we may have only been slightly better than last year, although we did reach our goal of avoiding the spoon for a second year in a row, but the improvement was visible to everyone. No more constant 6/7/8-0 defeats. Instead, they were only 2/3/4-0 losses. We even managed to score 6 goals throughout the season and didn't need the u21's to score them for us!

It was only the one win for the team this year, coming in a 4-goal thriller and a gutsy, backs to the wall performance. Yes, Warriors scored all four that day, but it pays to know when they've got unregistered players on the pitch.

I would like to thank sponsor European Glass and Glazing for their support of the side this year, as well as our loyal fans (the parents and partners that still want to show up – were not sure why either).

A massive thank you to Kylie, Tori, Alex, Alyssa and everyone that stepped in as a manager for us. But most of all to M-League Women's coach of the year Frank Ojeda, who kept himself humble over the last 7 months by coaching us as well, even though he never officially signed up for it. That win/loss ration evened itself out real quick. Overall, it was another enjoyable year. The banter was good, the football was semi decent and there were always good vibes at training and at matches. The football may

not have been pretty at times, but we rarely left those who came to watch us disappointed from an entertainment perspective. Anyone who watched our home match against Spurs can vouch for the scenes when Dante equalised with the last kick of the game.

It's only up from here. Maybe even a finals push could be on the cards!



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AC UNITED FC
TEAM: ALL AGE LADIES DIVISION 3

Coach: Alex Vogiatzis
Coach: Brody Tarrant
Manager: Brunella Parr

AC United Football Club
Moorebank Sports Soccer Club
Western Condors FC
Liverpool Rangers

Where do we start? Girls, we just want to start off by saying thank you to all of you that have played your hearts out on that field. From half of you playing your whole life and some that haven't touched a ball before. You all have earned the title of calling yourself a team. You have all come a long way and have progressed individually and in a team.

Writing this with the grand final just around the corner has all of us on our toes waiting to step onto that soccer field. We have such a unique team and all have their own individual qualities and bring unique personalities to the team. We have the most worrying mother-daughter duo on the field ready to go anyone that wants to try to have a go at one another. The mother-daughter duo with the slickest and cleanest footwork skill and chemistry on the field. The girls coming from the M-League showing all the mothers what it is like to be fit and young again. To girls in defense, you have saved our butts more times than we can count. With only conceding 10 goals the whole season, I think we heard on the bench the girls say "don't worry Kat's there" about 6 times a game at least.

Our midfielders are where it was a struggle to watch this year. We didn't have a clue what we were doing in our first few games but watching all of you come together and form chemistry in this team is memorable to watch you girls play on the field today. Watching the ball coming over the top of their defenders heads in the defense and placed in the corner of the posts from the 18 yard box was definitely the highlight of this year.

To Tegan the highest goal scorer of the All Age Ladies Division 3 2023 season. Thank you for leading the girls out every game for an outstanding undefeated season.

Thank you to 'Females To Freedom' founded by Roslyn Bella and 'The Pink Brain' founded by Donna Brennan for sponsoring and supporting our team this year.

Finally, a big thank you to our team manager Brunella Parr, for organising every match, team sheet, players, and us coaches.



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TEAM: M LEAGUE WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Coach: Frank Ojeda
Coach: Denis Nascimben
Coach: Danny Di Giandomenico
Manager: Rossana Di Giandomenico
Manager: Kylie Ojeda
TD: Gabriella Bilaver

Tahmoor
AC United
Sporting Rovers
Narellan Rangers
Liverpool City Robins
Liverpool Olympic
Harrington United
Oran Park Rovers
Moorebank Sports
Eschol Park

This was the second year AC United Ladies Premier team had the opportunity to play in the Macarthur M-League competition. This provided the opportunity for the ladies to play against more structured and talented opposition. I was lucky enough to be allowed to support the incumbent coaches from 2022 and it has been very rewarding. The Management Team goal for the season was to reach the top 4 and play finals football in the M-League. The task would be made more difficult due to having 4 players enjoy themselves in Europe for much of the second half of the season. The depth of talent we have in this side, with a mixture of younger ladies to the more experienced, helped ensure the team stayed in touch for the finals and to that point surged towards the top of the table. A big thank you to support from our AC United teams for letting us borrow Jade Hunt for 5 games (awesome Goalkeeper) as well as Sienna Parr and Amelia Oliverio for the vital game against Moorebank where Sienna scored a great goal and set up another.

The Team eventually did achieve their goal of Finals Football and managed to even come second with the last game deciding whether we would secure a minor premiership. Unfortunately, in the last game we endured a scoreless draw which gave the premiership to Tahmoor. This left a sour taste in our mouths and hungry for glory in the finals.

Now on to the Finals. Our first game was an opportunity to head directly into the Grand Final and we managed to stave off a resilient Tahmoor 2-1 with goals from Jasmyn Windsor and Mihayla Bilaver and now we are off to the Big Dance!!!

In the Grand Final we faced off against our own Southern District rival Sporting Rovers FC. The game was a hard-fought tussle, as we would have expected, but the deadlock was broken with only 4 minutes remaining and it was AC United that took the lead with a great determined effort from Lorena Scarcella who touched the ball away from the Sporting Rovers GK and the ever reliable Daniela Araya was on hand to place the ball in the back of the net. The last 4 minutes plus another 5 minutes of injury time were very tense and Gabriella Bilaver provided a great save to ensure our AC United team would be crowned the Grand Champions of the Women's M-League for the Macarthur and Southern Districts Leagues 2023. The massive support from our AC United Family and Committee was much appreciated and spurred the girls on to achieve the result on a very cold night. Special mention to Teagan Hunter for receiving the MVP of the Grand Final and to Bianca Frketic who missed the GF due to an injury from the Preliminary Final against Tahmoor.

Other special awards received during the season were for Jasmyn Windsor receiving the Golden Boot for top Goal Scorer on 26 Goals. Jasmyn was also Runner up for MVP for the season only 1 point behind the winners for the second season running. The most rewarding award for the management team was receiving the Fair Play award which recognises the style of play we instilled in this team. The coaches were also awarded Coach of the Year which is awarded by points from other coaches, position on the table and Fair Play points.

A big shout out to Olivia Viana who injured herself at the beginning of the season and needed surgery and couldn't play for the main part of the season. Hopefully you will be fit again to play for the 2024 season, and we appreciate your ongoing support on the sidelines.

A big thanks to Rossana and Kylie for keeping the girls fully hyped on Frogs and Snakes at half time as well as supplying the endless amounts of Cold Spray bottles for the countless injuries and a special thanks to Regal Recruitment for being our sponsor for the last two seasons.

We instilled a special mantra for this team, and we have delivered (NRSP!!!!). The singing and dancing prior to and after the games was a big highlight to those that had the privilege to witness it. Congratulations Ladies you deserve all the accolades that come your way.....



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AC UNITED FC

TEAM: O45 DIVISION 2 (SSH HH)

Man Manager: Dennis Petalas
Asst Coach: Joey Mey /John Amo /
Frank Ojeda
Manager: Kylie Ojeda
Esky Technicians: Rooster and Kelpie

AC United FC
Regents Park Saints FC
Holroyd Rangers SC
Wenty Waratahs FC
Lidcombe Waratahs FC

Well season 2023 was very inconsistent from a footballing perspective. But, as always, the team spirit and friendship of 20 soccer brothers and our soccer sister (that makes Kylie and Frank TASMANIAN), help make it a great year.

The most important outcome is that we are still talking to each other after a challenging year off the field for a number of the boys.

It never surprises me how all our team members will bend over backward to make time in their busy lives to be there for their teammates.

I would like to thank Claude and Joey for their team sponsorship and of course the 2023 AC COMMITTEE for all their hard work.

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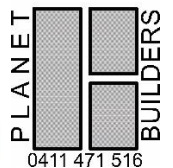
The Squad: Frank Ojeda (C), John Amoroso, Luca Ciapponi, Mark Abi-Arrage, Greg (Bulldog) Baldock, Baggio David, Joe Jukic, Rick (Kelpie) McKeivitt, John Vlahadamis, John Currao, Robert Mazzotti, Terry Hawkins, Vic Sacco, Claude Fradel, Darren (Rooster) Rostek, Max De Felicibus, Vic Vicaretti, Gino Scamardella, Nino Babani
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