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SENIOR FOOTBALL

The league side completed a winning run of four in a row to put us into the final five for the first time since our entry into the South Suburban Competition two seasons ago. Unfortunately our position on the ladder was short-lived as we were beaten by Maddington last week, but I am confident that with the talent and ability we have we can improve a lot more and win the games required to finish in the final five.

It is a cut throat affair and we face tough games against Canning, Kwinana and Kelmscott in the coming weeks. These sides all have big name players playing for them, but I am looking for team efforts to win the day.

Our effort in beating Rockingham away from home was a real team effort with our side starting slowly and then pegging them back and finished strongly to record a six goal victory.

Good players on that day were Joe Locantro on the wing, ruck-rovers Kim Barrett and Mick Kimberley, rucks McKenny and Naughton and a good effort from full forward Chris Parsons. Our backline was very solid but overall it was a great team effort.

The game against Armadale turned out to be a big percentage booster when we ran out winners 31.27 to 4.4 and our 3 teams kicked a total of 95.69 to 9.12 to record our 4th trieter in a row which must surely be a record in the competition. Once again we started slow, but as our rucks McKenny and Naughton gained control our centre line of Locantro, Hankensen and Moylan and mobile players Barrett, Kimberley and McIntosh took the ball from the centre bounce downs into our forward line at a steady flow. Chris Parsons appreciated the opportunities and kicked all goals, the best effort by a full forward since Paul Rudd's 14 goals last year. Kim Barrett put in a tireless effort to finish the day with 50 touches, an outstanding effort.

Unfortunately our game against Maddington was not a good team effort at all and although our players tried hard all day our team played as individuals and also our inaccurate kicking for goals cost us any chance of winning the game.

The lesson to be learned from that game was the importance to

tackle desperately in the forward line to make sure they are under pressure all over the field and make sure that not everybody tackles the one opposition player enabling his team mates to receive a hand ball unopposed. Greg Miller put in an outstanding game when he eclipsed ex league player Brent Levitzke when he was playing at centre half back and when shifted to centre half forward was unbeatable in that position.

Bob Hankinson played well at centre and created a lot of opportunities and Andy McIntosh linked up the play and was a good contributor all day. It was pleasing to see Kim Bingham back in the side after a long absence due to injury and a player who has made a big difference to our side since his return who played an outstanding game in the ruck at centre half back was Paul McKenny.

Our Reserves and Colts continue to play outstanding football which gives us tons of depth and with our policy of promoting our players when they play well we have a number of players making their debut such as Craig Flowers, Mark Packard, Mark Butcher, Peter Anderson and Jim Vost.

My thanks go to my team manager Clarie Howe, fellow selectors John McFarland and Merv Kendall and my runner Warren Eddy.

GARY GREEN.

R E S E R V E C O A C H R E P O R T

I am pleased to report that we have won another two games since the last report which just keeps us on top of the ladder by one game.

It was a great win against Armadale by 30 goals with 20 players all giving their best. I was a bit disappointed with the game against Maddington even though we won by 13 goals, there was not full team support. It was only thanks to a few players like Tim Johnson, Steve Mitchensen and Neil Nesbitt.

This week we meet Canning at Canning and I am looking for a good performance from all players for the full four quarters.

Ray Kimberley plays his 50th game this week against Canning

and we hope he plays another 50 just as good. We would also like to welcome Graham Sheldon and Kevin May to the Club and wish them every success.

MERV KENDALL

COLTS REPORT

As with the Reserves, Willetton Colts are having an outstanding season, led admirably by Captain Greg Hoad and Vice Captain Mike Fitzpatrick. The players have shown that they have plenty of talent and with their dedication and attitude should continue in this winning vein.

It's unfortunate that not all Colts players are getting a game each week but these boys who aren't and are continuing with the Club are as responsible for the Colts wins as much as the regular players because of their loyalty and support to the team.

Hopefully the Colts will continue to win this game and bring home the premiership that so far they have shown they thoroughly deserve.

IAN CARN

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Our Junior Football Raffle was drawn on Thursday, June 25th at our new clubhouse. Needless to say, it was a great success. Thanks go to all players and parents who helped in this worthwhile fund-raising venture.

Our next fund raising effort 'GOALATHON' is well under way and all teams are feverishly undergoing their respective goal-kicking routines. Incidentally, this is our last major fund-raising venture this year and it is anticipated that all players will put in a real big effort in kicking as many goals possible and enlisting the support of a good number of sponsors.

THE HIGHEST FUND RAISER IN GOALATHON WILL WIN HIMSELF A BRAND NEW FOOTBALL. All funds are required to be returned by July 31, 1981.

Now for some news on how some of our teams are shaping up. By the way, specific news on the performance and activities of each team or age group can only be reported if details are provided to me by the last Thursday of each month. Your age group co-ordinator, your team coach or some other team official must supply news 'tit-bits' by the above mentioned date if it is to be published in the next issue of the Road Runner. News items, however, must be forwarded through the respective age group co-ordinator.

17 and Under :

Ben Welsh, Co-ordinator for this age group has this to say -

"The 17's celebrated a well deserved win over East Fremantle on Sunday, June 28th with a B-B-Q following the game. The win was the second for the season and players were in tremendous spirits at the B-B-Q. Coach Frank Ganaway was elated and thanked his players for the best effort he has witnessed from them this season.

"As the saying goes, 'credit must go where credit is due' and trainer Ken McAulliffe is one person who deserves a lot of credit for sacrificing many hours assisting coach Ganaway at training nights. Thanks Ken for your time and effort.

"At the time of writing, the 17's have five more games to be played, four of which are home games. If the players can sustain the same attitude of giving 'everything' in these games, we must win them all - regardless of the opposition.

"Parental support at games is still sadly lacking. Parents, please, come and support your son - he needs your support badly. Is this too much to ask of you? See you at his next game!"

15 and Under :

The 15 Whites have been extremely unfortunate this season in having too many 'byes'. On two occasions when the boys had a 'bye' they were treated to a free one hour session at New Life Health Academy - thanks to John Rigby for extending the invitation to these boys and personally attending to their physical workouts.

Incredibly, the 15 Whites have won 3 games on forfeit this season!

Frustrating as it is for the boys, if this trend continues, they should end up in the final four! How about that!

The 15 Blues are performing reasonably well in their games. At the time of writing, they have good prospects of making the final four.

The boys were entertained by coach Keith Horwood to a 'Games Night' at the Willetton Pavillion. Pool, darts, table tennis - you name it, he had it. The boys enjoyed themselves and so did the few dads that were there.

The 15's will be having their annual wind-up dinner at the new club house on Wednesday, August 26. Will parents please ensure keeping this date free to be able to attend. Details of the dinner will be passed on to you in due course.

9 and Under :

The 9 Blues had a Players' Tea at the East Fremantle Football Club. The boys watched the league players in training following which they were entertained with video films on football.

The 9 Whites had their Players' B-B-Q on Sunday, July 5th at Team Manager George Hampel's home in the afternoon. The boys enjoyed films on football and cartoons which were incidentally, enjoyed by the many parents who were there! Thanks go to George and Mary Hampel for their warm hospitality.

LIGHTNING CARNIVAL :

A Lightning Carnival, which is now an annual event at Willetton, is to be held for the 9's on Sunday, August 16th. Preparations are now underway to make this event a big success. Help will be required to organise this carnival, especially from parents of the 9's.

PAT GEORGE

Publicity Officer - 332 4818

LOST AND FOUND

A set of keys - two in number - to a Lockwood Brass Padlock.

Contact John Higham on 457 3387.

Bob Lee, our Junior Football Recorder, has provided the following table which shows how each team has been performing :

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For | Against | % | Points |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|-------|--------|
| 17 | 10 | 2 | - | 8 | 407 | 1290 | 31.6 | 8 |
| 15A | 11 | 6 | - | 5 | 610 | 669 | 91.2 | 24 |
| 15B | 9 | 3 | - | 6 | 70 | 634 | 11 | 12 |
| 13A | 11 | 5 | - | 6 | 345 | 349 | 98.9 | 20 |
| 13B | 11 | 1 | - | 10 | 223 | 801 | 27.8 | 4 |
| 13Res | 11 | 2 | - | 9 | 162 | 675 | 24 | 8 |
| 11A | 11 | 10 | - | 1 | 608 | 149 | 408.1 | 40 |
| 11B | 10 | 6 | - | 4 | 300 | 148 | 202.7 | 24 |
| 11Res | 10 | 4 | - | 6 | 144 | 227 | 63.4 | 16 |
| 9A | 11 | 8 | - | 3 | 567 | 195 | 290.8 | 32 |
| 9B | 11 | 8 | - | 3 | 318 | 279 | 114 | 32 |
| 9Res | 10 | 4 | - | 6 | 208 | 298 | 69.8 | 16 |