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Redbacks FC 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner

(50 Seasons 1962 – 2011)

Tickets are selling fast for the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner being held on Saturday July 16th 2011 at Castle Hills RSL. For full details please visit the Redbacks FC website. Bookings and enquiries to redbacksfc@hotmail.com. Payment can also be made at the website via PayPal.

Regards,
Redbacks FC Executive Committee

Around the Grounds

Under 6 purple

Redbacks V's West Ryde Rovers Score 4-4

Player of the Week: - Ryan Glanville
Achievement Certificate: - Zach

After a rainy Friday night, we arrived at the game ready for a big one. Our opponents were equally as pumped, with some great warm up activity; our boys/girl new that they had met there match.

The whistle blew and the team, were on the go straight away, West Ryde were hungry for a goal and had there sight clearly set there, and so they did with the first for the game.

Lachlan had his eye on the prize and was determined to get a goal, with some lightening running and dribbling he scored one for the team. West Ryde was not happy and returned with a quick second goal for the match. Sophie was a running and defending machine putting herself on the line she desperately wanted a goal but West Ryde were putting the pressure on the team and defended against us with great enthusiasm scoring once again in the first half. The whistle blew for the end of first half and our boys hurried off the field for a pep talk from Coach Andrew, which seemed to put the wind up them, cheers for how much they wanted the ball, and bursting with energy, they were ready for a big second half.

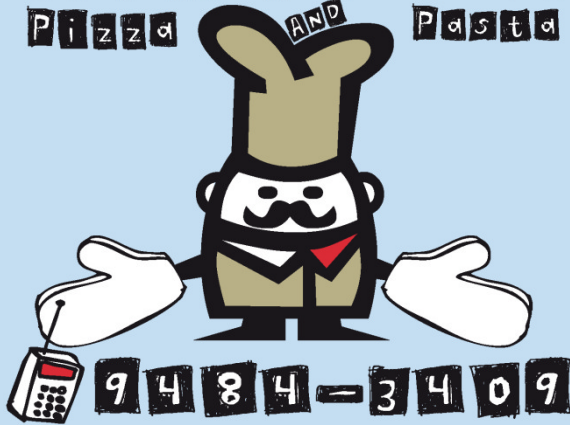
WOW that pep talk worked, Lachlan's eye was once again on the prize and he was quick to score a second goal "Great work Lachlan you truly had a taste for it this week and the team were grateful for your dedication".



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Running was the name of the game this week, and Jack was jumping around the field, with fantastic feet work he managed to score the third goal for the team this week.

Every week Lawson, comes to the game with such great coolness and defends with his heart every time, he stepped up once again and defended throughout the game with passion, stopping West Ryde from getting the ball to close to there end.

We had a borrowed player this week, Little Zach, and he fitted into the team like a glove. Never stopping he ducked and weaved around West Ryde, putting pressure and attacking moving the ball away from there territory several times. Thanks Zach for helping out and congratulations on the certificate.

Ryan captained the team this week and was constantly encouraging his team, he constantly puts his body on the line each week and loves to get in and defend. Ryan has made a little name for himself as the slider, and once again, he managed to do a slide to stop West Ryde from scoring what would have been a winning goal for them seconds before the full time whistle blew! Great work Ryan, keep defending.

What an actioned packed game.
Under 6 purple you certainly provided your families and friends with goose bump activity.
Great effort... Keep up the great work, you are becoming a mighty little team.

GO REDDIES GO!!!!!!

Under 8 Green

Redbacksx v Eastwood St Andrews

Player of the week certificate – Joshua Sparkes

What a game we had this week 2 players down & a little drizzle in the morning did not dampen our mighty Redback spirits. Nikhil had a blinder this week scoring 2 goals he was all over the ball getting right in there, well played! Jakob was pumped for the game sources tell us he has been working out fiercely during the week improving his fitness. This definitely assisted him saving a couple goals & he also showed us some fancy footwork on the field. Josh did some great runs setting up a couple of goals & impressed his fans with a beautiful slide kick to keep the play in play, well deserved certificate this week. Brodie had a brilliant match taking command of the ball many many times he was very unlucky not to convert his efforts . Louis played



REDBACKS FC

1962 – 2011

50th Anniversary

Gala Dinner Invitation

Redbacks FC have much pleasure in inviting all members, past and present, to join us and celebrate this historic occasion

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a strong game in defence many times putting his body on the line for his team. Johnny & Eoin each scored a goal each & as always made many breaks up the field. Eoin did the kick of the day he was unlucky not to score with his effort.

Great game again Redbacks Greens. Thanks to those hard working coaches Jason, Paul, Sudhir & Jeff all their efforts are paying off. This team is going from strength to strength.

Under 8 Yellow

*Redbacks) vs Macquarie Dragons SC
Round 8 (11th June*

Another dominant display by the team and a convincing outcome; though we didn't really get moving until the start of the 2nd half! While we clearly dominated play in the 1st half, we lacked some imagination to carve the opposition team open and we went into the half at 0-0.

Things changed dramatically in the 2nd half, with our team playing our natural style in pushing the ball around and getting some good running off the ball. We ended up banging 5 goals in, with great set-up play from Reyhan, Shamyl, Max, Jacob and Ethan; with Joseph finishing each of the goals off well. Daniel and Jai were also seen running up and down the park and were winning the ball effectively. From memory Tudor had only two saves/clearances to make in the game, but as always he did that well.

Shamyl was player of the match for great defensive positional play to snuff out a couple of half opportunities. Well done boys.

Under 9/2

*Redbacks vs North Epping Rangers
Drew 1-1*

This morning's match was indeed a very cold one! Greg was in goals for the first half making a number of good saves and strong goal kicks.

We just missed a goal from a great Jamie/Patrick combination. This was followed by another couple of near goals from Alex and Josh only stopped by the opponent's very strong goal keeping. Josh P then fired a long range shot which was again stopped by their keeper.



Josh P put his body on the line to cop two big consecutive hits to the head and body. Jordan as always was extremely strong in defence and Alex was ducking and weaving around everyone!

Alana was a fast and reliable player as always outrunning just about everyone!

Josh P, Josh C and Patrick also just missed goal opportunities only saved again by the opponent's strong keeping.

North Epping then struck with a goal just prior to half time to make the score 1:0.

The second half saw the Red Backs fully revved up. Not sure what David said to them but whatever it was it certainly did the trick! There were a number of close goals by an Anthony/Jamie combo, Josh C (who was winded as a result), an Alex/Josh combo and Harrison/Greg combo. Jamie's shot JUST went over the cross bar (if the cross bar was straight it would have just about gone in!). Jordan continued with his strong defence and at one stage almost knocked over the ref with a big kick! Jackson made some very good saves in goals and as always his kicking was very strong.

Finally Josh P struck close to full time and levelled the match at 1 all. Player of the match went to Alana.

Under 10/2

Redbacks vs. Epping YMCA Loss 0-1

An icy sea breeze greeted us at Morrison today. Playing YMCA was a special challenge for a couple of our boys, who played in their team 2 years ago and with a couple of the opponents in the same class, there has been plenty of competitive banter in the lead up to this match.

With three of our boys having already played a full match for the U11 side earlier in the day, they were already well warmed up & ready to carry on where they left off. Once again, the team were playing well as a unit, most of the game was played in the opposition half, with three near chances on goal in the first half. The second half continued in the same vein, the Redbacks were the dominant side but were unable to capitalise on the possession and chances created. In the end the Y resorted to a long ball, from the keeper, that bounced over the top of our defense to get one on one with our keeper and slot in a goal that was against the run of play.

Despite losing 0-1, without doubt the Reddies were the better side on the day. The team played well and every player contributed to today's performance. All players challenged with skill and strength to win the ball, which is making a difference. The Johnny's Pizza award went to Luca. Special mention to Brian for filling in as coach today in Romeo's absence, doing a super job. We look forward to playing this team again.

Under 12/1

Redback (0) Vs. Epping YMCA (2)

It was an exciting match with terrific attempts at the goal through some clever play between Adam and Methila and between Tom and Angus. A foul on Adam got him a penalty kick that unfortunately got blocked by the opposition goalkeeper. Bailey's strong and accurate kicks gave the forwards some opportunities at the goal. There was some great play in the mid field by Harrison and Tanish to get the ball to the forward.

As always, exceptional anticipation by Andre made sure that our goal was safe. Our defence was particularly strong with some great clearances by Joshua, Ashan, Matthew and Curtis. The man of the match was Harry who did a great job in defence and made sure that the opponent forwards did not get past him.

Well played boys and look forward to another exciting game next Saturday.



Under 13/4

We knew that we weren't going to have many substitutes for the game but in fact only had 10 players to play against West Ryde Rovers. From the kick-off it was clear that this wasn't going to be an easy run out but the whole team got stuck in and showed great determination despite being a player down.

Very soon into the first half the defensive efforts of Nick were being called on and Ben in goals was in the action. Garrick, Sean and Jordan worked hard and had to stretch their legs to the maximum to keep the speedy and skilful WRR attack working hard with Jordan having many opportunities to show his speed and commitment. Tiaan and Lachlan showed their skill and determination in the midfield on many occasions in the face of strong and continuous pressure from the opposition.

SO after a tough first half it was the second half in particular that was a huge credit to the spirit and determination of the team. William, who won't be available for a few weeks now, made sure that he played to the maximum and his contributions will be missed whilst he is away. James and Riley saw more of the action and across the field 10 players were determined to make sure that they took the game to the opposition all of the way. Riley was the man who scored the two Redbacks goals – both great shots, power and accuracy from a good distance. More of those through the rest of the season please!

To sum up – an effort that all the team can be extremely proud of. Determination and persistence like this in the face of a tough opposition will see the team continue to improve. The result was 11-2 in the end to the West Ryde Rovers but everyone on the touchline was very enthusiastic about the way in which the team persevered for the full 60 minutes. Nick was an extremely deserving player of the match and we will be back to almost full strength next weekend. In the meantime – a great game – a huge well done boys.

All Age 19

In the words of immortal captain,

"Rain, wind, cold, poor pitch conditions and hungry Thornleigh Thunder side, none of these were enough the quell the well oiled winning machine that is the Redbacks AA19. It's performances like this that silence our critics and win us the admiration and respect of the crowds. Forecast for next week is goals and lots of them."

A great game for the might AA19! With two of the key, or non-key, players sitting out Phil put us ahead early on and we sat on a 1-0 lead for a while. Thornleigh did threaten but luck and good timing was on our side. The 2nd half allowed us to put our foot on the gas and the synergy generated by having all 4 Habibs on the field at once was just too much for Thornleigh to bear. Great hattrick to Phil with some well taken goals and his token bullying of the smallest player on the opposing team and some exquisite finishing from Matt "Ravanelli" Speranza got the points in the bag.

We were disappointed not to leave with a clean sheet but there was some magic happening on the pitch today - pity we didn't have a heater on the sideline. However that was nothing compared to the impromptu rendition of Don't Stop Me Now by Queen in the sheds. A Certain Kind of Magic indeed.

Plus we play so much better w/o Tardos.



Premier League

REVERSED FORTUNES SECOND TIME AROUND v THE PUMAS

Redbacks v Pacific Hills Dural

First Grade Loss 3-1

Res' Grade Win 4-2

A cold, cold Saturday saw the first round results against Pacific Hills turned on their head with Reserve Grade thumping the black pussycats in a goal fest whilst First Grade were unable to contain the speedy Pumas and were on the receiving end of a tough defeat.

Reserve Grade came into the game against the last placed Pumas keen to avenge their first round defeat back in April. With strong results from the last three games confidence was up and our boys were keen to clinch another win as they continue to turn their season around.

An early goal is always a good start and 90 seconds in Ron Makins smashed home the opener after Michael Morrow furiously attacked the puma defence and forced an error which gave Ron the opportunity to open his account for the day in fine form.

The game settled after this but the ressiies were always looking the stronger and more confident on the ball and in the 25th minute Ron Makins grabbed his second for the day after some poor clearing from the puma defence saw him slot the ball through a packed goal box from the penalty spot.

Half time came and Coach Nick made it very clear that this was not another weekend to give up an early 2-0 lead. The pumas came out firing in the second half but even with some near chances were unable to really trouble keeper Adam for most of the day.

In the 61st minute James Laidler added his name to the score sheet with a fine header to see the scoreboard tick over to 3-0. And then in the 70th minute Ron Makins made it a hatrick with another strong finish.

Up 4-0 and enjoying the strong lead the reddiees dropped their game and let the pumas grab two soft goals in 4 minutes and the score was back to 4-2 with 15min to go. It was a shock to the system and our boys were reminded of just how easy it was to squander a lead. The pumas pushed hard for a dangerous third goal but the reddiees dug into their reserve tank to hold them out and the final score was a pleasing 4-2 win although the two soft goals did no favours to the team's goal difference on the ladder.

The win moved our boys to 11 points and 7th spot on the ladder, only 4 points off fourth place. It has been a good turnaround to the season with the slow start testing the team's resolve but as key players return from injury, the results are starting to come. Hatrick hero Ron Makins made it a fitting end to his season with a man of the match performance as he heads off overseas, missing the rest of the season !!! But there is still a long way to go and up against 3rd placed St Andrews this weekend it is going to be another tough match.

First Grade, fresh off two strong wins came up against 1st placed Pacific Hills. Having inflicted the pumas only defeat of the season in the first round our boys were under no illusions that this was going to be a tough game.

Pacific Hills came out firing right from the opening whistle and put the reddiees defence under pressure. A quick flowing game was always on the cards and their attack and midfield looked dangerous on the small field. First Grade were defending well and creating opportunities but the pumas defence seemed to always have an extra man and Adam Meguid was always double marked and given no time on the ball.

In the 27th minute, a quick counter attack and switch of play saw a puma striker take an opportunistic shot from 30 yards out from the right side of the field. He hit it well but off the boot looked to be missing the left post but curled in at the last second to find it's way into the back of the net. It was a tough goal to take with the game still in the balance at that stage.



The second half started 1-0 to the Pumas and our boys came out ready to grab the equaliser needed. It was a similar scene in the second half with the puma speedy attack causing problems for our boys. Time on the ball is a luxury in this top division and it is something that wasn't coming easily today for our midfielders.

Another quick counter attack and lapse in defence in the 60th minute saw a puma attacker one on one with keeper Steve Munari, but there was little Steve could do as the ball was slotted away for the puma's second.

Never giving up, our boys pushed hard to grab a goal back and came close on a few occasions but the puma keeper was only forced to make a handful of saves in the second half. A corner to the pumas in the 75th minute saw the third goal of the game as the taker curled it into the back of the net.

In the 85th minute a late consolation goal came our way as substitute Brenton Cherry strongly headed home a well taken corner to make it 3-1. And as the final whistle blew it was evident that we were beaten by a better team on the day, however had we taken our few chances the result could have been different.

And so with lessons to be learnt from the game thoughts quickly turned to the next league clash against Eastwood St Andrews who in the first round inflicted our first loss for the season. Even though we now sit in fourth position and they sit in ninth position, table spots have meant absolutely nothing this year and it will be another tough game which is a must win to stay in the top four.

Reserve Grade kick off at 1:15pm and First Grade 3:15pm. So make sure you get down to the Spiders Web at View Street this weekend to watch our boys continue their quest for glory in season 2011.

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