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Mimmo's Photo Of The Week

Winner of the Mimmo's Photo Of The Week Competition is this shot of Jack from the U15-3s leaping above the pack to head the ball.

Strikers had to win against St. Augustines to have a chance of making the semi finals. In a very close and exciting game they lost 2-0.

Photo taken by Mary Houten.



Strikers Grading Policy

Did you know that Strikers have a grading policy? Do you know how the Strikers Cup team is selected?

Over recent years, the Strikers Grading Committee has put considerable effort into developing a fair and equitable grading process. Grading is conducted by Club members who are accredited as coaches under the Football Federation Australia Licensing Scheme and/or experienced players. Players are graded according to the input of several graders. Where a grader is a parent of a child being graded, that grader does not grade his/her own child.

The grading process is in place in order that players can play with and against others of similar ability. Grading ensures that (as far as is reasonably possible) teams are nominated for an MWFA Division within their age group that has them playing against teams of a similar ability.

Grading is based on the assessment of players in small and/or full-sided games and where possible a series of individual skills tests. The measures for game play are athleticism, strength and attitude, skill/technique and game awareness including passing and positional play. Measures in skills tests are based on time, accuracy, direction, distance, technique and confidence. Overall, the ability that the grading process seeks to identify is not only individual skill but

also team play, character and sportsmanship.

Grading decisions are for the most part based on performance on the grading days. However if selection between a few players is difficult, the grading team will refer to the reports submitted by coaches in the previous year. The Grading Committee may also consult with the team coaches. Teams are announced either by individual contact with parents or specific age group musters.

Subject to any changes that might occur through Football Federation Australia's "small-sided games" initiative, grading will continue for those entering the under 9 competition. Under 9s is a transitional year in which teams and divisions are graded but do not compete in tables and for trophies. Grading at Under 9s and for Under 10s enables children to progress as players by playing with others of broadly similar skill and potential. Initial allocations for initial teams in the grading of Under 9s are based on alphabetical order of surnames. Initial allocations for Under 10s and older teams are based upon team allocations from the previous season.

Selection of the Strikers Cup team is also made under the grading policy. The process is more comprehensive though as there is the opportunity

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to review players over the first half of the season as well. The team is selected based on the Grading Committee and Club Coach's review of teams and players for the season thus far with reference to coaches where necessary. From all the U9s teams a group of approx 25 is selected to trial. There is then one or more grading sessions from which a squad of 14 are finally selected to represent the club in the annual gala day.

In ungraded teams (in particular in Under 6s to Under 8s, or some lower division Mens and Ladies teams) players may wish to play with particular friends. If this is the case let the appropriate age coordinator know as early as possible - preferably at registration and certainly prior grading/team allocation.

Inevitably after team announcements some parents may be dissatisfied that grading does not identify their child in the team/division that they consider he/she should be playing in. However, we ask parents to consider that their child being placed in a team above his/her assessed skill level will not result in a positive football experience for the player. It is important that no matter what team the player is selected for, parents make him/her feel good about the allocation and keep it all in perspective. The Club asks that parents support the grading process and the decisions of the Grading Committee, who have invested significant time in the planning and execution of grading and team allocation.

The President
Lou Caruso

Six-A-Side Call for Registration

Registrations are now open and will close on 26th August or when the draw is full. Details:

- Wednesday afternoon/evening games between 17th September to 19th November (including school holidays).
- At Cromer Park from 4.30pm (under 6s) to 9.00pm (last games start at 8.30pm).
- Grades: Boys U6 to U16; Girls U12/14 and U16; Senior ladies (due to a shortage of grounds there will be no Senior Men's divisions).
- Registration costs \$440 per squad (GST inclusive) plus insurance.

For more details visit our website: www.ccstrikers.com
Email: sixaside@ccstrikers.com or contact Richard on 0408 665578.

Newsletter for 2010 Needs An Editor

The Club needs a new editor to put together Sidelines Express in 2010. The newsletter is the Club's main means of communication with its members, players and their families. The task could suit a design student wanting to enhance their CV and portfolio for job interviews or a person who wants to gain valuable experience in the desk-top publishing field.

Training, mentoring as well as support if needed, can be provided at the start as well as throughout the season.

For details contact Brian on 0412 171978.

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Hoodies (white only) and spray jackets (blue only) are for sale at the St Matts canteen. Sizes available for fitting and prices are:

ADULT SIZES Ladies 8 – Mens XXXL for \$50

CHILDRENS SIZES 4 - 12 for \$40

Gear bags are also on sale for \$35.

Either make great presents for coaches and/or managers at end-of-season team gatherings

Place your order at the canteen or email John, the gear steward, at: johndedman21@hotmail.com

New Date for Strikers Cup

The postponed Strikers Cup has been rescheduled for 12th September at Cromer Park.

If you can contribute or are available to help out on the day contact Phil Auton on 0405 382949 or via email: strikerscup@ccstrikers.com

Gear Collection

With the end of the season drawing nearer, managers are urged to think about collecting all team shirts at the last game and return them to the club along with the training bag, balls and other items. Year co-ordinators will advise managers on where and when to return these items.

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Mimmo's Photo Of The Week - How To Enter

1. Photos must be of a weekend Collaroy Cromer Strikers game from U6s to Seniors.
2. Only club members (excluding committee members) are eligible to enter.
3. Entries should ideally be submitted with a minimum resolution of 800 x 600 pixels.
4. Please include the name of the photographer, match details and if possible a caption with the name of the player.
5. Please complete the Authority to Photograph Form (either for the individual/s or team depicted) available for download from the Strikers website.
6. Submit entries via email before 5.00pm Monday to: news@ccstrikers.com

The winner's photo for each round will be featured in the subsequent week's newsletter as well as going in the monthly draw to win a \$25 meal voucher at Mimmo's Pizza.

At the end of the season the "Photo of the Year" winner will be judged by either a club committee member or guest adjudicator with the overall winner announced in the newsletter.



Canteen Roster for 15th Aug
8.30-9.30am
Volunteers Required

Nets Roster - Erection for 15th Aug

St Matts 4	St Matts 5	St Matts 6
U7 Falcons	U7 Cobras	U7 Hawks

Nets Roster - Take Down for 15th Aug

St Matts 4	St Matts 5	St Matts 6
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