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President's Report

New Management Structure Needed

Our small ground often hides the fact that Samford Rangers has now grown into a very large club. In the last three years, we have grown 20% to 615 players and 51 teams.

The unusually high 15% jump in the past year (flow-on effect from the World Cup perhaps?) has seen us graduate from a large club to a very large club in a short period of time. Like all growing organisations, the management structure must be reviewed from time to time so that it can cope with the growth.



The Management Committee has come to the realisation that another layer of management is required for the club to effectively operate beyond this season. This layer of management is to comprise of five Age Group Coordinators for the following age groups:

Age Group	Approx Number of Players
Under 6 to 8	150
Under 9 to 10	80
Under 11 to 12	85
Under 13 to 17	105
Girls	85

While the existing structure will see us through the rest of this season, Age Group Coordinators must be found well in advance of the 2008 season to ensure we are ready for the season to commence. In fact, for 2008 to be a success these positions must be filled by the time the AGM is held in November 2007.

I urge you to seriously consider whether you can fulfil one of these Age Group Coordinator roles as without them the club will suffer, especially for those age groups that find themselves without an Age Group Coordinator.

Beware Borrowing Divisional Players

Occasionally a Divisional (under 11 and older) team may find itself short of players for a fixture and will ask a player from a team in a younger age group, or a lower division in the same age group, to play for their team for that one game.



Because a player could conceivably be borrowed by a number of different teams, we ask that parents please keep track of the number of times your child is "borrowed". The reason for this is that a player is only allowed to be borrowed four times in a season. After being borrowed a fifth time, the player must stay-up in the higher age group/division and is not allowed to play for their original team again!

Managers must also be careful not to borrow more than two players at a time from a team from younger age group who is in a higher division than their own.

These are just a couple of the rules surrounding borrowed players and team managers are urged to familiarise themselves with these rules (refer to the Competition Rules – either the hardcopy you were given or download a copy from the "Coaches & Managers" page on our website).

Canteen Help Please!

For a couple of weeks there were plenty of parents helping in the canteen. Unfortunately this enthusiasm has waned to the extent that very few parents helped-out last Saturday morning and additional paid staff had to be called upon.



Team Managers have been asked to prepare a roster for parents to assist for just 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after their home games. In the absence of such a roster for your team, please just lend a hand when the canteen convenors are in obvious need of help, they will be most appreciative!

Night Games This Weekend

Come on down and support our players, under the lights this week-end. The canteen will be open for drinks and hot food delights!

Friday

6:30pm - Girls U16 Div 3 v Southside Eagles
8:30pm - Samford Over 35's New Boys v Old Boys

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Regards,

Mike Clahsen, President

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Match Reports

U7 Chelsea v Westside Sports Green

Chelsea's playing was fantastic. Harry performed wonderfully and had some great kicks, earning himself Player of the Week. Kieran attacked right from the start and never let up. Connor continues to improve every week and has become a very consistent and reliable player. As usual, Sid did not disappoint – stopping most attacks by Westside that came his way. Luke demonstrated his excellent ball handling skills and forced Westside to work very hard.



U7 Black v Westside Sports White.

Captain was Bob. Goalies were Daniel & Bob. Ethan was MOM. The boys again showed improvement in passing, defence & attack. With no reserves this week the boys came from behind to grab a draw. Daniel & Bob did great work in goals saving many attempts. Aidan & Jack have again shown that they are a force to be reckoned with in defence. Ethan & Oliver were relentless in attack & defence sharing the goals. Another great team effort.

U7 Blue v Redcliffe PCYC Liverpool

It was a tough game at home against Redcliffe but Angus and Clancy fought hard in defence while Liam's attacking skills earned him player of the week. Cooper, Jessie and Veronica gave support in the midfield while Sam pulled off some great saves. Mitchell was at his enthusiastic best. Everyone had a shot at goal this week but Harry's found the back of the net in the last minute of the second half.



U7 Green v Samford White

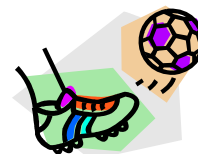
An all tackling, all battling, all Samford festival of the boot today! In defence great goalie work by Adam and Lucca set the scene, Benji and Nic (POW) putting their bodies on the line to back them up, while Douglas got stuck in with some great tackles and passes. In attack, Killian's persistence and control up the field and Chris's elegant lob shot into the goals were highlights. A great team effort – well done boys!

U7 White v Samford Green

It was Samford against Samford and our goalies Sara and Ethan were kept very busy. Ethan made some huuuge goal kicks. Hayden and Jayden were in good attacking form and most players had a shot at goal. Angus had some good defending moves there were some great throw ins by Hayden. Our defenders Daniel, Ben, Ethan and Patrick were kept on their toes working very hard to turn the ball around. Daniel was POW with his great tackles and most improved player was Hayden.

U7 Leeds v North Star Red

Jack was our player of the week this week with some great tackling and big kicks, congratulations. The match was a close one with some excellent attacking runs from William. Aiden and Tom were excellent in goals. Georgia, Ashley and Zoe were fantastic all over the park. We were really close to scoring a goal this week team, if we work together and keep running it will happen very soon. Well Done!



U7 Arsenal v Virginia Blue

A tough game this week playing against an older side but the kids gave their all once again. Our goalies, Jake and Patrick had their work cut out for them with a lot of ball contact while Riley was in the centre action. Georgia M gave the boys tough competition and smiley Georgia B was fab in the forward lines. Our POW goes to GEORGIA B. Great work! Sam supported the team and Ben did a lot of running and ball contact. What a fabulous team we have!! Thanks to all.

U8 Red v Westside

What a great game. These boys were determined. They kept the pressure on all game with fancy footwork, some skilled passing and outstanding tackling. Lachlan and Callum defended in goals time and time again. They put in



some big kicks and then backed up in defence. Tristan, and Will tried out there passing skills, demonstrating some great team plays. Fynton, CJ and Alexander kept the other team guessing with their impressive tackling and passing. Well done to Callum who is our POW.

U8 Green v Virginia

The Steiner school open day left us with only 5 boys, but Mack's little brother, Sid stepped up to the plate and held his own with the big boys. The boys dominated throughout with Liam relishing the space and scoring a fantastic hattrick. Jimmy and Harry held the middle ground and put in some big shots at goal. Nathan did some great dribbling and determined defence. Our left footed defender, Mack rather uncharacteristically stayed up front and slotted in the perfect shot with his right. POW - Sid –thanks.



U8 Black v North Star Blue

This week the whole team displayed great commitment to a very closely fought, physical game. George and Conrad were rock solid in defence as usual with George displaying some great long range clearance kicks. Christina was in the heart of the action midfield. Excellent passing from Kev and Daniel to Angus who had several good shots at goal. Mitchell made some great saves in the first half. Keep up the good work kids.



U9 Black v Pine Hills

A tough game against a slick opposition this week! There were some outstanding individual performances combined with brief flashes of beautiful football however they were not consistent enough to hold back the opposition. Luke (POW) worked hard up front and Tom stood out in defence, James had a tough job in goals and Jacob put his body on the line to make some great saves. A reminder perhaps that greater urgency and playing the simple game gets results.



U11 Div 6 (0) v Narangba United (0)

A fantastic game played against the second ranked team in the competition. Our team raised their skill level and ball control to match everything the opposition tried. Great defending by Alex, Chris and Adam to support Connor M keeping the ball out of our goals. Connor C and Colm kept the ball heading towards the opposition end allowing James several shots for goal. Tom, Noah and Josiah played well across the centre with great support by Stephanie. Sam earned Player of the Match for his great defence throughout the game.



U9 White v Albany Creek Blackburn

We were ambushed from the start which kept our defence very busy for the first 10 minutes, our goalie Mitchell did a great job as the opposition rained shot after shot down on him. The second half saw the boys turn it around with more attacking forays; our POW Alexander never gave up in attack and netted the team's only goal from sheer perseverance & determination. All in all, a great team effort to contain this classy opposition outfit.

U11 Div 5 (4) v The Gap (2)

We played the Number 1 team this week and came out on top. With smart game play, precise passing, and top rate team work an unbeatable recipe that earned us the win. Constantly on the attack the Gap's defence held off heaps of attacks. Tyson and Patrick great saves, Harry brilliant stuff, Toby great goal, Altus and James in the points again and unlucky not to have more. POW Toby as he always in the right place at the right time.

U12 Div 3 Girls (1) v Pine Hills (0)

A tremendous effort, the whole team working together saw our first win in season proper. Danica was sensational in goal in the first half and Verity continued her good work in the 2nd after a strong defensive effort on the field. Nicky and Sophie provided lots of service to our forwards. Ella and Sky continually pushed the ball forward. Chloe was unlucky not to score, but Lana finished superbly from a corner to secure a great win. POW Chloe.



Thursday Night Gourmet

Grab an easy dinner while down at training!

- Soup
- BBQ
- Dessert

U10 Black v Albany Creek Canada

It was another great game from Samford. The boys looked very professional on field and their passing was superb. Once again the defence expertly limited the opposition to Samford's half. All of the boys played brilliantly and, even though they were ahead for most of the game, they continued to give their all. Matthew was named player of the week. Kai, Harrison and Matthew were goal scorers.

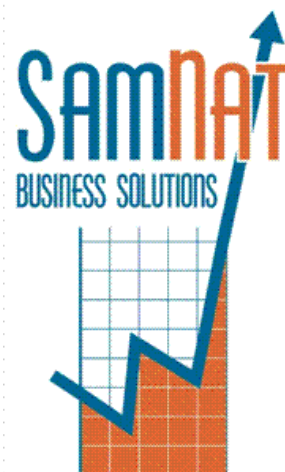
U10 White v Dayboro

The guys matched it with a tough Dayboro team this weekend and did a pretty decent job of keeping them honest. Mitchell (F) scored Samford's only goal while Oliver looked like he could add to the tally a couple of times. Sam and Jordan impressed with a solid mid field effort while it was Zaac and Coen who continually turned the ball into a Samford attack. Thomas put in a terrific game to be Player of the Week!



U12 Div 4 (4) v Pine Hills (0)

Samford again dominated play with some good work down the wing by Jake, Ben . B and Ben . H. Two great saves from Daniel as goalie and a deserving Player of the Match. Two goals to Jim and a penalty shoot out to Jake and Sean . The defenders kept the opposition from scoring. Next weekend a few players down so guys play some awesome football, stick to your positions, pass the ball and we will maintain our upward movement on the ladder.



U12 Div 5 (1) v Brighton (0)

The team persevered in a very closely fought match to close out a victory in the game of 4 versus 5. Lifting their intensity in the second half to achieve the win, Taylor and Jaric deserve special mention for the in goal efforts,



again. Especially in defence of the shot that bounced off the top bar and excellent clearing kicks. Player of the week was Khya with a high work rate and close attention to the coach's instructions.

U13 Div 5 (2) v Albany Creek (2)

The better team (us!) didn't triumph today despite deft defence, dazzling Daniel deflections, horizontal Harrison harassing (POM), and crackerjack Chris kicks (POM). Spectators were entertained by Mitch F's 'dancing' then Nathan (POM) niftily netting a first-half duo, the second with strategic Harry setup.

Dominant pre-oranges, we just weren't as pumped as the AC powerforce that equalised second-half. Near opportunities forged by David, Hamish and Karl. backed up by hardworking defenders. Great game lads! Match reporter purchasing earmuffs and BP machine!



U13 Div 2 (1) v Taringa (1)

We started against competition's pacesetters, Taringa, without key players Scott and Richard but welcomed Michael back from injury. After a scoreless first half Samford drew first blood after a typical run down the right touchline by Michael who brilliantly cut the ball back to the penalty spot for Daniel to run onto the ball and slot it past the Taringa keeper. Taringa finished the stronger team and were rewarded with the equaliser a few minutes from the end despite Samford's wonderful scrambling defence with standout, Mackay, in the unfamiliar right back position.

U14 Div 1 Girls (2) v Mooroodu Rovers (0)

The girls were put under pressure at times and it took some great saves from Izzy early on and Cora in the second half to prevent the opposition scoring. Samford finally got its attack going after 20 minutes and when the ball was relayed to Tina, she clipped it past their keeper.



The girls increasing confidence was rewarded with another goal in the first half from a well-placed shot by Kelsey. Great efforts from Merrin, Brittany, and Sam. POM Alex.

U14 Div 3 (7) v Peninsula Power (0)

A "headstart" to this weeks match with Jake's first goal coming from Tim Cork's corner shot. The roles reversed for point 2 with Tim's head skilfully connecting with Jakes pass!

Unbelievably Jake puts the 3rd goal away after another pass from Tim. This time both players using their feet. Next a lofted cross from Angus onto Tim Callaghan's head beats the goalie. With little mercy on the opposition Tim Cork angled a ball from out wide through the goalmouth. Ritchie finished up for the scoring after great passing moves from Jack and Angus.



U14 Brisbane League (2) v Redlands (1)

We left it late again, but a deserved victory against determined opposition. We missed a few early chances then fell behind just before half-time. A spirited second-half comeback, a trademark Luca finish levelling the score before a late Jamal finish secured the points. Great performances from Stephen in midfield, and Sam and Peter at the back. Zach and Michael did well out wide on the left, but our passing game wasn't as good as it could be. A great result nonetheless. POW Luca.

U17 Div 2 (3) v Kenmore (4)

Another great effort on the field today. Although we didn't come away with the points, the 4-3 defeat had heaps of positives. With no reserves, an away game against a team higher on the ladder, and being 2-0 down early in the second half, many teams would have given up. We had a great fight back to be level with 10 minutes remaining - once again our fitness gave up at the last



stage. A strong game by our defenders today, with our midfield improving each game.

FIRST AID

- Blanket and Stretcher available inside the Clubhouse inside the front door next to the bar
- First Aid Kit available on the bar inside the Clubhouse
- Ice Packs available in the freezer

