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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As another season draws to close I would like reflect on the achievements of our Club. The South West Queensland Thunder's mission is "to provide a quality football education that enables each player to maximise their potential and underpins on field performance through continuous improvement". We continue to produce players that continue their football journey through selection in State Teams, the National Training Centre and through opportunities overseas with NSR Scholarships and trials with various professional clubs in the A-League, Europe and elsewhere. It was interesting to note during in a recent Senior Men's fixture, two of our opposition's most talented players came through the South West Queensland pathway.

The Thunder is one of only two Clubs in the Queensland NPL to field a full complement of teams, from the Skills Acquisition Program to seniors. This is a significant achievement. Our juniors continue to develop technically as our coaches embrace the FFA National Curriculum, and our senior footballers continue to punch well above their weight. Their drive and will to win hasn't diminished despite challenges, and the improvement over the last two seasons is evident. We cannot expect immediate competition success with our senior teams. A number of Queensland NPL Clubs have been in existence for over 50 years, and have the experience of participation in the NSL and A-League as a base. It will take time to develop from a junior to senior Club, but given the talent coming through the ranks, I have no doubt that the Thunder will become a thorn in the side of our more fancied opposition in years to come.

Next year will see the start of an exciting transformation at the club. This transformation will take time and effort, but the Board has a clear vision of where we need to be and what the Club will look like 20 years from now. The future is built on a solid foundation, and I would like to acknowledge the contribution and dedication of past Directors, Committee Members and Volunteers.

Some of our high level goals are:

- The ongoing development of our Coaching staff to the highest levels inclusive of coach acquisition and retention as we expand our footprint in the South West Queensland Football Community.
- The continued expansion of the clubs football programs including a partnership with Football South West Queensland to provide development opportunities and talent identification outside of the major regional centres.

- To continue to lobby Council and State Government to secure long term facilities and infrastructure to provide a home for the club.

- To increase the level of professionalism within our senior squads by providing benefits that offset our rivals significant player wage budgets.

Our aim is to provide the very best skilled and qualified coaches we can afford, to provide our players with the training methodologies and skills they require to develop not only as footballers, but young men and women. I had a heartening conversation with a parent recently who was describing the impact of involvement in elite sport on the personal development of her Son.

We are fortunate to have the long term support of our Sponsors. Ongoing corporate support is critical to enable the growth of the club and we would love hear from your business if you're interested in a strategic business partnership.

To achieve these goals, we need the continued help and support of our members. I was pleased to witness the culture of volunteering growing within the Club this year. It will take a significant effort to achieve our goals. If everyone contributes a little, no one does a lot.

To our coaches, managers and club volunteers, I thank you enough for your dedication and contribution to the South West Queensland Thunder Football Club. To our players and families, thank you for choosing to be involved with our Club.

Please remember that the Board of Directors are volunteers. We are working with you, not for you on the success of the Club. If you have ideas and suggestions about how the club can move forward please feel free to email me on chairman@swqthunder.com

Regards,

Jon Haynes
SWQ Thunder FC
Chairman



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SAP Girls Coach - Scott Teakle
SAP Boys Coaches - David Nugent Andrew Tolputt Thomas Lund

AGE	COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	MANAGER
U12 Boys	David Nugent	Thomas Lund	Andrew Roche
U13 Girls	Kris Hemmerling	Craig Lockwood	Katrina Bain
U13 Boys	Doug Spinks	Callan Bailey	Sue Lister
U14 Boys	Scott Teakle	Sean McDonald	Matt Gaske
U15 Girls	Kate Beecham	Craig Lockwood & Scott Goodwin	Kristi Scofield
U15 Boys	Glenn Parish	Mark Eiser	Kerry & Clinton Weber
U16 Boys	Phoyx-Martin Smith	Sue Watts & Chris McLeod	
U18 Boys	Jason Hall	Dan Percy	Sue Lister
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Youth Men	Dan Percy	Jason Hall	Sue Lister
Open Women	Craig Burgess		Debbie Dibley
Senior Men	Chris Wilkes	Mark Burchardt	
GoalKeepers	Paul Smith		



TECHNICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

I would like firstly to thank all the players, the coaching and administration staff and of course the parents for the support that they have afforded me throughout the season. I very much hope that I have met expectations.

As I reviewed the 2015 season It became evident that as a club we are heading in the right direction. I am thrilled at the manner in which our coaches have gone about their task which is to adhere to the FFA National Curriculum and the clubs playing philosophy.

Their work with our players has been exceptional and their efforts will ensure that as a club we continue to develop players. I feel confident in saying that the Thunder are well placed to produce top class players who will play at the highest level in the not too distant future. As members of an NPL club we ought to be proud when coaches and players move on to bigger and better things because the betterment of players and coaches is a much bigger measure of success than any trophy cabinet.

We need to continue to develop players and coaches for the next level by giving them an environment that will allow them to flourish both

on and off the field. The FFA National Curriculum and our club processes and procedures provide our players and coaches opportunities.

My approach with coaches throughout the season was to guide and advise without being too intrusive. I would like to think that this approach has made coaches much more comfortable in going about their tasks. I felt that quality was far better than quantity in terms of supervision and I would like to think that the coaches have appreciated the controlled freedom.

In my many years of coaching I have learnt that football fans more often than not measure success by the amount of silverware in a clubs trophy cabinet. This may be the case for professional clubs but even then the emphasis is always on development and preparing players for senior competitive football.

Our club is only in its infancy but already we have produced State and country representative players and the number of players selected continues to increase every season.

The SAP programme is the foundation of future success at the club and the efforts of our coaches in that programme have already started to reap rewards. I am excited by the technical abilities that players coming out of this programme are displaying.

One area that I have been most impressed with is the goalkeeping coaching. All too often goalkeepers are left to their own devices and are simply used as target practice for strikers. At the Thunder we are fortunate to have a goalkeeping coach who is passionate about the delivery of training sessions with a purpose. The improvement in our goalkeepers throughout the season has been very evident and I am committed to throwing more resources to this area in the seasons ahead.

Ladies football is another area where I think we can further enhance opportunities for players throughout SWQ. Already we have provided players to the Brisbane Roar and judging by the girls in our U13 and U15 programmes there will be a few more joining the professional ranks in the next few years.

Our Senior teams in both women and men continue to field very young players and I see this as an opportunity for youngsters to gain experience. Our Senior team coaches are very special people who believe in our club philosophy and can see past the weekly results. I commend them for their persistence and continued selflessness.

Last but not least I want to acknowledge the parents many of whom also volunteer their time to make the club function. It is often said that parents in their efforts to bring the very best out of their offspring unwittingly push them to a stage where kids opt out of playing the game altogether. I have found that the Thunder parents have a very good understanding of what their kids coaches are working on and it has been an absolute pleasure observing parents applauding actions other than goals throughout a game.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of football in the region. I urge you to do everything that you can to promote the local game and the NPL at every opportunity.

Think not what the game can do for you, but more about what you can do for the game.

Regards,

Joe Fenech
SWQ Thunder FC
Technical Director





UNDER 12 BOYS

Coach: David Nugent

Assistant Coach: Thomas Lund

Manager: Andrew Roche

We started our journey in 2014 at the trials, where we had a good number of players trial for their first step in the Elite competition.

Throughout the many years in selecting players, this group was no different, the first juggling act was collecting the results from the testing / trial period. Then looking at how we were going to set up the team ie; number of full backs, midfield ect.

There was no doubt that we have the top 16 players, including 2 utility players, who we were very comfortable with playing them in a number of different positions, if and when required.

With some forward thinking, we were allowed to nominate 7 shadow players, this allowed us to develop 23 players not the typical 16 NPL players. We strongly believe this concept will surely make the trial period for the next coach, a whole lot tougher, because the shadow players have improved to a level where we could use different players each week and there would not be too much difference in the quality of the team.

It has been a rollercoaster ride for the team, being their first year in such a strong competition. Most players have at various times throughout the year, either succumbed to overuse, injury or self-belief.

With strong support from their families, physiotherapist, podiatrist and/or health practitioner, every player has seen another side to the ups and downs of a footballer in the modern world.

With a strong focus towards the national curriculum regarding the playing formation and the core skills, we set out to make sure by the end of the year we had a team of players, who would be a better player for the experience.

This experience was developed in a number of different ways, by virtue of our coaching experience, the competition, and having the passion to become a better player. During this time, we have seen players grow steadily throughout the year, this surely would be obvious looking back at our first game to our last.

They have pushed a number of teams during the season, and have been on the wrong side of the ledger, but at all times, every player never gave up, which shows great character. This character will hold them not just in their sporting career, but also into their adult working life.

One of many types of learning / development this year, was to make every player a better person and a better team player. They all had a willingness to support each other throughout the year, through all the ups and downs.

Having to choose the awards this year was difficult, due to every player growing week in and week out, ie;

MVP Award -

You could nominate every player, they all have been valuable to each other, which again was evident in a number of dominating games.

Coaches Encouragement Award -

Every player has become a better person and a better player with the combination of their team mates, competition, and guidance from both Tom and I, showing in each individual / team performance.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Tom and myself, to thank Andrew and Holly Roche and Thomas Carroll for their managerial duties.

Plus Tom as my assistant coach. He has brought to the team passion and experience that has added value to the team development, for which I am grateful, and the players have grown a great deal from his presence.

I personally would like to thank the parents for their commitment to their sons passion, I know it is not easy for some to understand the commitment that is required to play in this type of competition, I appreciate the parents spending a great deal of their own time for their son.

Tom and I have given each player 100 percent of our years of footballing experiences as coaches and ex-players, and we have shown the passion and commitment required to perform at the elite stage. While keeping the fire burning in the heart and soul of each player and we hope no matter what level of football these young players move into in the coming years, they will love the game and remember this year.

David Nugent

U12 Boys Coach 2015

Goalkeeper: Patrick Roche

Full Backs: Sebastian Hulme-Peake (Sponsor- McDonald's Toowoomba South), Nick Mclvor, Callum McCarthy, Ben Weier, Jake Eiser, Liam Foley

Midfield: Menphys-Reyne Smith, Cody Carroll (Sponsor- Carroll & Carroll Tax Agents), Hunter Purcell, Scott Folknall, Jack DeBortoli

Forwards: Shelby Ward, Angus Morris, Stan Bain

Utility: Nick Coonan



*Front Row (Left to Right) - Hunter Purcell, Menphys-Reyne Smith, Nicholas Coonan, Patrick Roche, Liam Foley
Jack DeBortoli, Shelby Ward*

*Back Row - David Nugent (Coach), Andrew Roche (Manager), Angus Morris, Jake Eiser, Sebastian Hulme-Peake(C)
Nick Mclvor, Callum McCarthy, Benjamin Weier, Stan Bain, Scott Forknall, Thomas Lund (Asst Coach)*



Insert - Cody Carroll

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UNDER 13 BOYS

Coach: Doug Spinks **Assistant Coach:** Callan Bailey **Manager:** Sue Lister

At this age, a mixed year combining the 4 Core Skills and game play requirements. The usual pressure on the game day result from all participants makes for some intense debate at the selection table. We have been extremely fortunate to have a large mix of parental involvement that is amazingly supportive.

The extended squad to 16 players for 2015 meant numerous substitutions in the interests of game time and the timing of these changes rightly or wrongly, must occur to allow a player to develop and progress as a player. At this age, we need to be challenging the player to make their own decisions. Screaming from the sideline simply means the job has not been done midweek. Sometimes, this may look frustrating to a spectator, but at the end of the day, I have instructed the boys to get a teammate and the ball into a goal scoring position and firmly believe we do this well. We have left a lot of goals on the field as our finishing skills continue to develop but the act of creating the chance gets a huge tick in the box. We will make mistakes, you have to so you learn. Stopping goals is a work in progress and our back players are awesome. Attitude, commitment, fitness, coachability.

Super Manager Sue Lister, special Mum to all and so patient to the always time poor coach and his somewhat chaotic week days. Special thanks must go to Cal Bailey for his unwavering support for the boys and again, judging the fine line between friend and mentor and I believe it is not always understood what an influence Coaches can be, on the development of young men in sport. Some of these lads have grown 11 cms in height the past 9 months. Played football 1 or 2 times a week for School and Club, trained 3 or 4 days a week, travelled about 5000 klms, sometimes sound asleep. But above all, they played on iPads, played handball, basketball, fell off Skateboards, crashed push bikes, climbed a few trees and dare I say it, behaved like young boys living life. You cannot get old without first being young and this group of players can be very special. For the erudite amongst us, Robert Browning said "Grow old with me, the best is yet to come". Watch the space.

Mitchell Williams

After making the transition from field player to Keeper, Mitch is working very hard on this role. One v one shot stopping is undoubted and first class. I have constantly said he must own his area and this is something he is working very hard at. Will fill out to his dads frame and have all the tools needed.

Alex Munster

Alex has been thrust back to the right back role most of this year and will make a mark in this position - his growth in

aggression and willingness to get into the contest belies his demeanour. Quiet boy, listens and learns and rarely makes the same mistake. Blessed with speed and an athlete outlook.

Cal Atkinson

Perfect physical frame for the big presence in the back four. Very good reading of play and snuffing out balls. Close in foot skills of a smaller player. Starting to use his head to repel attacks and with that size will dominate in the air as we go forward. Needs commitment to training to best of ability.

Josh Rogers – Sponsored by Australia Independent Vendors Mr reliable. The perfect foil coming off the shoulder of the big man Acco. Josh is a pleasure to have as a team player and I do not believe a position is beyond him. Left and right foot play, calm and composed, and training commitment is first class. Late injury but will be back. Multi talented athlete, hope he picks football and sticks.

Ed Poulton

You cannot coach ticker and the Good Lord put some in here. Desire, will, speed, add a dash of skill and commitment, zero fear of injury and you have a reward of Qld Country Selection, very much deserved. Very capable of playing in any position.

Janoa Philip

Still amazing to watch the boy get into the positions he does - working very hard on his footwork, left and right and decision making. Amiable young man, very popular and I am sure will continue to develop into the hardest player to beat one on one but needs to make decisions much earlier when in possession. Cannot fault the passion.

Riley Spinks – Sponsored by Castlesander Pty Ltd

Starting to change dimensions with wing play and bringing into play the midfield support and working with the 9 and 10. Tenacious in the contest and structure as we collapse shape in defensive transition. Early balls to our striker of the highest quality resulting in goals. Holds shape and position well. Needs to be confident in retaining possession.

Eli Adams – Sponsored by Noye Partners Pty Ltd

Up and down year with some injury issues but still goals aplenty mixed in with some missed opportunities. Rewarded with Qld country selection for Nationals and late season form excellent and what we are accustomed to. Starting to show the resilience required to get through the physical requirements of football which will be needed at the next level and needs to keep the strength and conditioning up to his slight frame.

Luke Lister – Sponsored by STL Mechanical
 Dominating in the mid park. Amazing speed, strength and touch generally and easily makes Golden Boot in a much deserved selection in Qld Country team for Nationals. Very studious on the game and also passionate. Lukes next challenge is to bring other players into the game and expand his ball playing.

Connor McLeod – Sponsored by Garden Financial
 Commitment at the highest level and never fails to give 100% effort. Plays the game at a frenetic pace and could benefit from slowing the process to avoid the “battle” situations.

Kodi Bailey - Sponsored by DC Accounting & Rams
 Mr Perpetual Motion – stolen from another generation but applies here. Superb job in holding role, energy and fitness and good skills rewarded with well deserved selection in Qld Country Team for Nationals. Will develop even better as passing game comes into play as space develops.

Calum 'Rooney' Proctor
 Late arrival to us this year, took a little time to find his feet and adjust to the pace and physical demands of this competition. Capable of playing multiple positions is a keen listener and not afraid to try something different which is refreshing.

Sam Noye – Sponsored by Richard Adams Homes
 The larrikan who can play most positions but generally plays forward. Puts in a lionhearted effort with his defensive pressure forcing many turnovers. Working hard on his touch and distribution and has a good passing range. Working on the confidence in front of goals, when to take the shot and many goals will come when the drought breaks.

Cameron Percy
 Tenacious defender who has proven a more than capable player for us. Struggled early with injury and confidence and regained this with some strong performances via the 7 and 11 positions. Now back in mid park working hard, screening passing lanes and generally all at a very high work rate.

Prasiddha Paudiyal
 Magic feet. Mystery shimmy, dazzling skills. Starting to show some genuine speed and creativeness and more and more alert to the physical demands of his position. Never short of a word and a real personality.

Lachlan Luhrs – Sponsored by Hutchinson Builders
 Has been knocking on the door for a little while and although unsure on expectations in early part, has now become a solid wing back or attacking player. Incredible speed gets into difficulty but can get out, hates to be beaten in the contest. Continues to improve reading of the positional requirement and saved us a few times with covering work.



Front Row (Left to Right) - Cameron Percy, Prasiddha Paudiyal, Eli Adams, Mitchell Williams, Kodi Bailey, Calum Proctor, Lachlan Luhrs
Back Row - Callan Bailey (Asst Coach), Samuel Noye, Riley Spinks, Joshua Rogers, Janao Philip, Luke Lister, Callum Atkinson, Edward Poulton, Alexander Munster, Connor McLeod, Doug Spinks (Coach)



UNDER 13 GIRLS

Coach: Kris Hemmerling

Assistant Coach: Craig Lockwood

Manager: Katrina Bain

As a coach, one thrives on challenges especially when the players in the squad are equal to the challenge and willing to listen and learn.

It mattered not that the skill level varied between those who had played very little and those who had an understanding of the game. What really mattered was that these young ladies all had a real belief in themselves and a love of the game.

As the season progressed the player's improvement was evident. I was impressed by the tenacity that the players displayed on the park, and delighted by their never say die attitude. I knew that this group of girls were up to the task and I knew that they would cope with the intensity of the NPL.

The rate of improvement was impressive. The squad was not only improving on game results but more importantly they were putting on performances that were more than a match for the more experienced teams in the competition. The future looks very bright for this group of players so much so that I have high hopes that some will go on and represent the region and perhaps even the State.

It goes without saying that this season's success has come about as a result of a team effort and there are many who made contributions.

A big thank you goes to Craig for his support and assistance; to Joe for his advice and guidance; and to Katrina for all her efforts in managing the squad. Team Managers do so much behind the scenes and all too often without sufficient acknowledgement.

Thanks to Nikolas for his very observant and diligent collection of statistics and to Keren (Teaks) who has been of great assistance for her observations throughout the season which have been most valuable.

LATEISHA WILKINS

I expect Lateisha, now a State Representative Goal Keeper to continue to hone her skills and fulfil her obvious potential.

PAIGE BAIN

Paige has shown excellent improvement. She has a good turn of speed and has become comfortable running with the ball at opponents.

GIDGET McERLEAN

Gidget is an uncompromising defender and is fast becoming a quality Centre Back. She never gives up and is fun to have around at training.

DANAH GASKE

Danah, is a utility player in that she can play in any position that the team needs her in. She has a bright future in the game.

CAITLYN GOTZ

Caitlyn has been playing very well. She has a great attitude and an even greater work ethic.

EMILY BUCKLAND – Sponsored by Pixiedust Cleaning Service & Clifford Street Auto

Emily was rewarded for her efforts by scoring a great goal which I am sure she will remember for a long time. She continues to improve game by game.

TORI GALLEGOS

Tori has an intricate knowledge of the game and keeps me on my toes at training. This girl can play and provided we do not rush her I expect her to fulfil her potential.

JACINTA SULLIVAN

Jacinta is another one of those players who has the ability to adapt and can play in any position. As a Centre Back she has excelled and is reading the game very well.

GEORGIA HEMMERLING

Georgia has great positional awareness and has gained much confidence as the season wore on. A highlight for me is "snapping Pen Power" great effort.

JOSIE BEHN

Josie never gives up. Really good player to put anywhere on the field. Listens with intent at training and delivers on the park.

BRIANNA DAY

Brianna has improved out of sight. She has a fantastic bubbly nature and continues to improve with each game. I look forward to working with her next season.

CASEY EVANS

Casey really shines as a wing back. Funny girl, loves a laugh. Another one who enjoys her football. She too is expected to fulfil her potential.

SAVANNAH MOON

Savannah has pace to burn. She is the team's leading goal scorer. Scored a beauty against Palm Beach.

MADISON LOCKWOOD – Sponsored by Politch Consultancy Maddy - our Captain, has been a pleasure to coach this year. Her leadership on and of the park has been fantastic and her football even better.

Last but not least I'd like to thank the parents and indeed other supporters for their encouragement and understanding throughout the season.

Kris Hemmerling
U13 Girls Coach



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Back Row - Nikolas Hemmerling (Assistant), Craig Lockwood (Asst Coach), Casey Evans, Paige Bain, Madison Lockwood, Josie Behn, Caitlyn Gotz, Georgia Hemmerling, Jacinta Sullivan, Kris Hemmerling (Coach), Katrina Bain (Manager)

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UNDER 14 BOYS

Coach: Scott Teakle

Assistant Coach: Sean McDonald

Manager: Matt Gaske

A case of so near, yet so far. We have had days of where we can compete with the best of them, and we've had days where we can compete for a while and then everything implodes. This happens to everyone, and as players we are to learn that there is only a small margin between what makes us a good team and what makes a team with a lot more to learn.

There is no doubt that this is a group of talented boys, and that they have had unlucky results, and untimely injuries. In the first five rounds of the season, in all but one, we were the better team for the majority of the games, however the result somehow managed to elude us. They have proven throughout the season that they can compete with most of the teams in their age group, and I believe that in the next year or two that they will surpass these teams and be competitive.

KY TEAKLE

This is Ky's first year at NPL level, and I am sure he will be better for it. He has had a couple hard days at the office, but once again these are apart of the learning curve. His ability to play out from the back has been a real highlight whilst he continues to grow into the position.

ALICK GASKE

I wish I could have 16 players with the determination and desire that Alick displays week in week out. Alick is consistent every week, and again has been rewarded for his ability by gaining selection in the QLD country team.

HARRY ERBACHER

Nothing ever seems to faze Harry, and you know that you could rely on Harry to keep on trying to the end (even putting his hand up to play GK for a half). Harry had a blistering start to the season, scoring a few goals, and as the season progressed had to deal with constant changes.

KEANU TUART

Keanu joined us this season after making the move down from Bundaberg. He is an elusive player who likes to take players on in 1v1 situations, and more often than not beats them. Towards the end of this season Keanu has had to become the main midfielder in our team, due to injury and illness, and has had to play big minutes. Keanu is another player who has been rewarded with selection in the QLD country team.

SAM HIRST

Sam's class is undoubted, however he has had such a stop-start year with niggling injuries, illness and then a long-term injury. He also moved down from Bundaberg

to play here this season. Sam was invited to trial for Qld country, which he did, however he did so carrying injury and therefore couldn't put his best foot forward. I hope to see the best of Sam next year (injury free).

ETHAN LUNN - Sponsored by FK Gardner & Sons

Another player who has had a stop-start season, due to cricket commitments early, an injury that plagued him for a while and a mid season trip away. A gifted left footed player, who has the ability to glide past players and then happens to pop up in the box to score (we won't talk about it coming off your knee).

FLETCHER McDONALD(c) - Sponsored by Hutchinson Builders

Unfortunately for Fletcher he has spent more time on the sidelines than playing, again due to injury. Fletcher is an integral part of the midfield of this team and has been sorely missed throughout the season. Fletch has been selected as a shadow for the QLD country team, however, he also was unable to showcase his skills whilst at trials due to injury.

ZACHARY WALL

Zach joined the NPL squad this year for the first time also, though it may be a year that he would like to forget. Unfortunately for Zach, he missed a lot of training and games through injuries sustained away from the football field. Zach has been used as a utility player this season filling in for others who were injured. Hopefully next season is injury free.

CORMAC McCARTHY

A talented wide player who has recently made the transition to playing as a wide back, and has done so effortlessly. This versatility has been a great benefit to the team, and as he continues to learn the position, he will become a dangerous player attacking from the back (which we have already seen glimpses of).

LOCHIE TOLPUTT

Mr. Versatility, he can play anywhere from centre back, to centre forward, and do so with great effect. Whilst playing in the back, he would create overloads in the midfield with great driving runs that had opponents chasing shadows. And when up front, he creates chances for both himself and others. A natural leader of a team, a person that others look up to.

THARUNDA PERERA

Yet another boy who is in his first full season of NPL, a talented winger who can beat a player 1v1. As Tharunda confidence grows, he will undoubtedly stamp his class

on this team, and this will definitely occur as he starts to match it for size with opponents.

ADAM CORDEIRO:

Definitely the player most likely to carry out the task given to the letter. Adams' confidence has grown throughout the season, and has managed to score a couple of crucial goals for the team this season. Adam does at times need to take a step back and have a look at the big picture.

KY SMITH

The only field player to play every game of the season, and his industrious work ethic makes him an integral part of this team. His reliability has seen been used predominately in defence, however he has on occasion stepped up to play in the midfield with great effect. He is the kind of player you can build a team around.

DALE LENKEIT

The rock of the defence. Dale has been a significant player for us this season, with stand out performances at the heart of defence. His ability to win tackles in one on one situations are second to none in our team, and then his composure on the ball when playing out is without peer. Dale also had a taste of QLD country trials, but unfortunately was unable to gain selection.

MAX DENT

It has been a pleasure to see Max improve his game this season. Max is undoubtedly a skillful player who has had to learn how to compete with players sometimes twice his size. His positioning in support has improved throughout the season, and his linking with the strikers has been fantastic. He also has the ability and composure to pop up in the box to score a couple of wonderful goals this season.

LACHLAN BRANNELLY

Had to learn pretty quickly that this competition is very unforgiving when mistakes are made. Lachy has been moved around the team a bit throughout the season, from defence to attack and then back to defence. As his composure on the ball and speed of play increases Lachy will become a very suitable partner for Dale in the centre of defence.



*Front Row (Left to Right) - Ky Smith, Fletcher McDonald, Ethan Lunn, Ky Teakle, Sam Hirst, Tharunda Perera, Max Dent
Back Row - Sean McDonald (Asst Coach), Harry Erbacher, Keanu Tuart, Adam Cordeiro, Lachlan Brannelly, Dale Lenkeit
Lochie Tolputt, Zachary Wall, Cormac McCarthy, Alick Gaske, Matt Gaske (Manager)*



UNDER 15 GIRLS

Coach: Kate Beecham

Assistant Coach: Craig Lockwood

Assistant Coach / Manager: Kristi Scofield

ANNABELLE LYNDON

An extremely passionate player and keen learner. There was rarely a game or training session she missed. She has grown greatly on and off the pitch, is a valuable player in attack and has astounding cross.

CELINE DUGGAN

One of toughest players on the park and a fantastic defender! Strong on the ball, goes into every tackle 100% and isn't afraid to use her head. She has learnt to play an attacking game in her position, which makes her a danger to any opposing team.

COURTNEY MOSS

Despite injuries, Courtney is an exceptional holding back. She can take any talented striker and shut them down. She plays the ball to the width of the field extremely well and plays to the best of her ability, injuries and all, each week.

DARRIANNE HOLMES

For Darrienne's size she is one strong midfielder. She works unbelievably hard every game and makes beautiful runs through the midfield. She has great ball skills and has legs that never stop! Let's not forget that massive kick she has either!

EMMA JACKSON

A late addition to the team, however, one of our most valuable assets in the front third. Emma has amazing skills and exceptional game smarts. She accepted playing new positions very well and is a multitalented player.

ISABELLA MEIKLEJOHN – Sponsored by Clifford Street Auto Bella's confidence since the start of the season has gone sky high. She has become a reliable and consistent goalkeeper. Bella had to adjust to playing out from the back and being a 'game player'. She has played superbly and I know she can achieve anything she puts her mind to.

LAURA GRAY

One of the more experienced on the team. She has the ability to play any position with consistency. She has been an admirable defender this season. Laura also juggled playing for Queensland this season, and we are grateful for her commitment to both teams! We look forward to big things from Laura!

LAUREN SIMS

Lauren has in particular grown this season as she took on a new role in the midfield. Lauren became one of our

strongest players, taking on the role as the voice and control of the midfield. She carried that part of the park exceptionally well and performs strongly in this position.

MATAEYA HIGGS – Sponsored by BD & JA Weier Painting Contractor

This girl never runs out of energy. On the field she works to her greatest ability, she goes into any tackle and comes out with the ball. She has great skills in attack and makes the most of every opportunity to go forward. She was placed in positions out of her comfort zone and still performed her best.

NINA GRANT

Nina has been a vital player in our backline this season. She works well in combinations with the other girls, has a great knowledge of the game and strives to do her best week in and week out. She learnt she could penetrate forward and become a dangerous fullback in attack.

SOPHIE THORNTON

Despite struggling with injury, Sophie put in 100% every game. Sophie is one of our strongest backs and makes fantastic decisions when it comes to slowing play down and holding the ball. Late in the season Sophie joined the midfield. She has become a very sturdy defending midfielder and works well with the backline.

STEFFANIE GOODWIN

Originally a forward, Steff has become a very resourceful player this season. She has stepped up multiple times and played in defence, worked to her greatest capability and has never let the team down. She has a high skill level and has been an influential captain this year.

TAYLAH BULLEN

Taylah has shown a massive improvement in the late season. She has become a strong and more aggressive player and puts her whole heart into the game. Not one ounce of energy is wasted. She works hard and combines well in the midfield.

TESSA SCOFIELD

The Usain Bolt of the team. Tess is a competitive player with a heart for the game. She gives every game her all and fights until the end. She plays well playing a wide game and can put her foot through the ball when she wants to.



*Front Row (Left to Right) - Annabelle Lyndon, Darrianne Holmes, Celine Duggan, Isabella Meiklejohn, Tessa Scofield, Nina Grant
Emma Jackson*

Back Row - Scott Goodwin (Asst Coach), Steffanie Goodwin, Taylah Bullen, Lauren Sims, Sophie Thornton, Mataeya Higgs, Courtney Moss

Absent - Craig Lockwood (Asst Coach) Laura Gray, Kate Beecham (Coach)



UNDER 15 BOYS

Coach: Glenn Parish

Assistant Coach: Mark Eiser

Managers: Clinton & Kerry Weber

The U15 SWQ Boys campaign began in October 2014 when Mr Magic gave me the nod for the coaching job. At that point in time I had several different emotions running through my head: happiness; fear of letting someone down; doubt and uncertainty, which all added up to a challenge. Could I mould a squad of young men into a football team who would play for each other and not just for themselves?

Our first team meeting was to talk about our philosophy and how we would approach this. Our philosophy was to play an attacking style of football with effective possession with an attitude of respecting our opposition, but not fearing them.

We travelled to Western Pride for our first game, having not played any trial matches, and we were underdone and outclassed. Our next couple of games were a draw and a win, then came the game against Moreton Bay where we were beating very convincingly – this was probably one of our lowest points in our season. To the boys credit, the next three games they rallied, although losing, they were starting to put our training sessions onto the paddock and be competitive.

Over the next five games we were more than competitive with phases of great combination plays with the ability to put the ball in the back of the net with some polished finishing.

Unfortunately, over the next three games we lost some team members against some quality opposition and had to use our shadows, Asbjorn, Nathan, Will and Zac just to make the minimum numbers. Although this occurred, our shadows relished the opportunity to perform at a higher level and they certainly stepped up. Two of the three games we improved our result remarkably against these quality teams.

Our next month was extremely trying as most of the team had other school commitments and they came back battered, bruised, injured or sick. During this period the boys rallied putting together some outstanding phases of play and looking like a team of footballers, they were exciting to watch!

Our last home game at the Stadium against Western Pride so far has been the most rewarding for me as coach. We walked away with a gutsy win, the most important thing I got out of that game was that all the boys turned up to play regardless of their wellbeing. One playing with a swollen ankle, two with strapped knees, one coming back from surgery, five boys with illnesses. This to me meant they came to play for each other, well done men!

I would like to thank our shadows for filling in and I hope you enjoyed your games with us. We could not have done it without you. Thank you.

Also during the season we went four games without a recognised goalkeeper: Mannyx, Joe and Josh filled this role without hesitation and in some cases putting their hands and offering to do the job. A huge thanks to you boys.

To our fronts: Joe Scott (Sponsored by Jacqueline Scott Mobile Physiotherapy), Alex Price, Richie Hayden, Justin McCall, Brandon Dixon : you all scored goals – some were very impressive! Exciting bunch of lads to watch!

To our mids: Mannyx Smith, Dan Weber, Jordan Howard, Will Orford:- you all compliment each other very well. You all dominate in a specific aspect of the game, but you gel together to make it work. Well done!

To our backs: Kellen Norris, Tim Zuyderwyk (Sponsored by Highfields Discount Drug Stores), Josh Eiser (Sponsored by Highfields Village Shopping Centre), Riley Lobwein (Sponsored by The Open Range), Brady Mason, Austin Reed :- we had a tough start to the season conceding a lot of goals early, but we worked on our defence and playing out, and you have turned that around by having the opposition only scoring 16 goals in our last 12 matches. That is a credit to you for all the hard work you have done. Congratulations, well done!

Goalkeeper : Reiley Mason: in all our close games Reiley has always kept us in the hunt with some brilliant saves. Good on you, keep up the good work!

To our Captain, Dan and Vice Captain, Joe. Lads who are chalk and cheese. Joe – some of your standout features are your passion, aggression and finesse. Dan – some of your standout features are your leadership qualities, work ethic, calmness and self sacrifice. I have enjoyed working with you both through the season and thank you for your support.

To our Assistant Coach, Mark : The team and I would like to extend our gratitude for your tireless work including game day warm ups, carting all the gear to and from training and game days. Also most importantly retrieving balls at training – so every time we turned around we had a ball to carry on with. Sincerely thank you from all of us.

To our Physio, Trevor : Thank you for your expertise with the boys strapping and advice on injuries.

To our Managers, Clint and Kerry : You are both the important ingredient in this outfit. Communication, organising, washing strips – the meat between the sandwich as they say. The words awesome and legends can't be said enough. This simply would not have worked with our efforts.

To the U15 men, I thank you for your blood, sweat and tears. Our challenge now is to finish the season on a positive note.

I would like to wish every player the very best of luck for the future.

Cheers, Glenn



*Front Row (Left to Right) - Austin Reed, Mannyx Smith, Alexander Price, Reiley Mason, Joshua Eiser, Brandon Dixon
Will Orford*

*Back Row - Kerry Weber (Manager), Glenn Parish (Coach), Jordan Howard, Richard Hayden, Joseph Scott, Kellen Norris
Brady Mason, Riley Lobwein, Tim Zuyderwyk, Daniel Weber, Justin McCall, Clinton Weber (Manager), Mark Eiser (Asst Coach)*



UNDER 16 BOYS

Coach: Phoyx-Martin Smith

Assistant Coach: Chris McLeod / Sue Watts

Manager: Sue Watts

This season has been very rewarding for me personally in terms of enhancing my coaching experience.

The main objective when coaching this age group is to prepare players for senior football, and I think that many, if not most of the players in the squad are capable of playing senior level in 2016.

Coaching the U-16 age group at any club is considered a challenge for any coach's man management skills. A coach has to deal with young men who are in the midst of their school studies and other life commitments, such as work and other interests.

All these matters have a bearing on maintaining team cohesion throughout the season. To their credit the players showed plenty of determination and as the saying goes when the going got tough the tough got going. I know that the experiences that the players gained this season will benefit them as they transition to senior football.

I firmly believe that on their day this squad was more than a match for any team in the competition and as a group we have all learnt much about ourselves as a result of the trials and tribulations this season.

Every member of the squad is capable of achieving anything that they set their minds to and I wish each and every one of the players every success. I urge them all to challenge themselves by never accepting good when great is possible.

I would like to thank Chris & Sue for their help throughout this season, thanks to the shadow players who filled in when required & thanks to all the parents and carers of the under 16's for the commitment, effort and support for the players and coaching staff.

SWQ U16 BOYS

Anthony Passante- Goalkeeper

Joshua Fanning

Dylan Perrett

Noah Jachmann

Bailey Salisbury

Chris McCarthy

Noah Brazier

Emmanuel Philip

Luke Manassero

Charles Miller

Mitchell McLeod

Jordan Tucker

David Kuanza

Karl Spierling – Sponsored by Heliflora Pty Ltd

Thomas White



*Front Row (Left to Right) - Joshua Fanning, Karl Spierling, Emmanuel Philip, Anthony Passsante, Thomas White
Dylan Perrett, Charles Miller*

*Back Row - Phoyx-Martin Smith (Coach), Jordan Tucker, Bailey Salisbury, David Kuanza, Noah Brazier, Noah Jachmann
Mitchell McLeod, Luke Manassero, Chris McCarthy, Sue Watts (Asst Coach/Manager)*



UNDER 18 BOYS

Coach: Jason Hall

Manager: Sue Lister

The 2015 season has been one of mixed fortunes for the U18 Boys team. At the time of writing, the team has played 21 games for 8 wins and 2 draws. We have beaten all other teams in the competition except for Brisbane Roar and Olympic (with whom we have drawn) and Brisbane City (who at the time of writing we have only played once for a 4-3 loss).

I have no doubt that if we hadn't been affected by season ending injuries and the many members of the team that were required to step up into the Senior Men's team due to injury or absence, that we could have finished on top in the U18 division. This group of young men have the potential to be the best in the NPL.

I have used a total of 29 players throughout the season which is indicative of the very young age with which our senior squads (U18, Youth and Senior Men) are made up of. On most weekends there are as many U18 players playing in the Senior Men and Youth teams as there are playing in the U18 team! I would like to personally thank each and every one of the 29 outstanding young men below that have played for me over the season at the time of writing this report.

The performance of the team should obviously not be judged on the results alone but on the style of football that the team has played and the development of both the team and the individual players over the season. On all counts I think it has been a good season.

The number of U18 players in our senior squads highlights that we obviously have a wealth of good young talent in our region and continue to produce quality players as they pass through the junior ranks. The challenge for us as a Club however is to put in place strategies to retain those players (that don't progress to higher levels) so that we increase the percentage over 18 players in our senior squads to enable us to compete with the older and more physical teams in the Senior Men's competition.

On an individual note I would like to congratulate the following players who have received awards for this season.

Players Player – Kyle Parish

Most Valuable Player – Kimba Kibombo

Coaches Award – Kaleb Burgess

I would also like to thank Dan Percy (Youth Coach), who has acted as my de-facto Assistant for the season, and Sue Lister, who is not only a great Manager but also a great person and a tireless volunteer for our great Club.

It has a very enjoyable and positive year and if a large percentage of this group of players can remain together over the coming years I am confident that they can become the first SWQ Thunder team to be crowned National Premier Leagues Queensland Premiers.

Regards

Jason Hall
U18 Boys Coach

CLUB SUPPORTERS



*Front Row (Left to Right) - Rodrigo Borges, Chris Wall, Jake Tolputt, Jayden Formosa, Wade Hall, Lachlan Atkinson
Kaleb Moon-Burgess*

*Back Row - Dan Percy (Asst Coach), Harry Soric, Josh Frost, Jarrod Ott, Thomas Lister, Pierce Clark, Will Kiers
Bailey Gray, Kyle Parish, Kimba Kibombo, Brendan Crawford, Jason Hall (Coach)*



YOUTH WOMEN

Coach: Anthony Bigby

Assistant Coach: Brian Brackin

2015 – Our Year of Living Dangerously.

This has been a physically challenging year for the youth women. Every year brings its fair share of strains, twists and pains, but this year brought more than we could have anticipated.

Our first major injury came three days before game 1, when our then keeper snapped her finger in two, ending her season before it began. The hits kept on coming with the tally standing at three ACL reconstructions and a torn MCL ending the season for four more girls.

It hasn't been all bad news, with Clarece taking up the opportunity to again represent the State and then stay and join the Roar NTC academy team. We are really happy for her and wish her the best with her chance to take her football to the next level.

On the field, we have surprised some teams and have always threatened, especially earlier in the season before injuries and representative duties took their toll on our numbers. We look destined to finish the season mid table, which is a credit to the hard work and determination of the girls.

A highlight of this year for me was our most recent game. We started the match with 10 players, including a shadow. The opposition had beaten us 3:0 only two weeks before and came to Toowoomba expecting an easy time of it. With five injured players, all dressed in their travel gear, sitting behind and supporting, and a nice home crowd at the Stadium, we played a calm, controlled game. Ignoring the fact we were a player down, the girls moved the ball well and defended with calm determination. The results came, and Steph, who had not scored a goal since under 6, netted twice on our way to a 5:2 win.

The obvious low points for me this year have been the many serious injuries. The impact on the players affected has been terrible. The impact on the team has also been very serious. With so many girls out of action, it is very hard to get the numbers or the intensity at training, and that shows in our structure and shape, especially against the top teams.

We always tried to put the Thunder playing style into practice. We always attacked, never gave up and always tried to play football. About ¼ of the way through the season the Roar NTC coach spoke to me after one of our away games and complimented the way the girls played, and commented that she could see the style that we are aiming for, even if we didn't quite hit the pass every time. Once again, the credit goes to the girls on the field. I think that we have had a close-knit group of players this year, and they have all been prepared to work hard for each other. I compliment and thank the girls for their effort this year, even when all they could do was put on their shirt and take a seat in the grandstand to support their teammates. Well done girls.

I also want to thank the parents for their tireless and willing support. Some of these families have to travel 2 + hours to get to training and I am grateful for your efforts. Finally I would like to thank my fellow coaches for their help in keeping the team on track. Without the help of Brian, Craig, Teaks and Joe, it would have been a much longer, harder road with a lot less laughs. Thanks again everyone, now, 2016...

CLUB SUPPORTERS



Front Row (Left to Right) - Angela Potter, Lana Styler, Amy-Lea Leadbetter, Rachael Bartley, Clarece Strudwick

Back Row - Anthony Bigby (Coach), Stephanie Mumford, Harriet Killen, Danielle Bigby, Amelia Cooke

Kaylah Brackin, Caitlyn Stocker, Stephanie Moore



Insert - Sophie Fuller

Absent - Sarah Haack



YOUTH MEN

Coach: Dan Percy

Assistant Coach: Jason Hall

Manager: Sue Lister

2015 has been a tough but rewarding football season for the SWQ Thunder Football Club Youth Men's Team. As a coach I have been impressed by the dedication, commitment and determination of all the team members. Training nights have been attended regularly all season, by all players, with the exception, of the usual injuries that befall a hardworking team.

As usual the Youth team relied upon several players from the U18 and Senior Men's team to make up numbers and either sit on our bench or become starters at game times. A big thank you to all of those players that assisted the team during the season.

I am very proud that as a club and as a team the Youth boys never forfeited any games, even though we had a few matches with only 11 players. The bench was fairly lonely during those hard fought games but the team showed incredible tenacity and strength to keep on going to the end.

Memorably we played an away match vs. Western Pride where we turned up with only 7 players and waited on a further 5 players to arrive from their U18 game in Toowoomba in time for kick off at Ipswich.

The challenge for the Youth team is always how to have a united team on the field when the players don't get to train together for the majority of the time and the team changes week to week. We started with 11 players but due to injury, illness & relocating the core of the Youth team was about 5-7 footballers. Recognition needs to be given to these footballers who show up week in and week out for their team and embraced the part time players who enable us to take the field. It is definitely a unique position to be in and comes with its own set of challenges. As a coach my main goal was to achieve equal possession in a game with the opposition. As the year progressed we held the ball for longer periods making us much more competitive.

Congratulations must also go to the few members of our Youth Team who were called up to play on the SWQ Senior Men's Team, which is always a privilege for the boys. This step up to the next level is what most players are working towards and it was a pleasure to witness their success.

A huge thank you to Sue for coordinating the management of both U18 & Youth Teams for this year.

Finally after a very long but valuable football season, I will look forward to welcoming all players back next year so we can continue to improve and grow as a team and a club.

With Thanks,
Dan Percy



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Front Row (Left to Right) - Keegan Dixon, Jacob Bigby, Sam Gray, Jace Hudson, Silde Cande, Wade Hall, Jackson Franke

Back Row - Dan Percy (Coach), Colin Ball, Phoyx-Martin Smith, Anthony Grant, Mitch Kiepe, Will Kiers, Alex Dyball

Ben Watt, Lachlan Percy, Jason Hall (Coach)

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OPEN WOMEN

Coach: Craig Burgess

Manager: Debbie Dibley

Coaching a Senior Women's side in the inaugural Women's National Premier Leagues has afforded me experience at a very high level.

With a largely inexperienced player squad, good results were always high on my wish list.

Reality though doesn't pay on on wishes. Good results come on the back of good tactics, player knowledge, strong work ethic and a liberal dose of desire to succeed, and determination to not let others down.

I cherish and value the time I have spent with this squad.

DESIRE: To Be Better

DETERMINATION: To be Better

DEDICATION: To Training To help me be the best I can be.

JESS BROADFOOT

Goalkeeper- First season playing at the elite level. Jess has endured a very steep learning curve. At this level, the opposition can all play, and play well. Mistakes are punished. Performed very well, and learnt more as the season progressed.

LUCY POPLÉ

A welcome addition to the back four. A right back who is always willing to offer assistance and to get forward. A good communicator, good competitor and valued team member for 2015.

MADISON FRANKE

Madi as Team Captain and central defender has good mobility & good vision. She gets forward into the next line when the opportunity arises. Possesses the best slide tackle in the league.

ISABELLA NEIL

Bella is a central defender, good in the air & good communicator. Quick on her feet as well as quick with a positive word to fellow team mates. Bella's smile lights up everyone when she is around.

TIFFANY DIBLEY

Our right footed left back. Very good, fierce competitor. Tiff trains and plays with a wonderful intensity. Gets forward, offers support and rarely beaten in a one on one contest.

KIAMA GRAY

Central back, midfielder, forward. A talented footballer, good vision, strong in the air and strong when contesting the football. Able to play varied positions at a good level.

KATE BEECHAM

Midfielder/Forward. Kate has a big heart in a little body. Not afraid to get in & mix it. Good vision. Good communicator and can contest & win the ball.

TALITHA DORO

Midfielder & Team Captain. Fierce competitor who hates to lose. Runs hard, tackles hard. Very good vision, very creative.

ELLE MOLLENHAUER

Forward. Very good eye for goal. Tireless worker who runs until she drops. First season in the big league, performed well & scored a couple of cracking goals – one verses Olympic & one against Peninsula Power. Stand out player.

ROSANNA BERRY

Forward. Rosie has a good work ethic, and is very good at delivering positive reinforcement to her fellow team mates. Good strength over the ball, good skills, knows how to score a goal.

GRACE KRAUTZ

Defender/Midfielder/Forward. With what Grace lacks in technique, she makes up for ten fold in desire to compete. Grace is a impact player on both the opposition as well as for us. A very talented, competitive player.

DANIELLE BIGBY

Midfielder. Injury robbed us of not being able to see a very young talented player learn and grow into the senior team. Good competitor, makes decisions quickly, passes well.

LANA STYLER

Defender. Very good communicator. Effective player of the ball. A wonderful asset to the Club. Captain of the Youth Team & often used in the Open side.

CAITLYN STOCKER

Forward. Strong runner. Defensively sound, looks up & tries to hit a target. Got stronger & better as the season progressed. First touch improved 100% - Very good competitor.

JORDIE FRANKE

Midfield. A welcome mid season addition. Strong defender, good communicator, gives 100% everytime she crosses the white line.

ABBEY LLOYD

Striker. Strong runner with good work ethic. Knows where the back of the net is. Gives positive reinforcement to the whole squad in training and games.

JAI JACKSON:

Midfield. Strong in defence, shuts down opposition quickly & wins the ball. Good vision, trains hard, plays hard. Wants more out of our Beautiful game.



Front Row (Left to Right) - Kiama Gray, Elle Mollenhauer, Lucy Pople, Jessica Broadfoot, Kate Beecham, Tiffany Dibley
Talitha Doro

Back Row - Craig Burgess (Coach), Madison Franke, Isabella Neil, Abbey Lloyd, Danielle Bigby, Jordie Franke, Rosanna Berry
Grace Krautz, Debbie Dibley (Manager)



SENIOR MEN

Coach: Chris Wilkes

Assistant Coach Mark Burchardt

"Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I'm very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that." - Bill Shankly.

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." - Pele.

John Lambie, Patrick Thistle manager, when told a concussed striker did not know who he was – "That's great, tell him he's Pele and get him back on."

"I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion." - Mia Hamm.

Quotes from high-profile players and coaches that we, as football lovers, love to read; to inspire us to do better (and to have a laugh!). This is exactly what 30 players strived for at the start of the PS4 NPL 2015 season. Coach Chris Wilkes and SWQ Technical Director Joe Fenech put the players through their paces, introducing an attacking style of play, along with the appropriate fitness levels to implement it.

Expectations were high during the Silver Boot pre-season tournament, with the team showing good early signs. A win against 2014 BPL Premiers Wynnum Wolves and a close loss to 2015 FFA Cup Round of 16 team Lions FC, put the team in a good place ahead of the opening round of the season.

After a strong start, the team eventually lost the opening game to early surprise packets, Western Pride. Followed by a 2 – 2 draw with Brisbane Roar, the team was becoming confident and heading in the right direction. Unfortunately, momentum and match fitness was stifled due to some horrendous Queensland weather, with the next game not until a further 3 weeks. A loss to Olympic was followed by consecutive weekends in the air, with trips away to Cairns and Townsville. A fortnight of close matches against Palm Beach and Sunshine Coast (2 – 1 loss) brought some respectability and self-confidence back to the playing group, however this also started a terrible run of injuries, that saw 24 players used over the next month of football.

A red card against any team after only 15 minutes, let alone the Strikers, makes the game difficult, but the team battled away, eventually succumbing to defeat. A hard-fought 3 – 1 loss to Brisbane City completed the first round of NPL action, with improvement the key for round 2. Sometimes you have to wonder what the Football Gods have installed for you, as defeat to Western Pride to kick off Round 2 did not reflect the nature of the game.

A break in NPL fixtures to accommodate the FFA Cup, saw Thunder play West Wanderers in the regional final. After a dominant display on a cold and wintry night, Thunder eventually won the game in extra-time to book a rematch against the 2014 FFA Cup Round of 16 finalist Palm Beach. With no expectations, the young Thunder team made the vastly experienced unit from the Gold Coast wobble in their boots, with Palm Beach eventually winning 5 – 4 on penalties in a dramatic finish.

Heading to Brisbane the following week with confidence high, the team was brought quickly back to Earth by Brisbane Roar. Followed by another loss to FNQ Heat, Thunder were preparing to batten down the hatches to play competition leaders Moreton Bay. After a scoreless first half, belief and confidence started to rise again amongst the ranks, but a goal with 20 minutes to go sunk the Thunder men to a heart-breaking 1 – 0 loss to the mid-season league leaders.

With training focusing on trying to eradicate simple errors and to learn from past mistakes, Olympic FC punished defensive lapses to run away winners. A loss to Northern Fury (3 – 1) defied belief after a dominant game, that even had Northern coach Ian Ferguson admitting that Thunder 'should have got points out of that match'. Trying to prove to the Thunder faithful that the previous weeks game was no fluke was a hard task, as an in-form Redlands team went home with the win. Thunder played Palm Beach into FFA Cup winning form the following week, in a match where Thunder dominated the second half. Another game against Redlands saw Thunder play some of their best football all season and create a number of goal-scoring opportunities. Unfortunately the team has learnt the hard way this season in not taking chances and 'switching off' during important parts of the game. The loss to Redlands was not a true indication of the ladder position for both teams, as Thunder out-played their high-flying opponents for the majority of the game.

The month of August showed just how far the team has come with a spirited game against Sunshine Coast not enough to lift Thunder to their maiden win of the 2015 season. A 3 – 2 loss to Sunshine Coast was followed by a 2 – 0 loss to Brisbane Strikers, in a much better performance than the first round effort. Hopefully a last-gasp effort against Brisbane City will be enough to push Thunder to their first win of the season and finish the season on a high. The boys certainly deserve a break and a bit of luck to go their way.

With the start of the season promising so much and the end of the season having delivered very little, the team can hold their heads high and be extremely proud of their efforts. An attacking brand of football, which saw the Thunder team dominate periods of play against the majority of opposition teams, earned praise from coaches and players throughout the season. Having used 34 players in all games this season was a huge achievement for both players and coaches to try and develop some rhythm and structure to the squad. Injuries, suspension and player unavailability at times certainly tested the depth of the club, but every time the Thunder jersey was pulled on for a game, the level of effort was never in question.

Finally, the coaching staff would like to thank the club sponsors and the committee for their support and energy throughout a long and demanding season. Without your work, it makes the season seem much longer. Your guidance is very much appreciated, ensuring that all coaches and players walk along the same path to imminent success. We wish the players all the best for the future and hope that they continue along their football journey, wherever that may take them.



Front Row - Damien Saunders, Jack Percy, Matthew White, Pierce Clark, Harry Scott, Luke Paron, Tom Fanning
Middle Row - Mark Burchardt (Asst Coach/Manager), Jess Marwood (Physio), Jackson Franke, Colin Ball, Chris Hewson
Matthew Hull, Mitchell Tansky, Jacob Bigby, Lachlan Marwood (Physio), Chris Wilkes (Coach)
Back Row - Silde Cande, Keagan Sheridan, Joel Thornton, Anthony Grant, Nykodah Smith, Rowan Salomon



SAP REPORTS BOYS

The 2015 season has again been rewarding for our coaches and more importantly our players. On behalf of all of the coaching staff we wish a special farewell to our U/11 cohort who have been an amazing group of young lads to work with over the past 2 years. Our hope is that you will continue to play and love the game you have embraced so wonderfully with us.

Departing Seniors!

U/11 SWQ SAP SQUAD

Kyan BISHOP – Kyan has improved remarkably with his first stint in the programme, a young man who is diligent, respectful and willing to apply the lessons learnt in training on to the field of play. Further involvements in programmes and a belief in his abilities will see a great end product.

Luke BRODERICK - Has shown wares with mesmerizing dribbling and an eye for goal. Luke has achieved Queensland representation this year for the U/12 Schoolboys. With further hard work and his continued willingness to listen and learn he will be a wonderful player in the future.

Noah COCHRAN – Noah is another of our newcomers and has backed up his selection with intelligent displays as the season has progressed. Once he had adjusted to the pace and physical aspects of the SAP competitions he was able to use his touch and vision to great advantage.

Sam FRASER – Sam is a resilient and tough competitor who has begun to build some finesse in to his gameplay. With further work on vision and first touch he will develop into a great player due to his combative streak that already is inside of him.

Ethan HENNESSY – Ethan is the quiet achiever of the squad who turns up and does the job with minimal fuss and total application. He is a diligent and productive player that has the ability to bring players into the game with his deft touches and interplays.

Noah LAWSON – Our Wally Lewis of the football paddock, Noah sees plays before anyone else and can play possession and killer passes as good as anyone in the league. This intellect, with a desire to do well make him a player who can perform anywhere on the football field.

Tyson LIESCH – Tyson is an enigma in that when he is hot, there is a left footed player who can tear defences apart, however like many young players he needs to work on consistency of his performances and efforts to unveil the talent that lies within. Capable of good things if he wants it.

Alex KIERS – Alex has to be one of the hardest working players in the squad, a desire to be the best and bring everything to the table means that he never ever leaves his team-mates short on the field. He has developed great skills and the ability to understand the game a little more in 2015.

Jaisal NARSEY – Jaisal is a player who has also come to grips with the speed of SAP training from a humble beginning to start to show what a clever and strong runner of the ball he is. A very loyal and responsible young man who continues to impress as the season wore on.

Kai PEACHEY– Kai is a very versatile player who can fill the role of goalkeeper to striker with aplomb. Kai possesses very quick feet and with further training on his decision making off the ball and work in defence he can become a very complete player.

Ky RICHARDSON – Ky is definitely one who has worked tirelessly away from the training ground to produce some outstanding performances on the field week in and week out. He was rewarded with DD selection after this diligence and love of the game showing fantastic skill sets.

Brendan ROCHE – Brendan is a wonderful little athlete who possesses tremendous balance and poise on the ball. He has a wide passing range and a great dribble and with further work on his decision making processes he will be one superb player.

Brock SMITH - Mr Smith has developed from the cool and calm rock at the back to a holding midfielder that can dictate play and organise those around him for the benefit of the team. He has flourished with the role changes to bring another dimension to his game. A DD representative to boot.

Riley WILLMOT - Riley is the true competitor in all regards. With the ball he possesses speed and a dynamic change of angle in attack. Riley without the ball is impassable and the British bulldog desire of none shall pass. He was also a DD selection in the higher grades and continues to blossom.



U/10 SWQ SAP SQUAD

The U/10 men had a very steep learning curve at their inaugural carnival against the SEQ competition that has trained and played together for many years. However in true SWQ spirit and the character of the young men that earned the call up to the SWQ SAP squad in 2015, the boys have applied themselves superbly and by years end have bridged a massive gap with their counterparts as the carnival performances show. It is never where you start but where you finish and it is important to remember that the boys still have a long way to go to reach the heights of where the current U/11 boys are at. If we are to look closely at the 4 elements that the boys have worked on this year, there have been gains and yet we have much still to do. These elements, 1 v 1, striking a ball, first touch and running with the ball were all tested in the boys gameplay and some test components towards the end of the season. There was no one that hit the VG and GOOD standards which I have earmarked against the best 6 players in the SAP set up. This is great as it gives our boys a yardstick to work from and will see who works away from the training paddock. Who can do 100 juggles (dead ball rules), who can do 6+ figure 8's in 30 seconds?

So boys whilst we commend your efforts to date , it is important you keep working hard and enjoying your football to master the ball.

Well done to Ben Anderson, Ethan Bigby, Jordan Bigby, Thomas Dwyer, Sam Hinton, Jake McGuire, Zachary Meara, Matthew Moore, Luke Parish, Tyler Spinks, Sam Sullivan, Zane Tosh and Andrew Uprichard-Green.

Finally, a massive thanks to the mums and dads who have been supportive of their children and driven them to not only the given SAP carnivals but to invitational events that the boys have been invited to due to their performances over the past year. It is impossible for your kids to dream of football without the support of those closest to them. We are very fortunate to have the calibre of coaches we have in the programme with Andrew Tolputt, Thomas Lund, Dave Nugent, Matt Proctor with the boys. Scott Teakle and Craig Lockwood who also do a wonderful job with the girls. In fact, Scott deserves special mention for the autonomy and initiative that he shows with the girls side of the programme. I look forward to seeing all of you at the trials in Term 4.



SAP REPORTS GIRLS

The second season of skills acquisition for girls has seen an improved program throughout South East Queensland. Where we only had two girls' teams last year to begin with, there are now 6 fully functional girls programs. Our girls started training at the end of February and will continue until mid September, during this time will have attended 3 SAP carnivals and been invited to play at a Football Toowoomba carnival. The girls this year, have come from a variety of clubs (West Wanderers, St Albans, Sth Tmba Hawks, Withcott and Warwick). And during the second part of the season have had guest players come from Highfields, Gatton and Rockville also.

The girls this year have improved immensely, and this is shown with our outings at carnivals, whilst results aren't what we are looking for our girls are more than competitive with the other clubs. In fact I believe we have narrowed the gap from last year to now.

As per usual we have a number of girls who will be moving on next season. To Maddy Teakle, Zara Moon, Tayla Gotz, , Kellie McMahon(thanks to the four of you for two great seasons) and Layla Proctor, Molly Lockwood, Holly Littlejohn, and Maddy Kane - I hope to see you all in the future continuing to improve and put into practice what we have done (preferably in a Thunder jersey).

And to my little ones (Macey Eiser, Halle Nielsen, Zara Haynes and Zara Kruger.), I can't wait for next season to continue to build what we have started.

Scott Teakle

Girls SAP Coach – SWQ Thunder





GOALKEEPERS

GK COACH: Paul Smith

I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the goal keepers at SWQ Thunder FC this season.

As the photos will attest, this position is not for the faint hearted, and week after week our keepers have pulled on their gloves to support the team from the back.

The season has been full of highs and lows, injuries at times meaning others have donned the gloves and bravely taken their place underneath the crossbar.

Keepers have faced the 1v1 from the penalty spot (even at times pulling off the unthinkable and saving penalties!!), stood big in front of advancing strikers, soared through the air to cut off crosses & corners, and even handled the odd backpass to switch play.

I believe we have seen improvement in our keepers as the season progressed, in itself a testament to the hard work put in at training from these brave young men and women!

Onward and upward as we improve into 2016!





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2015 AWARDS

	Most Valuable Player	Player's Player	Coaches Award
U 12 Boys	Benjamin Weier	Jack DeBortoli	Menphys-Reyne Smith
U 13 Boys	Ed Poulton	Luke Lister	Prasiddha Paudyal
U 13 Girls	Tori Gallegos	Gidget McErlean	Caitlyn Gotz
U 14 Boys	Keanu Tuart	Dale Lenkeit	Ky Smith
U 15 Boys	Brady Mason	Mannyx Smith	Riley Lobwein
U 15 Girls	Celine Duggan	Mataeya Higgs	Annabelle Lyndon
U 16 Boys	Emmanuel Philip	Noah Brazier	Anthony Passante
U 18 Boys	Kimba Kibombo	Kyle Parish	Kaleb Burgess
Youth Women	Kaylah Brackin	Amy-Lea Leadbetter	Sarah Haack
Youth Men	Sam Gray	Phoyx-Martin Smith	Keegan Dixon
Open Women	Tiffany Dibley	Jessica Broadfoot	Rosanna Berry
Senior Men	Keagan Sheridan	Tom Fanning Damien Saunders	RISING STAR - Nykodah Smith
Golden Boot Junior		Luke Lister	
Golden Boot Senior		Tom Lister	
Safe Hands Award Junior		Anthony Passante	
Safe Hands Award Senior		Amy-Lea Leadbetter	
Coach Award		Paul Smith	

The Allan Sothmann Perpetual " Club Spirit Award" Sue Lister

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REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS



Alick Gaske, Keanu Tuart, Fletcher McDonald (Shadow)
Under 14 Boys State Country Team



Luke Lister, Ed Poulton, Eli Adams, Kodi Bailey
Under 13 Boys State Country Team



Lateisha Wilkins
Under 13 Girls State Team



Laura Gray
Under 15 Girls State Team



Clarece Strudwick
Brisbane Roar NTC Team



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