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Important Club Dates

05-MAY-2010	Sydney FC players visit
	RTO Meeting - NOTE: New Venue The Grove Hotel, 236 Kingsgrove Rd, Kingsgrove
29-MAY-2010	Team Photos at home ground

TIPS ON WRITING MATCH REPORTS

- ✓ Keep your report under 200 words
- ✓ Be **positive** about your team, even in defeat
- ✓ Clearly show the **date**, **name of team** and that of your **opponent**
- ✓ For U9's and above, **show scores in brackets after the team names**
- ✓ **No double spacing** after full stops
- ✓ **Note your position** within the team in your sign off
- ✓ Submit your report in the **body of your email message**, not as an attachment
- ✓ Send the report to matchreports@bexleynorthfc.com.au
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MATCH REPORTS - ROUND 3

24th April | Bexley North 6 Bear 4 vs Connells Point 1

After the first two rounds where our boys won 13-0 and 16-0 this game was actually one that they had to fight hard for.

After being 3-1 down our boys came back to draw 5-5. **Daniel, Oliver** and **Mark** attacked well while **Michael, Ayden, Ali** and **Marco** were our great defenders of the day.

Well done boys.

Manager: *Nantia*

24th April | Bexley North 6 Bear 5 vs Hurstville ZSC 1

With a full compliment of players, our team got off to a flying start this week with plenty of action resulting in four first half goals. **Ali E** and **Marco** showed great teamwork for goal #2, while **Marco** was in the right place at the right time, twice, to bring the ball to the goal from halfway down the pitch.

In the second half **Ali E** had a couple of excellent attempts at goal, one of them thwarted by his own team as they were being too over enthusiastic in attacking the ball. **Luis** and **Mikaaíl** were part of all of the attacking action, while **Dean** and **Zak** provided excellent defence limiting the opposition to only one goal. **Ali S** produced a stunning length of the field run, fending off opposition arms and legs all the way, to secure another goal.

Great teamwork and excellent sportsmanship were shown by all players. Good work boys!

Parent: *Eva*

24th April | Bexley North 7 Goat 3 vs Carss Park

Hooray for our first goal of the session scored by **Eric** which we've been waiting for with anticipation. The team were so proud and so were the fans. Well done to the whole team this week. If you could give more than 100% our little champs did just that, blood sweat and no tears this week went into the effort.

Congratulations also to **Aruna** who is a little star with a great kick. **Ahmed** defended the ball from going in the other teams goal. **Ben** brought the ball down the field to our goal endless times. **Joshua** got the ball off the other team with ease this week. **Costa** blocked the ball using all body parts that were available. **Erik, Costa, Aruna, Ahmed, Ben** and **Joshua** showed 100% improvement this week well done again to everyone.

Each week we give out a player of the week certificate and this week we gave it to **Erik** for a champion effort and great goal. Although the score at the end was 3-1 their way, there were big cheers and smiles at the end of the game. This being the best game so far of the season with spirits so high and efforts improved, we are well on our way to being a good little team.

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24th April | Bexley North 7 Goat 1 vs Carss Park

We have had a great start to the season and our third game against Carss Park was no exception.

Our team won scoring 5 goals to 2. Three goals being scored by **Luke C** and two scored by **Peter M**. The most wonderful thing to see during this game is how well ALL our players are developing and growing in confidence and skills under the guidance of their coach.

Manager: *Anita*

24th April | Bexley North 7 Lion 5 vs San Souci

More than just a game of football but a test of endurance, concentration and lessons learnt from weeks past. This was our time to shine, with one of our courageous Lions unable to play and not feeling well, our thoughts went out to him and made us all that more determined to win.

The whistle blew and it was like a scene from a Batman and Robin cartoon, (bang!, bing! kazam!) and when it was all over we had won 4-0 and we weren't really sure what had happened.

I knew what had happened though, the boys were courageous, thinking their way out of trouble and playing like champions. Sans Souci were defeated and the Lions ready to take on the world. It was a great day out and everyone was proud of their efforts.

You did good guys, congratulations.

Coach: *Carlo*

24th April | Bexley North 8 Fish 1 vs Bexley North 8 Fish 3

The stage was set. Fish 1 Vs Fish 3. The two teams met in a trial and with reduced personnel Fish 1 went down. But this time was different.

With a full quota Fish 1 came out of the blocks with a cracking opening goal from **Costa** that flew three quarters of the field to slam into the back of the net. 1-0.

Two more shots from **Antonius** and **Anthony** came off the uprights, two chances gone begging. Right on the stroke of half time and opportunistic strike had Fish 3 back in it. 1-1.

After oranges Fish 1 came out full of beans and two quick solo runs and strikes from **Anthony** had them leading again. 3-1. A moment of madness lead to Fish 3 being awarded a penalty which they calmly converted. 3-2.

Tense moments ahead with both teams defending bravely before a combined effort by **Sara** and **Anthony** produced another cracking goal for Fish 1. 4-2.

And that's the way it stayed until the end however several other chances were very close, namely **Lachlan** with a spin and shot that would have made Wayne Rooney proud.

Well done to all players. A great game. Your parents should be very proud of the way you all played. As am I. Well done team.

Coach: *Cameron French*

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24th April | Bexley North 8 Fish 2 vs St George United

Wow, What a fantastic game!! Well done boys. Our boys were determined to get another win this week. They started their attack as soon as the whistle blew.

Billy and **Emmanuel** kept our goals covered while **Tommy** and **Sebastian** made sure our midfield was covered. **Joshua** was our man of the match this week. Our goal scorers were **Zac** and **Michael** scored his first of the season. Well done boys!!

Manager: *Nantia*

24th April | Carss Park U10B (1) vs Bexley North U10B (1)

It was a physical match. Coming from big wins over the last 2 weeks this was a wake up call for our players. It came at the right time so our players do not think that the 2010 competition will be a walk over. We were in first gear for most of the match. Carss Park opened the scoring just 10 minutes into the first half, then Bexley followed by scoring 5 minutes later.

Our second half was a little better with some passes but our timing was out. This was evident at training when we were doing the long passes. Thanks to a number of fantastic saves from **Walid** we were able to tie the match. He was outstanding as goalie. The goalie is an important position because they are the first line of attack and last line of defense and can turn games round! Well done **Walid** keep it up!

This means we need to put more effort at training guys. Remember if you train with PACD you play with PACD!

Coach: *John Verteouris*

25th April | Connells Point U14G B (1) vs Bexley North U14G B2 (4)

It was a tough match and Connells Point were taking the game up to us in the first half. Luckily **Fatia** was able to convert a penalty in the box 20 minutes into the first half. Unfortunately this came at the pain and suffering of **Alexandra** who was kicked on the wrist. Connells Point are a good side and played well. They had players that dug deep and were able to score not long after for the equaliser. We were in unfamiliar territory at this point. Just before half time we were able to string a few passes and **Alexandra** came back from injury to score. It was a relief to go to the break ahead by one goal.

In the second half there were many opportunities on both sides however, nice saves from both goalie's (**Jasmine**) and the Connells Point goalie kept the game in balance. Fortunately for us mid-way in the second half from a corner, **Stephanie** managed to find that opportunity to score. Not long after **Sarah** scored to put the game out of reach. An improved performance from **Natasha** who got involved in the middle was nice to see. Well done **Natasha** and keep it up! **Sophie** played well as sweeper which was not her normal position. **Kate**, those chips over the top are great! **Christina**, as always, your support in the back and keeping the ball safe on the wing is excellent. **Andrea** and **Sarah**, you are both relentless in defense and never stop chasing! Keep doing it! Girls, hard match. We needed this one so we don't get to far ahead of ourselves.

Coach: *Themí Kalathas*

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24th April | Bexley North U11A (1) vs Connells Point (5)

Earlier in the week, our players were prepared well at training thanks to our Coach Andy. All knew that we were going into game 3 against the current competition leaders. A strong start and first to the ball were our key strategies if we were to be competitive against this team.

The first half saw Connells Point score four goals which took our players a little by surprise. The full size goals certainly make it a challenge for any keeper to save most attempts at goal. However this didn't faze the boys, and all worked hard to push through the other team's defense, whilst looking for opportunities to put the ball into the back of the nets. Our defenders worked hard and prevented any more points being added to the other team's tally. We had some great runs up the middle, and a few attempts at goal, but their defense was tough. There was some classy foot work and passing by our boys on the wings, however Connells Point seemed to have an answer for everything, firmly establishing why they are the competition leaders.

After some wise words and encouragement by the coach at half time, the players knew they had some work to do. With renewed enthusiasm, all players stepped up their play, and within minutes of the whistle blowing, Connells Point's defense line was broken, and **Lewis** cracked one from about 20 meters past the keeper and into the net. Connells Point answered shortly after with another goal. For the remainder of the game, our players defended very well, preventing any further goals by the other team. All parents on the sideline worked hard to cheer the team on! Although the final score didn't quite reflect this, the boys are working better together, and are hopeful for some even better play next week.

Team Manager: *Anthony Spata*

24th April | Bexley North U12C (1) vs Oatley RSL (3)

An early start but the team showed a lot of enthusiasm and were hungry for a win. Some great defending from **Jonathan** showed fearless attacks and great play from **Mahmoud** saw him take the ball from halfway right into the goals. Well that got 'em pumped up and hungry for the ball like lions after their prey.

The game certainly picked up pace with Oatley evening out the score with a goal. Goal-keeping from **Brandon** showed some great ball clearing and catches. Good pressure from both sides kept the ball going up and down like a tennis match. **Anthony** and **Benjamin** did a great job in ball clearing.

2nd half was a little slow at first with Oatley putting another one in. Even though Bexley looked a little fatigued, they still managed some great teamwork with good passes and ball control. **Nathan**, in goal, did some great work, but a ball to the face saw him retiring for the rest of the game. **Andrew** was there in support on the sideline with a foot injury. It's great to see the bond and teamwork throughout the whole team. An absolutely great game played and also to watch, ending in Oatley winning 3 - 1.

Assistant coach: *George Vass*

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11th April | AAWA - Rockdale City Suns (2) v Bexley North (3)

A glorious Sunday morning at Hurstville Oval, saw the Bombers kick off the 2010 season against newcomers Rockdale City Suns. Being a new team in the competition, not much was known about the Rockies so it was understandable that the girls started the game cautiously. It was not long before the girls set themselves into a comfortable game plan which started to rattle the highly fancied team from Rockdale. The girls started to combine well and after stringing together some great passes, the mid-field was able to feed the ball to **Tully** who was able to slot the ball past the Rockies goalkeeper to see the Bombers go up 1 nil, 30 minutes into the game. It was a great start for the girls, especially **Tully** who started the season where she left off last year.

The first half was an intense struggle with the stunned Rockies throwing everything at the girls. However, the Bombers determined defence and some fine goal keeping by **Jessica** saw the girls hold out the Rockies until half time.

The Rockies started the second half with a more determined attack but the Bombers were able to compose themselves and a solid defence from **Kelsey** and **Yana**, managed to frustrate the Rockies continuous attacks. Slowly, the game started to turn and it was not long before one of the many raids launched by the Bombers resulted in a penalty being awarded due to some frustrating defence from the Rockies. **Fatima** stepped up to the mark and a gutsy Rockies goalie saved the ball twice before a determined **Fatima** followed through and made no mistake with her third shot to take the score 2 nil.

To their credit the Rockies fought back with a quick goal against the run of play and all of a sudden the game picked up tempo. With the game going from end to end, the Bombers were awarded a free kick about twenty metres out and with twenty minutes to go. A well executed strike by **Emily** saw the ball go through the Rockies defence, into the goal and net. The Bombers were now 3 - 1 up much to the surprise of the Rockies and their fans.

With the game in hand, the hot weather started to take its toll on both teams and with the Bombers hanging on, the Rockies were able to pull back a goal in the dying minutes to make the score more respectable resulting in a final score of 3 - 2.

This was a well deserved victory for the Bombers, which sees them start off the competition with confidence and make the more fancied teams in the Division A take notice of them. Well done ladies!

Manager: *Peter Fiori*

18th April | AAWA - Bexley North (4) - v Lugarno (0)

An overcast morning saw the Bombers line up against Lugarno at Charles Pirie Park. After a cautious start to the game, the girls started to combine well and after stringing together some great passes, and with team work, the midfield was able to feed the ball to **Nikki** who attacked down the left flank and was able to pass the ball to an advancing **Kalista** who rifled the ball past the goalkeeper to see Bexley North go up 1 nil.

With the midfield pumping, **Emily** constantly fed the ball to the forwards with some accurate passes and clever ball play. As a result, **Fatima** and **Melinda** were able to expose the Lugarno defence on numerous occasions only to see their efforts blocked by some desperate defence and saves from the Lugarno's goalkeeper. At the back, the Bombers defence was impenetrable with **Kelsey**, **Tully** and **Yana** who managed to shut down every ball Lugarno tried to put past them. Goal keeper **Carla** was at her best in keeping Lugarno scoreless in the first half. The Bombers went into the break with a half time score of 1 nil in favour of the Bombers

The start of the second half saw the Bombers come out with vigour and they took control of the game. **Nikki** and **Jessica** ran tirelessly supported by **Lorraine** throughout the half constantly feeding the ball to the forwards. The Bombers played a very smart game and used the ball well stringing together great passes and combination of plays to frustrate Lugarno. It was only a matter of time before **Emily** was able to score again to give the Bombers a 2 - 0 lead. With the Bombers having much of the possession it was not surprising to see a third goal scored by **Fatima** following a through ball from **Emily** to take the Bombers to a 3 - 0 lead.

Both **Fatima** and **Melinda** constantly attacked the Lugarno defence and goal but it was **Carly** who was able to finish off a well placed pass to put the Bombers ahead by 4 goals. Needless to say the old Bombers spirit that the girls have become famous for was truly evident and left their opponents licking their wounds after a decisive 4 - 0 win to the Bombers.

Well done to all the girls, in particular to **Carla** who played a strong game with some very good saves in goal through out the entire game to keep the opposition scoreless. Great team effort!

Manager: *Peter Fiori*

Grey skies greeted the girls on a bleak windy Anzac Sunday afternoon which saw the Bombers meet ASOW for the first time this season. With both **Nicole** and **Melinda** missing due to illness, the game was preceded by some anxious moments with a very nervous coach, as only 8 players had turned up with ten minutes to kick off. Just prior to kick off the roar of **Tully's** bike down Coleridge Street and the appearance of **Yana** meant we had 10 players to put up a challenge.

The match started tentatively, the Bombers were keen to play a defensive game in the initial stages hoping to see what the opposition was going to throw at them. It was not long before the game settled down into an intense struggle; it was obvious that ASOW were marking **Emily** and **Fatima** very closely with limited scoring opportunities for both girls.

With Melinda and Nicole absent a gutsy **Kalista** commandeered the Bombers front line attack creating many opportunities for herself and **Carly** only to see them saved by good goalkeeping by ASOW. The game was played at a quick and entertaining pace with the spectators watching in awe and dumbfounded by some unusual decisions.

Players from both teams stood up to the challenge, however ASOW had a slight advantage with substitute players hoping that the Bombers would start to run of fuel at some stage. Some determined hustling and bustling from **Nikki**, **Jessica** and **Tully** in and around the midfield saw the Bombers frustrate the ASOW players. The match continued to see-saw from end to end throughout the first half and **Carla's** consistent goal keeping and determined dogged defence from **Kelsey**, **Yana** and **Jessica** at the back the match was evenly poised.

With their backs to the wall the Bombers played a very smart game in the first half and even with only ten players, they used the ball well stringing together great passes and combination of plays to frustrate ASOW. At half time the score was 0- 0.

A well deserved half time break was greeted with the arrival of **Lorraine**. At last a **FULL TEAM!** With the sun at their backs and a swirling wind, the Bombers took to the field with a new lease of life hoping it would only be a matter of time before the ASOW defence would crack.

The second half started a quick pace. **Lorraine** made a difference to the defence and midfield. **Emily** was able to take on the ASOW players and cause havoc for the ASOW defence. Not to be undone the ASOW girls held on tenaciously. **Fatima** started to get some space in midfield and the combination plays between her, **Kalista** and **Carly** saw the ASOW goal keeper working overtime to keep the ASOW goal intact.

Similar to the first half, both teams ran down every ball on offer. For the Bombers, **Jessica**, **Yana**, **Nikki** and **Kelsey** ran tirelessly like wound up toys. **Tully** appeared everywhere on the field as did **Kalista**, who ran riot down the right hand side of the field. **Carly** was like the nimble footed dancer as the **Kalista**, **Fatima** and **Emily** fed her continuous balls. There were times she wished she was left footed!!

Emily played like a yoyo, going up and down the field, attacking and defending. The **Bombers** team play was excellent. The girls continuously backed and encouraged each other even against some unusual refereeing decisions.

ASOW tried to exploit the midfield and had many opportunities but came up against a brick wall. Attacking down the flanks was their only option but **Jessica** and **Yana** managed to keep them from crossing the balls to their players coming through the midfield; and when they did manage to get through, **Carla** was outstanding in goal and managed to cover all the shots.

The pace of the game started to take its toll. Following an attack down the right flank and delicate pass to **Carly**, only to see the ball trickle past an open goal, **Kalista** was struck down by cramps. Back to ten players, the Bombers held their cool and continued to attack in true Bomber spirit.

With **Kalista** off the field, **Carly** took an unexpected knock as she pounced on a through ball from **Fatima** and required assistance from the Coach. On the recommencement of play, ASOW managed to get the ball up field but dogged defence and a well timed pass to **Fatima** saw her break through and take on the ASOW defence. In her usual style, she danced around her opponents darted towards the goal with an advancing ASOW goalie. Not be undone, she coolly slotted the ball into the back of the ASOW net. The Bomber were now up 1 - 0 with only 6 minutes to go.

True to the Bombers fighting tradition, **Kalista** hobbled back onto the field for the remaining minutes knowing how important an extra pair of legs would mean to the team. The Bombers held on until the end as ASOW did not give up hope of snatching a last minute draw.

All in all, this was a well deserved victory for the Bombers, a game that was played at a fast pace, with good team play, ball passing and execution. The Bombers remain unbeaten and equal competition leaders in Division A. The ladies have presented themselves and the Bexley North FC as worthy opponents and a team to be reckoned with in the competition.

Manager: *Peter Fiori*