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Important Club Dates

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

NEWS HEADLINES

Sydney FC Player Visit

Remember that tomorrow (Wednesday 5th May) we'll have a visit at our home ground from 2 Sydney FC players. They'll be walking around and watching teams train, and you may even be able to secure an autograph.

Next RTO Meeting

The date for the next RTO meeting is 10th May 2010 at the new venue of The Grove Hotel, 236 Kingsgrove Rd, Kingsgrove.



MATCH REPORTS - ROUND 4

1st May | 6 Bear 3 Bexley North vs Connells Point 2

With only 5 players this week Bear 3's had a tough game against Connells Point 2 who had a full set of reserves. However, **Charli** still managed to score a goal and little **Chris** putting the ball between the goal posts for **Peter** to kick the ball into net and confirming the goal.

Coach: *Carlo*

1st May | 6 Bear 5 Bexley North vs Carss Park

Our starting four showed great defensive skills with **Luis** making an early attempt at goal. There was lots of action in front of the goal with our boys always pushing the ball forward. **Ali E** took a great run up the field, dodging opponents, which ended with a shot and a miss. **Mikaail** was very pleased with his defensive work (as were we), **Ali E** displayed some acrobatic work over the ball, but Carss Park scored the first goal seconds before the end of the first half.

Marco started the second half with a length of the field kick and followed through with a close attempt at goal from an awkward angle. Carss Park scored again, but **Dean** and **Ali S** were able to save a couple of close ones from finding the back of the net. **Luis** came through with a near miss off the post but that was as close as we got this week. Just before the final whistle, the kookaburras started laughing and Carss Park sealed the match with one more goal.

You all played very well and were unlucky to remain scoreless.

Parent: *Eva*

1st May | U7 Lion 5 Bexley North vs Arncliffe Aurora

Rain rain go away, come back on a working day. It wasn't the best of days weather wise but the boy's weren't fussed. They would play rain, hail or shine and in the rain and shine they did.

We gave it our best shot, there were injuries, controversy and loads of enjoyment. There was no ref and the pitch had a slope worse than a putting green. But never mind, we love a challenge and our boys rose to the challenge and played heroically.

We were a bit unlucky and the soccer Gods weren't on our side, but the boys had fun and we live to fight another day. Well done guys.

Coach: *Carlo*

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1st May | U8 Fish 1 Bexley North vs Carss Park

What a start! 2 goals from Anthony in quick succession had the Fish up 2-0 within 2 minutes. All the play was in Carss Park half of the field and Bexley were unlucky not to score several more. They finally slotted one in after a determined effort by Lachlan.

Some great saves by **Costa** and **Oscar** at the back and determined charges by **Sara** leading the way. Unfortunately in the end Carss Park got the better of us in the second half with a couple of lucky goals. The final result 4-3. Great effort team, you all tried very hard.

Coach: *Cameron*

1st May | U9B Bexley North (1) vs Connells Point (2)

A great start to the game with everyone managing their positions. At 13 minutes into the first half, Connells Point did a hand ball and gave us a penalty shot, taken by **Athan**. Great shot to give us our first goal. There was no time to rest as Connells Point scored their first goal soon after. **Alex** performed well as goalkeeper saving many shots, with **George P** helping defend in the back. The second half started with great defending by **George K** & **John**. Unfortunately Connells Point got another goal. **Marissa**, **Eric** and **Christopher K** put in a good effort in the centres and **Max** went on one of his powerful runs with a near goal but just missed. All our forwards, **Christian**, **Christopher G** and **Angelo** had a few shots and put in a good effort.

Well done to all our boys, we'll get them next time. Congratulations to **John**, player of the match.

Parent: *Irene*

1st May | U10B Bexley North (2) vs San Souci (1)

It was pleasing to see our players start off well in the first 10 minutes and finding the back of the net twice so early in the match by scoring from a move that we practiced at training. Our scorers were **Ali** and **Walid**. It was pleasing also to see our kids pull off the move that resulted in a goal so early in the season. Well done **Bassim** for your persistence and confidence to get the players to learn this move so quickly.

All of a sudden, the game changed complexion and we found ourselves on the back foot for the rest of the match. San Souci were on the attack while we had our foot on the break. However our players hung in and dug deep and we got away with the win. Both **Jerry** and **Walid** were outstanding and very solid in their game. Keep it up! **Alex** our goalkeeper saved the match again. It was noticeable after one training session on the Monday with **Wally's** goalkeeper training how confident **Alex** was at goals. Well done **Alex**! In the second half **Marc's** control of the high ball using his chest was beautiful to watch!

Well done Bexley as it was a hard match!

Coach: *John Verteouris*



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Local Heroes

1st May | 12C Penshurst West (1) vs Bexley North (3)

A very good start in the game with the players showing great team work with top passes and playing their positions. **Cameron** did some excellent work on chasing and attacking the ball in their half, and **Jonathan** with some great defending stopping a few goal attempts. The team are showing we can do this together instead of individuals with hardly any mistakes or faults in play resulting in our first goal by **Cameron**. Doing a great job in keeping the ball in their half and good defence from **Thomas** kept the ball clear quite a few times. Nathan was on the ball with great keeping and the guys throwing in were exceptional. I could not fault the way these guys were playing.

Things didn't change much in the second half with good pressure throughout resulting in another goal from **Andrew**. Great set ups were happening and great goal protection when we were threatened, unfortunately Penshurst found a hole and slipped one in. Some great ball work from **Evan** changed the direction of play into their side. **Philip** took the ball in close to goal but lost it with quick recovery from the team kept the ball in play in the right places. **Alexander** put a nice high ball into the net taking us to win 3-1. Exceptional playing from the guys who knew they had a job to do and they did it. Congratulations 12C.

Assistant Coach: *George Vass*

2nd May | U10G Lugarno 2 (0) v Bexley North (1)

The fog lifted and it was warm again! Last time we played L2 we won 5-2, but they had no subs and went one player down in the second half. This time they were full strength and that made today's win a better one. We had the better of the game with **Kate**, **Grace**, **Carol** and **Christina** continually applying pressure. Some great dribbles **Carol**, don't forget too shoot! **Grace** got a deserved goal for her efforts, and while we possibly could have scored more, we did the hard work and kept them scoreless. **Jenna**, **Niko** and **Olivia** worked very hard in defence, while **Talia** and **Charlotte** were our second half defensive stars, chasing down or closing out their breakaway attacks. On the couple of occasions the attackers were too strong, **Madison** was brave and tenacious - a super effort. **Ellisia** our first half goalie hardly touched the ball and was more involved up front in the second half. **Stephanie** was in the right place a few times again this week and got some important touches to break up their moves and move us forward.

Our *Team Player of the Week* is **Charlotte**, who was fast, strong and clever in her defence. I can see some improvement in all of you and better positional play. Our defence has been consistent this year, but this week we saw glimpses in both halves of our forwards better staying in their positions. Well done girls. Connells again next week, so let's keep our good form rolling on.

Coach: *Vince*

2nd May | U11A Bexley North (1) vs Rockdale City Suns (4)

Our players were prepared well in the lead up to Game 4. Given the results of the last few weeks our game plan needed to step up a little. The players have done extremely well to date given our opening season games have been against three of the toughest teams in the competition.

Our players were motivated to give their best in this game. Getting to the ball first and a stronger defence line were our key strategies. Our forwards and mid-fielders pushed hard from the beginning, perhaps even taking Rockdale by surprise. There was some classy play by our boys on the wings who weren't afraid to take the ball up the line. Rockdale scored two early goals in the first half, and Bexley answered with a long range goal by **Lewis** making the score 2-1. Bexley had another attempt at goal but it hit the post, almost levelling the score before the half time whistle.

Some interesting calls by the referee kept both coaches (and parents) scratching their heads throughout the game! More saves were made by our keepers than the extra two goals scored by Rockdale in the second half, making the final score to 4-1. As a group we have learnt much about how we play as a team. Credit to our Coach Andy who continues to train the boys well, maximizing the potential of each player. Full credit to the team who are gelling well together as the season unfolds. All players are hopeful for a great game next week. A big thank you to Hassan and Costa from the 11C's for helping us out too!

Team Manager: *Anthony Spata*

2nd May | U14G Bexley North B2 (6) vs Bexley North B1 (0)

Kingsgrove Avenue was rocked from its foundations on Sunday morning as parents and fans were waiting in anticipation to watch their heroes B1 and B2 in action. There was cheering galore from both sides as their heroes made the entrance down the stairs and onto the pitch.



When the referee blew her whistle the match was evenly balanced for the first 10 minutes and B1 took the game to B2. There were opportunities from both sides.

At the 15th minute **Andrea** showed once again how by just reading the game and positioning yourself, trapping the ball for control will give you the finish to open the score and that is what **Andrea** did. There was lots of passing and some good finishing from our girls. **Sarah** scored 2 goals, **Fatia** 1 goal and **Alexandra** 1. **Sarah** showed her athletic ability and was brilliant on the left mid. **Stephanie** kept putting the pressure on up front and came close many times to score. Our backs in **Lauren**, **Eleni**, **Sophie** and **Christina** were rock solid. I cannot recall the goalkeeper ever touching the ball during the match. **Natasha**, **Nour**, **Jasmine** and **Kate** was relentless both in the midfield and defense and through out the match chimed in well by opening the game up for our strikers...

After the match B1 and B2 shook hands and were friends again!

Coach: *Themí Kalathas (B2)*

2nd May | U16GB Bexley North(2) vs Sans Souci (2)

Possibly one of those games that got away. We played well early, **Taylor** scored the first goal which came from the backs clearing well and some good passing from the midfielders. But soon after we let them get one back. In the second half we under under pressure but some good clearances from **Shareen**, **Zeinab** and **Bridget** kept the opposition forwards in check. We had a few opportunities up front but were unable to convert, shots stopped or gone too wide and **Jennifer** was heavily marked. Towards the end of the game, there was an unfortunate own goal... an accidental deflection and even though we felt we were the better team we were behind where it counts.

The girls then put in a superb sustained effort, pressing attack after attack with **Emily**, **Tina** and **Anne** pushing themselves and we were finally rewarded when **Fatima** scored as she pounced on a poor goal kick. Lessons will be learned from this game, improvements are still coming which is good and most of all the girls are still having fun. Thanks to **Tiana** and **Katherine** (U/14s) for helping and being super subs. Keep at it girls!

Manager: *Paul*

2nd May | AAWB Bexley North (1) vs Kogarah Waratahs (4)

A warm sunny day greeted the girls for their top of the table clash with the Kogarah Waratahs, the Division A current premiers. With a few key players out and few others carrying injuries into the game, the girls were able to call on **Zainab** from the U18G team to help out.

The early stages of the match saw the play equally balanced between both goals. It was evident from the outset that the Waratahs are a well drilled team and **Carla** was called on to make a number of saves. 15 minutes into the game a free kick from **Kalista** 20 metres out from the Kogarah goal saw the ball go past the outreaching hands of the goal keeper to put the Bombers in front 1 nil.

The Waratahs, increasingly frustrated, kept throwing everything at the Bombers and just

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before half time, a well executed run of play saw them level the score at 1 all, following a mixed up in the Bombers defence.

In the second half both teams ran down every ball on offer. Lorraine had a spectacular game, shutting down every attack from the Waratahs. The Bombers had many chances which went begging, but the speed of the game was taking its toll and 15 minutes in the Waratahs went ahead to lead 2 -1.

Desperate defence from the Waratahs saw our players knocked about and to their credit the Bombers held on tenaciously. With the sun in their eyes and combined with the physical game from the Waratahs, the Bombers held off the ball and against the run of play, Kogarah managed to score two further goals to take the final score to 4 to 1.

The ladies were far from disgraced in their performance against a well drilled and fancied Kogarah team. The Waratahs had to earn their victory today and realised that the Bombers are not the push over they thought they would be. There was exceptional play from all the Bombers, in particular **Lorraine** who had a phenomenal game, as did **Carly** and **Kalista**. Thanks to **Zainab** for helping us out. Great game ladies!

Manager: *Peter Fiori*

MATCH REPORTS - ROUND 2 & 3

18th April | U10G Bexley North(0) vs Connells Point (5)

Round 2 and more heat. Was this going to be our chance to find out where we sat in the pecking order in our tight knit comp? Last week we beat a Lugarno team while Connells lost to a Lugarno team. The game started slow and we had some of the run of play, but as the game wore on, we found they held their positions well and always had players where the ball went. We, on the other hand, didn't seem to be thinking so well about our game... maybe we were put off by their vocal dual coaches! No, some days it just doesn't happen and today was one of those days. Connells ran in 5 goals, but that probably flattered them. The girls did warm into the game, but nothing really came off. **Christina** put in a mammoth effort and was Team Player of the Week, but she was closely followed by **Niko's** first half keeping effort! The pecking order was not sorted today. Next week it's Lugarno (1), who is clearly the team to beat.

Coach: *Vince*

25th April | U16GB Bexley North(2) vs Ramsgate (0)

Hi everyone... proud of our girls, their first win of the season, 2-0, after drawing game one 2-2 and losing 2-0 in the second. This team is gelling together quite well with lots of new players but the best thing is that they are listening and learning.

Everyone had a fantastic game today, the backs (**Zeinab, Bridget, Lauren, Natalie, Shareen**) defended strongly and as a group helping each other clear the ball and supporting the keeper (**Manel**) who had another great game in goal. The midfielders (**Tina, Emily, Anne, Taylor**) just ran and ran and pushed some unbelievable through balls to our forwards (**Jennifer, Monica, Fatima**) who always had the opposition keeper scared and camped in her box. We had a few injuries, collisions and barges, but the girls, to their credit, wanted to keep the pressure up and got back on the field as soon as they recovered.

It was also good to see the girls have confidence in themselves and to back themselves and look to either pass or take the shot at goal. It is still early in the season, but things look good as long as the girls remember to listen and learn to Coaches Ali and James and most of all have FUN. Well done again girls.

Manager: *Paul* (the loud one)

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25th April | U10G Bexley North(0) vs Lugarno 1 (1)

Finally some cooler weather! A big game and we were hoping for some better luck and a better showing than last week. We certainly got the latter, but maybe not the former. The girls did themselves and all watching BNFC fans proud.

Lugarno (1) are a strong side and they played most of the game in our half, but never really looked like scoring. Every time they got a sniff, **Jenna** or **Tahlia** or **Talia** or **Alysha** snuffed it out. And then there was **Ellisia** in goal, who covered her whole area and was a safe pair of hands with some huge clearing kicks that helped relieve the pressure. Late in the game she hurt her leg, and **Alysha** took over, but **Ellisia's** efforts made her our Team Player of the Week. She was well challenged for the coveted award by all 11 other girls.

Kate, **Grace** and **Christina** again showed why they are a magnificent midfield and **Stephanie**, **Madison** and **Carol** tried to play up front but quickly realised they were also needed towards the back and helped out superbly. While coach feels his substitutes may have caused just enough confusion for Lugarno to score their feeble but deadly goal, **Kate's** two massive late shots almost let him off the hook. Her second went just wide, but her first should have gone in, and would have if one of the 300 tufts of grass that is Gannons Midi hadn't launched the ball into the air where the keeper in her efforts to avoid it managed to touch it with her arm and it just snuck over the bar. That effort next week will get us back to winning ways. Huge game; well done girls!

Coach: *Vince*

25th April | U18GA Sans Souci 2 (0) vs Bexley North (5)

After a cold and wet morning the skies cleared at Claydon for this early afternoon kickoff against the second Sans Souci team. The team had practised possession football at training and this appeared as an ideal game in which to pass and move and gain trust in each other's play.

On 10 minutes it was **Cailyn's** long throw that allowed **Zainab** to race free and score. SS showed they are a physical team and they played to their strengths by lumping the ball forward at every opportunity. The opposition won a free kick for a hand ball and our practice sessions in keeping a high defensive line and racing back to protect the keeper paid off with **Mel G** in particular showing great timing and positioning to clear a threatening situation. Conversely, a BN free kick was not well defended by SS with defenders dropping back to the goal line only to admire **Fatima's** shot flying inside the far post.

The second half was played into the teeth of a strengthening southerly and SS controlled the first 10 minutes or so. The wind meant that the girls needed to keep the ball on the ground and with passing and movement they gradually progressed up the field. **Manale** played a perfect weighted pass across the penalty area for **Cailyn** to coolly slot home at the far post. **Sarah** played a perfect ball through the SS defence for her sister **Alissar** to ruthlessly put into the corner of the net, and late on after busy work down the right by **Zainab**, **Fatima** crossed for **Manale** to crash the ball in from close range.

Coaches: *Mark & Perry*

24th April | 6 Bear 3 Bexley North vs Lugarno 4

Finally Bears 3 get their momentum in round 3 scoring 5 goals. The girls, **Charlotte** (a.k.a. Charli) played magnificently, dribbling the ball past the boys and scoring 2 goals and Amy just missing another goal after breaking through the defense. The boys **Peter**, **Adrian** and **Ali** each scoring goals.

Coach: *Carlo*