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**St Marys  
Football  
Club**



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nicole Collins

As we wrap up the 2024 soccer season, it's clear that this year has been marked by significant achievements and challenges for St Marys Football Club.

**Weather Challenges:** The wet weather has once again played havoc with our season, presenting ongoing challenges. Despite this, the club has shown remarkable resilience and adaptability.

**Club Growth:** We are pleased to report a substantial increase in club participation this year. Overall registered players have risen by 57%, reaching a total of 422. Notably, female registrations have surged by 149%, totalling 127, while male registrations have increased by 34%, bringing the total to 291. This growth reflects our successful efforts to engage and support players across all demographics.

**Team Participation:** Our club's expansion is also evident in the rise in team participation, which has grown by 68% to 32 teams. This increase demonstrates our club's growing appeal and the effectiveness of our community outreach.

**MKO and Mini-roo 3-5 years old & u5-u11:** This season has been truly exceptional for our Grass roots Programs, as we've witnessed remarkable growth and enthusiasm among our young players. With a huge number of participants joining club, our fields have been bustling with the energy and excitement of children discovering, developing, and excelling in the joy of soccer. The increase in registrations reflects not only the program's appeal but also the positive impact of our dedicated coaches and engaging sessions and games. Families have shared glowing feedback about their children's improved skills, confidence, and enjoyment, underscoring the success of our age-appropriate training and supportive environment and importance of grass roots programs. Our goal of running our mini-roo kick off program and our grass roots community-based football is to lay a strong foundation for the future, demonstrating our commitment to nurturing a love for soccer from an early age and building a vibrant community around our club.

**Competition teams u12-u16:** This season has been thrilling for our U12 to U16 competition teams, with each match bringing excitement and exceptional performances. Our players have shown incredible skill, determination, and teamwork, resulting in a series of captivating games and impressive results.

The competition has been fierce, but our teams have risen to the challenge, demonstrating both sportsmanship and talent. The enthusiasm and dedication of our young athletes have made this season one to remember, highlighting the strength and potential of our future stars.

**On-Field Success:** This season has been a triumph on the field, highlighted by our AAW4 team's outstanding performance as Minor Premiers. We also enjoyed a successful final series, with six teams reaching the Grand Finals. Of these, five teams emerged victorious:

U12 Boys: 1-0

AAW4: 2-1

AAW5: 3-0

AAM7: 1-0

AAM9 Black: 2-1

**Grants and Community Support:** Our club has also benefited from two NSW Office of Sports Local Sport Grants, which have greatly contributed to our success and community impact:

1. Upgrade Sporting Equipment: This grant enabled us to purchase new equipment including goals, bibs, balls, and other essentials. The upgrade has significantly improved the quality of our sporting experiences, reduced financial barriers for our members, and increased participation.

2. Community to Save a Life: The Local Sport Defibrillator Program grant provided us with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) package. This vital equipment enhances safety at our facilities, offering peace of mind and potentially saving lives in emergency situations.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible volunteer committee and to all the dedicated individuals and families who generously gave their time throughout the season. Your commitment and hard work—whether it was setting up fields, managing games, or assisting with various tasks—have been crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of our football activities. Your willingness to step in and support our community reflects the true spirit of teamwork and dedication that makes our club thrive. We deeply appreciate your contributions and the positive impact you've made on our players and their families. Thank you for your unwavering support and for helping to make this season a great success.

**Looking Ahead:** As we look forward to the next season, we are committed to building on our successes, and continuing to enhance our club's infrastructure and community engagement. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this season a memorable one.

Let's continue to support each other and strive for excellence both on and off the field.

Sincerely,

Nicole Collins

President, St Marys Football Club





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President, St Marys Football Club

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rebecca Pressick

## **Playing Season**

Well here we have it, another season done and dusted. Whilst there have been some challenges, like weather events causing disruptions to more rounds than I would care to remember. There have also been many amazing achievements for our club this year, like the almost doubling of our member & team numbers, to fielding 6 finals teams, where 5 of those teams took home the top prize. To put that into perspective, that is more finals teams than the clubs within our Association who are 3 times the size of our club. A ratio that we are super proud of. We are definitely punching well above our weight. What an amazing result!!! Well done Saints!

A special mention to our 2 All Age Women's teams, with the Division 4 team who were not only Finals Winners, they are also Minor Premiers of their competition. A phenomenal result considering that they are still only a relatively new team, being only their second season together. Add to that, the Division 5 team, against all odds, clawed their way up from 6th position on the ladder, to knocking out the undefeated Minor Premiers with back to back victories in the Championship Rounds, to then being Finals Winners! Honestly I could not of even imagined this outcome. I true story of the rising of the underdogs.

## **Female Football**

With the recent hype around the Women's World Cup and the "Matilda Effect" taking hold, we as a club took to task at making as many playing opportunities available as possible for women & girls who want to play our beautiful sport. 2024 saw us as a club really put in a concerted effort in growing our female only teams. This season saw us field 4 Junior all girls teams (U11, U12, U14 & U15) & 2 All Age Women's teams. That is an astounding 300% increase in female teams from the 2023 season, and whilst there have been some challenges that come along with such an accelerated amount of growth, I personally had the privilege of not only coaching one of these teams, but also witnessing many amazing young ladies playing their first ever season of football. I must say I am super excited that girls are getting involved with the greatest sport in the world & I love nothing more than watching them get enjoyment from playing, growing in confidence & improving every single week. Hopefully this is the start to many more girls enjoying our sport and the growth of all girls' teams at our club.

## **Fundraising & Sponsorships**

SMFC have always prided ourselves on being a family friendly, member centric club, with a focus on keeping our great sport affordable and accessible to all. With these key principals in mind, we have always stived to keep our registration fees as low as possible. What most members don't know is that we as a club do not actually make any revenue from registrations. Our registration fees are made up of the Football NSW & Nepean Football Association fees, Insurance & match fees to pay for game day officials. All other operational costs like, field hire, lighting, electricity, equipment, field marking equipment & paint, playing strips, presentations (trophies, events) etc, all need to be funded from other sources. This means that we have to maintain other ways to generate income to keep our club viable and in a good financial position.

### **Sponsorship**

A massive thank you to our major sponsors Raine & Horne St Marys & St Marys Leagues Club continued supporting our club into 2024. Without the support of our sponsors, we could not continue to provide the necessary equipment & affordable registrations to our members. Members, the ask is to please support these amazing businesses who so generously support our club.

### **Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**

- This year's main fundraising event was a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser, with the funds being raised for the purpose of paying for the end of season carnival. Those who participated raised a whopping \$7,900 to date, with another \$3,380 to be realised on return of the outstanding payments! A massive shout out to The U14 girls' team who sold an impressive 69 boxes & are the winners of the team party. Also a huge thank you to the Sweeney/Steedman Family who sold an astounding 28 boxes taking out the family prize of the Professional Family Photo shoot, & who could forget Sienna Sarkissian who absolutely smashed it, taking out the prize for the highest individual sales with 26 boxes sold earning her 2 x Raging Waters entry passes. What an amazing result. A huge thank you for everyone who supported this fundraiser, we really appreciate all of your efforts & support.

### **Grants**

This year we were fortunate enough to secure \$15,000 in grant funding which helped contribute towards replacing all of our old playing & training equipment, new line marking machine and provide training balls to all of our Junior members. Without this funding we would not have been able to provide all of this brand new equipment & training balls.

## **MiniRoos Kick-off program**

This year saw the 3rd year of our MiniRoos Kick-Off Program which is an introduction of basic soccer skills for 3 to 5 year old's. Enrolments continue to well exceed the numbers anticipated & it was very clear from the start that there is definitely an unmet demand in our local district for this type of program for budding soccer players. A big thank you to our Junior Coaches who provided assistance to run the program for 10 weeks. We couldn't of provided this program without you. Thank You.

I would like to say a massive thank you for all the parents who volunteered to be Coaches & Managers of our teams this year. It has been a particularly hard year trying to keep the families engaged & participating with all the rained our rounds. Without your time & efforts we could not put kids on the field, it's as simple as that. Also to the mums, dads & grandparents that got their kids to training & games week in and week out & were there cheering on the sidelines to support their child's team, thank you to you too. Your kids really appreciate you being there. And finally, to my fellow Committee members, thank you for all you do to make this all happen. There is a massive amount of work that goes on behind the scenes that most members do not see or even know about. Without volunteers like yourselves, we would not have our Club today. I hope everyone has a happy & safe off season & I hope to see you all again next year.

Sincerely  
Bec Pressick  
Secretary SMFC

# TREASURER'S REPORT

**Fiona Towney**

St Mary's Football Club finishes the season in a strong financial position, a testament to the dedication of our committee, the support of our families, and the generosity of our sponsors and local government grants. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Raine and Horne St Mary's and the St Mary's Rugby League Club for their continued backing.

Despite facing challenges in engaging and maintaining participation for fundraising efforts, we appreciate the extraordinary commitment shown by those who supported our Cadbury Chocolate drive. Congratulations to Sienna S for being the top individual fundraiser, the Steedman/Sweeney Family for leading the family category, and the u14 Girls team for their outstanding efforts winning the team category. Additionally, our Senior Trivia Night was a resounding success, providing an evening filled with laughter and lasting memories. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a memorable and successful season.

Fiona  
Treasurer

# **MINIROO'S REPORT**

**Stephen Collis**

Well what can I say about all these wonderful little future Soccerroos and Matildas and the season of Mini roos kick off we had in 2024.

A frustrating season for all teams weather wise and we were no exception, but all the kids have improved out of sight. At the start of the season most of the kids wouldn't even come on the field, so to be running proper drills by seasons end is amazing. I hope to see each and every one of you back next season, whether that is playing under 5s or still in the mini roos kick off program. Thank you kids for a wonderful season, I hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as I enjoyed coaching you all.

# COMP SEC'S REPORT



Satya Naicker

2024 has been a fantastic and rewarding year for SMFC







We had the most number of All Age teams on finals, together with EMFC. We had 5 teams (AAW4, AA5, AA10, AA9 and AA7) qualifying for finals. AAW4, AAW5, AA9 and AA7 being grand final winners and AA10 being runners up. Our U12 mixed team also qualified to finals from juniors and were eventual winners. Our U16 Boys, U15 Girls, U14 Girls, U14 boys, U13 Boys and U12 girls made the second phase of play, missing out on the last hurdle. And even better 4 teams made grand final day with 2 eventual winners.



It was another good year for SMFC punctuated with a few washouts, mid week games. A good year all around with players and followers all enjoying the great family atmosphere.

Both home team members and away teams enjoying the delicious BBQ by Chris together with his team. And also the enormous efforts by Robbie, Shane and Tanvi.

Starting with the teams. We had 32 teams this year compared to 19 last year. We had 2 X U5, 2 X U6, 4 X U7, 3 X U8, 3 X U9, 1 X U10, 2 X U11, 1 X U12, 1 X U11 Girls, 1 X U12 Girls, 1 X U13B, 1 X U14 Boys, 1 X U15 Girls, 1 X U16B, 2 X AAW, 5 X AAM.

Great effort by the secretary in getting 4 girls teams and 2 AAW. Herself playing in both teams to get the teams running and eventually winning both grand finals.



## **Trials**

It was great to have some trial games before the main competition started. As always our fields become available to us a week before the main competition begins as also used by cricket association, none the less was able to organise trails at away fields.

Thanks to Emu Plains FC, Band Club FC, St Clair FC, Blacktown St Patricks SC, St Marys Converts and cranebrook united for the trials. Sincere appreciation for your assistance.

## **Mini Roos Kickoff Program**

Another great year for the Mini Roos kick-off program. Ran the program with Stephen stepping in when myself not available. Thanks for all your assistance. Without which we would not be able to run the program so smoothly.

We started with more than 30 kids and the numbers then fluctuated due to the weather and other commitments.

The kick-off was pushed back by a week due to wet weather and continues in term 3.

Great support with the game leaders ( Isabella, Thomas T, Thomas C, Kaiden, Jake, Jamie, Sydney, Jayden, Ryac, Malakai) allowed the program to run smoothly. Tanvi, Toshani, Aaditya, Mameet and Harjot stepped in when other kids were occupied.

## **The Real Competition**

We had 7 competition junior teams and 7 All Age teams. We had 5 all age mens teams and two all age womens team and also 4 girls teams. Their achievements speaks for themselves. Thanks again for all your effort.

A very heartfelt thanks to all coaches and managers who volunteered their precious times for the kids in general. Especially Mini Roos teams with some parents volunteering for the first time. Learning the ropes of the trade the hard way. All of your effort is very much appreciated. And also to all parents, carers , siblings and families who assisted the coaches and managers at trainings and also game days.

To all coaches and managers, a very big thank you for your efforts, **NO CLUB CAN OPERATE WITHOUT SELFLESS VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU. WE'LL NEED YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR.**

## **Communications**

Communications has been ever improving from previous years. Continued with the WhatsApp group with all managers, coaches and committee members. This is made it much easier to correspond will all and vice-versa. It became much easier to pass information to all members/players via coaches and managers.

Keep up with good work. Thanks to all.

## **Electronic Match Sheets (EMS)**

We continued with DRIBL from previous year.

Another year for the Electronic Match Sheets full time, with the exception of network down allowing the use of paper match sheets. Finally coaches and managers had to pull their heads in to start using the system.

Communications and reminders really helped in ironing the issues out.

Also great effort by new managers and coaches to get themselves in line with the system

The EMS has really made life easier with upgrades, notification of suspended players, recording extra data if the team wants and also statistics collection.

Great with DRBL was the updates went to everyone involved. During washouts and fixture changes. Need to be on high alert all times with fines for not doing right.

Keep DRIBLING

## **Game Leaders**

These Game leaders Isabella, Jayden, Thomas T , Tanvi, Thomas C, Kaiden, Jake, Jamie, Sydney, ConnorJayden, Ryac and Malakai) allowed the program to run smoothly. Tanvi, Toshani, Aaditya, Mameet and Harjot stepped in when other kids werenot available.

## **Fields & Game Day**

Firstly thanks to all parent helpers, coaches and managers for assisting in setting up fields for their games and packing up after the games. Just to note that it was mostly the same parents helping week in week out. Fields were duly marked every 2-3 weeks for the games. Was assisted in marking fields by Chris. Very much appreciated.

Finally would like to thanks all those volunteers, parent helpers, parents, families, siblings, and carers who have assisted in a way another to a very successful year for SMGC

Thank you all for taking pride in being associated with ST MARYSFOOTBALL CLUB. Let us always strive to improve ourselves and encourage everyone we meet to feel they are appreciated.

WITH DUE CARE PLAY AND LET EVERYONE PLAY  
SEE YOU ALL AGAIN 2024



Satya Naicker  
Competition Secretary  
St Marys Football Club

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Satya Naicker

## Wow what an influx in 2024

Firstly thanks to all members of our committee who assisted in the registration process. Specially committee members taking time out to assisting with uniforms and equipment . Every member assisted in a way or two.

Very much appreciated. Also not forgetting Aiden doing all the stuff at the background.

Categories	Numbers by comparison		
	2022	2023	2024
Players	265	268	422
Non players	53	46	82
Females	34	51	127
Teams	23	19	32
Female teams	0	2	7
Junior players (U5 to U16)	194	184	295

The hard work begins now in retaining and building on these players.

The numbers would have been much bigger if we would have been able to retain 90% of our previous players. We lost more than 130 players in the last year. That means we have more than 200 new members to the club. Our major goal is to retain all.

We started with 20 teams and then unfortunately some members of one team pulled out. We had to merge with an existing team. We ended up with 19 teams. We had 1 X U5, 1 X U6, 2 X U7, 2 X U8, 1 X U9, 1 X U10, 1 X U11, 1 X U12, 1 X U13G, 1 X U13B, 1 X U15B, 1 X U16B, 1 X AAW, 4 X AAM.

A big thanks to our secretary to work tirelessly to get a All Age Womens team onboard. We haven't had a womens team for a long time. We can only build from here.

Finally thank you all for taking pride in being associated with ST MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB. Let us always strive to improve ourselves and encourage everyone we meet to feel they are appreciated.

WITH DUE CARE PLAY AND LET EVERYONE PLAY

## FUTURE SAINTS



Satya Naicker  
Registrar  
St Marys Football Club

# Our 2024 Teams

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Under 5 Mixed

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Under 6 Mixed

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Under 6 Mixed

Under 7 Mixed

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Under 8 Mixed

Under 8 Mixed

Under 8 Mixed

Under 9 Mixed

Under 9 Mixed

Under 9 Mixed

Under 10 Mixed

Under 11 Mixed

Under 11 Mixed

Under 11 Girls

Under 12 Girls

Under 12 Mixed

Under 13 Boys

Under 14 Girls

Under 15 Girls

Under 16 Boys

All Age Women 4

All Age Women 5

All Age Men 7

All Age Men 9 White

All Age Men 9 Black

All Age Men 10

All Age Men 11

# St Marys Football Club Life Members

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Maureen Ruby  
Gladys Starr  
Sue Hartas  
Kerry Whitfield  
Ken Brooke  
Dianne Skuthorpe  
Ray Dunn  
Genelle Youssef  
Glenn Lawson  
Jamie Dettmer  
Maryanne Moore  
Alan Youssef  
Namatjira Skuthorpe  
Malcolm Ruby  
Vince Thorpe  
Michael Hartas  
Keith Whitfield  
Bruce Bailey  
Cheryl Dunn  
Nick Bruzzese  
Joe Youssef  
Brad Taylor  
John Witherby  
Luke Dunn  
Brendan Malzard  
Michael Clarke  
Maria Feleks  
George 'Glory' Osaghae  
Kevin Zoutendijk  
Satya Naicker

# Club Persons of the Year

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## Jamie Dettmer Junior Club Persons of the Year

### Thomas Thornton

- \* **Demonstrating leadership skills, encouraging and supporting players in the team.**
- \* **Being reliable, attending training and games, on time and ready to go with a soccer ball and drink bottle.**
- \* **Playing the game in the right spirit, including demonstrating respect for the referee, coaches, managers, supporters as well as the opposition.**
  - \* **Demonstrating sportsmanship**
- \* **Assisting the coach and manager and club with tasks, this may include things such as cleaning up witches hats, fields and rubbish during or after training and games.**
  - \* **Any other matters that the coach or manager may consider.**

Thomas Thornton has been honored as the Jamie Dettmer Junior Club Person of the Year 2024 for his exceptional leadership and sportsmanship.

His dedication to encouraging and supporting fellow players when game leading, coupled with his commitment to the MKO program, exemplifies the qualities this award represents. Despite a significant improvement in his football skills this season, Thomas faced the challenge of missing a substantial portion of the games due to injury. Nevertheless, his unwavering support for the team coach, manager, and club, along with his proactive involvement off the field, highlights his remarkable character and steadfast commitment to the team.



# Club Persons of the Year

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Carol Leavey Club Person of the Year

*Victor Chavez*

**The Carol Leavey Club Person of the year award is presented annually to a senior member of SMFC for exceptional contribution to the club. The candidate is someone who makes regular and valued contributions for the overall benefit of the club and fellow members. A senior member is any person 18 years and over, who is a player, coach, manager, committee member or Parent / Guardian of a Player.**

Victor Chaves has been awarded the 2024 Carol Leavey Club Person of the Year for his outstanding contributions to St. Mary's Football Club.

As a senior member, Victor's dedication is evident through his regular and valuable input, which greatly benefits both the club and its members. His commitment to coaching teams, supporting his players on and off the field, leading goalkeeper training sessions, and actively participating in the committee underscores his exceptional service and leadership, making him a deserving recipient of this honor.



# Team Player Awards

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As voted for by each team

	<b>Most Valuable Player</b>	<b>Players Players</b>	<b>Most Improved Player</b>
<b>U14 Girls Division 2</b>	Sienna Guilfoyle	Sienna Guilfoyle	Sophina Tran
<b>U15 Girls Division 1</b>	Chloe Harris	Lilliana Daly	Summer Speelman
<b>U16 Boys Division 2</b>	Cohen A Cunningham	Young Deng	Charlie Uren
	Declan Filbin		
<b>Aaw4 - The Goblins</b>	Brittany Walker	Rebecca Leahy	Victoria Garry
<b>Aaw5 - Unhinged</b>	Madyson French	Emma Higgins	Annie Griffin
<b>Aam7</b>	Zaid Granzooy	Riley Jarnet	Luke Richards
<b>Aam9 White</b>	Shmshun Zaya	Ashour Slewo	Matthew Baso
<b>Aam9 Black</b>	Isaac Meek	Lauchlan Smith	Mohammed Rearz
<b>Aam10</b>	Jacob Feleks	Darren Wombey	Dylan Ellem
<b>Aam11</b>	Christopher Shields	Russell Jarman	Shane Thornton

# Years of Service Milestones

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## **CLUB MEMBER**

## **YEARS**

Aryan Prasad	10 Years
Lucas Ebrim	10 Years
Young Deng	10 Years
Alan Youssef	5 Years
Amelia Newson	5 Years
Andreas Emperado	5 Years
Charlie Lange	5 Years
Connor Brown	5 Years
Jacob Youssef	5 Years
Jadah Bolton	5 Years
Malav Patel	5 Years
Robert Keevers	5 Years
Shaun Ram	5 Years
Stephen Lange	5 Years
Tehan Gurusinghe	5 Years
Xavier Murphy-Paskin	5 Years

# Under 5 Lions

The under 5 lions have come a long way since the start of the season. We went from crying and running off the field to getting out there and having fun. Unfortunately, we lost Mila early in the season to injury, she was a great little player.

Each of the Lions brought their own flare onto the field. Phoenix is a quick little runner and is always ready to take on the other team. Allison is great at defending and is always watching to make sure the ball is kept away from the goal.

Kavith was always happy to get on the field and have some fun. Jugraj is a great striker and loved to score a goal. Veronica always had a smile on her face and was always getting in to have a go. Olivia loves to get out on the field and give it her best.

Even though the team didn't get many wins, they never gave up and continued to enjoy every game. Thank you to Rachel our amazing coach.

The kids loved having you as their coach and you always made sure they had fun. Also, thank you to all the parents for bringing your kids to the games and training every week and also for all the help throughout the season.

We hope to see you all again next season.

# Under 6 Foxes

## A note from Coach Ally;

Firstly, a huge thank you to the St Marys Football Club Committee, who make each season possible. Your dedication and passion should be recognised. So again, thank you for giving up your own family time to make the St Marys Football family possible.

This season has been trying with the weather and what felt like constant wash-outs, but at the end of the day the Foxes have had so much fun and that's what it's all about! Fun!

Not only have we learnt the fundamentals of football, but we've built friendships and worked together as a team.

I would like to give a shout out to all the Foxes family members who have lent a hand throughout the season, whether it be half-time snacks, jersey washing, fundraising or volunteering for field set-up and canteen/BBQ duty. Nothing we have done this season would have been half as good if it hadn't been for your help.

Lastly a special mention and big thank you to our Team Manager, Lisa. You are a legend, and I wouldn't have managed half as well if I didn't know you had my back. Oh, and my vest!

It has been my absolute pleasure coaching the Foxes this season.

## Now let's meet the team!



**Aiden "The Dozer" Koprivanac**

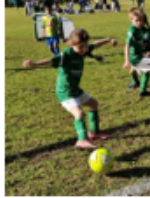


Those who question Aiden's focus off the field have never seen him on the field.

He is sure footed and will carry the ball from one end to the other, rarely mis-stepping.

Fate be with the opposing player should they try to stand in his way, they'll likely end up flat on their backs!

**Alannah "Go Getter" Bullows**



Alannah's tenacity and never-give-up attitude is out done by none.

You can be sure she will get herself into the winning position just in the nick of time and when her call for the ball is answered, make sure your cameras are rolling!

Her teammates listen for her direction whether she's on or off the field. The cheer is strong in this team player.

**Anarita "Fast Foot" Fidow**



Rita's skill and passion for the sport shines through when she is on the field.

Her quick analysis of the field will leave the opposing player spinning on the spot trying to figure out where she's taken the ball.

Before they know it, she's passing with precision, setting up her fellow teammate or scoring a goal!

**Angad "The Trickster" Ghuman**



Don't be deceived by Angad's nonchalant attitude on the field.

When the opposing player dares set foot in his perimeter, he will flick that ball right out from between their feet and towards his teammate.

Being the youngest sibling has taught Angad to play it cool and strike when least expected!

**Domenico "The Protector" Orbegoso**



The fire and loyalty in Domenico's heart brings fervor to his game.

You can be sure that if his teammate has the ball any attacks from the opposing side will be thwarted, pressuring them away from their target.

Just try and get past this player! I dare you!

**Flynn "The Dreamer" Cosgrove**



Flynn's ever-growing skill with the ball makes him our most improved player.

What some may see as apprehension when approaching a tackle, we know is his mastermind plan to keep the opposing team guessing.

Should you see Flynn's mind wander on the back field, one can only assume he is strategically putting his next move in place!

**Hudson "The Boot" Mee**



A surefooted defender, Huddy's strongest game is played on the back field.

Whenever the opposing team manages to steal the ball, they hope in their hearts they can keep it away from The Boot!

With a strong foot, Hudson sends the ball flying forward from the back field!

**Hunter "The Striker" Ryan**



With valor and conviction Hunter makes the ball work for him.

Wherever he is positioned on the field you can bet the ball will be flying towards the goal at top speed if an opening is given.

Not to mention the signature slide that will follow, watch your ankles!

# Under 7 Panthers

What a season our U7 Panthers had...

Off the back of the Women's World Cup and the rise of the Matilda's, we were so lucky to have been given the opportunity to help guide and support this group of excited young stars, most of whom were new to the world of football.

With a few disruptions in the season with washouts and wet weather, we couldn't play nearly half the season but our Panthers were still eager and excited to play and did not let getting muddy in their way of having fun and scoring those goals.

Aubrey, Ayla, Evan, Izzy, William and Zariah, from the day we started to the day we had our final game, we can see how much each of you have grown in confidence, resilience, ability and sportsmanship. You each brought something different to our group that made us who we were as a team, the determination, the feistiness, the laughter and teamwork bonded you together. You all tried your absolute best each game you played and we as coach and manger could not be any proud of you.

Tenae and I would like to give a big shout out to our biggest cheerleader...Evans grandma, you made sure the whole field heard your cheers for our young Panthers when they played and we thank you for that, as well as the families of our young ones, thank you for trusting us and showing up each week raring to go.

Ashlee (coach) & Tenae (manager)

Regards,  
Ashlee

# Under 7 Alligators

Under 7 alligators were a whole new team starting from the coach, to the manager and including all the kids. All the kids played really well throughout the season, improved every game and learnt new skills.

Throughout the season Elye and Damiano played with such enthusiasm and passion with scoring the most goals. Jaxson, Charbel, Christoper and Sofia were amazing getting better and better after each game. Each player contributed to the team and they played really well together which was lovely to see. Our best game was 19-1.

Our main goal for the kids was to learn the flow of the game and how to think for themselves on the field. Over the course of the season the kids became more confident with their soccer skills, they improved with their dribbling, passing and shooting for a goal, Which was nice to watch. The kids worked so well working as a team and we are very proud of them.

Jeff and I would like to think the mums and dads who supported not only their child but the whole team each week for cheering and encouraging from the sideline. Congratulations and thank you to all our kids.

Kind Regards

Natalie Ranieri - Coach

# Under 7 Hawks

## **U7 Hawks**

This has been a year where our kids have lived their best soccer lives. Many of them had never played soccer before, but every single one jumped in with unadulterated enthusiasm and joy. It was all about having fun and learning a few rules on the way. We were not the most skilled team, we didn't win a lot of games, but every kid progressed as the season went on. If there was a prize for enthusiasm, team inclusiveness and genuine affection for each other – the Hawks would be taking home the trophy!

## **Aria**

The girl has got skills! Aria is developing into a great soccer player. She has great footwork, picked up the rules quickly and is superb at supporting those around her with great passing skills and a strong team inclusive ethic. She is observant and careful but executes when needed. She is our best defensive player by far and she often breaks through the opposition and is one of our best goal scorers! We have loved having Aria on our team.

## **Charles**

Charles loves soccer like fish love water. He lives and breathes this game and approaches every match with determination, passion and some great footwork skills. Charles wants to win, and he plays to win. He gets into the thick of it and often gets away with the ball. Charles makes opportunities to score happen, and with his speed and passion is going to be a force to reckon with as he gets older!

## **Grace**

Grace joined our team a little while after the season started, but has quickly picked up some great ball control skills. And she is so fast! When Grace chases a ball down, the other team is hard at work to try and keep up. We hope Grace keeps playing, if she develops the confidence and knowledge to tackle, she is going to be a great player!

## **Hamish**

Some kids are just like the sun breaking through clouds on a rainy day. Hamish is our sun. His smile lights up the world. He is developing into a really good player and whilst he is superb at supporting other players, when Hamish gets the ball and has an opportunity, he is absolutely capable of scoring goals. He plays with joy and enthusiasm and has been an absolute pleasure to coach in 2024.

## **Hassan**

Hassan is not as loud as the other kids. But he is a soccer enthusiast with really strong footwork. He doesn't hog the ball and is a really strong team player. But behind all that, he is going to be a really, really good soccer player. He already is! He doesn't get frustrated that other kids are not as skilled as he is, and he has been an invaluable member of the team.



### **Henry**

Henry started 2024 with no experience at all, but he has learned so much and has developed into a really good player. He is great defensively, and has made some great passes which led to goals for the team ( as well as scoring the odd goal himself). As the season progressed, Henry gained confidence in getting into the thick of it and trusting himself to get the ball. He is a great team player and always celebrates everyone's success and encourages others when he is sitting on the sideline.

### **Richard**

It's just as well that soccer is played in winter, because Richard is like a warm hug and big mug of hot chocolate – he is that wonderful. Richard has really developed confidence and skills as the season progressed, and has an impressive kick on him! He loves to perform for his family and loves encouragement and positive reinforcement. The whole team has loved having Richard on board for 2024 – he is always at training and there on match day, and he loves to encourage everyone.

### **Wyatt**

Wyatt is a dynamo, and instinctively understands where he needs to be and when he needs to be there. Wyatt is our top scorer in 2024, and has got there through great footwork, confidence and enthusiasm. Wyatt is a great teammate and has set up opportunities for other players too! Wyatt has speed, great ball control and the uncanny ability to see gaps and to take advantage of them – a skill that many older players are still developing, but just seem to come preprogrammed in Wyatt. He commits himself to the game with passion and joy!

### **Manager: Heather**

If you looked up organization in the dictionary, there would be a picture of a Heather carrying our kit bag, juggling match sheets and the after match lolly bag. Heather has kept parents updated, has helped with coaching and ensured that every single player on the team had the chance to shine on the field! We would have been a bumbling mess without Heather keeping us on the straight and narrow every week!

### **Coach: Lisa**

Lisa put her hand up when nobody else seemed keen to coach. She thought that because she played hockey as a kid, that this would not be too hard. It was like herding cats. Kids this young want to have fun and there were times she feared they would not learn anything at all, but they have all done her proud AND covered for her gaps in knowledge and skills as a coach. Lisa is going to miss them all now the season has ended.

# Under 8 Red

This season saw the return of Acacia, Sidney, Chase, Parees, Maddison, Hussain and David along with the introduction of some new faces Jeremy, Kumayl, Patrick, Nixon, and Jaxon.

We saw the team go from a small field with only 4 players to the bigger field with 6 players and a goalkeeper which everyone loved.

I am so proud of the U8 Reds the hard work and team work you all showed through out the year is fantastic.

Thank you again to my right-hand lady Manager Faye and my assistant coach Leigh the Reds and I couldn't have done it without you both.

Can't wait for next year.

Thank you  
Krystle  
(Coach)

What an awesome season for the U8 Reds! Every game was filled with fun and laughter, and it was a joy to see the team's chemistry grow as they learned to work together.

Watching the kid's unique personalities come out, especially during the goal celebrations, brought lots smiles and laughs to the parent cheerleaders.

Each game was a testament to their teamwork, enthusiasm and our amazing coach, Krystle!

Can't wait to see what next season brings!

Faye  
(Manager)



# Under 8 Blue

U8 Blue  
Coach: Cameron  
Manager: Alison

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces return from 2023 and welcomed some new players to our team and club in 2024.

This season was a challenge for our children as we moved up to the bigger field, teams needed to start using a goal keeper, and learn positions on the field. Regardless of the results every player walked off the field at the end of the game with a smile on their face.

As the season progressed the team started to know how each other played, majority had a chance to play goal keeper and learn a new skill. Once we were regraded and playing against similar teams our team we started to see some goals and results.

We as Coach and Manager are very pleased with the way 8 Blues finished off the season. Well done, James, Austin, Liam, William, Paora, Fatima, Memphis, Charlie, Jesse, Rowan, Angel and Volkan!  
A massive thank you to our parents who volunteered to help in the canteen, set up the field, bring fruit each week, and wash our jerseys.

We look forward to seeing you all again for a run in U9 for 2025!

# Under 8 Green

As being coach for U8 Green I can honestly say how much they improved week by week from training to the games on Saturday. They worked as a team each week and supported each other every game. They listened well to the coach and manager and it was a privilege to be their coach this year.

Coach Courtney of U8 Green 2024.



# Under 9 Red

## 2024 Under 9 Reds

The 2024 season has been quite a challenging one for the Under 9 Reds, as well as for the rest of the local area. Many a Saturday morning was spent awaiting the message from the Team Manager to notify us if yet another game was being washed out due to bad weather or we'd actually get to step foot on the field. Although us parents had to break the news of another Saturday Indoors hiding from the rain, and then console our dejected children, nothing could dampen the spirits of those kids when they finally returned to training and the pure happiness in their eyes as the whistle blew for the kick off on those lucky and longed for mornings when the sun decided to shine.

**Edward Jarman:** The all-rounder, a player that would always see what the team required and filled the role with 100% effort. Whether the stalwart fullback or the adaptive mid fielder, his signature frown as the game was on the line could only mean that whatever level of effort shown so far was about to amplify.

**Jayda Hunter:** Each week, you can almost feel when Jayda is in the immediate vicinity, carrying a quiet confidence under a sweet demeanor, her personality instantly lifts the team to overcome some of the tougher moments when all seems lost. Not to mention a wickedly underrated strength in her boot that's able to clear the ball exactly when needed.

**Honnesh Mudaleir:** The Wall in the backfield, a dedicated full-back that would always show his defensive prowess just as the opponent finds a break, forcing them to face him down, which rarely went their way. Always smiling and having fun and always the first to come to the support of a comrade whenever needed, a true team-mate,

**Jarrah William Andreatta:** What started as a singularly focused striker, evolved over the 2024 season into one of the most well-rounded players to show up each week. Once that ball touches his boot you have to try not blink so as not to miss the dribbling through an entire team, only then to see the ball passed off to an open teammate or flicked in the direction the goalie least expects it.



**Andreas Daniel Emperado:** Watching Andy play is like spectating a real-life FIFA player. A clinical mid fielder who is always in the right place at the right time. His field IQ and positioning are impeccable and he is always calling for the ball from the open field or sitting in the pocket after disappearing from behind his defender and reappearing right in front of the opposing goal.

**Skye Sevander:** One of the more reserved players on the field, but easily one of the strongest personalities, with a playstyle that lifts the entire team. Although small in stature, somehow Skye always finds a way to make the orange goalie uniform almost a warning sign for those opponents that are trying to put it one in the back of the net.

**Dau Ather Deng:** A true force to be reckoned with, +on the field as well as off. A star striker that almost effortlessly dances around the opposing team, utilising the power in his boot, as much as the agility in his deliveries, to make the ball disappear before the goalie and reappear in the back of the net.

**Ranna Jamil:** A passionate player that will never back down from an opponent of any size or skill. Her tenacity only matched by her ability to pick-pocket the ball from an opponent's feet and pass off to the nearest open player. A key component of the Reds midfield and an awesome personality to match.

**Lucas Koprivanac:** A well-rounded, passionate and versatile player, adjusting to any playstyle required by the circumstance. While Lucas was always willing to step into the role required, his strength lies on the left wing where his tricky techniques keep the opponents guessing. His rocket boot threatens putting a hole in the back of the net wherever he finds even the slightest opportunity.

**Kiara Murphy-Paskin:** A tenacious mid-field playstyle that almost seems to overcome her once the whistle blows. Off the field, a sweet girl always willing to talk to anybody and learn everything she can, but once that whistle blows and the game begins, a drive to always be on the ball and in any opponents way overtakes, especially if they make the mistake of underestimating her.

# Under 9 Blue

## SMFC U9 BLUE

Season 2024 for the U9 Blue 'Bears' was truly a sensational year for the kids. Most of the team returned and we also welcomed some new faces. This consistency allowed the team to grow together and improve their teamwork.

Individually each team member improved their skills as the year progressed. These things combined, saw the team perform extremely well each Saturday proving nearly impossible to defeat. The results of the team were outstanding. It was great to see everyone out there, trying their best, applying their skills and contributing to the team's success.

Huge thanks to the team manager Steve Lange who does all the communication and organising each week, allowing me to focus on the kids. He's there each week to help me run the kids at training as well, your support on and off the field is massive.

Now to the kids:

**Conner:** I thought Conner took a huge step forward this year, locking down the left side of the field. Connor has good speed and can chase down any attacker and can also bring the ball up the field and create chances with his super crosses.

**Jordan:** our rock at the back, Jordan effortlessly shuts down opposition attacks with his tacking and positioning. When the ball is at his feet, he looks to get the ball forward to a teammate so we can get down the other end of the field.

**Ryan:** one of the new faces, Ryan was a fantastic addition to the team. He settled in playing a defensive role and did a super job back there. Ryan was able to dominate his opposition and is ready for another big year next year.

**Tee:** another who took a leap forward this year, Tee showed fantastic skills out on the field and popped up with important goals. Tee was also a super keeper – good ball skills and fearless, a great combo. Tee might be trying footy next and we wish him the best... but there's always a spot in this team for you.

**Charlie:** far and away Charlie's best year in terms of contribution and skill development. Charlie's involvement in the game increased and his confidence soared. It was so good to see his efforts rewarded with a brace late in the year.

**Sammy:** unlimited potential just waiting to explode. Sammy shows flashes of brilliance at training and during games and when it comes together, watch out! Sammy is a natural and by training hard can realise his potential.

**Ryan:** it was great to see Rayan back in the team this year and he definitely contributed when available. Rayan would often pop up ready to play and similarly could pop up with an important goal or tackle just when we needed.

**Tehan:** such a clever player always filling the right spaces in the middle and looking for the best passes forward. Tehan is a willing learner, taking instruction and perfectly executing in training or the game.

**Ercan:** a great talent, Ercan could score from anywhere and as the season progressed really began to look to create for others. By bringing others into the play, Ercan added more skills to his range. By staying focused, training hard and taking instruction the sky is the limit for Ercan.

**Jacob:** a super year for Jacob. Happy to run all day, Jacob could drive the ball from defence into attack and create for others or finish himself. Jacob also improved his defence a lot this year which was pleasing. Only by training hard whenever you can, can you go to the next level.

## Under 10's Blue



What an amazing season for **St Mary's Football U10's Blue**. This year we had many returning faces and welcomed many new players. The team formed incredible bonds on and off the field, producing great results and team player skills. There were 10 fantastic wins, 2 extremely tight draws, 2 challenging losses, and 5 very sad Saturdays (players were so keen to play) that were washouts. Such fantastic effort in games but most importantly these young individuals have grown in maturity above their years to stay focused during distractions and adversity while playing. Their enthusiasm for training and passion and love for the game is contagious. Everyone has developed in many ways including strength, footwork, fitness, expanding positions, resilience, confidence, and sportsmanship. A big shout out to all the parents for supporting and encouraging your kids in their love for soccer. Thank you for your support and the respect shown to me as Coach, I'm very proud of all the players and their parents. We can't wait for a greater season next year.  
Onwards and Upwards!

**Coach Daniel.**



# Under 11 6s

Under 11 6 this season had some difficulty with numbers week to week, but the team showed great resilience when numbers were down.

These players showed tremendous improvement and were unrecognisable from side that suffered a great loss in our first trial to ending the season on a 8-2 victory.

Rafique Khatim (coach) and I (Sarah – Manager) are proud of their development and hope that the boys continue in their love of the sport.





# Under 11

## 8s



We started this season with a mixed team of first-time players and although we didn't win a game, we finished the season with a competitive team that has formed lasting friendships along the way.

The u11/8s Mavericks are a great group of committed players. All season they've worked to sharpen their skills and build confidence on the field. As coach, I've never cared about the scoreboard, mostly their development, their sportsmanship and their commitment to each other. They left nothing out and didn't disappoint. Each game we saw incredible improvement and have received compliments from competing teams for their sportsmanship.

By the end of the season they've learned where each other is best suited on the field, understood each others skills and built one of the best defences I've seen. Plus, it took us a whole season to have a full team on field.

The Mavericks have been great at adapting to suit the availability of players as each match presented new challenges - we've had sick players, injured players, often no subs and they just get in and play and have fun.

Also my first time as coach, which has been challenging to say the least. Each week, our team was at training having fun and mucking around, but come game day they're serious about getting on the field and I am so proud of each of them. This has been a wonderful experience and I'll cherish the time I've had with my son this season.

We also have the most supportive and involved group of parents. Thank you to our parents for their taxi services, after game snacks, involvement in training, photography and being the most enthusiastic cheer squad at each game.

Special thanks to our manager Lauren, without whom we wouldn't be organised, she has been an asset all season.

I may be biased, but The Mavericks are the best team ever.

### Shout outs:

Thomas was our first time goalie. Each week he showed outstanding commitment and character despite the pressure of his position. He's a great goalie, saving ten in one game! He later joined the team in mid-field for the last few games, and despite inexperience, really gave it a go and shined.

Ben, our little pocket warrior in mid-field and defence - he never gives up. The stamina he displays in each game is unmatched and he has a gift of popping up right where he needs to be to intercept a ball and assist his teammates.

Aadith may be on the smaller side, but he packs a punch and is an amazing little defender. Each week, he's done what he does best and interrupt plays by the other team and protected the goal.

Cameron has shown outstanding commitment and each week has developed his skills in defence. He works so well alongside his teammates to form a strong line of defence with his teammates protecting the goal at all costs - mostly his fingers.

Oliver P, started out in midfield with more energy than he knows what to do with. Gradually he has channeled this into near perfect formation in defence and sharpened his ball control and assisted the mid-fielders to drive the ball up. He's also a great team motivator, reminding them all to "believe in themselves".

Luis, this kid never backs down in mid-field. Each week his display of ball skills and his quick feet and fiery strategy has proven valuable to driving the ball up field and setting up every shot at goal.

Oliver S, is a wonder in mid-field - pulling sharp moves out of his back pocket. His super kicks and full body commitment are just sensational. Such valuable contributions in each play, not afraid of confrontations. Towards the end of the season Oliver took over goals and shined with sharp accuracy.

Matilda, our queen in mid-field and forward. Natural talent is ready to burst out of this one. Each week, she's not only displayed her commitment, but also sharper ball skills, more confidence and control each time she gets on the field. Love seeing her take shots at goal.

Braxton, the man who's always where he needs to be mid-field. He has a keen eye on each play and follows his teammates to assist where needed. No shortage of energy, he absolutely gets in at the right time and has been a huge support driving the ball up field.

Warcho, the best all-rounder you can get. He's been a wonderful asset, playing in all positions this season. He's a great team motivator and loves to share his knowledge with the team. He truly shines with those sharp kicks and goal strategies, scoring all season. Also a super sharp goalie.

Kosmo, our forward star with natural talent. A keen eye on the game, and star shooter. He's been an asset to the team the whole season. I've seen this kid get injured and then get back on to score instantly. Inspiring commitment. He also jumps in goals and is the brick wall we needed.

Kiyan, despite being out most of the season with a broken arm, he's come back with vengeance and a heavy foot. Each week he's on field scoring goals and displaying strategy in each play. He's been an asset in our forward line and doesn't back down from a shot at goal.





PS ... next year we want the exact same team. 😎

Regards,  
Catherine Neasbey



# Under 12 Girls

The U12 girls soccer team gelled seamlessly, forming a supportive group of young ladies who never gave up, showing significant improvement week after week.



## Under 12 Division 3

So here we have it, the end of yet another great season with the most amazing bunch of kids and families & what a season it was! Grand Final Winners!!!

This was our first season playing competition football and something our boys have been looking forward to for a couple of seasons now. To say they were disappointed that their transition to the full field was postponed for another year, is an understatement, as they really have been ready to play 11 a side for a while now.

There have been many really great games this season that were super exciting & put us parents on the edge of our seats (and almost in an ambulance with heart failure). Their development both individually and as a team is something I have really enjoyed witnessing. The competition was really tight this year, which really brought out the best in the boys.

Whilst I am super proud of the fact that we managed to win the grand final against the undefeated minor premiers, what I am most proud of is the way the boys conducted themselves with the highest level of compassion & sportsmanship, both throughout the season, which many opposition teams had commented on throughout the season, but also in the grand final, where our players delayed their celebration of their victory to first console their clearly upset opposition. It's moments like these that really fill you with a huge amount of pride and admiration. These amazing kids remind us of what sports is all about and the people we want to be. You kids are all absolute winners in the true sense & I feel really grateful & privileged to of been a part of this team. Well done kids. I very much look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Coach Nathan





# Under 13 Boys

This year was my first time volunteering to take on the role as team manager. It was challenging trying to keep organised week to week with messages and reminders, but also rewarding to see the team come together.

Gathering together on the first night of training, we began with a lot of new faces and a few OG's from last year. At the start of the season, watching the boys on the field for the first few games, we could see the boys found it difficult to work together, as they had never played with each other before.

It took them awhile but they got there in the end. They learnt each others moves, strengths and worked as a team. I have watched the boys grow as a team and it is wonderful to see.

We did lose a few players early on in the season due to injuries, which was unfortunate. But the boys did what they had to and gave it their all every week.

We had many wins, with some magnificent goals throughout the season as well as some loses. But all in all they got better every week. It's a possibility that with a full team, next year they will be the team to look out for!

What ever the outcome of the competition, our team should be extremely proud of themselves and the growth they have accomplished together!

I would like to thank the parents for taking turns helping with bringing in fresh fruit to every game and helping each other out, picking up the boys to get them to and from games.

A special THANK YOU to the following people:

Victor Chavez - For coaching the team and dedicating your time and knowledge to training the boys.

Tracey Coleman - For taking on the role of washing the jerseys every week.

Scott Coleman &

Siawash Sayar (Sam) - For stepping in as Coaches when Victor was unavailable and for sharing your wisdom.

It has been a pleasure being a part of the team and hopefully we will see many of the boys back next year.

All the best,  
Tracey Laine

# Under 14 Girls

This season was a steep learning curve for our group of U14s girls, and we were up against it before the first round had started, due to injuries and general unavailabilities, but that did not deter this group of amazing young women. Even though most weeks only having few reserves, and majority of the team line up playing up an age bracket or two, they did not let that define their season. These young ladies fought hard each week against what was normally a taller, faster, and older opposition.

The ladder might show us finishing in 7th out of 9, with 4 wins, and 11 loses from 15 games. Finishing with a defensive average of conceding 2.87 goals per game, and an attacking average of scoring 1.67 goals per game. What the ladder wont show about this group of ladies are the 5 games we lost that went down to the wire, where 3 of those games were decided in the last 3 minutes, 1 of those games were literally lost with the final kick of play from our opposition. The ladder also never shows the impact of injuries throughout a season, and how we were competing for a top 4 finish until we lost our primary striker for the last month of the competition. It wont show how damaging a weather washout can be, nor that of being on the wrong end of some unlucky referee calls. But that is why we all love the sport, and everyrthing that comes with it.

This group was littered with inexperience, as the majority were playing their first ever season. But from day one, the girls have trained hard, and worked together to learn the game of soccer, all whilst respecting that the team must be treated as an extended family and the bonds amongst the girls are crucial to their success. Their unity throughout the season was impecable, and something to be admired.

Lets not beat around the bush though, coaching teenage girls brought with it a whole world of new experiences, some scarier then others, but persistence and a whistle proved invaluable. My only hope is that the girls are excited and keen to go around again next season, and put to use everything they have learnt this year. They should be proud of what they have achieved this season, and it is fair to say that from the start of the season to now, the transformation has been incredible. They showed up every week, ready to give it their all and always had lots of fun.

Sienna G -

Our team captain for the year, who literally lead from the front and had a great season as striker. Netting 23 goals from 12 games for the season. She loved to score in multiples, with having 4 hat tricks, with her best scoring effort being 6 goals in one of her games. And although yes being the coaches daughter, there was no leniency or handouts provided. She knew the team standards, and the expectations that came with it. She fought so hard out on the field every week, and was targeted by her opposition heavily throughout the season as a result. I am so incredibly proud of her efforts in what was her debut season.

Addison -

The word 'shy' well and truly does not describe Addys personality.

And after a season of development, the same can now be said about her game.

A player that was always willing to perform the assigned role within the team that the coach asked. Whilst filling in in the forward line late this season due to injuries, managed to score her first goal to quite the ovation from the sideline and fellow teammates. But her season highlight is most definitely watching her take lead in the warm ups, using her British accent. Her only real drama faced throughout the season was the soccer ball and her face, there appeared to be an inseparable bond they had, which I hope is resolved come next season.

### Sienna S -

This season Sienna stepped up and took the responsibilities of goal keeper. It's never an easy role and the score board doesn't always reflect her efforts.

Our favourite slogan became -

"I am not an amputee, I have two working arms", due to her tendency to kick the ball. Her confidence grew within the role, so much so that goal keeper duties became a full time role, and with every chance possible Sienna was training to better herself.

### Alannah -

One of the smartest soccer brains we had on the field this season. And as a result, played a large amount of the season in defence, even though her attacking prowess picked apart teams when given the chance. Was definitely a very consistent and hard working player, so much so that it was always hard to differentiate her best game to her worst.

### Charlie -

Was a real surprise player considering her age. As one of the youngest in our team, her commitment was defiant. She showed true determination in the midfield. The amount of work she would get through on the field was always unbelievable. I don't know what was bigger within Charlie, her gas tank, or her competitive nature.

### Amelia -

One of the friendliest players amongst our team. Played in defence this season and was a valuable member of the back line.

She flew under the radar and surprised her opposition most weeks. Unfortunately finished the season off with an injury due to foul play from her opposition, but hopefully this will not diminish her confidence for next season, because she is a player showing very good signs of development.

### Luseane -

Although never interested in the warm up she was our most dominant defender this season. Never shied away from a challenge and intimidated most of her opponents. With one of the biggest boots on the park, she helped us escape our own end on the regular. Luseane was always a must have on the team sheet each week, and her absence was always hard to replace.

### Sophia -

Without a doubt, one of our most improved players of the season. Started off as a defensive interchange player but worked hard throughout the season on and off the field, and not only became a starting back, but with her awareness, showed leadership amongst the pack.

### Gurnoor -

Vice Captain this year and finished the last few games as fill in Captain due to injury. Although starting the comp as a bit hesitant, as each week went by, she started to find her confidence as her skills developed. Gurnoor when on her game, was literally the epitome of someone playing with confidence, and with self belief she can be a dangerous player.

**Serissia -**

As the team appointed drama queen (which most of the team could have had that title) it was good to see her be a mainstay in our defensive lineup. She played her best and really excelled when the opposition were frustrating her. Solid debut season, to be proud of.

**Akira -**

From the start of the season to now her progression has been very impressive. Not only has she come out of her shell as an individual, her game play has improved. She would continually fight and give 100% whilst on field and most notable was her improved running and fitness over the course of the season which helped her to create some opportunity.

**Madelyn -**

Although having an interrupted season with injury and getting limited time she always tried her best on field. One thing that stood out most for her was her passion and support for her friends. Looking forward to seeing what she can do next season.

**Ileesha -**

Absolutely a little pocket rocket amongst the team. Although she might not be one of the most vocal members, her contributions on field made a major impact week after week. Although usually being the smaller player she always fought and never gave up. On a side note, Ileesha scared me the most this season after getting knocked out on field in a heavy collision.

**Rim -**

She appeared at the beginning of the season to be the most timid person, and ended up being one of the most vocal and competitive players on the team. She really played her best when in defence and was a real pest to her opposition.

**Ciara -**

Unfortunately this season she was hindered by a knee injury which prevented her from playing most of the year. For the limited time she was able to play, she proved to be very understanding of the game. Hopefully with a good off season and recovery she will have plenty of opportunities for game time next year.

I'd like to thank Carli who was our Manager this season, along with the parents and siblings who came out each week to support the team. It would not be the same without you all. Thank you to my team who worked with me to make my first year of coaching a fun and memorable one. I'm proud of all of you and look forward to next season.

**Warmest Regards,  
Coach Joel**



# Under 14 Boys

This was our first year as a coach & manager for these group of boys. Some returning players to the club and some brand new to the sport. As with any new team, it took time to bond and learn how each other plays and communicates.

The team connected well as players and also as friends. We stood out as a team above others, because we were positive, encouraging, and each individual player brought something new to the team. We are extremely grateful to all the parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents who provided support for this great team. A huge thanks to our boys for such a great season. It's been a pleasure to watch each of you individually improve on and off the pitch as young men.

SO VERY PROUD OF YOU ALL  
Coach & Manager  
Gabriel & Tahn Pacheco





# Under 15 Division 1 Girls

The 2024 season was a challenging one for our U15 girls. It was always going to be a difficult one for this newly formed team, especially when we had majority of the girls pulled up a year to form the team, then to be placed into division 1 playing against teams that have been together for many years.

My hat goes off to these phenomenal girls, who despite the challenges they were thrown, still went out on to the field every single week, supported each other and gave it their all. These girls have displayed great determination and resilience.

Whilst we may not of secured a win all season, there are lots of great things the girls should be super proud of. They really did hold their own in a really tough competition & we saw many of the girls really develop their skills throughout the year. Not just that, they showed the strength of their character by not giving up where others would of walked away, and stood side by side with their fellow teammates and saw the season through to the end. That is truly commendable.

I would like to thank all of the parents for getting their daughters to and from training & games week in and week out & also for their unwavering support throughout the season. Both myself, Lisa & the girls really appreciate it immensely.

Coach Bec  
Manager Lisa



# Under 16 Boys

A big thanks to Satya for inviting us to St Marys Football Club absolute great move great club

Thanks to all the Family's for their great support through the year

I'm very proud of Lincoln for his first year coaching it definitely was the icing on the cake and a great experience sharing ideas not always agreeing but most always compromising trying to do not only what was best for the team but for the individual players which wasn't always easy considering there were 19 of us.

But Lincoln always showed empathy.

Finished 2nd place with 14 individual goal scorers

Most goals Young 15

Most free kicks Declan

Most consistent Jadah and Warabeck

Most effort Cohen

Player that puts team first and biggest throw ins Cooper

Charlie most improved GK training

Team inspirer Massab

Could play in any position Aryan

Defensive wall Will

Played every game and every minute. Mr consistent Dihan

Always looking for a team mate to pass to Ater

Strongest boot Emil and great photos

Top effort for first year players

Callum reliable/ back up keeper

Dante best slide tackles

Jacob most relaxed

These 3 had a code change from rugby league

Joel great communicator

Nitish speedster always trying

Parents and families should be very proud of these great bunch of boys which were an absolute pleasure to coach this year.

Thank you

Russell Cunningham/Lincoln Cunningham





# All Age Women Division 5



# AAW5 2024

**Buckle up because you're about to be taken on a roller coaster!!**

**Our team - A brand new team pieced together, no coach, with some players who had never kicked a soccer ball before. We played most of the season with no subs, some games down to 8 players. Our biggest question was will we make it through the season, let alone to the Grand Final?**

**Some may ask what the secret is for SMFC AAW5 going from being 8th on the ladder to Grand Final goal scorers and winners... Well.... We'll give you a hint, it starts with "Un" and ends with "hinged"! We're the ultimate underdogs, but with a little bit of crazy and a whole lot of heart, we made our mark in the soccer comp because that's just what we do best...**

**We had our supporters on the edge of their seat towards the end of the season as we climbed the ladder. Walking onto that field the last game of the season knowing we had to win against the minor premiers to make 4th spot, and we did just that. To then have to verse them again a week later in the semis for that Grand Final spot ... and we beat them again! On grand final day we put 3 goals past our opponent to become AAW5 CHAMPIONS!**

**One thing for sure that got us there was the support, encouragement and persistence. Our unbreakable backline, our mids that never gave up, our champion goal scorers, and let's not forget the most important player, our Goalie, cause hey without those great saves, every team would be doomed.**

**A special mention to Satya for stepping up and helping us out towards the end of the season and putting up with a group of crazies haha.**

**In conclusion, SMFC AAW5 (Unhinged FC) is more than just a team, we're a family that lifts each other up and pushes ourselves to be the best versions of ourselves. We made unforgettable memories with an amazing group of ladies!**



# All Age Women Division 4

## A message to my mighty Goblins

What a difference a year makes. Between the heartbreak of a penalty shootout loss during last year's finals and this year's grand final triumph, a lot happened. There were engagements, weddings, houses were purchased, and a few new team mates were welcomed into this insane family of ours. I apologise that I can't be there tonight. It's probably good that I can't get up and make a speech though, cause I could talk all night about how much I love you all. So instead, here's a quick summary of what each of you bring to this team, in my eyes at least.

### **Tam #1**

Our captain & our safe pair of hands. The way you brought your team mates back from the mental hole they were in as we approached extra time in that grand final sums up exactly what you bring to this team.

### **Rebecca #2**

The heartbeat of our team. An always positive member of our team who will play literally anywhere she needs to and will always do a fantastic job.

### **Rebecca #3**

Our little worker bee/cheerleader. If she's not playing 8 different positions a game and bossing all of them, she's practicing her ballet on the halfway line.

### **Hannah #4**

She came in and scored on her debut. Played through pain just about every week, and absolutely killed it in every position she was thrown into.

### **Ellen #6**

Bringing Ellen into a game is like unleashing a missile into the opposition. She only knows one speed and it's frighteningly quick.

### **Britt #7**

Our very own goal machine. Goals win games and she scores them more than anyone.

### **Nikki #8**

Our Chief Energy Officer, our DJ, our midfield enforcer. Nobody wins a ball and turns it instantly into an attack like her.

### **Ash #9**

A great winger is there to support their midfield and defence without the ball & get the ball to their strikers when they have the ball. Ash nails this every time.

### **Kirsten #10**

Our defender with ball control so good she will beat anyone who tries to win the ball back off her.

### **Hannah #11**

Rumour has it she turned down racing in the 100m Olympic sprint to play centreback for the Goblins.

### **Britt #12**

Whether it's a 30 yard shot or a 40 yard pass, Britt always puts it on a dime. A fantastic competitor who will do whatever it takes to get the win.

### **Victoria #13**

Whether she's playing long passes from defence or short passes in midfield. Victoria has the ability and the vision to do it all... and look good while doing it.

### **Kass #14**

Not many players can receive the ball in their own half, dribble past 6 players, and set up a goal. Kass can.



**Bec #21**

It doesn't matter if it's in midfield, on the wing, or even occasionally at striker. Johnno can be trusted to do the job and keep us going forward.

**Court #22**

Never has there been a friendlier defender. Always strikes up a conversation with her opposite number. Which is probably why she has goss about every team.

**Jade #24**

She unfortunately missed a lot of the season through injury but as soon as she stepped back on that field, it was like she had never left.

**Kara #54**

She was late to the party. But without her, there would be no party. Coming across to us mid-season and scoring multiple important goals through the finals plus the winner in extra time of the grand final. Who knows where we'd be without Kara.

Special thanks for Sophia, Tee, Zee & Emma for filling in for us throughout the season! As well as all the partners, parents, grand parents, siblings, cousins, friends and children who cheered on these mighty Goblins all the way to a Premiership & Championship double.

2024 was a fantastic year and I can't wait to do it all again!





## All Age Men Division 7



### **O-WEN THE SAINTS!**

A third season with the core of this team together and a third grand final!

After the last minute disappointment of last years big dance, we managed to get the job done this year with a 2nd grand final win in 3 years.

We had an influx of new players and of great quality as well. So much so that we thought we'd give the Australia cup a crack. Whilst we were humbled by the eventual Central Coast premier league champions on a 32 degree day on the synthetic pitch when we hadn't of even played a trial yet, it set us up for a very successful season where we'd only lose 2 games in the regular season and finishing 2nd. Sadly losing on the final regular season game meant we didn't finish 1st.

We got better and better as the season progressed, learning each others games, lots of players improving and playing well in a variety of positions and a growing team bond that showed it's benefits on the field as well.

Hope to see everyone back again next year to build on the great squad we have and hopefully get the double medal we wanted!

Love your manager,

Aiden

## All Age Men Division 7



Another year gone and yet AA10's are one big family. We laugh we fight but always have each other's back every single time. When we play there is nothing else anyone is thinking about but playing the game our way. Yes we go out thinking we got this and other days we go out thinking just leave everything on the pitch. We had a few injuries this year but still whome ever was injured still turned up to support and yell at the team lol. 2 years in a row we made it to grand finals and this year we gave it our all and was one of our best games played even tho we came of second but I say bring on next year we have got this.

# St Marys Football Club

## Coaching Philosophy

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The aim of coaching at St Marys Soccer Club is to create an environment where every player can have fun, flourish, develop skills and fulfill their potential.

We recognize, every player will have different abilities, learning styles and aspirations.

Coaching at St Marys Soccer Club will be:

Positive

Instructive

Encouraging

We seek to develop members to be:

·Hard working - Praising Players because they work hard will see them seek to work harder.

·Brave - Encouraging Players to take risks will see them try new skills and not be afraid to use them on the field.

·Good team players - This can cover everything from communicating with one another to standing up for each other.

·Players with a passion for and enjoyment of the game.

Players should receive equal playing time and be given equal opportunity to play different positions on the field (particularly when they are young). For miniroo's teams, Coaches are encouraged not to pigeonhole players into one position, this means, we will produce versatile players with a rounded skillset. We want all players to feel comfortable on the ball and skilful with the ball at their feet. Coaches should be prepared for teams to lose in the short term with a view to long term improvement

To support our coaching Philosophy St Marys Soccer Club commits to:

1.Implement a coaching application process, where during our registration period all applications to coach are reviewed, with consideration to coaching qualifications, willingness to grow as a coach and uphold the coaching Philosophy of the club.

2.Implement Assistant Coaches for all teams to provide support to both the Coach & Players

3.Ensure all Coaches have a Working with Children's Check prior to commencing the first training session.

4.Ensure all Coaches attended relevant training, including covering the associated financial costs. Grassroots Football Certificate for 5-9yo, Skill Training Certificate for 9-13yo, Game Training Certificate for 13-17yo, Senior Coaching Certificate for 17+ yo, Goalkeeping Certificate.

5.Provide all necessary equipment for Coaches to undertake training and game day activities.



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