

First Grade Match Report
Glebe Vs South West Strikers
Saturday 2nd of May 2009
Cintra Park 3:30pm
Result: 7-1

South West Strikers (SWS) are a side who are too strong for 2nd division, but since their promotion to 1st division in recent seasons they have struggled to match up against most teams. This year their results indicate that they have improved a fair amount; if not winning games, then certainly losing by a much lesser margin. Glebe had taken note of this improvement in their performance and entered the game determined not to take their opponents lightly. The game plan centred on patient, controlled hockey, using the backs and halves to transfer the ball from side to side and only sending it into attack if an opportunity presented, rather than for the sake of it. The attack would need to be disciplined in its approach also, using the full width and depth of the field and playing a selfless passing game to combat the tenacious tackling and play-stopping tactics of SWS.

Glebe stuck to this game plan well for the most part and dominated proceedings throughout the game. Against weaker sides getting early goals can have a large bearing on the nature of the game, as once Glebe went a couple ahead the SWS team's play dropped in confidence and enterprise. This allowed Glebe to further assert their dominance on the match. Glebe went up by two after only ten minutes and once again had numerous chances besides. More short corner practice is required. Glebe would enter half-time 4-0 in front, reasonably happy with the first 35-minute stanza.

Glebe scored two more unanswered second half goals before SWS struck back with a scrappy, runaway goal which tainted an otherwise strong performance from the Glebe defence. A final goal to Glebe would see the scorer shut up shop for the day at 7-1. Remarkably, 4 of the Glebe goals came from penalty strokes, with some overly aggressive defence from SWS leaving the umpires little other option. Mark Paterson ably slotted the first two before Michael Wark took over for the second pair. Michael also had 100% success but will be keen to get some more practice in at training before he steps up again. Along with a first half field-goal via an upright backstick, fading away with a bouncy ball, Michael managed a hat-trick for the afternoon. Congratulations Michael.

Mark Paterson began at the Australian Institute of Sport in Perth on Monday 4th of May, so today was his last game with Glebe for the year. As always, Mark's performance was outstanding and the team and the club wish him all the best for his tenure in Perth. Congratulations Mark.

Not to be outshone Ian Paterson had a strong game this afternoon, constantly popping up at the right place and time for Glebe, using his electric pace and silky skills to wreak havoc on the defence. His efforts would earn him the players-player award for the afternoon. Congratulations Ian.

Players Player: Ian Paterson

Regards,

Patrick Wark.

3rd Grade Report Glebe vs. UNSW

Little Bay

Saturday 2 May 2009

It was a lovely, pleasant sunny autumn's day out at Little Bay for Glebe 3rd grade's battle against the boys from UNSW. Before the match the skipper, Buschy, gave detailed instructions to the boys to guard against complacency when playing the cellar dwellers from Kensington. Glebe knew that UNSW would turn up to play with extra gusto on their home patch and were ready for a battle royal and possibly even a royal rumble or a royal with cheese or a schnitzel with cheese which technically is a parmigiana but that's another story. UNSW have quite a nice patch of turf next to the lock up at Long Bay. The turf is well worn in now and is very enjoyable and pleasant to play on. Very enjoyable and pleasant. I like the blue outskirts off the pitch. Kind of reminds you of the ocean. The ocean which is not so far away from the field. The match was quite enjoyable to play in and was competed for in a tough but pleasant manner. The umpires tried extra hard to make their interpretations of the new rules as transparent as possible and were never narky or mean spirited towards the players who pay an exorbitant amount of fees to play the game they love. In fact, the umpires were particularly pleasant and good natured throughout the game even when they were taken to task on occasion by the players.

Once the match actually started there was lots of pleasant play through the Glebe midfield, especially from our star recruit for the day, Adam Howard (who was to win man of the match – a just reward for such a pleasant person) and also with some nice linking up with strikers Paulie and Evan, and in particular Scotty B, who had his best game in ages (and is also one of the most pleasant young men I have ever met – he never swears or complains, unlike yours truly). Even Chris Holmes and Tom H at the back were surprisingly more pleasant than what would normally be expected from two rough and tumble fullbacks such as themselves. Buschy scored a very pleasant goal to the eye with a lovely dipping penalty corner shot while Scotty B scored with a another deft flick on touch from a corner which Paulie would have got

to also had Scotty missed. Paulie was later to get on the scoreboard anyway so he would have been pleasantly chuffed about that, not so much so when I suggested after the game that it was his first real goal for the season. UNSW came back for a bit and made life not so pleasant for our goalkeeper, the Golden Greek, Mick Bougoukis, who converted two excellent chances after a couple of their players somehow getting in behind our defence. However, Glebe rode out the metaphorical storm thanks to some nice scrambling defence before the previously pleasant weather went into hibernation and the usual gusty winds prominent of that area began to stir up to a dramatic crescendo as Glebe left the Little Bay with the 3 points tucked away in the boot.

Fifth Grade Match Report
Saturday May 2nd 2009.
Glebe 1 defeated by SW Strikers 2

Glebe arrived at Cintra prepared to take on the 3rd grade squad from the boys of Narellan in what was sure to be a tough encounter against a squad that had yet to lose a match.

But the boys certainly didn't let the results put them off and pressed the Strikers hard early in the match with a lot of early ball spreading right early with Chris Farrugia making some good leads out of right half to place the pressure on the Strikers defenders forcing them to leave Glebe's forwards.

With the initial 15 minutes being played almost solely in Glebe's attacking half of the field frustration was starting to build as not only did the possession and field position fail to yield a goal it didn't even yield a penalty corner.

With each failure to convert opportunities into goals the Strikers grew and adjusted to the quickened pace of the game that the dirty reds had started at and as they began to involve their centre half more, slowly wrestled control of the tempo and the match.

They took full control around the half hour mark when their left winger manager to collect the ball on the edge of the circle and beat the advancing Glebe defender on a reverse stick spin giving him a wide open one-on-one with Teren who was beaten on his near post.

2 minutes later and Glebe conceded it's 2nd goal of the evening after one of the SW Strikers forwards managed to collect the ball on the backline from a long corner and dribbled through 2 defenders straight to the front of the goals to place the ball inside the left post.

As the Glebe men emerged from half time they set about using more width in the field to try and involve the left side of the attack more through more transfer play.

The second half proved to be less of a back and forth tussle and more of a stalemate as much of the game was played circle to circle with both teams opening the field wider.

Glebe was able to pick up a goal late into the second half through a rare short corner on the night, Ken Wark slamming the ball straight into the keepers pads with so much force the ball bounced up and over the keeper and just rolled into the corner.

Another 2 -1 loss to a 3rd grade side that left us knowing we have the skill to mix it up with

the top 4.

Jason McDonald

GDHC men's 6th grade
Match report game 7
Glebe vs. South west strikers
Result 1 – 1
8pm Saturday 2 may 2009

Glebe started this game on the front foot with 11 players and 2 reserves ready to go at the opening whistle. SW Strikers are coming second on the table and the resulting draw is testament to Glebe's frame of mind and growing confidence going into the match. Both teams started nervously with ball control taking second place to speculative passes from one end to the other for the first 10 minutes. Once both teams settled in, the play was disciplined, entertaining hockey.

SW worked the ball well in positional, triangular moves however were not able to capitalise from several short corners before half time. Glebe defence were typically stoic and James 'Kenievel' Robinson gave a spectacular diving 'Matrix-style' defensive move, once again proving that gravity can be ignored if you concentrate hard enough.

The second half started as the first had finished with SW able to convert a short corner between the legs of goalie Cameron. The short had resulted from a strong tackle from behind by Lester Currie within the defensive 25 however he was able to redeem himself with a spirited run into the opposing team's 25. A push to Bernie Adcock was all it took as Bernie took one look and in one movement, punched the ball into the top right corner of the net. Glebe had added confidence in the forwards with the addition of Max McInnes who is gaining extra experience from the under 15s and are looking to improve even further in the next few weeks.

Adrian McKeown