



1990

Although the statistics suggest that the Wyoming Soccer Club 21st season was only moderately successful (one premiership and two joint premierships) it was nevertheless another with plenty of highlights and with good signs for the future.

Wyoming fielded a total of 40 teams, six in the senior grades and 34 juniors, of which 14 were in the U10 to U17 competition age groups. Once again the club had teams in all seven junior 'A' grade competitions with five qualifying for the semi-finals.

For the twelfth straight year the Club won the Sterland Trophy for the Junior Club Championship. The method of allocating points to determine the award biased it heavily in favour of the larger junior clubs and demographic changes around the Central Coast meant that Wyoming, while continuing to grow, was not doing so at the same pace as other clubs and 1990 would prove to be the last occasion, as at 2010, that the Club would win this important Trophy.

The First Grade team, now coached by George Cousins, underwent a major transformation, getting a real international flavour. They newcomers included a new goalkeeper named Greg Preston (not to be confused with his teammate of the same name), New Zealanders Glenn Patterson and Lance Tropman, together with two Europeans on working holidays Hendrick Jensen and Ken Justesen, striker Brad Horrell, defender Brad Dunn.

In their first premiership match of the season Wyoming defeated Ourimbah 6-0, and shortly after sprung the upset of the season defeating the strong Southern-Ettalong United team 5-0 in the first round of the Tooheys (Association) Cup. Despite its long period of domination in the 1970s and early 1980s Wyoming hadn't been able to win the Cup - indeed in 2010 it remains the only significant trophy that the club has never won. Having said that, the 1990 team went closer than any team before or since, reaching the Final and holding favourites Umina to nil-all at full-time. Unfortunately the fact that they'd played their semi-final just two days earlier told in extra-time and Umina ran out 2-0 winners after extra-time.



1990 FIRST GRADE - NORTHERN NSW AMATEUR CUP WINNERS

Rear (l to r): Lindsay Webb, Brad Horrell, Greg Preston, Ken Justesen, Warren Malcolm, Jarrod Moberley.

Front (l to r): Lance Tropman, Brad Dunn, John Bailey, Glenn Patterson, Stephen Smith.



1990 UNDER 10As - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Joel Coddington, Craig Goy, Bradley Moses, John Bailey (Coach), Paul Davies, Nathan Healey, Ryan Healey (U9), Paul Frohmuller, Shane Butt (U9). Front (l to r): Mark Byrnes, Stephen Davis (U9), Joshua Hardie, Justin Nichols, Aaron Henry, Simon Ainsley.

The highlight of the senior season however was the winning of the Northern NSW State Amateur Cup. It was the third occasion that Wyoming had won the Cup having done so in 1976 and 1981. The winners cheque for \$1000 was, in fact, the first prize money ever won by a Wyoming team

On the same long weekend Bob O'Toole's Under 11A team travelled to Gunnedah where they competed against teams from around NSW. Playing in the Under 12 competition they went through the competition undefeated, downing the local representative team, who hadn't lost a match in three years, by four goals to nil.

Back in the local competition, the team, which had done so well to come from fourth place to narrowly miss out on the 1989 U10A premiership, finished the U11A competition in second place behind Budgewoi but were then beaten 2-1 by that team in the major semi-final. A win in the Final gave them another chance at the title which they ended up sharing.

The Club's only full premiership for 1990 was won by its youngest team, the Under 10As, coached by Club stalwart and rookie senior player, John Bailey. After the usual early season round-robin to determine grading, the team won five and drew six of their 14 matches to finish in second place, three points behind champions Umina. Steadily growing in confidence they then went on to defeat the league champions 1-0 in the major semi-final before taking out the grand final 2-0 over third-placed Killarney District. With a large injury toll coach Bailey was forced to call on several players from the Under 9s including two, Shane Butt and Stephen Davis who would eventually join regular player Simon Ainsley in the club's Premier League squad a decade later.

In his second season as coach, Steve Frame and his Under 13As had the bittersweet experience of again being runners-up after going down 1-0 in the 1989 U12 grand final. This time around they missed out on the league championship by a single point but, as they had done the previous year, they went straight to the decider with a 3-2 penalty shootout win this time against Gosford City. Sadly though, history repeated and they were again defeated 1-0, by Southern-Ettalong who came from third place to claim the title.



1990 UNDER 11As - JOINT PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Bob O'Toole (Coach), Anthony Dillon, Greg Herzog, Justin Carmody, Damien Scruse, Stephen Bech, Justin Sargent, Barney Snodgrass (Manager). Front (l to r): Greg Hampstead, Scott Snodgrass, Stephen Oostendorp, Adam Deane, Damon Ainsley.

Wyoming's Anthony Dillon and a Budgewoi opponent challenge each other for possession during the 1990 U11A grand final at Plum Park.

Another side that had performed consistently year by year was the Under 15A team, coached in previous years by John Hughes, but with Richard Pagden taking over for this and the two following seasons with most of the players destined to play Premier League football for many years. With 14 wins and two draws from their 18 matches they took out the league championship with a four-point margin over Wyong. The positions were reversed in the major semi-final with Wyong gaining the first grand final spot with a 1-0 win. A 3-2 win to Wyoming in the final meant that the two teams met again in the decider but this time they couldn't be separated after extra-time in a scoreless draw.



1990 UNDER 15As - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND JOINT PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Norm Mayes (Manager), David Hildridge, Daniel Cunningham, Raymond Mitchell, Dereck Mayes, Matthew Kirk, Peter Watson, Richard Pagden (Coach). Front (l to r): Neil Cox, Matthew Wilkie, Brett Jager, Jayson Gray, Wayne Pagden, Aaron Dever, Arron Hughes.



In the Under 14A competition, with coach Malcolm Moffat returning as coach for the first time since 1988, Wyoming finished in third place but bowed out with a 2-0 loss in the minor semi-final.

The only other successful junior team was the Under 12C1 team, coached by Reagan Coates. After finishing second in the league ladder behind Kanwal they were beaten twice by that team, 2-0 in the major semi-final and 3-0 in the grand final.

Only two of the six senior teams were able to qualify for semi-finals, although both did reach their respective grand finals only to lose in both matches.

The 1990 Womens All-Age team was again coached and managed by Jeff and Norm Fathers with Jeff returning to the coaching role that he had occupied between 1983 and 1987, and Norm, who had coached for the two previous seasons, managing the team, as he had done throughout the period that Jeff had coached.

After a rain-disrupted season Wyoming finished in third place behind league champions, Budgewoi and the Ocean Beach No 1 teams. They easily defeated the second Ocean Beach team 5-1 in the minor semi-final highlighted by a hat-trick to Cheryl Fathers. The Final was against Ocean Beach 1 and was another of the tight encounters that the two teams had been involved in through the competition rounds. After going behind early Wyoming countered to score twice through Sue Moffit and take a 2-1 lead to the break. A penalty then allowed Ocean Beach to equalise. Then, with just four minutes left on the clock, a third goal to Player of the Match, Moffit sealed the win for Wyoming.

The grand final was the first for the Wyoming senior team since 1987. The Budgewoi team were hot favourites and despite fighting back from an early 2-0 deficit to be down 3-2 early in the second half Wyoming were eventually swamped by the more experienced northerners who ran out 6-2 winners.

The other senior grand finalists were the first of the club's two Second Division teams, both of which were coached by Duncan McCubbin. After a poor start to the season the team improved steadily to eventually take first place in 'B' Grade after the competition was split mid-season with four wins and a draw from their final five matches. After going down 1-0 to Berkeley Vale in the major semi-final, they won through to the grand final with a 2-0 win over Killarney District before again losing to Berkeley Vale, this time 2-0, in the decider.



1990 WOMENS ALL-AGE -RUNNERS-UP

Rear (l to r): Jeff Fathers (Coach), Danielle Lackenby, Robyn Brown (Jacques), Vicki Preece, Debbie Fathers, Cheryl Fathers, Sue Malcolm (Smith), Nicole Stelle, Narelle Laughton, Norm Fathers (Manager). Front (l to r): Sue Moffit, Anne McLean, Kay Holcombe, Christine Muldoon (Wilkinson), Alison McLean, Terri Callaghan.



1990 SECOND DIVISION B GRADE 1 - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP
 Rear (l to r): Duncan McCubbin (Captain/Coach), Gerald Schlie, Graem Hamilton, Jace Pearson, Neville Jones, Andrew Bartlett, Garry Howard. Front (l to r): Warren King, Noel Laughton, Jeff Hall, Darryl Holcombe, Eddy Scott.

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TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPoS	SF	F	GF	FPoS	AW POTY
Sen 1st	George Cousins	18	5	4	9	21	25	14	7/10					Lance Tropman
Sen Res	Tony Kayes	18	6	5	7	29	34	17	6/10					
WAA1	Jeff Fathers								3/?	5-1	3-2	2-6	RU	Christine Muldoon
Sen 3rd	Richard Pagden	18	9	3	6	33	21	21	6/10					
Sen Div2(B)1	Duncan McCubbin	5	4	1	0	34	28	17	1/6	0-1	2-0	0-2	LC/RU	
Sen Div2(B)2	Duncan McCubbin	5	2	2	1	16	42	9	5/6					
17	Warren Snashall	20	6	5	9	28	41	17	8/11					
15A	Richard Pagden	18	14	2	2	50	13	30	1/10	1-0	3-2	0-0	LC/Prj	PT
15B	Dave Goy & Rob Black	18	0	3	15	10	64	3	10/10					
14A	Malcolm Moffat	5	2	1	2	36	13	22	3/6	0-2			SF	
14B	Dave Fortune	4	0	1	3	5	53	2	5/5					
13A	Steve Frame	21	10	6	5	25	17	26	2/8	0-0(3-2)		0-1	RU	
12A	John Hughes	21	6	5	10	27	24	17	5/8					
12C1	Reagan Coates	21	12	5	4	47	11	29	2/8	0-2		0-3	RU	
12C2	Unknown	21	9	4	8	36	27	22	5/8					
11A	Bob O'Toole	21	12	7	2	52	13	31	2/8	1-2		Draw	Prj	
11C	Unknown	21	5	4	12	14	40	14	6/8					
10A	John Bailey	14	5	6	3	17	8	16	2/8	1-0		2-0	Pr	
10B	Michael Knight	14	2	4	8	5	17	8	8/8					
10D	Colin Smith	12	1	7	4	5	14	9	6/7					

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Neil Williams), 9B (Graham Davis), 9C (Leo Purer), 9D (Wayne Jones), 8A (Duncan McCubbin), 8B (Stuart Cooper), 8C (John Ranken), 8D (Dennis Stillaway), 8E (Ray Marchant), 7A (Scott Bath & Dean Earl), 7B (Ryan Collins & Drew Purcell), 7C (Lindsay Everett), 7D (David Rasmussen), 7E (Brian Wilkinson), 7F (Craig Douglas), 6A (Adam Coulter & David Derrick), 6B (Leanne Binns), 6C (Scott Mackett & Tim Smith), 6D (Grant Bailey & Steven Graham), 6E (Greg Bech).

CODES: LPoS = Final league position, FPoS = Final competition position, Pr = Premiers, Prj = Joint Premiers, RU = runners-up (grand finalists); SF = semi-final, F = Final, PT = Presidents Trophy, AC = Northern NSW Amateur Cup winners, CC = NSW Champion of Champions winners, POTY = Team Player of the Year award.



SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & JOINT PREMIERS

15A

Coach: Richard Pagden

Players: Neil Cox, Daniel Cunningham, Aaron Dever, David Hildridge, Arron Hughes, Brett Jager, Matthew Kirk, Dereck Mayes, Raymond Mitchell, Wayne Pagden, Peter Watson, Matthew Wilkie.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

SENIOR DIVISION 2 (B)

Coach: Duncan McCubbin

Players: Gerald Schlie, Graeme Hamilton, Jace Pearson, Neville Jones, Andrew Bartlett, Garry Howard. Front (l to r): Warren King, Noel Loughton, Jeff Hall, Darryl Holcombe, Eddy Scott.

PREMIERS

10A

Coach: John Bailey

Players: Simon Ainsley, Mark Byrnes, Joel Coddington, Paul Davies, Paul Frohmuller, Craig Goy, Joshua Hardie, Nathan Healey, Aaron Henry, Bradley Moses, Justin Nichols.

JOINT PREMIERS

11A

Coach: Bob O'Toole

Players: Damon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Justin Carmody, Adam Deane, Anthony Dillon, Paul Gottfredsen, Gregory Hampstead, Greg Herzog, Stephen Oostendorp, Justin Sargent, Damien Scrusse, Scott Snodgrass.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Phillip Cartner, Brad Dunn, Brad Horrell, Ken Justesen, Craig Matuschka, Jarrod Mobberley, Glenn Patterson, Greg Preston, Phil Robson, Stephen Smith, Lance Tropman, Lindsay Webb

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Richard Pagden

Senior Player of the Year: Lance Tropman

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Christine Wilkinson

Junior Player of the Year: Wayne Pagden

Life Membership: Marlene Bailey

CCSA Services to Soccer: Kevin Best, Marlene Bailey

COMMITTEE

President

Peter Morrison

Vice President

John Hughes

Barney Snodgrass

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Marlene Bailey

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Alistair Kennedy

Assistant Registrar

Reagan Coates

Assistant Secretary

Geoff Paull

Canteen Manager

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Fixtures Officer

Geoff Paull

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Richard Pagden

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Peter Morrison

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Carol Goy

Marilyn Hughes

Kathy Kennedy

Margaret Kirk

Norm Mayes

Joan Mayes

Liz Morrison

Jean Pagden

Ellen Paull

Cathy Smith

Committee

Graham Davis

Dave Goy

Wayne Jones

Duncan McCubbin

Garry Smith

Historian:

Alistair Kennedy

TIGER TRIVIA

Between 1975 and 1979 Col Sinclair was a member of five successive senior premierships-winning teams, for First Grade in 1975 and 1976; Reserve Grade in 1977, and again in First Grade in 1978 and 1979. He only played in four straight winning grand finals (1975 was decided on a first-past-the-post basis), a record he shares with Premier League goalkeeper Scott Bromfield who played in Reserve Grade's hat-tricks of grand final wins between 2006 and 2008, and then in First Grade's 2009 win.



1991

Although Wyoming's junior teams had been consistently strong for a number of years, the First Grade team had gone through a long barren period since the break-up of the 'Pensioners' team in the early 1980s. Indeed they hadn't played a semi-final match since the 1981 season. By contrast the club's junior strength was again evident with Wyoming teams having teams in all 'A' grade competitions, six of which reached the semi-finals and with five playing in grand finals. Indeed on the Saturday of the junior 'A' grade grand finals the U11A, U12A, U13A and U14A teams all played one after the other on the main field at Plum Park. In a hopeful sign the First Grade team, coached again by George Cousins, finished in fourth place - the first time that they had reached the semi-finals since 1981.

One of the highlights of the 1991 season was a visit from the Edogawa Kasi club from Gosford's Japanese sister city, Edogawa. The day was arranged as part of a cultural exchange program by Gosford City Council in conjunction with CCSA and featured three matches between the two club's U12, U13 and U14 teams. The day started well for Wyoming with a 2-1 win in the Under 12 match but then went downhill with big wins to Edogawa in the other two matches. Nevertheless it was a memorable day for the club and gave the 75 children involved a greater appreciation of the



August 1991 saw the Wyoming Soccer Club host three teams from the Edogawa Kasi club from Japan. Three matches were played including one between U14 teams from each club. Despite having dominated the local competition the Wyoming team, coached by Steve Frame, was given a double-figures thrashing by the visitors. The loss didn't affect their confidence and they were unbeaten for the remainder of the season, winning both the U14A league championship and premiersip.





WELCOME ...

On behalf of the Wyoming Soccer Club I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, parents and officials of the Edogawa East Junior Soccer Association on the occasion of today's matches between our teams.

Meetings such as these can only enhance the development of soccer in our two countries, as well as giving our young people a greater appreciation of the customs and culture of other nationalities. It is to be hoped that these exchanges continue well into the future and to that end I am pleased to announce that moves are under way to organise a tour to Japan by our present Under 12 team at the end of our 1992 season.

I trust that you will enjoy your morning at Alan Davidson Park and the remainder of your visit to Australia.

*Steve Field
President, Wyoming Soccer Club
17 August 1991*

歓迎の辞

本日の両チームによる親善試合の開催に当たり、ワイオミングサッカークラブを代表し、江戸川東洋ジュニアサッカー連盟の選手、父兄、ならびに役員の皆様に対し、心よりの歓迎の意を表したいと思います。

本日のような催しは、両国サッカー協会の草創に奉ずるのみならず、両国の若者が相手国の慣習、文化について理解を深める良い機会を与えてくれるものであります。このような交歓が永く続くことを願わずにはいられません。その意味で、私達の12歳未満チーム（現時点）が1992年シ、スンの終りに日本遠征を行う計画が確々と進行中であることをここにお知らせできるのをうれしく思います。

皆様の本日ここアラン・デイヴィッドソンパークで楽しい時を過ごされるとともに、オーストラリア訪問が皆様にとって思い出深いものとなるよう願っております。

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Wyoming's program for the Edogawa visit included President Steve Field's welcome in both English and Japanese.

customs and culture of each others countries. At one stage a return visit by that year's U12 team to Japan was floated, however it didn't eventuate; although a team from Gosford City did make such a visit in 1992, and Edogawa Kasi also made a return trip to Wyoming in 1993.

The club had a total of 460 registered players, with the biggest increase from 1990 being in the Under 6 to Under 9 (non-competition) age groups where the number of teams jumped from 20 to 23. There were 13 junior (U10-U17) and six senior teams.

Although the Club's administration was fairly settled there was a mid-season change in the president with Peter Morrison being forced to step down because of family and work commitments and Steve Field resuming the position he had held between 1987 and 1989, joining with his previous Executive colleagues in Marlene Bailey (secretary) and Alistair Kennedy (treasurer). The season was quite hectic socially due to the outstanding work of the Social Committee set up by Joan Mayes, whose worked was recognised when she was named as the 1991 Clubperson of the Year. The functions included the Club's 21st Birthday party, Concert in the Park, Tiger Skate, Country and Western Night, Pre-Teen Disco and English Pub night.



1991 UNDER 12As - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Bob O'Toole (Coach), Damon Ainsley, Paul Gotfredsen, Stephen Oostendorp, Damien Scruse, Ben Johnson, Justin Carmody, Simon Ainsley (U11), Barney Snodgrass (Manager).
Front (l to r): Stephen Bech, Adam Deane, Greg Hampstead, Anthony Dillon, Greg Herzog, Nathan Healey (U11).



1991 UNDER 13As – PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Mark Bohringer, Reagan Coates (Manager), Chris Large, Craig Clucas, Chris Smith, Adam Coates, Drew Jager, Garry Smith (Coach), Lee Dashwood. Front (l to r): Grant Paull, Chris Camage, David Stuart, Andrew Chinn, Nikolas Schlie.

President Steve Field couldn't separate two teams when deciding who should win the 1991 President Trophy so, for just the second occasion it was shared, this time between Bob O'Toole's U12As and Steve Frame's U14As, both were league champions, both won their major semi 2-1, both won their grand final 1-0 and both lost just one match all season. A fair decision.

The first team up on 1991 junior grand final day at Plum Park were the Under 11As, coached again by John Bailey, who had taken much the same team to the U10A premiership a year earlier. After finishing the regular season in second place they went straight to their second successive grand final with a 1-0 extra-time win over league champions Umina. Unfortunately the peninsula boys took their revenge in the decider, an excellent goal from a corner giving them a 1-0 win and the title.

Bob O'Toole and his Under 12A team had a fabulous season, making the trek to Gunnedah as they had the previous year and coming home as the winners of the consolation U13 Gunnedah knockout; winners of the U12 PMK Round Robin, beating the Northern NSW U12 Reps 5-2 in a trial match; downing Edogawa's U12s 2-1 in the exchange match at Alan Davidson Park and then taking out the local league championship with a healthy six-point buffer over Killarney District.

The only thing they needed to cap off a near-perfect season was the full premiership which had eluded them in the two previous seasons – they had been runners-up as 1989 U10As and U11A joint Premiers in 1990. They made the first step with a hard-fought but unconvincing 2-1 win over Killarney in the major semi to reach their third straight grand final. This time their opponents were Southern-Ettalong who'd come through from third place. In windy conditions the boys refound their touch and dominated the first half unlucky to only lead 1-0 after a 70-metre run by Adam Deane led to Anthony Dillon scoring. Although the second half performance wasn't as impressive the one goal proved to be enough and a brilliant season was completed.



1991 UNDER 14s - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Chris McCosker, Steve Frame (Coach), Daniel Marsden, Thor Aaso, Troy Fowler, Anthony Wynn, Steven Grahame, Grant Bailey, Tony Bailey (Manager). Front (l to r): Sven Aaso, Steven Ferlazzo, Ben Lyons, Adam Coulter, Bradley Ham, Daniel Morrison, Michael Kennedy.

As the U12As left to collect their medallions the U13As took their place. Coached by Garry Smith they had finished in second place, just two points behind Terrigal. The major semi-final was a tight tussle throughout and looked certain to go to extra-time when Mark Bohringer scored from the edge of the penalty box with just 20 seconds remaining for a confidence-boosting win. As expected Terrigal won through to the grand final and a continuation of the blustery conditions that were affecting all matches that day. Wyoming adapted better to the conditions and rarely looked under threat. Midway through the first half a great through ball from Nikolas Schlie found striker Chris Smith who slotted home the first goal of the match. The second half followed a similar pattern and with ten minutes remaining it was Lee Dashwood this time who found Smith at the front, who chipped the Terrigal keeper for the clinching goal and Wyoming's second premiership of the day.

Again, one Wyoming team was replaced by another. This time it was Steve Frame and his Under 14As. Like the two previous teams the nucleus of the U14As had been together for many years, indeed most had played together since they started with Steve Field's U6 team of 1983. They had been almost unbeatable in their latter years in the non-competition age groups, being one of the few home teams to take out the club's own Under 7 Gala Day. Like the U12As they'd finished the 1991 season as league champions with 13 wins, six draws and just one loss from their 20 matches. The team had an outstanding defence and had conceded just six goals going into the semis. Ten minutes into the major semi against Gosford City they conceded their seventh, and last, goal of the season to go one behind. Into the second half and pressure from Wyoming eventually led to an equaliser from Anthony Winn. Into extra-time and it wasn't until three minutes before a penalty-shootout that Steven Graham scored the winner.

There should have been little trace of nerves as the U14As took the field, especially for four players (Grant Bailey, Ben Lyons, Michael Kennedy and Adam Coulter) who were going into their fifth straight grand final, after being finalists as U10As in 1987, Premiers as U11As in 1988 and then runners-up in each of the two previous seasons (U12As in 1989 and U13As in 1990). The decider played under floodlights, saw them up against Berkeley Vale who had finished in third place. Again it was a tense, evenly-contested match with Wyoming's defence repulsing a number of Berkeley Vale attacks. The match and premiership-winning goal eventually came from a free-kick by



Grant Bailey that flew past the goalkeeper and into the net to wrap up the club's third title of an amazing day.

In retrospect it was disappointing that so few members of the U13A and U14A teams would progress to Premier League football, as most would surely have been capable. Only Chris Large from the U13As and Michael Kennedy from the U14As would remain as long-term Wyoming players. Coincidentally, both had started out in the same 1983 Under 6 team, and by 2010, each would have played a club record 28 seasons in succession, and equal second behind Jamie Robson (35 years in 2010) as the club's longest-serving players. Kennedy would also go on to pass Kevin Best as the Club's long-serving First Grader, playing in his 14th season in 2010.

The U12As were to make a much more significant contribution with Damon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Adam Deane, Greg Herzog, Ben Johnson, Stephen Oostendorp and Scott Snodgrass all playing Premier League at one time or another.

Wyoming's third league championship of 1991 was won by Richard Pagden's Under 17s, an impressive effort given that most players would still have been eligible to play Under 16s had there been such a competition. At the end of the competition proper they had won 15 and drawn two of their 18 matches to finish six points clear of their nearest rival, a big margin at a time when two were allocated for a win. Unfortunately they saved their worst form for the most important stage of the season, losing back-to-back games against The Entrance, firstly (1-0) in the final round and then again (2-0) in the major semi-final, before being well beaten (3-0) by Umina in the final.

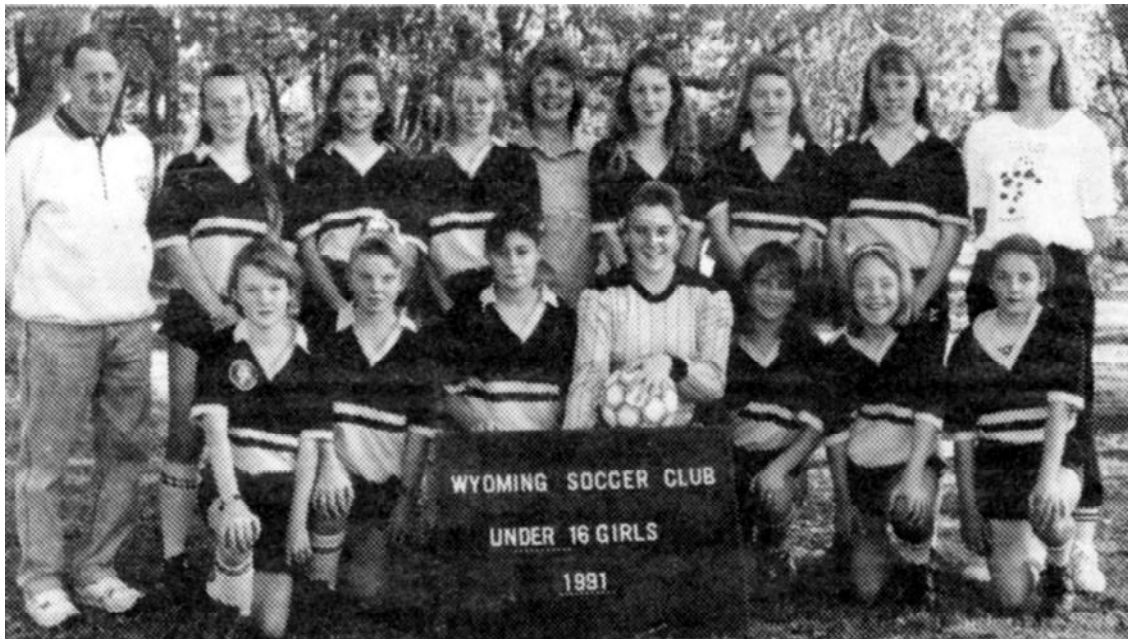
The U17s did have the consolation of having won the Wyong Shield knockout competition mid-season, defeating their eventual premiership conquerors, and the 1991 Premiers, Umina 1-0 in the final, the only goal being scored by future First Grade captain, Ryan Marshall.

The Under 16 Girls team had the distinction of being the club's last-ever joint premiers with CCSA introducing penalty shootouts to separate teams in drawn grand finals from 1992 onwards. The three-team competition between Wyoming, East Gosford and Ocean Beach was dominated by drawn matches, indeed Wyoming's first seven matches all being 0-0 draws. They won their first match midway through the season but eventually finishing in third place. Rapidly improving by now, they defeated East Gosford in the final, scoring twice in extra time. The grand final against Ocean Beach was another scoreless draw after extra-time and the two teams shared the title.



1991 UNDER 17A - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Richard Pagden (Coach), Stephen McGarvey, Arron Hughes, David Hildridge, Dereck Mayes, Neil Cox, Brett Jager, Norm Mayes (Manager). Front (l to r): Danny Cunningham, David Maltby, Wayne Pagden, Brad Sargent, Ryan Marshall, Conrad Strachan, Aaron Dever.



1991 GIRLS UNDER 16 - JOINT PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Les Place (Coach), Carlene Poole, Amy Richardson, Rachael Poole, Margaret Bohringer (Manager), Kelly McCann, Emma Wallace, Heidi Bray, Angela Bohringer. (Coach). Front (l to r): Laura Holloway, Hayley Pellet, Kylie Stewart, Karen Lawes, Kashifa Richards, Danielle Schlie, Heidi Evans.

The 1991 Women's All-Age One competition was of a mixed standard and despite playing poorly at times, the Wyoming team, coached again by Jeff Fathers, had a string of large wins (including one of 16-0) interspersed with tough matches against teams like Ocean Beach. They ended the season in second place behind Ocean Beach before going down 1-0 to their rivals in the grand final.

After three seasons with Wyoming, the first as Reserve Grade coach, the other two with First Grade, George Cousins retired to spend some time travelling with his wife, Marie. With a decade of disappointing results behind the club George had taken on a difficult task and while he left without any premierships behind him there was no doubt that he had turned the senior club around and given it new hope for the future, and at the same time given valuable assistance to the junior coaches.

Three achievements stood out during Cousins' three year stay. One was the success in the 1990 Northern NSW Amateur Cup, reaching the 1990 Association (Tooheys) Cup final and getting a Wyoming First Grade team into the semi-finals for the first time since 1981. Importantly the Premier League squad was relatively unchanged, and so providing some stability. Greg Pryor returned after a two-year break while Englishman Paul Coventry took over as First Grade goalkeeper. Injuries provided opportunities for a number of Under 17 players such as Ryan Marshall and Wayne Pagden to make their senior debuts.

Reserve Grade had a very poor season winning just four of their 18 matches and finishing in equal last place - although an extra point would have seen them finish four places higher such was the congestion at the foot of the table. First Grade performed better, winning seven, drawing seven and losing just four to squeeze into fourth place. Then after leading 1-0 against third-placed Southern-Ettalong the team lost their intensity and conceded two second-half goals for a disappointing end to the season. Southern went on to take the premiership.



1991 FIRST GRADE – SEMI-FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): George Cousins (Coach), Steve Smith, Phil Robson, Brad Horrell, Greg Pryor, Jarrod Moberley. Front (l to r): Dean Gayford, Connel Field, Brad Dunn, Paul Coventyr, Phil Cartner, Lance Tropman, Lindsay Webb..

1991 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

<i>Team</i>	<i>Coach(es)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>Pts</i>	<i>LPoS</i>	<i>SF</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>FPos</i>	<i>Award POTY</i>
Sen 1st	George Cousins	18	7	7	4	30	23	21	4/10	1-2			SF	Brad Dunn
Sen Res	Tony Kayes	18	4	3	11	16	33	11	10/10					John Bailey
WAA	Jeff Fathers								2/?	??	??	0-1	RU	Anne McLean
Sen 3rd	Robert Bray	18	9	4	5	27	24	22	4/10	lost			SF	Luke O'Toole
Sen Div1 3rd	Don Sime	21	6	4	8	18	31	16	4/7	3-0	0-2		F	Glenn Mayall
Sen Div2(A)	Duncan McCubbin	14	4	0	10	13	28	8	7/8					David Parsons
17	Richard Pagden	18	15	2	1	57	11	32	1/10	0-2	0-3		LC/F	Ryan Marshall
W16	Les Place									2-0	0-0	0-0	Prj	Angela Bohringer
15	Pat Ryan	21	7	4	10	26	33	18	5/8					Aaron Hood
14A	Steve Frame	20	13	6	1	33	6	32	1/6	2-1		1-0	LC/Pr	PT Ben Lyons
13A	Garry Smith	20	10	8	2	34	13	28	2/6	1-0		2-0	Pr	Craig Clucas
13C	Phil Robson	21	1	3	16	12	49	5	6/6					David Edwards
12A	Bob O'Toole	21	16	4	1	71	10	36	1/6	2-1		1-0	LC/Pr	PT Adam Deane
12C	Richard Pagden	20	2	4	14	6	44	8	6/6					Andrew Bull
11A	John Bailey	20	10	5	5	28	26	25	2/6	1-0		0-1	RU	Nathan Healey
11B	Gordon Wallace	18	7	3	8	23	30	17	6/10					Ben Acheson
11C	Barry Richardson	21	4	4	13	17	49	12	7/8					Troy Kershaw
10A	Malcolm Moffat	21	8	2	8	27	36	18	4/7	2-0	0-1		F	Marc Tarring
10B	Reagan Coates	21	1	3	17	8	64	8	8/8					Ashley Treiving

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Dennis Stillaway), 9B1 (Michael Thunig), 9B2 (Duncan McCubbin), 9E1 (Sharee Morris), 9E2 (Paul Stingmore), 8A (Steve Nicholls), 8B (Don Sime), 8C (Lindsay Everett), 8D (Jeff Hall), 7A (John Hampstead), 7B (Paul O'Rourke), 7C (Adam Coulter & Michael Kennedy), 7D (Greg Bech), 7E (Robert Bray), 7F (Andrew Bartlett), 6A (Tony Jarrett), 6B (Barney Snodgrass), 6C (Duncan McCubbin), 6D (Daniel Morrison), 6E (Matthew Robson), 6F (Greg Edwards), 6G (Leanne Binns & Steve Keens), 6H (Bill Stevenson).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

14A

Coach: Steve Frame

Players: Sven Aaso, Thor Aaso, Grant Bailey, Adam Coulter, David Derrick, Steven Ferlazzo, Troy Fowler, Steven Graham, Bradley Ham, Michael Kennedy, Ben Lyons, Daniel Marsden, Chris McCosker, Daniel Morrison, Anthony Winn.

12A

Coach: Bob O'Toole

Players Damon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Justin Carmody, Adam Deane, Anthony Dillon, Paul Gotfredsen, Gregory Hampstead, Greg Herzog, Ben Johnson, Stephen Oostendorp, Damien Scruse, Scotty Snodgrass.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS

17

Coach: Richard Pagden

Players Neil Cox, Daniel Cunningham, Aaron Dever, David Hildridge, Arron Hughes, Brett Jager, Wayne Jones, David Maltby, Ryan Marshall, Dereck Mayes, Stephen McGarvey, Wayne Pagden, Richard Pagden, Brad Sargent, Conrad Strachan.

PREMIERS

13A

Coach: Garry Smith

Players Mark Bohringer, Chris Camage, Allan Channells, Andrew Chinn, Craig Clucas, Adam Coates, Lee Dashwood, Drew Jager, Chris Large, Grant Paull, Nikolas Schlie, Chris Smith, David Stuart.

JOINT PREMIERS

W16

Coaches: Angela Bohringer & Les Place.

Players Heidi Bray, Heidi Evans, Laura Holloway, Karen Lawes, Kelly McGann, Haley Pellett, Carlene Poole, Rachel Poole, Kashifa Richards, Amy Richardson, Danielle Schlie, Lisa Sherwood, Kylie Stewart, Emma Wallace.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Neil Bedford, Phillip Cartner, Paul Coventry, Brad Dunn, Dean Gayford, Brad Horrell, Craig Matuschka, Jarrod Mobberley, Glenn Patterson, Greg Preston, Greg Pryor, Phil Robson, Stephen Smith, Michael Strachan, Lance Tropman, Lindsay Webb.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Joan Mayes

Senior Player of the Year: Brad Dunn

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Alison McLean

Junior Player of the Year: Aaron Hood

Life Membership: Alistair Kennedy, Neville Kirk, Phillip Robson.

COMMITTEE

President

Peter Morrison.

Steve Field

Vice President

Reagan Coates

John Hughes

Secretary

Marlene Bailey

Treasurer

Alistair Kennedy

Assistant Registrar

Dave Goy

Canteen Manager

Dianne Coates

Ellen Paull

Fixtures Officer

Geoff Paull

Public Relations

Richard Pagden

Publicity Officer

Garry Smith

Registrar

Neville Kirk

Peter Morrison

Social Committee

Norm Mayes

Joan Mayes

Committee

Graham Davis

John Hughes

Paula Robson

David Vickery

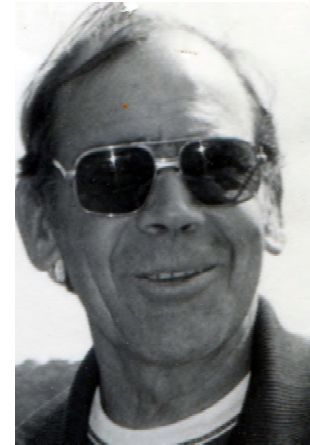


1992

In a major coup for the Wyoming Soccer Club it was able to acquire the services of one of the most influential men in Australian football and a leading coach in Bill Vrolyks, to take over as coach of the club's First Grade team for the 1992 season.

The most experienced and respected coach on the Central Coast, Vrolyks, then aged 65, had been involved in the sport in Australia for 43 years, firstly as a player with Sydney Austral (354 games) and Leichhardt-Annandale (56 games), both of which clubs he was instrumental in forming. He began coaching at the top level with the NSW Under 18 team in 1966, Pan Hellenic (1967), Sydney Croatia (1968) and then as assistant Coach of the senior NSW team between 1969 and 1971. In 1970 he was a leading contender for the position of coach of the Australian national team. Bill was also heavily involved in the formation of the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation and in the establishment of the \$15m Parklea Soccer Academy in Sydney.

Bill moved to the Central Coast in the late 1970s and coached Umina from 1980 to 1982 where, ironically, he helped end Wyoming's seven-year domination of the local competition leading Umina to premierships in 1981 and 1982. In 1983 he took over as coach of the Central Coast State League team, coincidentally from George Cousins, and had immediate success leading the team to victory in just its second season



Bill Vrolyks OAM



1992 FIRST GRADE - RUNNERS-UP

Rear (l to r): Lance Tropman, Stephen Smith, Jarrod Mobberley, Brad Horrel, Phil Robson, Lindsay Webb, Bill Vrolyks (Coach). Front (l to r): Brad Dunn, Nigel Fortser, Connel Field, Daniel Wilson, Stuart McAteer, Ryan Marshall, Luke O'Toole.



1992 UNDERS 17s – PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Richard Pagden (Coach), David Hildridge, Russell Murphy, Dereck Mayes, Brian McGregor, Matthew Wilkie, Brett Jager, Norm Mayes (Manager). Front (l to r): Neil Cox, Arron Hughes, Wyane Pagden, Brad Sargent, Andrew Smith, Gavin Singh, Aaron Hood..

in the competition. He returned to coaching at club level with Woy Woy and Southern-Ettalong in 1987 and 1988 respectively. In the 1988 Queens Birthday Honours List he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to the game of soccer.

Vrolyks took over a young but talented Wyoming First Grade team that was almost entirely comprised of club juniors young players such as Jarrod Moberley, Connel Field, Stephen Smith and, making is debut, 17-year-old Ryan Marshall. The improvement shown by the team under George Cousins continued under Vrolyks and with three rounds of the 21-round competition (reduced from ten to eight teams for 1992) to play they were not only assured of a semi-final spot but were even challenging Southern-Ettalong for the league championship. However a late-season form slump saw them draw against East Gosford before narrow losses to Terrigal and Wyong saw them drop down to fourth place. The minor semi-final against The Entrance was a tight affair, going to extra-time, before Wyoming snatched a late goal for a 2-1 win. The final, against Umina, also went to extra-time, and again Wyoming was successful 3-2. These two results meant that, for the first time since 1981, the club had a team in the First Grade grand final.

Wyoming went into the grand final, against defending Premiers Southern-Ettalong, without Brad Dunn, who was suspended, and Phil Cartner, who was overseas. Wyoming had its best patches in the first half but were unable to capitalise on the few opportunitites that the strong Southern defence allowed. The longer the match went the more the peninsula team dominated and Wyoming finally cracked midway through the second half when SEU's Craig Page headed home what proved to be the winning goal. Following the match Southern's captain, Warren Crickmore, paid tribute to the young Wyoming saying that it was a team with a future and on the day provided a strong challenge to his side.

But the season wasn't over for the club's exciting young senior players. In the traditional end-of-season Margins Cup competition played over the October long weekend at Plum Park, Wyoming entered a side comprised exclusively of players under the age of 21, a mixture of Premier League and Under 17 players, as well as ex-Club junior, 15-year-old Keenan Field, now with the Central Coast



representative team. Despite the tough competition from the 48-team field, including many strong Sydney clubs, the Wyoming rookies, coached jointly by Richard Pagden and Steve Field, took out the Cup final (and the \$1500 winner's cheque), springing a major upset by defeating the Central Coast senior representative team 2-1 with goals to John Bailey and Connel Field.

The performance in the Margin Cup by the players from Richard Pagden's 17A team showed that the club's junior development program was on the brink of paying major dividends. The team had evolved over the previous six or seven years under the coaching of Kevin Best (1986 U12As), Warren Snashall (1988 U14A) and John Hughes (1988 U13As and 1989 U14As) before Pagden took over as coach with the 1990 U15As. These various teams had been competitive throughout this period winning a string of league championships but narrowly missing out on premierships, including back-to-back joint premierships from drawn grand finals in the 1989 U14A and 1990 U15A competitions.

As 15 and 16-year-olds they had performed brilliantly to easily take out the 1991 U17 league championship before losing in both the semi-final and final. With a largely unchanged team they were one of the favourites for the 1992 U17A title but were beaten into second place in the competition proper behind Southern-Ettalong United. Their end-of-season jinx looked like it could continue when they were beaten 4-3 by Southern in the major team after the scores had been locked 1-1 after extra-time. However they bounced back the following week with a hard-fought 1-nil win over Umina in the final before defeating SEU by the same score in the grand final. Earlier in the season they had won the Wyong Shield for the second year in a row.

With such a talented team set to break into the senior ranks Wyoming's Premier League future looked bright. Unfortunately it would be the Ourimbah club that would reap the benefits with the majority of the players leaving Wyoming after the 1996 season.

Each of the other junior 'A' grade teams reached the semi-finals with Steve Frame's U13As and Reagan Coates' U14As both taking out the league championship/preiership double. The Under 15As, also coached by Steve Frame, narrowly failed to defend their premiership from the previous season finishing third, in the competition proper. The team had a hard-fought 3-2 win over Woy



1992 UNDER 14As - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Gerald Schlie (Manager), Nikolas Schlie, Trent Hughes, Chris Smith, Mark Bohringer, Scott Clucas, Chris Large, Reagan Coates (Coach). Front (l to r): Drew Jager, Lee Dashwood, Adam Coates, David Stuart, Grant Paull, Andrew Chinn, Tony Gardner.



1992 UNDER 13As - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): John Hampstead (Manager), Stephen Bech, Justin Carmody, Damien Scruse, Paul Gotfredsen, Anthony Dillon, Steve Frame (Co-Coach). Front (l to r): Stephen Oostendorp, Greg Hampstead, Bradley Fishpool, Chris Doherty, Adan Deane, Ben Johnson. Absent: Pat Ryan (Co-Coach)

Woy in the minor semi-final. The final was just as tough with a 1-0 win over Budgewoi, with the grand final being lost against Berkeley Vale in extra-time.

The club's third league championship/premiership double went to Garry Smith's 11D. Although the team had a comfortable five-point margin at the end of the competition proper, they went down 2-0 to second-placed Southern-Ettalong in the major semi-final but bounced back with a 1-0 win in the final. The return encounter against SEU went right down to the wire before the only goal of the match, scored by Simon Paull, clinched the title for Wyoming.

Both the U16 Girls, coached by Les Place and Angela Bohringer, and Jeff Fathers' Womens All-Age team were finalists, as were the U10B's coached by Ian Coughlan, while the U10AB1, U11A and Third Grade team were all beaten in their semi-finals.

Two new Life Members were awarded at the 1991 Annual General Meeting. They were to Garry Smith and Peter Morrison.

Sadly the on-field successes of the season were overshadowed by a serious conflict within the Club Committee which saw the it divided between two rival factions. A vote of no-confidence in the Committee was defeated however the damage had been done and many Committee members chose not to stand for re-election at the 1993 Annual General Meeting. As a consequence the new Committee started the next season with eleven new members.

The schism would have some long-reaching effects on the club.



1992 UNDER 11D - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Terry Connor (Manager), Russell Rathbone, James Etches, Justin Sharman, Garry Smith (Coach), Chris Harden, Paul Etches, Chris Pugh, Mike Robinson (Manager).
Front (l to r): Tim Steff, Carl De Jager, Matthew Barrett, Russell Beard, Simon Paull, Chris Connor.

1992 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

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Sen 1st	Bill Vrolyks	21	10	4	7	31	23	24	4/8	2-1	3-2	0-1	RU		Nigel Forster
Sen Res	Bob O'Toole	21	7	4	10	27	39	18	6/8						Ian Deacon-Shaw
WAA	Les Place & Norm Fathers												SF		Angela Bohringer
Sen 3rd	Robert Bray	21	7	7	7	34	29	21	4/8	1-1 (2-4)			SF		David Fowles
Sen Div1	Don Sime	22	1	3	16	15	65	5	12/12						Marc Marcellino
Sen Div2	Jeff Hall	13	2	0	9	13	44	4	10/12						Greg Nichols
17	Richard Pagden	21	12	6	3	37	12	30	2/6	1-1 (4-3)	1-0	1-0	Pr		Neil Cox
W16	Les Place & Angela Bohringer										0-1		F		Tina White
15A	Steve Frame	13	7	2	3	24	11	16	3/7	3-2	1-0	lost	RU		Bradley Ham
14A	Reagan Coates	13	10	1	1	41	7	21	1/7	4-1		won	LC/Pr	PT	Lee Dashwood
14B	Michael Burdon	14	2	3	9	11	29	7	8/8						
13A	Steve Frame & Pat Ryan	20	12	6	2	46	24	30	1/6	1-1 (4-5)	1-0	4-3	LC/Pr		Damien Scrusse
13B	Greg Sheldon	21	1	3	17	12	65	5	8/8						Joel Lewin
12A	Howard Ainsley	20	4	5	11	21	32	13	5/6						Joel Coddington
11A	Leo Purer	20	8	5	7	34	28	21	4/6	1-2			SF		Shane Butt
11D	Garry Smith	20	15	3	2	50	12	33	1/6	0-2	1-0	won	LC/Pr		Paul Etches
10A1	Michael Thunig	13	7	4	2	24	9	18	3/14	0-1			SF		David Anderson
10A2	Adam Deane & Cliff Deane	13	3	2	8	11	25	8	10/14						Trent Cooper
10B	Ian Coughlan	15	9	3	3	19	10	21	2/6	1-2	0-1		F		Travis Murphy
10C1	Gary Wardlaw	14	1	4	9	5	29	6	6/8						Michael Nizik

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Jeff Hall), 9B (Don Sime), 9C (Colin Smith), 9D (Gordon Hines), 8A (Glynn Kearney), 8B (Michael Knight), 8C (Christine Muldoon (Wilkinson)), 8D (Jeff (1961) Hall), 7A (Duncan McCubbin), 7B (John Di Candilo), 7C (Ray Tisdell), 7D (Grant Paull), 7E (Steve Frame), 7F (Michael Crossley), 7G (Greg Edwards), 7H (David Tomlin), 6A (Ian Shute), 6B (Trent Hughes & Mark Bohringer), 6C (John Stutz), 6D (Andrew Chinn & Nikolas Schlie), 6E (David Robson), 6F (Chris Large & David Stuart), 6G (John Di Candilo), 6H (Bernard Sharp), 6I (Mark Gibby & Christian Lee).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

11D

Coach: Garry Smith

Players: Matthew Barrett, Russell Beard, Chris Connor, Carl De Jager, Kean Eggleton, Paul Etches, James Etches, Chris Harden, Simon Paull, Chris Pugh, Russell Rathbone, Justin Sharman, Tim Steff.

13A

Coach: Steve Frame & Pat Ryan

Players: Stephen Bech, Justin Carmody, Adam Deane, Anthony Dillon, Chris Doherty, Bradley Fishpool, Paul Gotfredsen, Gregory Hampstead, Greg Herzog, Ben Johnson, Stephen Oostendorp, Damien Scrusse.

14A

Coach: Reagan Coates

Players: Mark Bohringer, Andrew Chinn, Craig Clucas, Adam Coates, Lee Dashwood, Tony Gardner, Trent Hughes, Drew Jager, Chris Large, Grant Paull, Nikolas Schlie, Chris Smith, David Stuart.

PREMIERS

17

Coach: Richard Pagden

Players: Neil Cox, David Hildridge, Aaron Hood, Arron Hughes, Brett Jager, Dereck Mayes, Brian McGregor, Russell Murphy, Wayne Pagden, Richard Pagden, Brad Sargent, Gavin Singh, Andrew Smith, Matthew Wilkie.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Brad Dunn, Connel Field, Nigel Forster, Brad Horrell, Ryan Marshall, Stuart McAteer, Jarrod Mobberley, Luke O'Toole, Phil Robson, Stephen Smith, Lance Tropman, Lindsay Webb, Daniel Wilson.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Steve Field

Senior Player of the Year: Nigel Forster

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Angela Bohringer

Junior Player of the Year: Bradley Ham

Life Membership: Peter Morrison, Garry Smith

COMMITTEE

President

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Vice President

Reagan Coates

Secretary

Marlene Bailey

Treasurer

Alistair Kennedy

Assistant Registrar

Garry Smith

Assistant Secretary

Geoff Paull

Canteen Manager

Dianne Coates

Ellen Paull

Fixtures Officer

Geoff Paull

Public Relations

Gary Johnson

Publicity Officer

Paula Robson

Registrar

Neville Kirk

Peter Morrison

Social Committee

Joan Mayes

Committee

Dave Goy

John Hughes

Phil Robson

Michael Thunig



1993

After some political turbulence and in-fighting late in 1992 the Club saw a relatively new and inexperienced committee come together to manage its affairs. The major expenditure for the season was the renovation of the Alan Davidson Park clubhouse with a new storeroom and a referees room being constructed behind the dressing rooms and toilets. At the same time the security of the building was upgraded. Much of the work was done by volunteer labour by club tradesmen including Brian Mottram, Alan Singleton, Kevin Flanagan, Tony McAndrew, Phillip Robson, Jamie Robson, Clive Harrison and Bill Vrolyks.

An important function that the club held during the season was a benefit night for the family of John Mobberley who had tragically been killed in an accident on a building site shortly after the end of the 1992 season. John, a long-term supporter of the club and a junior coach, left behind a wife, Sandra, and three children, Jarrod one of the Club's most promising young players and a regular First Grader, daughter Leah and younger son, Dale, then playing in the Under 9s.

Whether the off-field tensions affected the club's on-field performances is open to conjecture but, for the first time since 1971, when the club was in its early development years, no Wyoming team won a premiership. Indeed, in 2010, it remains the only season without a premiership since 1971.

Bill Vrolyks returned as First Grade coach with a new deputy, John McLafferty, taking over the Reserve Grade coaching position. In the opinion of many, Wyoming's best-ever coach, McLafferty had emigrated



John McLafferty



1993 FIRST GRADE

Rear (l to r): Jamie Cartner (Assistant Manager), Damian Verschoor, Michael Strachan, Stephen Smith, Phil Robson, Brett Jager, Ryan Marshall, Bill Vrolyks (Coach), Reagan Coates (Manager).

Front (l to r): Wayne Pagden, Connel Field, Grant Smith, Nigel Forster, Luke O'Toole, Gavin Singh.



1993 UNDER 14s -LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

Rear (l to r): Gary Johnson (Manager), Greg Herzog, Justin Carmody, Stephen Bech, Paul Gotfredsen, Andrew Bull, Adam Deane, Anthony Dillon, Steve Frame (Coach). Front (l to r): Greg Hampstead, Damien Scruse, Stephen Oostendorp, Gavin Kane Ben Johnson.

from Scotland in the mid-1980s and played for the Collaroy and Manly-Allambie clubs in Sydney before moving to the Central Coast. He first played for Wyoming in the 1992 season, predominantly in the Reserve Grade team, before taking over as coach of that team in 1993. He produced immediate results taking the team from sixth place in 1992 (seven wins and ten losses) to second place in 1993 with 13 wins and five losses. It was the start of a distinguished coaching career which, a decade in the future, would see Wyoming emerge from many years of struggle to again become the dominant Premier League team on the Central Coast. McLafferty would also move up the football ladder and make valuable contributions both at the local junior and senior representative level as well as with the Central Coast Mariners

There were major changes to the First grade team that had performed so well the previous year with a number of members of the premiership-winning Under 17 team including Wayne Pagden, Brett Jager and Gavin Singh joining what had already been a very young side. Indeed the 1993 Wyoming First Grade team was probably the youngest in the club's history.

Whether it was their lack of experience or other reasons the First Grade team performed poorly winning just three of their 21 matches and finishing seventh in the eight-team competition. On the positive side, eight drawn matches did indicate that the team was competitive and with only one team relegated they were able to retain their place in Premier League.

The only 'silverware' to be collected from the 1993 season came from the Under 14As, coached by Steve Frame who took out league championship. They lost just one match during the competition proper before proceeding directly to the grand final with a 2-1 win over Doyalson in the major semi-final. The two teams met again two weeks later but this time the result was reversed with the northerners coming away with a 3-1 win. The Wyoming did have the consolation of being awarded the 1993 Presidents Trophy.



Wyoming's only other grand finalists for 1993 were the Womens All-Age 1 team coached by Grant McLean.

The 1993 season saw the second visit from the Japanese Edogawa Kasi club.

Unfortunately at the end of the season there was further committee turbulence which resulted in the third new Committee in as many years.



1993 UNDER 11As - FINALISTS

Back Row (l to r): Shane Hardie (Manager), Chris Marchant, Gavin Stillaway, Michael Nisic, Chistian Thunig, Nathan Carmody, Alan McCubbin, Dennis Stillaway (Coach). Front Row (l to r): Chris Fitch, Dean Wade, Brad Stewart, Lennon Scott, Carl Howard, Simon Hardie.



1993 WOMENS ALL-AGE 1s - RUNNERS-UP

Players: Rear (l to r): Sue Moffit, Danielle Lackenby, Angela Bohringer, unknown, unknown, Sue Malcolm (Smith), Terri Callaghan. Centre (l to r); Centre: Alison McLean, Grant McLean, Robyn Brown, Michelle Ingram. Front: Anne McLean.



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Sen Res	John McLafferty	21	13	3	5	48	23	29	2/8	0-3	0-3		F		
WAA1	Grant McLean									??	??	lost	RU		Kim Smith
WAA2	Les Place														
Sen 3rd	Clive Harrison	21	8	3	10	39	33	16	5/8						
Sen Div2(A)	Don Sime	21	8	5	8	43	30	21	4/8	0-2			SF		
Sen Div2(B)	Brian Sutton	21	5	7	9	35	53	17	5/8						
16A1	Reagan Coates	15	6	3	6	17	17	15	3/6	3-1	0-3		F		Mark Bohringer
16A2	Charles Trippier	15	1	0	14	8	87	2	6/6						Adam Coulter
W16	Les Place												SF		Samara Rabe
14A	Steve Frame	14	9	2	1	32	10	20	1/7	2-1		1-3	LC/RU	PT	Stephen Oostendorp
13B	Steven Durrant	22	7	5	8	35	47	19	7/11						Steven Gardner
12B	Malcolm Moffat	14	3	2	7	10	18	8	5/7						Yeoni Shute
12C	Melinda Boyce	18	4	2	12	9	38	10	8/10						
11A	Dennis Stillaway	20	8	2	10	35	42	18	3/6	1-0	1-3		F		Dean Wade
11C	Adam Deane & Cliff Deane	18	8	4	6	44	23	20	5/10						Ryan Conroy
10A	Rick Farr	18	8	6	2	24	12	22	3/9	1-0	0-2		F		Trevor Shute
10C	Don Sime	14	2	0	11	10	50	4	7/8						Bradley Porter
10D	Brian Sutton	18	4	3	10	20	42	11	6/10						William Stone

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Paul O'Rourke), 9B (Bob O'Toole), 9C (Mark Le Cornu), 8A (Duncan McCubbin), 8B (Belinda Di Candilo), 8C (Tony Lucas), 8D (Michael Crossley), 7A (John Stutz), 7B (Bernard Sharp), 7C (David Eller), 7D (Paul Agius), 7E (Ian Shute), 7F (Steve Faulkner), 7G (Stephen Oostendorp & Andrew Bull), 7H (Ray Tisdell), 7I (Stephen Bech & Justin Carmody), 6A (Andrew Chinn & Paul Gotfredsen), 6B (Phillip Duncan), 6C (Mark Le Cornu), 6D (Dave Sullivan), 6E (Charles Trippier), 6F (Dave Bowcott), 6G (Greg Burling-Smith), 6H (David Robson).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

14A

Coach: Steve Frame

Players: Stephen Bech, Ross Beveridge, Andrew Bull, Justin Carmody, Adam Deane, Anthony Dillon, Paul Gotfredsen, Gregory Hampstead, Greg Herzog, Ben Johnson, Gavin Kain, Stephen Oostendorp, Matthew Reilly, Damien Scruse.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Phillip Cartner, Connel Field, Nigel Forster, Brett Jager, Ryan Marshall, Luke O'Toole, Wayne Pagden, Phil Robson, Gavin Singh, Grant Smith, Stephen Smith, Michael Strachan, Damian Verschoor.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Peter Bech

Senior Player of the Year: Phil Robson

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Kim Smith

Junior Player of the Year: Mark Bohringer

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1994

After the disappointment of not having won a single premiership in 1993, the club had a slight decline in both player and team numbers, fielding a total of 40 teams: six senior, 13 junior (U10-U17) and 21 non-competition (U5-U9). Although there were two Under 16 Girls teams, for the first time since 1982 the club could not nominate a senior womens team.

Of even greater concern was the fact that there were 'A' grade junior teams in only three of the six age divisions between Under 10 and Under 16 and of these only two proved to be competitive, the U12As, coached by Dennis Stillaway, who finished fourth (albeit in a five-team competition) and Cliff Deane and John Bell's U16A2 team that outperformed their higher-rated U16A1 clubmates to finish in third place. Although they missed the semi-final cut, the U16A1s did have the consolation of taking out the Wyong Cup.

On the bright side, 12 of the club's 19 competition teams qualified for the semi-finals, including nine of the 13 junior teams. Of these four were eliminated in minor semis, including the U16A2s and both Girls U16 teams. The only surviving junior 'A' grade team, the U12As did win through to the final, but were beaten there, as were another three of the five remaining junior teams.

The only junior team to qualify for the grand final were the U10Cs, coached by the hard-working Don Sime. 'Flash', as he was known, was not only coaching and playing in the club's Division Two 'A' team, but had also been elected as Club president at the 1993 Annual General Meeting. Sime's U10Cs had won their major semi-final 3-1 and then capped off a great season with a 1-0 grand final victory.

After two years as First Grade coach, Bill Vrolyks stepped down and was replaced by Tony Gallagher. The team was again a mixture of emerging young players mixed with some experience including four new signings that in new captain Michael Leete, Mark Greenwood, Brad Horell and Canadian David Zuk.



1994 FIRST GRADE

Rear (l to r): Tony Gallagher (Coach), Brett Jager, David Zuk, Dereck Mayes, Brad Horrell, Michael Leete, Jarrod Mobberley, Tony Bailey (Manager). Front (l to r) Phil Cartner, Wayne Pagden, Peter Paterson, Gavin Singh, Phil Robson, Mark Greenwood.



Although the team's final position of fifth was an improvement of the previous season's seventh place the overall results were below expectations. The team won seven, drew two and lost eleven matches for 16 points, only marginally better than the 1993 First Grade team's 3-8-10 and 14 points. Despite having the worst defensive record in the competition (48, compared with 31 in 1993) they entered the final round only needing to beat last-placed East Gosford to take fourth place but went down 2-0.

Once again the Reserve Grade team was coached by John McLafferty, this time captained by an experienced player in Mal Tindale who had joined the club the previous season. The season proved to be a three-way tussle between Wyoming and the two strong peninsula clubs, Umina and Southern-Ettalong. A second-round 1-0 loss to Umina proved crucial and despite winning their final three matches, Wyoming had to settle for second place as they had done in 2003.

However the experience gained from the previous year's bad defeats in the semi-final and final proved invaluable for the young Wyoming team and they approached the 1994 finals with a steely determination. In a tight match they defeated the league champions 1-0 to book their spot in the grand final. This time their opponents were Southern-Ettalong, a true result as they had been the two most consistent and entertaining sides throughout the season.

The first half consisted of SEU having plenty of ball but not looking threatening while Wyoming created four good chances. As it was the goal that decided the match could hardly be described as a chance. It came from midfielder, John Bailey, a Wyoming player since the age of five who looked up from 30 metres out, saw the goalkeeper off his line and fired in what became known as the 'Bailey Bullet', a blinding shot that stunned everyone who saw it at Plum Park. The other highlight of the match was a series of brilliant saves by the Wyoming goalkeeper, David 'Jock' Wilson capped off by a match-winning diving deflection in the dying minutes of the game.

The win ended a ten-year title drought for the Wyoming Premier League squad, the previous title having been won by the 1984 Reserve Grade team coached by Tony Kayes.

The big improvers of 1994 were the club's Third Grade side who came from fifth place in 1993 with seven wins to league champions with 15 wins. The team had a new coach in Alan Singleton and an infusion of new blood mixed with a group of tough, experienced campaigners that at times included both the First and Reserve Grade coaches.

After a neck-and-neck tussle with Umina throughout the season, Wyoming entered the final round needing to defeat local rivals East Gosford and then hope that top-placed Umina would drop a point in their match to take out the league championship. Although no-one knew the



1994 UNDER 18s - FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Tommy Corless (Trainer), Nathan Privett, Chad Bowmaker, Rory Waddell, Danny Evans, Ben Bright, Dean Stingmore, Paul Mottram, Pat Ryan (Coach), Brian Mottram (Manager).
Front (l to r): David Derrick, Michael Kennedy, Adam Coulter, Andrew Smith, Paul Wilson.



Umina score, it looked irrelevant at half-time with Wyoming trailing 2-0 at half-time. Things changed dramatically after the break and the rejuvenated Wyoming Third Graders put away four unanswered goal in a remarkable 20-minute period to win 4-2. The phone call from Umina notified that their match had been drawn and so giving Wyoming the league championship.

Umina had its revenge the following week with a convincing 5-2 victory in the major semi-final leaving Wyoming to play Toukley-Gorokan in the final to gain an eagerly awaited re-match. Unfortunately, despite dominating the match for most of the 80 minutes, Wyoming were beaten by a goal against the run of play that gave Toukley a 1-0 win.

The Club's Under 18 team also performed well. With many of the players still within the lower half of the age bracket which encompassed both U17 and U18, they were guided by a trio of the club's most experienced and dedicated mentors in coach Pat Ryan, manager Brian Mottram and strapper, Tommy Corless. Between them they moulded the young team into a capable team that improved steadily through the year, winning eight, drawing seven and losing five of their regular season matches and finishing in fourth place. A win in the major semi-final saw them to within match of the competition decider, however their season ended there, beaten 3-1 by Gosford City in the final.

The year also saw an important change to the administrative structure of the club with the creation of a new Sub-Committee called the Football Committee. Comprising a chairman and representatives for senior, junior, non-competition and female teams the Committee was designed to concentrate specifically on football, as distinct from administration, matters.

1994 IN REVIEW

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**TEAMS**

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SE	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen 1st	Tony Gallagher	20	7	2	11	28	48	16	5/8						Phillip Cartner
Sen Res	John McLafferty	20	12	3	5	53	19	27	2/10	1-0		1-0	Pr	PT	Mal Tindale
Sen 3rd	Alan Singleton	20	15	3	2	48	17	33	1/8	2-5	0-1		LC/F		Brian Mottram
Sen Div2(A)	Don Sime	18	4	4	10	20	43	12	9/10						Phillip Gordon
Sen Div2(B)	Clive Harrison	21	9	2	10	32	35	20	6/12						Anthony Wilson
Sen 18	Pat Ryan	20	8	7	5	45	29	23	4/8	won	1-3		F		Chad Bowmaker
16A1	Reagan Coates	21	8	5	7	49	32	21	6/8						Mark Bohringer
16A2	Cliff Deane & John Bell	21	10	4	7	35	27	24	3/8	lost			SF		Adam Deane
W16A1	John Stewart									1-2			SF		Amelia Copeland
W16A2	Nikolas Schlie									0-1			SF		Kylie Stewart
14B	Howard Ainsley	21	9	3	9	40	40	21	4/8	lost			SF		Troy Clucas
13C	Mel Russon	21	13	2	3	96	24	28	2/10	1-2	lost		F		Abdiqani Hassan
12A	Dennis Stillaway	18	8	1	7	33	27	17	4/5	won	lost		F		Nathan Carmody
12C	Paul Stingmore	15	3	1	11	13	28	7	6/6						Michael Wilson
11A	Rick Farr	20	0	1	19	5	93	1	6/6						Scott Annabel
10C	Don Sime	14	9	2	3	50	16	20	1/8	3-1		1-0	LC/Pr		Mark Knapton
10E	Ray Lincoln	14	8	2	4	30	17	18	2/8	1-3	lost		F		Robert Lenehan
10G	Michael Knight	14	5	1	6	16	21	11	4/7	won	lost		F		Scott Goodier
10H	Mark Le Cornu	14	2	0	10	9	25	4	5/7						Dana Worthington

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Bob O'Toole), 9B (Jamie Austin), 9C (Richard Bull), 9D (Doug Perry), 8A (John Stutz), 8B (Robert Wright & Gary Benterman), 8C (Ian Shute), 8D (Wayne Packer), 8E (Mark Le Cornu), 7A (Dave Sullivan), 7B (unknown), 7C (Glen Hunter), 7D (Unknown), 7E (Roger Smith), 6A (Joanne Ditton), 6B (Michelle Holden), 6C (Charles Trippier), 6D (Paul Nield), 6E (Craig Cottle), 6F (Ingrid Donnelly), 6G (Mark Byrnes & Hamish Wallace).

CODES: LPos = Final league position, FPos = Final competition position, Pr = Premiers, PrJ = Joint Premiers, RU = runners-up (grand finalists); SF = semi-final, F = Final, PT = Presidents Trophy, AC = Northern NSW Amateur Cup winners, CC = NSW Champion of Champions winners, POTY = Team Player of the Year award.

SUCCESSFUL TEAMS**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS**

10C

Coach: Don Sime

Players: Mark Bonello, Jarred Collette, David Copeland, Patrick Davoren, Karl Graf, Jacinta Ling, Dale Mobberley, Adam Oostendorp, Christopher O'Rourke, Adam Packer, Kieran Perry, Timothy Pulo.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & FINALISTS**THIRD GRADE**

Coach: Alan Singleton

Players: Steve Ahtow, Bobby Bray, Paul Coventry, Grahame Cunningham, Ian Deacon-Shaw, Garry Frost, Chris Jones, Tony Lucas, Tony McAndrew, John McLafferty, David Maltby, Brian Mottram, Jamie Robson, Matthew Robson, Martin Rowland, Wayne Rutherford.

PREMIERS**RESERVE GRADE**

Coach: John McLafferty

Players: John Bailey, Danny Cunningham, Mark Death, Ian Holder, David Maltby, Luke O'Toole, Greg Preston, Matthew Robson, Gavin Singh, Alan Singleton, Mal Tindale, Anthony Vos, Matthew Wilkie, David Wilson.

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