



2000

An important season as the club celebrated its 30th anniversary with a number of items produced and events held to mark the occasion culminating in a dinner/dance to coincide with the end-of-season Senior Presentation Night.

The club fielded a total of 49 teams: nine senior, 17 junior and 23 non-competition. Included in these were two senior womens and one junior girls team. While 11 of the 26 competition teams reached the semi-finals, but with just one league champions (U11Es) and one premiership, from Colin Muldoon and his Womens Division Two team.

Following the senior womens team's success in reaching the previous season's grand final there was an influx of new players and, as a result, two teams were nominated. The number one team, based on its 1999 success, was promoted to Division One while the second team, coached by Bruce Miller, was graded into Division Three. However with four leading players having left the club the top team struggled losing its first four matches 2-0, 6-0, 9-0 and 2-1. As a result the team was re-graded back to Division Two and the competition re-started. From here they began to play consistently and steadily improved to such an extent that by the end of the competition rounds they had finished in second spot behind league champions, Ourimbah.



2000 WOMENS ALL-AGE 2 - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Peter Morrison (Manager), Maria Chisholm, Rebecca Copeland, Melanie Harris, Lisa Butt.
 Centre (l to r): Rebecca Stone, Catherine Thuax, Rebecca Wales, Vanessa Harland, Saryna Shute,
 Barbara Nicholas (Assistant Manager). Front (l to r): Jenny Huntington, Natalie Carnovale,
 Colin Muldoon (Coach), Priya Iyer, Jacinta Ling. Absent: Gina Amaral, Cheronne Nicholas, Melissa Jones.



Not unlike the situation with the Mens Premier League team, the Ourimbah team had been bolstered by the recruitment of four ex-Wyoming players. The major semi-final was a tense and hard-fought match eventually won when Ourimbah capitalised on a loose ball to score the only goal of the match. However Wyoming bounced back with a confidence-boosting 2-0 win over Gosford City in the final with goals to Saryna Shute and Rebecca Wales.

A large crowd, including most of the Club Committee and many members of the MPL squad were on hand for the grand final. Instead of the tense and tight match that everyone had expected after fifteen minutes Wyoming had skipped to a 3-0 lead and were never headed, eventually winning the match 6-0 with Gina Amaral scoring a rare grand final hat-trick. Even more memorable was a first-ever goal to Priya Iyer. Rebecca Wales and Lisa Butt rounded off the Wyoming scorers.

Once again the young Mens Premier League First Grade team struggled to remain competitive and from early in the season it was clear that avoiding relegation was a more realistic goal than making the semi-finals. In the three seasons since the mass defection of players to Ourimbah, in what were then eight-team competitions with only the bottom team relegated, they had finished 6th in 1997, and 7th in both 1998 and 1999. Midway through the season Barry Jones replaced Jarrod Mobberley as coach.

Wyoming went into the final match of the season in second-last place, two points ahead of Terrigal and so needed just a draw to ensure their survival. The match, deferred due to bad weather, was played at Plum Park mid-week at night. Wyoming saved its worst for last and were beaten and so, for the first time since entering the senior competition in 1974, were relegated to the lower division. Although it was disappointing at the time, especially in the midst of the club's 30th Anniversary celebrations, in retrospect it was the best thing that could have happened because it forced a major re-think in the way things had been approached in the recent past and brought forward a number of important people who would introduce these changes.



2000 UNDER 13Bs - RUNNERS-UP

Rear (l to r): Alan Bendeich (Coach), Dean Bendeich, Rohan Mount-McCaughey, David Bellato, Clyde Bromfield (Manager). Centre (l to r): Scott Sullivan, Scott Holloway, Scott Bromfield, Adrian Clarke, Trent Allard.
Front (l to r): Andrew Lacina, Daniel Bellamy, ChrisHulls, Owen Martin.

In an indication of true club spirit, as the players sat glumly in their dressing room, a group of supporters from the 'Dream Team' marched in with a carton of beer and roused them from their depression, encouraging them to stay on and fight their way back into Premier League the following season. While it took an extra year their enthusiasm was well-founded and most of these same supporters were present at Central Coast Stadium in September 2004 to see Marcus Steele raise the First Grade premiership trophy. While the 'Dream Team' did tend to operate semi-autonomously from the rest of the club, arranging their own sponsorship and playing shirts, no one could doubt their loyalty to the club. Their actions at Plum Park in the final match of the 2000 season proved that beyond doubt.

The MPL season wasn't all doom and gloom and while the finishing position of the Reserve Grade team didn't have any affect on the



promotion/relegation situation, the Wyoming team, coached by Craig Herring, performed well, finishing the regular season in second place with ten wins and three draws from their 16 matches. Their season also finished badly, perhaps influenced by the relegation news, with back-to-back defeats, each by a one-goal margin, in the finals series.

One of the best performances of the season came from Alan Bendeich's Under 13B team. With one round remaining they were in fifth place, needing to win their final match to qualify for the play-offs. This they did with a 1-0 win over Gosford City. In the minor semi-final, against third-placed Killarney District they scored twice in the second half to convert a 1-0 half-time deficit to a 2-1 win. Next came the final where they were up against the league champions, Kincumber, who had been defeated in the major semi-final the previous week by Terrigal. With confidence steadily increasing they pulled off a major upset with a hat-trick to 'Chas' Hulls giving them a 3-0 win and a place in the grand final. Unfortunately that was the end of their run, going down 2-1 to Terrigal in the grand final.

The 2000 season's only league championship was won by the Under 11Es, coached by Rick Parker. After being beaten 1-0 in the major semi-final, they won a place in the grand final with a 2-1 in the final, before going down 2-0 in the decider.

Other successful teams of 2000 were the All-Age 1s, beaten 3-0 in the grand final; the U18Bs coached by Bruce Barrett who, after finishing in second place, were beaten 2-1 in the major semi-final and 5-4 in a penalty shootout in the final; and Don Sime's Girls Under 14s who were also beaten finalists.

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TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPoS	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen PL1 1st	Jarrold Moberley / Barry Jones	16	2	2	12	15	39	8	10/10						Greg Herzog
Sen PL1 Res	Craig Herring	16	10	3	3	52	26	33	2/10	0-1	2-3		F		Luke Cumberland
WDiv2	Colin Muldoon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	0-1	2-0	6-0	Pr	PT	Rebecca Stone
WDiv3	Bruce Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							Melissa Proctor
Sen AA1	Cliff Deane	17	11	3	3	53	17	36	2/8	0-2	3-2	0-3	RU		Alan Duke
Sen AA2	Unknown	15	6	1	8	33	27	19	6/8						Robert Bray
Sen AA3	Brad Dunn	15	7	3	5	29	25	24	5/9						Lyndon Varley
Sen AA6	Kevin Sutton	16	6	4	6	20	23	22	6/9						Jason McKinnon
Sen 18B	Bruce Barrett	14	6	1	7	44	23	19	2/5	1-2	2(4)-2(5)		F		Kelvin Kan
16A	Scott & Richard Howison	17	7	2	8	33	28	23	4/8	1-2			SF		Adam Packer
15A	George Savidis	17	2	3	12	10	54	9	8/8						Kaveh Batha
15B	Ian Shute	17	7	3	7	43	49	24	5/8						Lachlan Bruce
14A	Wayne Packer	17	9	3	5	34	19	30	3/8	2-1	0-1		F		Leighton Packer
14C	Mike Robinson & Ian Wright	18	13	1	4	65	28	40	3/10	0-1			SF		Patrick Wright
W14	Don Sime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2-0	1-3		F		Kelly Shutt
13B	Alan Bendeich	17	8	3	6	33	21	27	4/8	2-1	3-0	1-2	RU		Owen Martin
12A	Paul Nield	17	4	2	11	16	38	14	6/8						Nicholas Potts
12C	Dave Sullivan	17	5	5	7	29	33	20	6/8						Liam Sharp
12E	Don Sime	17	8	1	8	47	53	25	4/8	1-2			SF		Tim Clarkson
11A	Joe Pace	17	4	3	10	30	38	15	6/8						Tim Wallington
11C	Scott McKinnon	17	3	3	11	16	36	12	7/8						Matthew Farrell
11E	Rick Parker	17	15	1	1	65	13	46	1/8	0-1	2-1	0-2	LC/RU		Luke Parker
10A	Kevin Best	17	9	2	6	25	21	29	5/8						Jed Prater
10C	Murray Peck	17	6	1	10	18	36	19	6/8						Gordon Wilson
10F	Amelia Copeland	17	8	4	5	36	36	28	5/8						James Grahame
10G	Ian Shute	18	4	0	14	12	45	12	9/10						Bradley Cross

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Don Sime), 9B (Warren Murphy), 9C (Craig Southwood), 9D (Dana Worthington), 8A (Roger Smith), 8B (Ken Kirk), 8C (Chris Pugh), 8D (Bill Baker), 7A (Sue Lythgoe), 7B (John Vrana), 7C (Lyndon Varley), 7D (Mark Thompson), 7E (Brendon O'Connor), 7F (Paulette Coughlan), 7G (John Trickey), 6A (Terry Duffield), 6B (Alan Ashworth), 6C (Steve Sutton), 6D (Peter Comino), 6E (Rod Drew), 6F (Paul Adams), 5A (Steve Cook), 5B (Adrian Drew).

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 AND RUNNERS-UP

11E

Coach: Rick Parker

Players: Gregory Burkett, Lee Collins, Isaac Hobson, Jake Horton, Michael Hourn, Ben Mateljan, Aden Omar, Luke Parker, Anthony Skinner, Mark Sims, Matthew Swindell, Nicholas Thompson, Graham Toope, Martin Vazquez.

PREMIERS

WOMENS ALL-AGE 2

Coach: Colin Muldoon

Players: Gina Amaral, Lisa Butt, Natalie Carnovale, Maria Chisholm, Vanessa Harland, Melanie Harris, Jenny Huntington, Priya Iyer, Melissa Jones, Jacinta Ling, Cheronne Nicholas, Saryna Shute, Rebecca Stone, Catherine Thuaux, Rebecca Wales.

RUNNERS-UP

13B

Coach: Alan Bendeich

Players: Trent Allard, Kurt Bainbridge, William Ballard, Daniel Bellamy, David Bellato, Dean Bendeich, Scott Bromfield, Anthony Carabott, Adrian Clarke, Scott Holloway, Christopher Hulls, Andrew Lacina, Owen Martin, Rohan Mount-McCaughey, Jason Sloey, Scott Sullivan, Michael Ward.

ALL-AGE 1

Coach: Cliff Deane

Players: Trevor Andersen, James Arte, Sean Boyd, Gareth Bray, Ben Bright, Justin Carmody, Alan Duke, John Frohmuller, Ivan Gage, Abdiqani Hassan, Jarrod Mobberley, John Mulheron, Stephen Oostendorp, Justin Sargent, Andrew J Smith, Mark Solway, David Van Gestel.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Simon Ainsley, Damon Ainsley, Shane Butt, Daniel Cunningham, Luke Gale, Greg Herzog, Aaron Hood, Scott Howison, Paul Jones, Matthew Kane, Michael Kennedy, Luke O'Toole, Greg Preston, Trevor Rizzo, Scott Snodgrass, David Wilson.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Alan Bendeich

Senior Player of the Year: Greg Herzog

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Rebecca Stone

Junior Player of the Year: Adam Packer

Life Membership: Ian Shute

COMMITTEE

President

Peter Bech

Vice President

Dave Sullivan

Secretary

Mark Le Cornu

Treasurer

Wayne Packer

Football Committee

Brian Mottram (Chair)

Robert Bray Snr

Ian Shute

Gai Green

Dave Boyd

Peter Morrison

Canteen Manager

Elizabeth Heard

Sherene Kennewell

Coaching Co-ordinator:

Kevin Best

Fixtures Officer

Bob Wallington

Gear Steward

Dave Sullivan.

Groundsperson

Ian Shute

Magazine Editor

Alistair Kennedy

Marketing & Promotions

Peter Bech

Registrar

Peter Bech

Mark Le Cornu

Committee

Bruce Barrett

Alan Bendeich

Don Sime



2001

The club's administration remained stable with Peter Bech entering the second of his six-year term as president while Mark Le Cornu stayed on as secretary for a second year. There was a new treasurer in Bob Wallington, and he would also remain in that position for three years.

Although player numbers were down slightly from the record-levels of 2000 the club still was able to field 47 teams: nine senior, 17 junior and 21 non-competition. However a worrying trend of not having sufficient quality to players to enter 'A' Grade junior competitions was beginning with the club only having teams in four of the seven junior grades compared with six the previous year. By the end of the decade this would have dropped to just one team.

Of the 26 competition teams, 19 qualified for semi-finals, the highest number in the club's history, surpassing the previous record of 18 set in 1984. Of these 19, six won league champions, equalling the record set in 1984.

The biggest achievements of the 2001 season came from the all-female teams. Player numbers for those wishing to play in dedicated female teams had increased by more than 50 per cent over the 2000 season. Consequently a record number of five teams were nominated, three in junior competitions (U12s, U14s and U16s) and one each in the All-Age 1 and All-Age 3 senior womens grades. More importantly there was quality as well as quantity with all five teams reaching the semi-finals, three as league champions (U12s, U16s and WAA3s). Two then went on to win premierships (U14s and WAA3), the only occasion that more than one all-female premiership had been won in the same season.

The Womens All-Age 3s, coached by Bruce Miller, dominated their competition with 17 wins, three draws and just one loss from their 21 matches. Although their final two matches proved closer than average, they went on to take out the premiership with 1-0 wins in both the major semi-final and grand final. Making her debut for Wyoming in the team was Kym Witcombe who, under her married name of Kym Russell, would return to the club in 2008 as an Under 5s coach before resuming her career with the successful Womens Premier League in 2009 and winning the Senior Womens Player of the Year award.

The other premiership winners were the Under 14 Girls, coached by George Savidis. Despite losing just three of their 18 matches and having a 62-14 for and against record, they could



2001 WOMENS ALL-AGE 3 - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Peter Morrison (Manager), Melissa Proctor,
Holly Watson, Kym Witcombe, Rashana Cameron,
Bruce Miller (Coach). Centre (l to r): Wendy Paterson,
Chris Muldoon, Sarah Allard, Nikki Jones, Kylie Stewart.
Front (l to r): Priya iyer, Anastasia Cominos, Kellie Nicholls,
Gina Mesiti. Absent: Alison Finn.



only finish in third place. They won their minor semi-final 3-0, Final 1-0 and then defeated Killarney District 2-1 in the grand final.

The Under 12 Girls team was coached by All-Age 1 player Cheronne Nicholas. Their record of eleven wins and two draws was enough to take them to the league championship, from where they went directly to the grand final with a goal from Crystall Marginson giving them a hard-fought 1-0 win over East Gosford. Unfortunately East Gosford had their revenge a fortnight later winning the grand final 2-1.

The Womens All-Age 1 (or Division One) team, coached by Colin Muldoon, finished the competition rounds fourth of the six teams in the grade. The minor semi-final against Wyong at Pluim Park No 2 started late due to earlier matches going into extra time. Then with the match still scoreless at full-time the lights failed just as the players were taking the field for extra-time. The match was eventually transferred to Field One where, in the seventh minute Wyoming sealed the win with a golden-goal decider.

With so many female teams in the club there was a large crowd in attendance for the following week's Final against Kincumber. Hopes were high when Wyoming led 1-0 at half-time but Kincumber hit back with two quick goals early in the second half and eventually took the match 3-1.

Ian Shute and his Under 11F team had an excellent season finishing in second place with 16 wins and three draws from their 21 matches. They entered the major semi-final with plenty of confidence having won their last four matches and without conceding a goal. Indeed they didn't concede a goal in normal play for the remainder of the season, winning the major semi-final 1-0 and then having a scoreless draw in the grand final, taking the title with a 2-1 penalty shootout win.

For the first time since entering the senior competition in 1974 the Wyoming First and Reserve Grade teams were playing in the lower division, now oddly-named as Premier League Two. Taking over as coach of both teams was 25-year-old Craig Herring, still the club's youngest-ever First Grade coach. Relegation had led to a number of players leaving the club for Premier League One teams and the club had to rely on its home-grown talent which, in 2001, included a talented young full-back

who would go on to become one of the club's best in Trevor Shute. Indeed such was the 18-year-old's impact that he became the second-youngest winner of the club's Senior Player of the Year award.

Although the First Grade team was competitive, with nine wins and four draws from their 18 competition matches, they were never a chance of gaining promotion with both Killarney District (relegated since 1997) and East Gosford (since 1994) finishing well clear of the field and so winning the two promotion places.

A fascinating statistic would emerge from these three top teams in the 2001 Premier League Two competition. In their first season back in PL1, East Gosford would go on to win the 2002 premiership; then in 2003 Killarney took out the title; followed in 2004 by Wyoming. So clearly the standard, at least at the top level of the 2001 PL2 competition was quite high



2001 UNDER 11F - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Ian Shute (Coach), Sara Hodges, Chris Younger, Rick Cooper, William Collins, Valerie Hodges(Manager).

Centre (l to r): Chad Eaton, Rory Carrigan, Matthew Harland, Amelia Casey.

Front (l to r): Sophie Fanning, Nathan Winder, Nathan Smith. Absent: Benjamin Power.



With only the lower division premiership to play for Wyoming won through to the Final with a hard-fought 1-0 win over fourth-placed Toukley, the goal coming in the 18th minute from Scott Howison. The Final against Killarney District was marred by the sending off of a Wyoming player early in the second half, yet despite this the team fought back from a 2-0 deficit to go down 3-2.

After finishing as league champions the Reserve Grade team lost form, losing the major semi-final (2-0 against Killarney) and the Final (4-1 to East Gosford) in successive weeks.

One of the busiest and most committed club members of 2001 was undoubtedly Scott Howison. A First Grade player since 1999, he had taken up coaching with the 2000 U16A team that had reached the semi-finals. In 2001, apart from training and playing himself, he coached both the U15A (jointly with his father, Richard) and Girls U16A teams. He led both of these junior teams to league championships although both missed out on premierships, with the girls team thrashed 4-0 in the major semi then narrowly beaten 2-1 in the Final.

The nucleus of the Howison U15A team had been together under the coaching of Wayne Packer for the past six years from the Under 9As of 1995 through to the 2000 U14As. Many would stay together to win the 2003 U18A premiership and then move into the Premier League squad over the following two seasons.

The U15A team performed well for their new coach taking out the league championship with

just one loss from their 21 matches, although they did have seven draws. Unfortunately their season foundered, at least locally, in a spiteful major semi-final against East Gosford which saw a number of Wyoming players injured and one sent off during the second half. The score remained 0-0 at full-time before East Gosford took the match with a 'golden-goal' winner midway through the second period of extra time. The effort told and the following week the U15As were knocked out in the Final 2-1 by Umina.

However their season wasn't over. As league champions the Wyoming Under 15As would represent the Central Coast in the NSW Champion of Champions competition, which although a statewide knockout tournament was generally played against Sydney opponents. Their first round match was at home the day after the defeat by Umina against a rough and tough team from Chullora. Fortunately some firm refereeing kept things under control and a goal midway through the second half saw Wyoming come away with a confidence-boosting 1-0 win.



2001 UNDER 15As - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SEMI-FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Aaron Shute, Mark Dunston, Ben Wallington.
Centre (l to r): Andrew Marler (Assistant Coach), Luke Elliott, Leighton Packer, Mitchell Faulkner, Chiji Olujie, Ben Smith, Scott Howison (Coach), Luke Hiscock. Front (l to r): Peter Sharman, Adam Stutz, Andrew Wells, Andrew Fell-Marston, Kylle Rich.



The following Sunday saw the team off to Sydney to play against Macquarie, the unbeaten Premiers from the Ryde area. Once again the scoreline was 1-0 to Wyoming, with Ben Wallington scoring in the 25th minute and the defence holding their opposition out. The win meant that the team had now reached the last eight in the competition and they moved into the semi-finals the following week, when they came back from an early one-goal deficit to defeat Parklea 2-1 with the clincher coming in 'golden-goal' extra time. That was destined to be the end of the road as the boys were defeated in the semi-final played at Granville against their fourth Sydney-based opponents, Como-West Janalli.

It had been an outstanding achievement, establishing themselves as one of the top four Under 15 teams in NSW. For three members of the team, Luke Hiscock, Chiji Olujie and Ben Wallington it was a taste of things to come because, six years later, they would return as part of the Wyoming First Grade team that would go two steps further and take out the Senior Champion of Champions title. Indeed it would prove to be a career highlight for Ben Wallington whose goal in the 2007 Final would help set up his team's victory.

Two of the Men's All-Age teams qualified for the semi-finals, with both Pat Ryan's MAA3s and the MAA4 'Dream Team', coached this year by Bobby Bray Junior, finishing in third place and both moving through to the finals with wins in their minor semi-finals. The 3s went down 2-0 in their Final but the 'Dreamers' won to go through to their fourth grand final in five years, although there was to be no dream ending - they were narrowly defeated 2-1 in the decider.

Alan Bendeich's 14B team had a disappointing end to their season. After taking out the league championship they went down 2-0 and 4-0 in the major semi-final and Final.

HIGH ACHIEVERS



ANDREW MOSELEY played two seasons of football for Wyoming in 1986 and 1987 and then went on to play at the top level locally in both cricket and rugby union as well as at representative level. In the first of his two seasons with Wyoming his U10C1 team, coached by Dave Fortune, took out the league championship and shared the premiership. He then played in the U11B2s which missed the semi-finals.

At the same time he was playing cricket for the Narara-Wyoming Cricket Club and by his late teens was the club's First Grade wicketkeeper. By the mid-1990s he had won selection in the Central Coast Open representative team and from there was chosen in the NSW Country Colts team that played a Sydney Grade representative team, that included

another WFC High Achiever in Andrew Sainsbury, at Bankstown Oval. He was a member of the NWCC team that won the 2001/02 Central Coast First Grade premiership, eventually retiring from cricket in 2007.

After a break from winter sport between 1988 and 1991 Andrew began playing rugby union with the Gosford Rugby Club and quickly won his way through to the First Grade team in that sport as well. A breakaway with a tireless workrate, he has been one of the Coast's outstanding players for more than a decade, winning four premierships with Gosford, including three as captain. For many years he represented the Central Coast in regional rugby championship and in 2006 season he played for the Central Coast Waves team that competed in the Sydney grade Shute Shield competition. That same year he played for the Australian Barbarians team.





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TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	AW	POTY
Sen PL2 1st	Craig Herring	18	9	4	5	33	20	31	3/7	1-0	2-3		F		Trevor Shute
Sen PL2 Res	Craig Herring	18	14	0	4	52	26	42	1/7	0-2	0-4		LC/F		Luke Cumberland
WAA1	Colin Muldoon	20	9	4	7	60	32	31	4/6	1-0	1-3		F		Lisa Butt
WAA3	Bruce Miller	21	17	3	1	69	14	54	1/8	1-0		1-0	LC/Pr		Sarah Allard
Sen AA1	Cliff Deane	16	4	4	8	15	32	16	6/9						Craig Wilkinson
Sen AA3	Pat Ryan	18	10	4	4	43	25	34	3/10	1-0	0-2		F		Jason Cottier
Sen AA4	Robert Bray	18	10	4	4	65	30	34	3/10	2-1		1-2	RU		Brad Dunn
Sen AA6	Kevin Sutton	20	2	4	12	12	41	10	6/6						Jason McKinnon
Sen 18B	Bruce Barrett	16	5	5	6	22	24	20	3/6	2-5			SF		Jason Gazzard
16B	George Savidis	21	15	2	4	63	22	47	3/8	3-4			SF		Scott Fuller
W16A	Scott Howison	20	14	2	4	69	26	44	1/6	0-4	1-2		LC/F		Sheridyn Fisher
15A	Scott Howison	21	13	7	1	49	14	46	1/8	0-1	1-2		LC/F	PT	Ben Smith
15C	Mike Robinson	21	15	2	4	67	43	36	3/8	0-3			SF		Ray Burkett
14B	Alan Bendeich	20	13	2	5	54	30	41	1/6	0-2	0-4		LC/F		Dean Bendeich
W14	George Savidis	18	13	2	3	62	14	41	3/10	3-0	1-0	2-1	Pr		Vanessa Savidis
13C	Michael Ward	18	10	1	7	44	34	31	4/10	2-1	1-2		F		Curtis Lythgoe
12A	Joe Pace	21	6	3	18	31	49	21	6/8						Gregory Wasson
12C	Rick Parker	21	13	3	5	58	17	42	2/8	0-1					Robert Bray
12D	Geoff Rayner	20	6	2	12	37	48	20	5/6						Daniel Hayden
W12	Cheronne Nicholas	18	11	2	5	30	13	35	1/7	1-0		1-2	LC/RU		Crystall-Blu Marginson
11A	Glen Heron	21	6	4	11	30	50	22	5/8						Darren Heron
11C	Murray Peck	21	5	1	15	19	61	16	6/8						Erin Copp
11F	Ian Shute	21	16	3	3	43	12	48	2/8	1-0		0-0(2-1)	Pr		Rick Cooper
10A	John Roche	21	10	4	7	45	44	34	4/8	2-0	1-4		RU		Thomas Andrew
10C	Craig Southwood	21	13	3	5	51	25	42	3/8	0-2			SF		Stephen Long
10E	Mitch Danilovic	21	3	2	16	16	76	11	7/8						Nicholas Powell

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Roger Smith), 9B (Mike Lennon), 9C (Ian Sutton), 8A (Paul Coventry & Lynton Varley), 8B (John Trickett), 8C (John Vrana), 8D (Ray Burkett & Matthew Donohue), 8E (Duncan Liddell & Rod Vickers), 7A (Terry Duffield), 7B (Ken Kirk), 7C (Steve Sutton), 7D (Alan Holloway), 7E (James Sherry & Daniel Wieckowski), 7F (Paul Adams), 7G (Ronald Halls), 6A (Steve Cook), 6B (Peter Perkins & Adrian Drew), 6C (Craig Wilson), 6D (Peter Comino), 5A (David Thompson), 5B (Graham Giles).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

WAA3

Coach: Bruce Miller

Players: Sarah Allard, Rashana Cameron, Anastasia Comminos, Alison Finn, Priya Iyer, Gina Mesiti, Christine Muldoon (Wilkinson), Kellie Nichols, Wendy Paterson, Melissa Proctor, Nikki Sommerhayes, Kylie Stewart, Holly Watson, Kym Witcombe.

PREMIERS

W14

Coach: George Savidis

Players: Rebecca Arnfield, Brianna Farrell, Megan Francies, Kylie Green, Tegan Hutchinson, Kimberley Morandin, Cassandra Morgan, Hayley Samuel, Samantha Savidis, Vanessa Savidis, Vivien Sherry, Jessica Shutt, Kelly Shutt, Renae Stone, Marijke Zwan.

11F

Coach: Ian Shute

Players: Rory Carrigan, Amielia Casey, William Collins, Rick Cooper, Chad Eaton, Sophie Fanning, Matthew Harland, Sara Hodges, Benjamin Power, Nathan Smith, Nathan Wynder, Chris Younger.



SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

GIRLS 12

Coach: Cheronne Nicholas

Players: Cassie Bigarelli, Stephanie Bunch, Kirsten Everett, Sarah Fleming, Kristy Fleming, Michelle Ford, Daisy Ford, Eliza Graham, Natalie Heard, Seana Laird, Christina Ling, Laura Mah, Crystall-Blu Marginson, Emily Marsh, Amy Wales, Rebekah Zwan.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & FINALISTS

GIRLS 16A

Coach: Scott Howison

Players: Madelene Andrews, Charlotte Ballard, Hannah Bellato, Sarah Buys, Deanna Carabott, Sheridyn Fisher, Emma Fornari, Stephanie Hoffman, Vasanta Iyer, Leanne Morgan, Shannon Plowright, Angela Vanezis, Shenae Warren, Kelly Whitbread, Megan Whittington.

PREMIER LEAGUE 2 RESERVE GRADE

Coach: Craig Herring

Players: Trevor Andersen, Brendan Avis, Chad Bowmaker, Sean Boyd, Frank Carabott, Paul Coventry, Stephen Davis, Daniel Evans, Richard Henry, Arul Iyer, Adam Johnson, Michael Leeward, Warren McAndrew, Stephen Oostendorp, Yeoni Shute, David Thomson.

15A

Coach: Scott Howison

Players: Mark Dunston, Luke Eliot, Mitchell Faulkner, Andrew Fell-Marston, Luke Hiscock, Chiji Olujie, Leighton Packer, Kyle Rich, Peter Sharman, Aaron Shute, Ben Smith, Adam Stutz, Ben Wallington, Andrew Wells.

14B

Coach: Alan Bendeich

Players: Trent Allard, Aj Bartram, Dean Bendeich, Sean Bendeich, Scott Bromfield, Luke Carabott, Adrian Clarke, Scott Holloway, Christopher Hulls, Richard Kennewell, Owen Martin, Scott Sullivan, Rohan Mount-McCaughey.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Stephen Bech, Chris Camage, Luke Cumberland, Lucas Fletcher, Greg Herzog, Scott Howison, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Chris Large, Trevor Shute, Scott Snodgrass.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

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2002

An excellent season for the club with 17 of the 27 competition teams reaching the semi-finals, including five league championships. From there, eleven of the 17 reached their respective grand finals with five teams winning premierships.

Importantly, two of the league champions were the club's First and Reserve Grade teams meaning that, because First Grade had finished in one of the top two positions, the club would return to Premier League One in 2003, after just two seasons in the lower division. The battle for top place went down to the wire with the final round match between first-placed Wyoming (on 44 points) and second-placed Kanwal (42 points) set to determine the PL2 league championship. Adding spice to the encounter was the fact that the two coaches, Wyoming's Ken Butt and Kanwal's Steve Frame, had played together at Wyoming in the early 1980s. Steve Frame, who had learnt his coaching craft at Wyoming, had moved with his young family to Hamlyn Terrace and so reluctantly had broken his ties with the club of which he was a Life Member. Joining Frame at Kanwal was another Wyoming veteran player in Matthew Robson. That final match ended in a 1-1 draw and so giving Wyoming the title.

The two teams met again the following week in the major semi-final with Kanwal taking revenge and going straight to the grand final. Wyoming joined them for their fifth encounter of the season with a 3-1 win in the Final against Gosford City.

The grand final was played at the new Central Coast (Northpower) Stadium. In a frustrating match Wyoming dominated for long periods of the match but some great goalkeeping by the Kanwal 'keeper and successful counter-attacking saw Kanwal home by 4-1.



2002 FIRST GRADE - PREMIER LEAGUE TWO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

Rear (l to r): Luke Cumberland, Luke Gale, Paul Jones, Trevor Shute.
Centre (l to r): Ken Herzog (Manager), Ben Johnson, Stephen Bech, Paul Coventry, Aaron Hood, Chris Large, Ken Butt (Coach).
Front (l to r): Simon Ainsley, Greg Herzog, Greg Preston.



Action from the 2002 PL2 grand final including (below) Aaron Hood's goal for Wyoming.





2002 UNDER 13B - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Michael Hourn, Nicholas Thompson, Daniel Stobbart. Centre (l to r): Joe Stobabrt (Manager), Chris Wells, Damien Jones, Kyle Hay, Luke Parker, Rick Parker (Coach).

Front (l to r): Robert Bray, Joshua Carter, Isaac Hobson, Kevin Woodbridge.

The Reserve Grade team, coached by Dave Boyd, went into the Finals with a long injury list and were narrowly beaten in both the major Sem-Final and Final. Despite the lack of success in the Finals, Ken Butt had brought a new confidence to the Premier League squad and began the groundwork for the squad's future success.

The three most successful teams of 2000, all taking out the league champions/premiership double, were the U13B team coached by Rick Parker, Laurie Morgan's Girls U16Bs and the newly-formed Over 35s team, coached by Brad Dunn.

The 13Bs went into the Finals series with an impressive 15-1 win/loss record that had seen them win the league championship. Their only loss had been against second-placed Killarney District and these two teams met in the major semi Final at Bloodtree Oval, Mangrove Mountain. As expected it was a tight encounter that ended 3-3 at full-time with two goals to Kyle Hay and Robert Bray. A scoreless golden-goal extra-time followed and then to a penalty shootout, eventually won 4-3 by Killarney. Now forced to reach the grand final the hard way, they met Berkeley Vale. Wyoming looked set for an easy win when they scored within the first few minutes, but a broken nose to goalkeeper, Damien Jones, and a penalty equaliser to Berkeley Vale opened up the match. The brave goalie returned to the game after treatment and his courage spurred the Wyoming team on, quickly opening up a 3-1 win. They eventually took out the match 4-2 with Kyle Hay again scoring a double and Michael Hourn and Robert Bray the other goal scorers.

The grand final against Killarney District was as tight as the previous form indicated it would be. Robert Bray continued his perfect final series scoring record with his third goal in as many matches to give Wyoming the lead. Killarney equalised then with 15 minutes left on the clock Kyle Hay scored his fifth goal of the finals to again give his team the lead. A brilliant save by goalkeeper, Damien Jones, saved the match from going into extra-time and giving his team a well-deserved win.



The Girls U16B competition was much tighter and despite losing nine of their 19 matches the Wyoming team, coached by Laurie Morgan, still managed to finish in first place after the competition rounds. Their major semi-final against Kincumber was tightly contested and after normal time the two teams remained scoreless thanks largely to Wyoming's goalkeeper Jade Ede. Then just ten seconds into golden-goal extra time it was over as Sheridyn Fisher made a break from the kick-off and scored to earn her team a grand final berth.

As expected Kincumber won the Final and the semi-finalists met again in the decider. The match went uncannily like the semi - nil-all at full-time and with Wyoming taking the match and the premiership early in the golden-goal period, this time with Sheridyn Fisher setting up the goal for Kylie Bauerhuit. Sheridyn's talent and potential was recognised when she was awarded the CCSA U16 Girls Player of the Year

The Under 14 Girls team was made up of a combination of girls from the Under 12 and Under 14 teams from the successful 2001 season. They dominated the first round of the competition with a string of ten straight wins before being held to a 1-1 draw against Budgewoi and even at that stage it was clear that these two teams would fight out the competition. A draw against East Gosford, followed and when the crucial return bout against Budgewoi went 2-0 to the northerners it effectively gave them the league championship.

Poor finishing cost the Wyoming girls dearly in the first half of the major semi-final with Budgewoi scoring three second half goals to take the match 3-0. The Final, against Gosford City, proved to be a tougher than expected match with a golden-goal to Renae Stone needed to take the match 2-1. Wyoming entered the W14 grand final against Budgewoi as slight underdogs having lost two and drawn one at their previous meetings. In a tight match it looked like the Wyoming girls could cause an upset but Budgewoi scored late in normal time to take the title.

Due to popular demand an Over 35s competition had been introduced by CCSA in 2000 with matches played on Saturday afternoons, catering for older players still keen to play competitive



2002 OVER 35s - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS-

Rear (l to r): Howard Ainsley, Alan Cain, Brendon O'Connor, Ian Holder, Geoff Hulls, Bobby Bray Jnr, Bobby Bray Snr (Manager), Phil Cairn, Sean Dene, Andrew Brady. Front (l to r): Clive Harrison, Brett Farrell, Brad Dunn (Coach), Peter Seaborn, Grahame Cunningham, Steve Preen.



football but without the commitment required at higher levels. The competition grew rapidly and by 2010 had expanded to such an extent that there were five divisions with the lower four split geographically into North and South to reduce travel. Wyoming first entered the competition in 2002, with a team coached by ex-First Grader Brad Dunn. Showing their love of the sport the majority of the players chose to dual-register and play both on Saturdays in the Over 35s and then again on Sunday in the All-Age 5 'Dream Team'. Their commitment was tested late in the season when both teams qualified for the semi-finals, the O35s as league champions and the AA5s in third place. Both teams continued through into their respective grand finals with the 35s becoming Premiers and the 'Dream Team' runners-up.

Despite winning 14 of their 16 competition matches, Wyoming's U13As, coached by Bill Ballard, had to be content with second place behind league champions, and their closest rivals, Kincumber. Despite dominating the major semi-final Kincumber took the match 1-0 leaving Wyoming to face Umina in the Final. The match was scoreless through extra-time with Wyoming coming from behind in the penalty shootout for a 6-5 win.

The boys finally got their revenge against Kincumber in the grand final, coming from a goal down with goals to Mathew McKinnon and Josh Mulligan, the second with just three minutes remaining, to take the title.

The U10Cs finished the season on the same competition points as Doyalson but had to be content with second place with an inferior goal difference. The two teams met in the major semi-final and with the score at 1-1 after normal time David Settle scored with a lob over the goalkeeper's head to win the game under the 'golden goal' rule. The team advanced to the grand final where they met The Entrance who had upset league champions Doyalson in the Final. The team played their hearts out but had to be content with the runners-up award after losing 2-1.



2002 WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE

Rear (l to r): Melissa O'Brien, Christine Muldoon, Deanna Carabott, Lisa Butt.
 Centre (l to r): Rebeccsa Stone, Dave Neilson (Trainer), Saryna Shute, Sara Amaral, Priya Iyer,
 Gina Amaral, Katrina Morrison, Peter Morrison (Manager), Kellie Nicholls, Rob Elder (Coach).
 Front (l to r): Jessica Ibarra, Madeline Andrews (U16), Jade Ede (U16), Nicki Linden, Meya Linden,
 Megan Francis, Vasanta Iyer.



2002 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen PL2 1st	Ken Butt	21	14	3	4	61	32	45	1/8	lost	3-1	1-4	LC/RU	PT	Greg Preston
Sen PL2 Res	Dave Boyd	21	16	3	2	91	29	51	1/8	lost	0-1		LC/F		
WPL	Rob Elder	18	12	3	3	60	22	39	3/10	1-4			SF		Priya Iyer
WAA1	Bruce Miller	16	4	3	9	17	37	15	7/9						
Sen AA1	Gareth Bray	18	0	0	18	14	89	0	10/10						
Sen AA2	Pat Ryan	16	9	1	6	27	25	28	5/9						
Sen AA5	Robert Bray	16	9	4	3	44	20	31	3/9	won	won	0-1	RU		
Sen AA7	Scott McKinnon	20	1	2	17	17	67	5	6/6						
Sen 35	Brad Dunn	16	11	3	2	58	26	36	1/9	??	??	won	LC/Pr		
Sen 18A	George Savidis	19	10	4	5	42	34	34	3/7	3-5			SF		
16A	Brandon Faulkner	16	10	3	3	56	12	33	2/9	lost	1-0	2-0	Pr		
W16B	Laurie Morgan	19	8	2	9	41	41	26	1/7	1-0		1-0	LC/Pr		
15A	Alan Bendeich	16	8	1	7	51	35	25	5/9						
14B	Bruce Barrett	16	9	2	5	43	33	29	4/9	lost			SF		
W14A	George Savidis	16	11	4	1	56	8	37	2/6	0-3	3-2	0-1	RU		
13A	William Ballard	16	14	0	2	52	10	42	2/9	0-1	0-0 (6-5)	2-1	Pr		
13B	Rick Parker	16	15	0	1	76	19	45	1/9	3-3(3-4)	4-2	2-1	LC/Pr		
13C	Arul Iyer	18	5	2	11	16	41	17	8/10						
12B	Murray Peck & Steve Grahame	18	10	1	7	48	20	31	4/10	won	3-1	1-2	RU		
12C	Ian Shute	16	2	2	12	12	49	8	8/9						
W12	Cheronne Nicholas	21	15	2	4	60	25	47	2/8	1-3	lost		F		
11A	Daniel Evans & John Roche	16	8	3	5	36	26	27	4/9	0-2			SF		
11B	Craig Southwood	16	3	3	9	27	46	12	7/9						
10A	Roger Smith	16	8	4	4	19	12	28	4/9	lost			SF		
10C	Ken Kirk & Steve Reekie	16	9	3	4	28	27	30	2/9	2-1		1-2	RU		
10F	Adam Johnson	18	4	2	12	15	42	14	9/10						

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Phil Caira), 9B (John Vrana), 9C (John Trickett), 9D (Rod Lambert), 8A (Paul Adams), 8B (Greg Bowcott), 8C (Steve Sutton), 8D (Alan Ashworth), 8E (Arthur Hodge/Bret Lomax), 7A (Doug Williams), 7B (Adrian Drew), 7C (Brad Finch), 7D (Peter Comino), 7E (Mal Foster), 7F (Greg Page), 6A (David Thomson), 6B (Brendon O'Connor), 6C (Bruce Murch), 6D (Richard Simmons), 5A (Tony Offord), 5B (Geoff Delehunt).

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 AND PREMIERS

GIRLS 16B

Coach: Laurie Morgan

Players: Madelene Andrews, Kylie Bauerhuit, Alannah Carmody, Lisa Clendinning, Jade Ede, Sheridyn Fisher, Megan Francies, Kylie Green, Vasanta Iyer, April Long, Mahalia Love, Kimberley Morandin, Cassandra Morgan, Victoria Randall, Marijke Zwan.

OVER 35s

Coach: Brad Dunn

Players: Howard Ainsley, Andrew Brady, Alan Cain, Phil Caira, Grahame Cunningham, Sean Dene, Brad Dunn, Brett Farrell, Clive Harrison, Ian Holder, Geoff Hulls, Chris Murphy, Brendon O'Connor, Steve Preen, Peter Seaborn.

13B

Coach: Rick Parker

Players: Robert Bray, Joshua Carter, Kyle Hay, Isaac Hobson, Michael Hourn, Damien Jones, Jeffrey Nicholls, Luke Parker, Matthew Skowron, Daniel Stobbart, Nicholas Thompson, Christopher Wells, Kevin Woodbridge.



SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

PREMIERS

16A

Coach: Brandon Faulkner

Players: Jethro Bucello, Mark Dunston, Luke Eliot, Mitchell Faulkner, Andrew Fell-Marston, Luke Hiscock, Owen Martin, Chiji Olujie, Leighton Packer, Kulle Rich, Aaron Shute, Ben Smith, Kyle Wainman, Ben Wallington, Andrew Wells.

13A

Coach: Bill Ballard

Players: Daniel Ballard, Thomas Coventry, Joshua Curran, Caine Hanshaw, Benjamin Hoynes, Mathew McKinnon, Sean Meachen, Joshua Mulligan, Matt Paavola, Damien Sales, Anthony Skinner, Graham Toope, Tim Wallington, Greg Wasson.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

FIRST GRADE (PREMIER LEAGUE 2)

Coach: Ken Butt

Players: Simon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Shane Butt, Paul Coventry, Luke Cumberland, Luke Gale, Greg Herzog, Aaron Hood, Ben Johnson, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Chris Large, Greg Preston, Trevor Shute.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS

RESERVE GRADE (PREMIER LEAGUE 2)

Coach: Dave Boyd

Players: Trevor Andersen, Brendan Avis, Mitchell Chivers, Alan Duke, Daniel Evans, Jeff Hall, Richard Henry, Arul Iyer, Andrew Jones, Warren McAndrew, Stephen Oostendorp, Ben Roper, Yeoni Shute, Michael Wellham.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Simon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Shane Butt, Paul Coventry, Luke Cumberland, Luke Gale, Greg Herzog, Aaron Hood, Ben Johnson, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Chris Large, Greg Preston, Trevor Shute.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Bruce Barrett

Senior Player of the Year: Greg Preston

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Priya Iyer

Junior Player of the Year: Ben Smith

Life Membership: Bruce Barrett, Mark Le Cornu

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2003

The club had the second most successful season in its 40-year history in 2003 with 14 of its 29 competition teams reaching the semi-finals including six league championship and finishing with seven premierships, just two short of the nine titles won in 1983. The Club also had a record number of 630 registered players. The 2003 season also saw the Wyoming Premier League teams back in the top division for the first time since 2000 with a number of new players, a professional attitude, and a new playing strip.

Star of the season was undoubtedly veteran coach Roger Smith who became only the third Wyoming coach to win two premierships in the same season, with the U11As and the U18As, the latter won at Central Coast Stadium.

The U11As were one of only two teams to take out the league championship/premiership double. The U11A competition was dominated by Wyoming and Budgewoi throughout with the young Tigers team having a string of big wins (including 13-0 and 16-0 wins over Doyalson) and just one defeat on their way to finishing in first place ahead of Budgewoi. In their 16 matches they conceded just five goals.

The major semi-final, played at Budgewoi's home ground was typical of the matches played between the two teams. The crucial moment came midway through the first half when Luke Nield swung a corner into the box where it was hand-balled by a Budgewoi player. John Whelpdale converted the resultant penalty for what was to be only goal of the match.

The grand final, played at Plum Park, was, as expected, against Budgewoi. Prior to kick-off the team rolled out a 15-metre banner that read *Special Teams Do Special Things at Special Times - It's Tiger Time!*

And so it proved as they did courtesy of a clever lobbed goal from Blake Silvers early in the first half. Importantly, they continued to play football rather than going into a defensive pattern. Despite creating a number of scoring opportunities they were unable to close out the game. But the one goal was enough and the team capped a great season with the 16th win from 18 matches.

Roger Smith's second title of the season, with the U18s, took place at Central Coast Stadium where the the top grade senior grand finals were played in 2003. The team reached the decider the hard way after having finished the regular season in third place and so needing to win both the minor semi-final and the Preliminary Final. This they did and so met Killarney District in the decider. The



Former Central Coast player Marcus Steele was one of seven new signings as Wyoming returned to the Premier League One competition after two seasons in the lower division. A new, professional attitude saw the introduction of an eye-catching all-yellow strip.



2003 UNDER 11As – LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Fiona Baldwin (Manager), Joel Robinson, Sam Kirk, Scott Ditton, Blake Silvers, Louis Bozanic, Michael Baldwin (Asst Coach), Roger Smith (Coach). Front (l to r): Blake Peisley, Daniel Jones, Taylor Gunn, Stephen Baldwin, Mark Williams, Luke Nield, John Whelpdale, Craig Wieckowski, Luke Thompson.

Wyoming's 2003 Under 11A team had an outstanding season, winning the grand final at Plum Park (above), then reaching the second round of the Champion of Champions trophy (right) and made sure that they thanked their supporters (below).





match ended even after extra time. The penalty shootout then went through to the fifth shot each before a save by Wyoming goalkeeper, Andrew Wells, allowed Neale McAndrew to score the winner.

The club's third 'A' grade premiership was in the Under 10 competition, the team coached by Phil Cairra. Like the Under 18s they finished the competition in third place but improving steadily through the season and entering the finals with plenty of confidence. The first challenge, a minor semi-final against Kincumber, was overcome narrowly with a 1-0 win. Next up was the Final against Southern-Ettalong United, something of a unknown quantity with the teams only having met once during the season. Despite a number of close misses from both teams the game remained scoreless, firstly at full-time and then after 20 minutes of extra-time. After the first five shots in the penalty shootout the score was still locked, with each team having converted three times. Finally, after nine shots a spectacular save by Ben Tawyer saw Wyoming home 5-4.

The grand final, against league champions Terrigal, was another tight encounter. Although Terrigal had won twice during the season, the Wyoming youngsters had improved on each occasion. Several fine saves from Ben Tawyer allowed Wyoming to keep the match scoreless at half-time. With ten minutes remaining Terrigal's defence gave away a corner. Reece Cairra took the kick, which was headed away from the goal, back to Cairra who scored what proved to be the winning goal.

The U10A grand final was to be the last match in Wyoming colours for the talented Reece Cairra. The following season he graduated to representative football firstly with the Central Coast U11s and subsequently in U12s to U14s with the Blacktown Club in Sydney. During his last year with Blacktown Reece travelled to England where he trialled with Premier League clubs Portsmouth, Aston Villa and Liverpool. In 2008 he was offered and accepted a place in the Aston Villa Youth Academy. Since mid-2009 he has been prevented from playing because of a ruling by Football Federation Australia (FFA) enforcing a FIFA ruling that prevents players under the age of 18 from travelling abroad to further their football careers.

In an attempt to overcome the ban, Reece's parents, Phil (the 2003 Wyoming U10 coach) and Julie (the daughter of Wyoming Life Member, Pat Ryan) moved to England to live but this has failed to sway FFA and as at mid-2010 it looks like Reece will have to wait until January 2011 before he can resume his extremely promising career. On a brief return to Australia in 2009 Reece trained pre-season with the Wyoming Premier League squad where he was presented with a club jacket before his return to England.



2003 UNDER 10As - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Phil Cairra (Coach), John Goodyear, Matther Andrew, Ben Chandler, Matthew Peck, Reece Cairra, Paul Coventry (Manager).
Centre (l to r): Daniel Coventry, Nathan Taylor, George Stack, Brett Scott, Corey McKinnon, Benjamin O'Connor, Alex Maurer. Front: Ben Tawyer.



Reece Cairra in Aston Villa colours.



Wyoming's U18As in action during extra time in the 2003 grand final against Killarney District at what is now Bluetongue Stadium. Wyoming went on to win the match in a penalty shootout, one of only two premierships that the club would win at the stadium. Coached by Roger Smith, the team would prove to be one of the best ever nurseries with eight members going on to play for the club's Premier League squad.



2003 U18 – PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Bob Wallington (Manager), Luke Eller, Chiji Oluje, Mitchell Faulkner, Roger Smith (Coach), Chris Hulls, Aaron Shute, Peter Sharman, Keelan Austen, John Wells (Physio). Front: Andrew Watts, Ben Smith, Neale McAndrew, Luke Hiscock, Kysle Rich, Ben Wallington, Scott Fuller, Andrew Wells.



Another first for Wyoming in the 2003 season came when Ian and Yeoni Shute became the first father and son to each coach a premiership winning team. Father, Ian, already with two titles to his name, led the U18C team while son Yeoni coached the U13Ds. The feat would later be achieved, although not in the same season, when Ryan Marshall coached the 2007 Reserve Grade premiers and so joined father Eric, coach of the 1976 First Grade team.

While the U10A, U11A and U18A teams all played tight and tense matches on their way to their premierships, there were no such concerns for Murray Peck and his U13B team. After winning 15 and losing just one match during the season they finished as league champions by a comfortable margin. They then totally dominated their major semi-final against Killarney District with Louis Kellerman scoring four goals on the way to a 6-0 win. The grand final, against Ourimbah, proved to be a tougher task but once again the team's class told and they ran out 3-0 winners, with Kellerman again on target with two goals.

The season's seventh premiers were an All-Age 2 team that included a number of former Premier League players including captain/coach Arul Iyer, Trevor Andersen, Ken Melvin and goalkeeper Andrew Bull. Mixed with these experienced players were an equal number who had never played before and another group who hadn't played since their junior days. An up-and-down season saw the team win eleven (including a 23-0 win over an understrength Kanwal team) and lose four matches on their way to fourth place. From there they went on to win all three finals series matches and the premiership.

The unluckiest team of 2003 was undoubtedly the Girls Under 14s coached by former-Australian representative Lisa Power, formerly Van Dorp. After going through the season undefeated, taking the league championship, then beating second-placed Wyong in the major semi-final, they fell at the last hurdle, beaten 2-1 by Wyong in the grand final.



2003 W14 - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Rear Row (l to r): Crystall-Blu Marginson, Emma Falzon, Kristy Fleming, Stephanie Bunch.
 Centre Row (l to r): Lisa Power (Coach), Amy Wales, Sarah Kershaw, Seana Laird, Natalie Heard,
 Lisa Sullivan, Valerie Hodges (Manager). Front Row (l to r): Sara Hodges, Stacey Keens,
 Kirsten Everett, Sarah Fleming, Sophie Fanning, Daisy Ford, Cassie Bigarelli.



The club's three other league champions were the U12As, coached by John Roche; the U15Bs (Alan Bendeich) and Bill Ballard's U14A1s. All three were beaten in successive matches to be eliminated after their respective Finals. It was a particularly hard way for the U15Bs to go being beaten on the golden goal rule in both matches.

Following their success in finishing on top of the Premier League Two competition Wyoming returned to the top division in 2003. Ken Butt returned as First Grade coach with Barry Jones taking over Reserve Grade. A major recruiting drive saw the team reinforced with a number of new players. Leading the way was former Gosford City and Central Coast defender, Marcus Steele, who took over the captaincy. Other signings were ex-East Gosford striker, Brad Lewis; goalkeeper Matthew Collitts; and former Umina midfielder, Nathan Bedford. New sponsorships from The Grange and Richardson and Wrench ensured that the squad was supplied with new dress shirts and jackets and First Grade were kitted out in an all-new, very yellow playing strip.

Right from the start of the season the First Grade team proved themselves to be competitive and in the third round pulled off a major upset with a 2-0 away win over arch-rivals Ourimbah, still comprised almost entirely of ex-Wyoming players. After looking set to make the semi-finals in their first season back, the team had a late-season slump which, despite a last-round win over Budgewoi, saw them miss the semis by just two points.

The Club ran two Gala Days, one for Under 6s, the other the traditional one for Under 7s with Wyoming teams reaching the Finals in both competitions. The success of these events was largely due to the hard work of Gai Green and her team of volunteers.

Another new initiative in the 2003 season was a Club Reunion held on Sunday 22 June 2003, at Alan Davidson Park, an event that would become a permanent fixture in the club calendar. The brainchild of Kevin Best, the annual reunions would be self-funded and run almost entirely by non-Committee volunteers to avoid over-burdening the already busy Committee members. The group included Kevin and Leonie Best, Frank O'Toole, Peter Frost, Alistair Kennedy and Bob O'Toole.



2003 UNDER 13Bs - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Sean McLafferty, Gordon Wilson, James Grahame. Centre Row (l to r): Steve Grahame (Manager), William Haviland, Rory Bratby, Joshua Watkins, Murray Peck (Coach).

Front (l to r): Tim Stirton, Daniel Gravas, Lachlan Purtell, Mark Bellemore, Louis Kellerman, Christopher Peck, Robert Bellato.



Each Reunion would have a different theme, often coinciding with the anniversary of a significant event in the club's history. The 2003 Reunion marked the 30th year of senior football, and it proved to be a huge success with 120 past players and officials turning up to talk about old times, to view a historical display and to watch the Premier League teams play their return match against Ourimbah.

The ex-players formed a guard of honour as our First Grade took the field and the players in turn applauded them from the field. All this must have been inspiring to our players as they put on a very accomplished display to down Ourimbah for the second time in the season, this time 3-1.

With three minutes to play and the match safely within Wyoming's grasp the crowd launched into an impromptu singing of the Club's victory song, followed by another with the players in the dressing room. The atmosphere at the ground, in the dressing room and at The Grange after the match indicated that the club's senior team had clearly turned the corner and that the future was bright. Indeed, success was much closer than anyone dared to hope.

2003 UNDER 18Cs – PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Ian Shute (Coach),
Oliver Bastow, Dylan Brunello,
Patrick Wright, Lee Collins,
Ian Brown, Daniel Mabbott.

Front (l to r): Peter Sharman,
Andrew Fell-Marston,
Brett Taylor, Josh Hayden,
Daniel Wiecekowski,
Cade Collette, Scott Low.



For the first time and only time in the history of the Wyoming Soccer/Football Club a father and son each coached a premiership winning team in 2003, Ian Shute (above) with the U18Cs and Yeoni Shute (below) with the U13Ds..



2003 UNDER 13Ds – PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Yeoni Shute (Coach),
Michael Thurbin, Christie Shute
(Manager).

Front (l to r): Chris Younger,
Nathan Smith, Chad Eaton,
Matthew Harland, Jason Myers,
Brenton Remington, Mark Crawley.



2003 ALL-AGE 2s - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Craig Heggie, Andrew Marlar, Ananda Iyer, Owen Ranken, Arul Iyer, Brett Wilkinson, Ken Melvin, Adam Johnson ((Manager). Front (l to r): Alex Clark, Shaun Clarke, Trevor Andersen, Andrew Bull (Captain), Simon Hardie, Dane Bryan, Craig Meldrum.

2003 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPoS	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen PL1 1st	Ken Butt	18	7	5	6			26	6/10						Marcus Steele
Sen PL1 Res	Barry Jones	18	6	3	9			21	7/10						
WPL	Rob Elder	16	4	5	7			17	6/9						
WAA1	Kevin Best	12	2	1	9			7	4/5	0-0(4-3)	0-0(3-4)		F		Melissa O'Brien
Sen AA1	Gareth Bray	17	4	3	10			15	9/10						
Sen AA2	Arul Iyer	17	11	2	4			35	4/10	won	2-1	won	Pr		
Sen AA3	Terry Duffield	17	8	6	3			27	5/10						
Sen AA5	Brett Farrell	17	10	3	4			33	4/10	won	5-4	lost	RU		
Sen AA7	Bill Bulmer	17	1	1	15			4	10/10						
Sen 35	Brad Dunn	14	5	1	8			16	6/8						
Sen 18A	Roger Smith	15	11	0	4			33	3/9	won	won	won	Pr		
Sen 18C	Ian Shute	20	12	3	5			39	2/6	??	??	won	Pr		
16A	Scott Howison	18	7	4	7			25	5/7						
W16	Catherine Thuaux	13	2	2	9			8	7/8						
15B	Alan Bendeich	16	14	0	2			42	1/9	1-2	0-1		LC/F		
14A1	Bill Ballard	16	15	1	0			46	1/9	lost	0-1		LC/F		
14A2	Rick Parker	16	3	2	11			11	7/9						
14B	Joe Pace	18	0	0	18			0	10/10						
W14	Lisa Power (Van Dorp)	16	14	2	0			44	1/9	1-0		1-2	LC/RU		
13B	Murray Peck	16	15	0	1			45	1/9	6-0		3-0	LC/Pr		
13D	Yeon Shute	18	12	2	4			38	2/10	lost	1-0	2-1	Pr		
12A	John Roche	16	13	0	3			39	1/9	lost	0-1		LC/F		
12C	Craig Southwood	16	4	3	9			15	6/9						
11A	Roger Smith	16	14	1	1			43	1/9	1-0	1-0		LC/Pr	PT	
11B	Steve Reekie	16	4	5	7			17	7/9						
11E	Lee Collins	18	1	2	15			5	10/10						
10A	Phil Caira	18	11	2	5			35	3/10	1-0	0-0(5-4)	1-0	Pr		
10C	John Trickett	18	8	2	8			26	6/10						
10F	Patrick Wright	18	10	2	6			32	4/10	??			SF		

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Paul Adams), 9B (Bret Lomax), 9D (Jamie Robson), 9F (Adam Jackson), 8A (Brad Finch), 8B (Stuart Moore), 8C (David Somogyi), 8D (Greg Page), 7A (Daryl Bateup), 7B (Brenda Sommerville), 7C (David Thompson), 7D (Bruce Murch), 7E (Brendon O'Connor), 7F (Andrew Fell-Marston), 7G (Charles Chegwidan), 6A (Tony Offord), 6B (Geoff Delehunt), 6C (Steve Sutton), 6D (Anthony Fenton), 6E (Toby Edwards), 5A (Dennis Rayner), 5B (Alan Johnston), 5C (Robin Carlin).

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MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Peter Morrison
 Senior Player of the Year: Marcus Steele
 Senior Womens Player of the Year: Melissa O'Brien
 Junior Player of the Year: Chris Hulls
 Life Membership: Dave Sullivan

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Damon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Shane Butt, Nathan Bedford, Shane Butt, Matt Collits, Luke Gale, Aaron Hood, Scott Howison, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Chris Large, Brad Lewis, Jarrod Mobberley, Greg Preston, Trevor Shute, Scott Snodgrass, Marcus Steele.

SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

13B

Coach: Murray Peck

Players: Robert Bellato, Mark Bellemore, Rory Bratby, James Grahame, Daniel Gravas, William Haviland, Louis Kellerman, Sean McLafferty, Christopher Peck, Lachlan Purtell, Tim Stirton, Joshua Watkins, Gordon Wilson.

11A

Coach: Roger Smith

Players: Stephen Baldwin, Louis Bozanic, Scott Ditton, Taylor Gunn, Daniel Jones, Samuel Kirk, Luke Nield, Blake Peisley, Joel Robinson, Blake Silvers, Luke Thompson, John Whelpdale, Craig Wieckowski, Mark Williams.

PREMIERS

ALL-AGE 2

Coach: Arul Iyer

Players: Trevor Andersen, Dane Bryan, Andrew Bull, Alex Clark, Shaun Clarke, Simon Hardie, Craig Heggie, Arul Iyer, Mark Johnson, Andrew Marler, Craig Meldrum, Ken Melvin, Owen Ranken, Brett Wilkinson.

18C

Coach: Ian Shute

Players: Dut Atem, Oliver Bastow, Ian Brown, Dylan Brunello, Jethro Bucello, Cade Collette, Lee Collins, Mark Dunston, Andrew Fell-Marston, Joshua Hayden, Scott Low, Daniel Mabbott, Peter Sharman, Brett Taylor, Daniel Wieckowski, Patrick Wright.

18A

Coach: Roger Smith

Players: Keelan Austen, Luke Eller, Mitchell Faulkner, Scott Fuller, Luke Hiscock, Dylan MacAuley, Neale McAndrew, Chiji Olujie, Kyle Rich, Aaron Shute, Ben Smith, Ben Wallington, Andrew Watts, Andrew Wells.

13D

Coach: Yeoni Shute

Players: Phillip Bell, Jackson Braund, Rick Cooper, Mark Crawley, Chad Eaton, Matthew Harland, Daniel Logale, Jason Myers, Ben Power, Brenton Remington, Nathan Smith, Michael Thurbin, Nathan Wynder, Chris Younger.

10A

Coach: Phil Caira

Players: Matthew Andrew, Reece Caira, Ben Chandler, Daniel Coventry, John Goodyear, Alex Maurer, Corey McKinnon, Ben O'Connor, Matt Peck, Gerard Price, Brett Scott, George Stack, Ben Tawyer, Nathan Taylor.



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

W14

Coach: Lisa Power (Van Dorp)

Players: Cassie Bigarelli, Stephanie Bunch, Kirsten Everett, Emma Falzon, Sophie Fanning, Kristy Fleming, Sarah Fleming, Daisy Ford, Natalie Heard, Sara Hodges, Stacey Keens, Sarah Kershaw, Seana Laird, Crystall-Blu Marginson, Lisa Sullivan, Amy Wales.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & FINALISTS

15B

Coach: Alan Bendeich

Players: Sean Bendeich, Scott Carey, Daniel Carlsson, Tim Eliot, Nathan Everett, Lachlan Fanning, Michael Heard, Joshua Jenkins, Benjamin Jones, Richard Kennewell, Sam Nash, Matt Rodgers, Matthew Scaysbrook, Liam Sharp.

14A1

Coach: William Ballard

Players: Daniel Ballard, Robert Bray, Jared Brown, Thomas Coventry, Joshua Di Candilo, Caine Hanshaw, Lee Hope, Benjamin Hoynes, Matthew McKinnon, Joshua Mulligan, Daniel Mulvaney, Matt Paavola, Martin Vazquez, Tim Wallington, Greg Wasson.

12A

Coach: John Roche

Players: Daniel Bartho, Daniel Bettison, Jay Christensen, Edward Davila, Ryan Finch, Matthew Gravas, Angus Little, Stephen Long, Tyson McDonald, Gareth Paton, Marcus Roche, Shane Southwood, Daniel Spence, Will Wigginton.

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Committee

Scott McKinnon

Bob Wallington



2003 COMMITTEE

Rear (l to r): Bob Wallington, Rick Parker, Elizabeth Heard, Ian Wright, Brendon O'Connor. Front (l to r): Peter Morrison, Gai Green, Dave Bowcott, Peter Bech, Michelle O'Connor, Ian Shute.



2004

An analysis of Wyoming Football Club's results over its 40-year history shows that, apart from a three-year period between 1979 and 1981, the club has never been able to dominate both junior and senior competitions at the same time. From 1975 to 1981 the two senior teams won a total of eight premierships (five in First Grade, three in Reserves). They then went into a barren period that lasted for more than two decades (1982 to 2003) in which we won just two Reserve Grade titles before dominating the second half of the 2000s with a further six premierships between 2004 and 2009 (three First and three Reserve Grade).

By contrast the club won ten junior 'A' grade premierships between 1972 and 1975; none between 1976 and 1978 when 'The Pensioners' were at their peak; but then won 28 'A' grade titles in the 14 seasons between 1979 and 1992 winning at least one every season. During this period the club could field strong teams in every age group from U10s upwards yet few of these players filtered through into the top senior grades. From 1993 onwards, although there were fewer successes, the club was still able to be competitive in most 'A' grades.

The successes of 2002 and 2003, when five 'A' junior titles were won and the Premier League team began its revival, suggested that the trend may have been about to change however it was not to be and from 2004 onwards there was a steady decline in the standard of the club's junior teams to the stage that in 2010 it could field just one 'A' grade team.

For the second year in a row there was a new record number of player registrations, the total this time reaching 638. At one stage of the season it looked like Wyoming was in line to repeat, even improve upon, its successes of 2003 with 15 of its 30 competition teams qualifying for semi-finals, including five league champions. Unfortunately for Wyoming it was a season of near-misses. Despite having a record 11 teams playing in grand finals, a disastrous string of results saw the club finish the season with just two premierships, one in First Grade, the other in the U11E competition.



The Wyoming First Grade team celebrates its victory in the 2004 grand final at Bluetongue Stadium.

Rear (l to r): Dave Boyd (Manager), The Tiger aka Luke Cumberland, Stephen Bech, Eric Marshall (Assistant Coach), Lloyd Tait (Assistant Coach), Aaron Binskin, Pat Bradley, Luke Gale, Adam Woods, Simon Ainsley, Andrew Bull, Matthew Owen, John McLafferty (Coach). Front (l to r): Ryan Marshall, Trevor Shute, Michelle Low (Physio), Paul Jones, Natalie Jones (Mascot), Marcus Steele, Shane Butt, Brad Lewis, Damon Ainsley, Neale McAndrew, Michael Kennedy, Greg Preston, Ken Butt (Manager).



Left: Coach John McLafferty's instructions to Wyoming defender Michael Kennedy were simple: "Close down Matt Simon". The young East Gosford striker was in the process of establishing a reputation that would eventually take him to become a leading A-League player and to represent Australia. Kennedy's tight marking of Simon was a major factor in Wyoming's win.

Below: Brad Lewis and Trevor Shute celebrate following Lewis's 53rd minute equaliser.



Right: Andrew Bull's crucial save of East Gosford's sixth penalty by Byron Girvan that allowed Wyoming's next penalty-taker, skipper Ryan Marshall, to win the match.





Wyoming's First Grade coach from the two previous seasons, Ken Butt, volunteered to step aside to allow John McLafferty to return to the position that he held in the mid-1990s. The smoothness of the transition between Butt and McLafferty enabled the players to quickly adapt to the style of the new coach and to continue the momentum from the two previous seasons.

The 2004 Premier League squad was further reinforced with the addition of several high-quality players and the return of another. The most important signing was 32-year Pat Bradley. Born in England, Bradley had played briefly for the lower division club Bury, before coming to Australia in 1990 to play for Wollongong Macedonia in that club's only season in the National Soccer League (NSL). He moved to Sydney the following year where he played for Blacktown City in the NSW State League before resuming his NSL career with Wollongong City in 1994. After another season at Blacktown he joined the Central Coast Coasties where he captained the First Grade team, under coach McLafferty, in the 2002/03 season.

Also transferring from the Coasties was former East Gosford defender Aaron Binskin who re-joined two of his teammates from East Gosford's 2002 grand final winning team in Damon Ainsley and Brad Lewis. The other important acquisition was former First Grade goalkeeper Andrew Bull, who after several seasons out of the game had returned to help Wyoming's All-Age 2 team win their premiership the previous year. He replaced Matthew Collitts who had taken a job in Melbourne.

McLafferty also expanded his coaching staff and was able to somehow entice former Southern-Ettalong United coach Lloyd Tait to the squad. Tait's positive support and outstanding technical understanding of the game proved to be a major component in the team's success. Ken Butt stayed on as Reserve Grade coach and also helped out in an administrative capacity, while another former Wyoming and Ourimbah First Grade coach, Eric Marshall acted as an assistant coach. Last but not least was the manager Dave Boyd.

The First Grade team started the season with a 2-1 win in the annual grudge match against Ourimbah followed with big wins over Budgewoi (5-3) and Kanwal (7-0) before being brought down to earth with a 4-0 thrashing by Umina. Despite losing just one more match during the competition rounds (2-1 in the return match against Budgewoi) Wyoming had to settle for second place behind East Gosford in the battle for the league championship.

Premiers in 2002, East Gosford had moulded together a formidable team with a mix of youth and experience including an exciting 18-year-old striker named Matt Simon, an ex-Wyoming junior, who would go on to play for the Central Coast Mariners and for the Socceroos. By midway through the competition it was clear that Wyoming and East Gosford would fight out the 2004 Premier League title with nothing to pick between as they played out one-all draws in each round of the competition and then were locked on the same score at full-time in the major semi-final at Plum Park, before an extra-time goal by Matthew Owen gave Wyoming the crucial first position in the grand final. A Matt Simon hat-trick was the highlight of the Final between East Gosford and Berkeley Vale, the 8-0 scoreline indicating the gap between the top two teams and the rest of the competition.

The 2004 First Grade grand final between Wyoming and East Gosford, played at Bluetongue Stadium, is widely accepted as being the best game of club football to have been played on the Coast. Watched by a crowd estimated at between 2000 and 3000, including the coach of the new Central Coast Mariners A-League team, Lawrie McKinna, the atmosphere in the stadium was electric as the game kicked off. East Gosford dominated early and were rewarded when their veteran midfielder, Brett Margin, scored in the 33rd minute. The goal settled the Wyoming players' nerves and they gradually fought their way back into the match but went to the half-time break with the score



John McLafferty



Pat Bradley



An estimated crowd of between 2000 and 3000 attended the 2004 First Grade grand final at Central Coast (now Bluetongue) Stadium and created a sensational atmosphere for what is considered by many to be the best club football match ever played on the Central Coast.

unchanged. Eight minutes into the second half Wyoming equalised when a powerful shot by Aaron Binskin was parried by the East Gosford goalkeeper, Andrew McCracken, to the feet of Brad Lewis who volleyed the ball into the net

Although both teams had chances neither could capitalise on them and the game went to extra-time and then to a penalty shootout. East Gosford's first five penalty shots were successful as were Wyoming's; taken by Damon Ainsley, Michael Kennedy, Brad Lewis (to a chorus of boos from the Rams supporters), Marcus Steele and Pat Bradley. With the tension at fever-pitch Andrew Bull then dived to his left and pushed away East Gosford's first sudden-death penalty. It was then left to Wyoming's Ryan Marshall to coolly send the 'keeper the wrong way as he punched home the winner, risking a yellow card from referee Darren Sprod by taking his shirt off and spinning it around his head.

The win ended a 24-year drought, giving Wyoming its first First Grade premiership since 1980 and would prove to be the platform on which a new golden era for the club's top grade teams would be based.

The club's only other 2004 premiership was won by the Under 10E team coached by Bruce Murch, one of five Wyoming teams to finish the season as league champions but the only one to go on and win their grand final. The team went on to finish the season with the rare achievement of being undefeated league champions, premiers and winners of the President's Trophy for the club's best-performed team.

After topping their division by a comfortable margin they defeated second-placed Toukley 2-0 in the major semi-final at Baker Park with Michael Johnstone-Buchan scoring both goals. The grand final, on field two at Pluim Park was a re-match against Toukley and this time they won 3-0, Jeremy Goodger scoring late in the first half with a runaway



An interested spectator at the grand final was the recently-appointed coach of the Central Coast Mariners, Lawrie McKinna. Here he congratulates Wyoming players as they are presented to him by Wyoming captain Marcus Steele.



Left: A major factor in Wyoming's Premier League success in 2004 was the support provided by the team's long-time supporter and sponsor Mick Hill from The Grange Hotel. Here, in the early stage of Mad Monday, Mick (right) reflects on a great season with coach John McLafferty (left) and an unusually pensive, probably hungover, team manager Dave Boyd.

Right: Mad Monday was a great day to be Scottish. Here Wyoming's captain Ryan Marshall gets in the mood with one of the club's great characters, Tony McAndrew. A confident contingent from the Wyoming 'Dream Team' had pre-ordered the premiership shirts and distributed them within minutes of the full-time whistle.



goal to Michael Johnstone-Buchan early in the second half effectively sealing the title. In something of an anti-climax the third goal of the match, and the team's 64th of the season was an own goal. Equally impressive was the teams defensive record. They conceded just four goals in their 21 matches and, amazingly none in their last nine – the last goal scored against them was on the 19th of June, three months before the grand final!

The season brought a sad case of *deja vu* for a number of members of Rob Blandford's Girls U16A team. The previous season they had been in the Girls U14A team, coached by Lisa Power, that had gone through the season undefeated only to lose in the grand final. Now the same thing happened again. After becoming just the fifth team in Wyoming's history to score in excess of 100 goals in a season, the 2004 U16As finished the season as undefeated league champions with 18 wins and three draws from the 21 matches. A 1-0 win over Budgewoi saw them through to the grand final, but as had happened a year earlier they suffered their only loss of the season, beaten again by Budgewoi.

The coaches of the two successful U18 teams from 2003, Roger Smith and Ian Shute, returned in 2004 and both took their respective teams through to their grand finals. Smith's U18As included a number of players from the 2003 team that were still eligible and the team went through the regular season undefeated conceding just seven goals in their 18 matches. They were then upset in the major semi-final, bounced back to win the Final but then were beaten again in the grand final. By contrast Ian Shute's U18Bs lost six matches to just make the finals series in fourth place but then won both their semi-final and Final to reach the grand final.

After finishing in second place Gino Di Candilo's U15A team went straight to the grand final with a 2-1 win over league champions, but Kincumber had its revenge in the decider. The U12A, mostly comprised of the all-conquering 2003 U11As had a new coach in Paul Nield but were clearly the team to beat, finishing clear league champions with just one loss from their 21 matches. But as



had become a trend with Wyoming teams they went directly to the grand final before also losing to Kincumber.

Others to meet the same fate were Gary Armstrong's U12Es, Rod Shearer's Girls U12Bs, Ron Halls' U11Fs and Adam Jackson's U10Fs. While having 11 teams representing the club in grand finals was an outstanding effort, nine sets of runners-up medallions left a dampener on the season.

While every other Wyoming team had packed their boots away until February, the U15As season lasted almost until Christmas, as they headed off to Fiji to compete in the 2004 South Pacific Cup tournament. An invitation-only event organised by the Fijian Soccer Association, the Cup attracted teams from around the Pacific Island region as well as from overseas.

To prepare the boys for the mid-summer Fijian heat, coach Gino Di Candilo had them wearing plastic garbage bags as they trained in preparation for the Cup. Working just as hard behind the scenes were Deb Arnison and a number of other parents as they sought out sponsors willing to help subsidise the cost of the trip.

The competition, played in Lautoka and Nadi, comprised 16 teams in groups of four with teams coming from as far afield as Dubbo, Brisbane and Sydney as well as local teams. In their first match the boys defeated South Fiji 3-1 in the morning, then had their second game of the day delayed for several hours as bad weather prevented the boat bringing the North Fiji team from departing. Although given the option of winning the match on forfeit the Wyoming boys agreed to wait, eventually winning the match 2-1 and moving through to the quarter-final stage.

On Day Two they won their third match 3-2 in extra-time against South-West Fiji to progress to the semi-final against the Sydney club, White City. White City took an early lead and despite their best efforts Wyoming couldn't score and went down 1-0.

By this time the Wyoming boys had gained a big following among the locals and the respect was mutual as the tourists gave away much of their gear and equipment to help the poorer locals. It was a great effort and one that brought great credit to the club.

The trip had been so popular that another was planned two years later with the boys now playing in the U18A team but entered into the U17 Southern Cross Cup. After another major campaign, led this time by Andrea Wasson, that successfully raised much of the required funds the trip had to be cancelled at the last moment due to the political instability which eventually led to the Fijian military coup early in January 2007.



The U11Es star striker Michael Johnstone puts away one of his 28 goals for the season. This one was scored in the team's 5-0 win over Avoca at Alan Davidson Park.



2004 UNDER 11E - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Left to Right: Tyler Bertrand, Derek Shute, Ben Green, Jack Learmonth, Rohan Hoare, Jeremy Goodger, Gai Green (Manager), Matthew Sullivan, Jacob Emerson, Michael Johnstone, Bruce Murch (Coach), Benjamin Murch, Ryan Carey. Absent: Luke Turner.



2004 UNDER 15s – SOUTH PACIFIC CUP SEMI-FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Gino Di Candilo(Coach), Luke Parker, Lee Hope, Ben Hoynes, Matt Pavola, Anthony Skinner, Martin Vazques, Jarrod Brown, Mathew McKinnon, Peter Hoynes (Manager). Front (l to r): Josh Di Candilo, Daniel Ballard, Jeffery Castillo, Damien Jones, Daniel Stobbart, Greg Wasson, Kevin Woodbridge.

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WPL	Catherine Thuaux	20	3	3	14	24	57	12	6/6					Kristy Horton
Sen AA1	Gareth Bray	18	5	1	12	29	51	16	7/10					
Sen AA4	Brett Farrell	18	13	0	5	42	31	39	4/10	1-3			SF	
Sen AA7	Bill Bulmer	18	1	0	15	17	60	3	9/9					
Sen 35	Brad Dunn	18	2	4	12	29	54	10	9/10					
Sen 18A	Roger Smith	18	15	3	0	57	7	48	1/10	0-2	won	lost	LC/RU	
Sen 18B	Ian Shute	18	8	2	6	21	15	26	4/9	1-0	won	lost	RU	
16A	Alan Bendeich	21	2	3	13	13	41	9	6/7					
W16A	Robert Blandford	21	18	3	0	104	8	57	1/8	1-0		lost	LC/RU	
W16B	Colin Burrell	18	4	2	12	14	58	14	9/10					
15A	Gino Di Candilo	21	15	3	3	58	15	48	2/8	2-1		lost	RU	
15B	Gary Casey	18	9	2	7	49	39	29	5/10					
14A	Murray Peck	18	8	2	6	53	24	26	5/9					
14C	Tommy Corless & Steve Preen	18	5	3	8	23	28	18	6/9					
W14B	Russell Copp	21	11	2	5	62	35	35	3/7	1-4			SF	
13A	Craig Southwood	18	1	1	14	17	54	4	9/9					
12A	Paul Nield	21	17	3	1	64	14	54	1/8	1-0		lost	LC/RU	
12B	Steve Reekie	18	11	4	3	34	20	37	3/10	??			SF	
12E	Gary Armstrong	18	13	3	2	77	16	42	2/10	??	??	lost	RU	
W12A	Michael Heard & David Thomson	20	2	2	16	10	67	8	6/6					
W12B	Rod Shearer	21	12	3	3	50	17	39	2/7	??	??	lost	RU	
11A	Scott Howison	18	3	3	10	19	41	12	7/9					
11C	John Trickett & Ed Edwards	18	10	0	8	40	25	30	5/10					
11E	Bruce Murch	18	15	1	0	59	4	46	1/9	2-0		3-0	LC/Pr	PT
11F	Ronald Halls	20	16	2	2	39	10	50	1/10	2-1		lost	LC/RU	
10A	Paul Adams	18	11	1	6	40	26	34	3/10	??			SF	
10B	Paul Penn	18	1	1	16	8	82	4	9/10					
10F	Adam Jackson	18	15	0	3	64	20	45	2/10	8-1		lost	RU	

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Brad Finch), 9C (Gordon Millar & Stewart Moore), 9D (Jason Taylor), 9H (Matthew McKinnon), 8A (Brendon O'Connor), 8B (Richard Simmons), 8C (Brenda Sommerville), 8D (Scott Boden), 7A (Tony Offord), 7B (Jason Cottier & Rick Hogan), 7C (Kel Anderson), 7D (Steve Sutton), 7E (Jim Mitcherson), 7F (Diana Dyer), 6A (Tim Rafferty), 6B (Brett Ryan), 6C (Trevor Robinson), 6D (Peter Comino), 6E (David Smith), 5A (Geoff Delehunt & Rick Hogan), 5B (Joe Pace), 5C (Terry Duffield).

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MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Ian Shute
 Senior Player of the Year: Marcus Steele
 Senior Womens Player of the Year: Kristy Horton
 Junior Player of the Year: April Long
 Life Membership: Dave Boyd, John McLafferty, Jamie Robson

SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

11E

Coach: Bruce Murch.

Players: Scott Affleck, Hayden Bendeich, Tyler Bertrand, Ryan Carey, Nicholas Coombes, Daniel Crawley, Jacob Emerson, Jeremy Goodger, Ben Green, Rohan Hoare, Michael Johnstone-Buchan, Jack Learmonth, Benjamin Murch, Derick Shute, Matthew Sullivan, Luke Turner.

PREMIERS

FIRST GRADE

Coach: John McLafferty

Players: Damon Ainsley, Simon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Aaron Binskin, Pat Bradley, Shane Butt, Luke Gale, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Brad Lewis, Ryan Marshall, Neale McAndrew, Greg Preston, Trevor Shute, Marcus Steele.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

11F

Coach: Ronald Halls

Players: David Evans, Clive Harrison, Mitchell Lindsay, Jack Marstaeller, Lindsay Ness, Patrick O'Brien-Halls, Brandon Sohler, Peter Thompson.

12A

Coach: Paul Nield

Players: Stephen Baldwin, Scott Ditton, Taylor Gunn, Zachary Hall, Daniel Jones, Samuel Kirk, Luke Nield, Blake Peisley, Joel Robinson, Blake Silvers, John Whelpdale, Mark Williams.

18A

Coach: Roger Smith

Players: Dean Bendeich, Matthew Ditton, Mitchell Faulkner, Luke Hiscock, Christopher Hulls, Rohan Mount-McCaughy, Chiji Olujie, Tyson Peisley, Kylie Rich, Aaron Shute, Ben Smith, Ben Wallington, Andrew Watts.

W16A

Coach: Robert Blandford

Players: Emma Anderson, Rebecca Arnfield, Sarah Fleming, Kristy Fleming, Victoria Howard, April Long, Crystall-Blu Marginson, Samantha Savides, Chanel Sohler, Prue Stockdale, Renae Stone, Amy Wales.

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