

BURWOOD ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



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"25 years Young in 1995"

Welcome to the Clubs seventh and last newsletter of the 1995 season.

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And in the 1990's

The final chapter in the clubs history follows. 1990-1995 was a successful era for the club in many ways. Junior numbers have been consistent, usually about 17 teams (180-190 players). The high number of Burwood Junior players achieving Canterbury representative status is a credit to the club. On the field results support the quality players being produced at Burwood. In 1994 Burwood won the CJFA trophy for the highest average team results, with several teams winning their respective grades, and all of the others finishing in the top three. In 1991 a Burwood Midgets grade was introduced (generally under 6-7 years old). This concept has been very successful, with over 40 midget players registered this year.

From a Senior point of view this era has been very successful on the field. In 1992 the 1st mens team won the inaugural Districts league, and with it promotion into Southern League Qualifying. The Senior committee (led by Steve Allen) embarked on an ambitious plan to remain in this league. Unfortunately, the good work done at Committee level proved harder to emulate on the field, and the club was relegated back to Districts league. The 1st Womens team has been very successful during the 1990's. They have progressed from winning Division 2 in 1989, then Division 1 in 1994 to gain promotion into the Premier league this year. This year they have successfully avoided relegation in this tough league. A new concept was introduced at Burwood in 1994, when the club entered a Masters team. This has proved very successful, with the Masters team winning Division 2 in their first year. This year they also have won Division 2 (after splitting towards the end of the season into a Masters 2nd Division).

In 1992, a decision was made to replace the old orange and black strip with a modified version of the clubs original maroon strip. Most club teams are now playing in the new maroon colours. One of the few problems over this era has been the lack of people willing to help out on Committee. A feature of the 1990's has been the small loyal group of people running the club at Committee level.

Presidents Report

The conclusion of 1995 will see the end of my 5 years as Club President. I am proud of the performances of our teams, particularly the Juniors, an area in which we are prominent in the local soccer arena. My thanks go out to our hard working committee and also coaches for their efforts this season. Sadly we have an area which continues to be frustrating, and that is our rank and file support. At a time when committee helpers are desperately needed we have in recent years found the response disappointing. Fundraising for the club, as opposed to individual teams, has also been poor and if we do not improve, the club will not survive. Please support your club or be faced with watching it die.

Steve Allen

Congratulations

Anika Tiplady	15A	Played for Riccarton High School in the South Island schoolgirls' tournament, and was selected in the Tournament team.
James Darwaller	14A	Canterbury Districts player of the team at the Under 13 Tournament in Ashburton.
Theory Thou, Tim Wilson, Daniel Hill	15A	Burwood members of the Canterbury Under 14 team to win the Nationals. Beat Auckland 2-1 in the semi, and Counties 2-0 in the final.

Team	Coach	Player of the Year	Most Improved
8th Tigers	Ian Stewart	Kierran Bunn	Joshua Stopforth
8th Panthers	Brian Shaw	Cody McDonald	Geordie Shaw
8th Broncos	Christine Jackson	Nathan Shepperd	William Hemmingsen Corey Grainger
8th Pelicans	Suren Dickson	Darren Shea	Sam Newman
9th Chiefs	Grant Donnell	Joshua Ryder Manuel Kokaua	Tom Quint
9th Pumas	Chris Srecker	Danny Lingard	James French
9th Hawks	Eric Ward	Mathew Hicks	Nicholas Aicken
10th Koolkats	Angie Clapham	Brian Brown	Mitchel Wever
10th Hoispuurs	Chris Bunn	Chris Churnside	Andrew Black Karl Fern
10th Tornados	Errol Smith	Jared Lingard	Daniel Beecham
11A	Siu Locke	Ashley Hendry	Jordan Latter
12A	Phil Ayers	Ryan Kiesanowski Jonathan Drury	Grant Robertson Casey Ayers
12B	Gordon Osten	Sam Pyne	Tony Oscen
12C	Stefan O'Neill	James Rundle Quentin Hunt	David Marshall
13A	John Jackson	Rebecca West	Hadyn Price
14A	Kelvin Tibble	James Duncan, Andrew Ellis, Adam Tibble	Alan Ambrose
15A	Steve Allen	Daniel Hill	Hayden Hopgood
Youth	Vern Larkers	Gareth Young	Carl Hedwig
Masters	Hugh McDonald	Tom Costello	Greg Andrews
1st Women	Chris Johnson	Angie Clapham	Fiona Ross
1st Men	John Collier	Murray Kalls	Rueben McNabb

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Monday, 9 October, 7.00 pm at the Clubrooms, Clare Park. Please come along and support the Club.

Sincere Thanks to:

O'Sheas Public House, Marshlands Rd and Ardrossan Motors, 75 Bassett St for fundraising donations.
Cresswell Joinery, 66 Cresswell Ave for trophies.

The Press Cufa Penalty Kicking Competition

Junior section won by Caleb Ryder (12A). Senior section, 2nd Tim Wilson (15A).

11 year old Burwood Selection versus Mid-Canterbury

On Sunday, 20 August, a Burwood team selected from 11 year olds playing in the 12th grade and coached on the day by Phil Ayers played the Mid-Canterbury 11 grade representative team. Burwood won the game 3-1 (Ben Light 2, Caleb Ryder 1). The day was much enjoyed by players, parents and visitors. The Burwood selection was Grant Robertson, Andrew Croucher, Ricky Good, Jonathan Drury, Andrew Kirk, Caleb Ryder, Ben Light (P.O.D), Jesse Howl, Kyle Emery, Blake Hinderson, Leon Huddleston, David Marshall.

TEAM REPORTS

8th Grade Broncos

Coach: Christine Jackson

This was my first season, which I have enjoyed. It's a shame it has to end so quickly. The Broncos have been a great team - Daniel Dibnah, Cory Granger, William Hemmingsen, David Hunt, Timothy Jackson, Michael Mathews, Nathan Sheppard, Carl Walters. All the boys were tried in all positions. We had a lot of positive remarks from other team coaches, especially about the teams great defensive work. Unfortunately they couldn't all play in defence. Approaching the end of the season we had some brilliant games. I was always pleased to see their coach, as they had a good positive attitude even when the games weren't going their way. Well done boys.

8th Grade Pelicans

Coach: Suran Dickson

Firstly I would like to congratulate the boys on their success this season. With only 1 loss and 2 draws, I feel the boys have done themselves credit. The whole team worked hard, and there has been some absolutely amazing improvement by many team members. I would also like to take this chance to thank the team parents, especially Therese Dryden the Team Manager, for their support and complete goodwill towards me as a bumbling first time coach!

10th Grade Hotsprurs

Coach: Chris Bunn

We began this season as a team of mostly enthusiastic first timers (players and coach)! As the season progressed so too did our skills when we were finally playing together as a team. Chris has been an outstanding player consistently tackling and scoring goals with great support from Andrew Black up front. Andrew Green gained confidence in midfield defence. Blair and Jordan sampled all positions becoming good allrounders on the field. Some promising throw-ins from Nick, catching many of the opposition off guard with fearless defensive work from Jared and Karl, who were not afraid to tackle opponents for possession of the ball. Geoff completed our team making some timely saves as goalie. Special thanks to all our parents who braved many cold wintery mornings to provide the vocal support.

11th Grade

Coaches: Stu Lockie / Brian Hendry

For their first year of 11 aside football on a full size field, the young men of this team have performed with commendable ability. The record of 9 wins, 1 draw and 5 losses shows the boys mastered the basics well, scoring 49 goals and conceding 25. The younger members of the team, like Jordan Latner, Matt Dwyer and Luke Smith-Williams learnt a lot from the "senior" members, Steven McLeod (17 goals), Mark Dunn (14 goals), Ashley Hendry, Matt Lockie and others, to produce some often brilliant football. Our goal was ably protected by Nic Kovacs in his first year as goalie. At this stage of development, the players' natural positions tend to show through and some of these players have a big future in the game. Thanks to the parents for their encouragement and support all season. A lot of satisfaction and enjoyment came from good performances on the field. Parent support in the unfamiliar aspect of learning to lose was appreciated by coaches and players. Best of luck to the team for future seasons.

12th Grade A

Coach: Phil Ayers

In the grading round this team played well enough to cement its place in Section 1 and although the boys always gave of their best they found it hard to adjust to the new 12th grade age format, as many were still eligible to play in 11th grade. By mid-season they had settled down and become more competitive, with good results against Cashmere and Burnside. I would like to thank Carl Ryder (Manager), Pat and Jo Drury and Elsie for their assistance and parents and supporters for their support. I have enjoyed my season of coaching and seeing the boys improve game by game.

12th Grade B

Coach: Gordon Oaten

12B did not have as good a season as we anticipated, due in part to losing our goalkeeper to injury early in the season, which meant having to borrow players from the A or C teams every Saturday and consequently not being able to work into a winning pattern. However the boys showed a lot of character by continuing to compete with enthusiasm. My thanks to the parents for their support during the season.

12th Grade C

Coach: Stefan O'Neill

The season started out very shaky with fielding a full team becoming a struggle. But the team showed good spirit and kept fighting. As the team grew so did their confidence to spread the ball around and what followed was some very entertaining and enterprising soccer. I wish to thank all the parents who have crowded the sidelines and lent their

support to myself, my assistant coach Damon White and to the boys and girls of the team. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year of coaching soccer. I wish the players all the best for the coming years in what ever they take up and look forward to coaching next year, if given the chance. Regards, Stefan O'Neill.

13th Grade A

Coach: John Jackson

Hi there - this has been my first season of coaching and it started with a barrage of goals against. But the team and I have eventually come together with a couple of wins and draws. Congratulations to team members Rebecca, Kimberley and Emily who as members of the Canterbury Under 13 girls team gained silver medals at the National Tournament. And to the rest of the team, thank you for sticking in there. To the parents - your support and assistance during the season was much appreciated. Well, have a great summer break and I hope to see you all again next year.

14th Grade

Coach: Kelvin Tibble

The under 14 team has performed very creditably during 1995. With 1 under 12, 6 under 13 and 6 under 14 players, a competition result of 5 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss for an overall result of 2nd in Division One, was indeed an indication of a successful season. The team provided a number of Canterbury representatives, Jamie Duncan, Andrew Ellis and Adam Tibble Canterbury Under 13; Alan Arbrose, Adam Kearney, Simon Jones and Ruben Woods Districts under 14; James Dauvalder and Andrew Tucker Districts under 13; Stephen Brown Tasmanian under 12. Two practices per week, a game on Saturday and from mid-season onward, representative trials and practices has meant a busy season for most of the boys. The support of parents in all areas was vital and much appreciated. Our success was based on the commitment of the boys to both practice and the notion of playing "team soccer", and this produced some very attractive football. To all players, I wish you every success in your playing futures - you can be proud of what you have achieved in the past year. It has been good sharing the season with you. Cheers, Kelvin Tibble.

15th Grade

Coach: Steve Allen

With the bulk of the team playing up a grade, this season promised to be a tough one. After a disappointing 1st round, prompted by poor attendances pre-season, the 2nd and 3rd rounds showed great improvement, especially against Halswell and United where the team played superbly with only 10 players. Having had 4 years with the team, I've been privileged to watch them develop into a very fine side. It is my hope that these players stay with the club as they are our future. Thanks to the parents and supporters for their good humour and support during my time with this team.

Youth Grade

Coach: Vern Harlbers

The season started off with a heavy loss to Shirley Boys High in the 1st round and finished with a good win against Lamoon High, and some narrow losses, one draw in between. A pleasing result as the team played some very good football with a lot of determination. With the top 2 teams moving up to the 1st division and 4 teams winning up from 3rd, the 2nd division being split into an A and B, we found ourselves in the A section. The team found a winning touch and ended the round with wins against Cashmere, St Bedes and Middleton Grange, a draw against Chert United, which left us 1 point ahead of Shirley Boys and Middleton Grange with Shirley to play. Unfortunately we were unable to over come the determination to beat Shirley Boys on the day. The greatest moment would be the win against Middleton Grange who were the eventual winners. We had 3 players picked in the 15th grade Canterbury Districts team to play in Invercargill. A great effort by a determined bunch of young men and as coach it has been a pleasure to be part of their season. Looking forward to seeing the whole team back next season.

Masters

Manager: Hugh McDonald

The masters have had an enjoyable season after qualifying into Masters Division 2.

1st Women

Coach: Chris Johnson

This year the women's team played in the Premier division, which to anyone who knows anything about women's football, was always going to make it a very tough season. We started with two heavy losses against two of the better teams, then we got on track and picked up what proved to be, in the finish, a vital point. After that unfortunately we lost a couple of players so we not only struggled with the opposition, but also our own numbers. However, we did avoid relegation and that was our main, if not only, target. Finally, I ticke my hat off to a great bunch of girls whose "never say die" attitude was a constant inspiration for any coach. Well done girls, an enjoyable season yet again.

1st Men

Coach: John Collier / Jeremy Busby

The season very nearly ended on a high note with knockout success. Unfortunately, coach John Collier was away with overseas commitments during this period and missed all the fun. The 8 teams in the league were split into 2 sections of 4, the 2 teams with the best record in each section going onto knockout semi-finals. Our first game was away against Collegiate of Ashburton, where we got a valuable 2-2 draw. This was followed by a 2-1 win over Papamuri-Redwood, and then a 5-1 rout of Parklands who nearly won the league. In the semi-final the good run came to an end, losing 0-2 to Boys. We felt that we had the better of the game but just could not score despite many clear cut chances. This year the players represented Burwood with pride, and the club itself can be very proud of their conduct and effort.