



Soccer Dribble



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From The President

What a glorious day for football it was on Saturday and from what I heard and saw the kids had a great time.

Last week there was a piece in the Soccer Dribble regarding parents shouting instructions to the players and I would like to remind you of what was stated because I attended three games on Saturday and at two of them I saw examples of what parents should not do. As usual, the players were a credit to the club.

To start with this is what I asked you to consider:

"Get rid of it", "kick it out", "don't do that", "tackle him", and "pass it" are the usual fare we can hear on any suburban pitch every Saturday, all of these messages are restrictive, telling a youngster what not to do and often telling them to take the most basic and, in fact, incorrect option.

Game one, I can add to the vocabulary another restrictive instruction from a parent shouting out the incorrect option: "Stop! Take your time!". The opposition had attacked our goal with numbers and the goalkeeper gathered up the ball on the line. A player was free on the left with acres of space and there was no cover all the way to the opposition goal. He shouted for the ball and the goalkeeper raced out with the intention of starting a quick counter attack. A parent yelled the goalkeeper's name followed by "Stop! Take your time!". The goalkeeper immediately obeyed and stopped in his tracks thereby a very promising move, instigated by the players themselves, was stopped dead and the opposition regrouped.

Game two, a parent incessantly bellowed instructions, the most frequent being "big kick!" not the best advice for football skills development.

Game three and an example of how things should be. No instructions from the parents from what I could hear, just the kids working it out for themselves. This environment allowed a moment that I consider the best of the morning even though I saw many good moves and goals scored. A 7B player was right in the defensive corner preparing to take a kick in. Three opposition players were crowding him and jockeying to intercept any pass. I could see him weighing up the situation and with no parent intervention such as "Big kick!" he threaded a measured ball through the opposition right to a team mate's feet to start an attacking move. Bravo to Peter Byrne and David Supple for the way they are running their squad.

All parents, please understand that the kids do not want the pressure that some of you put on them. In the past I have been guilty of shouting instructions to my kids and Saturday morning, whilst discussing this topic on the way to the game, Alex told me he used to hate me being on the sideline and was glad when I was refereeing because I could not pressure him.

Good Luck on Saturday
Paul Ludlow

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 7th June
Please return chocolate money to your manager at your game.

Wednesday 11th June
Last Chance to return Fundraising Chocolate Money

Saturday 30th August
Kick a Goal for Kids Charity Dinner
Hornsby RSL Club @ 7pm
Tickets: \$70 – this includes 3 course meal and drinks
Tickets go on sale in July at the RSL box office.

The organisation for this great night is well underway. Last year we raised in excess of \$30,000 for The Spastic Centre's Sport and Recreation Program. So kids like Alex Graham (in our U8A team) can enjoy both the fitness and the social benefits of being involved in sport. This year we are aiming just a little higher at \$50,000!

Our Guest Speaker this year is Matt Laffan, Lawyer and Disability Advocate. Our entertainment is Tall Pop Syndrome, Sydneys premier dance band with hits from the 70's. 80's 90's and beyond.

We have already secured a great range of sporting memorabilia for the live auction but still have to obtain silent auction and raffle prizes. We are currently approaching business for sponsorship and donation of auction and raffle prizes.

If you own or work for a business that would be interested in sponsoring the night or donating a prize please contact me on 0419 011 454 or slevinfamily@bigpond.com for more details.



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Match Reports



U6A vs Berowra U6D

Result: Loss 4-10

Match A: Colby Lavarack joined the field for his first time of playing for Hornsby RSL Youth and showed great promise. William was awarded Man of the Match for some solid defensive play and he and Tristan were kept busy trying to keep the strong opposition from scoring.. Surosh was tackling well and Rohan did well to keep the ball moving forward and into the oppositions half. Sadly the opposition was too strong and we succumbed 6/0 - but there's always - - next time!

Match B:- The team were more evenly matched on this field and the final score was 4 all. Hamish scored 3 great goals and with another stunning one from Antom the score was evened out. Anton received Man of the match and we look forward to seeing more goal scoring from him in the future.

Thomas and Matua worked hard always moving the ball forward and Martin was there backing up with his usual strong kick. Martin's kicking accuracy is great although he will have to try to avoid knocking out the opposition in the future!

The game was very exciting and although we were sad not to win it was a great game to watch!

Jill Curtis (Manager)

U6B vs Gordon - Clash of the Titans!

Match A Result: Win 6-5

Alex R nearly got a goal very early in the game but Sam was the first to score. Alex R had many near misses throughout the game but finally managed to score during the first half.

Deven got a goal with quick thinking and his next shot missed but Jappie was there to finish it off with another goal. Alex W came on to help in the 2nd half with some terrific kicking.

Jaapie was showing great defence and Alex W was great at controlling the ball. Deven did a kick down the field and also showed great ball control with his feet. Sam scored another brilliant goal. Unfortunately for Gordon they scored a goal for us which was the decider. What a great game!

Match B Result: Win 1-0

Another beautiful day for a great game. Gordon were very tough but Nick scored early in the first half. Lachlan kicked brilliantly throughout the game showing great defending skills. Adam tried and tried but each time his goal attempts were foiled by Gordon's great defence. Danny's footwork and ball control is amazing and he was the main defence against Gordon. He did have one shot at goal which missed by centimeters! Alex W and Lachlan were awarded the Player of the Match.

Notes by Lucy Bal (Parent)

Report compiled by Lynne Slevin (Manager)

U7A vs Brooklyn

Result: Win: 16-3

A faultless performance from the team this week. It's been so exciting to witness the enormous progress each individual has made since the season opener and confidence is at an all-time high. Spectators and coaching staff were treated to a display of skilful passing, clever footwork and ball control which lead to a number of spectacular goals. Congratulations to 'Best and Fairest' winners this week Jonathan Marsden and Michael Yelland. Special thanks to Jonathon, Ben, Oliver and Miguel - exhibiting great club spirit to back up and play in the winning 8B team! Many thanks to the Dashwood family for supplying clean jerseys and halftime refreshments.

Chris Tysoe (Manager)

U7B Vs Northern Monash

Result: Loss 7-6

What an exciting game of soccer last Saturday against Northern Monash. With the result going against us 7 – 6 overall, there were lots of things to be excited about. After a slow start in game one, the boys really put some good combinations together to come back from 3 – 1 down to draw 5-5. Jackson, Harry and Caleb got amongst the goals. Tom S supported well with a few near misses. Matei and Adrian did a sterling job defending and keeping the ball at the right end of the paddock. The other game was also very tight, going down 2-1. Shu was the sole goal scorer supported well by Jack who nearly scored a few times. Tom W, Will and John all combined well in the mid-field to prevent the game getting too far away from us. In the end it took us too long to get fully into the game, that was the difference between the two sides. Player's of the week were Shu and Tom S. Well done boys. Great to see all the parents along cheering on the boys.

David Supple (Manager)

U8A vs West Pymble

Match A Result: Loss 2-6

Matthew H and Tyler started attempting to score right from the start. Between them they had many flashes of brilliance that resulted in near miss after near miss. Andrew's kicking in from the sideline was very strong and continued to be strong throughout the match. Robert was providing backup for the players and was tackling well. Sophia passing was terrific and shows great team work. Alistiar was carried from the field with an injured knee but showed great fortitude in returning to the game. Tyler was named 'terrier' by the opposition's coach (which was a compliment to his game play!).

Match B Result: Draw 3-3

What an exciting game. It was great to have such evenly matched competition. Miles was the first scorer of this match and he never lets up the whole game – even when he appears to have a ball magnet stuffed up his shirt. (I have never seen anyone get hit by the ball so many times in one game!!) Gabi scored the second with some great running with the ball. Gabi also has a mean kick and sometime this also includes the opposition (by accident – of course!) Jack scored out 3rd Connors and Matthew B.

Notes by Lucy Bal (Parent)

Report compiled by Lynne Slevin (Manager)

U8B vs Berowra

Result: Win 8 - 3

The team had a great turn around after a bad lost last week. With better ball control and good defence this was a good lift for the team. I would like a BIG special thank you to Ben Bishop, Jonathon Marsden, Oliver Tysoe and Miguek for helping us this week. A special thank you to Chris Tysoe for managing the team of boys from the U7's with Ron and Hamish from the U8B. Joshua Kim was the player of the week.

Peter Neuenkirchen (Coach)

U9A vs West Pennant Hills 9A

Result: Draw 2 - 2

Last week we conceded several goals by not clearing the ball out of our goal area after restarts. This week we concentrated on getting the ball away quickly and having all players moving into space ready to receive the ball. Everyone worked hard at this and the effort paid off. We were able to turn defence in to attack on many occasions. Nick came from his sick bed to bravely keep goal in the first half, and then contribute well in the forwards in the second half. Callum had a turn in midfield

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and put his big kicks to good effect, threatening the opposition's goal instead of his usual massive clearance kicks. The game was a very physical one, which was reflected in the injury rate. But Ran and Corey showed great courage in protecting the goal. Jeremy had some great runs down the left wing and is starting to make good use of being our only lefty. Nicholas was stifled by a very strong defence and had to improvise his shots. He was unlucky not to find the target but made some great passes into attacking positions. Joseph, as usual, found the back of the net with a pair of well placed kicks. Both Ewan and Joseph covered the midfield very well, keeping a tough opponent in check for most of the game. I was particularly impressed with Ewan's work rate, which justly earned man of the match.

James Herbert (Coach)

U9B vs West Pymble

Result: Win 3 -1

In this match we beat West Pymble 9f three goals to one. In the first half, no goals were scored. But we played extremely well. Our main defender, Parthiv played very well and he managed to help prevent any attempts on goal. Our forwards also had frequent shots, but sadly none got through. In the second half, almost five minutes in, Ryan scored a goal. Followed by Woo, who scored two goals. Then about five minutes from the end West Pymble scored a goal. Congratulations to everybody for their great improvement. I hope to see you all at training and lets hope we continue our good form against Asquith 9b next week.

Dylan (player)

U13 vs St Ives

Result: Win 7-0

What a great game with so many heart stopping moments this was a game to remember. After a brilliant start by both teams Some of our play started taking shape and we were first to the ball every time. About 20 minutes into the first half a neat cross by David lines up Thomas who scores the first goal of the game. From there on out the goals kept piling on throughout the game. 1 to Eddie, 1 to Ben, 3 to Max, 1 to Chris and 1 to Thomas. Players player went to Seb for some great clearances and shots. Player of the Match went to Kade. A great Game Hornsby.

Written by Jeremy (player)

U18A vs. North Sydney BHS

Result: Loss 2-1

The match began poorly with a questionable coin toss, resulting in us running towards the sun. However, the team was not put off by this and performed well. The first half droned on with no real gains being made by either team until Thomsett scored a surprise goal from a near impossible angle. Unfortunately, with Jimmy sick and Pat injured, the squad had no reserves and was beginning to tire. After many spectacular saves, it was only a matter of time before the opposing side finally managed to slip an equalizer past Lochie 'Magic Hands'. Not two minutes later, the whistle was blown for half time. Mr. Kieran roused the troops with a speech surely to go down in the ages and the boys went back on the field with their heads held high, not put off by the unfortunate ending to the first half. Missed opportunities on the good side of the centre line however, slowly began to peck away at the morale of the team. Eventually, the game degraded into a back-and-forth motion and a flurry of legs in our six-yard box ended with another ball in the wrong net. Courageous efforts were made by all members of the team to try and bring the score up to something favourable, but their efforts proved fruitless; the final whistle was sounded to end another unfortunate loss. Tim King dazzled spectators with a truly breathtaking performance.

Tim King (Player)

U18B vs North Sydney Boys C

Result: Win 7-1

We arrived at the field to find out that the opposition was short on players and only had 10 for the whole match. Todd scored twice in quick succession about 20 minutes in only to have them snatch one back after a low cross was tapped in by one of our playerstrying to cut it off (sorry fellas). We then scored off a penalty after one of us was illegally tackled in the box. DJ then ran onto a through ball and slotted it away to make the score 4-1 at half time. We went back out to raise the score when Jordan got his head onto a cross from Vans. Shortly after we scored 2 goals, a long distance one whilst the keeper was out of position and Jesse blasted one from point blanc to wrap up the goals.

Good effort boys for one of our best matches of the year. We will need to repeat this performance next week against Clarke Road to get clear of second on the table.

Nathan Clarke (player)

Matches for Saturday 7th June 2008

Date	Home Club	Team	Away Club	Team	Time	Ground
07/06/2008	Hornsby RSL Youth	U10	Wahroonga	U10A	08:30	Montview 3
07/06/2008	West Pymble	6F	Hornsby RSL Youth	6B	08:30	Auluba SSG 3
07/06/2008	Hornsby RSL Youth	U18B	Bannockburn-Clarke Rd	U18B	08:30	Parklands
07/06/2008	Wahroonga	6F	Hornsby RSL Youth	6A	09:20	Karuah SSG 2
07/06/2008	Mt Colah	7A	Hornsby RSL Youth	7A	09:35	Foxglove SSG 4
07/06/2008	Kissing Point	U18B	Hornsby RSL Youth	U18A	09:50	Auluba 1
07/06/2008	Hornsby RSL Youth	9B	Asquith	9B	10:30	Montview 3
07/06/2008	Bannockburn-Clarke Rd	9A	Hornsby RSL Youth	9A	10:30	Bannockburn 2
07/06/2008	Berowra	8B	Hornsby RSL Youth	8A	10:50	Foxglove SSG 1
07/06/2008	Hornsby RSL Youth	8B	West Pymble	8E	10:50	Berry SSG 1
07/06/2008	St Ives	7B	Hornsby RSL Youth	7B	10:55	Toolang SSG 3
07/06/2008	Bannockburn-Clarke Rd	U13B	Hornsby RSL Youth	U13	11:10	Bannockburn 1

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