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The Perth Saints Football Club Committee acknowledges the Bibbulmun people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Club plays and trains and pays its respects to the Whadjuk people, and Elders both past and present.

2023 has been an exciting year for the Committee and one of change. New members were welcomed and old members farewelled. The Club would like to thank Rob Tracey, Kirk D'Souza and Brad Raynor for their service and say hello to Marisa and Paul Simeone.

There have been a number of new initiatives implemented this year (including the yearbook!) and some old ones reinstated. Wednesday night dinners at Tompkins kicked off again and, give yourselves a pat on the back, turned into the venue's biggest night of the week. The Quiz Night returned after a year's absence and the women of the Club were celebrated at the Ladies Luncheon.

The Club also integrated our teams into Football West's new management system, Squadi. Based on social media commentary from other club administrators this may have been our greatest achievement!



Throw in the West Ham march, the Matildas' semi-final function and the day-to-day busy management, it's been a busy but immensely satisfying season for the Committee.

**Tony Stewart - Club Secretary** 

PRESIDENT - Nigel Sayers SECRETARY - Tony Stewart
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COMMITTEE - Scott Jarvis & Paul Simeone

Yearbook by: Marisa Simeone

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# PERTH SAINTS COMMITTEE

#### **PERTH SAINTS PRESIDENT**

Another great season of Football at Perth Saints has come to an end...

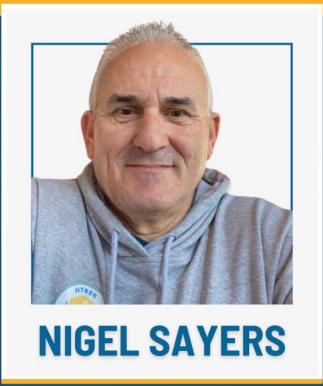
This is the sixth season of juniors at the club and once again we have grown in numbers & grown in our development as a committee and as a club.

I would like to start by thanking the hard work of all our committee members, we are only a few but the amount of work that is done in a season is quite amazing.

Thanks to Eddie our TD and all the coaches that take on the responsibility of coaching and running a team, many for the first time & of those, many have found out how rewarding it can be.

Big thankyou to all our sponsors, without them we could not provide all the equipment the members enjoy, and fees would be higher, so, many thanks to you all.

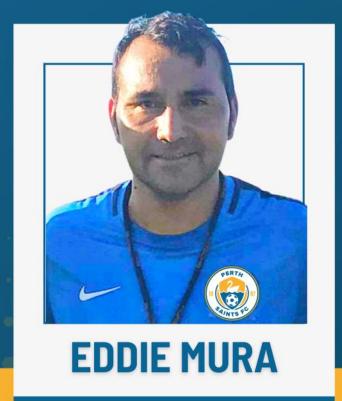
Finally, the challenges for the club moving forward will be the sustainable growth of all sections. This year's Woman's World Cup has highlighted the growth of the woman's game in particular and how we as a club cope with this growth will be challenging, as well as exiting, for all involved. Get on board with us, your assistance is needed.



#### **Our Club Philosophy - RTD:**

**RESPECT:** watching the behaviour of the kids during training and game day was to the standard that we expect, credit to the parents and other external influences.

**TEAMWORK:** was very evident with each team by seeing how the players connected on the field and how the parent group supported each other throughout the season.



**DEVELOPMENT:** most rewarding aspect of the season, seeing the kids growing with confidence on the field was outstanding, another outstanding development was our coaches, seeing them grow with confidence and passion was very rewarding...

Let's hope that we can hold onto this wonderful group of kids and coaches as we grow as a club and continue to be more competitive in an environment that we are all comfortable with!!

#### **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

## **PERTH SAINTS - 2023 EVENTS**









### **GOAL KEEPER TRAINING - BRAD JONES**



I would like to thank all our goalkeepers that joined my training sessions over the course of this season for their hard work and enthusiasm.

It's been a great experience and I hope the kids have enjoyed it as much as I have.

I have to say that the level improved week after week, and it was fantastic to hear from various coaches and parents from the club that they were noticing that too.

Well done to everyone!

Miniroos at the Perth Saints this year was bigger than ever with over 90 participants - almost double the number of the previous year!

The kids all showed up enthusiastically, rain, hail or shine. Each session began with technical skills and drills and ended with the highly anticipated round-robin of games.

A big thanks to our wonderful Miniroo helpers - Sophie, Izzy, Caoimhe, Eva, Molly and Lola. Thanks also to Tony and Paul for their help setting up each week.

Looking forward to an even bigger Miniroos in 2024.





**MINIROOS 5 TO 8 YRS - EDDIE MURA** 

### **U8 GIRLS DINGOES - DAN SMITH**

This was the first year that the Saints has run an U8's girls team. Everyone had a lot to learn. We came together as a group not even really knowing who was who, but how far we have come! The girls have really gelled as a team. At our first training we did a rondo and struggled to control and pass a ball. By our last game, the girl in the middle was struggling to get the ball!

Each game it has been amazing to watch all the girls' skills develop, yes, RTD. The parents and coaches have really enjoyed coming to watch these girls, because when they come out to play, you know you are going to see it all. Effort on the ball, strong tackles, evasive manoeuvres, some cracking goals, half pitch shots, mids sprinting back to help defend, girls dribbling the whole pitch to score, great saves... but most of all... all playing with a big smile on their face.

We have honestly all had a lot of fun this year (with a few trials and tribulations along the way) and some hard fought success too. Our training sessions have become a highlight of the girls week. There has been lots of chat from the coaches AND the kids, and everyone has enjoyed the kids joke of the week before each game.

We all hope this is just the start of all the girls footballing journey.



BACK (L-R): Chad Banks (Manager), Dan Smith (Coach), Holgar Twirdy (A/Coach):

MIDDLE BACK (L-R): Alysa Cronin, Emilia De Boni, Viola Pizzi, Charlotte Smith

MIDDLE FRONT (L-R): Charlotte Theodorsen, Sophie Banks,

Clara Della-Franca, Sara Twirdy, Sophie Wardell

FRONT (L-R): Jessica O'Neil, Isabella Faria

## **U8 GIRLS DINGOES**

## **U8 DOLPHINS (BLUE) - BEN BRADLEY**

The U8 Boys Blue team had a great season.

They showed the Perth Saints values of Respect, Teamwork and Development. They played firm but fair and were respectful of their teammates, opposition and referees.

Throughout the season they improved their ability to play as a team by playing in position and passing to teammates in better positions. And finally, they all showed improvement through the season through effort in training and in matches.

Well done to the boys going undefeated for the season. Upwards and onwards next year in a tougher division!



BACK (L-R): Ben Bradley (Coach), Elliot Carcione, Alessandro Yevstihneyev, Louis Hatley, Zavijer Mrkaljevic, Hugo Monzu, Preston Hindley FRONT (L-R): Lloyd Coleman, Lorenzo Taddei, Rocco Di Masi, Ignacio Bradley, Mattia Hair Costa, Orlando Dillon

# **U8 DOLPHINS (BLUE)**

## **U8 DOLPHINS (WHITE) - COREY PATTERSON**

What an absolute privilege it was to be part of an amazing group of boys. To watch their individual growth over the season morph into a wonderful team was a blessing. Our boys committed to 2 things at every game EFFORT & FUN, and they gave it in spades with smiles on their faces the whole time. I was immensely proud of their commitment to training, it would be rare we didn't have a whole team, and each week we tried something new and each week they applied themselves and continued their growth.

We didn't have any expectations for the boys at the start of the season, but as we experienced the quality of their character, their positive attitude towards each other and their willingness to learn, we quickly realised we had something special happening. If we had to use one word to describe a key quality of each boy: Aston – Brave, Brooklyn – Messi, Oliver – Skilful, Jack – Tenacious, Aidan – Intelligent, River – Courageous, Nate – Strong, Paddy – Dependable, Teo – Talented, Tobie – Power, Frankie – Tough, Theo – Bold

We would like to thank all the parents for their active involvement and support, it was great to see how the boys responded and an extra special thanks to the parents for using positive and encouraging words with not just their own child but the whole team, words do and did have an impact. Also a big shout out to the team manager – Chris Maley – who ensured the well-oiled machine hummed each week.

We played to get better, we played for fun, we played for the love of the sport and we played for each other – well done lads, be proud of your achievements and keep chasing that ball (Space = Time = Quality)!



BACK (L-R): Corey Patterson (Coach), Aiden Kennedy, Jack Pritchard, Tobie Allen,
River Lecky, Nate Hancock, Oliver Veerhuis, Chris Maley (Manager)

FRONT (L-R): Frankie Fielding, Brooklyn Patterson, Matteo Lee, Aston Patterson, Patrick Maley
Insert: Theo Mouneyrac

# **U8 DOLPHINS (WHITE)**

#### **U9 DOLPHINS - IAN GAWTHROPE**

"Not a single player is as good as the sum of a team" - Alfredo Di Stefano

As coaches, making this group of boys gel as a team was a focal point for us.

Making good decisions, playing your position and contributing to the team became key objectives. The efforts at our training sessions have definitely translated into results on matchdays. Happy to report that each and every player managed to get on the scoresheet throughout the season and dutifully played in goals when asked.

We have been incredibly pleased with the results on the pitch this season but most importantly we have been super impressed with the way these boys have carried themselves individually and as a group both on and off the field. We have stressed the importance of playing hard but fair football and displaying sportsmanship at all times.

Special mention to all the parents, grandparents, friends and their involvements at training, as manager, as referees, oranges & lolly duties and on matchdays. Thankyou for all your efforts!

The last thankyou is reserved for the boys themselves – Ben, Brad, Emmanuel, Jack, Logan, Rafael, Rayden, Tom B, Tom C and William. Thankyou for a great season, for being a great bunch of lads and a great TEAM!

Written by Suj (Manager) on behalf of Coach lan & Cherie (Manager)



BACK (L-R): Suj Saverimutto (A/Coach), Ian Gawthrope (Coach), Cherie Hunt (Manager)

MIDDLE (L-R): Jack Saverimutto, Thomas Chang, William Coleman, Logan Hunt, Benjamin Gawthrope

FRONT (L-R): Tom Brooks, Rafael Jaimangal, Rayden Fong, Bradley Vinac, Emmanuel Moreno

# **U9 DOLPHINS**

#### **U9 DINGOES - ALASTAIRE NEILSON + JP PAPINEAU**

His name was Zachary. Mum and Dad called him that. His mates called him Zach.

Zach was afraid this cold winter morning. Afraid of losing the last game of the season and he really wanted to win. Afraid also because Coach, his Dad, wasn't here this morning. Neither was Mum... Dad had Cancer and was in hospital. Mum was with him.... Today they'd know if Dad would be OK.... Zach hoped Dad would be OK. He loved his Dad.

On waking, Zach had snuck into the study, grabbed his Dad's Soccer Diary, desperate to decipher his Father's words... Numbers, though, he understood. Top of the list. Saints VS Kelmscott. Saints win first leg; Belmont, Curtin, Armadale, South Perth, Lynwood the same. Then losses First Leg; Fremantle, Vic Park, Kalamunda. Zach noticed Second leg all were wins – no losses and only one draw to South Perth.

Dad kept saying that earlier defeats had tempered in them character – 'whatever that meant' and that through lessons learned in defeat, they had vastly improved. Mum said Dad was smart like that…

Zach tried to remember games, a whirlwind of visions, emotions suffusing him. He remembered best the smell of the pitch, its greenness, especially after its having been cut. He remembered its beautiful shimmer on cold mornings; covered in dew, frost on colder mornings. The ball travelled much faster on those days – made it harder to control. Harder to play.

Most vivid, in his mind's eye, was Wednesday evening training. The pitch in the glimmering moonlight, sun going down in the west, wind howling...He loved this. Mum's/Dad's against Sons. Unreal, Dude!!! Best of all he loved his mates. Individual talents and collective spirit. He loved their studied learning of the game. Coach always saying 'Relax' and play like 'Wednesday Evening'. He loved when it meshed on the field, the calling, the passing forward, the scoring.

Everyone said Zach's strength was in reading the game. He wanted to be Xavi. Many times, he had told Mum and Dad never to worry about money. He was going to earn millions and we'll all live in mansions like Rooney. The game kicked off, rain hammering, Zach scored in the first 5, U9 Saints Dingoes winning. At the end, when they were cheering, Zach saw Mum run from the carpark. He met his Mum's arms, enveloping him, issuing forth a stifled sob.

'We won, Mum, we won. How's Dad?"

Mum, smiling, unwavering. "Dad's fine Zach, just fine."



BACK (L-R): JP Papineau (Manager), James Guo, Lucas Shi, Kai Mitchell, Alistair Neilson (Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Kingston Rebeiro, Elias Papineau, Seigo Hashiguchi, Aiden Neilson, Elio Spencer-Cotton

Insert: Fletcher Henwood Absent: Henry Walker

# **U9 DINGOES**

# U10 GIRLS DINGOES (WHITE) - raj tanna

Encumbered by a vision of Cruyff's Total Football for the Beautiful Game, I knew these talented girls hadn't been a team together.

In pre-season training, I have to be honest, they had me, the 'pathological optimist', at times sighing, scratching my head slightly worried...!

Total Football, a style poetic and artistic, with perfect ball movement in harmony in the occupation of spaces was maybe going to be a hell of a lot more challenging... elusive... oh no... even more imaginary than I'd thought.

But what a disguise!

And so it began. With their mindsets to develop and grow, an absolute commitment to teamwork with focused determination, gentle respect and self-tolerance, we, all of us, everyone have been transported on a remarkable journey of team and self-belief.

An entire unbeaten run all season since April, first over the league, scoring 111 goals and conceding 6, then leading Perth Saints to be the inaugural Women's Festival of Football Lisa de Vanna Cup U10 Champions. The unbeaten run has only just ended this week, in the semi-finals of the Armadale Cup competition, just. So tantalisingly close.

A welcoming and caring open heart also to players from our sister teams joining us in competitions has bonded the players across the club, unifying the bigger team.

My heartfelt thanks go to the parents and families for their enduring support, tolerance with silent looks at training sessions running over and for really facilitating the passion for the beautiful game to burn so brightly, illuminating this journey. Now you can't just blame me, we're all in it!

Deep thanks of course to assistant coaches Carl, Dan and manager Bhavesh. Teamwork endures.

Thank you to each and every one of those of you who have helped in every single small and big way. This is the fabric of our local football club and sport - Community.

Something truly remarkable is happening with this Dingoes team. Devote in supporting it, they're loudly telling us.

Cherish this feeling, they've already been showing us. Dream big. Believe.

When we watch you, we are watching the Beautiful Game!



BACK (L-R): Carl Young (Assistant Coach), Stella Durston, Haiqa Mahmood, Nina Young, Alana Morar, Amberley Connor, raj tanna (Coach)

MIDDLE (L-R): Lucy Kosky, Romilly Anderson, Lisa Holmes, Stella Smith, Layla Nelson FRONT (L-R): Dora Hong, Danielle Cepeda Uriostegui, Leah Rodrigues, Mimi Tanna

# **U10 GIRLS DINGOES (WHITE)**

### **U10 GIRLS DINGOES (BLUE) - CRAIG COSTER**

In 2023, the Perth Saints welcomed an exciting addition to their soccer family – the Girls Under 10's Blue Soccer Team. It was the team's inaugural season, and from the very beginning, there was a sense of something special in the air.

This season turned out to be nothing short of extraordinary. The young girls embarked on a journey filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, and an unquenchable thirst for victory. They quickly proved themselves to be a formidable force on the field, securing numerous victories throughout the season.

What truly set this team apart, however, was not just their successes but their unwavering spirit and camaraderie. Our girls, with their cheerful personalities, were always eager to play and give their absolute best, making every practice and match a joy to witness.

As the season progressed, their skills improved remarkably. They learned to link up play seamlessly and master formation tactics. The girls became experts at setting up assisted goals, demonstrating their incredible teamwork and selflessness.

One of the most inspiring aspects of this team was their willingness to embrace new challenges. They fearlessly explored different positions on the field and eagerly followed the guidance of their passionate coach, blossoming into a cohesive unit.

A big shoutout also goes to the parents whose dedication knew no bounds. Their unwavering commitment to bringing their daughters to training and cheering the team on from the sidelines was instrumental in the team's success.

As the season drew to a close, our joyful group of girls continued to share in each other's successes, congratulating one another on a season well played. With the continued support of the club, parents, and each other, the future holds boundless possibilities for our remarkable young soccer girls.

Go Saints!!!



BACK (L-R): Craig Coster (Coach), Zoe Sutton, Luciana McDonnell, Isla Brand, Neve Billington, Chloe Nicholls, Arabella Vickery, Edie Piani, Emily Cox, Angela McDonnell (Manager)

FRONT (L-R): Chanel Farano, Chiara Smethurst, Claudia Coster, Portia Gobbert, Grace Tingley
Insert: Angelica Wake

# **U10 GIRLS DINGOES (BLUE)**

#### **U10 DINGOES - IVAN ARMELI**

The 2023 Under 10 Yellow Dingoes were fortunate enough to have the same team as last season, except for two players (one joined an academy team, and the other decided to not play a team sport). Whilst we lost two players, we gained 3.

We started off training once a week, but clearly the players wanted more training time, so we also squeezed in a Saturday one hour session, and the results quickly became obvious, with notable improvements in individual skills, dribbling, passing (short and long), and shooting. The team's commitment to practice during these training sessions quickly showed on game day, with significant improvements in all facets of the game.

The players became more aware of each other's position, leading to better passing and combination play. The biggest achievement has been in defence and midfield. The communication between the goalkeeper, defenders, and the mid was great to see.

Whilst we are proud of the players' improvements, individually and as a team, what was outstanding was the continuous praise from other teams' coaches regarding the players clean, yet competitive play. Only a couple or so fouls committed by our team, and even then, the offending player always made sure that the opponent was ok. Even in defeat, we applauded the winning team, with no maliciousness or sarcasm whilst maintaining a heathy competitive spirit.

It was great to see our team's results have also improved from last season, with more wins and less losses, and some draws, all testament of the hard work.

2023 was a season of significant growth and improvement for our Yellow Dingos. We are hopeful that most (if not all), of the players, will remain at the club. 2023 was the foundation season for this team, and with their constant improvement in individual skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, we cannot wait for the 2024 season.

A big thank you to the parents, some of whom have assisted in coaching, and for being vocal supporters of the team (in good and bad times). The Yellow Dingoes are testament of a club which has created a nurturing environment for young athletes to flourish and enjoy this game we love.



BACK (L-R): Ivan Armelli (Coach), Sterling Armelli, Alessandro Hair Costa, Leo Julien, James Bleakley, Luke Hooker, Matthew Di Giacomo, Mark Hooker (Manager)
FRONT (L-R): Santiago Rios-Rebollar, Nate Rowe, Levi Monzu, Harrison Dryden,
Ethan Gwynn, William Storey

# **U10 DINGOES**

#### **U10 DOLPHINS - WILLIAM STRONG & RICHARD BAZEN**

What a first year it's been for the Dolphins, a team who had never played together before, many of whom had not played football before, and who all spent that first training session warily eyeing up each other and their coaches!

But by the end of the season, we've become a close-knit group, supporting each other, trying our hardest and above all, becoming good friends and teammates.

We've had our ups and downs on that journey, early defeats by ten goals or more as we learned the game, learned positions and learned to listen (occasionally!) to our coaches.

As the season went on, the more we learned and the better we played, those heavy losses turned to draws, and by the end of the season, more often than not, they turned to wins.

Ability-wise, they've grown throughout the year, plenty to work on of course, but the improvements in their individual skills and the way they look to try and do the right thing more often than not, hold their shape and learn positions have been great to witness.

What's impressed me most is the way we've played the game, in good spirits and at all times displaying great sportsmanship – the desire to win is always there. They've been disappointed when they've lost or not played as well as they could, but they have always shown great respect to their opponents and each other.

The Dolphins have become a team that are often a joy to watch, fun to coach and I hope they're all back for more next year.



BACK (L-R): Will Strong Coach), Campbell Strong, Jordan Conigliaro, Adam Marchbank, Lucas Dawkins, Luca De Pelseneer, Richard Bazen (Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Hudson Gray, Hamish McCann, William Sharples, Adam Latief Amidjaja,

Nicco Fernandez, Oliver Bazen, James Edwards

Insert: Samuel Pennington Absent: Aidan Tweedie

## **U10 DOLPHINS**

## **U11 GOANNAS - RAJ JEYARAJAH**

An awesome team with a lots of potential showing true fight and grit throughout the season.

The team did an amazing job considering they pushed up a division from last season.





BACK (L-R): Raj Jeyarajah (Coach), Jeffrey Shen, Kailash Selva, Aiden Jeyarajah, Nevin O'hare, Nico Jones, Youri Karantonis, Sebastina Sims, Jake Dornford, John O'hare (Manager)
FRONT (L-R): Yuki Jonientz, Edward Wright, Ostlin Par, Ashley Bannister, Kaiden Buurman, Andrew Jeon

## **U11 GOANNAS**

#### **U11 DINGOES - PAUL CHIAPPINI**

The 2023 season for the U11 Red Dingoes was challenging for the boys, we competed in divisions higher than last year and the team were pushed both mentally and physically by the change.

To the boys credit they trained and played every week with enthusiasm and managed to grab a season-high win against Mandurah FC. It was a change of formation to 3-3-2 and allowing more time on the field and time on the ball which yielded our greatest improvement.

The boys began to understand their role within the team and the second half of the season showed a more confident cohesive team that supported each other and fought to be first to the ball.

Our ever reliable goal keeper Charlie was very often in the line of fire but stood tall and pulled off some superb saves. Defenders Christian, Elijah, Ashton and Oscar were challenged often but held to the pressure and grew in confidence to challenge the attacking team. Our midfield lineup of Roman, Fin, Adam, Marcus and Daniel worked hard to try and help our defenders while still creating attacking opportunities up front.

Our attackers Seyur and Sam provided us with some grit and fancy foot work in front of goals. I wish the boys all the best for next season and congratulate them on their growth and tenacity in 2023. Go Saints!



BACK (L-R): Paul Chiappini (Coach), Marcus De Boni, Charlie Welburn, Roman Chiappini, Ashton Marshall, Oscar Hamilton, Paul De Boni (A/Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Daniel De Boni, Elijah Bhatt, Christian D'Adamo, Seyur Bhagaloo ,Adam Piromalli, Finlay Street, Michelle Marshall (Manager)

## **U11 DINGOES**

## **U12 GIRLS DOLPHINS (WHITE) - EDDIE MURA**

As a coach, it was very rewarding seeing these young ladies develop in different aspects of the game, such as technically, tactically, awareness on the field and playing with confidence.

We were constantly challenged by more physical teams but our strong technical ability and trusting each other on the field gave us the confidence to be competitive and achieving rewarding results.

The additional Monday session was very well received by all our under 12s girls teams, this was an equivalent set up to an academy structure that other clubs promote. With an average of 24 girls turning up to most sessions it was also rewarding seeing the commitment and improvement throughout the season.

Big thank you to all other under 12 coaches, managers and parents for their support and for giving me the opportunity to coach such a great group of young ladies.



BACK (L-R): Eddie Mura (Coach), Abbie Sachse, Molly Steele, Lola Mura, Sasha Hodge, Matilda Collins, Yvonne Sachse (Manager)

FRONT (L-R): Estelle Bolton, Indi Commins, Ashlee Jarvis, Elloise McLure, Maggie Sewell.

# **U12 GIRLS DOLPHINS (WHITE)**

#### **U12 GIRLS DINGOES - ASHLEY GOES**

The 12 Girls Dingoes soccer team had an excellent season, playing some very good and entertaining soccer all season. After starting out the season 7-1, they quickly became one of the two teams to beat for the rest of the season.

A hallmark of this team was how they always enjoyed their soccer, played as a team and gave 100% to the end of each match regardless of how tired they were (often with no substitutes) and the score at the end of the match.

They always encouraged each other and played competitively but always fairly. Over the duration of the season, everyone improved in their skills and understanding of the game, including playing their positions and roles in the team.

At the end of the season, the U12 girls can look back with pride on the improvement they have all made individually and as a team.

Congratulations to the 12 Girls Dingoes soccer team on a fantastic season!



BACK (L-R): Eric Gobbert (Manager), Summer Jayawardena, Amelie Dawkins, Mathilda Theodorsen, Chloe Galvin, Sophie Goes, Ashley Goes (Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Gisele Gobbert, Annabel Smith, Charley Nelson, Anneliese Connor, Pema Tanna.

**ABSENT:** Sophie Brozicevich

# **U12 GIRLS DINGOES**

# U12 GIRLS DOLPHINS (BLUE) - MARK DANIEL

The under-12 girls' Blue Dolphins soccer team has exemplified dedication and an unyielding commitment to upholding the core values of the Perth Saints: Respect, Teamwork, and Development, both on and off the field, throughout the season. These exceptional young athletes have displayed remarkable effort, both as individuals and as a cohesive unit.

Their dedication and hard work during practice sessions have translated into continuous improvement, evident in their progressively enhanced performance with each game. From refining their dribbling and passing skills to shooting and defensive capabilities, this steadfast commitment to personal growth has not only elevated their individual performance but has also strengthened the team.

Despite their youth, these girls have honed their communication skills on the field, wholeheartedly supporting one another and harmoniously striving towards their shared objectives.

Moreover, beyond their technical skills and teamwork, the under-12 girls' soccer team has demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship. They consistently exhibit profound respect for their opponents, coaches, and referees, serving as the embodiment of the true spirit of the sport.

As these young athletes continue to mature and evolve in their soccer journeys, it is evident that their relentless efforts will propel them towards even greater triumphs in the future. Their diligent work ethic and exemplary sportsmanship are qualities that will not only pave the way for success in soccer but will also serve as a strong foundation for their personal lives.

This team represents a shining example of dedicated young athletes committed to giving their utmost and making their club, parents, and coaches immensely proud.



BACK (L-R): Trish Brown (Manager), Layla Östlin, Ashley Day, Celine Rouzbahani, Maya Hall, Lila May Brown, Mark Daniel (Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Kenzie McCulloch, Zara Kapica, Grace Stephenson, Isabella Daniel, Lily Edwards, Charlotte Banks

# **U12 GIRLS DOLPHINS (BLUE)**

#### **U12 DINGOES - STEWART ANDERSON + ERIC KUMAR**

#### Control, Composure, Courage and Commitment

Casting my mind back to the start of the season, it seems like it was a dream and passed in a flash. Most of our boys were playing football for the first time and so it took a little while for coaches and players alike to get into the groove, taking on some big losses at the start of the year.

However, with a clear focus on control, composure and positioning, our players started to gel, forming a formidable opposition against all teams and became one of the strongest in the comp. Every player developed over the season, many of whom showed clear strengths in holding particular positions, transforming into a well-balanced team performing at a high level come season's end.

What was noticeable over the season was the attitude of our boys.

With my clearly one-eyed view, they were the most courageous group in the comp (clearly). Many of our boys matched up against bigger and more experienced opponents but that didn't deter them come rain, no hail, and shine. They learned that what counts is the attitude you bring to the game and committing to competing.

As our boys bought into our team mottos of "don't let the ball or the boy get past" and "one on pressure, others in support", the enjoyment of the game rose and in turn, the results followed. Players, coaches and parents all felt the rate of individual and team development increase over the season which brought in some great wins and some even better draws.

I, like my fellow coach Stew, am very thankful for the support of the club, the parents and the boys, and am looking forward to being part of a great club and rapidly developing group of boys.

Go Perth Saints



BACK (L-R): Felicity Sewell (Manager), Timur Kumar, Oscar Mlynarczyk, Ashton Campbell, Charlie Anderson, Clayton Yu, Eli Skennerton, Eric Kumar (Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Joseph Sewell, Sepahrad Alaei, Aiden Noble, Conor McCarthy,

Adam Guisset, Stewart Anderson (Coach)

INSERT: Nathaniel Okoli, Elliott Cooper, Jacob Linton

# **U12 DINGOES**

### **U13 GIRLS DIVISION 1 - SCOTT JARVIS**

Under 13's girls have had a really enjoyable season, playing some great passing football.

Watching the team grow, both from a development perspective, but more importantly from a team bonding perspective has been brilliant to watch. There's a crux of girls in the squad who have played together for a number of years, but with a few new faces, the team spirit grew even more, and the togetherness was evident for everyone to see.

Football-wise, it was a huge step up, moving onto the big pitch, was a very big learning curve for the girls. There were so many games where they battled hard and either lost or drew due to late goals – if it hadn't been for this, they could/would have made the finals.

Such is sport, and it didn't stop the girls from playing hard, right to the last game of the season.

There are a lot of positives to be taken all round from the progress that was made both individually and collectively.

Well done girls, and here's to next season!



BACK (L-R): Scott Jarvis (Coach), Michaela Wilkinson, Annabel Shellabear, Keira Drabble, Olivia Stott, Chloe Smith, Eva Jarvis, Isabella Di Prinzio, Mia Cronin, Caitlin Brown, Adam Di Prinzio (Manager) FRONT (L-R): Abbie Wilcox, Isabella Whitcher, Chloe Cronin, Amelia Nuttman, Milla Celesti, Ava Fisher

## **U13 GIRLS DIVISION 1**

#### **U13 SOUTH DIVISION 3 - RAVI BHATT**

We started the year with many new team members this year with almost half the team playing together for the first time. We also had a change in the coaching line-up.

While I was still the head coach, Steve came in as assistant coach and James swapped into the manager role instead. Despite the changes to the team and the coaches, the boys quickly became a close team, with the new members being welcomed by the existing team. The other change was that for the first time, we were now playing on a full-sized pitch, with a full eleven-a-side format and the offside rule.

While the boys enjoyed playing on the larger pitch, unfortunately our results don't show it. We often got ourselves into winning positions against top opponents, only to fade by the end of the game. In the last half of the season, we almost defeated many of our opponents, which is credited to the team's skills and determination, but our fade outs cost us and we should have won more games.

Still, the signs are encouraging as we have a good group of players, with many different skills and we have been improving significantly all year and I am excited about what this group might achieve next year.

Finally, I also want to say thank you to the parent group for being so encouraging with the players and helping throughout the year, both in getting the boys to training, but also for always being available to help on game day.

A special thanks also goes out to the Dads who volunteered as linesmen and referee's - Paul, Mic, Nick and Peter.



BACK (L-R): James Wilson (Manager), Steve Hill (Assistant Coach), Josh Biju, Shiya Bhatt, Gilby Hill, Matthew Peters, Xavier Taito, Ben Forbes, Eamon Lindner, Oliver Morling, Gabe Hayton, Ravi Bhatt (Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Charlie Hampton, Luca Wilson, Elian Gaudieri, Matteo Benino, Andy Phan, Felix Valentine

## **U13 SOUTH DIVISION 3**

### **U13 SOUTH DIVISION 1 - PAUL SIMEONE**

The end of the 2023 season marks our second at The Perth Saints & looking back with pride it is great to see not only how far our team has grown but also the club itself.

From the Miniroos through to the U16 Girls it has been an amazing season on & off the ground.

There were a lot of unknowns & few concerns at the start of our season including keeping & growing our current squad as we moved onto the bigger pitch. It didn't take long for us to get settled in & find our feet & welcomed 4 new players - Lucas R, Marcus, Troy & Espoir. All very handy inclusions.

We also added two assistant coaches in Joel Sarout & Trevor Pizzi. This has been a massive help to our team & we couldn't have done it without them. It has been a pleasure watching Joel & Trev getting the boys sorted in warmups & drills but also pulling on the boots and matching it with our young men. Sadly, rumours they will join the Master's Team in 2024 have so far only been that...

The other key role in our team is our Manager, Marisa Simeone. Some of Marisa's greatest wins this season have been Squadi in general, wearing the Ground Marshall vest as an accessory, mastering the offside rule, and organising kids & parents/husbands but by far it has been her motivational chats with our kids & trying to develop their mindsets. Thank You, Marisa.

At the start of the season, we set a goal to finish the season in the top 4 of the competition which we did finishing in third, one point behind Armadale & five behind top place Baldivis who we beat both times this season.

Approaching finals the boys were playing some great football & we revised our goals to play in the grand final. Unfortunately, we fell short, losing to eventual winners Armadale 2-1 in the semi-final. As disheartening as the loss was, we took a heap out of it & are looking forward to pushing on again next season & going one further.

Last week our team received some glowing praise from 2 leading opposition clubs & I couldn't agree with them more. Our boys have played some great football but also when on the pitch have carried themselves in a respectful manner working in with our club mantra Respect, Teamwork, Development.

Finally, thanks to our parents for all chipping in where required & getting your kids to training & games on time. I couldn't ask for a better group of parents.

We move on, heading to our first carnival - the Bunbury Cup in a few weeks and look forward to starting our pre-season & the 2024 season.



BACK (L-R): Joel Sarout (Assistant Coach), Marisa Simeone (Manager), Marcus Thompson, Lockie Bruce,
Lucas Ryan, Mawel Sarout-Dotte, Lucas Simeone, Jamie Simeone,
Jack Sargant, Riley Courtney, Trevor Pizzi (Assistant Coach), Paul Simeone (Coach)

FRONT (L-R): Samuel Dicks-Napoleon, Troy Koo, Thomas Zwick, Espoir Bita,
Marius Clergue Dalleau, Thomas Paganoni, Huw Cannington

# **U13 SOUTH DIVISION 1**

# **U15 DIVISION 1 - TONY COYLES**

What a season the boys have had...

The boys have excelled in all competitions this season and were rightly crowned U15 League Champions for 2023.

The boys played 16 Games, winning 11 games, drawing 4 games, and only tasting defeat once this season in an end-to-end 4 -3 loss away to Sorrento.

The attack was on point, scoring an impressive 37 goals over the season and the defence were simply outstanding conceding only 15 goals, with Roland Turk keeping 8 clean sheets.

The Saints have (3) three of the league's Top goal scorers in the team with Jacob Ferns, Michael Dimasi and Will Balk all featuring in the Top 10 for the season.

The boys also excelled in their U15's Challenge Cup campaign this year, reaching the last 8 of the cup before bowing out to this year's eventual runners up Forrestfield U15 NPL.

In this year's Top 4 cup, the boys went down at the play-off semi-final stage, losing 5-4 on penalty kicks, after drawing 1-1 against a spirited Lynwood side during normal time.

The boys have been simply outstanding this season and are well deserving of their Championship medals.



BACK (L-R): Tony Coyles (Coach), Mason Fidzewicz, Jacob Ferns, Oliver Brown, Miles Guazzelli, Brandon Drozario Coyles, Will Balk, Zack Liddell, Roland Turk, Jamie Ferns (A/Coach)
FRONT (L-R): Callum Stewart, Michael Dimasi, Ryan Appel, Joe Gordon-Adams, Tony Bashforth

# **U15 DIVISION 1**

#### **U16 GIRLS DIVISION 2 - NIGEL SAYERS**

This was my 4th season with this squad having been involved from U12 up to now with most of these players.

The most pleasing thing to see with all of the girls every year is the growth and understanding of the overall game.

Having lost 2 key members of the squad to other academies at the beginning of the season it was great to see players step up and take on the added responsibility.

Playing the first year of a 2 year age group is always difficult, but the girls stood up to the challenge very well, 3 of which were still able to play U13 made it an even better achievement.

This group of young ladies is an absolute pleasure to coach, thanks to their parents for driving them all over Perth for games.

Thanks also to managers Kath & Fiona and to Geoff for standing in when I was absent



Back Row (L-R): Kath Collins (Manager), Janica Petanceski, Freya Kay, Sonia Stickells, Isabel Vanderwoude, Annabel Cook, Emma Peacock, Lucienne Brozicevich, Bridget Lowry, Fiona Miller (Manager)
Front Row (L-R): Nigel Sayers (Coach), Bridget McCulloch, Grace Bolton, Danica, Hannah Hepton, Jasmine Collins, Thura Van Essen, Poppy Churchill, Geoff Bolton (Coach)

**Absent:** Abbey Calginari, Renee Campbell

# **U16 GIRLS DIVISION 2**























