

From the Back of the Net



Keeping our
passionate supporters
informed



Upcoming Events

- 9 May Mother's Day Morning Tea
- Invite your Mum and Granny to the game!
- 22 May Soccer Parents Party
- Meet new parents and catch up with friends
- 23 May Rose & Thistle Cup
- Scotch vs Melb Grammar
- 22 June John Roe Shield
- Scotch vs St Peter's College (Adelaide)

Latest News

Welcome to the 2009 Scotch Soccer season and I hope you will enjoy keeping up to date with this weekly newsletter. Scotch fields 25 teams each week and our fantastic coaches take the time to write up a match report for each game.

This season has seen some great changes to the coaching structure, with the introduction of year-level specialist coaches who will provide technical support to the team coaches. The Specialist Coaches are:

- Year 7 – Sam Bailey
- Year 8 – Colin Quirk
- Year 9 – Mark Burton
- Year 10 – Zed Mihajlovic

The annual Soccer Breakfast was held last Friday and was a great success – more information to come in the next newsletter.



Can you count to ten?

If so – we need you! PASS (Parents Auxiliary Scotch Soccer) is looking for a new Treasurer. If your son plays soccer and you would like to be involved, please call Paul Grace on 9512 0153.



Round One Round Robin

The first week saw a four team round robin for the first X1. The teams were Caulfield Grammar, Geelong Grammar, Scotch and Wesley.

Scotch was very competitive in all three games. In the first game they had the best chances of the match, but just could not put the ball behind the net. Sam Shearer played with a lot of passion - his skill level and reading of the play is very good. Tom Jarman down back repeatedly turned back attacking forays by the opposition and is becoming very well suited to the role of sweeper. Al McMahon was very strong down back and Harry Hackett's tenacity is team-inspiring.

Game two saw Scotch match itself against Caulfield Grammar. Scotch

lost Nic Jarman to an ankle strain, which was a massive loss. Nic's knowledge of the game, his cool head in a crisis and ability to spot up team-mates in a better position was going to be sorely missed. However, in his absence and against the might of Caulfield Grammar it was pleasing to see Ben Murphy, Anthony Tran and Jackson Strangward step up. Their work when they were not in possession of the ball was very pleasing. They put pressure on the opposition when they had the ball, made it difficult for the opposition to create space and assisted the

defence when required. Two stand-out moments, Sam Shearer's free kick from 20 meters out which hit the top of the cross bar, a sublime strike and Chris Stockdale's fantastic save reaching high above the goals and tipping the ball just over the net. Two more notable mentions, Henri Portet and Anthony Ryan. Two of the experienced players were very solid down back in all three games. Their perseverance, strong attack on the ball and adherence to team structure and rules is benefiting the team.

Scotch 0 – 0 Geelong

Scotch 0 – 0 Caulfield

Scotch 1 – 0 Wesley

Game three saw the Scotch first XI developing into a formidable unit. For the majority of the shortened game they dominated possession. Their attack on the ball was ferocious, Anthony Tran and Al McMahon typified that ferocity. With Scotch dominating the play it was only a moment of time before they scored and it came via Ben Murphy. Ben showed that he has the ability to be a real force in the

first XI. Jackson despite his toe injury worked tirelessly up and down the pitch, Sam Shearer continued setting Scotch up for waves of attack, Harry continued buzzing around being a nuisance to the opposition and the defence worked cohesively as a unit.

A mention goes to Jack Palazzo, Will Gherardin, Sam Murphy and Francis Ravidia. All did their job

when they came on in the three games. Francis was pitted against a wiz kid from Wesley, but held his ground and made him earn every possession. Sam Murphy only knows one way and that is straight at the ball, Will G is very cool and tries to set the team up and Jack P plays with an infectious passion. Chris Stockdale kept very well and to have three clean sheets would be very pleasing.



Open Teams

2nd XI Scotch	0 - 1 Wesley
3rd XI Scotch	7 - 0 Geelong College
4 th XI Scotch	3 - 4 Caulfield Grammar
5 th Red Scotch	6 - 0 Haileybury
5 th Blue Scotch	1 - 1 Geelong Grammar
5 th Gold Scotch	3 - 4 St Kevins

The Seconds team commenced the Scotch soccer season with a convincing display of soccer. We went down 1-0 to Wesley but can feel hard done by the result. We had plenty of possession throughout the game and created decent chances going forward but were unable to capitalise on any of the attacking pieces of play we managed to create. Turning the ball over whilst pushing forward for the vital goal really cost us though. As a consequence some players were simply not accountable enough getting back to defend, leaving the defence exposed at times. Our defence held strong all day however, led by sweeper Harry. They contested bravely and never looked like they could be broken down. Halfway through the second half we were unlucky to concede an unfortunate mix-up goal in our penalty box. This proved to be the difference between the sides. We peppered their goals with shots for the remainder of the game but were unsuccessful in finding a hard fought equaliser. Hugh and Harry were solid in defence and Hugo and James played composed games on the wing. Lots of encouraging signs for the year!

Thirds blitz!

For the first game of the season, the 3rd XI were lucky enough to have a trip to Geelong College. The early start and the bus ride seemed to fortify the players, and by kick-off they were raring to go. As with any team at the start of a new season, we were unsure how we'd compare to the opposition - especially considering we were facing Geelong College's 2nd XI.

However, any fears proved unfounded as the boys put in a performance that bodes well for the rest of the year. The defence was solid, the midfield combative and the forwards clinical. By half-time, we were 5-0 up, and we eased to a 7-0 victory.

Goalkeeper Al Chong only had one save of note to make all day, which was testament to the efforts of our defenders and our midfielders who came back to assist. Michael Hopwood was committed at the back, while Lawrence Yap anchored the midfield. David Liang also managed to get forward from midfield and finished with 2 goals. Alex Harris' running in midfield kept the ball moving and the team ticking over. The real star of the game, however, was Versace Wong, who scored 4 goals

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including a free kick from fully 45 yards out which nestled in the top corner giving the goalkeeper no chance. It was a really good team performance, and it made the journey home an enjoyable one.

Goals: Wong 4, Liang 2, Yap 1.
Best: Wong, Harris, Liang.

Fourths show promise

The 4th XI lost their first game of the season to Caulfield 3-4. The game was played on the Scotch Lower West oval. Scotch and Caulfield were drawn at 1-1 at half time, until the game opened up with some better skills. Scotch

showed some excellent promise and the highlight of our performance was a terrific play down the wing, culminating in a terrific cross from James Stevens to the striker James Kim who finished the play with a goal. Despite the loss, the 4ths have made a solid, promising start to their season.

5th Red

It was a wonderful start to the 2009 season with the Scotch team having a convincing win over Haileybury. All players are to be congratulated on their efforts. The defensive unit was very strong and the midfield dominated proceeding for the game. The goal scorers were Bavly Nasralla 2, Hugh Bismire 2 and Tristan Ong 2. Best: Bavly Nasralla and Nivae Anandaganeshan.

5th Blue

The first half was good for the fifth's blue, with Scotch close to scoring through Shaun, Cameron, Kiko, Kenneth and Jason. Scotch was clearly more dominant, but just couldn't score past a very good Geelong keeper. Geelong played well on the counter threatening Nick (Scotch keeper) on various occasions, however the fifth's blue defence and keeper played well, namely Silvestre and Chris. The first half ended nil all.

The second half started with a bang and Scotch scored an early goal through Shaun Lim, however were shocked with an instant reply from a classy shot from 18 yards out of the box by Geelong. Scotch pressed for the rest of the afternoon but was unable to break the deadlock.

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The match ended 1 all. Man of the match went to Chris Haywood who played a brilliant match organising defence, preventing Geelong strikers having shots and setting up attacks as well. It was a very promising start to the season for the fifths blue.

5th Gold

St Kevins came out firing, with our defence under strong duress right from the first whistle. Though we were unable to grab much possession from the outset, defensive pressure from Jono Chan and Davide Ngan at centre-back, meant the eager St Kevins' attackers squandered many potential goals. Our leaky defence was in need much repairs. The installation of Oliver as Sweeper was key to tightening up our back line. Clearances from Sarama and the newly installed general of the backline, Oliver, were crucial to us not conceding any further goals than we did. Though 2-0 down at half time, our counter-attacks proved most worrying, with strong individual efforts from Jeff and Gleb. A penalty was awarded and confidently converted by Johnston for what was a blatant handball by the unfortunate defending St Kevin boy. We were unlucky to eventually

lose 4:3. Fitness and providing options for teammates will be high priorities for training for this upcoming week.

Year 10

The 10As played Wesley at Scotch on 2 May. We spent much of the first half defending, but when we eventually won a corner, Tom Goodwin struck it home beautifully from outside the box to give us a 1-0 lead. This was the score at half-time, but by then several of our key players, including captain David Newland and sweeper Adam Fitzgerald-Quirk, had picked up injuries. We started the second half with only 10 men, and although David eventually came back on, we conceded a goal. The team defended heroically under great pressure, but just minutes before the end could not prevent a second goal.

The whole team genuinely played well. Outstanding were Michael Welsford in goal, Lawrence Eglezos, Adam Fitzgerald-Quirk (probably best on ground in the first half), Tom Goodwin, and David Newland.

Result: Scotch 1 lost to Wesley 2.
Scorer: Tom Goodwin

10B

The Game was off to a flyer when in the 8th minute Raymond 'the razor' Chen managed to slot the ball neatly between the posts. Later on in the first half Sam 'the slicer' Hamza took a 30 meter crack which went over the keepers head and into the goal in a 'goal of the season' fashion. The second half was a rather quite one with neither side scoring, thanks to some solid goal keeping by Guy 'golden gloves' Borger. The second half drew to a close with Scotch winning 2-0 in a solid start to their season.

10C Reds see Red

After a tight first half, Scotch conceded a goal from the kick off in the second half and this was followed by further defensive errors with two more goals going in to end a disappointing game overall.

Best players: Nicholas Chan was tireless in defence and Alan Zhang gave support. Josh Goldsmith set up many forward thrusts in the first half.

10C Blue

Unfortunately the game was cancelled as Wesley did not provide enough players.

Year 9 fields six squads

9A

After a slow start to the game for the 9A team in which a scrappy goal was conceded, the team started to make some good progress towards the opponent's goals with some accurate passing. A strong last 15 minutes to the first half created several opportunities, but unfortunately we were unable to convert. An excellent start to the second half saw us score our first goal of the season with an instinctive strikers finish from James to slot the ball under the keeper. More pressure from Scotch

put Haileybury on the back foot for the next 10 minutes of the game, but an unfortunate error in the back line put a Haileybury striker clear to put his side 2-1 up. More good passing followed from Scotch, with a particularly good display from Jason in the centre of midfield and Ben at Centre back who dealt with dangerous situations accordingly. A sloppy last 5 minutes saw the team concede a further 2 goals from close range with the ball pinballing around inside the 6 yard box. Good phases of play within the game however are a promising sign for

the season ahead.

9B Red

The 9B Reds got off to a convincing start to the season with a 4 – 0 win over Caulfield Wheeler's Hill. The first goal came from Peter Massarany, scoring the only goal for the first half despite Scotch's relentless attempts.

The second half was a little more free-flowing with the team's stand-in keeper Summa Wu finding his first touch of five and Scotch finding the back of the net three more times through Ben Jackson

Year 10

10A	1 - 2	Wesley
10B	2 - 0	Wesley
10C Red	0 - 3	St Kevins
10C Blue	canc	Wesley



Year 9

9A	3 - 4	Haileybury
9B Red	4 - 0	Caulfield
9B Blue	1 - 1	Haileybury
9C Red	8 - 1	Brighton
9C Blue	1 - 1	Haileybury
9C Gold	5 - 2	Caulfield

Year 8

8A	vs	Caulfield
8B	6 - 0	Melb Gram
8C Red	vs	Caulfield
8C Blue	1 - 3	St Kevins

Year 7

7A	1 - 6	Caulfield
7B Red	3 - 3	Haileybury
7B Blue	8 - 0	Brighton
7C	vs	St Kevins

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and Marcus Pedersen. A special mention goes to Sam Murray for his outstanding performance in the defensive line.

Notable players: Jeremy Lee, Sam Murray
Goal Scorers: Peter Massarany (1), Marcus Pedersen (1), Ben Jackson (2)

9B Blue

The 9B Blues travelled to Haileybury on Saturday for their first game of the season. Dan and Fraser played in central defence, while Sachin and Jake were covering the wings. Alex Clark was positioned just in front of his defence, while Alex Bear, Sam and Jonathon took care of the midfield. Danger was supposed to come from Andrew and Austin on the wings, and this is exactly what we managed. While Jamie, in goals, was shining, our efforts paid off and Charlie scored a great goal coming from the wing. Our midfield and defence were gaining confidence, and we took control of the game. Unfortunately, opposition managed to launch a great counterattack and scored a goal halfway through the second half. Sean Lim came in 10 minutes from the end but in spite of the fact that we were in control of the game, Haileybury managed to get a draw out of this exciting and very promising game.

9C Red

Last season our last game ended in an 8-1 victory. The first game of this season was a similar game with Scotch beating Brighton Grammar School 8-1. Although the team lost a few players we have new players who have filled the gaps well. Sam Fuller scored two goals from the left flank whilst Will Hicks was a constant threat on the right. As per last season Andrew Li and Tim Sladden picked up a goal each and last season's golden boot Victor Hortin hit four goals. The defence

was solid as usual and was unlucky to concede a goal. If this season was a sign of things to come, it should be a great season for the boys.

9C Blue

In their first game for the season the boys were unlucky to get a win. The first half was very even with both teams going close however ten minutes from half time a speculative ball played into the box which we failed to clear resulted in the first goal of the game to Haileybury. As the second half commenced Scotch dominated with a host of chances, however only one was converted. Best on ground - Tom Wong.

8A

The boys were determined to start the season off well on their home ground and did so with great zeal. Within the first few minutes Will Ellis (Captain) had pierced the top corner of the net, converting from outside the box after receiving a great ball from Luke Stratford. The combined efforts of Andrew Bouhalis, Steve Haratsis and Will Ellis in the midfield ensure a domination of the early periods of the match. The ongoing support from the right side by Richard Ji and Tom Dickson also ensured that the opposition were continually under pressure as they supplied some great feed into the centre.

The second half presented an energised Caulfield team and a new challenge for the midfield of Cormac Relf, Daniel Chen and Aiden Pak. Coupled with some great work down the left side by Justin Francis and Luke Stratford, they put together some great play in order to support Palm Tengtrirak up front. Palm played the entire match out up there, peppering the goals from all angles before being rewarded with a penalty early in the second half.

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Special mention needs to be given to the dynamic duo of Chris Soliman and Martin Ribbands as the centre backs. Together they combined brilliantly to not only clear the ball in times of need, but create some wonderful scoring opportunities through their creativity and composure. Their protection of Lachlan Webster was brilliant. Credit needs to give to Lachy himself who only conceded one goal.

In all, it was a great team effort. Each of the boys performed their assigned roles ardently and enjoyed a great win. Congratulations to Steve Haratsis on his hat-trick and man of the match performance, he presented well, maintained great composure under pressure and performed with promise for the future.

8B

The 8B's played an away match against MGS, the final result 6-0 in our favour.

The match started with fairly equal possession and was very even until a good goal from Sam Cook put us up 1-0. Soon after Sam was called offside and his second goal disallowed. By this point MGS appeared more confident in their play, but when the second half began, any hopes of a comeback were snuffed.

Sam managed to score his second goal through a free kick a long way down the field, managing to evade most of the MGS defenders. Sam collected the ball and scored. Elliot Pike scored his first with a simple tap-in from a good set-up. Mitch Nikolovski proved that defenders can score goals with an interception of a goal kick and a well placed finish.

Elliot picked up a ball from the right wing and finished well to make it 5-0. In the last few minutes of the match, Grammar's hopes were sunk when a penalty was awarded and Mitch converting. The final score 6-0 reflected a very well played first match of the season by the boys and hopefully was a sign of good things

to come.

8C Blue

The Scotch 8C Blues came up against a team in the first round that had beaten them 13-0 the previous season, so we knew it was going to be a hard game to start the season with.

But before a ball was even kicked in anger, the man in black ordered that none of the lads were to wear glasses during the game! This rendered 6 of the lads who are "optically challenged", half blind for the game, and the team without a keeper as James Malon can't see



without his glasses at all. Luckily, Shaun Anthony from the 8C Red's stepped up and said that he would keep for the game. It wasn't until afterwards that Shaun said "I usually play up front" that we realised what a great effort he put in between the sticks.

The first half kicked off, and it was clear that St Kevins were a technically superior side, so we just hoped to get enough bodies in between them and the goals to frustrate them and try and score on the break.

SK's sported two lads that looked like they were plucked straight from the Nigerian youth team, with their back heels and ball skills easily turning the Scotch lads inside out. How these lads were playing in the 8C's and not the A's, had the many Scotch supporters in the crowd mystified.

SK's scored 3 goals in the first half, but probably should of had more with the amount of possession that they had.

Two of the goals were well taken within the box, but the third came as a result of Shaun coming out to clear a through ball that had split the defence, and colliding with Jeremy Tan who had come back to clear it.

The Scotch lads had chances as well, even though they were limited, with Thomas Paulson and Jeffrey Wang put through by long balls from Christen Paulson and Richard Lau, but the SK's defence being able to mop up the attacks.

Revelation of the half was Jonathan Beh playing in defence, who, playing without his glasses, was fearless in heading balls, and not letting his man get a shot on goals.

At the half time break, the formation was rejigged, with Richard coming back to sweep, and Aaron Chan pushed up to the back line, to give us a 1-4-3-2 formation that would have inspired Gus Hiddink!

The second half started off much like the first but with numbers in the back line, SK's couldn't find a way through. Aaron played a man marking role on SK's best player and striker, but after 15 minutes of Aaron getting the better of him, The SK's player was pushed back into defence, taking some of the pressure off of the Scotchies back line.

Steven Jakubowicz was given the job of doing the Scotch throw in's, and his long throws frustrated the SK defence as they didn't know how to deal with them.

This led to the 8C Blues first goal of the season, with the lads not wanting to wait until round 10 like last year to score their first. A long throw from Steve had Thomas run on to it, and he was through on goals to beat the keeper one on one. We were 3-1 down, but the tide had turned, and it felt like we could get a result out of the first game of the season.

A couple of more through balls from the midfield gave Wes Lee, Jeff and Thomas more shots on goal, with

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Wes coming the closest after running from the half way line with the ball, only for his shot to go just wide of the post.

Some desperate defending in the dying seconds saw Richard clear the ball off the line after Shaun had been left stranded, to have the final score a respectable 3-1 loss. With denying SK's a goal in the second half, and scoring one ourselves, the upcoming season looks very positive for the 8C Blues.

7A

The 7a's were defeated by CCC at home on Saturday, 6-1. The first half showed an excellent performance by scotch, with the half time score being 2-1, thanks to Nathan NVN who scored immediately after being substituted on. Our four defenders worked well in the first half, holding there line well and working as a team. The second half saw us becoming tired, often drifting out of position, allowing CCC to score their next 4 goals. A special mention to Charlie Forbes and Harry Alan who were the driving force of the backline, and also Ben Douglas whose effort and determination in the game certainly showed. Although it was a substantial loss, the boys kept their heads up and didn't give up, and are sure to come out firing next weekend.

7B Red

Yr 7B Red Team had a reasonably good game against Haileybury. They had a good team and scored two quick goals as we only had 9 boys to start the game. To our boys' credit, Scotch boys played very well and worked as a team with passing and stacking. Eventually the effort was paid off as David snatched the ball, dribbled down to the bottom line and beautifully switched the ball to the centre as their goalie came over but beat by David. James was waiting for the ball and scored easily. Great team effort.

Our boys were encouraged by the first goal and started very strongly the 2nd half. This time it was Min Oh who had a 20-metre shot and it was the 2nd goal. Unfortunately our boys started to lose some concentration while Haileybury boys took the chance and scored their 3rd goal. Yet our boys never gave up and two minutes later James Polmear passed one of the defenders and shot. A goal. Now our boys were on the top of the world.

I have to say that our coach Sam Bailey did terrific job in the past two weeks. I am looking forward to his continuous remarkable coaching in the future.

7B Blue

7B Blue 8 defeated Brighton Grammar

0. Scorers: Shane Teo 3, Ed Neal 2, Taylor Field 1, James Field 1, Pierce Rozman 1. Best Players: All 14 gave 100%

A great team performance with excellent skills, fierce determination, and precision passing. For the first game of the season the communication and understanding of the finer points of position play was outstanding. Everyone played well and earned the accolades of the crowd of parents looking on. Ted Murchie's lonely vigil in goal was highlighted by a lovely pass to position when, for some yet to be determined reason, we played the ball from the centre back to the goalkeeper! The back line rarely looked in trouble while the midfield ran hard in attack and were quick to recover when Brighton had possession. The forwards played with flair, but seemed to run out of legs at the end. Perhaps this is a sign of greater need for fitness levels that allow us to run hard for the full 50 minutes.

Well played 7B Blue and thank you to all the parents who came along to support. A great start, but the games over the rest of the season will be more challenging. This is no time for complacency.

Do you enjoy taking photographs?

Take photos of your son's team and email them through to
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Action photos, team photos, training photos, photos of coaches - all welcome!

It would be great to get some fresh photos at the start of the season to include in this newsletter.

Nominate yourself as team photographer and get snapping!