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SWQ THUNDER FC

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

To some people the weeks have flown by and we're left wondering where the year has gone - to others there is relief that long season of Football - our Sport of Choice - is nearly over for 2019. In our world during the last 365 days we've seen Nations face critical economic hardships, natural disasters fragmenting families and homes, and governments continue to battle one another for supremacy, endeavouring to bring better living standards to the average person. And yet SPORT continues - the great equaliser

The latest survey released by Sport Australia has confirmed Football's position as the number one organised sport in Australia with more than 1.76 million participants. Chief Executive Kate Palmer gave a word of warning, saying: "It's a small step in the right direction, but we're still falling a long way behind when it comes to meeting recommended physical activity guidelines." It's a challenge for parents to keep their families focused on healthy lifestyles, exercise and spending time together, when we compete with the exciting pace of social media and the thrall of electronic games - so you are all to be congratulated - to this end we celebrate that every one of our players is benefiting from way more than their fitness, as there is a bond of like-mindedness & friendships formed amongst our community of teams and their supporters.

Whilst we give a hero shout out to our Mums and Dads who watch hours of football on the sidelines each week and deliver our juniors to their training and games, I take opportunity to commend those players whose commitment and passion of the game inspires them to continue to perform, testing their newly learnt skills and enjoying the camaraderie of their team at each competition game. Collectively our players have all faced their opponents with a steely resolve and seen some fabulous results from those efforts both with individual development and with their team results, but I will leave the details of the 2019 year to the respective TD reports in the following pages.

This has been a year in which we needed to confront a range of challenges. At the time of writing this report we as a Board are not aware of the final details of the changes to Football Queensland's structure for 2020 however we are aware that major changes are afoot and will be delivered to all the NPL/NPLW/FQPL clubs in due course.

In our SAP age group we will now transition to a Bronze license, still within the Football Qld organisation. Priority consideration has been given to the development of our Thunder SAP players and therefore we will continue to train 3 nights a week. More detailed information will be made available soon but be assured that our leadership team welcome the changes with an expectation that it will ease the burden of travel for our families with young children or with children in more than one team.

The NPLW structure remains unchanged for the time being. Our junior girl's teams continue to strive to do their best, going from strength to strength with some good results this year. A number of injuries have inhibited our U18's & Senior Ladies this year, but I'm sure they will regroup to come back stronger next year.

Our Junior Boys continue to develop under the leadership of dedicated Coaches. We see our U13 Boys on top of the ladder heading into the final series in next few weeks. - We wish them well.

It is within the ranks of the Senior Men's team that we see the greatest changes this year. The Men's and under 20's teams have battled from the beginning not only with their strong opponents across Queensland but with the usual challenges of injury & movement in the team, and finally the threat of relegation chomping at our heels, we were unable to accumulate the points we needed. We have had some brilliant games where the margin of difference in talent and ability on the field didn't match the end result - but it is likely that the U18, U20 and Men's teams will be relegated to the QPL competition for 2020. What this means in real terms is we will compete against a different group of Clubs but the competition will still be fierce.

Although this result is not what we hoped for it is also not a tragedy. We are continuing to gather strength as a Club, embracing new ideas presented from a broader group of members, developing sub-committees and volunteer groups to share the workload, and increasing our profile amongst the community with our increased media profile, sponsor interest, and a new fund-raising opportunity with our inaugural Race Day in February 2020. The Club is bigger than the senior team alone and this is just an opportunity to continue to strengthen our Club where it needs to improve and there is no doubt that we will present a strong, talented team of locals to the senior competition in 2020.



With the advent of online streaming for our Senior Men's games we have also seen a slight reduction in the number of supporters at our home games, particularly during our notoriously cold weather. But reading through recent sporting study results it appears we are not alone! Australians are watching on average 8.5 hours of sport a week - but from the comfort of their own home! My hope is that in 2020 our SWQ supporters will buck the trend, our families will come out in force to support their kids, bringing grandparents and friends to ensure our players feel the excitement and passion of a live audience spurring them on to victory. Our community needs to know 'we need them' so please spread the word.

Whilst we know every family needs a home, we are yet to succeed with our pleas for primary use of a home ground of our own that will allow all our teams to train and play side-by-side. In the meantime we value the small steps we are managing to achieve. This year we rejoice with the NPLW teams who now train at Kratzke Rd Highfields where they have storage and bathroom facilities onsite. This move from Kearney Springs was to allow the NPLW program to find a suitable home with appropriate facilities for our young women.

The Board continues to liaise with Council on the standard of our facilities and what fields are available to us now and in the future development strategies to ensure Thunder is a part of those plans. It is an ongoing and difficult process with small successes along the way. One of those successes is the relocation of the Men's training fields to the new Highfields Sports Precinct. We will share this Council facility with Highfields FC and the Railways Cricket Club, and appreciate all that the new facility delivers to us with more change rooms, improved Referee facilities, easy parking and fields that we can also share for our home games. We have applied again for grants to improve and increase our assets, and will continue to seek for further sponsorship support to cover increasing costs, scholarships and coach education. It is in this area that we need the assistance of the families and businesses represented in SWQ Thunder FC. Please encourage your families and associates to support our sponsorship program and our fundraisers

At a time when all organisations are finding it difficult to recruit volunteers we should all be most appreciative of the number of hours dedicated by those who serve the club. Sadly, Sue Lister and Jon Haynes have decided to step down from their roles on the Board after many years of service. Many of you will have seen Sue working long hours in support of players and coaches and her organisation skills will be greatly missed. Jon has achieved much in the years he has been on the Board, bearing the responsibility of the Clubs development as Chairman, ensuring compliance & budgets are managed, and attending to everything from putting out corner flags on weekends for junior games to sourcing Visa players for the Senior Men's team. We aren't saying goodbye as they will still be involved in the Club - but it's timely to remember the value of our volunteers as they are the 'heart' of this organisation and continue to be an essential part of our sustainability. Therefore I reach out into our community looking for people who can help in 2020 - eg media and newsletters, setting up for game days, physios and those with First Aid qualifications. We also welcome new Board member Luke Stenhouse who is already settling in well to the huge task of familiarising himself with the running of a Club of this size.

And finally, I take this opportunity to thank our Sponsors and partnerships - please see them recognized throughout this yearbook. These local businesses, schools and individuals ensure that Thunder FC has a foothold into the extended area of Queensland. Those children who dream of professional careers, those players who embrace the challenge of travelling to compete at a higher level each week, and those who revel in the game with their mates - all of us appreciate and recognize the value of these sponsors to our Football community.

It has been my privilege to see some wonderful games and sportsmanship exhibited across the age groups this season. We, the volunteers, will continue in 2020 to give our time to the organisation to carry on the development of coaches and elite young Footballers with a passion for the game in our region and we look forward to your contribution.

SWQ THUNDER FC



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Chris McLeod	SAP Co-Ordinator	

SWQ THUNDER VOLUNTEERS

David Lobwein	Photographer
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AGE	COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	MANAGER
SAP Boys U9	David Lawson		Natalie Lawson
Sap Boys U10	Tom Lund		Natalie Lawson
SAP Boys U11	Craig Van Heerden	Graeme Ballantyne	Rebecca Borger
SAP Boys U12	Robbie Breen	Peter Miller	Alan Cumming
U13 Girls	Louise Rolfe/Jordie Franke		Kristin Renouf
U13 Boys	Jason Richardson	Luke Stenhouse	Stephen Willmot
U14 Boys	Peter Broadfoot	Doug Spinks	Doug Spinks
U15 Boys	Michael Turvey	Michael Smith	Andrew Roche
U15 Girls	Nick Payne	Ricky Weinand	Angela McMahon Anita Wolski
U16 Boys	Glenn Parish	Sam Macri	Thomas Carroll
U18 Girls	Wayne Richardson	Stephen Favero	Catherine Evans Susan Evans
U18 Boys	Dan Percy	Jack Nussey	Cal Bailey
U20 Men	David Park-Ballay		Simon Owen
Senior Women	Craig Lockwood	Wayne Richardson	Jordie Franke
Senior Men	Thiago Kosloski	Matthew Proctor	Jason Hall / Tom Lund
GoalKeepers	Mario Aparicio		



TECHNICAL DIRECTORS REPORTS

NPL Technical Director - Thiago Kosloski

This has been a great year for SWQ Thunder with all the age groups improving well. For me as Technical Director, this was a year of learning, personal and professional growth like never before and I thank all my athletes and coaching staff for their tremendous support. I feel honoured to lead this club in the NPL.

It was a pleasure to see how the coaches have increased their level of knowledge and how this is reflected in the players and in the teams performances in all age groups.

Furthermore, our players showed this year a great sense of team work, desire and passion for the club. Congratulations for all players, coaches, assistant coaches, managers and the board.

We made this a great season and this is great show of pride for our club.

Next year, we will come back stronger, more experienced and more determined! Thanks again and let's do this together. Congratulations to our U13 Boys team for making it to the Final Series – We wish you well.



NPLW Technical Director - Kris Hemmerling

Now the season has come to a close we can reflect on what a wonderful, yet at times difficult year we have all had. The coaches from U13s to Opens have all been fantastic workers for our club and support crew second to none.

Though sometimes the score lines didn't reflect the games (18s ALL year), this year all the girls and ladies came together to show what a true culture we are developing within the club. Once a month we would all train together, every age, every coach. Amazing to watch. I'm extremely proud of the way we as a club came together and supported one another.

I'd like to thank all the coaches, Lou and Jordie with the 13s had some amazing results. 11 players defeating the Lions. The U15s Nick and Ricky with a 7-0 halftime lead against Mitchelton. Wayne with 18s, virtually every game out playing the opponents. We also welcome Tim and Stephen as unbelievable assistants. Craig and again Wayne did a great job with our Open Ladies. All our managers were tremendous. With some minor changes we have such a huge future.

I'd like to thank Jon and Sue for their support, Janelle for being Janelle (the queen of knowledge) and Laurie for the match day debates and conversations.

We have numerous players who have helped out playing in different age groups to help relieve the injuries and other minor dramas. The sponsors have been tremendous.

But most of all, the parents have been magnificent this season. Unbelievable supporters of these young women (and older) The comments this season have all been positive and complimentary.

I'm very proud of you all and thank you for a great season.



SAP Co-ordinator - Chris McLeod

As the season has finished, we will reflect upon the wonderful efforts of our boys in 2019. It seems a long time ago that our coaching ranks were disrupted before the season commenced with visa issues, however thanks to a wonderful parent group and management structure in the SAP group the teams have flourished.

Again, our managers, Natalie (x 2!), Beck and Alan have been instrumental in the running of the teams on a week to week basis, your work guys has been invaluable and as a Club we are indebted to your services. The coaches in David, Tom, Craig and Robbie with assistants Peter and Graeme have worked tirelessly in roles that are basically performed on a volunteer basis due to the love of the game and the satisfaction that they derive from watching the boys grow in stature and skill sets!

Thanks men for the many travels and opportunities you have presented our boys with your experience. To our club TD, Mr Thiago Kosloski whose methodologies and plans have been evident in the boys development, cheers big man it has been a revelation working alongside a man of your experience. Finally, to the Club and in particular Mrs Janelle Sothmann. Janelle is the heart and soul of the football hub, performing all tasks for the Thunder after she comes home from her full-time day job. I know I speak for all parents in saying thanks for your efforts, they certainly do not go unnoticed by our parent group.

With 2020 looming, we face a new and exciting time with our boys going to be involved in an extended competition that will comprise the Toowoomba Football Leagues competition, Regional and SEQ carnivals that will culminate in the Mini World Cup in Hervey Bay as our season finale. The inclusion of a strength and conditioning element, futsal and the four pillars will ensure a professional and holistic approach in 2020.

In closing, Graeme, we all wish you a fast recovery and know that your positive mindset will overcome any obstacles. To Robbie.....we hope that you return mate, you have been a revelation with our U/12 boys and we thank you for the enthusiasm and passion you have brought to the table





UNDER 9 BOYS

Coach: David Lawson

Assistant Coach: Noah Lawson

Manager: Natalie Lawson

2019 saw 9 talented individuals from various clubs come together and through hard work and dedication they have grown to become a very impressive football team.

We have 3 players from regional clubs, who with their families, have shown exceptional commitment to the program.

The boys and I have been extremely lucky to have Noah as an unofficial assistant coach this season. They look up to him and aspire to be just like him.

The boys have shown maturity beyond their years. They train hard and their willingness to learn has seen them go from strength to strength. The football they play is the result of hard work and the way they apply what they have learnt at training to the games.

Eli McBurney – Fantastic in goal for his first year as a keeper. His shot stopping and distribution is way above his age.

Iskcon Gyawali – Calm on the ball with great vision to play passes all over the pitch.

Xander Lucido – Great left sided player. A silent but deadly defender with a great passing ability.

Finn Campbell – Strong in defence, has a big motor to get up and down the right side and has the ability to play the ball into the attacking areas.

Malakai Rohlf – Gives his all in every game. Tackles hard and can change from defence to attack with a solid tackle and a fantastic pass.

Jake Fox – Speeds out of midfield to take players on 1v1 to make that great pass or hit the strike on goal.

Ethan Thompson – Hard working midfielder who is strong on the ball with a good eye for a pass.

Xavier Burge – Takes players on 1v1 with speed. Great crosser of the ball when needed and can score a cracking goal.

Kash Hunt – Hard working front man who also defends from the front and can now score a goal with both feet.

It has been a pleasure to coach this great group of players.





UNDER 10 BOYS

Coach: Thomas Lund

Manager: Natalie Lawson

Words from Mentor Thomas Lund

"Heroes are made by the path they choose, not the powers they are graced with." – Iron Man (The Avengers). These under 10s have chosen a path that is difficult, hard and long. They have chosen to walk the path of the professional footballer and it is a privilege to help them on this road this year. There have been ups and downs, but they have stayed true to their calling. They have discovered new skills they thought they did not have and played football beyond my expectations. I believe these young heroes have a bright future ahead of them, including the shadows who have not been named below. Lastly, to all of my boys "The future is worth it. All the pain. All the tears. The future is worth the fight." – Martian Manhunter (Justice League) Introducing the under 10 Thunder SAP team- The Legendary League of Superheroes

Lachlan McErvale – Lachlan desires to win the ball this year with the same intensity as The Incredible Hulk has to SMASH!!!

Liam Wright – Liam this year has turned himself into The Flash, being everywhere he is needed, in a quick flash of white hair.

Rhys Bailey – It was been a pleasure to watch Rhys develop from Clark Kent to Superman between the sticks, which has saved us on many occasions.

Jarryd Dolan – Jarryd's defence has been so rock solid he has transformed into The 'Thing' from The Fantastic Four in the backline.

Matthew Lawson – Matthew Lawson could make Tony Stark, aka Iron Man, jealous of his intelligence on the football pitch.

Izaak Vandenberg – Isaac's presence on the pitch is electric and exciting. He is Thor equipped with Mjolnir as his foot.

River Lawler – River's heart this year has been that of Captain America. He has proven a great example to the team and a solid performer throughout the year.

Jonson Windolf – Jonson has been as magical this year as Dr Strange. His ability in the magical arts of football is growing stronger each day.

William Zhou - William was a shadow turned full time player this year. He is our Batman, turning up from the shadows and performing many great feats.

Harrison Mullins – Harrison's ability to be at the right place to score goals is as accurate as Hawkeye shooting his bow.

Riley Dargusch – Riley is our Human Torch from the Fantastic Four, turning up the heat wherever he plays.





UNDER 11 BOYS

Coach: Craig van Heerden

Manager: Rebecca Borger

Sometimes, with a group of young men like the SWQ Thunder 2019 U11 SAP team, you really have to ask who is learning from who.

Football for these kids is not taken in half measures. The training, travel and games that they participate in could wear down even the most dedicated among us. Remarkably, these young men always roll in with a smile on their face and a spring in their step, bereft of reservations regarding the goals and challenges we place in front of them. Unconsciously, they continuously teach each other about football, about being a good student, about resilience and most importantly about being a good teammate. I am so proud of every one of them.

Throughout 2019 the SWQ Thunder U11 SAP team have participated in a diverse competition orchestrated by Football Queensland. They have competed in individual home and away fixtures along with Mini-Carnivals, Grading Carnivals as well as the occasional friendly game. This regular high level football has resulted in consistent technical improvement for every member of our squad. Whilst during competition we were not always the biggest, the strongest or the fastest, we were often the smartest and were definitely always the ones having the most fun. Never a negative word was muttered between them. Our club could not hope for better ambassadors.

Modern football also asks a lot of our players families. Similarly to the young men, we have been blessed with a resilient group of parents who have 'bought in' into everything that SAP represents. During a tense moment of gameplay or a late change in venue, they exude positivity and a calm resolve - even if the coach is, at times, slightly less steadfast. Special mention must be made of Rebecca Borger & Michael Clarkson whom as Manager and Assistant Coach have provided myself and the players with great support throughout the season.

The year is drawing to a close and we can now look forward to the new set of goals and challenges that 2020 will bring. Wayne Gretzky once said - "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take". In a similar sentiment - I sincerely hope that all of our players return to strive to represent our club next year. They have a lot more to teach me.





UNDER 12 BOYS

Coach: Robbie Breen

Manager: Alan Cumming

2019 has been a year of growth for the U/12s. Each week has seen them grow closer as a team and better as individuals. We've had some great wins along the way and were competitive in every game we played. With a little luck and a couple more chances converted, I don't think there was a team in the league that could beat us.

Starting from the back, Max in goal pulled off some incredible saves along the way. A sweeper keeper for our defensive line. Will, our unofficial captain and rock at the back. A leader on the field. Every week he brought the same determination and grit that drove our team forward from the back.

Jack, playing mainly in defense or in midfield, and even up front on occasion. Strong in the tackle with the will to win.

Reech always showed composure on the ball and deceitfully skillful feet when confronted with a defender.

Rohan, comfortable using both feet was always solid for us at right or left back. More than able to play in midfield for us as well, with his accurate short passes keeping our game flowing.

Kagan, our one and only left footed player, added some much needed balance to our side up and down the left flank.

Adnan, deployed either as a striker or centre back. Composed with the ball at his feet, tough to get past when at the back.

Manny, our midfield dynamo, with endless energy and effort worked up, down and all around the pitch.

Sam, consistent in the midfield for us. His powerful free kicks and corners always made us look a threat from set pieces.

Ben, our playmaker in the midfield with a lot of quality on the ball, filling in up front on occasion too.

Jake, used as a striker or wide midfielder. As the season went on, worked harder and harder on the pitch for his team mates and reaped the rewards getting himself a handful of goals.

Daniel, used primarily as a striker but also deployed in the midfield. A player with a lot of ability, able to use both feet, tricky in position with dangerous set pieces in his arsenal as well.

The boys were a pleasure to coach. They arrived every week at training with a smile on their faces, Wishing them all the best for the years ahead.





UNDER 13 GIRLS

Coaches: Jordie Franke and Louise Rolfe

Manager: Kristin Dowdle

This season saw the Under 13 girls compete with the best and gain valuable experience. The girls progressed in leaps and bounds and worked hard to improve skills, decision making and structure. In goals, Meg performed some superstar saves and made the big goals look small. Charlize was strong in the backline to make some crucial tackles as well as putting on the gloves when needed. Charlotte, our captain, organised the girls on the field but also coordinated several dance numbers. Keely brought energy and speed to the defensive line while also looking dangerous on the wing. Liana wouldn't let anyone past her as wide back and was also known for her sharp passing. Abbie-Jane developed her defensive skills and lifted the girls when they needed it most. Sienna was a hard worker in any position and would often be seen schooling the opposition in 1v1s. Aliviah was a regular in the mids while also joining the backline when we needed to terrorise opponents. Abbie R-D was a utility player who could jump in anywhere and consistently performed well. Dawso has some of the speediest legs around which was an advantage up front and in defence. Eliza was rarely seen without a ball at her feet and she put her juggling record well into the thousands while also achieving the golden boot! Gaby was able to put in some awesome crosses when on the wing but also tried her hand in the midfield to use her excellent distribution skills. Mahlee could run like the wind before the season started but by the end she was able to play some excellent football including a goal from an impossible angle. Hannah, while being an appendix down, made a strong return to end the season with her best performance yet. Cadence was our striker who strengthened her instinct for goal scoring and was always looking for ways to break through.

Winning isn't everything but it sure is more fun. Some of our game highlights include a win against Capalaba where we saw our girls find their rhythm to put away seven thrilling goals and an underdog win against Lions which saw us take the field with a bare eleven!

We hope to see the girls continue to develop confidence and improve as players in the Thunder NPLW program in which they have already made wonderful friends.





UNDER 13 BOYS

Coach: Jason Richardson

Assistant Coach: Luke Stenhouse

Manager: Stephen Willmot

The under 13 boys have been highly impressive in their first year of the junior program and have been an absolute pleasure to coach and be associated with. The boys finished tied at the top of the table with Brisbane City which is a remarkable achievement. At the time of writing this article the team is waiting to find out who they will play in the preliminary final for a place in the grand final.

The boys are an extremely close group who through the course of the season have shown their determination to win and their serious distaste for losing.

With a season record of 16 wins, 4 losses and 4 draws not more could have been asked of this group of boys. From our goal keeper and co-captain Flynn Proctor, we were lead from the front. Having only conceded 23 goals in their first season on the full field a lot can be said for the quiet achievers, the defenders in the team. Zac, Kai, Ryan, Xavier and our other co-captain Kaden shut down opposition attacking raids repeatedly throughout the season. Our midfield which consisted of Nick, Taku, Sam, Lachie, Josh, TJ and Fletch were clinical in defence and also transitioning the ball from our back 4 to our strikers to enable the likes of Jaydahn, Quinn and Ty to finish superbly.

The side was able to score a total of 64 goals with Jaydahn scoring a competition high 32 goals. The effort of the team was rewarded with 6 boys gaining Queensland County selection. Congratulations to Kaden, Sam, Ryan, Jaydahn, Flynn and Josh (shadow) who were all identified from their performances throughout the year. These boys also recognise that without their team mates, selection in this side would have been far more difficult.

I personally thought we were unlucky not to get a higher representation in the side. Acknowledgement and thanks must also go to the parents associated with this team. I don't think I have ever come across a more devoted and loyal group of parents who are willing to go the extra mile for their boys. A big thanks to the coaching staff of Luke and Steve. Without these guys the season would not have travelled as smoothly for the boys as it did. We are all looking forward to a Grand Final win and a big start to 2020.





UNDER 14 BOYS

Coach: Peter Broadfoot

Assistant Coach: Doug Spinks

Manager: Doug Spinks

The journey of this team began with the trials back in November 2018. The squad of 16 players represented a group that hadn't won a game in two years. The season long objective revolved around the changing of the mindset of this group of players.

As new players were added it became clear that this group had the potential to rapidly improve throughout the year. Pre-season began with a focus of building the competitive nature of the team with high intensity technical work and small sided games. The group also began to develop their training routines and understanding of their team mates.

In the early games of the season the results were inconsistent although a win against Redlands away gave the team some self-belief (and genuine joy with their first win). From a coaching point of view players started to buy into our philosophy. It was expected that the transition into a cohesive unit with a collective understanding of their roles would take time. One win in the next 6 matches highlighted the need for players in the squad to take responsibility for their performances but also the fact that they were still progressing forward with positional changes and a coach adapting to each players individual strengths and weaknesses.

After Easter the side turned everything around with 5 wins and a draw highlighting this period. We now had a team that was expecting to perform well not merely hoping to keep the score down to a respectable loss.

As we finish the season we now have 16 players who, if they get their preparation right, can perform against the best players in the league. Consistent wins against top 6 teams have proven this.

I have not mentioned any players by name here on purpose. Throughout the season all players have made key contributions at various times. This has not been a journey with a few star individuals. Right from the start it has been about players performing at their best in a team structure and making sure their job is done to the best of their abilities. In years to come they have potential for more development and the opportunity to become a consistent finals team.

Lastly, there is one person who deserves special praise. Manager come Assistant Coach Doug Spinks. He has been so passionate about this team and his desire for them to improve has been present in everything he has done. He allowed me to just coach and the success of the year is largely down to his organisation and management. Thanks to all for a thoroughly enjoyable 2019.





UNDER 15 BOYS

Coach: Michael Turvey

Assistant Coach: Michael Smith

Manager: Andrew Roche

We started our campaign way back in November with trials with about 22 players having to select a squad of 16 players. We started our season well with a few up & down results early in the year but showed some great promise. The boys worked really well at training and their efforts started to show in the games we played.

Harrison Hepner was outstanding in goal this year pulling off some brilliant saves keeping us in a lot of games, earning praise from players & coaching staff. Jack Coulter was outstanding in defence for 9 games until an end of the season injury ended his season. His support of his team mates & travelling to all our games has seen Jack back at training in the last couple of weeks ready for next year.

My back line of Jaisal Narsey, Ky Richardson, Brendan Roche & Sam Davey all have been brilliant this season with all the boys working hard on & off the field. A big praise to Sam & Brendan who were outstanding in the central defence. Our midfielders Brock Smith, Jordynn Watts, Noah Lawson, Xander Jackwitz & Riley Willmot had an outstanding season. All are great players with a excellent work rate all year.

Boyd MacDonald who played full back, back up goalkeeper and in the midfield had a good year however injury plagued his season, however worked hard this year, well done mate.

Hayden Cann as striker had a great year however injuries played its part in a season of high & lows. Hayden scored some great goals this season - keep working hard.

My strikers Luke Beutel, Sam Fenwick & Levi Cuskelly were outstanding as we created a lot of goal scoring opportunities but the football gods were not on our side. Their work rate was brilliant & they gave everything they had for their team this year. To my parents - thank you for your support & commitment this year. This would not have happened without you, cheers.

And finally to my coaching team of Mick Smith & Andrew Roche - Thank you for your support & assistance I couldn't have done it without you both.

I wish you all the success in the future looking forward to 2020.



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Brady Mason
Reilly Mason
Jack Percy
Emmanuel Philip
Keegan Sheridan
Ky Smith
Mannyx Smith
Dan Weber

2018

Eli Adams
Luke Lister
Richard Hayden
Fletcher McDonald
Connor McLeod
Eddie Poulton
Lana Styler

2019

Kodi Bailey
Cody Carroll
Jon Crowe
Jack DeBortoli
Casey Evans
Madison Franke
Cameron Percy
Hunter Purcell
Jayden Richardson
Brock Smith
Caitlyn Stocker
Keanu Tuart
Riley Willmot





UNDER 15 GIRLS

Coach: Nick Payne

Assistant Coach: Ricky Weinand

Manages: Angela McMahon / Anita Wolski

Ricky and I would like to start by saying what a privilege it has been to coach this group of fantastic young ladies this year. All 16 in this squad showed absolute commitment and determination all year to continue working towards improving their football, and that they did. We have an awesome mix of personalities within the group, and it is so rewarding to watch them enjoy training and playing the game they love, while making friends for life.

We had a bit of a mixed year results wise, but the girls proved week after week that they could match it with the top teams. At the time of writing this, we sit on 5 wins and 2 draws, and hopefully we can finish the year strong with results that prove the quality of football we are playing. Rick and I truly believe this group of girls are the future of our club.

Congratulations to all of the girls who made representative teams this year, also congratulations and a massive thanks to those girls that played back to back games throughout the year to help out the u18's.

A huge thank you to Ricky for your help and hard work over the season. Also thanks must go to Angela and Anita our team managers for getting us organised every week and keeping Ricky and I in line.

Thanks also to all of the parents of the girls. We understand how big of a commitment the football season is and are very grateful for your help with supporting the girls, driving them all over the countryside for training and games, and being great sideline supporters.

I will finish by saying how very proud of this team Ricky and I are. So often through the year when the chips were down, and things weren't going our way, these young ladies pulled together and gave 110%. No matter the result, they left the field knowing they had given their all for the team mates around them. "PENCILS"





SWQ THUNDER FC

UNDER 16 BOYS

Coach: Glen Parish

Assistant Coach: Sam Macri

Manager: Thomas Carroll

It is that time of year again – time for reflection. Each player has their own special unique attribute and we were able to mesh this together to form a squad who would work together, sacrifice, go through good and bad times together, all for each other. A recipe for life long mateship. “A trophy carries dust, memories last forever”. “Football doesn’t build character, it reveals character”.

Our players...

Henry “Get Out of My Way” Wells – his presence lifts everybody around him

Jack “Twinkle Toes” Debortoli – has the ball on a string, rarely gets dispossessed

Tyler “Rocket Man” Wise – speed and strength to burn, can finish

Kavinda “Quiet Achiever” Perera – every team needs a player like him, just keeps working hard

Jarrah “Lion Heart” McNichol – work ethic is second to none, does all the little things right

James “Enforcer” O’Sullivan – great long ball exponent, can land the ball on a dime

Cody “Finisher” Lyon – has sealed a couple of wins for us with some great strikes

Gab “X Factor” Da Costa – just an all-round excitement machine

Menphys “Faithful” Smith – loyal like an old blue dog, always by your side – struck a couple of cracking goals to seal games for us

Cody “Little Assassin” Carroll – one of the best tacklers in the team, great short passing game

Nick “Iron Man” Coonan – defends, overloads, defends, overloads – very game intelligent

Asim “Energiser Bunny” Suyal – intelligent outside back, run all day, strong work ethic

Jacob “You Can Rely on Me” Bunt – one of our spine outstanding centre backs, rarely loses a challenge

Hunter “You Won’t Get Past Me” Purcell – utility with speed, strength and determination, lifts the team’s energy

Jesse “Just Let Me at Them” Sharpe – always give everything, brings a lot of energy

Harrison “Perfectionist” Searle – always asking “how can I better myself for the team?” – lethal in front of goal

Jase “Intel” Sampson – knowledge of the game beyond his years, outstanding centre back

Lachy “Leaper the Keeper” Montgomery – one of the best keepers I have seen from Thunder, agility and 2nd ball efforts outstanding

Thank you to Thomas, Sam, the Coonan family, the McNichol family and everyone who volunteered to man the gate or be ground official.

It has been a huge honour to have been a small part of your football journey. No matter what happens, you must always back yourselves and your ability. “Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement”. I am proud to stand with you as part of your team.





UNDER 18 BOYS

Coach: Dan Percy

Assistant Coach: Jack Nussey

Manager: Cal Bailey

The QLD NPL 2019 Season with this group of footballers has been very enjoyable and productive. I had the privilege of coaching many of the players in previous years and was pleased to spend one final season training and playing with this team of talented young men.

The entire team has extensive football knowledge, so setting up structure and patterns of play, in defence and attack, made my job of coaching a lot easier and enjoyable. I was very impressed with the players level of commitment to their team and the SWQ Thunder Club. The U18s players willingness to support the senior club by backing up for the Thunder U20s team on a weekly basis has been outstanding.

During the season we played a very attacking style of football with a strong defensive structure allowing us to achieve some excellent results. These young men always played to the best of their ability, and showed in-depth understanding of their individual roles within the team structure. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach the U18s this year and I thank each and every one of the players for such a fantastic season.

I would like to thank Jack for his assistance at training and his valued opinions with player positions and team tactics. Jack has shown great commitment throughout the season and was a much appreciated member of our team.

I would also like to thank Cal, as the U18s Manager he makes our coaching jobs so much easier, keeping the players and coaches organised.

Special thanks goes to U16 Coach Glen Parrish and the SWQ Thunder U16 boys for helping us throughout the season. I hope the boys enjoyed stepping up and playing in the U18s competition.

I wish all of my players all the best in their future endeavours, both on and off the field.





SWQ THUNDER FC

UNDER 18 GIRLS

Coach: Wayne Richardson

Assistant Coach: Stephen Favero

Manager: Catherine Evans & Susan Evans

2019 has seen a lot of changes to the U18 playing group. These young ladies have taken every hurdle in their stride and have produced results when the universe was against us.

Our team this year has had a lot of players and apart from a few core, we have had the playing group made up of U18's, U15's and Women's players. This occurred due to injuries, unavailability and most of all, stepping up to help field the Women's team. Whilst this was hard each week (not having the same team even once this season), the ladies got on with the job, listened to the coaching instructions and played football. I could not be more proud of them.

Congratulations to the players who debuted for the Senior Women's team this year. These opportunities were well deserved and were a result of your commitment to football. I know that the women are thankful for you stepping up.

Ladies, you should be very proud of your efforts this year. Your resilience over the last season has further developed that never give up attitude that you have always had. Even though, the results did not go our way, I am happy that I was able to come back to coach you this season. I have seen great improvement in your tactical knowledge and understanding of the game. This has seen us play a style of football that will sustain the women football program for years to come. You would agree that it was hard to walk off the pitch knowing that we played the better football out there; however these results will come. With a team that has a consistent playing roster, ladies you will be unstoppable.

I would like to thank my right hand man Stephen Favero, who stepped up and in for me when I had to step out for work or to coach the women. You did a great job. My Managers, Catherine Evans and Susan Evans, thank you for your organisation and always being there for the ladies. To the parents and supporters, THANK YOU for the kilometres that you drive, the meals eaten in cars and the support of all the players. Without you and your never-ending support, we would have not have gotten through the season. A special mention to the Senior Women's coach, Craig Lockwood. Thank you for being there to support me with training and coaching.





UNDER 20 MEN

Coach: David Park-Ballay

Manager: Simon Owen

The SWQ Thunder U20 team had a challenging year in 2019. Consistency was the ongoing problem for the group.

Indeed, a record number of 50 players has been used during this season. Six of them played a very important role: Sam Brown (most used player), Richard Hayden and Jordan Howard (who finished the season with Men), Josue Kalenga (best goal scorer, which is not bad for a Right Fullback), George Owen, and Jayden Richardson (most regular at training). This core group has been exceptional in terms of attitude and application throughout the year. They have been an inspiration for the many U18s players who stepped up at the end of the season, such as Oredi Kibombo, Isaac Davey, Cormac McCarthy and Jahrem Richardson. Two of them in particular were brilliant: Rudolph Gabuogi and Kodi Bailey. This injection of young players is a good sign for the future of the club.

An interesting fact is that we have lost one game against all the teams in the competition! However, so far nobody won twice against us, as we have beaten almost all the teams as well!

Some fantastic results include a victory against the Premiers, Brisbane Roar (2-1 at home) and a draw against the Strikers (0-0) after losing the first leg (7-0). Some other happy memories this year were the victories against Gold Coast United (3-2 away), Western Pride (4-1 away) and Moreton Bay (2-0 at home).

Lastly, I'd like to thank our Manager Simon Owen, as well as Trevor Howard for their ongoing support this year. It is important to work with people who tirelessly give up their time for the club.





SENIOR WOMEN

Coach: Craig Lockwood

Assistant Coach: Wayne Richardson

Manager: Jordie Franke

The 2019 NPLW season has come to an end and what a ride it has been. We started the season well with some promising signs during preseason and we were excited to see what we could do throughout the year. We had a reasonably small squad who were ready for big things.

Unfortunately, things didn't go to plan. We lost our co-coach Anthony Bigby early in the season, we had some mid-season departures from our playing ranks and injuries hit us hard, very hard, meaning our already thin squad got even smaller. But in the face of adversity the girls worked hard and never gave up. This also gave us an opportunity to give some valuable minutes to the U/18s girls throughout the season, with many of them backing up every week, holding their own and proving the future is bright for our women's program.

Despite our position on the table, we showed up every week and gave everything we had but sometimes our inexperience showed at crucial times in games. In saying that, there were many highlights this year. A number of U/18's made their debuts, we had girls named in team of the week, some brilliant individual and team performances and cracking goals.

A massive thank you to Wayne, Kris, Mel and Jordie. Wayne has pretty much steered the ship for me this year, he has supported my decisions all year and without Wayne I don't know how we would have made it through the season. Kris for his technical support, guidance and encouragement. Mel for guiding an inexperienced squad and having the professionalism to keep her head up and lead by example week in and week out both on and off the field. Jordie for taking on the managers role as well as being a player, fighting niggling injuries and assisting coach the younger girls as well.

Finally thank you to all the girls. I have asked many of you to play out of position or out of your comfort zone and you did that with pride and dignity. You are an amazingly talented group and it has been a pleasure and honour to coach you this season. I can't wait to see you all back in action next season.





SENIOR MEN

Coach: Thiago Kosloski

Assistant Coach: Matthew Proctor

Manager: Jason Hall / Tom Lund

The season for us was very hard, we have had a lot of problems with injuries, some players move to other clubs and countries. However, this team never gave up, fighting every match, showing desire, effort and passion for this club. Sometimes football is not fair, in many occasions we play better we control the game and the result not come. This year for us, will be a year to learn, to become more stronger and come back more competitive as we never see before, I strongly believe this will happen with this club. Furthermore, it has been a great pleasure to me to see players who never play in this level do a great job, no money can pay for that development and that opportunity. I remember when I start to train this team I always said that, Thunder DNA is the young players, that mixed with experience might be recipe of the success in the near future.

I also would like to say thank you to all my technical staff Matthew Proctor my assistant, David Park-Ballay who help me a lot, Jason and Tom who working as the manager and my friend Chris McLeod who on many occasions help this team with Janelle who is responsible to guide us.

For the last, my special thank you to my dear players, thank you for the respect and professionalism, I learned a lot from you every single game and training for me was a pleasure to be your coach, despite the results is not the results which we will expected we make some good games with some very good performances as well.

Thank you so much and I wish all the best in 2020!



SWQ Thunder FC Senior Men - 2019





Front Row (L to R) - Fletcher McDonald, Jackson Franke, Jace Hudson, Jayden Richardson, Mustafa Banza, Dylan Watz
Middle Row - Matthew Proctor (Assist Coach), Jordan Howard, Brent Pedlow, Eli Adams, Thomas Lund (Manager)
Back Row - Richard Hayden, Robert Breen, Kimba Kibombo, Wade Hall
Absent - Thiago Kosloski (Coach), Daniel Weber, Rinichi Mikami, Trent Bowles

20 Sporting Photography



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2019 AWARDS

	Most Valuable Player	Player's Player	Coaches Award
U 13 Boys	Kaden Willmot	Taku Doherty	Jaydahn Hearn
U 13 Girls	Meg Woodcock	Sienna Williams	Eliza Maidment
U 14 Boys	Jeremy Zuyderwyk	Billy Manning	Tyler Spinks
U 15 Boys	Brendan Roche	Luke Beutel	Harrison Hepner/Sam Davey
U 15 Girls	Lucy Major	Jenna Wolski	Tharushika Perera
U 16 Boys	Jase Sampson	Jack DeBortoli	Jacob Bunt
U 18 Girls	Bo Burton	Casey Evans	Layla Proctor
U 18 Boys	Kodi Bailey	Cormac McCarthy	Rudolph Gabougi
U 20 Men	Jordan Howard	Josue Stivo Kalenga	Sam Brown
			Rising Star
Senior Women	Fletcher McDonald	Wade Hall	Emma Jackson
Senior Men	Melanie Lloyd	Louise Rolfe	Eli Adams
Golden Boot Junior		Jaydahn Hearn	
Golden Boot Senior		Cormac McCarthy	
Safe Hands Award Junior		Flynn Proctor	
Safe Hands Award Senior		Jayden Richardson	
Coach Award		Peter Broadfoot	
The Allan Sothmann Perpetual "Club Spirit Award"		Trevor Howard	
The Lachlan Percy "Players Player" Award		Josue Stivo Kalenga	

CONGRATULATIONS QLD STATE TEAMS REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

U13 Queensland Country State team

Ryan DeBortoli
Kaden Willmot
Sam Wilson
Joshua Zahra (Shadow)

U14 Queensland Country State Team

Khai van Heerden (Shadow)
Jeremy Zuyderwyk (Shadow)



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