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Soccer players prove Tigers are winners

BY JUSTIN WHEALING

SOCCKER players Nick Bounds and Ian Bailey are part of a team that is flying the flag for the peninsula.

Nick and Ian play for the Balmain Tigers Soccer Club reserve grade team, in the third division of the state league.

They are currently lying sixth in the competition and are hopeful of a semi-final birth. The highlight of what has been a consistent season is the 4-0 drubbing they handed the East Coast magic away from home in round four.

Their home games are played at Birchgrove Oval. "Birchgrove Oval is one of the most beautiful grounds in Sydney," Ian says. "We all enjoy playing there and it is a magic feeling to play at a ground overlooking the harbour when the sun is shining."

Ian moved to Balmain from England five years ago.

He calls soccer "a way of life, it is the beautiful game," and has made many good friends through his association with the club.

"The social scene is very important and so is the commitment from the players to improve their skills," he says. "We train twice a week and are very competitive on the pitch and also enjoy socialising together."

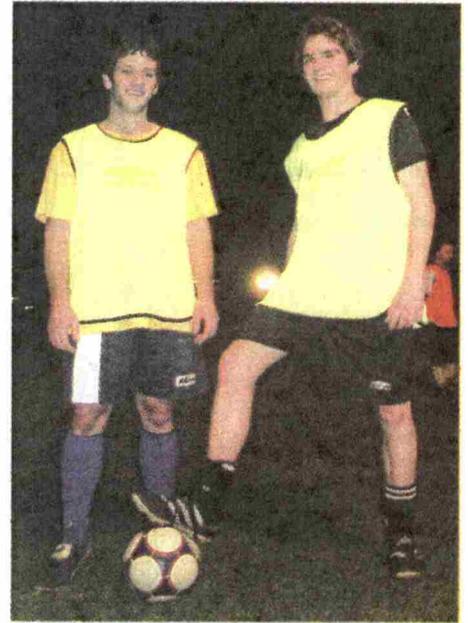
Nick has played all his junior soccer in Balmain and joined the Tigers two years ago.

"I am really glad to be playing for a local club," he says. "It is a club which is very sociable and it is really easy for local people to come down and have a kick and enjoy themselves."

Tigers are organising a six a side competition to run from October to January. Inquiries can be made to Leo Cirillo on 0414 970 769.

Tigers are sponsored by the Exchange Hotel and Gillespie's crane services.

Nick and Ian win a \$40 gift voucher from the Balmain Tigers, proud sponsors of Sports Star of the Month. All entries should be sent to PO Box 738, Rozelle, NSW 2039 or email justin@villagevoice.com.au. Please include your details and those of the nominee.



With the ball at their feet ... Tigers soccer players Ian Bailey and Nick Bounds



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Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre

Trivia Night

We are holding a Fundraiser Trivia Night in conjunction with the Balmain Tigers Leagues Club on Friday 15th August. The cost of the night is \$15 and will include finger food. Lots of prizes will be given away on the night including some Tigers memorabilia. Tickets are now on sale at the Centre and in Tigers reception.

Donations

We are seeking prize donations from local businesses for our upcoming Trivia Night. Help to support our services that are so invaluable for the local community. All businesses and individuals that assist us will be acknowledged on the night. Call the Centre today if you would like to help.

Stage One Drama

We are currently holding drama classes for teenagers with an intellectual disability. Enquiries welcome.

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Girls are off-field winners



The 7B Balmain and District Women's soccer team . . . Front: Patricia Kennedy, Andrea Deane, Sarah Elliott and Angela Dalton. Back: Teresa Savage, Tamahra Manson, Jules Bellamy, Pip Taylor, Denyse Henry, Shere Hinchey and Belinda Elliott.

BY JUSTIN WHEALING

THE joy of competing and the friendships made along the way are the principle motivation for the 7Bs Balmain and District Women's Soccer team.

This year is the first time the women in the 7Bs have played soccer and although they are yet to register a win, this is not always the most important consideration.

Player Belinda Elliott says: "We go out quite a lot together and my first season of soccer has been a really exciting development for me."

Balmain's Denyse Henry joined the club after moving to the peninsula from Melbourne.

"I thought, as I am going to a new area, why not play a new sport," she said. "The team spirit has been really strong all season."

For Andrea Deane, joining the Balmain club has enabled her to stay fit.

"I have enjoyed keeping fit and scoring goals," she said. "I definitely want to play next year."

Team coach Teresa Savage is the only female coach at the club.

"I have coached kids before, but never a group of women," she said. "I have really enjoyed this season as the atmosphere at training has always been positive and the girls come from a wide range of professions and backgrounds."

Teresa praises the inclusive attitude at the club.

"The club is very friendly, I have never received any problems as a female coach and we all go out for a drink quite often."

Tigers continue to impress their critics

DESPITE being out of the running for a berth in the top eight, the West Tigers are now one of the form sides in the NRL. The month of July has proven to be a try scoring feast for Sheens' side, a far cry from the team who only six weeks ago had the worst attacking record in the premiership. Their 52-12 shellacking of Newcastle was a club record while the 44-12 defeat of the Sharks was also their biggest win over the southern club.

NOT suprisingly the most active club in the player market has in fact been the Tigers. Since the June 30 deadline, the club has

confirmed the signings of Brett Hodgson and Pat Richards from the Eels, Scott Prince from Brisbane, Origin backrower Scott Sattler and former Sharks player Nick Graham has also agreed to terms. The Tigers recent good form might be the result of players playing for contracts in 2004.

THE Tigers forward pack that will line up next year will have a completely new look about it. Luke O'Donnell, Willie Manu and Corey Pearson have signed up with other clubs, while Terry Hill and captain Darren Senter may be squeezed out because of salary cap restrictions.

-By Brian Melkie

Richard organises soccer

BY ELEANOR
LIMPRECHT

WITH five soccer fanatics for children, Richard McCabe had little choice but to become involved in the sport.

Richard coordinates the women's teams at Balmain & District Soccer Club. He says he just enjoys lending a hand.

"I would enjoy being rich, but I'm not that, so I enjoy helping people."

His soccer passion began when his daughter asked him to put together a women's soccer team.

The one team soon became eight, and the Balmain club the largest women's club in Sydney.

Richard says the women make him proud, especially since 70 of them had never played soccer before. "They're having a ball," he says. "I just take great enjoyment seeing how much they enjoy themselves."

Richard has been nominated for the Village Voice Citizen of the Year Award, sponsored by P&O Ports.

Richard started managing soccer in Balmain in 1979 when his eldest son was ten.

He went on to become secretary of the Balmain & District Soccer Club for 10 years, until 1999 when he retired from his government job in the Department of Works and Services to travel abroad.



Richard McCabe helped bring the women's soccer craze to Balmain

His children still play - even his oldest grandson, aged three-and-a-half, is on the junior training squad.

Managing soccer is only one of Richard's many community efforts. He was involved with the move to save Clontarf Cottage and active in a consultation group for Callan Park.

He also served as president of Balmain Primary School P&C, St Mary's Cathedral College P&F and Balmain Christian Brothers P&F when his children were in school.

In his spare time Richard works as an event manager organising everything from weddings to conferences.

BALMAIN & ROZELLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BIG PUSH FOR TOURISM

TOURISM is the next focus of the Balmain & Rozelle Chamber of Commerce with plans underway for the second edition of the Balmain & Rozelle Tourist Guide.

Tourism Sydney has Balmain and Rozelle promotions firmly in their sights and will be explaining their program to increase awareness at our next meeting on September 10. This will be a joint meeting with the Leichhardt Chamber of Commerce, hosted by Felicia Mariani, the general manager of Tourism Sydney.

Find out about the opportunities that your business will have to promote itself to visitors from Melbourne, Brisbane and regional NSW and Queensland.

Date: Wednesday September 10

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Bayview Room, Tigers, Balmain Leagues

RSVP: To Brooke on 9555 5578 or info@bdsi.com.au.

REWARDS FOR RETAILERS

Our meeting at the Royal Oak Hotel on August 19 was a huge success with nearly 40 people attending. Pauline McAlinden reported that the Balmain Community Rewards Program is enjoying fantastic success. More than 3000 local residents have registered their cards and are actively using them, while the number of local retailers and restaurants in the scheme is now more than 120. For businesses wanting information on joining the scheme, contact Pauline McAlinden on 9352 3888.

BENDIGO BANK ROLLING ALONG

A report from the Bendigo Bank committee told that the process to get the community bank up and running is going well and has reached the next stage. Local businesses and residents are being asked to pledge their support for a new community bank. For information, speak to Paul Doughty on 9818 5300.

SMART CARDS NOT SO SMART?

At the recent meeting, the chamber was disappointed to find so many of the pay and display parking meters around the hotel did not accept payments using the 'smart cards', given to our members by Leichhardt Council. We have addressed this issue with council on several occasions and continue to wait for a response.

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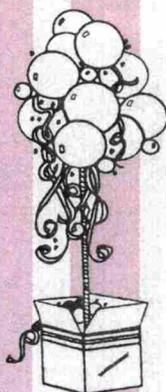
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Soccer boss denies Balmain complaint made

BY JUSTIN WHEALING

A RECENT semi-final between the Balmain District Soccer Club and Concord's under 10 teams at Rudd Park, Belfield, ended in a confrontation with a referee.

Balmain parents have sent an official letter of complaint to the Canterbury and District Soccer Football Association about the

actions of a Concord supporter. The referee and assistant referee were the subject of an outburst in which the referee was asked where he lived.

Balmain president Graeme Westrup supported the parents' decision to complain. "These are the sorts of things that need to be brought to the attention of officials," Mr

Westrup said. "People who behave in this way should be eradicated from the sport."

Mr Westrup said he had forwarded a copy of the letter to the Secretary of the Concord Soccer Club, Marina Smith.

"She expressed concern and surprise that it concerned the coach of that particular side," Mr Westrup said.

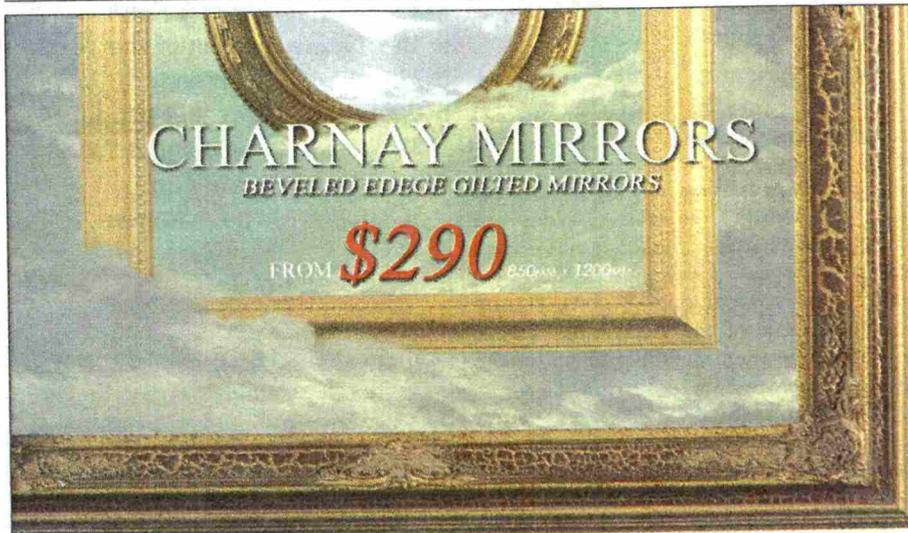
Ms Smith would not return phone calls from the *Village Voice*.

Balmain secretary Chris Dunkerley forwarded the complaint to Canterbury and District Soccer Football Association. But its president Ken Martin denied he had received the letter, threatening to sue this newspaper should it report on the issue.

The Balmain side went on to the grand final against Marrickville the following weekend, but were defeated 3-2. Concord were minor premiers.

Car and driver smashed

TRAFFIC on Darling St, Rozelle, was disrupted when an Annandale woman, 54, driving under the influence of alcohol crashed into two poles at a roundabout on the intersection with Beattie Street. The woman was not injured and was taken to Newtown police station where she was charged with driving four times the legal limit.



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