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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."

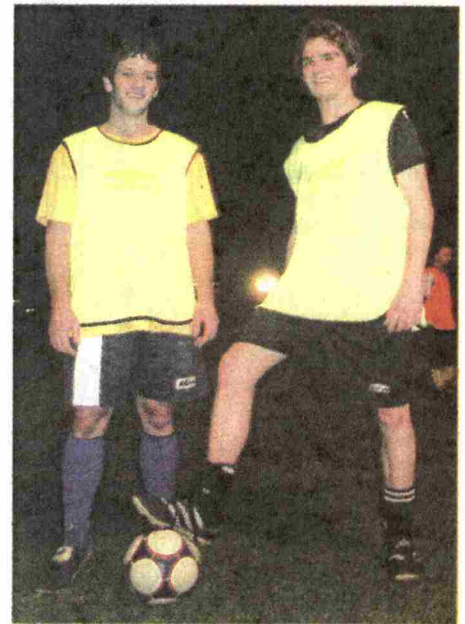
Nick has played all his junior soccer in Balmain and joined the Tigers two years ago.

"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.

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



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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.

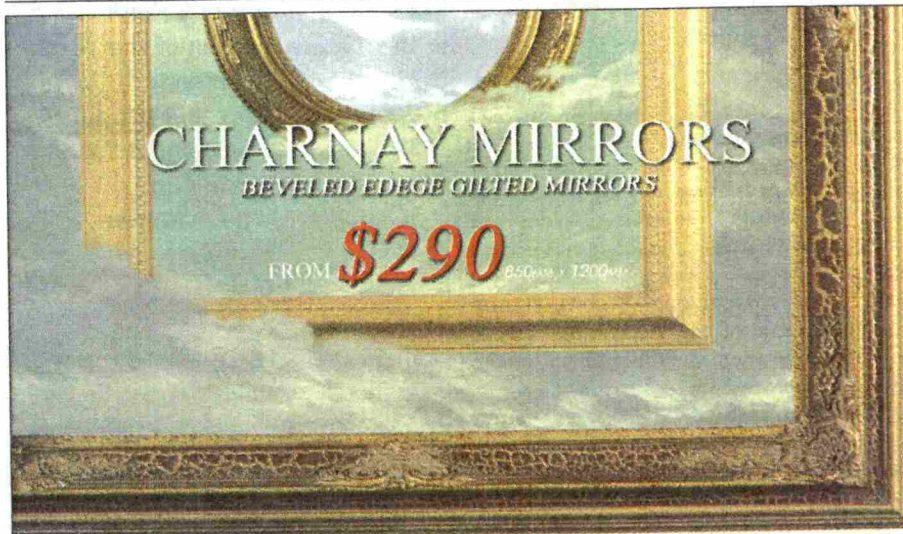
Ms Smith would not return phone calls from the *Village Voice*.

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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