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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the 2023 season now in the books, it's time to reflect on what has been an outstanding season for the Western Suburbs Junior AFL club. This being my first year as President it has been a year of learning for me, and with the help of great people in our committee it has been an exciting year for our club.

This year we had 178 registered players in Juniors and 58 Auskickers. We were able to field 12 teams, 4 teams in the finals and 3 made the big dance on Grand Final day.

We started the year with a 4 club Auskick Gala day at Wagener which we had over 200 players attend. Our 5, 6, 7 and 8 year old Auskick teams all participated and they were really excited to get the season underway.

I got to see the U9 and U10 teams play a lot this year and both teams played great footy and we're very exciting to watch and I look forward to seeing them all next year. U11 boys had a great season and were promoted to Division 1 mid-season. They accepted the challenge and played great footy and just missed playing finals.

U12 boys had a hard start playing in a higher division, and after the re-division they managed to get some wins which was awesome to see. U12YG also had a hard start with wet weather cancelling the opening round, they came home strong in the end and managed to get into the finals in 4th place.

They won the elimination final and the preliminary final, and, unlucky on the day, they lost the grand final by 1 point. Heads up girls you played great and you will be together again next year and let's see if we can go one better!!!



U14 Grand Finalists



U16YG Preliminary Finalists

U14 boys had a great season as well. They won a few games in Division 2. Then the re-division in round 6 and managed to finish 2nd on the board. They played the qualifying final and won that and went straight into the grand final. They played great on the day but lost to a fast finishing Bulldog side. Excellent season boys, looking forward to next year.

U14YG had a thriller first game and won by a point. They strung a lot of wins during the season and finished Minor Premiers. They also won their qualifying final by 1 point. They played a hard and very competitive grand final and they lost by 4 points at the end to the Bulldogs as well. This team will stick together again next season so I am excited for what next year will bring!!!

U16YG played great all season. They had some hard fought victories and ended the season in 2nd position. They played the qualifying final and had a hard loss, and then they had to play the preliminary final at Wagener. It was a great game, very competitive and they unfortunately lost the game in the last minutes. You all played great and I hope you all enjoy the off season.

U17 boys was a Joint Venture with Newtown this season and it worked great. A very competitive team, they had some good wins and it was great to watch the boys play as the Black Swans.

It truly was a great season and I am extremely proud to be the President of this great club. I would like to thank all of our committee members for your tireless work and effort this season. It has been a real rewarding season and without your help it wouldn't be possible.

Thank you to all the coaches, managers and volunteers, for all your help and work with the teams and club this season. We really appreciate all of you for making our club great. Thank you to all the families and players for the great season, I have really enjoyed seeing you all having fun playing and watching footy this season. I hope everyone enjoys the off season, and before you know it we will be doing preseason training and we're off again.

Thanks again and all the best,

Luke Beynon

President, 2023



COACHING GROUP

TEAM	COACH	MANAGER
AUSICK U5 & U6	Kenneth Christie Darren MacDuff	Celeste Moya
AUSKICK U7 & U8	Greg Lamrock	
U9	Matt Walter William Balfour Ciaran Toher	Sofia Ettridge
U10	Jarrood Watson	Will Jones
U11	Scott Cheney Nathan Ingle	Edwina Colquhoun Isaac Kuruvilla
U12	Kenneth Christie Jason Rudd	Charlie Michae Sam Chan
U14	Adam Perrott Dan Smith	Melissa Winkler
U17 BLACK SWANS	Richard Stone	David Spence Nat Anagnostopoulos
U!2YG	Simone Faulkner	Samantha Watson
U14YG	David Reddy	Ashley Davis
U16YG	Belinda Layson	Danielle Thomson Ali Mathesan



MAGPIES ACADEMY

The 2023 season was off to a flying start with our pre-season skills bootcamp, Magpies Academy. Attended by over 130 players over 4 weeks in February, it provided an opportunity for new players to come and try AFL in a fun and supportive environment. Experienced players benefited from the skills development and fitness in the lead up to the season.

SWANS VISIT

This year the Sydney Swans made their visits to community clubs and we had Nick Blakey, Isaac Heeney, Tom McCarten and Harry Cunningham spend one hour training and chatting with our players.

HALF TIME AT THE SCG

Our Auskickers were invited to play at half time at both the SCG and Giants Stadium this year. Running out onto the ground in front of sell-out crowds, they had lots of fun and enjoyed the experience.





KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

This book is mainly about each of the teams' on-field achievements, however, there were also many individual achievements throughout the year recognised by the AFL community. This showed the depth of talent and commitment to football within the club.

GRAND FINALISTS

This year we had 3 teams make the grand finals! 12YG, 14YG and 14s. They each had different challenges throughout the year and were very unlucky not to take home the major prize on grand final day. Congratulations to all these players and coaching teams!

AFL SYDNEY JUNIORS BEST & FAIREST AWARDS

Congratulations to Eden (2nd 14YG Div 3), Ludo (3rd U14 Div 3) and Dom (2nd U17 Div 3) who won awards at the Sydney Juniors Award Night

SWANS ACADEMY

We continue to have Wests players thriving in the Sydney Swans Academy; Oliver (U11), Jonty (U12), Beth (14YG), Pippa (14YG) and Sophia (16YG).

This year was an opportunity for new players to try out. Congratulations and good luck to the following players who went through the trials in August; Kingston, Ezra, Matthew, Griffin, Joseph, Isaac, Elijah, Ruby B, Eden, Ruby C, Sabina, Alexandra, Vivienne, Fleur, Ava, Oscar, Asher and Benji.

REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

In March, Ollie (U11), Jonty (U12), Benji (U12), Asher (U12), Marc (U12) and Eddie (U12) were selected to represent their zones at the PSSA Regional Carnival Jonty then made Sydney East Region team and played at the State Carnival. Well done to Beth (U14YG) who has been selected for the Super 24 Swans Academy vs Giants in October.



U5 & U6

Rosie Armstrong
Jeremy Balfour-Chan
Cooper-Woolley Alfie
Marcus El Daghl
Jude Eldahr
Kian Lynn-Black
Seamus MacDuff
Aiden Maguire
Claire Maguire
Hugo Nestoras
Reina Williams
Toby Wright
Ash Christie
Penelope Kuhn
Heidi Morrison
Remi Newkirk
Michael Nixon
Ethan Toubia

U7 & U8

Saxon Gilkes
Jack Maguire
Hamish McFadzean
Lachlan Ritchie
Eleanor Wade
Django Wakeford
Odette Bartlett
Hiranya Bhatt
Dylan Brown
Milo Bryant-Smith
Tyler Byron
Connor Carroll
Lewis Christoforidis
James Cotton
Jeremy De Brouwer
David Ettridge
Adina Gillis
Georgia Gillis
Marcus Hough
Emelie Klahn
Connor Lamrock
Sebastian Latimer
Harrison McCormack
Augustus McGhee
Newlands Madelyn
Joey Nicolas
Matthew Partlin
Steven Pooley
Williams Schwarz



WESTERN SUBURBS U9

Matt, Will and I took over the coaching after the first few games and soon realised that we had the bare minimum players for most games, but the players we had never lacked effort and determination.

A lot of our first training sessions consisted of basic ball skills to work out where each players skill level was at and then determine what the spine of our team was going to look like. As the season went on (after quite a few tough losses), we started to pick up a few more players and soon consistency started to show through, players were now finding space and making better decisions with the ball, we soon had our first win for the season. Now that our team had gelled, the season got better and better.

This bunch of U9s were an absolute joy to coach. Our focus for next year is ball skills, and sticking to positions – to be able to move the ball more freely though the field. This team will do great things if they stay together.

I would like to thank Matt, Will and Melanie, it was a huge joint effort. We hope the kids and parents had a lot of fun – see you next year! Ciaran (Coach)



U9

BEST & FAIREST

Tobias Williams

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Sean Toher

MOST CONSISTENT

William Schwarz

RISING STAR

Julian Sundstrom

COACH'S AWARD

Jesse Balfour-Chan

Katerina Anthony

Eliza Argent

Vincent Becci

Hayley Ettridge

Asher Kvasnicka

Archer Walter



WESTERN SUBURBS U10

We started light on numbers and it didn't help losing Patrick to a broken wrist 10 minutes before the 1st bounce. The team gelled over those early games where 7 - 8 players was the norm. They always battled hard and stayed in the fight in true Wests' fashion.

Numbers improved as the season progressed and so did the teams' skills. In attack, we focused on moving the ball to players in better position either by hand or foot. In defense, it was pressuring the opposition which the team applied exceptionally in each game.

I'd like to thank Will Jones for managing and taking care of the admin. I would also like to thank Adam Hudson for helping train the team when I was out due to work.

All in all, it was a pleasure to coach the team. They listened, executed and (hopefully) enjoyed most training and games. This group has the makings of a great team if we all stick with it.



U10

BEST & FAIREST

Harvey Christoforidis

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Cameron Tarrant

MOST CONSISTENT

Oscar Wise

RISING STAR

Jude Hudson

Louis Khong

Teddy Jones

Myles Hudson

Felix Pearson

Lachlan Latimer

Marko Radmanovic

Emilia Sundstrom

Silas Maddock

Patrick Watson



WESTERN SUBURBS U11

The U11 team had a flying start to their 2023 campaign and their first year of competitive football, benefiting from the experience of our veterans who have played together for many seasons and an injection of new talent with rookies Joe, Max and Athens joining the team. A series of convincing wins early in the season resulted in the team being promoted to Div 1 by the AFL.

After a tough couple of initial games in Div 1, where the football was faster and more competitive, the team rose to the challenge by increasing their efforts in training to develop their skills and fitness. Applying learnings from a couple of initial losses, the team were competitive in all their games and also had some gutsy wins through whole team efforts. Parents and supporters were constantly impressed by their resilience and never give up attitude against the seasoned and bigger teams. We were so proud of their season and their eventual 5th place on the ladder in Div 1.

Thank you to Asher, Benji and Ewen (and their parents!) from the U12s who played with us to boost numbers and were integral to the team's performance and success. Finally, an AFL team really does take a village! Thank you to the many parents who took on roles at home games and in particular Pete, Simon, Isaac and Dan who stepped in to help at training and as game day runners and managers.



U11

BEST & FAIREST

Oliver Cheney

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Ezra Kuhn

MOST CONSISTENT

Kingston Lish

RISING STAR

Griffin Botfield

COACH'S AWARD

Matthew Donovan

Peter Barlow

Edward Foot

Max Foale

Isaac Gillis

Joseph Hallas

Jai Ingle

Elijah Kuruvilla

Noah Koeck

Hamish Morrison

Athens Peridis

Hugh Lloyd Shepherd

Jaxson Vest



WESTERN SUBURBS U12

The U12 boys found themselves in Div 1 at the start of the 2023 season following our amazing undefeated premiership in 2022.

Sydney wide Div 1 was incredibly tough with a big step up in skills and effort. It was a hard transition but the team always tried their best and displayed great sportsmanship. After Round 5, we were moved to Div 2 and the games became much more competitive.

We fought hard for our wins and our losses hurt. It has been a tough year for our team, but the kids all tried their hardest and never gave up. Looking forward to 2024 and getting back out on the field.



U12

BEST & FAIREST

Oscar Rudd

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Jonty Chan

MOST CONSISTENT

Ethan Lamrock

RISING STAR

Hervey Drew

COACH'S AWARD

Gus Siberry

Henry Akle

Asher Beheram

Benji Beheram

Lucas Brailey

Marc Burrows

Fox Christie

Edgar Christoforidis

Rohan Cox

Lewis Grant

Ethan Kelly

Alvaro Kubilius

Samuel Lebler

Alexander Michael

Joseph O'Neil

Ewen Reynalds

Dusty Robertson

Elliot Wise

Michael Youssif



WESTERN SUBURBS U12YG

What a successful year for our youngest youth girls side! From the beginning we didn't know how the season would turn out for us as we had 12 girls, two playing up because there was no 10YG side. By the end of the season there were 14 strong and talented players who gelled together so well, six who had never played AFL before.

We were disrupted early due to wet weather that forced the cancellation of two of our matches. We also had a bye early so by the end of the 15-season match, we'd only played 12 games, and that put us at a disadvantage. Thankfully we edged into the top four due to a strong end of season, beating Newtown in first place, and being very competitive against Cronulla in second.

Thank you to our new players who got better the more they played; Rose, Ruby, Emily, Grace, Lesa and Leah. They put in so much effort at training to learn the skills to ensure they improved and fit in with the team. While we had no captains, our stalwarts took charge and it was great to have them back and playing in the team. We could not have got to the grand final without the support of our amazing parent group. In addition to our manager Sam, every week parents stepped up to run, goal umpire, barbeque or cheer from the sideline.



U12YG

BEST & FAIREST

Rose Harper

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Ava Watson

MOST CONSISTENT

Ruby Cameron

RISING STAR

Grace Carty

COACH'S AWARD

Mae Pope

Lesa Ahmed

Leah Daly

Olivia Etuk

Alexandra Faulkner

Tabitha Grogan

Emily Kaprot

Vivienne Janzer-Parker

Kristina Radmanovic

Fleur Taylor



WESTERN SUBURBS U14

What a fantastic year for the U14 Div 3 boys! We made it to the final game, but it wasn't to be when facing off against our strongest opponent, Easts. We had a wonderful group of kids with a strong cohort of younger kids joining us and the return of some familiar faces in Nik and Will with Lachie traveling the globe to be part of the mighty Wests team. The usual names showed us their best throughout the year with Tass, Danny, Dru, Eddie and Cooper pivotal in every game and it was wonderful to see the growth from the likes of Aidan, Arlo, Kobe and Liam who seemed to get better with every game.

Once the mid-season 'cut' passed and we settled into the Div 3 red competition there was no stopping us. The boys were able to get plenty of game time in various positions with the opportunity to apply the 60-point rule in a number of games.

Some stand out moments of the year occurred for some of our forwards who were able to really turn it on; Frankie's two goal game, Nick J's three goal haul and Tass's 50m goal (yes in the U14's!). The other highlight, of course, was Ludo's 3rd place in the league's best and fairest! It was a year when the kids started to take on leadership roles and it was fantastic to see Ludo, Cooper and Danny rotating in captaincy role with such conviction, whilst the underground leaders of Jakey and Kaspar kept team moral high, win, lose or draw.

When our much-loved coach, Adam Perrott, announced his retirement mid-year, we began the transition to cushion the blow as much as possible. Adam has been the driving factor behind this group of kids and many of them don't know what a game of AFL would be like without Adam in the coaching seat. We wish Adam well and thank him for everything he has done for the team and boys' development over the past 10 years.

Finally, a big thanks to Mel Winkler, Andrew Simpson and all the parents who helped out through the year. It was a great year, and we can't wait to get back into it for 2024! Go Wests!

U14

BEST & FAIREST

Daniel Liberatore

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Eddie Smith

MOST CONSISTENT

Tass Sakogiannis

RISING STAR

Nikolaos Georgakis

COACH'S AWARD

Ludo Golding-Szyma

Cooper Chan

Elijah Gillis

Liam Gow

Jack Croymans

Nicholas Gebara

Patrick Grant

Aiden Harris

Peter Iliopoulos

Nicholas Jankoski

Lachlan Maddock

Neil Mulcahy

Jack Perrott

Arlo Simpson

William Sheldrick

George Sonkol

-Mourtzakis

Jake Thomas

Frankie Trunzo

Kobe Webb

Dru Whitfield

Kaspar Winkler



WESTERN SUBURBS U14YG

The season started somewhat slowly, as did all our opening quarters, as we integrated a number of new players. The benefit of having 20 players compared to 12 last season soon began to pay dividends and our depth of quality across the park saw us string 5 consecutive wins mid-season to finish top of the table going into finals.

The night victory against Canada Bay early on showed the team we were up to the level and pulsating wins against Newtown and Easts proved we had our fair share of pride in the Wests jersey.

At times, Beth's rebound off half back was imperious and Eden's goals from midfield proved match winning as we suffered multiple injuries through the forward line. Ruby and Pippa's searing pace were vital going both ways, while Sabina and Ivy's tackling defied their stature time and time again. Break out seasons from Holly, Freya, Lila, Lola and Grace K added the depth needed to go deep in all our games, while Grace H warmed quickly to her ruck craft to dominate the hit outs. Charlotte was possibly the find of the season with her ground ball tenacity and first goals for Ella and Liz helped share the load up front. Jemima was undoubtedly the best key defender in the comp and 17 goals across Olive, Abigail and Naoise proved the difference in some low scoring affairs.

Special mention to the U12s who played up so seamlessly and the parent helpers/photographers who supported their club throughout. The spirit amongst the players and on the sidelines was there for all to see this season. We look forward to a successful final series, then resting and regrouping in the new year to go again at yet another flag for the mighty, mighty Wests.

U14YG

BEST & FAIREST

Elizabeth Coughlin

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Pippa Lloyd Shepherd

MOST CONSISTENT

Eden Davis

RISING STAR

Charlotte Rudd

COACH'S AWARD

Jemima Morrison

Ruby Beynon

Grace Kuman

Ivy Cheney

Naoise Lynn-Black

Abigail Costa

Phoebe Maddock

Freya Gordon

Holly Moore

Grace Harper

Lila O'Keeffe

Lola Jablonski

Elizabeth Spence

Ella Kerr

Sabina Williams

Olive Kuhn



WESTERN SUBURBS U16YG

What a great season the U16 Girls had! Under the enthusiastic and talented coaches of Lacey and Bec, the team performed well in the 2023 season making it to the finals only to be pipped at the post in the last 10 seconds against the Lane Cove Cats. We really enjoyed some magical moments and some skillful footy. The team showed grit and determination, often after a warm-up quarter!

The season proved to be long and very tough, as the weeks ticked away we picked up a number of injuries, some minor and the girls pushed through to continue playing, some more serious resulting in seasons being cut too short. However, this did not stop the girls from cheering their teammates from the bench. They welcomed new and returning players during the season and always displayed kindness, maturity and great teamwork. They are truly a great bunch of sassy teens, and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you to the amazing coaches, players and to all the parents and families for supporting the team. Special thanks to those who, week after week, volunteered to ensure the game could go ahead without a hitch. Managers extraordinaire, Ali Matheson and Dani Thomson again supported the team with their passion and superb organisation skills. Thank you to Dani, Ali, Lacey and Bec and our volunteers for all your dedication and commitment.

U16YG

BEST & FAIREST

Sophia Gaukrodger

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Sophie Kilburn

MOST CONSISTENT

Yvelyn Whitfield

RISING STAR

Evelyn Bowen

COACH'S AWARD

Skylah Webb

Lorelai Becci

Rosalie Becci

Nika Burlutskaya

Riley Cullen

Sienna Dodd

Sienna Du

Stella Georgakis

Amelie Haigh

Kyana Kelly

Lola Manzi

Aaron Marquarding

Katie Matheson

Lucie McCutcheon

Grace McMahon

Ava Rabbitte

Hannah Reitzen

Arianna Theivendram

Sophie Thompson



U17 BLACK SWANS

In 2023, Wests U17s formed a joint venture with Newtown to take on the U17 Div 3 competition as the Black Swans. The team jelled very quickly - a testament to the teamwork and spirit of the boys, and to the quality and good faith of both clubs - and played highly competitive footy from the first week. Dom Yarwood from Newtown was appointed captain and led from the front in the ruck (coming third in the AFL BandF for the whole of the Div 3 competition), while getting excellent support and leadership-by-example from his teammates.

The team's DNA was tough, contested footy - with emphasis on a strong defence to restrict opposition scoring, and then trying to counter with speed and change of angles through a dynamic mid-field/wings and into a creative, open forward line. As coach, I am immensely proud that I think we played as hard, committed footy as any team in the competition all the way through the season. Unfortunately, however, the combination of a large number of key injuries in the middle of the season and just plain bad luck meant that we ended up losing a lot of games by very close margins, and so just missed out on finals. But we showed huge promise - the side had many under-age players (U15 or U16) who had outstanding seasons, complementing the strength and quality of the senior cohort - and many of the team also got a taste of senior footy by helping out the Wests U19s very successfully in several games (hopefully the beginning of a longer association with Wests Seniors for many of the boys!).

It was fitting, therefore, that the season ended on a high note with a last-minute goal in the final game to win a nail-biter against our good mates in the Newtown Red Swans (the other Div 3 team in the JV, who later went within 7 points of beating the eventual premiers in a preliminary final, showing just how good and competitive our best footy could be in the Black Swans).

Thanks to Natalie Anagnostopoulos for her tireless efforts as manager, and congratulations to all the boys on an excellent season, and to the true-age U17 boys on terrific careers in junior footy with the best club in Sydney. Go Wests!

U17 BLACK SWANS

BEST & FAIREST

Lian Anagnostopoulos

BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP

Dominic Yarwood

MOST CONSISTENT

Xavier Janzer-Parker

RISING STAR

Lachlan McGeary

COACH'S AWARD

Andre Vechi

Max Armiger

Joshua Biro

Fletcher Covery

Max Dunn

Odin Farry

Ziggy Golding-Szyma

Xavier Janzer-Parker

Charlie McKeown

Lloyd Nosworthy

Atticus McShane

Magnus O'Bryan

Mitchell Rudman

Hoang Nam Pham

Andrew Stone

Hermann Winkler

Thomas Schinazzi



GRADUATING PLAYERS

Andrew Stone

Ziggy Golding-Zyma

Hoang Nam Pham

Lloyd Nosworthy

Thomas Schinazzi

Kane Arriagada





CLUB AWARDS



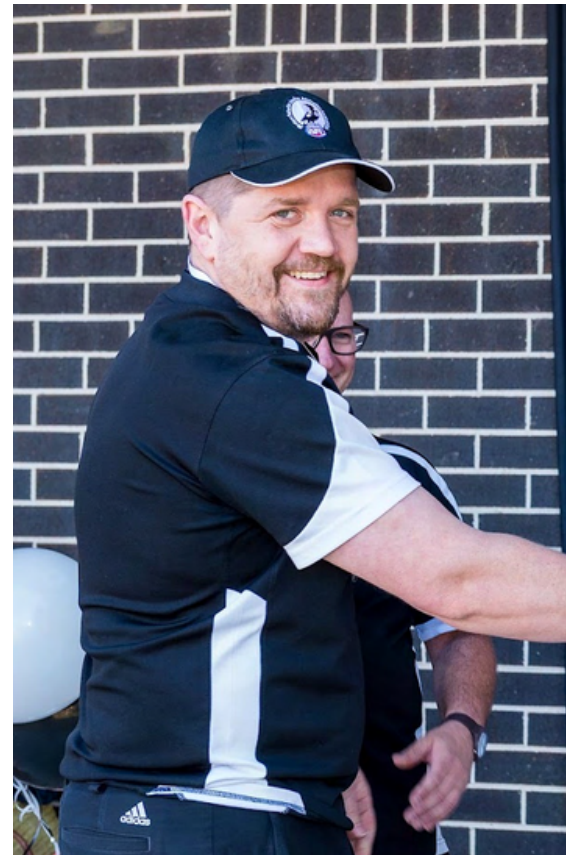
SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION
Sophia Gaukrodger U16YG



**SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION
RUNNER UP**
Elizabeth Coughlin U14YG



JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION
Oliver Cheney U11



CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR
Ken Christie

ALL STAR TEAM

NAME	AGE GROUP
Tobias Williams	U9
Sean Toher	U9
Harvey Christoforidis	U10
Oscar Wise	U10
Asher Beheram	U11
Benji Beheram	U11
Henry Akle	U12
Marc Burrows	U12
Rose Harper	U12YG
Vivienne Janzer-Parker	U12YG
Cooper Chan	U14
William Sheldrick	U14
Ruby Beynon	U14YG
Freya Gordon	U14YG
Sophie Thomson	U16YG
Grace McMahan	U16YG
Max Armiger	U17
Hoang Nam Pham	U17

MILESTONES

50 GAMES

Oliver Cheney

Oscar Rudd

Alexandra Faulkner

Ava Watson

Nikolaos Georgakis

Tass Sakogiannis

Kaspar Winkler

Arlo Simpson

Elijah Gillis

Eden Davis

Arianna Theivendram

Sienna Du

Skylah Webb

Grace McMahon

Sophie Kilburn

Kane Arrigada

100 GAMES

Lian Anagnostopoulos

Andrew Stone

Hermann Winkler

Lloyd Nosworthy



2023 COMMITTEE

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If you would like to help out and join the committee, please speak to a committee member soon.

THANK YOU

to our parents, players and volunteers for an unforgettable 2023 season.

See you back at Wagener in 2024!



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