

# Fire players selected into Queensland State Teams

This week nine Fire Under 13 Girls and Under 15 Girls players were selected in their respective Queensland State Teams.

This is a great achievement for all the players and an excellent reflection on the junior program at our Club. In total, more than 30 Fire players across the boy's and girl's programs have been selected to trial for State Teams.

Aimee Scott, Hannah Taylor, Jazlyn Salih and Melissa Taft were selected into the Under 13 Girls Queensland State Team, while Meisha Westland was named as a shadow player. Aqua Meanie, Kirsty Clifford, Lisa van Hooijdonk and Michelle le Roux were selected into the Under 15 Girls Queensland State Team.

Sunshine Coast Fire Technical Director Kevin A'herne-Evans said this was a terrific achievement for these young aspiring footballers.

"These girls have worked hard both in training and on the pitch and their selection is a reward for this effort," he said.

"Congratulations also to Coaches Tom White and Jarrod Rodios and Assistant Coach Samara Christmas; the dedication of our coaches and their hard work with the teams are what make our youth development program successful."



Four players from the Fire Under 15 Girls Team (pictured) have been selected into the Queensland State Team. (Photo courtesy of Andrea Warren)

"In conversation with Football Queensland we know that selectors are still observing a number of players in these age groups so there could potentially be more girls selected into the Queensland State Team."

Aimee, Hannah, Jazlyn, Melissa, Aqua, Kirsty, Lisa and Michelle will now start training twice a week with the Queensland State Team ahead of the National Championships which will be held in July.

# 2014 NPL Season Ladders

First team: eighth on the ladder with 12 goals for, 17 against and 9 points.

**Open Women's Team:** sixth on the ladder with 14 goals for, 16 against and 12 points.

Youth Men's Team: 7th on the ladder with 21 goals for, 17 against and 10 points.

**Under 18 Boys:** .third on the ladder with 27 goals for, 15 against and 15 points.

**Under 16 Boys:** second on the ladder with 23 goals for, 5 against and 14 points.

Under 15 Girls: second on the ladder with 30 goals

for, 10 against and 19 points.

**Under 15 Boys:** fourth on the ladder with 45 goals for, 18 against and 15 points.

**Under 14 Boys:** third on the ladder with 30 goals for, 10 against and 16 points.

Under 13 Girls: .third the ladder with 46 goals for, 4 against and 15 points

**Under 13 Boys:** third on the ladder with 18 goals for, 10 against and 14 points.

**Under 12 Boys:** fifth on the ladder with 37 goals for, 12 against and 10 points.



# Thank you South's Strikers Under 10s

A big thank you to the SCCSA South Strikers Under 10s Team, who put on a great display of football in their six-a-side game before the Fire First Team took to the field on Sunday. The South Strikers players were also excellent ball-boys throughout the game. Well done and thank you!

## **ALL FEES PAYMENT PLANS NOW DUE**

Could all parents/guardians who have entered into a payment plan or have an outstanding fees invoice attend urgently to the outstanding balances.

All plans/payments were to conclude by April 30 we note however that the Club has a significant fees balance outstanding. The non-payment of fees places stress on Club operations. We thank those persons who have completed their plans for their co-operation.





# Fire players invited to trial in the UK

Congratulations to Cameron Nairn and Adam Edgar, both from the Fire Under 16 Boys, who have both been invited to trial with teams in the UK over the past few weeks. Both boys said it was a great experience. Keep an eye out for a full story on the boys' trials in upcoming newsletters.

# Spotlight on Jarrod Rodios Under 15 Girls Coach

## How did you become involved in football?

Living with my Pop (a rugby league man oddly enough!) got me into football. He had me supporting his team, Manchester United, from as early as I can remember. I fell in love with the game, joined my local club at the age of 7 and now to this day football is still the biggest part of my life!



## Which team is your favourite?

Manchester United and Adelaide United.

## Who was your favourite player growing up?

David Beckham of course! I played the same position as him, wore the boots he did and even tried to get the Mohawk hair cut like he did (it suited him better)!

## And your favourite current player?

I don't really have a out-and-out favourite player anymore, but I enjoy watching Marco Reus play for BVB and Juan Mata from Manchester United.

## Which teams have you played/coached for?

I've played for Bosco United (N.S.W) and in QLD I've played for Buderim and Caloundra.

I have coached PLC School Open Girls team, PLC soccer U10/11/12/14's, Sunshine Coast Churches Rep U12 Boys and U16 Girls and Assistant Coached U16 Sunshine Coast Fire Boys last year.

## What's been your best football moment?

My best football moment is hard to split between winning the Grand Final with Buderim and when John Aloisi scored the penalty to send Australia through to the to the World Cup. I screamed louder then a 12-year-old-girl at a One Direction concert when Aloisi slotted that penalty!

## And best coaching moment?

My best coaching moment would be when my U14/15s team won the U17s league undefeated and the Grand Final.

## What do you enjoy about coaching?

I enjoy the teamwork side of it, seeing a group of individuals under your guidance develop into a cohesive team unit on the pitch. It's a great feeling working on specific things at training and seeing them show in the games. I also love seeing players not only become better technically and improve their tactical knowledge but also grow as people.

## You are coaching the Under 15 girls this year, how have they been shaping up?

The girls are shaping up well so far this year. Although going through a recent rough patch, they still sit second and continue to stay true to themselves and style of football we are aiming to achieve this year. I set the girls the challenge of implementing a more possession based style of football this year and they jumped on board eager and willing to learn and improve themselves and as footballers and learn more about the game tactically. It's been a pleasure coaching the girls so far and the fact that they will no longer just say "we didn't play well today" and are now able to pinpoint tactically what went wrong in different phases of play is extremely rewarding from a coaches point of view!







Kirsty Clifford in the Open Women's Team game on April 13 at Stockland Stadium.



# A word from the Technical Director

With Kevin A'herne-Evans

This time of year in our program is always an exciting period; the time when a number of players are selected to trial for QLD State Teams.

The standard set by last year's selections was always going to be tough to match, however we are delighted to have had over 30 of our players given the

opportunity this year. This has come through the hard work and dedication of the players, parents and coaches.



It is also an exciting time for players in the U16 age bracket as teams across Europe are actively recruiting players to be selected for their Youth Scholarship scheme. I am pleased to announce that there has been contact between a number of Clubs predominantly in the UK and ourselves in regards to players who have the characteristics they are seeking. With pre-season training taking place in just over 8 weeks I'd expect maybe a handful of players possibly getting an opportunity to test themselves in this environment soon.

I am also pleased to announce that over the past four weeks we have been busy consulting with Brisbane Roar technical staff, as they are very mindful of the players coming through our system in both the boy's and girl's programs.

What is pleasing from a personal perspective is the praise we are receiving as a Club from well-respected people about our First Team.

This may come to a surprise with us currently languishing 8th on the ladder, however the praise has been directed at our focus on developing and bringing though our younger players. Last week in the games against Caloundra and North Queensland Heat we had no less than nine teenagers involved, and whilst we lost both games, I am relatively content with the progression in some of the young players. Take Brock Messenger for example, an 18-year-old young man that in my opinion has been the most consistent full back in the competition, relishing every battle placed in front of him.

People who genuinely want to see progression of young players in our region are now seeing that unfold.

Finally I hope you all enjoy supporting Brisbane Roar or the West Sydney Wanderers this weekend, it should be a great game with an atmosphere to match. If they can live up to the finals we have seen in Suncorp over the past few years then we are in for a cracker. Roar 1-0 Brattan the unlikely goal scorer.

# Player Spotlight

Ty Dawson plays centre forward/ striker for the Under 15 Boys team coached by Daniel Carew. Ty has previously played for Maroochydore FC before coming to the Fire. His favourite club is Mooloolah Valley and he lists fellow U15 Boys player Reis Hanton as his

favourite player. Ty's



Ty Dawson Centre Forward/Striker Under 15 Boys

best football moment has been scoring from a corner, and his worst has been thinking the ref called hand-ball and picking up the ball. This year he is looking forward to playing against Olympic. Ty's ambitions in football this year are to train hard and be rewarded on the pitch. His ultimate aim is to score as many goals as he can.

# Carmel Murphy-Pollard

# **Player Spotlight**

Abbey-Rae plays left wing/right back for the Under 15 Girls team coached by Jarrod Rodios. She has previously played for the Narangba Strikers and her favourite player is Demba Ba, while her favourite team is Newcastle United. Abbey-Rae says her best football moment has been watching Tim Krul's saves against Tottenham. Her worst football moment has been scoring an own goal. This season Abbey-Rae is looking forward to playing against Central Brisbane. She lists



Abbey-Rae McMullen Left winger/right back Under 15 Girls

fellow U15 Girls player Madi Warren as her football inspiration as she has amazing foot-skills. Abbey-Rae's ambition in football this year is to do her best in every game and score some goals.

# How well do you know your NPL teams?

Each week there will be nine questions to test your knowledge of the Queensland NPL teams.

- 1. Which NPL team was knocked out of the FQ Cup on Tuesday, April 29, and which team beat them?
- Which NPL First team secured its first win of the season on Saturday, April 26?
- 3. Which Club's colours are orange and black?
- 4. Which A-League team NPL player Matt Mundy play for?
- 5. Which NPL team does he play for now?
- 6. Which goal keeper conceded the least goals in the 2013 NPL season?
- 7. Which BPL team did the Strikers play in the FQ Cup?
- 8. Which team calls Endeavour Park their home ground?
- 9. Which First team is sitting on 16 points after Round 8 of the NPL?



# Fire players participate in Roar training session



Fire players Jack Williams (U11 Elite Academy) and Oli Williams (U13s) were lucky enough to get an insight into what it's like to be a Roar player recently.

Jack and Oli, long with 15 others, were invited by Coca Cola to watch the Roar train and have breakfast with the team.

The boys had a great time and relished the opportunity to meet players such as Matt Smith, Matt McKay and Besart Berisha (pictured, left, with Jack and Oli).

# SCFC Fire Ticketing Policy for Stockland Stadium

The following is an outline of SCFC's ticketing policy for Stadium home game days:

Regular pricing: Adults: \$11.00

Concession/Student card holder: \$6:00 Children 12 years and under: Free

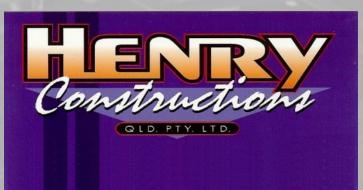
When there are junior games (Under 12s to Under 16s) held at Stockland Stadium, SCFC will provide ONE complementary ticket per player for a parent or guardian to attend the game. Further, SCFC will have an early arrival promotional ticket which will be \$6.00 for all adults up until 12:00pm. Regular pricing will recommence after 12:00pm.

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When there are only senior team games held at Stockland Stadium (Under 18s, Youth Men's, Senior Men and Senior Women) there will be no promotional ticket and regular pricing will be implemented all day. It is Sunshine Coast FC's policy to allocate each junior team at least one game on the Stockland Stadium pitch during the season, as we believe it is a great experience for the young players. Please be aware of the ticketing policy when your child is playing at Stockland Stadium.



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# How well do you know your NPL teams? Last Newsletter's Answers:

- Which NPL team will take on Willowburn FC in the FFA Cup Round on April 15? South West Queensland Thunder
- 2. Which team had a senior squad in the 2013 NPL but now only has junior squads? **QAS**
- 3. Which local Club will the Fire play in the upcoming FFA Cup Round? **Caloundra FC**
- Which team does current senior men's leading goal scorer Royce Brownlie play for? Moreton Bay Jets
- Which A-League Club did Royce formerly play for?
   Wellington Phoenix
- 6. Which three teams are currently tied on points for the top of the senior men's NPL ladder (as of Round 5)? Sunshine Coast Fire, Brisbane City and Redlands United.
- Which team's home ground is Townsville Sporting Complex? Northern Fury
- 8. Which senior men's team's colours are black shorts, black socks and black shirt with yellow patch on the back and front? Harimua Muda "A"
- Which team does forward Reuben Way play for?Olympic

