

Sunshine Coast FC Newsletter



Latest Sunshine Coast FC news updates

Congratulations to the Fire Under 18 Boys, who have won the Premiership for their age division. This team has overcome many challenges throughout the season and the Club is extremely proud of their determination and effort.

In other news, we have finalised the dates for the 2014 NPL trials. Current NPL and Academy players will be required to attend the second week of trials if they wish to trial for next year's Under 12 Boys, Under 13 Boys, Under 12/13 Girls, Under 14 Boys, Under 14/15 Girls, Under 16 Boys and Under 16/17 Girls squads. The second week of trials will be held on Tuesday the 15th, Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th of October at Western Fields 1,2 and 3. If you wish to trial please send an expression of interest with your name and the team you wish to trial for via email to admin@sunshinecoastfc.com.au. More information about coaches for next year and further information on the trials will be released soon.

As the season nears an end for our Junior teams, we would like to extend a big thank you to all the players for their dedication and hard work both in training and on the pitch throughout the season. You have represented the Club extremely well. A huge thank you must also go to the volunteers and supporters who have helped the season run smoothly, and also to the parents who have put in countless hours supporting our young players.

Player Spotlight

Mitch Bridge plays as a central midfielder in the Under 13 Boys team. His favourite club is Manchester United and his favourite players is Steven Gerrard because of his goal-scoring ability.



Mitch has previously played for the Johnstone River Crocs and Woombye. His favourite football moment so far has been winning a Grand Final with a free-kick and his worst moment was losing the Grand Final the year before. This year Mitch has been working on shooting and scoring, and has now been selected as a shadow player for the Under 13 Boys Metro Squad. His ultimate aim is to become a professional footballer.

NPL ladder positions:

Here are the Fire teams' the ladder with 47 goals positions on the ladders: for, 18 against and 36 points.

First Team: third on the ladder with 61 goals for, 22 against and 46 points.

Under 14 Boys: Fourth on the ladder with 54 points for, 20 against and 33 points.

Under 14 Girls: second on the ladder with 88 goals for,

Under 18 Boys: First on the ladder with 53 goals for, 34 against and 43.

Under 18 Girls: second on the ladder with 62 goals for, 26 against and 45 points.

Under 13 Boys: sixth on the ladder with 46 goals for, 32 against and 27 points.

Under 16 Boys: sixth on the ladder with 39 goals for, 34 against and 18 points.

Under 12 Boys: third on the ladder with 68 goals for, 19 against and 36 points.

Under 15 Boys: third on the ladder with 47 goals for, 18 against and 36 points.

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Academy news update

We are now more than half way through Academy Term Three, and trials for next year's NPL teams are fast approaching.

Academy players who wish to trial are encouraged to do so during the second week of trials on Tuesday the 15th, Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th of October at Stockland Park. Academy players will need to inform us via email if they wish to trial. Emails can be sent to admin@sunshinecoastfc.com.au.

Players born in 2002 and above will be eligible to trial in their relevant age-groups. Trials will be held for the Under 12 Boys, Under 13 Boys, Under 12/13 Girls, Under 14 Boys, Under 15 /16 Girls, Under 15 Boys, Under 16 Boys and Under 16/17 Girls.



Under 13 Boys at Stockland Stadium.

Footballer's quiz

1. Name the two players who have scored a hat-trick for the Fire first team this season.
Champion's League? **Rafa Benitez.**
2. Name the four teams in the First Team finals series this season.
2. Who is Manchester United's leading goal scorer of all time? **Bobby Charlton, who scored 249 goals in 758 games between 1956 and 1973.**
3. Who is the current longest serving manager in the EPL?
3. What do Paul Arnison, Steven Gerard and Frank Lampard have in common? **They all play in number eight jerseys.**
4. In which year did Steven Gerrard first captain England?
4. Who scored the All-Stars' goal against Manchester United? **Besart Berisha.**
5. Which three players have been the Sunshine Coast Fire's Golden Boot winners?
5. Which Fire first teamer is also in Kawana's "greatest ever team"? **Defender Ryan Smith.**

Last fortnight's answers:

1. Who was Liverpool's manager when they won the

Scholarship opportunity for young Fire footballers

Sunshine Coast FC, in partnership with Peregian Beach College, is pleased to announce the new Elite Player Scholarship program, to provide young footballers with the unique opportunity to gain quality football development along with quality education.

Managing Director Noel Woodall announced the new program on Thursday, August 1, and said it was designed to offer the best opportunities for gifted young footballers both academically and on the field.

"At Sunshine Coast FC, we want to provide an opportunity for young players in terms of football development, however we also understand the importance of education," Mr Woodall said.

"If we can provide quality education and quality football development, we can give deserving young players on the Sunshine Coast a chance of real success."

The scholarship program will provide successful

applicants with payment of tuition fees at Peregian Beach College, and for participation in a Sunshine Coast FC elite team competing in the National Premier Leagues. The initial time-frame for the scholarships is two to three years, with the possibility of extension if players should continue to meet scholarship standards.

The value of the scholarships awarded could reach in the order of \$500,000 in the first two years of operation.

Footballers aged 12 to 16, in school years seven through to 11 are encouraged to apply for the Elite Player Scholarships. The scholarships will commence in the 2014 academic year and football season.

Both boys and girls are eligible to apply for the Scholarships and further details can be obtained by emailing an expression of interest to

admin@sunshinecoastfc.com.au by September 30.

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Fire First Team in finals

The Fire First Team is placed third on the ladder heading in to the 2013 finals. The Fire will play Brisbane City in the semi-final at 7:00pm on Saturday, August 31 at Spencer Park. GO THE FIRE!



Under 14 girls player Lissa Taft.

Fire Under 18 Boys win the Premiership

After a season of challenges, the Fire Under 18 Boys secured the inaugural NPL U18s Premiership in a tense match against in-form SWQ Thunder.

Coach Paul Arnison kept preparation for the match low-key so as to minimise the pressure on the team, but said the boys had a few nerves at the start of the game.

“The tension showed in our game (during the first half) ... we kept missing chance after chance, picking the wrong option – I think it was nerves and the importance of the game.”

The Fire went in to half-time drawing nil all, and Arnison knew the half-time team talk would play an important role in calming the nerves.

“I told them, ‘we just need to keep passing the ball simply and move. Once we get one goal we know we will get four or five.’”

The Fire returned to the pitch with conviction and Captain Steven Lawrance soon opened the scoring with a great solo effort; he picked up the ball at the half way line and drove forward to beat five defenders and slot in a goal.

“You could see how much that goal meant to the boys, they started to relax into the game,” Arnison said.

The Fire soon doubled its tally as Brandon Lee put home a ‘wonder’ goal, picking up the ball on the left-hand corner of the box, beating two players and rocketing a shot to bend past a defender and the goalkeeper into the top corner of the net.

Josh Ives beat the Thunder defenders to score from a tight angle, giving the Fire a comfortable 3-0 lead.

‘Goal machine’ Aiden Little sealed the Fire’s win after some great work on the wing from Ryan McMaster.

Arnison said he could not be more proud of the hard work his team had put in throughout the season, including those players who had left earlier in the season; Jack Johnson, Luke Maclean and Elliot Marsay (who will be returning for the finals).

Sunshine Coast FC Technical Director Kevin A’herne Evans said securing the Premiership was a great achievement.

“This team has worked through challenges throughout the season, and winning the Premiership has been a reward for all the effort they have put in,” he said.

“Coach Paul Arnison and the players can be extremely proud of the dedication they have shown in their first season.”

The Under 18s will now continue training ahead of the finals.



Under 18 Boys captain Steven Lawrance.