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**F**ormed on 26 February 1970, and admitted into the Central Coast Soccer Association (CCSA) a month later, the Wyoming Soccer (now Football) Club has grown to become a hallmark club on the New South Wales Central Coast with an outstanding list of achievements.

The rise of the club from the mid-1970s onwards was quite remarkable, although it must be said that the influx of young families from Sydney to the Narara and Wyoming areas contributed substantially to the club's expansion. Nevertheless, much of the credit must go to the coaches and parents who persevered during those first few years when Wyoming was the newest and smallest club on the Coast, and when their teams were regularly on the wrong end of double figure scorelines.

Wyoming was not the first soccer club to represent the area. It effectively replaced the ailing Narara-Wyoming Soccer Club which had played (in black and white quartered shirts) at Alan Davidson Park since the mid-1960s.

Although a moderately successful junior club in its time, Narara-Wyoming's main claim to fame lay in the fact that, in 1967, they won the senior (all-age) premiership at their first attempt, defeating Wyong 7-6 (and not a penalty-shootout) in what must have been a remarkable grand final. By 1970, however, Narara-Wyoming had all but folded, and that year only one team (U14) represented the club for the last time.

The new Wyoming club had its origins at a Sunday afternoon meeting held at Alan Davidson Park in Renwick Street, Wyoming attended by a number of parents previously connected with the old club, together with other interested parents. With the blessing of the Central Coast Soccer Association (CCSA) a public notice (below) was issued inviting the parents of prospective players (boys only!) to attend a further meeting at the Wyoming Progress Hall in Ronald Avenue. The inaugural meeting of the Wyoming Soccer Club then took place on 26 February 1970 at the home of Laurie O'Malley, subsequently to become the new club's treasurer. The club's yellow and black colours, and tiger logo, were decided after consultation with John Jury from the CCSA.

About 20 interested parents attended and over the following weeks they were able to round up sufficient numbers to field five junior teams in the 1970 CCSA competition: two U7s, one U8 and one U9, all in their respective 'B' grade competitions and one U11 in the sole 'A' grade competition in that age group. The club's colours were, as they are now, yellow and black, although the shirts then were yellow with narrow black vertical stripes.

The format for junior soccer in those early years was that all teams, from U6 upwards, played competition soccer - eleven a side, on full sized fields and with semi-finals, finals and grand finals. The first move towards the present day non-competition format for the younger age groups began in 1976 when the finals series was eliminated for the U6 and U7 age groups, and the premiership was decided on a first-past-the-post basis.

Between them the five teams of 1970 played a total of 66 matches,

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### To Parents of Boys

#### 7 YEARS OF AGE & OVER

If you would like your boy to play WEEKEND SOCCER, you are invited to attend a PUBLIC MEETING in the . . .

WYOMING PROGRESS HALL

MONDAY, 16th FEB.

8 p.m.

Convened by the Central Coast Soccer Association, its Representatives will be present to advise on club running or formation problems.

—J. H. JURY, Hon. Secretary.

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# New soccer club formed at Wyoming

A meeting was convened last Thursday in the home of Mr. L. O'Malley to discuss the formation of a new soccer club in the Narara-Wyoming area.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that a club, to be named the Wyoming Soccer Club, be formed.

Mr. E. Todhunter, president of the Central Coast Soccer Association, was returning officer for the elections.

Mr. Clive Wennerbom was elected unopposed as foundation president.

Other officers elected are: Mr. John Harris (secretary), Mr. Laurie O'Malley

(treasurer), Mrs. Helen Gra-hame (registrar), Mrs. Sheila Astolfi (publicity officer).

A management committee of six was elected, comprising Mesdames Reynolds, Watson and Danes, and Messrs. Taylor, A. McDonald and J. Warrant.

Club colours were then chosen. The jerseys will be yellow, with narrow black stripes and short sleeves, yellow socks with black tops, and black shorts, and the goalkeeper will wear a black jersey with yellow sleeves.

Enquiries are at present being made regarding the purchase of these uniforms.

It is expected that four teams will be registered for this year's competition.

A registration fee of \$3 per child or a family rate of \$4.50 must be paid before the first match.

A birth certificate, or an extract thereof, must also be produced as proof of age. It is hoped that as many fees as possible can be paid at the trial matches on Saturday.

Mr. R. Lyne has offered to train any interested persons as coaches.

The first of these training sessions took place last Saturday at the Alan Davidson oval, and the next will be held on Saturday, March 7, when it is hoped that more mothers will come along and learn the fundamentals of the game.

All children who register to play are required at the oval on the same day (Saturday) for trial matches, commencing at 2 p.m.

The next meeting of the soccer club will be held at the Wyoming Hall, in Ronald Avenue, on Thursday, March 5, at 8 p.m.

*'Central Coast Express', February 1970*

winning only seven, drawing five and losing the remaining 54. The two older teams were little more than cannon fodder - not surprisingly as most boys were playing for the first time and were competing against well-established teams with experienced players. Neither the U9s nor the U11s won a match that season and they conceded a staggering 321 goals in their combined total of 34 matches.

The Under 9s however did have their moment of glory when, against eventual premiers, The Entrance, they managed to score their first goal. The *'Central Coast Express'* of 15 June 1970 captured the excitement: "After The Entrance had scored early in the game, the Wyoming side swept through the field in copybook style to score the team's first ever goal, the heroes of the moment were Peter Dorough and Stephen Kinkade and the shot was kicked into the goal by the promising new centre half, Michael Stowe". Alas, the euphoria was to be short-lived ... not only was it their first goal of the year, it was also destined to be their last. To add insult to injury, The Entrance came back to win that particular match 15-1.

However 1970 was not all gloom and doom for the fledgling club. The three younger teams, right from the start, were all competitive, and the U7B1 team, coached by Margaret Reynolds, had the distinction of becoming Wyoming's first semi-finalists, finishing third of the ten teams in the competition.

They won the minor semi-final, defeating Wyong 1-0 in the second period of extra-time before going down by a similar score to Umina in a replayed final - the first match remaining deadlocked, again after two periods of extra-time. The team included several players who would go on and represent Wyoming for many years, including Glenn Pudsey, Martin Dorough and Mark Porter, the latter, in 1986, becoming the first player to receive a 15-year award and still playing with the club in its 21st season.

In 1971, the President's Trophy, a perpetual team trophy for Wyoming's most successful team, was awarded retrospectively to that U7B1 team of 1970.

The other highlight of that first season, and it reflected the club spirit and organisation which have become the hallmark of the Wyoming Club, came at the CCSA's Gala Day in mid-season. Wyoming won both the March Past and the prize for the most decorative float, and according to newspaper reports of the day, certainly left a good impression on the older, more established clubs.

That first year's committee was headed by Clive Wennerbom, who was president for six of the first seven years of the Club's life, vice-president Ron Short, secretary John Harris, treasurer Laurie O'Malley, and publicity officer Sheila Astolfi. It was the groundwork laid by these dedicated parents which has allowed the Club to overcome the setbacks of that first season and to set it on the road to its future success.



**1970 UNDER 7B1s - SEMI-FINALISTS**

Rear (l to r): Robert McKenzie, Robert Smith, Gerard Hill, Martin McHugh, Mark Porter, Glenn Pudsey, Margaret Reynolds (Coach). Centre (l to r): Craig Watson, Lance Roberts, Robert Butcher, Rodney Daines. Front (l to r): Robert McGregor, Trevor Williams, Martin Dorrrough.

**1970 IN REVIEW**

**TEAMS**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach(es)</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>LPos</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>FPos</u>	<u>Award</u>
11A	Ron Short	16	0	0	16	4	181	0	Last					
9B	Ken Kinkade	18	0	0	18	1	140	0	Last					
8B	Kevin Watson	15	1	2	12	13	34	4	5th					
7B1	Margaret Reynolds	9	5	1	3	16	3	11	3rd	1-0	0-1		F	PT
7B2	David Taylor	9	2	2	5	8	5	6	8th					

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**COMMITTEE**

<u>President</u> Clive Wennerbom	<u>Assistant Secretary</u> Sheila Astolfi	<u>Ladies Auxiliary</u> Joyce Bulley	<u>Committee</u> Ken Kinkade
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	Brian Pudsey		Kevin Watson



# WYOMING SCOOPS POOL IN SOCCER GALA

Wyoming Soccer Club, one of the newest and smallest clubs in the district, on Saturday scooped the pool at the Soccer Association's Gala Day.

Wyoming won the March Past and carried off the prizes for the most decorative float in the procession.

Many hours of thought and preparation went into the design of the float and credit is due those members who worked as a team to ready it for the occasion.

In an even competition game on Sunday, Wyoming's U/7A team beat Wyong 1-0. Trevor Williams gave Wyoming its second successive win with a splendidly placed goal after team support and fine ball control.

Craig Watson was expert in clearing the ball from the bunch on numerous occasions in the second half. He was well assisted by the capable Mark Porter in kicking the ball through to the forward line.

Once again dependable backs Lance Roberts and Martin Dorrrough and goalie Martin McHugh were outstanding in defence and prevented Wyong scoring on several occasions.

### FINEST HOUR

The U/R's had their finest hour on Sunday when a winner, 1-0, against Brisbane.

This was the side's first taste of success this season.

Both teams were in fine form, with Wyoming holding slight control throughout. The winning goal was scored in fine style by Gary Oliver who kicked the ball hard and decisively into the net.

Coach Kevin Watson, elated by the win, said it would be impossible to name an outstanding player. Every boy in the team was deserving of mention. They are Paul Duglas, Eric Warrant, Gary King, Chris Marcell, Timmy Cook, Mark Mackie, Andrew Smith, Andrew Astolfi, Colin Gee, Gary Oliver and Stephen Parsons.

Wyoming's U/9's were disappointing when beaten 11-0 by Terrigal.

The players showed none of the spirit evident in the previous match and were slow to make any decisive

moves and, generally, lost possession all too frequently.

A few highlights were observed when Sean McHugh (left wing) was active and without Kevin Waights' sound kicking from left back, the score would have been even greater.

Michael O'Malley coped admirably when the ball came his way.

Coach Ken Kinkade was disappointed that the forwards strayed from their positions and did not let the halves carry the defence.

Regular attendance at Monday and Tuesday train-

ing sessions will improve the teams' chances of becoming an effective premier club contender.

Despite being beaten 8-0 by the strong East Gosford side, Wyoming's U/11's and improving and showing better combination.

Stephen Dobsen and Leslie Cowell both made some strong clearing kicks, while goalie Chris Boyer was responsible for some creditable saves.

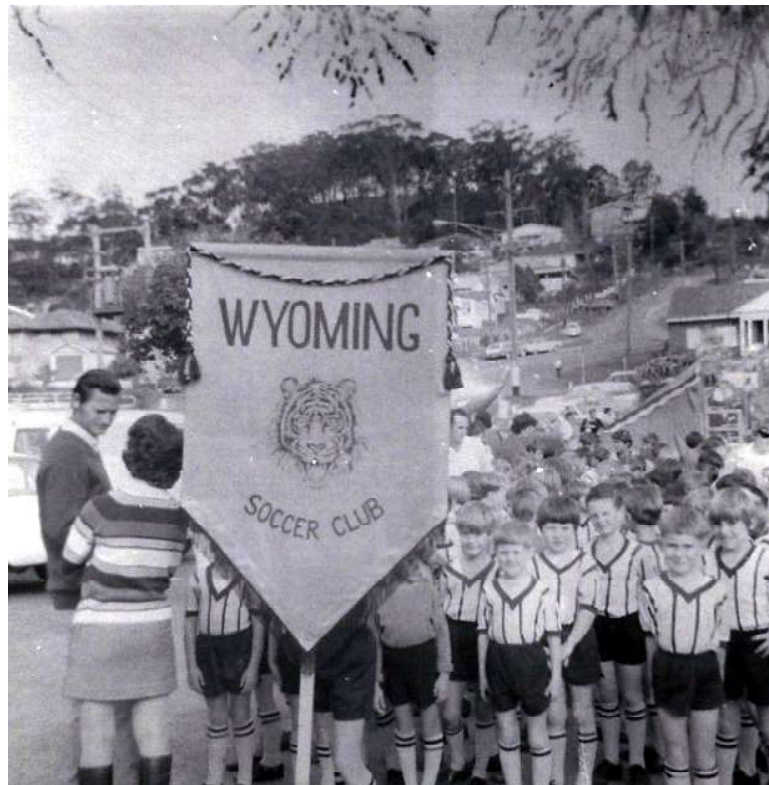
The ladies' auxiliary held its monthly meeting on Monday when it was decided that, due to the outstanding success of the last barbecue,

...further one would be held on Sunday, July 26.

A demonstration and luncheon will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Cook on July 23 and all ladies are cordially invited to attend.

The highlight of the club's first season was undoubtedly its success at the 1970 CCSA Gala Day where it won awards for both the Best Decorated Float and the March Past before going on to win two of their four matches at Adcock Park.

Here the players gather behind the new club banner ready for the start of the March Past.



Following the Gala Day matches at Adcock Park, Wyoming Soccer Club's first secretary, John Harris, accepts the awards from his Central Coast Soccer Association counterpart John Jury.





# 1971

Its second season saw the number of Wyoming teams increase from five to nine with, significantly, five of these teams competing in the two youngest age divisions. Although they still lost more matches than they won (43 wins, 20 draws and 61 losses) the overall performance of the club was a considerable improvement on the previous season.

This time three teams qualified for the finals series –the U9s, coached by Kevin Watson; Barry Reynolds’ U7As; and Ron Short’s U11B team.

Although undefeated at the end of the competition round (only nine matches were played, the first half of the season being non-competition) the U7As finished in second position behind East Gosford. In the major semi-final Wyoming won their encounter 2-0 to become the club’s first grand finalists. Later in the afternoon they were joined by the U11Bs who, after trailing undefeated minor premiers, Gosford, 2-1 in their major semi, snatched victory with two goals in the last ten minutes, both from Kel Greening, to take the match 3-2.

The U9B team reached the final, but only after a marathon three-match minor semi-final against The Entrance. Each of the first two matches went through double periods of extra time, before Wyoming finally won the third match by one goal to nil. Star of the series of matches was the

## 1971 UNDER 7As - RUNNERS UP

Rear (l to r): John O’Malley, Darren Reynolds, Barry Reynolds (coach), Mark Porter, Scott Bradley, Glen Huntington.

Front (l to r): Trevor Short, Robin Johnson, Peter Foster, Kevin Dorrrough, Mark Ross, Mark Presdee.



For the second year in a row Wyoming won both the Best Decorated Float and March Past awards at the 1971 CCSA pre-season Gala Day.





Wyoming goalkeeper, Paul Douglass, later to become a leading junior and senior Central Coast representative player.

Not surprisingly the effort told, and the U9s were beaten 2-1 in the competition final. In the grand finals neither Wyoming team could re-capture their semi-final form, the U7s being defeated 1-0 by East Gosford and the U11s, 3-0 by Gosford.

Off the field, the club's first major construction project took place in 1971 with the removal of an old shed, which the Narara-Wyoming Cricket Club used intermittently as a scoreboard, from the bottom (Renwick Street) corner of the park, to a more central location on the northern side of the park.

After renovations the tiny building formed the both the club's canteen and, on occasions, its meeting room for the best part of ten years until it was replaced by the present canteen/clubhouse/dressing rooms in 1980.

As is the case today the canteen was the focal point of the club's fundraising activities, and was the domain of a sub-committee called the Ladies Auxiliary. Elected at the club's inaugural meeting in 1970, the Ladies Auxiliary operated semi-independently of the main committee. It was led in its early years by Ann Short and Sheila Astolfi, and later by people like Paula Robson, Joyce Bulley, Joyce Tawyer, Gayle Cottle, Marlene Bailey and Thea Field. It is difficult to understate the contribution, both in terms of club morale and finances, made by these and all the others who kept the Ladies Auxiliary operating through until the early 1980s.

The 1971 Ladies Auxiliary was at the forefront when the Wyoming Soccer Club took part in that year's CCSA March Past through Gosford. Organising the event was Ann Short who made sure that any children who attended the local Convent school, and so were experienced marchers, were positioned on the end of each row, and so closest to the judges. The ploy worked well enough to enable Wyoming to retain the March Past trophy that it had won the previous year, while the club's float, featuring a large tiger and a cage full of boys dressed as tiger cubs, again took out the Best Decorated Float award.

## 1971 IN REVIEW

### TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award
12A	Gordon Dorrrough	16	2	0	14	10	98	4	8th					
11B	Ron Short	15	9	4	2	38	21	22	2nd	2-1	1-3		RU	
10B	Ken Kinkade	14	1	1	12	3	73	3	7th					
9B	Kevin Watson	13	5	3	5	29	22	13	4th	1-0	1-2		F	
8B1	David Taylor	18	9	5	4	28	6	23	5th					
8B2	Brian Pudsey	18	3	1	14	2	63	7	Last					
7A	Barry Reynolds	9	7	2	0	16	3	16	2nd	2-0		0-1	RU	PT
7B	Jorg Breitkopf	8	2	3	3	11	13	7	5th					
7C	Stuart Compton	7	2	1	4	6	9	5	6th					

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	Paula Robson	Kevin Watson.



# 1972

By 1972, Wyoming's third season in the CCSA competition, the club's strength had grown considerably, both in quantity and in quality. Eleven teams represented the club, and such was the fragmented nature of the competition at the time, that already this made them the third largest of the 23 clubs on the coast. Many of the other clubs were small, some with only one or two teams, and many subsequently either disbanded or amalgamated with other, larger clubs.

Wyoming's strength in its early years was concentrated very much upon its younger teams many of which had, by 1972, been together for three seasons. Six of the eleven teams made the semi-finals, including one in the new Under 6 competition. Of the six, one lost in the minor semi, three lost in the finals, and two - the U7As coached by Jorg Breitkopf and Kevin Watson's U10Bs - made it through to their respective grand finals. Neither of the two grand finalists had an easy path through the final series. Although minor premiers, the 10Bs were beaten 1-0 by Killarney in the major semi-final and had to back up the following day for the final in which they defeated Davistown 2-0.

The Under 7 major semi-final saw a titanic struggle between minor premiers Gosford and second placed Wyoming. After two periods of 20 minutes extra time the match remained scoreless. Both coaches rejected the official suggestion that the match be decided by the toss of a coin and, because the final had to be played next day, a replay was hurriedly arranged for that same afternoon at Adcock Park.



### 1972 UNDER 7As – WYOMING'S FIRST PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Phillip Robson, John O'Malley, Brad Tawyer, Paul Presdee, Michael Breitkopf, Brian Healey. Front (l to r): Craig Hyde, Rodney Burton, Bryan Bulley, Robert McGregor, Glen Butcher.



Unfortunately, the NSW Government Railways had not foreseen this eventuality and had rostered train driver/soccer coach Breitkopf to take a train south from Gosford station shortly after the scheduled kick-off time. Jorg was left with the invidious decision between disrupting the entire northern line and probably losing his job, or watching his boys play.

It was only a guarantee from the parents that one of them would drive down to Hawkesbury River station with the match result which finally convinced Jorg that he should leave the match. Meanwhile, unfortunately for Jorg, the train's fireman had decided that his driver wasn't coming, and that the best thing to do would be for him to take the train out himself. This he proceeded to do. The last thing his players saw of their coach, he was sprinting southwards along the railway track in pursuit of his own train!

Fortunately, the parent who eventually delivered the result was able to carry the good news that the team had won by one goal to nil and so were through to their first grand final.

After such problems grand final day must have been somewhat of an anti-climax. The Under 7As became Wyoming's first ever premiers-ship-winning team when they were convincingly beat Gosford again, this time 2-0. The match highlighted the team's outstanding defence - they conceded just two goals in the 15 matches they played during the season. The players, coach and parents of that successful Under 7 team of 1972 were to make a remarkable contribution to the future success of the Wyoming Soccer Club.

Nine years later, as the U16A team of 1981, the nucleus of the team was still together and, apart from one season when business commitments intervened, Jorg Brietkopf, had coached them all the way through. During that period they had picked up two further premierships (1974 and 1975), three league championships (1974, 1975 and 1979), were twice runners-up (1973 and 1979) and missed the semi-finals on only one occasion. They won 123 of their 185 matches, scoring 619 goals (at an average of three per match) while conceding only 159 goals.

In 1981, when the club introduced its Ten Year Service Awards, six of the ten inaugural recipients came from this one team: Jorg and Michael Breitkopf, Phil Robson, Bryan Bulley, Glenn Butcher and Brad Tawyer. One player, Phil Robson, would play a total of 25 years for the club including eleven years in First Grade.



1972 UNDER 10Bs - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Greg Kennedy, Colin Booth, Andrew Astolfi, Paul Douglass, Chris Murrell, Peter Watkins, Stephen Dann Front (l to r): Paul Martin, Gary King, Tim Cook, Stephen White, Mark Mackie, Darren Ross. Absent: Gary Oliver



1972 UNDER 6As - FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Scott Doherty, Robert Godfrey, Bradley Ross, Matthew Humphries, Stephen Van Dorp, Wayne Slattery, Scott Neilson. Front (l to r): David Tawyer, Martin McLoon, Rodney Harrington, Brett Hutchings, Darren Neilson.

It's clear from an analysis of the club's history, that successful teams tend to provide a large proportion of the club's administrators. The 'Breitkopf' team was a case in point with a number of the parents in the team serving on the Club Committee for varying periods and three of them, Paula Robson, Joyce Bulley and Breitkopf himself, being awarded Life Memberships. Phil Robson would join them in the early 1990s. Surely a unique achievement from a single team.

But back to grand final Day 1972. The Under 10B team, their match kicking off just 30 minutes after the start of the U7's grand final on an adjoining field at Adcock Park, were up against Killarney, their conquerors from the previous week's semi-final. Wyoming almost scored in the first 30 seconds and then both teams missed opportunities during a see-sawing first half. Ten minutes from the end of the game came the turning point when the Wyoming goalkeeper, Stephen White, pulled off a great save to deflect a Killarney shot onto the crossbar. From the rebound Darren Ross cleared the area and found Paul Douglass who set off downfield, passed to Mark Mackie who found Chris Murrell in position to score what would be the only goal of the match. So within an hour Wyoming had won its second premiership!



*The Jorg Breitkopf junior team in action at Adcock Park.*

**ACTION FROM THE 1972 WYOMING UNDER 7 GALA DAY**

Left: Wyoming's Craig Hyde contests possession with an opposition player with Phillip Robson (left) and Robbie McGregor in support. Right: Robbie McGregor launches a Wyoming attack.

**1972 IN REVIEW****TEAMS**

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award
14A	Stuart Compton	15	0	0	15	5	125	0	Last					
12A	Ron Short	14	7	1	6	24	23	15	4th	1-0	2-3		F	
11B	Kevin Waights	14	3	0	11	35	55	6	7th					
10B	Kevin Watson	18	16	0	2	67	10	32	1st	0-1	2-0	1-0	LC/Pr	PT
9B1	David Taylor	12	9	1	2	30	9	19	3rd	1-2				
9B2	R Cowell	12	4	1	7	10	23	9	8th					
8A	Barry Reynolds	14	6	4	4	29	19	16	4th	1-0	0-1		F	
8B	John Hill	13	1	0	12	1	43	2	13th					
7A1	Jorg Breitkopf	12	9	2	1	26	2	20	2nd	1-0		2-0	Pr	
7A2	Stan Huntington	12	1	2	9	0	25	4	Last					
6A	Clive Wennerbom & David Humphries	14	6	3	5	24	11	15	4th	1-0	0-1		F	

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**SUCCESSFUL TEAMS****LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS****10B**

Coach: Kevin Watson

Players: Andrew Astolfi, Colin Booth, Tim Cook, Steven Dann, Paul Douglass, Greg Kennedy, Gary King, Mark Mackie, Paul Martin, Chris Murrell, Gary Oliver, Darren Ross, Peter Watkins, Stephen White

**PREMIERS****7A1**

Coach: Jorg Breitkopf

Players: Michael Breitkopf, Bryan Bulley, Rodney Burton, Glenn Butcher, Brian Healey, Craig Hyde, Robert McGregor, John O'Malley, Peter Paterson, Paul Presdee, Phil Robson, Darren Searle, Brad Tawyer, Graham Taylor, Bradley Taylor

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Assistant Secretary

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Joyce Bulley

Paula Robson

Publicity Officer

Norma Presdee

Registrar

Nancy Smith.



# 1973

In retrospect 1973 was probably the season in which the seeds were sown for Wyoming's future dominance. Again the club's overall strength grew (in only four seasons it had trebled in size, from five teams in 1970 to 15 teams in 1973) as did its overall performance (123 wins, 128 losses, 42 draws). It was in fact destined to be the last occasion in which they lost more games than they won in any one season until 1989.

This time six Wyoming teams reached the semi-finals, including three which are generally accepted as being amongst the Club's all-time top ten teams.

The 1973 Under 6 competition was split into two divisions - Northern and Southern. Presumably introduced to limit the distances which the young teams had to travel, the change did have the effect of reducing the standard of competition in that age group. The Northern Division was dominated by an outstanding Wyoming team. Coached by Laurie Godfrey, and containing a number of players who were to have distinguished soccer careers, the team were undefeated premiers, scoring a total of 78 goals whilst conceding only one. They won one match, against the weaker of the two Killarney teams in the competition, by 16 goals to nil, with Brett Hutchings scoring 12 goals.

After a 1-0 win in the major semi, the U6s played the first Killarney team in another of these epics which would eventually lead to the end of competition soccer in the younger age groups. The match was scoreless at full-time and remained that way through three periods of extra time. After a break of only one hour the match was replayed and the deadlock was finally broken when ace striker Hutchings scored the only goal of the match to tie up Wyoming's third premiership.

Clive Wennerbom's Under 7As, another team destined to remain together for many years and another outstanding team, finished second in their competition on a countback from East Gosford. After beating that team 1-0 in the major semi they then went on to meet Umina in the grand final. In another tight encounter only one goal was scored, this time by Wyoming's Rodney Alexander, and so allowing the club to retain the U7 title won by the Breitkopf team in 1972.



### 1973 UNDER 7As - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Garry Marshall, Matthew Smith, Anthony Vidler, Malcolm Ward, Bradley Ross.  
Front (l to r): Matthew Humphries, Paul Green, Peter Paterson, Rodney Alexander, Stephen Van Dorp,  
Graham Taylor, Paul Paterson.



The latter team also finished in second place on the competition table and progressed straight to the grand final with a 1-0 win over Gosford. Luck deserted them however on grand final day and they were eventually defeated 0-3 by Gosford, a score which in no way reflected the trend of the match.

Despite this loss, closely followed by Ray Presdee's team's 1-0 defeat in the U9A grand final, overall it had been another successful season for Wyoming, its last as a purely junior club.

## 1973 IN REVIEW

### TEAMS

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14A	Eric Marshall	22	9	1	12	43	99	19	7th					
13A	Arthur Rose	24	9	2	13	59	85	20	8th					
12B1	Terry Norton	16	9	1	6	54	24	19	4th	3-0	2-3		F	
12B2	Ron Borthwick	16	3	1	12	14	50	7	8th					
11A	Kevin Watson	18	10	2	6	39	29	22	5th					
10A	Chris Connor	20	2	4	14	17	54	8	10th					
10B	Harry Williams	18	3	2	13	10	36	8	8th					
9A	Ray Presdee	22	17	2	3	81	18	36	2nd	3-0		0-1	RU	
9B	Trevor Porter	18	3	2	13	17	55	8	9th					
8A	Jorg Breitkopf	18	14	4	0	54	7	32	2nd	1-0		0-3	RU	
8B	Unknown	18	2	6	10	8	14	10	9th					
7A	Clive Wennerbom	21	13	5	3	21	7	31	2nd	1-0		1-0	Pr	
7B	John King	21	5	6	10	12	31	16	6th					
6A1	Laurie Godfrey	15	13	2	0	76	1	28	1st	1-0		1-0	LC/Pr	PT
6A2	Wayne Slattery	15	4	2	9	7	31	10	4th	0-2			SF	

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### SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

#### LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

##### 6A1

Coach: Laurie Godfrey

Players: Jacqui Astolfi, Jonathon Blaik, Robert Godfrey, Brett Hutchings, Anthony Jones, Col Matthews, Martin McLoon, Andrew Mitchell, Darren Neilson, Scott Neilson, Michael Turner, Graham Williams

#### PREMIERS

##### 7A

Coach: Clive Wennerbom

Players: Rodney Alexander, Michael Clancy, Paul Green, Matthew Humphries, Garry Marshall, Peter Paterson, Paul Patterson, Bradley Ross, Matthew Smith, Graham Taylor, Stephen Van Dorp, Anthony Vidler, Malcolm Ward



# 1974

The Wyoming Soccer Club came of age, literally, in 1974 with their successful entry into the CCSA senior competition. The club was then in its fifth year and its oldest players were rapidly outgrowing the junior ranks, so there was clearly a need to provide an avenue for them to make the transition into the senior game without being forced to leave the club.

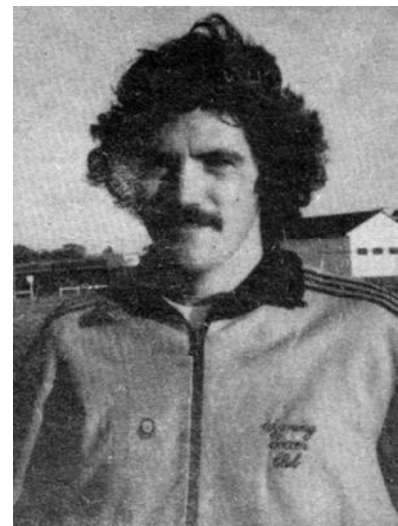
The early 1970s had been a period of rapid growth for senior soccer on the Central Coast. Prior to this time team numbers had fluctuated considerably and a number of clubs had been formed, dissolved, re-formed, and/or amalgamated. The situation stabilised in 1972 when a more permanent structure was introduced comprising First Grade, Reserve Grade and Under 16 competitions.

In 1974 there were sufficient numbers to form a Second Division competition, however with the talent Wyoming was able to muster they sought, successfully, to be included in the First Division competition.

Chris Connor was one the first seniors to sign up and he was instrumental in bringing a workmate of his to the club. The workmate was Dan Wilkinson who subsequently became captain-coach of the team for the next two years. One of the best strikers ever to play on the Central Coast, he was very much the on-field inspiration for Wyoming in that first year.

The team made a spectacular debut, defeating the reigning premiers, Southern United, by five goals to nil in the first round of the 1974 pre-season competition. This was to be the first of numerous encounters between the two clubs, destined to share most of the honours for the remainder of that decade. The excitement of Wyoming's first senior goal was captured for posterity by the *Central Coast Express* of 19 April 1974. They were both scored by striker Mal Tarring, "the first a left footed drive from 18 yards out and the second an easy placement from 10 yards".

In the competition proper of 1974 life wasn't quite so easy and although they did manage to finish in fourth place (won seven, drew two, lost six) they were bundled out, again by The Entrance, in the minor semi-final. Not surprisingly the Under 17s struggled, most players still being eligible to play U15s, whilst the Reserve Grade team finished a creditable sixth.



*Three of the key figures in establishing the Wyoming Soccer Club in senior Central Coast football. Top: Chris Connor, who did much of the recruiting to attract quality senior players. Centre: Wyoming's first star player, Dan Wilkinson. Bottom: Mal Tarring – scorer of the first goal in First Grade.*



# Wyoming's 100th goal

**Wyoming Soccer Club performed creditably in last weekend's round of the district competition.**

The U7A team defeated Davistown 4-nil.

Some good goal-keeping by Davistown restricted the scoring but was unable to hold out three shots by Brett Hutchings and one by Colin Matthews.

The team is playing well and should give a good account in the semi-finals.

Wyoming's U9As remain undefeated following a 5-nil win against Davistown.

The team's 100th goal for the season came off the foot of P. Robson.

He scored two of the goals, with the others being added by B. Davis, K. MacGregor and M. Breitkopf.

The U9Bs went down 8-1 to The Entrance, with the lone goal being

scored by Brian White. Best players were James Beattie and Mark D'Adam.

Better teamwork paved the way for Doyalson to score a 2-1 win against Wyoming's U13As.

Wyoming failed to function. The side was out of position in mid-field and halves and this thwarted the chances by the forwards.

The team's goal was netted by Tim Wray.

Wyoming U7Bs landed a 1-nil win against The Entrance.

This was Wyoming's best performance of the season and the win elevated the side to fourth position on the competition ladder.

Craig Bennett scored the goal, while Todd Hyde and Peter Meyers both played strongly.

In the junior competition the divisional system which had operated on a limited basis during the two previous seasons was extended to all but the oldest age groups (U14 and U15s). The winners of each divisional age group then playing each other for the Association Cup.

Wyoming competed in, and dominated, the Northern Division finishing minor premiers in the U6, U7, U8, U9 and U10 age groups - surely a unique achievement by any club. The crowning achievement however came from their three premierships-winning teams: Laurie Godfrey's U7s, Clive Wennerbom's U8s and Jorg Breitkopf's U9s.

Remarkably, all three teams went through the season undefeated, with the U7s and U8s collecting back-to-back premierships, and the U9s avenging their defeat in the 1973 U8 grand final. In total the three teams scored a massive 278 goals (4.5 per match) whilst conceding only 9. The U9s became the first Wyoming team to score over 100 goals - Phil Robson having the honour of bringing up their century in a 5-0 win over Doyalson. In all the team found their opponents' net 121 times and this remains a club record in 2010.

The major success of the season came when the U8A team defeated the strong East Gosford team, premiers in the Southern Division, 2-0 in the Under 8 Association Cup. It was Wyoming's first success at this level, both the U7s and U8s being defeated in their matches.

On the junior representative scene Scott Bradley, a member of Wyoming U10A1 team, was selected in the NSW U10 team and so became the Club's first State representative. A number of the Club's other junior players, including Mark Porter, Phil Robson, Bryan Bulley and Brian Healey, were regular members of Central Coast teams.

## 1974 IN REVIEW

### FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Chris Connor, Frank Cook, John Crannidge, Terry French, Barry Marsh, Eric Marshall, Barry McGregor, Bruce Phillips, Dave Reynolds, George Souter, Mal Tarring, Dan Wilkinson.

### MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Senior Player of the Year: Dan Wilkinson



## TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	Awards	POTY
Sen 1st	Dan Wilkinson	15	7	2	6	48	37	16	4th	1-2			SF		Dan Wilkinson
Sen Res	Unknown	15	5	2	8	24	28	12	6 <sup>th</sup>						
17	Ray Hildridge & Grahame McKellar	15	2	2	11	23	107	6	Last						
14A	J. Blackburn	22	9	4	9	17	53	22	6th						
13A1	Terry Norton	21	14	2	5	56	45	30	2nd	0-2	2-4		F		
13A2	Unknown	21	4	3	14	10	108	11	Last						
12A	Kevin Watson	20	15	3	2	73	13	33	2nd	1-3	1-4		F		
11A1	Harry Williams	18	11	3	4	65	16	25	3rd	0-2			SF		
11A2	Mark Daines & Bob Davies	18	2	4	11	4	93	8	8th						
10A1	Ray Presdee	22	15	4	3	74	18	34	1st	1-0		0-3	LC/RU		
10A2	Ron Borthwick	22	5	5	12	19	48	15	9th						
9A1	Jorg Breitkopf	18	18	0	0	114	4	36	1st	4-1		3-1	LC/Pr		
9A2	Allan Love	18	1	4	13	6	80	6	9th						
8A1	Clive Wennerbom	20	18	2	0	79	2	38	1st	3-1		1-0	LC/Pr	PT	
8A2	John King	20	7	5	8	15	20	19	6th						
7A1	Laurie Godfrey	18	16	2	0	62	1	34	1st	1-0		1-0	LC/Pr		
7A2	Terry Norton	18	7	6	5	6	13	20	5th						
6A	Kevin Watson	20	12	6	2	30	8	30	1st	0-1	2-0	0-1	LC/RU		

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### LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

#### 9A1

Coach: Jorg Breitkopf

Players: Michael Breitkopf, Bryan Bulley, Glenn Butcher, Barry Davies, Brian Healey, Michael Lockhart, Robert McGregor, John O'Malley, Phil Robson, Brad Tawyer.

#### 8A1

Coach: Clive Wennerbom

Players: Garry Borthwick, Paul Green, Matthew Humphries, Garry Marshall, Bradley Ross, Graham Taylor, Stephen Van Dorp.

#### 7A1

Coach: Laurie Godfrey

Players: Andrew Austin, Brett Hutchings, Anthony Jones ...

### LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

#### 10A1

Coach: Ray Presdee

Players: Scott Bradley, Dean Carter, Jeffrey Deal, Peter Foster, Mark Porter, Mark Presdee, David Taylor, Jim Wade, Ian White ...

#### 6A

Coach: Kevin Watson

Players: Dean Gayford, Michael Humphries, D Todd ...

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## HIGH ACHIEVERS

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**MATTHEW SIMON** is one of four Wyoming junior players to play A-League football for the Central Coast Mariners, and the club's first to represent Australia in a full senior international.

Matt played two seasons of junior club football with Wyoming, in the 1995 U9A and 1996 U10A teams, both coached by Wayne Packer. In the first year he regularly backed up as a substitute for the club's U10F team, scoring in all three finals series matches to help them win the premiership. He also scored twice in the 1996 U10As 3-0 grand final win. From 1997 until 2003 he played representative football, firstly with Central Coast junior teams, and later for Manly where he regularly played as a sweeper.

In 2003 Matt returned to local club football with East Gosford, where a number of his rep teammates played and, as an 18-year-old, was a member of the Rams team that went down in a penalty shootout to Wyoming in the 2004 First Grade grand final at Central Coast Stadium. An interested spectator at the match was the newly appointed Central Coast Mariners coach Lawrie McKinna, then in the process of recruiting for the first A-League season.

After missing out on selection in the 2005/06 Mariners squad, Matt returned to play for East Gosford in 2005, then joined new Lightning coach, John McLafferty, to play in the NSW Super League competition. McLafferty and McKinna were in regular contact about potential local players, in particular Simon, and late in the 2006/07 season Matt was called into the squad as a temporary replacement for the injured Nik Mrdja where they played three matches.

After playing another season with Lightning he was given a full Mariners contract and played 20 matches in the 2007/08 season, mostly as a substitute and while he made a good impression he was continually frustrated in his quest for a first goal. Nevertheless his talent had attracted the attention of the national selectors and he made his international debut for the Australian U/23 Olyroos team against Mexico in San Francisco in March 2008. He would go on to play a further nine matches including at the 2008 Intercontinental Cup, where he scored a hat-trick against Ireland, culminating in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

The tenacity and determination that had characterised Matt's career to date paid off handsomely in the 2008/09 A-League season. His elusive first goal came in the opening match of the season against the Newcastle Jets; he went on to start in 18 of the Mariners 21 matches; top the Mariners goal scoring table with 11, just one behind the A-League's Golden Boot winner, Shane Smeltz; and take out the Mariners Medal for the player of the year. Capping off a dream season, Matt made his debut as a full international for the Socceroos against Indonesia in an Asian Cup qualifying match in Jakarta.

Although he was offered a two-year contract with the US major League club, Colorado Rapids, Matt rejected the offer and in 2010 signed a new two-year deal to stay with the Mariners.

