

ANZA - IJSL

REPORT FOR THE SEASON 1991-1992

Fortunately the rumours that the fields at Portsdown Road were to be closed were unfounded for the Season 1991-1992 and we were able to block book for the whole season. However, next year may be another story!

We commenced the programme on 21 September 1991 and very quickly filled all of the teams, again requiring a waiting list for most age groups. Whereas some members left at Christmas time, allowing the wait listed players to move in, the 5's and 6's still have several children waiting.

The Under-16 league were reduced back down to 4 teams as previous seasons, but we had a full complement in the other leagues with 36 teams in total. Over the season we've had nearly 600 registrations but only a few of these are girls.

TOURNAMENT

In April last year **ANZA** sent Under-12 and Under-15 teams to Jakarta to participate in what is now the annual South East Asia Youth Soccer Competition. The tournament is between similar organisations from Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and in 1992 Bangkok. Even though we sent strong teams we were unable to stop Jakarta winning both age groups. None the less it is always a good experience for the boys who are housed with the host families.

This year the tournament was held in Singapore in January 25/26 and we hosted the three other visiting teams. Many thanks are in order to all those who helped put the weekend together especially the willing parents who looked after our visitors. Billeting 90 boys was a difficult task but was achieved thanks to many offers of help. This year **ANZA** was successful in winning both the Under-12 and Under-15 competitions. Special note should be made to **Michael Carrigg** and **Andrew Bennett** who were instrumental in the success of the teams and the tournament.

We were again invited to take part in the Japan Hitam Under-12 competition, again coming third behind Milo and Japan.

I feel sure that this year the Singapore Sports Council will close Gloucester Field to prepare an Archery Stadium for next summers SEA Games. Without this facility **ANZA** Soccer is in real danger of ceasing to exist, in Season 1992-1993. Any support **ANZA** could provide in preventing this situation would be appreciated.

I must express my appreciation to all of those who contributed to the successful and smooth running of **ANZA-IJSL**. The Co-ordinators, the Coaches and Referees deserve generous praise for their efforts and good humour.

Regards,



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