

## ANZA --IJSL

### REPORT FOR THE SEASON 1993 -- 1994

Despite losing part of the Portsdown Road playing area to the Archery range, the season started in September with the usual panics and enthusiasm, at two venues, the 8s and 9s age groups this year playing at Tanglin, and the remainder at Portsdown.

Our oldest age group this year is the under 13's, there were not enough players for an under 15s team, never mind a league.

The league was augmented however by this years 7's group expanding to 8 teams instead of 6 teams last year. This has meant an overall increase to 40 teams, from last years 36, with the number of players well over 600 each week.

All of the groups were quickly filled with a large waiting list developing for the younger age groups.

The S.A.C.A.C. organisation requested to field two teams in the under 13's league, but the competition was too strong in the ANZA league, so they dropped out before the season proper began.

This was both flattering and disappointing, as we always like to test ourselves against other teams, and welcomed their participation.

We keep canvassing for more girl players, but still only one or two per league are playing at present. Those that do play are of a standard equal to the boys. so our recruiting strategy must be wrong!

As in previous years, there have been two tournaments for the 12's and under, as well as one for the 15's.

We were invited to participate in the Jepun Hitam tournament, in which the ANZA 12's reached the final for the first time. We lost out to Milo in the final, partly due to having to play the final ten minutes after finishing the semi-final, due to a heavy rain affected day.

The S.E. Asia Youth Soccer Tournament was held in Bangkok this year, and both the 12's and 15's came second behind Jakarta, after both beating Kuala-Lumpur and Bangkok.

Thanks are due to the coaches, Mr. Ulli Niedermeyer and Mr. Steve Webster who coached the 15's, and Mr. Jamie Reeves who coached the 12's with yours truly.

We do however believe we gained an entry into the Guinness Book of Records in Bangkok, by having our team bus booked for speeding on our way to Sundays game!

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all who have contributed to make ANZA Soccer successful throughout another enjoyable season.

It has been my first full season alone in the driving seat, Tony Shields having been here until the half way stage last year, so my thanks go to all the age group co-ordinators who have helped to keep things running smoothly in our most rain affected season in memory.

The coaches deserve a few words of praise as they give of more time than a lot of people realize, with very little by way of thanks on a Saturday, but my biggest THANK YOU goes to the REFEREES, well done one and all.

Best Regards

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