

## ANZA-IJSL

### REPORT for the SEASON 1994-95

The pre season preparation work, in reviewing the age groups in accordance with the number of applications, was undertaken with the realisation that yet again we have had to increase the number of teams taking part. It is just the sort of problem we don't mind coping with; and despite the panic, the season kicked off on time.

The previously enlarged younger age groups moved up a year en-mass, and we maintained the youngest age group at eight teams to take up the additional numbers. The waiting list still gets longer, especially for the under 6's.

The 10's age group was also increased to an eight team league, and the oldest age group also had six teams, so this season there were 44 teams with around 680 registered players.

Competition is always keen, but it is a real joy to see how the standards improve during the season, as I tend to see the teams only at the beginning, during the warm up games, and at the end of the season during the cup finals.

There are two tournaments which are regular fixtures in the season for the Under 12's, and they are the Jepun Hitam Tournament which takes place at the end of November, where the ANZA team again did well, winning the third place play-off, and the S. E. Asia Youth Soccer Tournament, in which some excellent football was played against top class opposition.

The S. E. Asia tournament was held this year in Jakarta at the end of January and although heavy rain curtailed preparations, thanks go to Mr. Ulli Niedermeyer of U.W.C. who coached the Under 15's team, and to Mr. Jamie Reeves who coached the Under 12's.

The member associations who take part are Bangkok, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Next years tournament will be held in Singapore so if you feel you can help in the organisation of this prestigious tournament, please contact us.

Due to our requirement for three pitches every Saturday, we have been utilising the Tanglin Field (#1) next to the St. George's Church, and it is proving a popular venue, due to it's excellent drainage facilities and large playing area.

We will endeavor to rotate age groups fairly so that different teams get to use this pitch each season, as it appears we are stuck with our archery neighbours for the foreseeable future.

My commiseration's to those parents who have to juggle between two venues but there is very little alternative.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all who contribute and make ANZA soccer the success it undoubtedly is. The behind the scenes organisation of the co-ordinators and the committee, and the more obvious contributions of the coaches on Wednesdays and Saturdays are all deserving of praise. Finally a word of praise on behalf of our all time favorites, the poor referee, who deserves more praise than they usually gets on a Saturday.

Yours in Sport,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. F. Dixon', written in a cursive style.

P. F. Dixon,  
Chairman ANZA-IJSL