

WESTFIELD MATILDAS

The Westfield Matildas commenced their first selection camp for the FIFA Women's World Cup with a four day camp at the AIS in Canberra. A series of these will decide the final 21 players (18 outfield and three goalkeepers) who will make up the squad to travel to Germany for the Women's World Cup. Players from Brisbane Roar, Canberra United and Sydney FC made up the majority of the first camp.

Players from Westfield W-League clubs Melbourne Victory, Perth Glory and Newcastle Jets have also forced their way into selection including the return of Hayley Crawford following an eight year absence from the Westfield Matildas squad. 16-year-old Caitlin Foord will be pushing for a spot and star striker Kate Gill who will be missing due to returning to Sweden for club commitments. Westfield Matildas Head Coach Tom Sermanni expressed "I've seen a lot of good things in the last four months (W-League) and have brought in the players selected for this first camp on their performance throughout the season."



"There are still other players I am looking at outside of this group but with only 21 places for the final it is going to be a very competitive few months for spots on the plane to Germany." The Westfield Matildas play Brazil, Norway and Equatorial Guinea in their three group matches at the FIFA Women's World Cup in June/July this year.

Her Strike is interested in any girls or women's teams write-ups, any club events or useful information. The focus is women's football from around Tasmania and also Australia. Please contact Holly Ayton.

COACHES CORNER

FFT Coaches Corner is a free discussion group for coaches from ALL levels of the game (U6-seniors). The focus of the group is to bring coaches together to discuss a number of given coaching topics. This will allow for coaches to exchange and share information with one another and also create new coaching networks.

GRASS ROOTS LICENCE COURSES

HOBART - Olinda Grove- 6:30pm 18th March

HOBART - Olinda Grove- 6:30pm 25th March

HOBART - Weilly Park - 10:00am 3 April

Contact FFT

For any further information on events or information in *HER STRIKE* please email herstrike@hotmail.com

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NEWSLETTER MARCH ISSUE 1

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Harkana Dixon- Clarence United



Tasmanian female footballers, Jessie Williams and Ellie Gavalas, will be heading to Canberra today, Thursday, March 17th, to participate in an U16 National Training camp with 29 other young players from around Australia. The camp is the first of a series of camps to select the National U16 squad which will participate in the Asian Football Confederation Women's U16 Championship in November. This group will then form the basis of the U17 squad for the 2012 FIFA Women's U17 World Cup.



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13th March Southern Games

Premier League

Olympia Warriors 7-0 Tilford Zebras
Clarence United 12-1 University
Taroona FC 3-1 Glenorchy Knights
Kingborough Lions 2-2 Nelson E/S

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Premier Reserves

Kingborough Lions 0-0 Nelson E/S
Olympia FC Warriors 1-3 Tilford Zebras
University 1-6 Clarence United
Taroona FC 1-0 Glenorchy Knights



EDITORS NOTE

Holly Ayton

Welcome to the first issue of *Her Strike*. As the editor my aim is to provide you, the football community with as much information as I can source from not only around Tasmania but also Australia. Already on board we have Sally Shipard whom you may know her as the Westfield Matildas, or Canberra United's player. Players like Sally have quickly been shaping women's football in Australia. What can each of us do to encourage and boost the future of women's football? This is my first step, and there's plenty more to come. I hope you all jump on board with me. Any suggestions or ideas are welcomed, please do not hesitate to contact me, Happy reading!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOTBALL FEDERATION TASMANIA 'COME AND TRY' DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Saturday 19 March, 2.30pm
to 4.30pm

(BBQ to be held following
activities)
Sandown Park, Lower Sandy
Bay

LEVEL 1 SPORTS TRAINER

Burnie— Sunday March
20&27th

Hobart— Sunday March
20&27th

Cost: \$195 Course Code:
T31103

Contact FFT

LEVEL 1 & 2 SPORTS TRAINER RE-ACCREDITATION

Burnie- Sunday March 27

Course Cost: \$110

Hobart- Sunday March 27

Course Cost : \$110

YOUTH CERTIFICATE & LICENCE COURSES

March 26th, 27th & April 3rd

LAUNCESTON— Churchill Park

HOBART— KGV Park

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Every single day I wake up and commit to myself to becoming a better player.

Mia Hamm - American female football player



WOMEN'S SUMMER CUP FINAL

(KGV PARK, SAT, 5TH MARCH) NTC 4-1 CLARENCE UNITED

Tis took a 5th-minute lead against Clarence United when Olivia Edwards netted a penalty against her sister, Laura Edwards. Paris Crowe equalised in the 36th minute and it was 1-1 at the interval. NTC did more of the attacking, but Clarence launched the occasional counter-attack to keep the NTC girls on their toes. A goalkeeping error in the 51st minute enabled the NTC to regain their lead. A shot by Ellie Gavalas was fumbled by Laura Edwards and the ball went into the net off the upright. Louisa Marmion made it 3-1 in the 58th minute when she collected a cross from the left and lobbed the keeper.



Adelyn Ayton NTC PlessPix

Adelyn Ayton should have added a fourth when she connected with a left-wing cross from Lucy Foote, but she blazed over the bar. Laura Edwards made a couple of good saves before the end, but she was powerless to prevent Shelbi Vienna-Hallam heading home Madeline O'Brien's corner from the left in the 75th minute. Clarence coach Ronnie Bolton was absent for this game and Rodney Tattam, Tony Berry and Maree Edwards were in charge of the eastern Shore outfit.

TIS coach, Michael Edwards, said:

"I was pleased, but not satisfied. In the first half, Clarence really pushed us. They made us play in a way we didn't wish to, but in the second half I think we came out and, after a couple of quiet words at half-time, the system worked a lot better. From my point of view, I think the girls are coming along nicely. They're not where we want to be, but we're certainly getting there. Overall, it was a reasonable performance." *Written by Walter Pless*



NTC Summer Cup Final 2011



NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE PROGRAM (NTC)

Coach Michael Edwards-

Football Federation Australia has a strong commitment to the development of the future of the women's game. The NTC's have been established in each State and Territory of Australia. In Tasmania, the partnership consists of the FFA, the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and FFT. The aim of this program is to develop the girls to a level where they can play Nationally (W-League) or internationally (Matildas, Young Matildas, National u17). We have some very talented players in Tasmania and shortly we will see some of them progress to higher levels. The bonus of it all too, is that, if the girls do not move away, once they leave the NTC program and return to local clubs the standard of the game will improve. There are a number of players who have done this recently. Because we are investing in the future, over half the NTC squad this year is under 16 years old. There are no guarantees of course, but the aim is to prepare them so that they give themselves the best opportunities to impress the National or W-League selectors when they come looking. This year already we have been to Melbourne to play their NTC squad in two games and next month we again plan to travel to Victoria for a 5 team, NTC competition. Later this year we will be attending the NTC Challenge for Females. This tournament replaces the old national u17 championships and will include all NTC programs nationally.



BOOTY OF THE MONTH

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WOMEN

Worn by:

Ashlee Tolman of Taroona

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The question that lingers on everyone's mind, football or soccer? It was the British who invented football, which full name is Association Football. Soccer was created by the English as a nickname to distinguish it from rugby football. It was made from the word asSOciation football, soccer is then used in countries like ours where other forms of football exist. Now that Australia has finally caught back up, using Football Federation Australia I would like to encourage us, as players, coaches, clubs and the football community to wipe out soccer and start using football.

Email your opinion to herstrike@hotmail.com

SALLY'S SAY

Sally Shipard

Age: 23 Height: 176

Current Club: Canberra W-League, ACT Academy of Sport

2004 Olympic Games (Athens)

2006 AFC Asian Women's Cup

2006 FIFA U20 Women's World Championship (Russia - captain)

2007 FIFA Women's World Cup (China)



Now the W-League season is over, what's next for you?

I've had a couple of weeks off training and will begin again this week. We have our first Matildas camp early March in Canberra at the AIS. Every second week we will come together and train in the lead up to the World Cup which officially starts for us on the 31st of June against Brazil.

Over the next few months there will be bouts of intense camps as a group, and a lot of work to be done back home with your own state institutes. There is nothing better when there's light at the end of the tunnel (this particular light being the World Cup), all the hard gruelling sessions will pay off.

Personally, I'm concentrating on keeping myself fit and in form so the coaching staff are convinced I belong in the team. Obviously there will be university and work on the side, all a nice little balance of the thing we call 'Life' :) Exciting times.

Win Football Pack

In thirty words explain why you play football.

Email answer by March 31st to:

herstrike@hotmail.com



Mikayla Wedge- NTC Goalie