



Kickin' Goals

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2010 Season in Full Swing

The Season has now started and it is great to be back at Bagot Oval once again. Whilst some Mindil games are still happening at other venues, many are at Bagot.

The Oval is looking great although it still has some settling in to go but that should happen during this season. Many thanks to FFNT and the Darwin City Council for arranging the upgrade and maintenance of the oval.

Once again we have record registrations with some 320 junior players under the Mindil Aces FC banner which further strengthens the club as we progress the merger with the senior men's and women's teams.

Thankyou to all the energetic volunteers that coach and manage the teams every week and to all those that help on duty club days and at other venues with our kids. Without you the club could not function.

A big thankyou also to our many sponsors whose contributions help with the kits and many of the other expenses of the club.

We have been trialling having some junior players walking out with the senior A Grade Team on match days at the Darwin Stadium to also help out as ball boys and girls. This initiative also assists in getting the young ones involved with the senior part of the club and also get onto the stadium main pitch.

Some of the U16's have now also played with either the A or B Grade senior squads and have had good performances. Next year we are looking at establishing a youth team which will complete the teams structure for the club and provide a clear pathway for our junior players from their initial contact with the game to the highest level in the NT for both boys and girls - all in one club. Many of our junior players are involved in the various FFNT Academy squads and we encourage them and others to strive towards representing the NT.

Many thanks to all the coaches who have taken on the task of training the youngsters with great enthusiasm. It is through you that they learn the game, develop and have fun. Bobby Wright our Director of Coaching is available to you if you need assistance and can always be spotted at all the training sessions.

In the coming months we are looking at bringing the senior teams to also train at Bagot so as to provide the opportunity for the youngsters in the competitive leagues to engage with the senior players and for the senior players to see the depth that the club has.

Your committee continues to work hard behind the scenes to get the organisation of the club in order and my thanks go to all of them for their tireless efforts.

Our next big initiative is to get training lights installed at Bagot so that we can maximise the use of the oval.

I hope you are enjoying the season and wish you and your teams success and most importantly, fun for the remainder of the year.

Regards
Peter Campos
President



Mindil Aces Football Club Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at **5.00pm on Wednesday 26th May** at Bagot Park.

This is for the purpose of electing the 2010—2011 Committee and proposal of changes to the Constitution.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please consider a role on the Committee.



Mindil Aces play at Tiwi Islands

On the morning of Friday 14 May, fourteen lucky Mindil U12 & U13 players set off from Cullen Bay on the ferry to the Tiwi Islands. After landing at Nguui on Bathurst Island we had a walk around the community, visiting the Tiwi museum and the Art Centre. Along the way we came across 4 turtles which were to be cooked at the school the next day.

Crossing on the small ferry to Melville Island we drove 45km to the Tiwi College. Joining in the school assembly we sang the national anthem and Yianni thanked the school for inviting us to come over. Then it was off to the waterhole for a cool swim and play. Later we joined the school kids for dinner and some spontaneous play (basketball, trampolining and volleyball). Avatar was the night-time movie and then we settled down for some sleep – NOT!

The next morning we had another swim before returning for the festivities of the School Opening. A big crowd watched as the hangi food was dug up, baskets of turtle, crabs, buffalo and fish. The Governor-General arrived and was welcomed with traditional Tiwi dances. After speeches it was time for the big match.



Mindil players on the Tiwi Islands ferry



Enjoying a swim at the waterhole

We entered the field to cheers and the game was on. The Tiwi girls proved tough opponents but in the end Mindil came through with a 2-0 win. We believe this was probably the first ever official football (soccer) match to be played on the Tiwi Islands. It was a fantastic spectacle and showed the Tiwi parents and kids that there are sporting alternatives to AFL.



Mindil Aces and Tiwi College Girls

Soon it was time to catch our flights home with great views of the islands as we took off and then of Darwin as we came in to land. This trip was made possible with a \$3000 grant from the NT Government Community Benefit Fund and in this case benefited both the Tiwi College Girls as they could play their game in front of their own community, but also our Mindil players who got to experience a visit to the Tiwi communities and meet, mingle, play and have a fantastic positive experience with the Tiwi kids.

Coaches Corner

Coaches often call out "Concentrate! Focus!" What do you mean? If a coach does yell out these commands, simply ask them the question "Concentrate on what?" A good coach's answer would be something like "Concentrate on your first touch!"

What we need to focus on at a developmental level

The win-at-all-costs mentality at development level has a negative effect. As outlined by the National Curriculum, to take our football to the top level, youth development will need to focus on:

- Development instead of results
- The skilful instead of the powerful
- Mistakes being learning moments instead of times of punishment
- Encouraging individual play instead of forbidding it
- Encouraging taking initiatives/risks instead of forbidding it
- Playing out purposefully instead of simply hitting the long ball

FFA National Curriculum Analysis; Cause and Effect, pg 10



Holiday Inn.

GENERAL EXCAVATORS

