

U 13A Girls – Mid Season 2008 Report

The half way stage of an intense season finds us sitting mid-way on a very competitive ladder with 2 wins 2 draws and 3 loses. This season I have challenged all the girls to improve their individual skills to take themselves and the team to another playing level. All the girls have and are responding to this challenge.

We have two new additions to last years squad, **Pariss** who is providing us with extra fire power on the forward line and **Becky** who, as well as being a handy out field player, has displayed great courage in goals preventing one or two certain goals. Both girls have done very well fitting into an already established team and have been quick to learn our game plan and continue to improve each week.

A nicely balanced and solid back four defence of **Eliza, Holly, Lexi and India** gets better and more settled each week as they become more familiar with each others playing style.

Our pool of players able to play in goal is on the increase with **Molly** leading the way. The Goalkeeper specific training sessions are already starting to pay dividends.

The lean and mean mid-field engine room of **Izzy, Anne, Emma, Kate and Erin** continues to support the defence and provide plenty of drive for our attacks on goal.

On the forward line **Georgie & Laura** are finding scoring against opposition that “flood” the defence very challenging but new tactics should improve that situation. Our aim for the 2nd half of the season is to SCORE MORE GOALS!!

A new addition to our training routine is the recently acquired slalom, hurdle and ladder equipment. A 10-15 minute session on this equipment each week has greatly improved the girls balance, agility and stamina.

Also, congratulations to **Emma** who has recently been selected in the Victorian Primary Schools State Squad. A great effort and thoroughly deserved reward for her outstanding skills, determination and commitment!