

FOOTBALL NSW



Gladesville Ryde Magic... successful year



1st grade Gladesville Ryde Magic



U/18 Gladesville Ryde Magic

Another successful year over at Gladesville Ryde Magic with 3 teams 1st grade U/18 and U/16 quilling for their respective Grand Finals which was a great achievement for the club. We recently caught up with U/18 coach Steve Diles at his cafe in Burwood for a chat about the just completed season 2011 here's some of what Steve had to say. Let me start by congratulating George and the 1st grade lads for a great season, unfortunately they fell at the final hurdle it just wasn't to be. Congratulations also to Vince Capsize who with his assistant Hans did an outstanding job winning the

coveted double premiers & champions well done lads. As for the U/18 I think we were the best team in our comp with quality all over the park, from our defence marshalled by Skipper Pete [shred] Kefalas and the always dominant Scott Gardner along with the reliable Jack Healy Tom Matic and Michael Warren, in the middle of the park we had our wide players John Tatt and the lightning fast Mitch Kunnen along with the skilful Justin Laguzza, Stefan Macinko, add the no nonsense Cameron Madden, Max Queenan and the ever reliable [when not injured skipper Terry Georgakopoulos, up front I

could always relay on the ever dependable Ryan Hazlet, Mitch [Grand Final Hat Trick] Smith, and the late comer to the squad Pete Dinos. Considering 9 of these guys hadn't played together before add to this a horrific injury toll with long term injury's to Terry, Max, Justin, and the two Mitch's it makes this achievement even more special. We won the Premiership by just a single point but I truly believe we could have won it more comfortably had it not been all our injury's, but we saved the best till last and blue Camden of the park 6-2 when it mattered most in the grand final. In achieving what we did it takes a lot

more than coach and players, you need the backing of a good club board, support of your fellow coaches, and non-interfering parents! all of which I must say I was afforded and for that I thank everyone. I was again assisted by my good friend Domenic Mastrofilippo who doubled as assistant coach and entertainment officer! and was always there for the boys or anyone who would care to listen. Last but not least behind every great team there's got to be good organisation, and this year we had a person fill that role someone who took team management to a new level with her impeccable attention to



Alessandea Caccamo



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detail in organising all things HER boys needed, from photos, team dinners, emails presentations or whatever was asked of her by me or the club a person who made my job a lot easier [un like Dom] and for that I can't thank her enough. Of course I'm talking about the

extraordinary Alessandea Caccamo! thank you very much Alessandra.

Finally to all the players thank you all for your contribution to a successful season good luck in what you do next season hope to see you all back at GRM GO MAGIC