

Earlwood Wanderers FC Under 15/2 Boys Team

2022 Under 15/2 Grand Final Runners Up in CDSFA Competition

The Earlwood Wanderers Under 15/2s Boys finished their Season on a high with an awesome display at the 2022 Grand Final on Sunday (28 August) at Blair Park in Croydon Park against Canterbury Juniors FC.

Grand Final, Sunday 28 August 2022, 1pm Blair Park, Croydon Park



The Under 15/2 CDSFA Grand Final was a very competitive match for the onset, and started in spectacular fashion with two goals in 2 minutes, with Earlwood's John Tsolakis slotting the ball past the Canterbury goalkeeper after a mere 3 passes from kick off. Canterbury Juniors, who were the Under 15/2 Minor Premiers recovered quickly with an equally quick goal ensuring a 1-1 scoreline after two minutes.

Earlwood hit the right post after Peter Georgiadis had one of the best chances in the first half.

The game resembled a Cup tie, with both teams trying to take the lead with a second goal but the Half Time scoreline remained deadlocked at 1-1.

The second half of the match started at a frenetic pace with both teams trying to change the tie up at 1-1. There were several moments that could have gone either way, including Earlwood's Kian Mourkas' run into the penalty box in the 45th minute where he was fouled in a goal bound position.

A defensive clearance mistake in the 50th minute by Earlwood resulted in a clearance shot that went into the penalty box and landed in the path of the Canterbury Juniors striker who was in close range and smashed the ball past the Earlwood goalkeeper.

After that moment, Earlwood were pushing to get back to 2-2. A brilliant free kick by Valantis Seliametis was pushed over the bar from a long-range free kick.

In the last quarter of the match, Canterbury Juniors secured the match in the 55th and 60th minute with two goals to finish victors 4-1 over Earlwood.

The effort by all the Earlwood Wanderers FC players throughout the Season was heroic, with their form peaking during the Finals run, with a win in two elimination Finals to reach the Grand Final against the Season leader, Canterbury Juniors FC.

"After a disrupted COVID impacted Season 2021, it was a joyful moment being crowned Grand Final runners up medallists, as well as

finishing third in the overall competition" said the Head Coach, Alex Georgiades.

"Some of the other highlights included the last game of regular season against Hurlstone Park Wanderers who were second in the competition and need to win to seal the Minor Premiership but were defeated 1-0 in a tough match" said the Co-Manager, Michael Seliametis.

The Earlwood Under 15/2 squad have benefited from being two years together with some small additions, including new goalkeeper in Season 2022, Hanna Saliba.

"Overall, it was the best season ever for the group, which includes five players that have started their football at Earlwood Wanderers over 10 years ago. The original team began in lower divisions and has evolved over the last 3 years, playing in Division 2" said Assistant Head Coach, Arthur Mantzikopoulos.

The Earlwood Wanderers Under 15/2s will have a short rest before commencing their Pre-Season and have a few player roster spots available for Season 2023 – contact or text 0412 480 563.