



# THE WANDERER

*Official Newsletter of Hurlstone Park Wanderers FC*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rosalie Viney

**And all too soon, we are at the end of the season - time really flies when you are having fun!**

The last month of the season is all about finals for our competitive teams. Congratulations to all of our teams (30 of them - that's more than half of our teams that play in the competitive divisions) that made it to semi-finals and finals and particularly to the teams that finished as minor premiers and who took out the championships - this is a great achievement and the result of sustained effort at training and in games. In this newsletter we have a full round up of the finals series.

Over the last few weeks (in fact since I started writing this report) we have had an incredibly busy and pretty exciting month of football with so many of our teams in finals, with Hurlstone Park hosting semi finals and grand finals at Ewen Park and with our end of season presentation rounds for the juniors, including the wonderful under 8 World Cup which is always a highlight of the year.

It has been great fun (though hectic) to get around the grounds to see as many of the semi finals and particularly the Hurlo grand finals, and filled me with lots of pride for the way our club plays the game. It was fantastic to see so many supporters there to cheer along our teams, and the wonderful spirit they brought to each of these games. We had a few heartbreaking losses (some that will continue to hurt for a while!) but also some wonderful wins - including some that came right down to the wire. What was most satisfying was the great spirit with which every single Hurlo team played in the finals, and the way they were gracious in both victory and defeat.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet, train and play

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- January 2020

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-TBA

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- Saturday 4 April

I also want to congratulate all those teams that did not make it to semi-finals but have had a great season. Some just missed out - which always feels tough but it is important to remember this is a lottery. But I want to celebrate all our teams, particularly those teams that have had a great season despite not winning many (or sometimes any) games. Football is about so much more than winning - and one of the great things about our club is the emphasis on participation, on coming back to the team each year and on having fun with your team mates, and getting that bit better each year. These teams (and they know who they are) have had some fantastic games. There are lots of examples and they are often too modest to celebrate their success, but just briefly let's shout a hurrah to our team that won their first competitive game this season after 3 years (and whose coach took positives away from every game), another team who played with 7 players rather than forfeit (ensuring their opposition got a game) and thoroughly enjoyed a surprisingly competitive 15-4 loss, and our team that just missed out on semi finals because of involvement in a complicated game abandonment issue, but took it on the chin. The Hurlo Spirit is something we value hugely and we are very proud of our teams for displaying it throughout the season. Silverware is great, and we are so proud of the teams that bring it home, but playing with good grace, competitive spirit and an attitude of fair play is paramount.

A big shout out to everyone, but most especially Robin Hawkes for the success of our Everyone Can Play day for adult special needs teams and for our Football For All pilot for younger special needs players. I could not be more proud of our young players from our teenage teams who totally embraced this initiative and came along to be participants - joining in the games and adding their support. This is such an important part of our club, and we are keen to see it grow. We are looking forward to building on this next year, but also welcoming the Football For All players at our Family Fun Day.

Equally a big shout out to Briana and Jordan, who have been the game leaders for the Aldi Miniroos program this year. What a credit they are to our club. I also want to thank all our amazing Miniref / Game Leaders who do such a wonderful job each week under the leadership of Gemma and Jackie. We hope to see the older Minirefs graduate to CRA referee role.

Everyone who has connected with the club in the last couple of months will be aware of our infrastructure plans. This is the most important agenda for the committee over the next few years. Thank you all for your tolerance of the reminders to vote in the My Community Projects vote - we don't find out the result until September. The Committee are working hard to pursue every funding and development angle, and we are extremely grateful for the support of the CDSFA. In this newsletter we bring you an update on the infrastructure. We are very pleased to be able to let you know that the lights at Ewen Park have been included in the Canterbury Bankstown Council capital works program for 2019-20 which means the lights will happen. We are even more delighted that we have been successful in obtaining \$20,000 in funding from Football NSW from the Let's Light Up Football fund and \$20,000 from CDSFA from the Infrastructure Improvement Fund. The next infrastructure project on our agenda is the canteen and change rooms/storage at Ewen Park. We are determined to have this upgrade sorted for our 2024 Centenary. This is a while off but we also know these things take time. We are looking at funding opportunities and would welcome your input, particularly if you have skills that could help. Everyone in the club is a volunteer and we need your help!

It truly takes a village to make a football season, and I want to thank all of our coaches, managers, age coordinators, parents and players who volunteer whenever we call for volunteers for their help during the season. In the last few weeks we have seen the u7 parents step up to learn how to build the u8 goals, we have had people put their hand up to help with the BBQ so that the parents could enjoy presentation rounds, and we have had a whole crew of people put on incredibly well managed presentation rounds and finals at our home grounds. Special thanks to all our mini-refs, especially for their help with Silent Sidelines, but every other week as well, and to Gemma and Jackie and Steve for their fantastic management of Saturday mornings at Ewen. Also to our canteen crew - Billy, Wilma and Pat, and to Billy, Pat and Rod for all their extra work behind the scenes with ordering, canteen stocking and management. Particular thanks as well to our outstanding ground managers - Robin, Dave, Stuart, Eoin, Steve, Gemma, Jackie, Peter and the indomitable Rod, as well as to the many people who put up their hand to fill in as ground managers. And last but not least our amazing committee members.

This is my first year as President, and the support of the Committee has been absolutely fantastic - they have stepped in and managed every aspect of our operations - and taken on new portfolios. So a huge shout out to Janice, Terry, Robin, Dave, Adele, Anthony, Warwick, Gerry, Billy, Mark S and Steve for all their hard work making the season run smoothly and planning for the future.

**Rosalie**

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## FINALS WRAP

Rosalie Viney

This has been a great season for Hurlstone Park Wanderers. We had 30 teams playing in the semi-finals over the last four weeks of the season, and we ended up with 6 teams taking out the championships in their competitions, as well as 4 teams who were minor premiers. Finals football is all about determination, heart and luck. We've had teams that have had amazing success during the season who just miss out in the semis, preliminary or grand finals. Equally we have had a couple of teams who just scraped into the top 4 (some on three way tie breakers) who then made it through to bring home the trophy. The excitement of finals always brings a carnival atmosphere to grounds and we have had fantastic crowds of Hurlo supporters at our finals. Our thanks to the Clubs who hosted our teams during the finals season - it is always a big deal, and we have enjoyed the atmosphere at Campbell Park, Bennett Park, Henley Park, Earlwood Oval, Beaman Park (Earlwood), Croydon Park, Centenary Park, Mackey Park, Callan Park and of course Ewen Park (where we got to enjoy a great semi-final local derby in the 45/6 division).

There are so many highlights of the finals season, but a couple to mention: Coach Steve's inspirational half time speech in the 13/3s when it was 1-1 - reminding the kids that they wanted this for themselves, their coaches, their parents, their grandparents, their brothers and sisters and their club; the 17/2s coming back from 2-0 down to score an equaliser in the last few minutes of the second half, and then holding their nerve to put away four shots in the penalty shoot out (winning 4-2); the 45-6Bs scoring two stunning goals off corners, first to equalise in full time and then to finish it off in the golden goal extra time; the two quick goals in the second half for the 18/2s (who were one of those teams that came from

tie-breaker 4th position to take out the premiership) and the fine and decisive goal scoring from the 13/5s and the 14/2 girls really showing their determination by being absolutely the first to every single ball in golden goal extra time.

Equally we had some pretty tough and devastating losses for our teams - everyone enters the finals with "this year will be the year" in their mindsets, but of course, so do our oppositions. What has been great is to see the Hurlo spirit on display in both the wins and the losses in the finals series. Congratulations all round! Enjoy the photos of our teams in action and celebrating the finals.

Here is the full breakdown of the outcomes of final series:

### Minor Premiers

Under 13/5s, Under 14 2/A Girls, Under 17/2Bs, All Age 8s

### Semi-Finalists

Under 12/1 Girls, Under 12/3 Girls, Under 14/2A Girls, Under 13/3, Under 13/5, Under 14/4, Under 15/3s, Under 16/3As, Under 16/4s, Under 17/2As, Under 17/2Bs, Under 18/2s, WIL/1, WIL/2B  
AA/3A, AA/3B, AA/4A, AA/4B, AA8  
O30 Women/1B, O30 Women/2B, O30 Women/2C  
O35/4, O35/8A  
O45/2, O45/5C, O45/6B, O45/6D  
GMT (Grace Martin Trophy)  
BBC (Bill Brackenbury Cup)

### Grand Finalists

Under 14/2A Girls, Under 13/3, Under 13/5  
Under 17/2Bs, Under 18/2s  
AA/4B, AA8, O35/8A  
O45/6B  
GMT

### Champions

Under 13 Division 3,  
Under 13 Division 5,  
Under 14 Girls Division 2A  
Under 17 Division 2B  
under 18 Division 2  
Over 45 Division 6B



# 2019 HPW CHAMPIONS



UNDER 17 DIVISION 2B - RAY WEBB CUP



UNDER 13 DIVISION 5 - RON ROYSTON CUP



UNDER 13 DIVISION 3 - FRANK KAYLK TROPHY



OVER 45 DIVISION 6B



UNDER 18 DIVISION 2 - VICE PRESIDENT TROPHY



UNDER 14 GIRLS DIVISION 2A - GILLIAN THOMAS TROPHY

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR GMT TEAM:



On behalf of the GMT team a huge thank you to the many people who came to Bennett Park yesterday to support us in our quest to win the Premiership. The large patch of dark blue was very obvious and your cheering us on was adding that little bit extra to our efforts. The picture is of the opening goal Fati, converting Tessa's cross goal header to give us the lead in the 70th minute. For 10 minutes we were stealing ourselves dreaming of an unlikely victory. Saints equalised in the 80th minute and won the tie in the first half of golden goal. A fitting match to conclude the season against our fiercest and most respected rival.



#14 Fatima Faikh goal



2019 GMT Squad



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## Aldi MiniRoos Program #3

One of the great successes of this year has been our Aldi Miniroos Program. We started Aldi Miniroos in 2018, but this season we have rolled it out to have two full programs over the season.

This has been due to the enthusiasm and leadership of our fantastic game leaders Briana and Jordan, who have shown incredible maturity to manage this program beautifully.

It has been so great to see the tiny players turning up each week playing fun football games including the perennial favourite Sharky Sharky, and building their skills each week. On the last week the miniroos enjoyed a visit from Hurlo the Lion, who was a great hit.

We look forward to many of the miniroos joining in as Under 6 players next year, and to the younger Miniroos coming back for another program next season.



Briana and Jordan



Special appearance by Hurlo Lion Cub

# COACH'S CORNER

## Terry Wong HPW Coaching Coordinator

### Parenting the Youth Footballer

I recently attended a Football NSW workshop by Dr Craig Duncan. Craig is one of the world's foremost experts in high performance football having spent several years with the Socceroos and a number of Hyundai A-League clubs.



Whilst the workshop was designed for to help the parents of young footballers who aspire to play professionally someday, there was some valuable lessons for all of us. Here's a few key takeaways:

- Keeping it FUN. The number one reason kids play sport is to have FUN! Conversely, the number one reason kids quit playing sport is because they stop having fun. Naturally, what children consider "fun" changes as they get older which we need to adjust to. As parents and coaches, I think the #1 metric should be whether we are seeing smiles in our children's faces.
- Early SPECIALISATION. The trend these days is for football (or other pursuits) to dominate a child's activities to the point where it is ALL they do. The current thinking is that this could be hampering their development. Having a multi-sport athlete is the goal. Mixing it up with athletics, gymnastics or touch football is great for exposing them to different movement patterns and prevent over-training. Thankfully, we have many such programs in our local area that you can tap into.
- SLEEP is the foundation of performance. Kids should be getting 10 hours and ideally have a sleep routine (same sleep time, same wake time). Other tips that are great for everyone include sleeping in a dark room (pitch black is ideal or use an eye mask), cool temperature (18 degrees) and leave the devices outside!

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## WHAT TO DO IN THE OFF SEASON

For those already thinking about preparing for next season, here's a few ideas to get or keep in shape:



### Parkrun

<https://www.parkrun.com.au/cooksriver/>  
A popular local event for those in the Hurlo community. Walk, jog or run the 5km; 8am every Saturday morning.

### Start a pick up game

Perhaps organise or join in on a existing kick-around. Build it and they will come!  
Try something different ..Be it yoga, pilates, dance, gym, running clubs, cycling or swimming .. there's a bountiful number of choices in the local area.

### Pick an event

#### Spring Cycle - 13 October

<http://springcycle.com.au/>

#### 7 Bridges Walk - 27 October

<https://www.7bridgeswalk.com.au/>

#### 3 Bridges Run - 3 November

<https://threebridgesrun.com.au/>

#### 5km Foam Fest - 14/15 December

<https://the5kfoamfest.com/australia/locations/sydney/>

### Check out

<https://mynextchallenge.com.au/>  
for other events around the country.



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# UNDER 8 WORLD CUP

Steve Cumming - Under 6-8 Age Coordinator

The Under 8 World Cup has, over the last decade at Ewen Park, become a fixture and a highlight in the HPW minis season, providing a great finale to the season for under 8's before they head off into inter-club competition. It has undergone quite a few iterations, but with some fantastic traditions that have stayed throughout the many years of the Cup - particularly parents, coaches and parents enthusiastically embracing their assigned country, and the tradition of the march of the countries between the fields in the round robin stage.

This year our teams were the Women's World Cup quarter finalists: France, Italy, Netherlands, England, Sweden, Norway and Germany.

The story of the build up in the competition is best told through U8 Age Coordinator Steve's legendary emails to the teams:

## The build up

Well, that was fast and furious! The athletes (and I suspect the coaches and parents) will sleep well tonight! After a long, 70 minute campaign, here's how things turned out.

**Scoring machine** - Sacre Bleu! The blistering pace and pinpoint accuracy of the French had them finding the back of the net an unbelievable 16 times, smashing our previous U8 World Cup Qualifying Round record of 9.

**Impenetrable Defence** - Continuing their form from the Women's World cup, The Netherlands were miserly, conceding only a single goal in the seven games. France were brilliant at both ends of the park, also only letting a single goal in.

**Even Svens** - Sweden, Germany and Italy all played in three draws today, so if you're playing any of them next week, settle in for a long morning! All the other teams drew twice, except France, who only knew one result today.

So... no surprise that France is looking good to top their group, but who will they be playing? Have the

stingy Dutch done enough up front? Did England score enough goals to challenge Les Bleus? Or will the dogged Swedes or Norwegians bring some Scandi-noir to blanket the free-flowing French?

I'm beside myself with excitement! (even though I already basically know). I'll send out the draw early next week. Thanks for your wonderful enthusiasm today!

## All is revealed

Well, I've crunched the numbers, put on the Sorting Hat and read the tea-leaves. Based on a combination of goal difference and win/loss results last week, we have:

### Pool A

1. France
2. Sweden
3. Norway
4. Germany

### Pool B

1. The Netherlands
2. England
3. USA
4. Italy

So you know what this means. Kicking off at 10.15 on Saturday...

On the brand new STADE DE HURLE : France V The Netherlands- WORLD CUP FINAL!!!

Field

1: Sweden V England- Major Semi Final

Field 2:

Norway V USA - Minor Semi Final

Field 3:

Germany V Italy - Consolation Final

There are some 'special' rules about the France V Netherlands game, so can parents from those teams please read through the attached rules carefully (and maybe brush up on 'your' National Anthems, or learn a folk dance.

And so on the 24th August, the teams all came together for the play off. And what a great set of games. Stade De Hurle was built in a matter of minutes (FIFA eat your heart out!). The public transport saw none of the challenges of Lyon, and so everyone was there and ready, with parents and siblings dressed in national colours and with national accoutrements (baguettes and moustaches were spotted). An absolute highlight was the expert commentary from our gun for hire commentator, our very own Mark Slocum, whose call will become the

stuff of legends ("some say he has the hands of a demented clown" will be oft quoted at future big games across the football world.

So down at Ewen Park we got to see the World Cup we perhaps wanted to see in Lyon in July, with two in-form teams playing out a fine end to this festival of football, alongside three great runners up finals. And just like in Lyon, Netherlands were the worthy runners up, this time to an in-form France, who showed why they are one of the top nations in our game!

The day concluded with the medallion presentation ceremony to all our players and of course the winners getting to lift the specially commissioned under 8 World Cup.



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## A NOTE FROM OUR SPONSOR

R&W Hurlstone Park

Just like the Wanderers, **Richardson & Wrench Hurlstone Park** have a long standing history with the local area.

Owned and operated by the Dendrinos family since 1971, we have a huge passion for football.

Owner Peter Dendrinos was a Board Member for Sydney Olympic back in their hey day from the late 1980s to the early 2000s when they won the NSL championship twice - that's the old A-League for those too young to remember. A spritely 85 years of age, he still has a keen interest in the game.

His son and current Sales Manager, Aris Dendrinis still actively plays in the Over 35s as does two of his children at representative level.

As a family business it was a very easy decision to support the Wanderers who provide such a great environment for the entire local community with players anywhere from 4 years of age right up to their 60s.

We look forward to a long standing association with such a great club.

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# SILENT SIDELINES

**“Is this football? It sounds like a funeral!”**

## Silent Sidelines Weekends Wrap

With all the focus on behaviour issues this year, HPW decided to run a trial of Silent Sidelines over two weeks at the end of July, for all teams playing at Ewen Park on Saturday morning. This was a great initiative that took a huge amount of organisation and support from our Committee, from parents, coaches and players and from our ground managers and mini-refs. From our point of view it was a wonderful success - what we noticed most of all was that we could hear the kids talking to each other on the field and making decisions. But, we didn't leave it to just our views.

The club organised a survey that was open for everyone involved. Here is a report on the results.

For something that involved people being quiet, Silent Sidelines certainly made some noise! We had newspaper and TV coverage, cameras at Ewen Park, follow-up stories and even the odd bit of social media trolling. It's fair to say that opinions were divided, both outside and within the club.

Almost 100 people completed our follow-up survey- thank you!

On the scale of 0-100 for 'How did you feel about our silent sidelined weekends compared to other weekends?' more people chose zero (17) - I liked it much less than other weekends, than chose 100 (12), but more people broadly liked the concept (a score of more than 50) than broadly didn't like it (less than 50). So in summary, a fair number of us really hated

it, a smaller group really loved it, and overall it was pretty much 50:50.

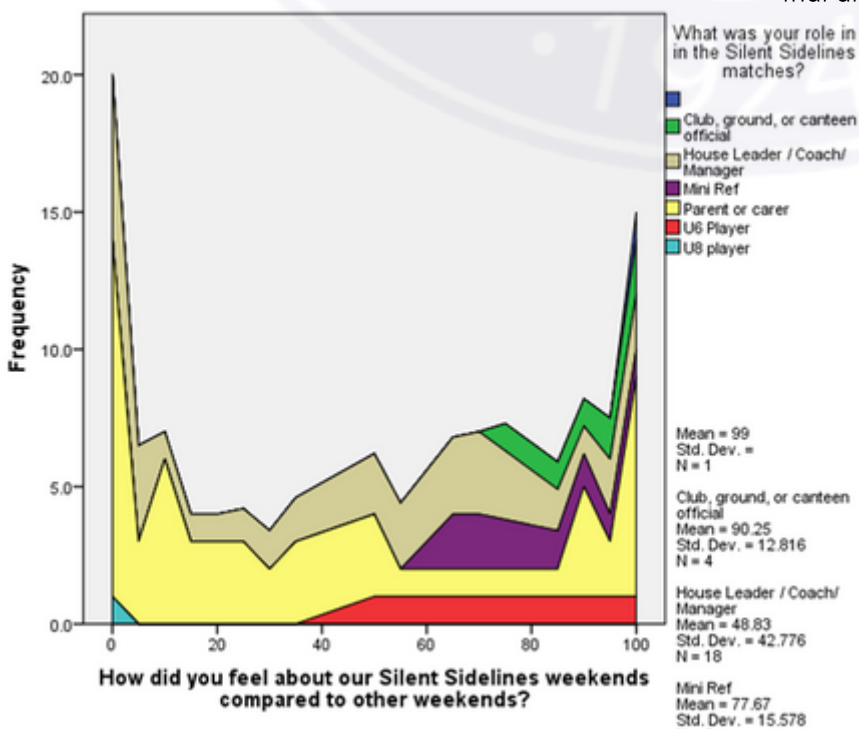
It's also interesting to look at WHO liked and disliked it. This chart shows where people sat on the 0-100 scale depending on what their role was:

You can see more of the parents and carers (yellow) were toward the 'dislike' end, though you were by no means unanimous. A lot of the coaches and house leaders (grey) strongly disliked it, but there were several in the 50-70% range and a few who really loved it. Our grounds personnel (green) generally liked it, although they all commented it was much more work for them than normal weekends. Our Minrefs universally liked it. In the end, though, we wanted to hear from the players. Though they were few in number, all of the U6 players who responded liked it (ranging from 55%-100%), and the one U8 player strongly disliked it.

The comments were as contrasting as the survey responses. Several people told us there was nothing good about it, it was a stupid idea, and the kids didn't know what they were doing. Others said the weekends were perfect, the concept should be extended to all sports nationwide, and their child played the best they ever had. Most of the comments, though, sat somewhere in the middle-people told us that they found it easier than they expected, or found the second week easier than the first, or that they understood why we were doing it but it was tackling a problem that doesn't exist in these age groups.

Finally, we can't wrap up this report without mentioning the lollipops. Almost everyone said something about the lollipops. People who hated the trial and said we should never do it again still said "thanks for the lollipops". People who loved the trial and want us to do it every week next year hated their kids being given lollipops. As a sporting club, we take health and activity seriously and obviously have no intention of handing out sweets week after week. On the other hand, we thought the lollipops were a fun, playful way of helping people keep quiet for the hour or so that they are with us on Saturday mornings, and we do not generally regulate anything else that people eat at the park.

So... to the question lots of you are probably asking- will we do it again? The short answer is "probably not like that". Anything we do in future would have a longer lead time, more information circulated months beforehand and be aimed at different age groups.



# HURLO AT THE WORLD CUP

Rosalie Viney



June and July were very exciting for international football with the Women's World Cup being played. As you know from the last newsletter, some members of our club were lucky enough to get to the games (including our committee members Rosalie and Steve, Miniref Coordinator and Coach Gemma and occasional ground manager and WIL goalkeeper Jay). There were some great highlights including our President embarrassing the rest of her family getting a photo with England forward Jodie Taylor's mum!

For those who couldn't get to France we had the fun of the HPW (Bragging Rights) Tipping Competition. We had 60 club members join in.

In the end (and partly thanks to the perfect round bonus points) the Bragging Rights were taken out by Fiona McGregor from the 30W2B team, with close runners up being Dave Tartak (16/1 and 30WIB coach and 45/2 player, committee member and ground manager) and Aimee Purcell (taking a maternity leave break from the 30WIB team). Here's a snapshot of the top 10. There's a common theme - it seems our women's teams really know the scene in international women's football.

We couldn't leave it to bragging rights so Fiona will be the proud owner of a Matildas jersey, Dave will be enjoying a W League membership and Aimee will be sporting her Hurlo jacket in 2020.

We also have a great report from all the excitement of the Women's World Cup from Nick and Glenda, respectively coach of our AAW5 team and player in 30W2B, who were on the scenes for every Matildas game and for the finals. You know they were there because many of you caught them in the broadcast of the games (looking pretty nervous!)



Glenda and Rosalie



Rosalie with Jodie Taylor's mum!



Viney/Cumming Family and Glenda

# WOMEN'S WORLD CUP REFLECTION

By Glenda & Nick

Our family headed off to France near the start of June for the World Cup with much excitement. We had purchased the 'Follow My Team' package from the FFA which meant we had tickets to all the Matildas' games. We also had tickets to the finals series just in case the Matildas didn't make it.

You know how it's always less stressful watching live. It's probably because you're there to offer soothing words of advice, along with 20,000 others. Well, it turns out when the Matildas are 0-2 down against Brazil just before half time, having lost the first match, it's not less stressful at the ground. It's hell wherever you are. Maybe you're better off hiding under a bed in your flat trying to not think about football.

Our first game was in Valenciennes, we stayed in nearby Lille which was beautiful but couldn't make up for the disappointment of losing to Italy at the last moment.

But the Matildas staged the miracle in Montpellier and it was one of the great afternoons of football. The Matildas came back from 2-0 down for a fabulous 3-2 victory against Brazil. I can't say it was a fun game to watch as the stress levels were super high for us and all the Aussie supporters around. But we were certainly overjoyed at the end.

Next stop Grenoble for the Jamaica game, this one was a slightly more relaxed affair for the Aussie fans and it was great to see the Jamaicans score their first World Cup goal. After the match there was a mad scramble for everyone to organise transport and accommodation for the next game in Nice, where it all came to a crashing halt in the penalty shootout against Norway.

Still, the Matildas and their enthusiastic and plentiful travelling support group were very lucky in their host cities. Montpellier is a delight, albeit less so on the hottest French day on record. Grenoble, which we were repeatedly told is the flattest city in France, (obviously not counting the hilly bits called the Alps), is glorious. I can't vouch for Valenciennes. We were only there long enough to watch the Matildas go down against Italy before racing back to nearby Lille in a fit of pique. The beauty of Nice helped ease the

disappointment of elimination and the tournament continued to provide great spectacle after that, culminating with two hard fought semi-finals and a final in a sold out Lyon stadium.

It was a month of quality football, phenomenal crowds - nothing quite topped the Jamaican crowd rightfully going wild celebrating their first World Cup goal - and fantastic stadiums, each one in their way much better than a hole in the ground in Moore Park.



Glenda and Nick with Rosalie and Steve and ex Hurlo players Vicki and Charlee before the Matildas Round of 16 game