

NEW SOUTH WALS ALL SCHOOLS TEAM TO CAIRNS - 2005

Coach – Brendon Fotheringham (Illawarra Senior College)

Assistant Coach – Luke MaGuire (Patrician Brothers, Blacktown)

Manager – Col Marr (Wauchope HS)

Preparation involved a two day training camp at Wyndham College during July school holidays.

Trial matches

Game one Tuesday July 19th v. Macarthur at Valentine Park (2-2 draw)

Game two Tuesday July 26th v. NSWIS at Valentine Park (won 2-0)

Game three Monday August 1st v. Leichardt U/20 at Lambert Park (won 8-0)

Game four Wednesday August 10th v. NSW Metro 16's at Valentine Park (lost 1-3)

Results at National Championships

Game one	ACT	won 3-1
Game two	Queensland	drew 2-2
Game three	Victoria	won 2-0
Game four	South Aust.	lost 0-2
Game five	Western Aust.	won 1-0

Highs for the week were the domination of games against Victoria and Western Australia and the 2-2 draw with Championship winners Queensland after trailing 2-0 with only 4 minutes to go.

Disappointment of the week was the 2-0 loss to South Australia. We completely outplayed them yet could not convert numerous chances, and conceded goals from a long range free kick right on half time and a halfway runaway right on fulltime as we pushed forward for an equalizer.

National Selections

NSW had "9" boys selected in the Australian Schools Team:- Matthew Nemes (CIS) and Ben Spruce, Daniel Wilkinson, James Alcorn, Jason Trifiro, Evan Berger, Stephen Kayes, Ben Gough, and Nathan Burns (CHS),

Three were selected in the shadow squad: James Kerr (CCC), Daniel Nash and Toby Ryall (CHS)

Player of the Tournament

Evan Berger was named Player of The Tournament with Nathan Burns Runner Up.

NSW CHS Blues

Ben Gough (Westfields Sports High School) and Stephen Kayes (Epping Boys High School)

Out and About in Cairns

The team had a most enjoyable 'recovery session' at the 'Lagoon' following the win over Victoria on Day 3. Most of the team hit Subway, whilst Wilko and Burnsey made their own gourmet baguettes following a trip to the supermarket.

Hartley's Crocodile farm

The lads were a bit jumpy as there had been a fatal crocodile attack north of Cairns the previous evening. Nemesey showed a safe pair of hands with the baby croc. The river cruise showed how high crocs can jump out of the water and the attack show demonstrated just how crazy the croc handlers are.