

### **Faul and Wallace Star for Australia**

After their recent selection for the Australian U17 National Squad, SASI athletes **Ruth Wallace** and **Ashlee Faul** have performed exceptionally for the Junior Matildas in Myanmar.

Playing in the AFF Tournament in South East Asian country of Myanmar, Faul and Wallace have helped the traveling Australian Team to wins against Singapore, Vietnam and Myanmar B. As a result they will be playing in the Semi Finals of the Tournament, which Coach Robbie Hooker is using as preparation for next months Asian Football Confederation World Cup Qualifiers in Thailand.

Going another step further debutant Faul has scored 3 Goals, all from headers, which is incredible after having her nose broken and having plastic surgery on her forehead after a clash with teammate Christiana Papageorgiou earlier this year.

### **Australian School Boys Tour**

SASI Athlete's **Daniel Lee** and **Wilson Lee** have just completed the US Australian Team Tour where they played 16 Game in 19 days. The boys traveled throughout Oregon, California and Arizona and came away a record of 11 wins and 5 losses. The team made the last four in the 32-team tournament

### **Heartbreak for Calder, Wallace and Faul still in the running**

The National U17 Girls Team will be preparing next week with a last selection camp for the upcoming AFF U16 Women's Championship - Yangon, Myanmar.

Three SASI Scholarship Holders who play weekly in the FFSA U16 Boys Competition **Ashlee Faul**, **Ruth Wallace** and **Nicole Calder** (all 16) have all performed well at National Championships in July and have been included in subsequent National Training camps, pleasing the eye of new National U17 Coach, Robbie Hooker.

Wallace and Faul who have recently been contracted by Adelaide Utds Lady Reds have continued to develop and both have been included in a Selection camp squad of 22. The Squad will meet in Sydney from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> October. Both will be hoping to continue to perform well as only 20 players will travel to Myanmar to play games against Philippines, Vietnam and Myanmar before hopefully playing off in the Finals. SASI Coach Kevin McCormack stated "this Myanmar Tournament will be a great preparation event for Novembers AFC U17 World Cup Qualifiers to be in Thailand in November and our SASI girls are ready."

Sadly Nicole Calder who had received some positive feedback from Hooker and who also starred for the FFSA Senior Women's State Team recently has had to pull out of the Squad

for health reasons due to Glandular fever. McCormack added, " Obviously Nicole has been devastated with the illness and is slowly returning to full health but will be unable to push herself physically in the short term. Ashlee and Ruth though are at full fitness and I am confident they can do a great job for Australia should they both be selected. All 3 have a long term future at the game."

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17th July 2009

### **Congratulations to Angela Fimmano and Sian McLaren**

Both **Sian** and **Angela** have been selected to represent Australian U19s Women's Football Squad (YOUNG MATILDAS) in the upcoming AFC World Cup Qualifiers in Wuhan, China, 1st-14th August.

Selected after attendance at numerous National Training camps both SASI and recently contracted Adelaide Utd Women's team members cemented their selection after great performances in a recent tour to Italy. Fimmano (17) was top goal scorer on the tour, scoring quality hat tricks against Finland and Inter Milan. McLaren (18) was also outstanding against Finland and as a result is catching the eye of Senior Head Coach Tom Sermanni.

The girls will attend a training camp in Sydney prior to flying to a 2 game friendly series against South Korea in Seoul before playing Japan (1st August), China (3<sup>rd</sup> August) and Chinese Taipei (5<sup>th</sup> August) in Wuhan.

SASI Coach and Assistant National Coach Kevin McCormack stated, "The SASI girls have worked very hard to gain this selection and have recently undergone Humidity chamber work at the Uni of SA to prepare for the high heat and humid conditions in Wuhan. With a likelihood of playing 2 of the top 6 countries in the world (Japan and North Korea) just to qualify for the World cup the Road to Germany 2010 is a difficult one but the preparation has been as good as ever and the Australians are quietly confident."

Good Luck Sian and Angela, flying the flag for SASI, SA and Adelaide Utd.

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 29 May 2009

### **Postcard from Verace, N. Italy**

SASI Scholarship Holders **Angela Fimmano** and **Sian McLaren** have recently completed a two game series against Finland at the AIS training base in Verace.

In the first game the Young Matildas (U19s) were too strong for the Finnish team winning 4-1. However the highlight was the performance of SASI Goal Keeper Sian McLaren who gained the respect of all spectators, coaches and players by providing a dominating performance in front of National Coach Tom Sermanni. A National Senior Camp call up could as a result be imminent.

In the second game a wilting Finnish Team struggled against a powerful Australian team with Angela Fimmano performing well and grabbing a hat trick of Goals. The first a penalty, the second a left footed shot from the edge of the box and the third a side foot finish from 10 metres to overwhelm the hapless Fins.

### **German Super Power Overwhelmed**

In the third game of the Euro training camp in preparation for the upcoming AFC World Cup Qualifiers, world power Germany was upset by the Young Matildas 3-0 with Fimmano a starter and McLaren on the bench.

### **Three young Guns return from Canberra**

**Ashlee Faul**, **Nicole Calder** and **Ruth Wallace** have recently returned from an U16 National Training camp with new National Coach Robbie Hooker. Hooker was very impressed with the 3 SASI players with a likely invitation to the next training camp in June a likely result.

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15 May 2009

### **Young 3 off to Canberra's AIS**

SASI scholarship holders **Ashlee Fual** and **Nicole Calder** after a short national squad break will be joining Junior Matilda's regular and fellow SASI athlete **Ruth Wallace** at next weeks National Junior Training camp in AIS. The Junior Matilda's are in preparation for the World Cup qualifiers late 2009.

### **Test Results**

In recent Physiological and Strength testing sessions recently conducted by Sarah Woolford and Amantha Saers respectively, the present group of SASI athletes achieved the best set of results for several years. Congratulations to all Service providers and Coaches. Brilliant set of results!

The players will now have there weekly training program split between SASI, Adelaide Utd W League preparations and the FFSA state program U15 and U17 programs.

### **SASI Girls 1 West Adelaide 5**

In the FFSA U16 Boys league the SASI girls after a very respectable start to the season were no real match on the scoreboard for a motivated and strong West Adelaide Boys Squad. Highlights for the girls were a great build up and goal from new gun **Georgia Macri**.

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 8 May 2009

### **Fimmano and McLaren Off to Europe and Thailand**

SASI Scholarship Holders **Angela Fimmano** (17) and **Sian McLaren** (17) have recently been selected into the Young Matildas Squad of 20 who will travel to Italy for a training camp and games against Top Class European opposition. In the games based at the AIS training base in Varace Northern Italy, the Young Matildas (Australian U20s) will play Finland (23rd and 25th May) and Germany (27th May) along with other European teams yet to be confirmed. On the way back from Europe the Squad will stop off in Thailand to play another International friendly.

"This tour will provide some preparation for the upcoming World Cup Qualifiers in China later this year" stated **SASI Head Coach** and **Assistant Young Matilda Coach Kevin McCormack** "I am very proud of the Angela and Sian's selection which is a testament to there talent, dedication and quality of the work of SASI staff and service providers and previous coaches."

Angela and Sian leave for a pre Tour training camp on Saturday 16th May held in Sydney before leaving for Europe on the following Tuesday.

### **Results, SASI Girls vs. Northern Demons**

In a game of two halves the SASI Girls performed well against a spirited Port Pirie U16 Boys squad on Wednesday evening (6th May) at SANTOS stadium.

The first half of the game saw the SASI girls dominating possession with the Port Pirie keeper having an outstanding game stopping long range efforts from **Ruth Wallace** and **Angela Fimmano** and close saves from **Georgia Macri** and **Kathryn Ebbs**. Going in at half time 0-0 the girls returned and maintained focus with **Ellie Chapman** setting up **Vanessa Reed** with a beautiful defence splitting ball. Reed still had plenty to do though with her first touch a delicate headed control around the keeper and second a simple pass into the empty goal.

The Demons bounced back with an equaliser and plenty of pressure but Young Matilda Keeper **Sian McLaren** kept a second and winning goal at bay for a well-earned draw.

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 24 April 2009

### **AIS Training Camp**

**Emma Wirkus** and **Victoria Balomenos** recently returned for the AIS Camp in Canberra where National Senior Coach Tom Sermanni has already started planning for the Matildas next qualification for the World Cup.

Emma and Victoria will be regularly invited to take part in these monthly camps with a view to selection for the 2010 Asian Cup, which is used as the Asian qualifiers for the World Cup.

### **History Making Loss**

The SASI Girls recently made unfortunate history by losing in their first game in the FFSA Boys league in over 18 months. After going ahead through a great left footed goal by **Rachel Quigley** the SASI girls let two goals in just after half time in their Round 5 FFSA U16 Boys league game at Pirate Park. The girls were devastated late in the game after

another **Quigley** effort went just wide and a follow up finish from an **Angela Fimmano** pile driver was judged to be off side.

### **Girls bounce back but at a cost**

After a recent loss in the FFSA U16s Boys League the SASI girls bounced back to win a hard fought game against Western Strikers. Taking the lead from an early goal by Matilda forward **Victoria Balomenos** the girls held off a spirited and determined Strikers offence with dogged defending by **Ellie Chapman, Ebony Weidenbach, Nicole Calder, Rachel King, Ashlee Fual** and **Chichi May**. However when the Boys did break through they were met with total frustration and the World Class shop stopping of Matilda Goalkeeper **Emma Wirkus**.

However the evening had it tragedy with **Ashlee Faul** and **Christiana Papageorgiou** both suffering head clashes (clashing with each other) requiring plastic surgery and **Victoria Balomenos** suffering a suspected ACL knee injury.

Hopefully they will all return to training and games as soon as possible.

### **Ruthie off to camp**

Young Gun **Ruth Wallace** (16) recently returned from injury to play in her first game of the season this week against Western strikers setting up the first goal with a shot from 25 metres. Ruth also had the good news this week that she would be part of the U16 national Squad camp in Sydney from 14th -17th April.

Highlights from the Girls Games in the Boys league will be posted on the SASI Women's Football website. <http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/sasi/football-women.html>

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27 March 2009

### **Women's Football season off to a successful start**

After moving up an age group the SASI Girls have played two games in the FFSA U16 Boys Competition and are presently holding more than their own in this more intense and physical competition.

In the first game of the season the SASI Girls earned a more than creditable 1-1 draw against West Adelaide Boys with **Victoria Balomenos** returning from Matildas Camp duty to score a penalty in the first minute of the game. In the second game against Croydon the SASI Girls scored two great goals in the first half from SASI debutants **Vanessa Reed** and **Kathryn Ebbs** to totally outplay their bigger faster opponents. In the second half it was a different affair with Croydon bouncing back and putting the SASI defence under enormous pressure forcing a goal with ten minutes to play. However **Ebony Weidenbach, Ellie Chapman** and particularly Matilda Goalkeeper **Emma Wirkus** were up to the task with some great last minute tackles and world class saves to stage a 2-1 victory.

### **SASI Girls excel on and off the field**

The South Australian Certificate of Education Merit Awards Ceremony was held on the 10th of February at Government House. The multi talented SASI Women's Football Squad was well represented with 5 perfect scores of 20 achieved by three girls. **Ashlee Faul** and **Nicole Calder** both achieved their Merit by blitzing Vocational Studies B, a year 12 subject that they completed in Year 10. Vocational Studies B is a sports and personal development subject for elite athletes with assessments based on a combination of sporting performance, log books and assignments. Meanwhile, SASI graduate Monika Holmwood completed her Year 12 studies with two 20s in Legal Studies and Psychology.