<u>U14 Boys Sunday 18/11/12 – Loddon Mallee Lightning Boys v North West Wanderers</u>

Plenty happening when everyone gathered at the Moama Sports grounds for what was sure to be another exciting day in VCL 2012. Thanks to Fiona Brown for organising the team photos which is bound to get a run at some future 21st celebrations. It was all happening when supporters arrived, slight hiccups with the BBQ which decided to start its own little fire, but not before Scott Broad and Dominic Marziano avoided a call out from the local CFA. Not to worry though as parents from the under 17's came to the rescue with another to make sure there would be plenty of snags and burgers for the kids. If you moved over to the canteen area you would see a "service with a smile" at the stalls selling Loddon Mallee merchandise. A short walk over to the green playing grounds and the football match was underway. Within seconds Will Broad gave this writer something to talk about, his first goal after weeks of determination. The wind was playing tricks for the team and it wasn't long before North West Wanderers brought the score back to level. LMFC kept at their game and were trying hard to forge gaps in the opposition defence. The boys seemed a bit reluctant to shoot when given the chance, but then up popped a killer ball to Peter Marziano and the team had the lead at half time 2-1.

The second half underway and it appeared that North West Wanderers were keen to have their day in the sun. Their second goal keeping them well in the match. A couple of yellow cards were handed out to LMFC players who were getting a little frustrated. Still the endeavour was there and they upped the tempo to try and pull back the lead, unfortunately NW seized on their moments and were soon ahead 3-2. LMFC had their chances towards the end of the game, the long legs of Jordan Ross just couldn't get a touch to a good ball played into the box by Tyler Rason and then a fine strike by Nathan Urbaniak from outside the danger zone, saw the keeper palm the ball away to stop any chance of a draw. The end result saw the points going the way of the Wanderers who had every reason to be delighted with their win. The boys and coaches shook hands on the half way line before departing to the sidelines to chat with their supporters. This season is flying and talk has already started about our Christmas lunches and planned holidays. Next week's game sees the team travel to Swan Hill with a game against Western Wolves.