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## **GSV Uses World Class Soccer Centre For its Final Series**

Girls Sport Victoria wrapped up its Soccer season last week with the best of the best showcasing their talents on brand new synthetic pitches at the newly developed State Soccer Centre.

GSV was one of the first to use the world class venue which is part of the Darebin International Sports Centre, built specifically for the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The atmosphere was electric, with players, coaches and spectators all amazed by the unique surface, and awed by the opportunity for the girls to play at such an impressive venue.

MLC, Star of the Sea, OLMC and Genazzano rose to the occasion with some spectacular play in the Semi Finals. The first Semi Final saw strong defence from both sides, with MLC securing a berth in the Grand Final match with a late goal against OLMC.

The second Semi Final match between Star of the Sea and Genazzano was equally exciting with Genazzano scoring early in the first half before Star retaliated with a penalty goal late in the first half. The momentum stayed with Star in the second half, with two early goals and Genazzano were unable to even the score.

The Grand Final between MLC and Star of the Sea was an absolute thriller with MLC scoring in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute of the first half and Star retaliating almost immediately. Ten minutes into the second half, MLC scored again, putting the pressure back on Star. Both teams were desperate to score again, but with momentum swinging more MLC's way, Star did well to hold its defence and the score remained unchanged. MLC were ecstatic on the full time whistle, taking out the 2005 Grand Final Pennant.

In the Intermediate Soccer Grand Finals, PLC defeated Firbank 4-3 in the A grade match and Genazzano was triumphant over Star of the Sea 1-0 in the B grade match.

The A grade Junior pennant went to Star of the Sea over OLMC 3-2.

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### **Intermediate Volleyball Grand Final Goes Down to the Wire**

In the Volleyball Finals Series the Match of the Year went to the Intermediate Grand Final play-off between Star of the Sea and Melbourne Girls Grammar.

Melbourne won the first set 25 -23, but the score was reversed in the second set with Star winning 25 -23. The third set was Melbourne's again, winning 25 -23. Star was desperate to get the draw in the fourth set, but time was called before the set could count. Melbourne was triumphant and celebrated with their B team which had also won their Grand Final match over Tintern 3 (75) to 0 (35).

The Senior Volleyball Grand Final was won easily by OLMC 3 (75) to St Margaret's 0 (29). The Senior B Grand Final was won by Star of the Sea 3 (82) over OLMC 1 (86).

Star of the Sea's Junior Volleyball team celebrated wins in both the A and B Grand Final matches. Star beat PLC 3 (75) to 0 (41) in the A grade match and Ivanhoe 2 (74) to 1 (73) in the B grade match.

### **PLC's Dominance in Badminton Continues**

PLC's dominance with the shuttle continued, reigning supreme in both the Senior and Intermediate Badminton competition. The Senior girls were particularly impressive, defeating MLC 7(14) to 1 (3), while their Intermediate team were also clear winners 6 (12) to Firbank's 2 (4).

Toorak College took the Junior Badminton title 7 (14) to Star of the Sea's 1 (3).

PLC have now won 11 from a possible 15 Badminton titles in the five-year history of Girls Sport Victoria.

### **Ends**

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