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# Small sided football win

## GEMMA SHOWS LEADERSHIP ON THE SPORTING FIELD

Chris Georgakopoulos

BLUE Mountains Football Club player Gemma Morgan had a day to remember when Soccerroos captain Lucas Neill personally presented her with the Lucas Neill Leadership Award.

Neill congratulated Gemma, 8, of Glenbrook, who received the award for a young player who has displayed skill on the field and an ability to encourage a team by leading from the front.

Gemma's father Cameron said he was extremely proud of his daughter's achievement.

"We're in shock, but very proud that Gemma has won this award," he said.

"Normally a girl would take a doll to bed with her."

"Gemma takes a soccer ball - that is how much passion she has for football."

"I remember one day seeing Gemma organise all her team to do a drill before a game on her own."

"Normally kids would run around everywhere before a game, but she had



GEMMA MORGAN WITH MATILDAS STAR KYAH SIMON AND SOCCEROOS CAPTAIN LUCAS NEILL.

Picture: DAVE SWIFT

them all in line and showed great leadership."

Gemma got the chance to kick a ball with Neill as well as Matildas player Kyah

Simon as part of the Optus Small Sided Football Awards.

Mr Morgan said he will back his daughter all the

way no matter what she chooses to do in the future.

"We support Gemma with anything she wants to do," he said. "At the moment it's

soccer and Gemma's dream is to play for the Matildas.

"But she understands she has a lot of work ahead of her."

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"We batted very well, so we knew that if we bowled ok we were a reasonable chance," Wholohan said.

Josh Lalor took four wickets to lead the way for Penrith, and Western Suburbs were all out for 189.

But first grade were not the only side to pick up wins, with the Penrith second, fourth and fifth grade sides also successful.

"Obviously we're looking at the club championships too," Wholohan said. "And there are some early signs from all sides that we could do quite well."



Panthers wicketkeeper Tim Cummins on Saturday.

Penrith now need to keep the momentum going when they take on Mosman at Howell Oval starting this Saturday.

"We're looking to win as many as we can before Christmas, so hopefully we keep things going against Mosman," Wholohan said.

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