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MODERN SOLAR JUGGLES GOLD COAST UNITED

It wasn't just the kids showing off their skills last Thursday at Pacific Fair Shopping Centre when Modern Solar held a *Juggle the Ball* competition; even the parents were having a go.

Five Gold Coast United Players attended, giving young stars the opportunity to juggle with the stars and learn a trick or two.

With the pressure on some young kids to juggle up a storm in front of some of their favourite Gold Coast United players, it was a good thing every participant received a free Modern Solar Soccer toy stress ball.

"Maybe we've found a way to recruit our future Gold Coast United stars," said Ron Bayley, managing director of Modern Solar, the club's major sponsor.

Jugglers who notched over 20 juggles accrued prizes of a Modern Solar T-shirt signed by the players, two tickets to a Gold Coast United game, a Modern Solar car sunshade and more.

But that wasn't enough for young Reuben Douglas who juggled his way to over 1,100 juggles -- making him the winner of a signed Gold Coast United football.

"He was juggling for a good 20 minutes and it looked like he could have gone all night," Mr Bayley said.

"The runners-up were Jacob Thorstensen with over 600 juggles -- another star on the horizon and a local Merrimac under 14 player.

"Ben Roel came in 3rd and put in some hard yards, earning themselves some cool Gold Coast United apparel."

"While not all participants had the flare of young Reuben Douglas, everybody walked away with a Modern Solar toy soccer stress ball for having a go.

Some parents even entered competitions to win a \$1,000 off a Modern home improvement including solar energy and hot water systems. Modern Solar is a national company with numerous home improvement products.

"We will be looking to hold more Juggle the Ball competitions in the future after seeing how much fun the kids were having with the players and showing off their skills" said Mr Bayley.

To find out more, go to the GCU website www.goldcoastunited.com.au

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