

# From the Field

## Match Reports



### Under 5 Kookaburras

**Round 9:** Another great game by the Under 5 Kookaburras cheered on by our newest team mate Jeremy. Our kids are showing such a passion for the game with this week's development in not stealing the ball from our own players.

### Under 5 Sharks

**Round 8:** A challenging game today, but the team put their hearts & soul into the game. Each week they improve & are getting better. They all love playing.

### Under 6 Kangaroos

**Round 8:** Kids are improving in keeping their focus on the game simultaneously with laughing. Great team ambiance. Great to see the team step up again this week in a great game. Glenwood held their defence well, but we broke through a few times in the second half, with a last goal by us going in just before the final whistle. Very impressed by the persistence of everyone on the team.

**Round 9:** Another close game this week. The goal count was kept low thanks to some great defending by everyone - the games at training are paying off. As usual, we kept up the attack with some really close attempts, and some awesome goals to make it all worthwhile. Chemistry is the word of the game as the players were talking, organising attack and providing feedback to each other!

### Under 6 Whales

**Round 9:** Well done everyone for defending really well and keeping the other team scoreless for the first time this season. The Rooty Hill team defended as well and we had to work hard for our goals the whole game. It was great to see more passing and more communication between everyone on the field throughout the game. Nice dribbling from Yatilla and some fast running from Isabelle as she bolted to the playground after the game :)

### Under 7 Development 3

**Round 8:** It was a hot day out at Blacktown Football Park, and the lack of full facilities made the game even tougher. Kings played well against a strong and well-organised team that wouldn't be out of place in a higher division. Although the final result didn't go our way, everyone worked really hard in the challenging conditions, and made sure that The Ponds had to earn each of their goals. A fantastic effort all around.

**Round 9:** Another great game where everyone put in their best effort. There was an amazing level of focus and effort for a group of 6- and 7-year olds. They were rewarded for their efforts with some strong goals from Liam, Yara, Layla, Manvick and Kanwa, and rock-solid defence with powerful tackling and calm passing from Ella and Gabriel. Every week is an improvement on the last, and I can't wait for the next game.

## Under 7 Development 7

**Round 9:** A return to Minchinbury and move to Development League 7 was marked by a wonderful display from of football by Evelyn - she was always "in the game", thinking about where to be, what to do and giving 100%. Kobe likewise never stopped and gave 100% I think some of us were a little tired. Maybe off to bed a bit earlier, hey girls and boys!! :)

## Under 7 Development 8

**Round 8:** One more player added to team... KRISHIV

**Round 9:** Good effort by our team

## Under 8 Development 3 Not Provided

## Under 8 Development 5 Not Provided

## Under 8 Development 8

**Round 8:** We had a great match today. We can really start to see the benefits of our training. We defended exceptionally well all game with our only lapse in concentration costing us a goal. I think as parents and coach we are all super proud of how our kids played this weekend with all players providing standout performances working hard all over the park, marking well, covering in defense, and attacking as opportunity arose. Given that Lily and Mila were both unwell, I am really pleased with the progress we made this week.

**Round 9:** We had a great match today in our newly appointed Development League 8 category. Our kids played their heart out, with a standout performance in goals and on the field from Elijah. Notable mention goes to Caitlin who took a massive hit in the face and came back on a few minutes later showing great resilience. Keep up the hard work guys!!

## Under 9 Development 1 Not Provided

## Under 10 Development 2 Not Provided

## Under 10 Development 4

**Round 8:** A close game and the team were behind at half time, but they came back to win. Every game they improve and keep getting better and better.

## Under 10 Development 6

**Round 8:** A tough day out for U10/6. We struggled against a very strong Town Rangers team. But we kept trying all the way to the end.

**Round 9:** An end to end match where both teams played very well. We went in to half-time up 1-0 after Katija lobbed a perfectly placed through ball to Cooper. Ponds levelled the field to make it 1-1, but with 5 minutes to go Arunav found space in the wing and sent it on to Cooper who again found the back of the net to make it 2-1. Some great defending in the last 5 minutes saw us hold onto our lead and grab a well-deserved victory.

## Under 12 Division 4

**Round 8:** Wow Shooting Stars!! Awesome Game You ALL played great, on your toes the whole game without a doubt even the opposition were kept on the edge. All tough right through, all got in there to fight for the ball, taking on the biggest and never giving in to them. Sean was on fire with staying in the game until the end, he has sore shoulders from training each week learning how to take them on and it was done with a Goal scored as well, Fantastic. Christopher, Anish, Dean and Aiden held them out until their last puff with a lot of hard work Well Done! Joshua, Kaelan, Oliver were on

their toes continuously with Nicholas and Himinake scoring some great goals. Half time we had Elhaam join in the fight to take on the opposition, with another goal scored, unfortunately one of our goals were disallowed a disappointing moment. BUT it was ALL good without a doubt, taking the action from training into the game it was so COOL. Your Coach is so proud of you all, lost voice too. I'd like to thank our linesman Dominic for being pushed into the position along with Ground Official at the same time, he was so cool too, flag and all. Thankyou Great Job. Opposition come up guys and said we were the toughest team they had played all year. Congratulations Shooting Stars!!

**Round 9:** A good game, 1st half the focus was a little hard however 2nd half was heaps better with some great opportunities that just didn't show the results. Himinake covered the field well, Elhaam made some great attempts at goal with everyone having some great passing opportunities, our defence was a little strained however they worked hard, William was fantastic once again in the hardest job on the field, being a Goalie. You got this William! Well Done Shooting Stars, hard out training to come this week! I'd like to put a BIG SHOUT of THANK YOU to Jason for stepping in as Coach for the day so appreciated. Man of Match- Oliver Encouragement- Dean Great Effort- Elhaam Sportsmanship- Simon

### Under 12 Division 5

**Round 8:** A big improvement this week as the team has started to implement some of the skills and positional structures that we have been working on at training. The find of the week was Dymon who was outstanding as our goal keeper proving that last week's big effort was not a fluke.

**Round 9:** A great day for soccer. We started the match without any reserves and the team played well. You could see the improvement that passing was making however the lack of reserves contributed to fatigue. We had some late arrivals and consequently were able to see players in and out. A big effort by Dymon in goals in the first half and Samir in the second.

### Under 13 Division 4

**Round 8:** Another well-played game. We moved the ball and looked for each other and created a lot of chances. The front line of India Rose, Kevin, Jamie and Joshua created chances and scored 3 of the goals. The midfield of Henry, Dale, Hayden, Aiden and Harshil scored two and controlled the play as well as get back to defend. Last but not least the backline of Akshat, Emily, Leah and Ben with Elijah in goals made the plays when they needed to and cut down a number of scoring chances. It was a team win with everybody contributing. Even our injured player Matilda cheered on from the sidelines - a great birthday present for Russel our birthday boy!

**Round 9:** Sometimes sport can be cruel - we led 90% of the game and two let downs (I blame the coach) in the last 5 minutes cost us a game we were the better team in. Again, we passed the ball well and worked as a team. The first goal came after Indie chased a ball everyone else thought was out and won it and drew it back to Harshil who slid a pass to Dale and he found the back of the net. The second was just as nice as sterling play from the back play by Aiden and Ben got ball forward to Hayden then Jamie found Dale in the middle again and he nailed it to the back of the net. Josh had a strong game and he is getting more involved as did Henry. A tough loss but we know we can beat them the next time around - heads held high and next time coach will do better.

### Under 16 Girls Division 2

**Round 9:** Great game

### Over 35 Men Division 5

**Round 8:** It was a tough night against a quality team. Glenwood had some very quick, strong young players. While we were able blunt their attack for a while, the final result was inevitable. Once again injuries took their toll and a bench of 3 became a bench of 0 by half time. Hopefully the injuries are all short-term and we'll be back to full strength sooner rather than later.





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