

From the Field

Round 12 Match Reports



U5 Kangaroos

Much better game this week. Everyone was chasing the ball and getting lots of kicks. Super-sportsmanship from Mikey today, going out of his way to make sure that Madison got to kick the ball. Lexi was great all over the field and kicked lots of goals. And throughout the game Emma was a very accurate score-keeper.

U5 Koalas

Strange weather sees strange things happen!

Off to a great start in very sticky conditions. Jett was on point from the start with a great run and cross field pass giving Kyan an open goal to shoot at. Frankie doubled the lead shortly after before adding 2 more before halftime. The second half was a completely different ball game with Tigers getting first to the ball, putting the boys off their game. Joel-Luke, Blake, Frankie, Kyan and Jett were trying everything they could to stop the run of play but missed chances looked like they could come back to haunt us after the third goal was conceded. The boys rallied together and Kyan found a great pass to put Frankie away in space and the boys were able to hang on. The never quit on your teammates attitude today definitely shone through with Jett leading from the middle, Blake and Joel-Luke bustling at the back and Kyan and Frankie never giving up. Champion effort team, well done!

U6 Sharks

Best game of the season. The team was determined to win and focused. Each and every player played the best they have all season. Great work team.

U6 Wombats

Our best game so far. It's good to see Wombats working together as a team, with some passing and some good spreading out across the field. Good goals from Aakash and Evie, along with a near-miss from Seb. Great kick-ins from Macie and tackles from Cassius and Josh. Well done Wombats!

U7/2

Another great game by this team. Stringing together passes really well, and putting in some excellent defence work.

The ball control from everyone is improving week on week, but need to work on making sure the ball is played away from our goal to avoid the other team capitalising on the occasional mistake.

U7/7

Opposition was really strong, we failed to defend. Every kid did their best especially Angom, stopped few goals with great efforts. Abeer and Yattilla scored.

U8/5

With coach required to referee the game due to a shortage of game leaders, it was the perfect opportunity for the kids to show how much they have learned this season, and how well they can organise the game amongst themselves when given a game free of sideline influence.

The team did not disappoint! They played in positions well, they passed to each other, they worked out who would take each throw-in, and they applied all the things that have been worked on in training the last few weeks. While winning is absolutely not the most important thing at this age, the massive smiles on each player's face at the end of the game showed just how difficult this season has been for the team, and how excited they were to have finally got a win under their belt.

This game was a handy reminder to coach and parents that making their own decisions is one of the best ways for children to learn what does and doesn't work during a game. As a coach I'll be making a concerted effort to say less during a game for the last two rounds this season.

U9/1

A tough game against Glenwood with the boys running some serious kilometres.

Brian seemed to be all over the field at once and our defence team once again was crucial.

Dean had an awesome game with lots of touches of the ball.

U9/5

Another great game this weekend. Team played well together with great passing and listening to Coach's instruction. Great defence work and excellent passing, keeping pressure on opposite team from start to finish.

U9/6

We missed Brylee today, but the team put in a special effort and we managed to overcome our last remaining unbeaten team! Well done all, amazing effort.

Two different scorers and players moving all over the field as required. Such a great team effort and real maturity was shown on the field.

U10/1

Not provided

U11/4

Not provided

U11/5

A great performance from the team - probably the best of the season. The kids passed the ball around well, stayed in position (most of the time) and created lots of chances to score - It was great to see a few go in, including Jade's first goal for the team which was followed by her doing roly poly's all the way back to the half way line- great to see :) - Katija, Sameer and Ben all also got on the scoresheet. Thanks to Ben for filling in for us this week

U12/5

ShootingStars on the field and ready to play knowing that every game important but this one an important game that had to be Won! Two good teams playing against each other, to our dismay it was recognised and questionable from the start and then the whistle blew. Within minutes we had scored a goal to unfortunately then have the goalie take a dive for opposition Coach to run on the field, abuse the referee and our players, to our players shock listen to the opposition coach instruct his team to play rough and do what has to be done no matter what it takes which was absolutely unacceptable in every way. ShootingStars were told to keep their heads high, play their game and ignore to what had just been said, the referee had no control of this situation which feeling for him greatly. Playing the game it had become a Soccer/Rugby match that to our disappointment, it had definitely rattled our team but they tried to play the game anyway. With some great tackles, ball control and maintaining ball for execution which was hard due to the oppositions defence and goalie whom was a good one. We had some players taken out of play, fouls that had not been pulled yet our team kept going and put up a great fight until the very end without a doubt they did themselves and each other very proud. We had been abused and yet played on, abusive language that should not be on any field, it does happen however I am extremely PROUD of all my players, they did extremely well under the circumstances until we meet them again. Thankyou Prospect for a very challenging game. ShootingStars Keep Fighting, Don't Stop!

Shout Out- Victoria thankyou for rushing to the game it was much appreciated.

U13/4

Another fractured arm during the week and some more sickness resulted in the team only being able to field 8 players. A very big thank you to the under 12s for supplying 4 players on the day.

Last round we lost 19 to nil so you can see the massive improvement in our team to keep Parklea to only 12 with so many of our key players missing. All of our players performed really well and we should have handed out 12 awards.

A big thank you to Peter our co coach and to Ben our manager.

A huge shoutout to our parents for supporting our players every week

U14/4

What a game! The team once again hung together and kept trying to the end. We finally got a break our way when Leah's header found the back of the net from about twenty metres out to give us a 1-0 lead midway through the first half. Then beautiful passing - Ben to Dale to Kevin and through to Jamie who blasted it into the corner put us 2-0. But Polonia fought back and got it back to even and then took the lead with 20 minutes to go. But Henry sliced a great through ball to Dale who outran the opposition to bring the scores level with 7 to play. From there both teams had chances - Akshat, Elijah, Hayden and Shayla all made important saves and Matilda and Indie kept the ball alive in the march down the field that led to the winning goal by Kevin with less than two minutes on the clock.

The team passed well against an aggressive team and constantly got in their passing lanes to keep them from scoring.

A great job again - not just because we won but the way we played, the spirit, the class and the positive attitude. Well done!

O35/4

Not provided

O35/6

There was a good turnout for the game, with injuries slowly starting to heal in the run in to the finals. We went behind early to a goal that must be acknowledged as a cracker, when an expected cross at the last minute turned into a lofted shot that drifted at a tight angle over the top of the outstretched arms of the keeper. There was very little anyone could do about that one.

To the boys' credit, no one dropped their heads and the team continued to push forward for an equaliser. The opposition pressed hard and often flooded the midfield in attack, leaving Doonside/Kings struggling to keep the ball out at times. Tigers were unable to convert the extra numbers into meaningful shots on goal and the score remained 1-0 going into the halftime break.

While the second half started much as the first ended, we soon started to assert some dominance. Their attacks through the middle were less successful and they were forced to try pressuring down the flanks where the play was more easily snuffed out. We started to take more control of the middle of the park, and pushed forward more effectively, where the hard work was

rewarded with an equaliser. We continued to pile on pressure, but were unable to convert that dominance in the final third as the Tigers defence scrambled to prevent shots on goal.

In the end it was another draw, which goes to show just how evenly matched this competition is this season.



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