

# From the Field

Round 1 2021 Match Reports



## U5 Kookaburras

For our very first game ever we versed Quakers Hill Juniors. We were at an unfamiliar location and the team took a little while to settle in and get used to playing another team of kids we didn't know. Unfortunately Jack wasn't feeling 100% so opted to spend most of the game on the side.

The first half saw Quakers score a few goals against us. When we found our groove Sara, Kres and Alyssa got in on a few tackles against the other team. Kres did some amazing dribbling and scored our first goal for the season (and only goal for this game).

By the second half we had warmed up and continued to try to 'steal the ball' from Quakers Hill but they seemed much more at home on their home ground and continued to score against us. Ivan enjoyed taking the lead and doing the kick offs from centre line, while Caleb preferred to protect the goals from the other team scoring. There was some great passing between the team. Alyssa was our quiet achiever and did some great dribbling when she managed to tackle the other team and steal the ball.

Although we were defeated, all the players finished the game with a smile on their face and reported that they had enjoyed their first game. Player of the match this week went to Kres for a wonderful goal, and encouragement award to Alyssa. Well done under 5's!



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## U6 Kookaburras

How good is it to have football back in 2021!! Round 1, we got off to a flyer vs Blacktown Workers. Great passing and movement resulted in the boys gaining early ascendancy and never giving up. Taking the lead early through an own goal, before Frankie linked twice with Rohan to quickly triple the advantage. Rohan finished the game with 4, while Blake, Liam and Leon all got their names on the score sheet. Joel-Luke led from the back with some great defensive reads. Aarush tried hard all game and will continue to grow in confidence with the team as the season goes on. Great team play was the winner on the day and this will certainly leave the confidence level sky high going into round 2.. well done!!

## U6 Sharks

Our first game as a new team, we were all excited and ready to play. Our opposition Marsden Park were a strong team with their #9 player being a head taller than any other child on the field. He proved to be hard to contain and despite our best efforts, time and time he was able to find the back of the net. He played for 25min and was then subbed off, in those last 5 minutes things looked more even.

Our team played well, Lexi and Jai being strong in the middle. Loki and Evie making some good runs with the ball down the sides, and Ezra and Zac focused on defending the goals.

A good first game for a new team, with spirits high after the game.

## U7/3

Not provided

## U7/8

Soccer is back! We've been learning to understand positions and the team did well. We let in a few goals but saved lots and had a lot of fun.

## U7/9

Round 1 so much fun!! What a way to start the season with a great performance vs Quakers Hill, Connor, Thomas and Hunter lead from the front early creating great chances. Pavan and Solomon showed great tenacity as the game started to open up midway through the first half to keep Quakers at bay

and go into the break with a slender advantage. Evie showed amazing team play in the second half with outstanding passing and defensive reads to ensure the result was never really in doubt. Great team performance all over the park was today's winner and this team will continue to grow and improve. Congratulations!!

### U8/3

Our first game on a larger field, more players and larger goals, and only 6 players - honestly I was nervous. But almost immediately put at ease with the way we used the larger field to our advantage and were able to convert from defence to attack quickly. Everyone played exceptionally well after the season break, and looking forward to building on this over the season.

### U9/5

After all of the rain delays in preseason, it was exciting to finally get the season underway. U9 is a year with a lot of changes: there are more players, a bigger field, bigger goals, bigger challenges. With only two training sessions under our belts, it was always going to be hard work for the team, with a lot of players new to both each other, new to some of the rules like throw-ins and goalkeepers, and some completely new to the game itself. Having no subs also made for a long and tiring game. With all of that, it was still great to see everyone finally out on the field and getting stuck in. There's still plenty to be worked on in training (coach included!), but for the first game of the season (and first game ever for some), it was a good effort all round.

### U10/2

The team went down with a great 2nd half effort to minimise the scoreline. Once the team listened to instructions and passes were made, we started playing well as a cohesive unit.

With no subs the players had to dig deep playing 2 x 25 minute halves. Brody & Brian really stepped up, Chey with some great attack and Aadvik helping in the middle moving the ball up. Lily was solid in the backs with Lucas. Muhammad in goals all game was a busy boy. Kieren & Kaden covered a lot of the field.

## U10/5

We started strong. This week was our first game together with some new players and some more experienced players. Given the limited training we have had, we had a great game. We ran away to a lead in the first half but grew tired in the second half. It is encouraging to all players putting in lots of effort and working on their position play. We have some notes to work on at training.

We are excited to be on the field again and look forward to learning and competing in 2021.

## U11/5

Great first game of the season. We played very well and had enough chances to make it a high score. We had 4 players of U10 who had a great contribution to the game and the team! Well done team!!

## Open Goals Juniors

So nice to see the Junior Program up and running again!! We kicked off with 5 kids and after completing some drills Coach Michelle got pulled away to deal with an emergency so Coach Danny stepped in and led them through a game - getting Brax involved and everyone having a good run around after the ball. Thomas, Madi, Brax and Linc showed great skills in kicking the ball with Cryus defending the goals. Rahib showed the love of the game and had a big smile on his face the whole time



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## Open Goals Seniors

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### U12/4

Great first game with plenty of promise shown which could only lead to even better results. First time 12 of our 14 players have ever had a game on a full size field. There is still a lot to learn but we will improve our quality of football. Great effort

### U12/5

Not provided

### U13/4

Not provided

### U14/5

Well what can a coach say? Off to a slow start allowing the opposition to score 3 quick goals to start proceedings. Being a hot midday game it could have ended up a blowout but the Kings team refused to give in. Challenged at half time to compete for the entire second half we not only managed to get 3 goals back but put a big scare into the opposition. A lot of notable mentions but the standout highlights were Sadiq scoring his first ever goal in his first ever game no less, Kaelan's penalty kick taken well outside the 18 yard box hitting the top right corner of the net, leaving the defence wondering if Lionel Messi was playing and Chris coming up with plenty of saves in goal earning him Player's Player. Congratulations to the handful of players who played their first ever match, you did the team and club proud and to everyone else who kept running and competing even when the match looked lost, you not only added to the successes we had on the pitch but made the coaching staff, manager and your parents very proud today. A special thank you to the U12's players who stepped in to ensure we had a full team plus a reserve. A lot of positives came out of today which we will build on and the coaching staff are looking forward to watching you all grow as a team throughout the year. With a little hard work and a commitment to training I am certain success for the team is just around the corner!



## U15/3

As they say a game of two halves - we were down 6-0 at the half and then 'won' the second half 2-1. Proves we can do it when we come together. We had new people to integrate and a little change in our playing set which we got more used to as the game wore on. We tested their backline continually in the second half and had a number of chances - the first goal was a great full field effort - Eva in goal tapped it to Jamie who made a strong 20 metre pass to Dale coming into the midfield who then with one touch hit a steaking Lachlan 30 metres from goal and he took his time and beat the keeper (who was excellent) - well done. The second came when Elijah kept the ball alive in the box for Dale to pounce on and hit the top corner.

Eva had a blinder in goal including saving a penalty while Luke and Adam along with Lachlan look like they will be great additions to the team.

Jamie played through pain and was strong at the back with Ben, Matilda and Akshat.

Indie was her tenacious self and Leah had a few nice runs up front as did Kevin and Shayla showed she can boot it to clear it from the back.

We did not give up when down which is a mark of a good team - now next week we have to do it from the start - a lot to be proud of team.

## AAM/7

A group of Novice Soccer players. The all age mens had played their 1st game of the season at our homeground. Without having any pre season friendly matches or any prior soccer experience they managed to score 3 goals against Quakers Hill with the final score being 7-3.

Coach Paul Seletkoff was very proud of the boys for putting their every effort and heart into the game. Having only had 2 prior training sessions, the boys managed to score goals against a very tough team. The first half score was 4-1, in the second half the boys managed to find their positions, score was 3-2 playing with no reserves and having injuries. A special mention to man of the match, Goalie Jack had never played soccer or goalie before handled the keeper job brilliantly saving many goals. Excellent job boys.

O35/5

As a new team formed out of the two old Kings teams and some old and new players, it was to be expected that everyone would take time to gel. It would take more than two training sessions for things to come good. It came as a pleasant surprise then that everything seemed to fall into place from the first whistle. There were a few rusty passes and mistimed tackles, but it didn't take long for the attacks to begin and the goals followed soon after. The regular raids into the opposition half were backed up by a rock solid defence and an industrious midfield. Eastern Creek barely looked like scoring, with a worldie shot from well outside the box their only way to get on the scoreboard.

All promising signs for a good season ahead.



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