

From the Field

Round 3 Match Reports



U5 Kookaburras vs Ropes Crossing Strikers

Our first home game saw our confidence boost. The players had a great game. Lots of strong kicks and some good runs. At half time we were down with Sarah scoring our first goal.

The second half saw two more goals from Jack and Olobo, but the other team also scored. A great effort from the Kookaburras overall.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Sarah

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Jack

U6 Kookaburras vs Minchinbury Jets

Another stunning morning for soccer and the under 6 Kookaburras took the field with fierce determination and positivity.

An early break from Rohan and skilled passing saw Leon score the first goal of the game. Minchinbury fought back to break even, but our boys hung in there with terrific team work sending Rohan to the goal successfully twice before Blake seized the opportunity to score his first goal for the game just before half time.

The second half saw the boys work together with as much tenacity as ever with Leon controlling the ball like a pro to score his second goal. Joel-Luke showed some beautiful sportsmanship and determination sending the ball out to Rohan who displayed some fancy footwork and scored more goals in quick succession. Aarush worked tirelessly all game and in the last minutes got his boot to the ball, sending it down the line to his team mates resulting in Blake scoring the last goal of the game.

A real combined effort saw success this week – congratulations on a superb game Kookaburras!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Leon

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Joel-Luke

U6 Sharks vs Newbury Bulls

Our match on Saturday was against a strong opposition who were able to continually find the goal.

Our team played well and we are continuing to see improvement each week.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Mikey

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Zac

U7/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Great passing and communication. Kids were enthusiastic and supportive of one another. Perfect teamwork

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Wael

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Zayn

U7/8 vs Ponds FC

Lots of improvement and lots of goals this week. Congratulations to Cassius on his first goal and to the whole team who played well.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Macie

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Seb



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U7/9 vs Newbury Bulls

Excellent game. Kids enjoyed every bit of the game.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Aakash

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Solomon

U8/3 vs Newbury Bulls

This week we had an absolutely amazing game. A great effort from our two goalkeepers and it's awesome to see that the defensive training paid off this week with excellent challenges from everyone. The attacking game is looking great with some amazing runs being made up the lines and the odd finish. Everyone today should be very proud of their performance!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Nishant

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Lucas

U9/5 vs Minchinbury Jets Red

While Minchinbury was clearly better than us on the day, it's important to measure the team's progress against their own previous performances and not how well the other team played. This week saw a lot more deliberate passing to each other, big improvements on set pieces like kick offs, goal kicks and defending corners, and a strong desire to chase the ball and try and get it back when the other team has it. With so many players new to the game there will always be things to work on like staying in position, but overall I'm very proud to see how much the team has improved and progressed over the last three weeks.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Amay

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Jill

U10/2 vs Blacktown St Pats

A grinding game of soccer today saw our first draw. Leading the game from the back, Lily was solid in defence and keeping the backs moving to put the opposition into offside positions as well as some key stoppages. Also Julian, Brody and Lucas all doing great work defending their attacks to our wings and moving the ball out wide and sending it down the sidelines.

Muhammad and Tommy with amazing saves in goals and solid work on the paddock.

Brian, Aadvik, Chay and Kaden are really combining as a combination in attack. Passing and promoting plenty of opportunities for each other.

Well done team, an awesome team effort to fight for a draw.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Lily

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Tommy

U10/5 vs Parklea SFC

We are starting to see the fruits of our training with all players showing improvements in staying in positions. Every player put in a huge effort with several notable performances. We are starting to notice confidence in players with Ahaan, Dean, Caitlin and Charan stepping it up a level this week. Nilay was strong in centre mid, orchestrating our attack and setting up Maky for our winning Goal.

This week saw improvements in our marking and defense, with the efforts of all our defender the main reason for securing the win.

Love and Vivaan both had a great half in goals.

Well done team Keep up the good work

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Makaylah

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Charan

U11/5 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

Again the weather was perfect for a good game. As we had enough players and substitutes the team could give it all. With great teamplay during both the first and second half we had a great game with a good result!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: David

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Isaac



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U12/4 vs Rooty Hill FC

Rooty Hill brought the Kings the challenge they had been waiting for in the first half. During the second half the Kings stepped up their defence and dominated. Great game to watch

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Luka

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Akash and Sameer

U12/5 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

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U13/4 vs Prospect United SC

Great game, fought hard throughout, some fantastic attempts at goal with just missing the target, ended up with 3 injured players, I'm sure it's Soccer we are playing not Rugby, shout out to Akesh and Ben for joining us they did a great job. Needing to focus just a little more on space and following through. Great Game ShootingStars

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Ismail

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Dominic

U14/5 vs Town Rangers FC

A dissappointing result but I am just so proud of them. The players showed a lot of resolve, determination, grit, and a never give up attitude which is really important. Even though we weren't getting the 50/50 calls they never whinged, worked hard for each other, and whilst the score blew out in the last 90 seconds with two late goals to the opposition, they kept playing for each other for the entire 60 minutes.

This game was still in the balance at half time with the scoreline showing 3-2 so this combined Kings/Lourdes team has a lot to work with and will improve in the coming weeks. The combinations are building and starting to show good signs during patches with some promising ball control creating movements up field. Unfortunately we went away from the game plan at times and this cost us with the opposition stealing the ball and feeding their two strikers with good ball. On a hot day for soccer we just couldn't keep them out for the whole game.

Lots of highlights but I think the team put it best when 5 team members were voted for player's player. So great to see everyone on the pitch also see the actions of their team mates. To name a few highlights we saw Lucas in goals stopping goal after goal, Savannah, Sadiq's, Alby's and J's tireless work in the middle and Tyrell putting himself in excellent positions to receive the ball. Our back four of Kaelan, Alby, Shreya and Talena worked hard all game and repelled plenty of attacks. Ethan was strong when put in attack and with a little more work will get the rewards very very soon.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Lucas
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: J

U15/3 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

It was great to get our first win on the board.

We started with people at a lot of new positions - some to avoid injury and others to get them to 'see' the game from another point of view to help them, and everyone took on the challenge.

From the start we had chances - we will work this week on making a little more of the ones we had - but Quakers were under pressure through great passes from Dale from the midfield. Luke had a brilliant first touch and shot that unfortunately had an equally brilliant save.

Kevin and Leah as well as Akshat all put them under pressure continually. Our midfield of Matilda, Dale and Hayden was dominant and we saw some of the old Hayden when she powered into more than one tackle and dispossessed her opposition.

Elijah had his best game in the nets - we only had one keeper for this one and he played the whole game keeping a clean sheet in the second half when the game was in the balance.

Our new back line of Jamie, Lachlan, Ben (as usual) and Adam played well - attacked the ball and cleared it quickly and efficiently. In the second half when Adam and Jamie moved in attack they were tenacious and Adam got a second half hat-trick with Jamie having a hand in all of the goals (as did Dale).

Lachlan provided Ben with the support that was needed and for the first game working in tandem they were excellent.

Special note to Kevin who had his best half of football ever - he showed determination and never gave up which resulted in goals for him and the team, but more importantly it served as inspiration to everyone.

Coming off the bench, broken toe Indie, gave them fits and had a chance at that elusive goal but the keeper made a nice stop to deny her - it will come. Shayla had some strong kicks from the back and Akshat did a great job up front for the first time.

Everyone contributed which is what team is about and even when we went down 1-2 we kept trying and as the scoreline shows we then scored the next 5.

We played some great football, unselfish and tenacious - never giving up - which is all we can ask - to keep trying and do your best.

Well done TEAM!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: The whole team showing what they are capable of.



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AAM/7 vs Parklea SFC

Round 3 a persistent attitude despite the score.

The team played ParkLea with a 3-1 loss on Monday night, the first half they kept to a 1 all draw. The teams only amazing goal was scored by the striker Hershpreet. Once again goalie Jack stopped many a ball going through the net with some of the most unbelievable saves.

The coach said “the team felt the loss of the presence of the vice captain Adeesh this week and being struck with player injuries was a key factor in the loss. “ The Captain Dhruv was able to encourage the players at the end for sticking in there despite missing players to injury.

So many great players on the field demonstrating tenacity and team spirit. Full back Khanjan man of the match this week was pushing through in defence and stopped many a goal. Another fullback Hardeep is a player who gives his whole heart into every game and this game was no exception, both team members were the last line defence that continually played keeping the goal score low.

The team stealth fighter Chiraag and winger Lawrence had exceptional games despite them both coming off and on with injuries. Having the ongoing injuries this was a blow to the team and left gaps on the field. A welcome fill in was Joe Lofaro from the over 35s playing a remarkable game filling in the spaces to help the boys defend, stopping them from a considerable loss. His strong boot kept the ball to the other side.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Khanjan

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Hardeep

O35/5 vs Prospect United SC

With players returning from injury just replacing players out with injury, numbers were tight again with only 12 available for the second week running. It was a struggle to even see the ball at times under the poor lighting on the back field at Prospect. The Prospect team had the benefit of a bigger bench, which enabled them to push harder throughout the game. Kings probably had the better of the game overall, but a lack of urgency in shutting down the man on the ball in the first half, and a communication breakdown in the second half proved costly. While we had our chances in the second half, fatigue made it difficult to capitalise on them. It was a strong reminder that when our

numbers are lower, we need to play smarter with less running to help us finish stronger.

Time to regroup and be ready and at our strongest for the local derby next week.

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