

From the Field

Round 4 Match Reports



U5 Kookaburras vs Minchinbury Jets Proudly sponsored by Award Trophy Sales

The team played really well again this week and really seem to be starting to gel together as a team. It was great to hear their sportsmanship when they were cheering for each other from the sidelines!

They played with some great defence this week and tried really hard to get the ball from the other team and stop them from scoring.

Olobo got some great runs in and scored a goal! Kaleb also scored a goal from a great run. Our third goal was a team effort with lots of passing near the goals.

Unfortunately we didn't come away with the result we wanted, but each week we are improving and the confidence boost has been amazing to watch over the last 4 weeks.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Olobo

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Kaleb

U6 Kookaburras vs Marsden Park Galaxy

Where oh where did our defence go??

Started a little slower than usual but still managed to take the lead with a great run and finish from Rohan. From there it was one way traffic with Marsden park scoring some unanswered goals, before some slick passing between Leon and Liam saw Frankie reduce the deficit going into the break. Second half started well with a great pass from Frankie to put Blake through

on goal and another quickly after saw it all locked up. From then we got caught too far forward and Marsden Park reclaimed the ascendancy and that was all she wrote. Joel-Luke, Aarush and the team tried hard from there but it became a mountain too steep to climb. Lots of learnings from the game and the will to never give up was definitely the highlight from the match. Till next week!!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Frankie
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Leon

U6 Sharks vs Minchinbury Jets

Our best game so far as a team. All players are continuing to grow in confidence. We came out strong at the start and got an early goal which was a great moment for our team. It's been great to see players having fun during the game.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Evie
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Ezra

U7/3 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC Proudly sponsored by Bass Landscaping

Great to see the enthusiasm from the team this week. Each player demonstrated focus and determination throughout the game.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Kyan
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Jeremy

U7/8 vs Quakers Hill Tigers Proudly sponsored by Ardent Insurance

We seemed very distracted in the first half but a good team chat at half time got us focused and we ran much harder in the second

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Brandon
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Josh



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U7/9 vs Glenwood Redbacks

Fantastic game vs Glenwood Redbacks on Saturday. From being down at half time to making a come back. The boys and Evie played really well together. The team is showing off their new skills that they are learning each week at training and putting it in place on the field.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Pavin

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Thomas

U8/3 vs Prospect United White

For the first game this year, we had a full squad of 10 at the game.

Again, this week we saw a massive improvement in defense and that's why the player of the match and encouragement award was given for those amazing efforts.

Our attacking is looking pretty good also. While we didn't land too many, there was an impressive display of passing with a final long pass across their goal before putting it in the net.

Regardless of the score, the team is looking amazing and only getting better each week!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Angom

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Jaxon Z

U9/5 vs Doonside Hawks White

This week was the perfect demonstration of how each week we build upon what we have learned the previous week, and how much fun it can be to learn new things.

Last week it was clear that the next step was to work on better understanding positions. The position games at training had too many rules for the idea to sink in (a lesson for Coach Shane - it's not just the kids that have opportunities to improve and learn from their mistakes!) On the other hand, some quiet one-on-one conversations with each player before the game on Saturday worked wonders.

Things weren't perfect, but the team as a whole played with a much better understanding of where all of their team mates would be on the field. Couple that with the stronger passing and improved tackling of previous weeks and our U9s have never played better as a group.

We scored our first goals of the season, and everyone went home happy knowing that the right conditions can produce something special.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Addison

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Gabriel

U10/2 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers

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Today we saw our best performance to date. A clinical display of both defence and attack while showing urgency at all times for the ball.

Our 2 goalies Tommy and Muhammad both kept a clean sheet and both players up front for the 1st time with some cracking strikes on goal and passing.

Aadvik moved into the backline with Lily and Lucas forming an almost impenetrable defence with all 3 getting the ball wide and up to the mid/forwards with urgency.

Chay and Brian with another solid performance in the midfield. This week Brody stepped into the mids covering a lot of ground and communicating well with our backs Aadvik, Lily and Lucas.

Kieren came back from injury playing anywhere he was instructed and did a great job in both attack and defence. Kaden today showed patience in attack with some skilled footwork and scoring.

Special mention to Gabe from our U9s and Jaxon from our U8s for upgrading to help us out today. Both of these young players are very skilled on the paddock.

Gabe made many defensive stops, playing in our backline, clearing the ball and keeping position for offside also. Excellent work Gabe with listening to instructions and doing exactly that job.

Jaxon was thrown into our mid field and ran non stop, also taking instruction and working the ball up field and making some key defensive stops.

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

U10/5 vs Rooty Hill FC
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Good effort from all once again, unfortunately it looks like the team we faced may have belonged in a higher grade. Great to see everyone still putting in max effort after we went a few goals down.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Caitlyn
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Vivaan

U11/5 vs Doonside Hawks Red

We created a lot of chances especially in the first half and scored a goal finally just before the break. After that we were still the dominant side with more changes. Unfortunately we missed them all and the opponent scored 10 minutes before the end. The team gave it all at the end and scored a well deserved goal just before the end of the game. Well done team!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Jayden
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Josiah

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U12/4 vs Blacktown St Pats

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McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Not provided

U12/5 vs Doonside Hawks

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U13/4 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC Proudly sponsored by Healthy Edge

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Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Not provided

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Not provided

U14/5 vs Glenwood Redbacks

Playing 1 down with no reserves, it was always going to be a big mountain to climb. The team put together some very good periods and defended well but could not keep them out after being run ragged for 60 minutes.

To name a few highlights we saw Dhanush in goals stopping goal after goal and controlling the play with his kicks from the 18 yard box. Sadiq and Tyrell had some good communication with Sadiq leading many charges down the sideline time after time and Tyrell pushing their defence and almost scoring on a handful of occasions.

With tiring defence we moved the team around mid-game to freshen up the back four. J was tireless and had some good combinations with Ethan and the mids, and Shreya foiled the oppositions plans time after time throughout the game. Whilst not the result we were after we have 2 maybe 3 team mates returning next week and with some further improvement on positional play another win won't be far away.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Tyrell

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Justin

U15/3 vs Lourdes SC

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A tough one - we played with 11 - no one had a rest and we were down 1-0 until 10 minutes to play.

We decided to either go down big or win and we pushed 8 forward to go for the win.

As we have all year though we never gave up and we had chance after chance in the last 20 minutes - until finally we kept the ball alive in the box - first from Jamie with the cross, then Indi and Lachlan and Akshat all kept hammering at the goal until Kevin finally got the break that gave us the equaliser.

We wanted more and kept pushing, this time first Ben made a great outlet pass that Hayden moved to Adam who made a nice move to get the ball into box again where Lachlan, Jamie and Akshat created space until once again Kevin was able to finish it off to give us the lead with under 4 minutes to go.

Ben let us play so many forward as any time they started to break he turned us back into attack and Elijah did everything he needed in goals.

A great win - very exciting and another step forward.

Special mentions - Luke who was out with injury was on the bench screaming encouragement the whole game - true team spirit and his calling may have accounted for a late mistake by them which gave us the ball out of bounds.

Secondly to Dale - this was the first game Dale has missed since he joined the club as an Under 5! Not sure how many games (well over 200) it is but a 10+ year streak is pretty impressive - as well he was at practice even though he knew he would be out which again puts the team first.

Thanks as well to Mel for filling in and Coach David for helping as well.

AAM/7 vs Doonside Hawks Red

All Age Men had a successful win against Doonside Hawks Red 2-1 scoring the goals in the last 20 minutes.

The team played the field this week with only 9 players, losing 2 of their key players to injuries, nevertheless this still did not deter them from this triumphant win.

Our goalie Jack yet again was able to keep the Hawks from scoring many goals during the match with only letting one in the net. The 1- nil score at the end of 1st half left the team feeling the pressure.

The half time pep talk from coach revising the game tactics had the team enthusiastically going back to the field and had the team play a great game with all the team deserving man of the match. However there can only be one so a special mention to our mid fielders Aanesh man of the match and Aayoush the encouragement award. They were the key players that were always finding and filling the gaps. These game plays gave the opportunity to support the remaining players and help our striker Hershpeet to score the 2 winning goals in the last 20 minutes. The positional play was a key in the keeping the game flow and was able to set up the attempted and winning goals.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Aanesh Kaul

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Aayoush Takoo

O35/5 vs Parklea SC

We started the game strong, leaving the perennial issue of never having quite enough subs to one side (recover quick, injured lads — we need you back soon!). Local derbies against old foe Parklea traditionally have had a bit of spice to them, but apart from a lot of chat with no backup, there wasn't much fight from our neighbours in the first half. An early rebound goal was our just reward for chasing the through balls hard, and two more goals soon followed and we went into half time deservedly three goals to the good.

A dubious penalty early in the second half saw the pressure ramp up a little, and a late goal gave Parklea more hope than they deserved. We stuck it out in defence and kept their backline guessing with some late forays into their territory. In the end Kings came out well deserved 3-2 winners.

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