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U5 Kookaburras vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

The team were a bit timid at first, as it was their first game and they haven't gotten comfortable yet. Down at half-time, but played with more confidence in the second half and fought back. No subs meant they were pretty tired by the end.

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It was a great start to our very first season. Everyone played so well, tried their bests, did lots of running and had lots of fun. There were some really great kick ins, kick offs with dribbling to boot, there might have been some assistance from the team's supply of Go-Beans (Skittles). It was really good to see everyone participate and with the rest of the season still ahead of us it will be really good to see everyone grow.

Player of the Match: Evan

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Tobias

U5 Sharks vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

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It was the first game for all of the under 5s. Zaylen and Matteo showed great sportsmanship by helping out the other team who didn't have enough players. A great effort was put in by all of our players. Well done Sharks!

Player of the Match: Zaylen

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Matteo

U6 Lions vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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Great first match to get the team familiarised with game day operation. The kids did well kicking and passing the ball. Taking it in turns and used communication to call for the ball. Really good to see kids getting out of their comfort zone and having crack. We were outplayed, but it didn't matter...the kids had fun and coach learnt a lot to take into future weeks.

Player of the Match: Tiana

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Athena

U7/3 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

Not provided

U7/4 vs Rooty Hill FC

Welcome 2022! It was great to see a Saturday with the sun out and smiling faces. The boys set to task early playing positions and controlling the game. Clean passing from Leon and Frankie saw Blake in open space and giving us the lead. Blake turned from goal scorer to assist king setting up Frankie for our second, before Frankie returned the favour just before halftime. A much more even second half saw Rooty Hill come back into the game, but led by Joel-Luke's defensive pressure and with Mason and Leon playing cover defence, not only were they able to keep to opposition at bay, Frankie and Blake were able to add to their personal tally finishing the game with 4 goals each and Joel-Luke scored the last goal capping off a captivating captains knock. Can't wait to welcome Liam and Nate back next week for a full compliment of players! Congratulations boys, it's going to be a fantastic season ahead!

Player of the Match: Leon

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Gianfranco

U7/9 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

It was great to see the kids on the soccer field for their first game of the year! Whilst we may have been outscored, there was some great effort shown by the kids. Some great tackling, chasing, passing and a willingness to keep trying all game.

Mikey excited the crowd with our first goal of the season from long range, and Loki was able to score 2 runaway goals. A special mention goes to Ezra who put his body on the line (the face in particular) to stop a hard shot from the opposition.

Player of the Match: Mikey

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Ezra

U8/4 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Finally, a sunny day for the boys to come together and play their first game as a team. It was a slow start as the boys were getting used to playing on a bigger field and with new team mates. Today we saw some great defending and passes from the boys. Second half we saw the boys playing more cohesively with great support from one another. The bigger field wore the boys out, so fitness is our goal in the coming weeks.

Well done KINGS! Proud of you all!

Player of the Match: William

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Pavin

U8/6 vs BYE

BYE

U9/2 vs Newbury Bulls SC

We had an excellent first game and it was a great opportunity to see what needs to be worked on over the next few weeks.

While the new formations proved difficult to remember, that did not stop the team from doing what they've worked on in the past. Some great defensive work, including a few brave efforts by Lucas as goal keeper. Lincoln had a brilliant first game at Kings Langley, scoring himself a goal after an incredible run through the opposition defence.

Great work to everyone today and we're all really looking forward to see what comes over the next few months.

Player of the Match: Lincoln

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: John-Paul

U10/5 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

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All of the rain at the start of 2022 meant that leading in to this game we had only one training session as a team, and that restriction showed on match day. Everyone looked like they were still getting used to kicking a football again, and given the circumstances, that's perfectly okay. While the result didn't favour us, there was no faulting the effort of the individual players and the team as a whole.

There's a lot to be worked on over the next few weeks at training, including slowing down the opposition by jockeying, dribbling while running, and making sure our passes go to our team and not the opposition. However, learning more about our craft as football players is half the fun.

Training will be hard work this week, and I'm sure we all are looking forward to getting two more games under our belts this weekend with the double header.

Player of the Match: Layla

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Elijah

U12/3 vs Blacktown St Pats SC

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Kings Langley SFC 7 - Blacktown St Pats SC 6

First game of the Season with limited training and plenty of new faces in the mix, after scoring the first 2 goals, the team managed to go shot for shot.

Our defensive line was a little slow to fire at the start. Allowing the opposition to draw level despite all our efforts when in front. Showing the caliber of the attacking players of our opposition.

But Lily, Lucas, Brody, Brian & Isaac started firing and stopped many more attacking plays clearing the ball, allowing our attack to always get a goal ahead.

Alex, Andrick, Tommy, Isaac & David scrambled well in midfield, shutting down plays whilst distributing & promoting the ball forward.

Some dazzling attack from David, Chay, Brian, Kaden, Tommy, Muhammad & Jayden who rallied together with great passing to get the game 6-6 with 30 seconds to play.

A desperate shot at goals resulted in a handball and a penalty shot. Chay was chosen and slotted the match winner followed by the final whistle.

Shoutout to Muhammad & Tommy in goals today. Both played a cracking half on the field when not in goals.

Nice win to start the year.

Player of the Match: Chay

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Brody

U12/5 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Ponds FC 10

Not provided

U13/2 vs Plumpton/Oakhurst SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Plumpton/Oakhurst SC 9

The boy's effort was great today. If we can train well, and keep developing our skills and raise our fitness levels the results on the field will come.

Player of the Match: Ethan

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Mohammad

U14/4 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

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Kings Langley SFC 3 - Glenwood Redbacks SC 3

Not provided

U16/2 vs Polonia Rams FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Polonia Rams FC 22

9 v 11 plus three subs was never going to be easy but this was a very strong team and two short they exploited the space.

We need to be fitter - there were some positive signs we will build on but with only two practices under our belt and not everyone had two we will leave this game behind and look to next week. The key will be how we respond.

Player of the Match: Olly, Jamie, and Liam

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Team

U16/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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Kings Langley SFC 3 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 17

Proud of the hardout effort and fight today, regardless of the score the team did really well until the last whistle blew. Our goalie was hammered yet shined throughout. Congratulations Team hold your heads high. Well done!

Player of the Match: Elijah

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Elijah

O35/6 vs Newbury Bulls SC Proudly sponsored by Zero 5 Property and Maintenance

Kings Langley SFC 6 - Newbury Bulls SC 2

What a way to start the season!

After Covid did its best to reduce our numbers, and then rain postponed Rounds 1 and 2, the season was finally ready to kick off with Round 3.

Things started off rusty as everyone got used to actually being on the football field again. It didn't take long though for Kings to start asserting their dominance on the game. While Newbury launched regular raids over the top, they were consistently cleaned up by the backline or the keeper. A few shots were a little too close for comfort, but overall we stayed in control. Soon enough we opened up our account and the game was on.

The final score doesn't reflect the number of shots we had in front of goal as a number of opportunities went to waste. Newbury also had the opportunity to take number of pot shots from outside the box, but solid defence from the team was able to limit the number of meaningful attempts on goal.

Overall, the score line was a sound reflection of the game overall. Hopefully there were no lingering aches and pains after the game, as a ridiculously busy schedule awaits the team with five games over the next two weeks.