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**Note:** Following the recent regrading conducted by the Blacktown and District Soccer Football Association, the following changes have been made to Kings Langley SFC teams:

- U7/3 is now U7/4
- U7/4 is now U7/3
- U8/4 is now U8/3
- U13/2 is now U13/3
- U16/2 is now U16/3 White

#### U5 Kookaburras vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

With the other team only having two players, we lent them of ours on rotation so they could field a team.

This turned out to be very confusing for both teams, so the match was a bit slower than usual. It was still great that everyone got to play and we saw some big smiles and kicks and great defence all round.

Player of the Match: Ryan

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Tobias

# U5 Sharks vs Ponds FC Proudly sponsored by Award Trophies

Another tough game only having 3 players take the field. Phoebe was great and always tries her hardest. Matteo showed strength and stamina running for the entire game, going forward trying to score and chasing hard to stop the Ponds from mounting an even bigger scoreline. Dale is getting more involved each week growing in confidence. Keep trying little ones and always remember to have lots of fun.

Player of the Match: Phoebe

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Dale

## U6 Lions vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Proudly sponsored by Bass Landscaping

Unfortunately the opposing team forfeit on the day this week, so we took the opportunity to split the team and have a friendly game against one another with a guest appearance from Lincoln to even out the numbers. While it was disappointing to not have a proper match it was nice to see the skills we have been practising at training, come out on the field.

Special mention to Ella who scored 4 goals this week against her team mates. Previous matches have seen her come so close so it was nice to see her get some in. Athena and Tiana also scored goals, well done girls! Keep up the great work Lions!

### McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Athena

### U7/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Three players out, boots and shin pads missing to start the game, starting with 3 and the opposition 4 with a full bench plus going up to Dev 3, there would be plenty of reasons to not turn up. NOT these boys... Blake, Frankie and Leon took the field undermanned and it made little difference, slick passing and using the space well, Leon led the way early with 2 goals before Frankie added 2 more. Mason got the wardrobe sorted and his injection made it a more even contest and off the back of some nice passes first from Blake and then Mason, Leon added 2 more to his personal tally before half time.

2 quick goals from Marsden Pk early in the second half saw the game even out briefly, before the boys clicked back into gear with Blake and Mason alternating at sweeper and closing them down with strong defense, and Leon adding another goal before 2 screamers from

Frankie rounded out another comprehensive display. Another well rounded performance. Well done boys, will be great to get Joel-Luke, Liam and Nate back for round

Player of the Match: Mason

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Blake

## U7/4 vs Rooty Hill FC

The boys played a good game against a strong Rooty Hill team. They were very close to scoring a few times, but unfortunately unlucky. They didn't have any subs so they were understandably tired at the end. Hopefully they will get a win soon to boost their confidence.

Player of the Match: Samuel

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Thomas

## U7/9 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Not provided

U8/3 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Not provided

## U8/6 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Not provided

## U9/2 vs Newbury Bulls SC

A rematch against last week's opponent saw a very similar goal-less outcome. Very well matched, we made very sure not to concede any goals - great work to our defenders (Ryker, Annabelle, Xander and Obie) with some great saves by Liam in goals when they managed to break through.

We had some amazing attempts in attack with a few near misses. Shout out to Stella for getting more involved in the middle of the field and keeping the ball moving forward, as well as slowing down a few of the opposition's attacks.

Player of the Match: John

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Obie

## U10/5 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC Proudly sponsored by Ardent Insurance & DC Home Improvements

This was a tough game against a team recently regraded down into our Development League. Their experience playing against tougher and stronger teams showed, as our players were often muscled off the ball, and the Quakers Hill team were more prepared to try and get to the ball first.

However, they did not get it all their own way. Our players continued to work hard at staying in positions, concentrating on passing the ball to each other's feet, and trying to move the ball forward. We created plenty of chances to attack in their half, and the defenders made many excellent saving tackles and interceptions.

There will be plenty of things to work on in training still, but I continue to be impressed at how much everyone has improved this year, and how well we are all playing together as a team.

Player of the Match: Ryder

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Layla

## U12/3 vs Parklea SFC

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#### Kings Langley SFC 3 - Parklea SFC 0

A really impressive win today against Parklea who came down a division.

Some outstanding defensive Stops from Lucas, Kaden, Brody, Alex & Lily which kept the opposition to a nill scoreline.

Clearing the ball superbly and covering midfield with scintillating runs from Chay, Muhammad, David and Tommy also all promoting the ball upfield.

Dedication in attack from Kaden, Chay, Layla, Jayden & Isaac saw some amazing ball skills on display and passing to see the ball in the back of the net multiple times.

It's good to see the training come to fruition with a great display of teamwork on game day by the team. Also understanding the importance of clearing a ball out to allow the team to get back and set defense.

With some season ending Injuries, we are fortunate enough to welcome Layla from the clubs U10's team to assist us when available for the remainder of the year. Thank you Layla.

Player of the Match: David

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Layla

### U12/5 vs Ponds FC

#### Kings Langley SFC 0 - Ponds FC 14

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## U13/3 vs Parklea SFC

#### Kings Langley SFC 0 - Parklea SFC 0

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# U14/4 vs BYE Proudly sponsored by Tiler's Now

**BYE** 

### U16/3 White vs Doonside Hawks SC

## Kings Langley SFC 5 - Doonside Hawks SC 3

For the first time all year we had a sub - and it made a difference. A great game and we have now have had two strong weeks in a row. We are building which is what we want.

A lot of that comes from a great attitude at practice. We are having fun and using the time to hone skills and it is showing.

5 goals from 4 different players - Anibel, Reuel, Ollie and Dale (2) all hit the back of the net while 4 others had assists - Jamie (2), Ben, Josh and Hari. Very unselfish and team game - great to watch.

Matthew and Ammar were strong at the back and Joseph is getting more quality touches and I am sure will fire one home soon.

All of that was protected in the nets - for the entire game - by Liam who had a few blinders on excellent shots ripped at him but he stood tall and kept them out.

A special shoutout to Sean who twisted his ankle at practice on Thursday and it looks like it might be worse. He had a great half the last game in goal and we will miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Player of the Match: Dale, Liam, Anibel, Ollie and Jamie McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Amma, Joseph, Josh, Ben, Hari, Matthew and Reuel

U16/3 Red vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Proudly sponsored by Healthy Edge

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 7

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Player of the Match: Luke

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Hayden

Round 1 Catch-up
U16/3 Red vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC
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Kings Langley SFC 1 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 11

Player of the Match: Savanah

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Rihanna

## O35/6 vs Doonside Hawks SC Proudly sponsored by Zero 5 Property and Maintenance

#### Kings Langley SFC 2 - Doonside Hawks SC 1

This was a tough top-of-the-table clash against second-placed Doonside, and possibly the hardest game we've had to play all season. Doonside is a physical team, with three fast, strong and skilful players up front. They showed their intentions with a strong shot on goal in the opening minutes. We soon countered with our own shots on goal, and the possession and pressure continued to see-saw through the first half. Although the bulk of the shots on goal were from blue shirts, for the second game in a row it was the other side that opened up the account, as Doonside were able to take advantage of only their second shot on goal late in the first half.

The second half was a tense affair, but continued pressure from the back to the front enabled us to draw even before then taking the lead. The constant need to defend was clearly tiring and frustrating Doonside, and the depth of our bench meant that we could keep fresh legs on the field when it mattered most.

In the end, it was a good, hard game of football, with very little to divide the two teams over the course of 90 minutes.