



# **Weekly Round Up Round 15, 2022 and Round 13 Catch-up**



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that didn’t quit.”***

***– Mia Hamm***



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## U5 Kookaburras vs Ponds FC

The team looked a little lost at first, but soon got into the swing of it and did a fantastic job of taking the ball to the goal to create a lot of scoring opportunities.

**Player of the Match:** Ryan

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Alex

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U5 Kookaburras vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Opposition forfeit.

## U5 Sharks vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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WE ARE BACK! So good to be able to see these smiling faces on a Saturday morning and today they were ready to go. Matteo was a constant rock at the back and a menace going forward, he used up all his energy in the first half with big defensive efforts as well as some nice passing and shooting. Phoebe was on in this game after getting a lot of confidence when scoring the first goal. Dale again had some nice touches and is developing good skill on the ball. HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to ZAC! He came into the game after half time ready and raring to go. After some great pressure he was able to score his first goal! The smile on his face won't go away any time soon and we can't wait to see him do it again. Congratulations U5 Sharks a great team effort. Well Done

**Player of the Match:** Zachary

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Matteo

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U5 Sharks vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Back-to-back games – what’s not to enjoy. Dale, Matteo, Phoebe and Zac played a full game vs Workers and tried their hearts out. Zac got into the game from the first whistle with some nice touches and passing. Phoebe was strong as always chasing down the opposition and always looking to pass to her teammates. Matteo chased all day and was able to score not once but twice and pulled off some great defensive plays. Dale constantly tries his best and starting to build a nice passing game. The more they play together the better they are becoming. Congratulations on another great team effort. Well Done!

**McDonald’s Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Zac

### U6 Lions vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

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## Round 13 Catch-up

### U6 Lions vs Newbury Bulls SC

Not provided

### U7/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

4 weeks without training or playing, but the sun was out, and these guys didn’t miss a beat. From the first whistle Marsden Park were on the back foot and it didn’t take long for before Nate found the target after some nice build up play. From goal scorer to provider, Nate found the defense out of sorts again with a perfectly placed pass to put Leon through on an open goal. Frankie added a third shortly after with a long-range effort that had the defense ducking for cover. Joel-Luke was as always solid as a rock at the back, cleaning up any type of attack that



Marsden Park were trying to build and showing nice touches out from the back. Liam was on the end of one of these passes and added a fourth Kings goal to close out the half. The second half was again all one-way traffic with Marsden Park sitting a player in the goals to try and stop our attacking pressure. We continued to build pressure passing it around and still creating plenty of chances with Blake grabbing the first of the second half before Blake, Leon, and Frankie, completed the scoring. Another complete team performance. Well Done!

**Player of the Match:** Joel-Luke

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Leon

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U7/3 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Who doesn't love Sunday Football? Today, we needed to step it up and we did it in spades. A tightly contested opening couple of minutes saw Newbury gain the ascendancy which these boys haven't had to deal with often and took the game to us as well as took the lead. To the credit of the team no-one dropped their head and quickly were able to fight a way back into the game with a great pass from Joel-Luke to Frankie who put Liam through for the leveler. End to end with both defenses under pressure before Leon drew in 2 defenders and put Nate through for our second. Newbury quickly equalized before a mix up at the back saw us go into half time ahead 3-2 due to an own goal. The second half saw these boys get into a gear like never before and really challenge to control the game. In the end Newbury couldn't keep up, with Liam again finding space off a well-timed pass from Blake to open the second half scoring before Leon scored another 3 in quick succession. Nate and Joel-Luke rotating as sweeper, with Blake, Frankie, Liam, and Leon all tracking back showed determination in defense to shut the gate and close out the game. One for the records today and definitely something they all should be very proud of. Congratulations boys, Well Done!

**Player of the Match:** Joel-Luke

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Nate

## U7/4 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

After a long break the boys were delighted to play again. They played a great game considering how long it had been since last game. Thomas and Ethan had some great tackles. Zion's had some beautiful kicks up the field and Shreyansh scored two great goals.

**Player of the Match:** Shreyansh

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Zion

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U7/4 vs Prospect United SC

The boys have come back from the long break with loads of enthusiasm and fight.

Prospect only had 2 players to start with, so we took turns giving them a KLSFC player until Prospects 3rd player arrived.

Again, the boys had some beauty kicks and some great defence. Shreyansh had his goal-kicking boots on today and with support of his team mates he managed to score all goals.

So happy to see the boys back and enjoying some soccer.

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Ethan

U7/9 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Not provided

Round 13 Catch-up

U7/9 vs Blacktown Workers FC

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U8/3 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

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Round 13 Catch-up

U8/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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U8/6 vs Lourdes FC

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Round 13 Catch-up

U8/6 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

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U9/2 vs Ponds FC

This week we started strong, played strong, and finished strong. Vital to the progression of the game were the 6 through the backs and midfield,

keeping the goal safe, while also moving the ball aggressively up into the other team's half.

Special call out to Lucas for grabbing the ball securely in the goal while under pressure from the other team. Also to Liam for some amazing runs on the right wing, always outpacing their defenders to keep the attack on.

To all the Kings players, well done keeping calm and in control despite a bit of rough play from the other team. Also, it doesn't matter how professional your pre-game routine looks - it's about how well you play and work together on the field that makes an amazing team, and I'm proud to say that's what we have here!

**Player of the Match:** Lucas

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Stella

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U9/2 vs Newbury Bulls SC

With only 8 players a side, it was still an even match-up based on the numbers. However, the first few minutes showed how tough the match was going to be for us. With possession mostly held to our own half, it was important for us to stay strong in defense. Unfortunately, it was a little too much, with the other team being a lot stronger on the ball.

While we did have our chances, making some amazing runs, it was not our day to be able to finish and get on the scoreboard. Awards for the day going out to Amay and Annabelle for their work on the ball both in defense and in attack. John was excellent in showing the strength we did have, really making the other team work for it, and not letting them through easily. Some great work by Liam, taking over defense in the second half. Lucas had an amazing save in the last few minutes, stopping a top-corner goal. Stella had some great touches up front, and helped slow down a few counter attacks. Lincoln and Jaxon showed their talent as always, chasing down the other team's attackers as well as making some pushes up the field.

It was hard to come away from that game, but it was a good lesson to know that there's always something to work on and be better at. And with only a few weeks left of the season, we'll be putting that into practice come training.

**Player of the Match:** Amay

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Annabelle

## U10/5 vs Parklea SFC

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The sun was finally out, and everyone was clearly keen to play football.

This game was very much an evenly-matched arm wrestle. Each attack was met with a counter-attack, and neither side was able to truly dominate, despite concerted efforts from both teams. There were a lot of positives for us to take out of this match. The number of passes between Kings players grows week on week, and there is an increasing understanding between all of the players about where not just the next pass is going, but where the pass after that needs to go as well.

The final result may not have gone our way, but the game was played in a great and fair spirit from both sides. Our style of football continues to evolve and improve, and a coach can't ask for any more than that.

**Player of the Match:** Aislin

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Oskar

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U10/5 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Backing up for the second game of the weekend, we were a little shorter on players but no shorter on spirit and effort. This was another

enthralling game between two teams on a similar level, and it was an end-to-end classic. We had the opportunity to try some players in new positions with very encouraging results. Our defenders and goalkeeper showed great awareness of the opposition players, and also of their own positions in both defence and attack. There was a lot more jockeying and applying pressure without automatically jumping in to try and tackle, and a lot of the passes out from the backline were with clear intent instead of just trying to kick the ball away. The mid-field did a great job of supporting both the defence and the attack, and there was some particularly impressive attacking dribbling past multiple opposition players through the centre. In the attacking third, our forwards did a good job staying up front waiting for the ball instead of crowding the middle of the field, and there were a lot of strong shots on goal.

A great performance from everyone on the day.

**Player of the Match:** Oskar

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Jet

## U12/3 vs Rooty Hill FC

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### **Kings Langley SFC 6 - Rooty Hill FC 3**

Blue skies, sunshine, and a 6-3 win was a great way to welcome back the players after a few weeks of washouts.

Outstanding passing and teamwork saw us 4-0 at halftime. Plenty of shots on goals, and some very physical defensive contests was the key to success today.

But late in the second half we conceded some goals as the lack of match fitness started to show and lacking enough subs to ensure plenty of fresh legs to close out the game.

Well done team!

**Player of the Match:** David

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Brody

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U12/3 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

#### **Kings Langley SFC 3 - Quakers Hill Junior SC 1**

2 games in 2 days really tested the fitness and resilience of the team. But in true Kings Langley style, they dug deep and came away with another strong win!

Amazing defensive performances from Lucas, Lily, Brody and Muhammad gave us every chance of winning today. Fast urgent runs, clearing the ball at all costs.

Kaden & Tommy outstanding in goals and also on the field both putting in a full game each.

Superb passing and pressure in the middle of the field from Chay, Alex, Jayden, Layla & Ronan, allowed many attacking plays to be made. Multiple passes made in passage of plays leading to scoring opportunities.

Special Thanks to Ronan from the U12/5's for stepping in and playing over 40 minutes for us straight after his own game. We couldn't have won today without your help 🙌

**Player of the Match:** Lucas

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Chay

U12/5 vs Parklea SFC

**Kings Langley SFC 0 - Parklea SFC 16**

Not provided

Round 13 Catch-up

U12/5 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

**Kings Langley SFC 0 - Ropes Crossing Strikers FC 19**

Not provided

U13/3 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

**Kings Langley SFC 0 - Plumpton Oakhurst SC 3**

Not provided

Round 13 Catch-up

U13/3 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

**Kings Langley SFC 1 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 5**



U14/4 vs BYE

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Round 13 Catch-up

U14/4 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

**Kings Langley SFC 2 - Glenwood Redbacks SC 0**

Opposition forfeit

U16/3 White vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

**Kings Langley SFC 8 - Plumpton Oakhurst SC 6**

Wow - for the first 30 minutes this was end to end and the 11 first half goals attested to this. It was one of those games where we strung together four or five passes to get our goal and they had a bunch of one on ones for their goals. Luckily the second half was a little less breakneck - maybe both teams were just beat but we did prevail in the end.

As said we a putting together passes and it was the first game we actually had a sub - which meant players could get a rest and we could finally play in a normal configuration for 11.

Reuel found the back of the net four times, the last on a great cross from Dale after a set up pass Joseph. Jamie scored one but his best moment came when he pressured a back pass which then Reuel intercepted and crossed for a great finish header from Annibel who was in the perfect place - he also added a second later. Adam in a return after two months away got the other goal once again after passes from Matthew, into Hari and then Dale - great team play.

Our backs were tested by a very fast frontline but to their great credit adjusted in the second half with Ben, Josh and Ammar with Liam at the back all making important challenges.

Ollie was in everything and is growing in the midfield every game. Well done to all - great to be back on the park after so long and we blew out some of the rust.

**Player of the Match:** Reuel, Annibel, Dale, Matthew  
**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Team

## Round 13 Catch-up

### U16/3 White vs Kings Langley SFC Red

#### **Kings Langley SFC White 3 - Kings Langley SFC Red 0**

After a month lay off to have our first practice Thursday then games both days of the weekend was tough but a great credit to all the team who helped each other out.

Our passing is looking better and better and had we been a little more selfish we could have scored a few more but that is a great problem to have.

Everyone played well - Ammar is getting more and more fit and he had some nice touches as did Joseph who was in the wars in both games.

Our back line shut down everything which was tough as in the first half especially the goal kicks were going well past half way and hard to control. Ben, Josh, and Matthew with Liam in goal the first half did what they had to efficiently and effectively. The switch of Liam and Josh in the second half was just as effective.

The strikers created a lot of chances - Annibel, Jamie (another in the wars) and Reuel were all dangerous both individually and creating chances for others.

Lastly, the engine room midfielders are working together better and better - Dale, Ollie and Hari all controlled their area and are linking with the frontline better and better.

Well done to everyone - it was great to see us work as a team and help each other out - and once again a great credit to half the team who were playing hurt and nursing injuries - most spectators would never have known and it is a great credit to your commitment to each other.

Congratulations

## U16/3 Red vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC Proudly sponsored by Healthy Edge

### **Kings Langley SFC 0 - Ropes Crossing Strikers FC 9**

Kings took to the field with a bare 11, including walking wounded and others very much still feeling the effects of nasty viruses. Positions had to be shuffled around to best suit the available players, and it took a little bit of time for everyone to adjust to the new 5-3-2 formation. There were a few hiccups but the defence worked hard with many of the shots on goal taken from well outside the box. Those that were closer in were impressively handled with quick reflexes and good positioning. Illness and injuries meant that a number of players absolutely needed to take short breaks on the bench during the game, leaving gaps that took extra energy to cover. While the team did exceptionally well to keep the score low going in to half time, playing short for periods of time against a team that had several players on the bench was too much to hold out in the end.

The final score doesn't accurately convey how hard Ropes Crossing had to work for their goals. After the game the Ropes coach mentioned how impressed he was by the effort put in right to the final whistle, and how much he appreciated the sportsmanship and fair play displayed throughout the match.

Another outstanding effort in goals from Player of the Match Alec, and a super strong performance from Matilda in defence after having spent the majority of the week bedridden with the flu.

**Player of the Match:** Alec

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Matilda

## Round 13 Catch-up

U16/3 Red vs Kings Langley SFC White  
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### **Kings Langley SFC Red 0 - Kings Langley SFC White 3**

Everyone loves a local derby, and you don't get much more local than Kings vs Kings. There's always something a little extra in the games where you know the opposition so well.

With only 10 players available, it was always going to be a tough game, and it was made even tougher as the opposition had a player on the bench allowing for their tired players to be rotated and given a breather. We started with a strong defensive line-up with the aim of trying to catch the numerically superior opposition on the counter-attack. The solid defence with extra harassment from a very mobile and active midfield reduced their shots on goal to be almost entirely from outside the box. Their backline had difficulty reading the bounce on goal kicks, clearances and long passes, which enabled our players up front to challenge on the counter and force them into scrambling defence. In the end, taking the field short of players was the telling difference between the two teams.

Overall, it was a standout performance from the team, and it demonstrated what they can achieve as a unit when they are hungry for the ball and determined to get to it first. An excellent demonstration of what can happen when you show no fear and believe you deserve to win the ball just as much as the next player.

Fantastic Player of the Match effort from Indie as she relentlessly chased down the ball in the centre of the park and hassled their midfield from the first whistle to the last, and a courageous performance from Shayla who read the play very well in the centre of defence, intercepting multiple passes and making numerous tackles while carrying a hip injury.

**Player of the Match:** Indie

**McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:** Shayla

**O35/6 vs Doonside Hawks SC**

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

Our third contest against our toughest opponent proved to be as competitive and as bruising as the two previous.

Work, injuries and illness presented us with one of our smallest benches this season as only 13 were available for the match. An unpunished late tackle courtesy of a beefy and unsubtle Hawks frontline temporarily reduced a bench of two down to just one. During that period an unfortunate handball in the box saw Doonside go 1-0 up from a penalty. A miscommunication in the backline paired with a lucky toe poke saw Doonside go into the half-time break 2 to the good.

More injuries meant that a bench of two was soon a bench of zero. Kings kept pushing in the second half, and the extra effort was rewarded with a goal and the deficit was reduced. Confidence amongst the Doonside backline started to drop and we knew we were in with a chance to salvage something out of the match. What was a tough and physical encounter to this point quickly became a more brutal gladiatorial affair as Doonside pulled out all stops to try and extend their lead. Kings dropped down to 10 players as a heavy tackle saw a Kings player's head clash unpleasantly with the turf. Not long after, while still a man down, some clever passing put the ball into the box and despite

the best efforts of the Doonside defence to drag the man down, the equaliser was scored.

Less than 10 minutes remained, and things started to get spicy as the best efforts of Doonside to re-assert dominance were repelled. When the final whistle blew, the points were shared.

## Round 13 Catch-up

O35/6 vs Newbury Bulls SC

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**Kings Langley SFC 2 - Newbury Bulls SC 0**

Opposition forfeit

## Round 12 Catch-up

O35/6 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

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**Kings Langley SFC 3 – Eastern Creek Pioneer SC 2**

This was a very tough game, much tougher than expected. Eastern Creek had clearly picked up a few more players before the 30 June cut-off. They have become technically a much more skilled team than they were earlier in the season.

We were missing several key players in defence and midfield and with only two available on the bench, a re-shuffle of positions prior to kick off had a few of the team in less than familiar positions. We were a little disjointed, and it gave a traditionally prickly opponent sharper thorns. Eastern Creek had several solid chances throughout the first half and were always a threat. It wasn't until very late in the first half that we were able to finally unpick their defence, and Kings went into the break a deserved 1-0 up.

Frustration started to show in Eastern Creek's play in the second half, and the foul count rose steadily. A late heavy tackle in the box had the referee pointing to the spot. The penalty was coolly converted and Kings were up 2-0, and the game looked settled and sorted. Soon after though, the unfamiliarity of positions lead to a miscommunication in the backline. Eastern Creek on the scoreboard and fired up. While we kept pushing forward through the midfield and up front, it was Eastern Creek who was next to score as they exploited the space behind the backline. With scores level, Kings upped the pressure and were rewarded very late in the game with a sweetly struck shot smashed into the back of the net.

Not the prettiest of wins, but it was very satisfying to see that even when we aren't at our best, we can still grind out a win.