



Weekly Round Up Round 16, 2022 and Round 14 Catch-up



“Behind every kick of a ball, there has to be a thought.”

– Denis Bergkamp



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U5 Kookaburras vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

A nice sunny morning and the team got straight into it with a lot of aggressive play. They were also very good at chasing down the opposition and stopped them from getting goals a number of times.

Player of the Match: Evan

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Patrick

Round 14 Catch-up

U5 Kookaburras vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

Another nice morning and a very close match which saw a lot of good defensive play from both teams.

Player of the Match: Alex

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Ranajay

U5 Sharks vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

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Round 14 Catch-up

U5 Sharks vs Newbury Bulls SC

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U6 Lions vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

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Round 14 Catch-up

U6 Lions vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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U7/3 vs Marayong FC

Another outstanding performance! From the kick off the boys looked on and it showed. Marayong defended well stopping efforts from Mason and Leon before Frankie finally broke the deadlock. The one way traffic continued with the boys slowing the game down, looking for players in space and opening the game up to create opportunities. Leon turned half a chance into a second goal before Nate played Liam through for our third. Marayong were able to score one on the stroke of halftime and that was she wrote.

Second half was very much a repeat of the first, the boys were on song and Marayong spent most of the time chasing the ball as we just passed it around and moved into space. Frankie opened the scoring off a great pass from Blake. Nate pushed up from sweeper with Mason dropping in to cover, to grab 2 of his own, while Leon schemed in the middle and also grabbed a brace. Liam's second was a top drawer display with 5 passes to run the defence ragged before the final pass came from Blake. Pure football brilliance. Frankie completed his hat trick and closed out the game with an eyes up play and a shot from halfway. Stand and applaud parents, these young players have the potential of greatness. Bravo!!

Player of the Match: Mason

Round 14 Catch-up

U7/3 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

The weather is getting warmer and these U7's are turning up the heat. Tigers had no answers from the kick off and spent the opening few minutes without a touch as Blake, Frankie, Mason and Nate at sweeper controlled the game from the first whistle knocking the ball around with 3, 4 and 5 passes before the opportunity came they would take a shot at goal. Tigers in the end had a player standing in the goal mouth trying desperately to hold on before Blake finally found the opener. It wasn't long before Frankie found our second, and Leon rounded out the scoring for the first half. The second half had that same feeling as possession was all one way. Liam and Leon were playing keep away having the defence running ragged before finding Blake out wide and a great cross saw Nate supporting from the deep get on the scorers list. Liam again was goal provider for Nates second before a shot of his own came back off the post for Leon to tap in. Mason was the benefactor of another impressive team move to finally find the back of the net and the smile on his face said it all. He scored his second not long after and that was all she wrote. A complete performance from start to finish with defensive excellence mixed with attacking brilliance and as always a touch of flair. Bravo KINGS Bravo!!

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Liam

U7/4 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

The boys did their best against a well playing Redbacks team. They all had some great kicks and tackles, and came close to scoring several times. Unfortunately it wasn't enough, but the boys put up a great fight.

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Samuel

Round 14 Catch-up

U7/4 vs Ponds FC

The boys gave it their all today. It is a bit tough with these double header weekends and tiredness kicking in, but they always have a smile on their face.

Zion once kicked the ball far up the field. Thomas and Ethan put it some great tackles and defending again, Shreyansh scored goals again and Samuel kept chasing the ball and never gave up. The Ponds unfortunately got a few unfortunate goals, but they keep troopering on.

U7/9 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Not provided

Round 14 Catch-up

U7/9 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

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U8/3 vs Doonside Hawks SC

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Round 14 Catch-up

U8/3 vs Blacktown St Pats SC

Not provided

U8/6 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

Opposition forfeit

Round 14 Catch-up

BYE

U9/2 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Today's game was a really good match-up between the teams, with some great skills shown by both sides. While we did let a couple of goals slip through, it was very much likely a result of the formation losing structure, enabling the other team to easily get behind our players - something to be worked on for next year.

That said, Lucas made some great challenges, easily saving a few goals. Xander had a number of great touches on the ball, both clearing from the back and controlling to pass up the field. Lincoln scored our only goal of the day with a penalty kick following a handball that would have seen Liam score from Obie's cross.

Player of the Match: Jaxon

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Xander

Round 14 Catch-up

U9/2 vs Town Rangers FC

Being a Sunday catch-up, both teams had less than the ideal number of players, but we still played on anyway.

In the first half, we had Liam, John and Ryker doing an amazing job of locking down the back, with Amay in goals, keeping a 100% no-goal rate. This left Xander, Stella and Lucas being in the mid/front, and holding their own very well, with some good runs and passes - but also able to make the required tackle when needed.

We struggled a little in the second half with tired legs, and the occasional short of breath. The position changes likely didn't help, caused a little confusion, resulting in a few unfortunate goals against.

But the score isn't the most important thing - what was valuable in the game was seeing what works and what doesn't, as well as what we're good at, and what needs work. It was amazing to see Lucas, Stella and Xander with more time on the ball today. The pride moment of the match for me was seeing Stella use the skills taught at training earlier in the week - super proud coach moment right there!

Player of the Match: Evan

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Patrick

U10/5 vs Ponds FC

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This was not our best performance. An 8:30 kick off is never easy and the extra early start showed in our lack of urgency. On many occasions, Ponds just wanted the ball more than we did as we regularly let them get to the ball uncontested. We also were not as keen as we usually are to push forward and challenge for the ball.

The game didn't go our way but there were still positives to build upon. With no subs available, each player showed their resilience and strength as they played through with few opportunities to rest. There were a lot of attempts to pass the ball to each other, showing a growing understanding of how much of football is a team game. Finally, despite the way that the other team spoke to some of our players during the game, it was impressive that none of our team returned the favour. Other people might like to mouth off, but we prefer to let our boots do the talking.

Things aren't always going to go the way we would like in football. The real test is what we do next game to show that we have learned from it.

Player of the Match: Yara

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Layla

Round 14 Catch-up

U10/5 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

What a game this was! Backing up to play the second day running, the team was again without subs due to illnesses. This didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm as the team had turned up to play! Right from the first whistle, everyone attacked the ball with a passion never seen before. There were many tackles, a whole lot of chasing the other player down, and many successful attempts to pass the ball to a player free and with space around them. Riverstone didn't have many answers, and they were lucky that our players hit the woodwork on multiple occasions after incredibly strong dribbles through the other team, or following excellent pass to a player in space.

To a player, Kings was magnificent this game. There was so much tackling, chasing the ball, moving into free space, giving and receiving passes, and very good efforts at playing in the right positions on the field. This was a stand out performance for the season. Well done, everyone!

Player of the Match: Emma

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Aislin

U12/3 vs Blacktown St Pats SC

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Kings Langley SFC 2 - Blacktown St Pats SC 0

A grinding game of possession until we finally found the back of the net 🏠 We are finding the lower ranked teams really aiming up against us as the season is coming to a close and really throwing everything at us.

The emphasis on defence was key to another win. Great to have Brian back from injury who shut down every play possible with the help of Lucas, Tommy, Muhammad, Brody & David.

Also good to have Andrick back into the side, striking hard at goal with Jayden, Chay, Kaden, Isaac, Brody, David & Alex working hard to the corners and displaying some great crosses.

Great effort keeping them scoreless.

Player of the Match: Brian

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Tommy

Round 14 Catch-up

U12/3 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Kings Langley SFC 5 - Ropes Crossing Strikers FC 0

Our 1st encounter against Ropes Crossing who came down from Div 2, we weren't sure what to expect.

But Kings were more than up to the task and absolutely dominated the park from every angle.

Kaden & Muhammad had a cracking game in goals, both covering a lot of ground and plenty of passes and shots at goal.

Jayden from the kickoff in the 2nd half went for the ball, dribbling upfield and striking a low & hard shot scoring in the 1st 30 seconds of the 2nd half. This is a shot the team has been working hard at in training & it's great to see it pay off in the game.

Alex worked hard getting the ball forward and passing to Chay many times, Kaden & David combining.

Isaac, Tommy, Lucas, Jayden, Layla & Brody all chasing the ball hard. The defensive effort paying off.

We are starting to see some set plays come into the teams performance and the camaraderie between teammates growing each week. Trusting each other is seeing many passes between players to allow scoring opportunities to be made.

Amazing effort to keep Ropes scoreless.

Player of the Match: Alex

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Muhammad

U12/5 vs Lourdes FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Lourdes FC 14

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Round 14 Catch-up

U12/5 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Doonside Hawks SC 12

Not provided

U13/3 vs Blacktown Workers FC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Blacktown Workers FC 2

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Round 14 Catch-up

U13/3 vs Marayong FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 – Marayong FC 4

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U14/4 vs Ponds FC

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Kings Langley SFC 0 – Ponds FC 8

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Round 14 Catch-up

U14/4 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Quakers Hill Junior SC 5

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U16/3 White vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Kings Langley SFC 7 - Ropes Crossing Strikers FC 5

Another back and forth game after we hit the net 3 times in the first 10 minutes. But then Ropes showed why they are fighting for a top spot as even a person down they came at us and tied it at 3 before a nice one

two off the ensuing kickoff where Dale played a perfect ball to put Reuel into attack immediately and he raced down the side past everyone and slotted a nice goal that took us to half time 4-3 up.

We peppered their goal and Annibel slotted a brace in the first half being in great position both times and Joseph got his first goal of the year as well.

Adam was back from injury and had some deft touches and Jamie was tough as well playing while injured - he constantly harasses the opposition as did Hari as he gets more used to midfield.

Our back line dug deep against one of the best strikers we have faced - he was quick and strong but in the second half Matthew, Ben, Josh and Liam in goals kept him off the score sheet.

Ollie and Dale are forming a dynamic partnership in midfield both pushing into attack.

It was great to see us improve and show fighting qualities - we were up then tied then in a real struggle but we pushed very tired bodies the whole way and got the result.

Each game we put more passes together and play as a team - it is great to see the players' dedication to each other.

Well done and we move to another game tomorrow.

Player of the Match: Annibel, Reuel, Liam & Matthew

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Joseph, Hari, Josh, Adam, Ollie, Jamie, Ben & Dale

Round 14 Catch-up

U16/3 White vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 2

This was a great game to be a part of - two very good groups matching skills and effort.

A scoreless first half was not without chances but with our backline of Ben, Matthew, Josh and Hari being aggressive the opposition made very few forays into our box. When they did look threatening, Liam stood tall and took everything that came at him. Joseph and later Adam also had great games at the back.

The second half came alight 10 minutes in when they made a superb strike from 20 metres on an angle to go up 1-0, then a minute later they took a goal kick and turned it into a break that saw them go up 2-0.

But we never gave up and after three or four attacks from Reuel and Annibel with Jamie always winning possession Ollie banged one off the crossbar and Adam made sure it was a goal.

From there we continued to press with Dale controlling the midfield - mostly with headers that took us immediately into attack on numerous occasions, he always seemed to be in the right spot. The equaliser was a magic boot by Liam that bounced at midfield and Ollie anticipated beautifully to get a one-on-one with the keeper and he made no doubt.

The game ended with us on the attack but we just couldn't get that last one but great credit to all.

This was by far our best game as a team - we hung in when down two goals to a very good side and in the end were pressing for victory.

We also did so with a lot of walking wounded - just a great game for everyone to be a part of and the team should hold their heads high.

Ready for next week and more of the same.

Super job to all.

U16/3 Red vs Doonside Hawks SC

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Kings Langley SFC 2 - Doonside Hawks SC 1

This was a real goosebumps moment and a match for the ages.

The previous weekend proved that the desire and the mongrel was there, ready and waiting below the surface. It was evidence that the coaches weren't just talking motivational nonsense, and the team really could stand toe-to-toe with the rest in this competition.

Every single player on the pitch played close to their full potential. They jockeyed, they passed to feet, they ran into space, they tracked back in defence, and they threw their body on the line to stop the shots on goal. Doonside were increasingly frantic the longer the second half went on, and they begged for free kicks every time a player fell over. We knew we had them well and truly rattled when they focused their frustrations on the ref instead of us, and the roar at full time from all of the players could be heard from the canteen on the other side of the ground.

Today we wanted it more, and it showed. With hunger, desire, and players on the bench, we can give anyone a run for their money.

A top tier effort from a top tier group of people. A win hard fought and well earned.

Player of the Match: Luke

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Leah

Round 14 Catch-up

U16/3 Red vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Plumpton Oakhurst SC 10

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Player of the Match: Hayden

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Ethan & Shreya

O35/6 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

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Kings Langley SFC 13 - Glenwood Redbacks SC 0

With mild temperatures, modest winds, and little dew on a flat surface, it was a night tailor-made for football. The form guide and the points table suggested this would be an uneven match, and so it was.

Glenwood started out with good intent and pushed hard early, but it was no more than 5 minutes in before Kings rippled the net. After that, the goals kept coming with metronomic regularity through to the final whistle. While Glenwood was put to the sword, we didn't have it all our own way as they launched several promising attacks, forcing a spectacular save or two.

Our structure fell apart in the second half as we regularly rotated players on and off the bench to ensure no injuries leading up to the finals series. This led to some sloppy play in the last half hour, and is something that will need to be tightened up to stop complacency seeping in.

All up, a very strong performance and one that bodes well for the remainder of the season.

Round 14 Catch-up

O35/6 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

Kings Langley SFC 7 - Quakers Hill Junior SC 0

Mid-week games are tough, and this one was made tougher by a delayed start due to the need to find a referee at the last minute.

Early signs were promising as Quakers Hill turned up with only 10 players compared to our healthy 15. After an extended warmup, we got off to a sluggish start. Some wayward passes early gave Quakers a few attacking sniffs. This was the wake up we needed, and we soon started to attack their goal with passion. After several promising raids, we were rewarded with the ball in the back of their net. Our attacks continued, and we were wasteful with our opportunities. Quakers continued to try and catch us on the counter. While they had a few chances, they didn't really threaten our goal. We were able to add to our tally by halftime, and we went into the break two to the good.

We started the second half as strongly as we finished the first. Quakers were always on the hunt for a goal, but we didn't concede so much as a corner. We continued to hold possession well and passed the ball around. These efforts were rewarded with more chances and in turn more goals. A procession of soft-tissue injuries turned our bench of four spare players into zero, but we battled through to the final whistle.

The last two games of the season will need to be managed carefully so that we can enter the finals series as close to full strength as we can.

Another clean sheet, another three points, and our extraordinary streak continues for another round.