



Weekly Round Up

Round 17, 2022



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U5 Kookaburras vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Second last week of the comp and another great game played by the team. More recently we have seen the players that were more hesitant at the start of the season get more involved, which has started to create some good scoring opportunities through teamwork. Big smiles and enthusiastic play all round, which is great to see!

Player of the Match: Toby

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Ryan

U5 Sharks vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

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Another tough day at the office. It was great to see Zaylen's smile and for the first time this season it was really nice to have all 5 players ready to take the field. On the back foot from the first whistle Matteo tried his heart out to keep Quakers at bay. Zac and Dale are growing in confidence week in, week out and had some really nice touches on the ball. Pheobe keeps getting better again, showing some nice passing skills as well as almost scoring off a nice pass from Matteo. The smiles at fulltime always make it worth it and it's a shame that next week means the 2022 season is coming to an end. Well done U5 Sharks.

Player of the Match: Matteo

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Zaylen

U6 Lions vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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Player of the Match: Thomas

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Samuel

U7/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Sometimes football is just 'sexy!' Match Day 17 saw us back at Elara and it was another resounding performance. Kickoff saw us grab the ascendancy and never once look like giving it up. Leon was on a mission and single handedly gave us a 3 goal lead within 5 mins. He then turned provider for Mason to score our fourth. Nate and Joel-Luke were power houses in defence showing patience and control when defending to slow down the game and play out from the back. Frankie and Blake as always combined well to create chances but it was Joel-Luke who added our fifth with a determined interception and clinical finish. Frankie closed out the half with a trademark look for a pass on halfway... take a touch.... no one is closing me down.. ok I'll shoot! Another one for the highlight reel to round out the first half scoring.

The second half continued in the same light with these boys stringing passes together to create chance after chance pushing Marsden Park further and further back. In the end they had 2 players standing in front of goal which still wasn't enough as Leon found Blake who wouldn't be denied before Nate closed it out with a solo effort after going around 3 players. Liam was getting over a mid week illness and was unusually quiet, but was still there providing great support for his team mates. A class act as always lads, take a bow!

Player of the Match: Leon

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Mason

U7/4 vs Rooty Hill FC

The boys have improved immensely. First season playing and they have come so far. They were very unlucky in the game and unfortunately had a lot of close misses, where as Rooty Hill managed to get a few more goals. The boys fought hard as always.

Player of the Match:

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:

U7/9 vs Newbury Bulls SC

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U8/3 vs Prospect United SC

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U8/6 vs Parklea SFC

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U9/2 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Our 5th game against Newbury this season, and a really good match-up for the team. We tried some people in different positions than usual to mix things up and to see how they go. For the most part, things went well, with Xander and Jaxon really embracing being up front and having a few excellent runs at the goal.

Our midfield today was a bit haphazard, and it left us open to a few attacks by the other team. That said, there was some good passing work moving the ball around to the sides for that push up front.

The back line was on point today, and we almost managed a clean sheet, if it wasn't for one that slipped through.

All in all, a great game with one more weekend to go!

Player of the Match: Obie

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Jaxon

U10/5 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

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There are good games, and then there are games so good that you don't care what the result is because in the end, as they say, football is the winner. In our game against Quakers Hill Juniors, football was definitely the winner.

For the first time in a few weeks, we had a full team available. This brings its own challenges as everyone has favourite positions to play, or exciting new positions they are desperate to have another crack at.

This game was the perfect spectacle. The ball moved quickly from end to end. Both teams showed that they had a strong passing game when they wanted to, and there was a lot of great tackles in defence and top efforts on goal in attack.

In particular for our team, it was very pleasing to see an increase of jockeying for the ball instead of diving in to tackles, a strong desire to find a team mate to pass to instead of just trying to hoof the ball forward, and a lot of attempts to dribble the ball and backing ourselves to take our opponents on. The game was settled with a classic team goal, starting off with some good tackles in the backline, a visionary pass up the line to the forwards, some strong dribbling and a wonderful through ball to the striker running on goal down the centre of the pitch to be put away past the keeper. However, the end result isn't anywhere near as important as the smiles on the face of every player when the final whistle was blown, with the recognition of a great game well played.

Player of the Match: Angelo

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Layla

U12/3 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

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Kings Langley SFC 4 - Ropes Crossing Strikers FC 0

Not provided

U12/5 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Ponds FC 11

Not provided

Player of the Match:

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:

U13/3 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 4 - Ponds FC 1

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U14/4 vs Doonside Hawks SC

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U16/3 White vs Doonside Hawks SC

Kings Langley SFC 11 - Doonside Hawks SC 1

A solid game against an understaffed Doonside but they hung in and never gave up.

The play of the game had to be Ben's header off a brilliant cross by Liam who both showed they are just as valuable in attack as in defense.

Josh filled in admirably in goal while Liam was up front and Annibel, Adam and Joseph created plenty of chances.

Matthew did not let a single player past him and moved us into attack on a number of occasions.

The front line and mids - Reuel, Jamie, Dale and Ollie - controlled the game and hit the back of the net from a number of combinations - again it is great to see us play with such class and unselfishness - a team effort and everyone was happy for others to share and be in the spotlight.

A special mention to Sean who finally has the boot off but still cannot play. However, he was there and was on the bench cheering the team on - that again is what being a teammate is all about - not just you but the team. Thanks Sean - another class act!

Player of the Match: Josh, Matthew, Adam, Liam, Ben, Ollie, Reuel, Annibel, Jamie, Joseph and Dale

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Sean and Ben's head

U16/3 Red vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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Kings Langley SFC 0 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 16

A tough game for a number of reasons. Marsden Park were equal top of the table and have always been difficult to play against. With a bye next week, this was also to be our last game of the season. Just for added difficulty, with U16 being the last age group that teams can play as a mixed competition, this was also the last time that this group of players and friends could play together in a competitive match. A tough game was made special as this was one of those rare occasions that every player was available to play.

We started strong, and inside the first 10 minutes we had pushed their defence on several occasions, and had also managed to scramble in our own defence, keeping shots on goal to a respectably low number. Given the differences between the two teams on the table, it was inevitable that this would change. Through no fault of any individual player Marsden Park were finally got on the score board.

Players were rotated regularly to give them a chance to grab a drink and a quick breather. It is a credit to all players that everyone sitting on the bench was constantly asking "who is going on next? When do I get to go back on?" Despite the scoreline, each and every player was desperate to get back on that field and put in a shift to end the season. With regular rotations, there were some inevitable hiccups in organisation leading to some on-field frustration and opposition goals. However, it's important to remember that there is never a wasted moment on the park as there are always things to be learned from these experiences.

From the coaches, it has been an honour to be involved with such a fantastic group of young adults. Thank you for letting us be part of your journey this season.

Player of the Match: Ethan and Kaelan

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Rihanna and Sadiq

O35/6 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

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Kings Langley SFC 1 - Eastern Creek Pioneer SC 1

Two points that got away.

After injuries and travel, we had 11 at kick off with one more for the bench about 15 minutes in. Eastern Creek on the other hand were slow to arrive but by kick off had a healthy bench with more trickling in after the first whistle. Gaps in the lineup caused a necessary reshuffle, with people in unfamiliar positions. Eastern Creek have been on a roll in

recent rounds and were gearing up for another strong result to build momentum into the finals series.

Well versed in the dark arts, they threw everything in the book at us. Starting with a proposal before kick off to *"just play 45 minutes? Result doesn't matter and who wants cards and injuries? We'll go easy if you go easy"*, it soon enough progressed to chipping away at the heels in tackles, to deliberate handballs when the ref is unsighted, to dives in the box, to baiting players thought to be more likely to fight back. Despite this, we pushed back on every attempt on goal, and threatened their own goal on many occasions before we eventually went 1-0 up.

We held onto that lead as the efforts to destabilise our calm intensified, and continued to hold them out. They were forced into shots from well outside the box. It was only through an audacious long range chip that just scraped under the crossbar on what was literally the last kick of the game that Creek were able to square the balance sheet. They may feel that they walked away with a confidence-building result leading into the semis, but in turn we can feel vindicated that even with a significantly depleted squad we remain a fortress.