



Weekly Round Up Round 18, 2022 & Round 12 Catch-up



“And though she be but little, she is fierce”

– William Shakespeare



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U5 Kookaburras vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

The team put in a great effort to dominate both sides of the field, showing a lot of confidence. Everyone got in some great kicks and were in high spirits for the whole game.

Player of the Match: Evan

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Patrick

Round 12 Catch-up

U5 Kookaburras vs Newbury Bulls SC

After a big game yesterday, the team seemed a little distracted and worn out but still put on a very good defensive performance. This was the last match of the season and it is great to see everyone getting along well on and off the field.

Player of the Match: Alex

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Toby

U5 Sharks vs Doonside Hawks SC

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U6 Lions vs Ponds FC

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The team played well against The Ponds today and attempted to try to stick to the diamond formation.

Initially we were playing 3v3 due to the other team only having three players, then with a few late arrivals we were able to play 4v4.

Great passing and defence today. The first goal was scored by Tiana, with Jack and Ella jointly scoring the second goal. Our third and final goal was scored by Jack. Some great attempts by Ella and Alyssa to attack the ball. Special mention to Athena who defended the goal and kept the other team's score low.

Player of the Match to Alyssa for her great attempts at attack, and Encouragement to Jack for getting back on the field after an injury.

Player of the Match: Alyssa

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Jack

U7/3 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Good-bye 2022. These young boys have come a long way in what was a very interrupted season. Today's game went the way of so many others, slick passing, clean dribbling, rock solid defence and true heart shone through again. Blake, Frankie, Joel-Luke, Leon, Liam, Mason and Nate all played their parts to perfection, another impressive performance in both halves. A couple of quick thank you's need to be passed out today. Thank you to the parents for instilling in these players true resilience and grit, and for getting the boys to the game on time, (mostly). To our manager Rose who keeps me in check week in week out, and is always smiling. Mostly, thank you to the players who give their best for each other, the team and the club. You are the reason we brave the cold, the wind, the wet, because every week you provide us with a reason to smile and performances to keep us warm. Congratulations on a remarkable season boys, be proud of yourselves as much as I, and all your supporters are of you. Bring on 2023.

Player of the Match: Whole team

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Nate

U7/4 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Best game of the season. The boys kept fighting and showed some great skill set. Zion continued with his strong kicks. Ethan did some great defending. Shreyansh managed to dribble past Marsden Park players and score. Thomas and Samuel continued to tackle and be on Marsden Parks toes. Although the result didn't go our way, it was clear to see the boys have come far in the first season and it was a pleasure to follow this game from the line.

Player of the Match:

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award:

U7/9 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

This game was very entertaining to watch with lots of players giving it their all. Attack on the ball was a key today, which in turn provided goal scoring opportunities.

Player of the Match: Mikey

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Lexi

Round 12 Catch-up

U7/9 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

WOW! The team saved their best performance of the year for the last game of the season! This was a fantastic team effort with everyone contributing to what was a great game. The highlight was the amount of passing and accurate passing at that. As a coach I could not be happier than to finish the season with such a great team effort!

Player of the Match: Loki

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Ryan

U8/3 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

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U8/6 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

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U9/2 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

A fantastic and well-matched game again today. I'm really enjoying watching the team play together, with lots of passing and moving into the space. Some better control on the ball today, with that important first touch being taken before playing it out again, more controlled.

That's not to say we didn't have a few formation lapses, with people moving away from their positions, leaving us with less options to move the ball - something we'll be working on for next season.

There were some awesome moments today: Lucas making a great save in the first half, and then almost scoring in the second; Amay's great goal in the second half; Liam's runs up the right wing in the first half, with some shots from there; Jaxon making some amazing late second half runs. Aarin had some great touches on the ball, both pushing it up the field as well as passing it around their defense.

Player of the Match: Lucas

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Aarin

Round 12 Catch-up

U9/2 vs Ponds FC

In a nice change of pace for a Sunday, we had all 12 players available, and bringing their A-game. We had an amazing first half with most of the action in the other team's end of the field, continually pressing the attack. Unfortunately Ponds did manage to sneak a goal in past the defenders, putting them slightly ahead at the break.

The second half followed much the same, pressing the attack, making the runs but struggling to convert them into a goal. To be fair, the Ponds goal keeper was really good. However, in the last 2 minutes, Obie managed to break away down the left wing, sending the ball long for Jaxon, who had been relentless in attack the entire game and was only back on the field to replace Xander who was winded a few moments earlier. That attack resulted in a one-on-one with the goal keeper, and Jaxon was rewarded with nicely tucking it away in the back of the net.

It goes without saying that the outcome today was the result of everyone on the field, in defense, midfield and forward. No one gave up, and it was by far one of the better games of the season. Great work everyone!

Player of the Match: John

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Lincoln

U10/5 vs Town Rangers FC

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Another game where all 12 players were present, which was great to see with the end of the season almost upon us.

Our previous two matches against Town Rangers were great fun, and this one was too. The teams are evenly matched on the field, and the games are played with a good spirit and focus on playing an attractive and inclusive brand of football. Town Rangers are not a fast-pressing team, which gave our players that crucial extra half-second to slow down play, and give some more thought to where to pass the ball, and whether or not to take a chance with some dribbling. These passages of play gave all the team extra confidence, which showed in their eagerness to pressure in defence, and make some strong tackles. A special highlight was a series of excellent passes between the girls of the team, ending in a great goal.

Player of the Match: Jill

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Oskar and Angelo

Round 12 Catch-up

U10/5 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC White

We came up against a team that liked to play much rougher than we were used to playing against. The extra pushes in the back and shoves from the side disrupted our composure early, leaving us in a position where it was very hard to come back. Lots of different voices from the sidelines made it difficult for the players to focus on the things that had been discussed before the game, and the end of the first half couldn't come soon enough.

One of the great things about football is that it is a game of two halves. This gives everyone the opportunity to put the first half behind them, breathe, and reset. It is to the great credit of all the team that they were able to do just that. After walking off in the first half feeling bruised and battered and tempers fragile, they went back out determined to stand

their ground and keep playing the game their way. The rough play continued, but everyone kept their cool and focused on the key things we had practiced the last few weeks: jockeying, dribbling, looking for team mates to pass to and throw to, and trying to be calm no matter what.

It wasn't the ideal end to the season, but the efforts on the field showed just how much everyone had improved over the last few months, and hopefully each player is starting to understand what they can achieve if they put their minds to it.

Player of the Match: Emma

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Yara and Gabriel

U12/3 vs Rooty Hill FC

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Kings Langley SFC 4 - Rooty Hill FC 0

Well we did it! Sitting on top of the ladder since round 9, we needed to win the last game of the regular season to finish in 1st place and secure the Minor Premiership and the team didn't dissapoint!!!

An amazing performance by EVERYONE today. Wow what a game. The team knew they had to win if they wanted to stay on top of the ladder and they all rallied together.

Defending hard in the backs, amazing movement from our midfield and cracking shots on goal, we finished with a 4-0 win.

Brody, Lily, Brian, Lucas, David, Chay, Andrick, Tommy, Kaden, Muhammad, Alex, Jayden, Isaac, Kieren & Layla. pat yourselves on the back. What a season.

Thank you Layla for stepping into the team from The Kings Langley Under 10's after Kieren unfortunately suffered a season ending injury, big shoes to fill but you've done well. Thank you.

Dedication & hard work, the team has grown so much as the season has gone on. The team has been a pleasure to coach.

Congrats team & best of luck in the finals.

Player of the Match: Muhammad

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Kaden

U12/5 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 16

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U13/3 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Newbury Bulls SC 3

Not provided

U14/4 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

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U16/3 White vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 1

FANTASTIC!

Think how far you have come and the class with which you have undertaken the journey!

Firstly, thank-you to the parents and carers - the team is a reflection of your values and class and once again against an aggressive and 'mouthy' team we played the game. A testament to you and your kids - so much to be proud of - not just the result but in the way the team played for each other and dug in when they were tired.

Once again we had no subs and for most of the first half only 10 players on the pitch and yet we found a way.

Everyone and I mean everyone was instrumental in the result.

We will start from the goal...

Liam - continues to be a rock at the back - was aggressive and leads by example, shut down a very aggressive team.

Ben - whatever the header did from last week, it came back with a vengeance this week - stopped everything.

Matthew - what a game! Fought for every ball and won 99% of them.

Josh - our multi-purpose back took every free kick and still shut them down at the back, often after running the field to get into position.

Sean - four weeks out from being in a boot - that says it all. Should not have played the whole second half but he would not come out - amazing.

Hari - another of our walking wounded - he also should only have played some of the game after a back injury and yet he stayed on the park and fought for 70 minutes.

Joseph - hung in for 70 minutes and had a couple close chances.

Ollie - getting better very week. Was in the right place throughout and was both strong in attack and defending.

Adam - another nursing injury he had some beautiful touches to get us into attack.

Reuel - gave them fits up front, both as a threat to score and in creating chances for others and got our lone score.

Dale - our engine, his quick thinking on a throw-in led to our goal and he was in everything as spike marks and a bloody lip attested.

Coach David - his relentless encouragement and care for the team is unmatched - thank-you from all of us.

Let's take a moment to think how far this team has come -

- we have only played two games with a bench player and in more than half we have played with 10 or 9
- we have 7 players who had never played full field before!!! Think about that as we head into finals - WOW!

We should feel confident about our chances - I always assume we can win - but let's celebrate all that this team has accomplished - they are amazing and they have been a pleasure to be a part of in practice and the games.

Well done to all!!!

Player of the Match: The Magnificent 11 - Liam, Sean, Ben, Matthew, Josh, Hari, Ollie, Dale, Joseph, Adam, and Reuel

McDonald's Arndell Park Encouragement Award: Parents and carers -

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Kings Langley SFC - BYE

O35/6 vs Newbury Bulls SC

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Kings Langley SFC 2 - Newbury Bulls SC 0

A Newbury Bulls forfeit goes into the books as a 2-0 win for Kings, taking us through the round of 18 games with 15 wins and 3 draws.

With finals football, all bets are off and past form is not a guarantee of future performances. The challenge now is to ensure that the dominance displayed during the season is reflected in finals series.