



Weekly Round Up

Round 3, 2023



“Tell yourself that you’re good enough until you really believe it. Trust me, it works.”

– Alex Morgan



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U5 Kookaburras vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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U6 Kookaburras vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Great effort by whole team. First goals of the season for Leo and Ryan. Great defensive work from Patrick, Ayan and Alex. Well done team!

Player of the Match: Leo

Encouragement Award: Ryan

U6 Echidnas vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Red

U6 Echidna's played a good game on Saturday playing at Marsden Park's home ground. Each player from Kings Langley tried their hardest and showed great sportsmanship.

Player of the Match: Zaylen

Encouragement Award: Dale & Alonzo & Eleanor

U7/5 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Was a tough game today we only had 4 players. Everyone was tired but continued to play till the end, so proud of the team.

Player of the Match: Tiana

Encouragement Award: Athena & Ella & Jack

U7/8 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

Not provided

U8/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Not provided

U8/6 vs Rooty Hill FC

Kings Langley U8/6 scored their first goals of the season. Jahkai and Lucas scored goals, with Dan, Gabe and Brandon all having shots at goal. The team also marked players well this week. The Rooty Hill team had some strong goal scorers. Our first time goalies of Myles and Adelaide didn't give up!

Player of the Match: Jahkai

U8/8 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Not provided

U9/2 vs Marayong FC

Kings dominated the first half and moved the ball around the park. There were a few penalties but we held our positions and played the ball at all times. At the break we had to recharge and refocus.

The second half was challenging with even more penalties but everyone supported each other and the passing combinations were starting to flow.

Player of the Match: Kyan

Encouragement Award: Chase

U9/7 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Not provided

U10/2 vs Rooty Hill FC

In a much more even game this week, we had an opportunity to be on the offensive a little more, moving the ball down the sides and creating openings. Unfortunately we were held back in the box from finishing. A great corner from Liam managed to get us on the scoreboard, with the ball deflecting off the keeper.

Excellent work from Xander on the wing, in both defence and attack kept the ball moving around. Annabelle slotted into the defence nicely in the second half, halting the opposition attack frequently.

A huge thanks to Jeremy and Kyan from the U9 for stepping up to help with numbers this week as we had a few players on holiday. Great contributions by both!

Player of the Match: Xander

Encouragement Award: Jaxon & Annabelle & John

U10/6 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Opposition forfeit

U11/4 vs Ponds FC

This was a spicy game against a very physical team that weren't afraid to throw their bodies around to get the ball.

We started the game with a well-balanced squad, but with some absences we only had one player on the bench. From kick off it was obvious that everyone was becoming more comfortable with the roles and expectations of their positions. The organisation in the backline was excellent, the energy from the engine room from the two players in the midfield was a thrill to watch, and the three players up front were doing a stellar job in their set roles.

An unfortunate injury mid-way through the first half forced a reshuffle (have a speedy recovery, Jet!), and the players showed great resilience in their ability to quickly adapt after seeing a team mate have to be carried off. That resilience was rewarded with a goal before the end of the half, with some great pressure causing a mistake from the goalkeeper.

The second half was quite rough at times, as our ability to defend and deflect their advances frustrated some of the Ponds players. It got very physical at times, but Kings showed an incredible strength through their display of self-control and restraint. Our front line continued to take advantage of all of the space their defenders gave us as they stood on the edge of the goal box, the mid-field ran everywhere, and the defenders repelled all attacks.

As a coach, I couldn't be more proud of the way that the whole conducted themselves on the field during this game, and the end result at the end of the game was fair reflection of their efforts on the field.

Player of the Match: Oskar

Encouragement Award: Aislin & Layla

U12/1 vs Marayong FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Marayong FC 5

The effort was there today but the passes didn't make their marks, nor the shots on goal find the net. Some tired legs in the second half as we were missing a few players again against a full squad, meant we just got outplayed with fresh legs. We take from the loss and learn for next week.

Thanks to Chase for upgrading from U9's to help out the team this week.

Player of the Match: Brian

Encouragement Award: Liam

U13/3 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 5 - Ponds FC 6

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U15/4 vs Town Rangers FC

Kings Langley SFC 7 - Town Rangers FC 2

Not provided

O35/5 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

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Kings Langley SFC 3 - Minchinbury Jets SC 4

Another challenging week.

Absences and injuries had us with a short bench at kick off, and testing out a new formation to match the players available on the park. Lack of early focus in defence saw us go down 1-0 early. Minchinbury kept pushing hard and by mid-way through the first half that increased to 2-0. The Jets were strong up front with several players equally good on their right and their left. However, their defence wasn't the strongest, and Kings were able to peg back the lead with two strong shots taken from outside the box. However, we conceded again, which was again answered with a matching goal. This crazy half of football wasn't finished yet, as Jets knocked one in not long before half-time, going into the break 4-3.

Injuries were starting to take their toll, but everyone kept fighting. The first 15 minutes were particularly scrappy for us, but we managed to keep them at bay. We were able to keep attacking and kept the Jets

defence backpedaling on a number of occasions. The second half dragged on scoreless, and both sides kept upping the tempo to either find the equaliser or put the match out of reach. The referee did his best to slow everything down with regular educational interludes. Late in the game Kings had a goal chalked off due to an apparent handball in the lead up play. Unfortunately, the dial was not moved in the second half and the half ended as it began, 4-3 to Minchinbury.

There were a lot of positives to take out of the game, but match fitness as well as enough injury-free bodies to take the field and give it everything was the deciding factor. The second half showed that in our best moments we can match it with anyone, and that break through win will come soon enough.