



# **Kings Langley SFC Year in Review 2022**



***"Everything is practice"***

***-Pele***

# 2022 IN REVIEW - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 2022 was a year with promise



With Covid under control, vaccinations rolled out and isolation requirements easing more and more each month, we were filled with excitement as we began to prepare for the new full season.

Registrations were encouraging. There were lots of familiar faces returning and many new families joining the Kings family. Grading and team musters were planned.

Then down came the rain. Again and again.

We did our best to grade and muster the teams without the ability to run on the park. For the most part the committee did fairly well with minimal teams requiring a regrade during the season.

Our season-opening weekend came and went with a washout, which was something we all became very accustomed to in 2022. Every washout created a double header weekend with Saturday and Sunday games. These weekends took their toll on players, families, officials, and committees across the association, but they allowed the players to get a full season of games in. Thank you to those that worked with us, sometimes on very short notice, to ensure we could field teams both days on those big weekends. Some families cancelled plans and gave up other things to be there for their teammates, showing passion and mate-ship that team sports develop so well.

On the park, throughout the season we did our best with limited training availability. Our teams did their best and showed development each week. There



were stand out performances in Under 7, Under 9, Under 12, Under 16 and Over 35s.

The Finals season was busy, and exciting with Under 12/1, Under 16/3 White and Over 35/6 all making their way into the finals. The teams were supported well by the Club, families and friends. The Under 12s and Under 16s played with everything they had in the finals producing a quality football that they, and we as a Club, can be proud of. As in all sport there must be winner and loser. Sadly this year wasn't our year for those two teams. Finals football always delivers some lessons, and lessons learned in losing the big matches can be taken into the future with heads held high. Many people go their entire lives in sport without playing in a Finals series, and the Club couldn't be more proud of them. These experiences will make those teams stronger in 2023 when we hope to see them fight again for the title.

After some tough years, our Over 35s had an impressive season, with some really great games and quality football played each Friday night. The men had some tightly contested finals games but ultimately prevailed each week to send them through to the final.

The Over 35 final was an exciting night to watch on the sidelines under the lights at Blacktown Football Park. The game was tight, and both teams had their opportunities in the first half with some great defence on both sides keeping it scoreless at half time. The second half started much the same until a magical run was produced from right half that ended in a pinpoint cross and a goal kick started a great second half performance. The game ended with a 3-0 win and our boys crowned 2022 champions, with Doonside gracious in defeat.

Finally, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the contribution of our Committee, who as a group worked tirelessly through many long days, to bring us all the small miracle of a full 18 rounds of football. It can be a thankless task at times, but our club is the richer for their efforts. Thank you all for everything that you do for Kings Langley SFC.

Dale Coleman  
President, Kings Langley SFC





**Back Row L-R:** Joe Lofaro, Sarah Waite, Shane Perris, Dale Coleman, Suzanne Allen, Stephen Broker

**Front Row L-R:** Bec Broker, Michelle Clarke, Kelly-Anne Petersen, Myles Toomey, Samantha Consiglio, Lucette Harper, Maev Higgins

**Absent:** Victoria Ballantyne, Jacqui Mison

## OUR COMMITTEE

**President:** Dale Coleman

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Kelly-Anne Petersen

**Member Protection Officer:**  
Jacqui Mison



# GAME LEADERS UPDATE

**In the 2022 season, Kings Langley SFC continued to proudly provide opportunities for the older junior players to take on leadership roles within the club.**

As a club, we are truly blessed to have so many of our young people willingly stepping into football leadership rolls each week during the season. It is a rare weekend indeed that we don't have one of our MiniRoo games covered by our amazing squad of Game Leaders.

We also lead the way in providing our Game Leaders exposure to more advanced refereeing opportunities through assistant referee roles, helping the official "black and white" referees at competition games on Saturdays as well as on Friday nights for our O35 home games. These opportunities make our Game Leader program the envy of the Blacktown and District Soccer Football Association.

In recent years, several of our game leaders have gone on to become fully-qualified official referees. Former Kings Langley SFC Game Leaders officiated at a number of games across this season's Grand Final weekend, as well as in Football NSW Champion of Champions games. Well done to all involved!

It is not easy for our Game Leaders to be in charge, and being in a position to make decisions that may upset the adults around them is a challenging environment. When they take the field with confidence and authority, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that our Game Leaders are 11 - 16 years old, and still learning their craft. Like all of us, they make mistakes along the way, and it is up to us as a club and a community to support them and continue to provide safe spaces for them to learn and grow, both as people and as referees.

Abuse of match officials is something that remains endemic at all levels, and unfortunately our home ground this season has not been immune to this blight on our beautiful game. The responsibility falls upon each and every one of our community to lead by example and continue to give all match officials the respect their position deserves.



The club is so proud of the way that these exceptional young people have changed, grown and risen to the challenge over the 2022 season.

To our Game Leaders: thank you for all that you have done this year. We look forward to your return in 2023!



The club would like to thank the following members for their service as Game Leaders and Assistant Referees in competition games throughout the season

- Matilda Benton
- Ibrahim Berjawi
- Alec Burley
- Luke Duffy
- Sardip Guha
- Geo Jabbour
- James Jabbour
- Indie Longhurst
- Leah Miles
- Hayden Rodewald
- Kaelan Waite
- Shayla Waite

The club would also like to thank our qualified official referees that made themselves available to cover games at short notice where shortages in referees meant our competition games had no official appointed.

- Dale Coleman
- David Lind
- Elijah Perris
- Shane Perris
- Karthik Rao



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# SERVICE AWARDS

## 5 Years Service

Ismail Muhammad Athar

Layla Berjawi

Zaydan Boyd

Bec Broker

Savanah Broker

Dale Coleman

Elijah Coleman

Lucas Clarke

Michelle Clarke

Luke De Beer

Rheece De Beer

John-Paul Jabbour

Julian Jabbour

Indie Longhurst

Leah Miles

Krishn Rao

Lily Solomona

Liam Woodhouse

Jaxon Zuvela

## 10 Years Service

Elijah Perris

Taylor Saras

Sarah Waite

Alex Woodhouse

## 20 Years Service

Craig Baird



# PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**MiniRoo Female  
Player of the Year**



**Yara Mukherjee (U10/5)**

**The Lisa Thorn Junior Female  
Player of the Year**



**Savanah Broker (U16/3 Red)**



# PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**MiniRoo Standout  
Player of the Year**

**MiniRoo Rising Star**



**Jeremy Nelson (U8/3)**



**Nate De Beer (U7/3)**



# PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**MiniRoo Male  
Player of the Year**



**Joel-Luke Solomona (U7/3)**

**The Stewart Hungerford  
Junior Male Player of the Year**



**Alec Burley (U16/3 Red)**

**The John Aquilina Senior Male Player of the Year**



**Joe Lofaro (O35/6)**



# CLUB AWARDS

**Coach of the Year**

**Manager of the Year**

**Volunteer of the Year**



**Andrew Tye**  
(U5 Kookaburras, U8/6)



**Tammy Hughes (U12/3)**



**Samone Cooper**

**Club Person of the Year**

**Linda Grant Club Spirit  
Excellence Award**



**Suzanne Allen**



**Layla Berjawi**



# TEAM AWARDS

## **MiniRoo Team of the Year**

U10 Development 5

## **Best Attacking Team**

O35 Division 6

## **Best Defensive Team**

O35 Division 6

## **James A. Kay Founder's Award**

## **Lynwood Park Kings Langley Cup Team of the Year**

O35 Division 6





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Coach: Steve Thorn  
Manager: Sarah Waite  
Manager: Maev Higgins



# UNDER 5 KOOKABURRAS



Coach: Andrew Tye  
Coach: Rajesh Bisht  
Manager: Paul O'Connor

# UNDER 5 SHARKS

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### Congratulations team on a wonderful first season

The fun you had and the smiles on your faces were enough to warm up the coldest and wettest of mornings. Continually as the season went on you all showed amazing development skills in passing, dribbling, and shooting. It was an absolute pleasure to coach these eager youngsters and watch them grow and learn the fundamentals of football and how to work together as a team. I personally cannot wait to see them grow in belief and backing of their own ability to ensure another successful season of development next year. Well Done!

**Dale** - The Quiet Achiever. Dale could sometimes look like he was off chasing butterflies but would still find himself in the right place, at the right time to assist his teammates.

**Matteo**- The Journeyman. Trying to score goals, trying to save goals. Matteo was everywhere and was always giving his best for the team. With the odd blow up of course.

**Zac** - The Negotiator. He took a bit of time to get going this year but once he did he was outstanding. Competitive nature and a really sound passing and shooting ability.

**Zaylen** - The Storyteller. Never let the game get in the way of a good story. Zaylen had a way of making everyone smile and showed great spirit on and off the field.

Coach: Joe Lofaro

Manager: Brooke Langford



# UNDER 6 LIONS

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### The team had a great season this year

For many of the players, this was their first year playing soccer, as well as Caleb's first year coaching. The season was disrupted by lots of rain and field closures, which for little ones, makes it hard to remember and retain skills learnt at training. Despite this, we focussed on passing, dribbling and communication at training and the games. Toward the end of the season, the team started working on having a defending player, and three in attack.

The growth of the team over the year was amazing to watch from the sidelines, with the team really gelling and enjoying playing as a united team by the end of the season. It was lovely to watch their confidence on the field grow over the last few months.

We hope to see everyone again next year in the Under 7s!

Coach: Caleb Sue-See

Coach: Joshua Sue-See

Manager: Michelle Sue-See





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### The magnificent 7!

Over the course of the 2022 season these 7 young superstars individually grew in maturity, leadership, resilience, and pure footballing ability. As a team, they showed us how the game of football should be played. Their willingness to learn and grow was evident from the first opportunity they had to lace up their boots and this built a platform to take control of the game week in, week out and never release that control. It has been an absolute pleasure watching the team in attack and defence. Passing and moving into space, slowing the game down, looking up, and team talk continued to grow as the season went on. What they have delivered over the course of the 2022 season is nothing short of remarkable. Congratulations on a stellar season, cannot wait to see what the future holds for this group of Little Legends! Bravo lads take a bow.

**Blake "Bale"** - Pace and precision. Making great runs out wide to create scoring opportunities. Has an attacker's mindset and is always looking to get in front of goal. Gives great support out wide. A weapon in attack.

**Gianfranco "Pirlo"** - The maestro in the middle. Would deliver killer pass and killer pass to set up his teammates, not shy of scoring a few screamers himself and plays the game like it is chess. A true centre mid in the making.



**Joel-Luke "Van Dijk"** – The heart of defence. Time after time would put his body on the line to stop the attack. Always wanted to go forward but prefers to see the game unfold in front of him. A stopper with a heart of gold.

**Leon "Mbappe"** – The marksman. Quick enough to go around players on his own, calm enough to play the assist, and impossible for the defence to handle. Never quits, never gives up and doesn't like being subbed. True striker.

**Liam "Castillejo"** – Support man. Gives his all to the team week in week out. A developing passing game and very difficult to get the ball off when in possession. Wear's his heart on his sleeve and leaves it all on the field week in week out.

**Mason "Hernandez"** – Improvement personified. From match day one to match day eighteen, grew in confidence, ability, and belief. Loves to get forward with a real knack on where to be in defence. A rising star who always gives 100%.

**Nate "De Bruyne"** – Mr everywhere. First season jitters were never an issue. Settled quickly and showed skill and control well beyond his years. In attack and defence showed constant quality and lead by example. Can play anywhere in the middle.

Coach: Joe Lofaro

Manager: Rose Evans





## UNDER 7/4

**As we look back on 2022 it's been a lovely journey to follow.**

With only a few of them having played a bit of soccer before, it was indeed all new to them. Our season started off a bit rocky and it seems we unfortunately played teams, who had played soccer before. So with large goal differences it can be challenging to keep going. But the boys persevered. Showed up for training and always gave it their best at training and games.

After the long break due to rain, the boys came back on fire. We started to score goals at the games, they became more aware of opposite teams players and in general seemed like it just “clicked”. It was a true pleasure to see. None of the boys knew each other before, but it was lovely to see how they became good mates too.

We had a small team this year, but they all played a vital role. We had **Ethan**, who grew more confident throughout the season and became a great defensive player. **Samuel** was the teams like pocket rocket and always chased the ball and never gave up ( sometimes frightening the opposition with his screaming :)) **Thomas** (the coach's moody son 😊 ). When he puts his mind to it Thomas showed great ball skills and was very good at tackling the oppositions players. **Zion** always turned up excited to play and he was our kicker of the team. Could give the ball a good boot up the field.



Shreyansh was our goal scorer of the season. He showed great improvement through the season and became a great dribbler and goal chaser. We unfortunately only saw Aarush a couple of times through the season.

We hope the kids enjoyed their first soccer season and they return again next year. Was a pleasure coaching them.

Coach: Elsebeth Kennedy

Manager: Martina Barnes







## UNDER 7/9

### **The 2022 season was full of growth**

it was great to work with these special kids this year. They are an energetic bunch of children and they entertained us with both their soccer skills as well as their fun-loving nature. Whilst the season was heavily interrupted due to the wet weather it was still great to be able to get on the pitch and have fun.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the last game of the season which saw the kids play an unbelievable match, full of great passing and amazing teamwork! As a coach this almost brought a tear to my eye as I watched them bring together the skills and effort that we had worked on all year. There is so much that could be said about each child in this team, every one of them bringing their own unique skills and character to this team, showcasing a variety of strengths.

Whether it be Mikey kicking the ball so hard he fell over, Ezra making another goal-saving tackle, Ryan getting the ball and bombing it long, Evie chasing and chasing and chasing, Loki running the ball from wing to wing, Lexi stepping around a defender, Zac charging in for a big tackle or telling the coach what to do, the kids had fun and all contributed to the team.

This year we had the amazing team of Zoe and Sarah as managers, and Michael and Simon as dual coaches. We thank the children for a fun and enjoyable season, as well as the parents and spectators that were able to watch and support the team this year.

Coach: Michael Laing

Coach: Simon Cunliffe-Jones

Manager: Sarah Laing

Manager: Zoe Cunliffe-Jones





## UNDER 8/3

### **What a season...**

Despite all of the cold weather, rain and rearranged matches the team adapted really well week to week and continuously tried their best every game. It was a pleasure to be involved and to see all players improve their skills and as each week passed them play as a team more and more. An outstanding season which saw the team remain undefeated all year despite getting regraded to a higher division throughout the year. Thank you to all of the club volunteers and parents who are the reason that our team had a very successful season. I look forward to 2023.

Coach: Shaun Nelson

Coach: Lyndall Fuller

Manager: Karthik Baskararaman



# UNDER 8/6

**With so much rain at the beginning of the season we wondered if we would get to play...**

U8/6 was out in force once the sun started to shine (or at least once the rain stopped).

This year we had to adapt to the much bigger field and we got goalkeepers for the first time. There was no shortage of willing volunteers to play in goal and we got to discover some previously hidden shot-stopping talent in the team.

While we didn't score a lot of goals this season, we had a lot of fun, and by the end of the season it was evident that everyone's skills had developed and we were able to work together more effectively as a team.

Great work U8/6!

Coach: Tim Macready

Coach: Andrew Tye

Manager: Jen Kopp





## UNDER 9/2

**This team has had an amazing year of football and it's hard to know where to start.**

The objective this year was to start using the huge space available, rather than just brute forcing through the middle, and playing a more structured game. For the most part, this has worked out really well, and we've been able to play some really awesome games, with most of them being close - only a goal or two in it. We've been able to come away from most games with a positive attitude, even if we didn't get the win, because the other 39 minutes were played really well.

**John** has excelled in defensive roles this year, never afraid to challenge the opposition's attack and stop them in their tracks by clearing the ball out.

**Obie** has shown great promise in the midfield, able to move the ball around players and offer great passes to progress the attack.

**Xander** was a new addition to the team and has improved significantly through the season.

**Jaxon** has a lot of energy on the field and is a great all-rounder, able to play in almost any position. It was great to see the hard work pay off at the end of the last game, getting a well deserved goal.

Another new joiner, **Lincoln**, has stepped up really well, and has shown some great skill on the ball as well as being able to finish off some good plays by putting it in the back of the net.



**Stella** has continued to improve this year, and I would love her to be more confident in her abilities next year, because she is definitely capable.

**Liam** has found his calling on the wing, making many runs up the sideline, usually outpacing the defense, before crossing it in to the box. He has also been a solid defender when required.

**Annabelle** has shown great skill on the ball again this year, able to play in multiple positions when called to and performing excellent in them.

Another new team member - **Aarin** showed he was not new to the game with his great footwork and movement on the ball. Will be looking forward to see him making key plays next year.

**Amay** played U9 last year and it was great to have him in our team this year. Another all-rounder, Amay has played in almost every position, including goal-keeper, and his energy on the field is hard to match.

**Lucas** has been goal keeper for most games, and feels very comfortable there. I'll be looking forward to working with him to continue to push himself in that role next year. Also, the last 2 games he spent a lot of time on the field almost scoring in both!



Finally, **Ryker**, having also played up in U9s last year, has been a key play-maker and distributor of the ball. Very comfortable in the centre positions, he's made passes that eventually lead to shots on goal.

Looking forward to next year, I'm hoping to build on the success of this year, level up the skills, and play some more disciplined football, getting ready for full-field competition in 2024!

Coach: Alex Woodhouse

Manager: Daas Jabbour

Manager: Tracey-Lee Fitzgerald





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### **This was a season full of interesting times**

The incredibly wet autumn meant that the season didn't start until Round 3, and in all that time we only managed one training session before the Saturday games kicked off. With such little time on the ball together as a team, that rustiness showed throughout the first few weekends, especially as there were three new players in the mix compared to the previous season.

Although we got off to an uneven start, it was encouraging to see that everyone in the team was trying their best, and that the things we talked about and worked on at training started to creep their way into the game when no one was looking. The many double-header weekends caused the season to feel compressed and a little bit rushed, but I'm proud to say that we were able to front up and play as a team for every scheduled game.

In the end, we won more games than we lost, and in amongst the 18 games there were some fantastic exhibitions of end-to-end football with great passing and amazing team efforts. Ultimately, this can be chalked up as a successful season.

**Addison** improved so much this year. Her confidence grew enough for her to throw her body in for tackles to break up the opponents attacking plays, while also making her own dangerous runs into the opponents half.



**Aislin** was a gun on her day. Once she decided she was ready to play, it was difficult to keep the ball off her. At her heights she was chasing the ball hard and dictating tactics to the team.

**Angelo** was a keen student of the game, forever eager to learn more. Energetic on the field, he was always keen to push forward in attack and was driven to follow the ball everywhere around the pitch.

**Elijah** was very strong in defence, and played several roles across the season. Always eager to try new things, he had the opportunity to move further forward on a

number of occasions during the season and grabbed those opportunities with both hands.

**Emma** was defensively-minded but also keen to experience life at the other end of the field. In just her second season of football, she was a reliable player who always did her best in whatever position she was asked to play. She showed a great understanding of when to hold her ground and when to push forward in attack.

It can be a tough gig as the coach's kid, and **Gabriel** handled that pressure well. A solid defender who understood what the job required, he was my go to when someone needed to be slotted into a defensive role. He also excelled when given freedom up front, where his willingness to chase the ball was rewarded.

Early morning kick-offs did not always suit **Jet**, but he never failed to bring his A Game. As the season went on, he decided he liked defensive positions the best, and he excelled in those areas of the pitch where he could see everything in front of him.

In only her second season, **Jill** showed rapid improvement. She became more confident by the week, and was not afraid to get stuck in and fight for the ball. She rounded out her season with some outstanding pieces of individual brilliance.

**Layla** was again the rock in centre of the midfield, regularly receiving ball from the defenders and dribbling past three or four opposition players before making great





passes through to the front line. The changing nature of being in centre midfield as you get older meant that she didn't score as many goals as she would have liked, but she proved as dangerous as ever with the ball at her feet.

**Oskar's** dribbling was a revelation this year. He was relentless when the ball was within sight, and it was very hard to get it off him once he had it under his control. It will be great fun to watch those dribbling skills grow in the future.

**Ryder** had his first ever season of organised football. The damp pre-season meant a slow start for him, but it was easy to see his continued development and improvement over the course of the season. Every facet of his game got better each week in what will hopefully be just the first of many seasons to come.

**Yara** was the lynchpin in central defence, controlling everyone's positions in the back line and sweeping up the loose ball. She showed remarkable vision and always seemed two steps ahead of opposition forwards. She showed remarkable maturity when marshalling the defenders, and also relished the rare opportunities she had to play on the other side of halfway.

Also a huge thank you to **Brenda**, the team's Manager, who did a fantastic job of keeping match days running smoothly, taking care of the match sheets and herding cats so I could concentrate on making sure the team was having fun

It's been a pleasure and an honour to coach this team this year, and I hope they all continue to play football for many years to come.

Coach: Shane Perris

Manager: Brenda Warren





## UNDER 12/3

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### What an amazing group of players this team turned out to be this year

Playing their first year in competition, having a taste of everything competition has to offer.

Winning the Minor Premiership, playing finals, a penalty shootout.

Such a talented group of kids to have coached and it's been a privilege watching them all grow and improve their games both individually and as a team. Showing real character, tenacity and raw talent to dig deep when the going gets tough and claw their way back into games when behind. A real never give up attitude both at training and in games.

A real emphasis on positions and defence this year. Every player following instructions and doing their best to Attack Fast, Defend Hard and aim to finish on top of the ladder at seasons finish.

**Kaden** - A key striker/midfielder who stepped into goalie this season proving how good he is with the gloves but just as deadly in attack.

**Muhammad**- Always pushing players to dig deep, great in goals and runs till he can't no more.

**Tommy** - Started the season a strong goalie but finding his feet in the midfield as season progressed pushing the ball forward and scoring.





**Brody** - Not shy to get physical, his confidence grew as season progressed with some great contests on and off the ball.

**Lily** - One of our best defensive players. Stopping many 1 on 1 attacking plays and helping keep many shots

from getting through to our keepers.

**Brian** - A vocal player who's endurance plays a pivotal role in chasing down many players, as well as running many attacking plays.

**Lucas** - Understands above all that defense wins games! Happy to chase and shut down attackers all day.

**David** - A very skilful midfielder with great dribbling & distribution skills. Great knowledge of the game and very coachable.

**Chay** - An outstanding striker who found the net from many positions in the field whilst playing midfield and covering a lot of ground every game.

**Alex** - One of the teams strongest kickers from the back and mids, ran a lot of good positional plays and cleared the ball a lot as season progressed.

**Isaac** - A great striker when the ball is moving, always charging hard to a cleared ball and finding the net many times but also passing for others to score. A real selfless player.

**Jayden** - Always chasing, shoots, clears, passes well, a great all rounder who played any position required at any stage of the game.

**Andrick** - The happiest player in the squad. The smiling assassin who dribbled, passing his way through the field and occasionally striking when unexpected.





**Kieren** - Fast, doesn't give up, chases the ball until it's in the goalie's hands or in the back of the net. A great midfielder.

**Layla** - Mid/forward who can mark a player and stick to them like glue and can also blow straight past them on the dribble and clear a ball really well.

This season the emphasis was on defence & passing a ball. The pass is more important than the strike. Without the pass, there is no shot at goal. We saw so many selfless passes made to allow many shots on goals this season, it's great to have watched the team understand the importance of these 2 principles and the season results show this.

Congratulations on an amazing 2022 season Kaden, Muhammad, Tommy, Brody, Lily, Brian, Lucas, David, Chay, Alex, Isaac, Jayden, Andrick, Kieren and Layla.

Coach: Daniel Clarke

Coach: David Ballantyne

Coach: Peter Liebeek

Manager: Tammy Hughes



# UNDER 12/5



Coach: Louis Baron

Coach: Peter Longhurst

Manager: Christy Ferguson





## UNDER 13/3

**Although the scoreboard didn't go our way, it in no way reflected the great results the team were achieving...**

With the development of your skills and your passion of playing, you are a truly a great team and success will follow.

A few words on our awesome players who make this team so great.

**Arka** - one of our most improved players. Listened and developed every aspect of his game. Will be a very good leader in whatever team he plays in as a centre back. Although he had limited opportunities up front he also truly excelled as a striker.

**Akash** - The best goal keeper in the competition. His amazing efforts in the goals was always complimented by the other coaches at every game. 3 huge penalty saves for the year. A great effort from the KL's goal keeping coaches as you have improved his ability immensely.

**Ibrahim** - What a fantastic first year of football. A very respectful and very keen to learn young man. Unfortunately wet weather killed most chances to train and develop his already good skills and his incredible speed. A great player in the making.

**William** - Was exceptional at playing what ever position that was given to him, and because of this scored a couple of great goals this season. He was the only one to win the juggling \$5 challenge this year.



**Ben** - A fantastic year in which his football came on in a big way. From his wonderful combinations with his forwards and constant running in the midfield or his excellent throw ins that created scoring opportunities. All will be sadly missed next year.

**Luke** - Our striker, goal scorer and creator of goal scoring opportunities. A mark of how good he went was how closely the opposition double marked him all season. Made many opposition coaches and fullback nervous with his every touch.

**Lukas** - The skills are developing great, as is his dogged determination to get the ball of the other team. Always played well in any of the positions he was asked to play with a good passing game.

**Hamza** - A great improvement this year with his defence as he easily chased down and tackled his opponents with his blinding speed. We also need to mention the fast speed of his dribbling in attack as he could easily go on a run of 60 - 70 metre.

**Geo** - His game developed fantastically as the season went on. Played his fullback role really well with a very good understanding of his positioning and the timing of his tackles was superb.

**Ethan** - our non stop effort player, was great in defense or winning the ball in the midfield. Always trained very well and was a keen learner. There is always a big improvement with his game every year.

**Rheece** - excelled in his new striker position this year and score some great goals. Worked some great combination and assisted in many goals that were scored. Was always tough to tackle as he terrorised the opposing defenders.



**James** - The tough defender in who gave the opposing teams many headaches. His ability to play his position was superb as was his determination to chase and tackle the attackers. Always had a great attitude at training.

**Sameer** - what a wonderful player who gave it his all every game or training session. Skillful with the ball at his feet or tackling his opponent. Could play defense, midfield or striker all of which he would do very well. Had another wonderful season.

**Krishna** - Always effort, whether it be on game day or at training. The non stop running midfielder who gives 100%. For ever improving and developing his skills which has lead to his game improving immensely.

A very big thank you to **Yara, Mohammed** and **Shay** for playing for us at various times throughout the year. Your contribution to our team was fantastic.

A huge shout out to our wonderful parents/s and spectators for your wonderful support of the team. The way you all turned up and participated in our special team/family training nights is what truly makes this team very special.

Unfortunately we lose Ben and his wonderful family for the next few years (see you back here when our under 16s season starts) as they embark on a wonderful journey in their lives. On behalf of our soccer team and their families we wish you our very best wishes.

On behalf of Jo and myself thank you for the opportunity to assist in your child's football development and truly wish to see everybody back again next year.

Coach: Gavin Woods

Manager: Jo Sofrenic







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**Well, what a season. Rain, rain and more rain, with soccer played in between.**

The season started off with a well-played draw with hopes high. Unfortunately, the season didn't play out how we all wanted. The team played well with more than half playing up a year but the results did not show their competitive spirit and drive.

**Caedan** (Irish) had a stellar year in goals, saving many goals to the frustration of the opposition, when out of goals he starred on many occasion even scoring a goal earlier in the season. He was joined in goals by our other (but equally important) **Kaden**. Kaden helped to anchor our backline as well as stepping into goals to give Irish a break. A late season injury curbed his influence but not his desire to turn up each week for his team. **Ruhan** and **Hayden** bookended our backline for most of the season, Ruhan using his speed and skill and Hayden using his determination and skill helped to fight off many a challenge. They were joined by **Tarun** and **Sardip** whom saved many a challenge and also had goes at keeper during the season when the others were off. All our defenders had a great season, and our games would have been a lot worse without them.



In our centre mids we tried many combinations. One constant was **Katija**. Katija played like a person with more experience and was one of our best every game. Many of the opposition commented on how well she played. **Ismail** was another whom played hard and well during the season, always willing to take the game on, with graceful skills and execution was a real asset to the team. **Arjay** played most of the year out on the wing, a position that he made his own. Getting better with each game culminated in a 2 goal scoring spree against the top team in the competition. Joining Arjay on the wing were **Dom** and **Jade**. Dom was a joy to coach this year, always willing to listen, surprised many a opposition with his skill to get around them and his ability to find space. Jade was my most improved this year. Never one to back down from a challenge took on players who were taller than herself and won most of the time. Never gave up trying.

Up front we had **Ibby** and **Jayden**. Ibby was our golden boot for the year (closely followed by Kats), always making sure he was in space and never gave up. Jayden played well again and was constant in his efforts. Last but certainly not least is **Mark**. Mark was a player who could play anywhere on the park. Scored a goal, stopped a goal the only position he didn't play was keeper. Mark was a joy to coach and always listened to what was said.

I'd like to thank **Caireen** again for managing this season, I could not have done it without you. I'd also like to thank the parents for their support and the Club Committee for all their work they did this season.

Coach: Joshua Ferguson

Manager: Caireen Young



# U16/3 WHITE

**Any journey can be measured by how far you get and how you got there.**

This team came from 9 players and a devastating first game to coming within a few bounces of making the grand final. AND we did it with class and true sportsmanship. We did not blame anyone, played the game without ‘mouthing’ off or using poor language and represented each other as a team.

Practice was always fun and we learned skills little by little – remembering that over half of our team had never played full field before and we battled an assortment of injuries. We only had one game before the finals where we had a sub – yet none complained and often we only had 9 or 10 on the field.

We could not have asked for a better group – brilliant!

**Ammar** – one of our ‘new’ players who came to us halfway through the season and then unfortunately got Covid, Ammar always gave his best and showed steady improvement. We look forward to a full season with him next year.

**Anibel** – Anibel showed great prowess getting to the ball in attack and formed a great forward line in the last part of the year. He was quick to learn and his first season with us showed he has great talent and willingness to attack the ball and the goal.

**Joseph** – another player who did not start the season with us but got better every game. As his fitness grew, he showed great potential as a striker.



**Hari** – another new player, Hari battled through a mid-season injury to play and be an integral part of our midfield. He was very versatile and played in all three lines at some point – he has a great attitude and we look forward to even better things next year.

**Sean** – another of the list of wounded warriors, Sean broke his leg after two games but then showed true character by still coming to games and sitting on the bench supporting the team. He did get on the field in the last few games even though he was still mending. We look forward to seeing him fit and healthy next year.

**Josh** – the first group to come together when we were playing 1 or 2 players short, was our back line. Josh was integral in defence but then took on extra duties taking free kicks and even coming up to take corners. A great season and one of constants over the course of the year, someone we could depend on.

**Matthew** – the second part of the that backline Matthew just kept getting better. He added aggression and placement to his skill set and in the end of the year no one got around him. He was always there when we needed him and one of the constants from day 1.

**Ollie** – one of first year players Ollie grew in confidence as the year went on. He became more aggressive, and his ball control continued to improve. As he learns the positioning he will be even better – well done.

**Reuel** – another mid season addition Reuel showed a great turn of speed and footwork to harass the opposition. He was able to not just score but set up others and as he plays more he will add the finishing touches that will really scare other teams.

**Ben** – one of the three ‘horsemen’ who have played together now for 10 years. Ben was the core of the backline that kept us in games until we got a full team. He led by example and never took a backward step. He played the last few games direct from his sick bed but did it for the team as always.

**Jamie** – the second of the three, Jamie is tenacity plus. Any ball that he goes for – and he goes for a lot – he wins. He was able and willing to swap positions, anything to help the team. He battled through injuries as well, often willing himself to keep playing. There is no one tougher mentally.





**Dale** – the final member of the three, Dale was our midfielder. Another hampered by an early injury that should have kept him off the field altogether Dale ran kilometres every game. He was our one true midfielder and assisted in over two thirds of our goals. Completely unselfish he led by example in games and at practice.

**David** – not a manager but co-coach. David is a rock. He always has the best interest of the players at heart and does anything for them. They trust him and listen and respect him. There is none better both in terms of training or being an ethical leader. We are all lucky he is part of our team.

Thanks to all the parents and carers who have raised such respectful – in deed not just word – young people. Every practice was enjoyable – we could learn and have fun. A true credit to all the families.

Coach: Larry Grumley

Manager: David Shepherd





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**It wasn't the easiest of seasons, but this self-assured group of young adults handled it with class and maturity.**

It's hard to back up week after week when you are short on numbers and the other teams are strong, but they kept at it, and didn't give up no matter the result.

### **#19 Savanah**

A passion for the game, she played with fight taking on the best of them, with good movements, tackling, some great plays against the opposition and ready to take anyone even when getting rough on the field. When she got it right "the smile" of satisfaction was bright. Savanah played out of her comfort zone and excelled to her own surprise this season and even when ill and injured she couldn't wait to come back and play. Stay strong and keep the fight going... Congratulations!

### **#10 #GK Elijah (C)**

Determined player that stepped up on the field out of his comfort zone. As sweeper he took control and showed great leadership as captain, keeping his team on their toes. His confidence built during the season with some fantastic plays made in defence against opposition. He took on their best and often ran them down like a gazelle. Many times he covered as back-up goalkeeper and was terrific to watch with some fantastic saves. He had a great clearing kick that regularly took out the hard work for his teammates. Go hard Elijah a great season... Congratulations!





### **#11 Ethan**

Good player and quiet achiever with solid ball skills and technique, he never had a bad word about anyone. He always showed great sportsmanship, and supported and encouraged his team. Ethan hated resting on the sideline as his attitude was to take on the best of them no how tired. He never gave up and consistently gave 100% at every training and game (often arriving hours early to practice). He was capable of taking the opposition by surprise and was always prepared to execute, reset and go again. Well Done Ethan keeping going hard... Congratulations!

### **#5 Leah**

Little Miss Attitude on the field, always looking to kick some opposition butt. Leah showed good skills, technique and moves that would catch the opposition off guard. She would take players on without hesitation, with a cheeky smile and swagger back into position afterwards. Leah never gave up during games and when things didn't go as planned, she would fight to turn things around. She was put in positions outside her comfort zone and responded with great tackling, attack and defence. A can do and will do attitude that sparkled. Great season girl, keep up the good work... Congratulations!

### **#17 Luke**

Wow Lukey was great to watch. He was everywhere, successfully taking on the opposition with great plays and setting up teammates. Although unable to attend training due to work, Luke was on fire continuously. To have someone on a team like that was a delight. Imagine the possibilities if he was able to train.



Luke supported his team every week and talked them up when they needed a boost during games. Luke never saw defeat and he regularly over-worked himself trying to be everywhere at once. Keep up the great work. Well done Luke, a great season... Congratulations!

### **#20 Shreya**

Gee whiz Shreya absolutely stepped up this season. She underestimated herself but that was turned around. She developed her skills, and improving her jockeying helped Shreya shine when defending. She never gave up even when their best came at her. Shreya took them on to the best of her ability, standing her ground against those underestimating her. Shreya was regularly out of her comfort zone and thrived with a never-give-up attitude. She picked up injuries in both feet but didn't let that stop her. Be proud of your effort this year, stay strong and keep fighting... Congratulations!

### **#3 Indie**

Zippy player that sped around mid-field and up front and learned to become a penalty magnet. Opposition players thought it was great to take on someone smaller however their regular fouls against her proved them wrong. Other teams dismissed at their own risk Indie's feisty attitude and drive to get things done. Everyone noticed how hard she worked at games and training to prove herself against larger and stronger players and it was rare she came out second best. A hard worker and tenacious when defending from the front. Well Done Indie Congratulations!





### **#30 Kaelan**

Strong player and another quiet achiever. Kaelan was always at training early to practice with Ethan and to work on his ball skills and shooting. His solid technique kept the opposition on their toes numerous times during the season. His attacking would lead the team into possession and execution forward during games. Kaelan had a fighting attitude to do his best every time and kept pushing himself to the limit and beyond to do what had to be done. Kaelan's persistence towards the goal area often threatened the opposition and imposed great pressure. Great season Kaelan... Congratulations!

### **#14 Shayla**

Shayla could be quiet and shy, a bright smile off the field yet reserved on the field. Hard work at training and a leadership role in the back line drew her out of her laid back zone and showed us her potential when she believes in herself. Shayla often wanted to kick opposition butt to prove a point and show she was ready for action. Great efforts in defence were the result, with attacking movements that confused their forwards when they thought they had her all worked out. Great Job Girlfriend, keep up the good work... Congratulations!

### **#4 Matilda**

"Smiley" Matilda is a great player that sometimes needs to trust her own skills more, she always gave a good fight in training and games. She was not afraid to take everyone on, showing impressive strength. Matilda regularly put her body on the line and unfortunately ended up with injuries a few times during the season.



She developed in the backline and showed strong leadership when organising the team on the field. She would channel her emotions into the game, determined to come out on top in all challenges. Great season Matilda keep working towards your knowledge... Congratulations!

### **#13 Hayden**

A player whose talent shone when she trusted in her own abilities. Hayden was valuable in defence and in wide midfield and was not afraid to fight for the ball. Always hardout at training and in games, it was satisfying to see her determined to get the ball back in her possession. Hayden was a keen student of the game and learned a lot about how to read the play, listening intently to the coaches while resting on the bench and applying that understanding on the field. Great season Hayden, keep on gaining knowledge and skills... Congratulations!

### **#1 #GK Alec**

“Kamikaze Alec”! A great player who put his body on the line in training and at games every week. Alec came on-board to play with friends and settled right in with a cheeky prankster attitude that kept us on our toes. Alec shone as goalkeeper, building a unique style of fearlessness, hard work and resilience, even in tough times. He would brush himself off, go again and watch out if you got in his way. Alec was a strong influence from the goalmouth and led by example, always supporting his team, encouraging them during difficult moments. Great season Alec... Congratulations!

### **#31 Rihanna**

Rihanna played a great season, growing in confidence with a real fighting attitude that stuck with her throughout the season. She applied herself to learn more on



and off the field with solid defence skills and a long throw that definitely took the opposition by surprise. Rihanna showed off her attacking ability gaining possession and smacking it down the field for our players up front. It was not unusual to see Rihanna take on multiple players as the opposition recognised her as a threat. She always finished a game with nothing left in the tank. Keep working hard Rihanna... Congratulations!

### **#8 Sadiq**

A placid achiever Sadiq worked with a determined attitude every week. He took training and games very seriously, and even when ill he still gave his best efforts. Sadiq had a passion for ball control and tricks, and with his knowledge of the game, he stood out with style. Always on his toes waiting for the ball, he had some great moments and some thrillers too. His positioning improved as the season progressed and he always remained a threat. Sadiq was always ready to get back into position and start off again. Awesome season Sadiq... Congratulations!

Thanks must also go to our wonderful managers Deb and Sarah, who helped with team communications, sorting out the match sheets each week, and for keeping the coaches in line! Managers are so important to a healthy team environment, and both Deb and Sarah did an amazing job this season.

Coach: Suzanne Allen

Coach: Shane Perris

Manager: Deb Duffy





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### The Invincibles!

What a season this was! Across 18 rounds and the finals series, we were undefeated with 17 wins and 3 draws.

After a number of recent seasons where Kings Langley SFC O35 teams have struggled to get 11 on the field, and have had to grind through the pain to gather only a handful of points, this was truly a charmed season with:

- a full squad of 18 players right from the start, allowing niggles to be rested while still maintaining a deep bench
- a draw that scheduled 10 games at home (how good to have home games under Friday night lights!)
- lucky breaks during the crush of mid-week games which meant we could rest players instead of playing through the pain
- no matter how many minutes were spent on the field, every player made a valued contribution



The biggest weapon of the team was our determination to go out and have fun, regardless of the result. We were pushed hard on multiple occasions, but unlike other teams we didn't start pointing fingers and turning on each other when things didn't go our way. We just regrouped, reset, and went again knowing that every single player that had pulled on a blue shirt that night was doing the best that they could. This was matched with a healthy dose of perspective - it's Over 35 Division 6 after all. If you're not playing for the fun of it at this level, why even bother lacing up your boots?

Season highlights included:

- a tense 0-0 against Doonside, where the lights went out with 10 minutes to go
- going down a goal early against bottom of the table Glenwood, which served as a much-needed mid-season wake up call that we were getting sloppy
- giving up a 2-0 lead at home against Eastern Creek, but never giving up and snatching a last-minute winner
- coming back from 2-0 down to graft out a 2-2 draw against a fired up Doonside on their home turf

Now everyone can sit back, relax, recover, and get ready to do it all again next year.

Manager:

Shane Perris

