



Weekly Round Up

Round 4, 2023



“When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success.”

– Diego Maradona



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U5 Kookaburras vs Doonside Hawks SC

Not provided

U6 Kookaburras vs Newbury Bulls SC

Great effort by the team. Probably a bit distracted and down on energy because of the rain but everyone had fun and there were some great individual efforts from Evan and Ryan.

Player of the Match: Evan

Encouragement Award: Jay

U6 Echidnas vs Doonside Hawks SC

It was a wet and wild game of soccer for our Echidnas. Braving the elements we put on a great game. Lots of attacking and defending done by both teams. Proud of all the team for playing their best in the wet conditions. Hopefully next game won't be as wet
Stay tuned.....Sam and Damo

Encouragement Award: Yattala

U7/5 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Everyone was excited to play in the rain and they are playing really well as a team.

Player of the Match: Jack

Encouragement Award: Sarah

U7/8 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Not provided

U8/3 vs Parklea SFC

Challenging conditions meant a very slow, very stop start game. Positionally very strong from the first whistle but with it being heavy under foot due to the rain it made life difficult to build any constant pressure. Shreyansh, Mason and Matteo all had chances to open the scoring but again conditions made it difficult to keep the ball under control and the chances went begging. Nate and Ethan defended gamely as Parklea kept trying to hit us on the counter without any luck. Finally the game was busted open after a great through ball from Shreyansh followed up by a composed striker's finish from Leon midway through the first half. Leon then doubled the advantage with a great solo run and finish. Frankie was solid as a rock in goals and at half time we were well on our way to our second clean sheet of the season.

The second half saw cluster ball come back with a vengeance and positional play take a back seat. Blake, Frankie, Matteo and Samuel kept getting to good positions on the field, but the final pass just never seemed to come. Shreyansh, Leon and Ethan held the middle, while Nate and Mason at the back with Liam in goals ensured we didn't concede. Some definite positives out of today's game and certainly another step in the right direction under trying conditions. Bravo!

Player of the Match: Mason

Encouragement Award: Frankie

U8/6 vs Ponds FC

Not provided

U8/8 vs Oakville United SC

It was a tough game against Oakville United this morning. The kids put in a great effort playing in the rain, dodging dog poo, bees and the odd elbow. Player of the match was awarded to Ezra and the

encouragement award was awarded to Mikey. Welcome back Lexie and Coach!!!!

Player of the Match: Ezra

Encouragement Award: Mikey

U9/2 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

It was a wet Saturday morning but the team turned up ready to play. Up against Quakers hill and they were a great challenge. The first and second half was close between the teams with the play going from end to end.

Hunter defended in the back line and pushed the ball up for the team to play. Kyan was a champion in goals and William was hitting the ball beautifully considering the constant rain.

Player of the Match: Hunter

Encouragement Award: Connor

U9/7 vs Ponds FC

Not provided

U10/2 vs Newbury Bulls SC

With the full squad back from holidays, it was a surprise to hear we were 3 down at the start of the day. Thankfully the 10/6s had a bye and we were able to pull in Seb to allow us to rotate the players around a bit.

We were very offensive in the first half, pushing the ball up and ultimately securing 2 goals, one from Liam, and a cross from Obie that deflected off an opponent to land in the goal.

With a few rotations of players in the back to the front and midfield, we did struggle with holding shape a bit in the second half, conceding a goal, but matched with a goal from Seb.

From there, we held the game well, but do need to work on improving the passes and positioning, especially against some of the better teams.

It was really hard to single out any player this week, but Liam and Aarin took home the awards. Excellent work across the whole team!!

Player of the Match: Liam

Encouragement Award: Aarin

U10/6 vs BYE

BYE

U11/4 vs Blacktown Workers FC

A rainy and miserable morning. While it might be fun to play in the wet, it doesn't make for the most attractive football.

This week we came up against a strong team with players that included quite a few players with good individual skills. It was also one of the very few teams that had at least one girl in their squad, which was nice to see.

The final scoreline didn't reflect how competitive we were, but the end result was a fair reflection of the game. While the majority of the game was spent in our half of the field, we definitely gave Workers a few scares as we pushed forward in attack. It was particularly pleasing to compare our number of foul throws to theirs, which really demonstrated how hard everyone has been working on improving their technique!

Ultimately, the most important things for the team to takeaway from this game are being more mindful of staying in position, and being more active on the field by running to make yourself available rather than just watching the ball and waiting for it to come to you.

This team is improving each week, which in the end is all that a coach can ask for.

Player of the Match: Layla

Encouragement Award: Addison & Jill

U12/1 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 7

Missing players through injury & illness the team put in an outstanding performance in the first 20 minutes to keep the game 0-0 before succumbing to fatigue and being beaten by a fresher better side. The Quakers Tigers are top of the table for a reason.

Despite the loss , the improvement by all the players on the field can be seen and their efforts are 110% from start to finish.

Thanks to Layla from the U11's for helping us this week and allowing some of our players to get a well earned rest.

Player of the Match: Hayden

Encouragement Award: David

U13/3 vs BYE

Kings Langley SFC - BYE

BYE

U15/4 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Doonside Hawks SC 0

Not provided

O35/5 vs Marayong FC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Marayong FC 2

While it was good to finally get a point on the board, it was ultimately another frustrating night. Marayong were a better team than their position on the table would have suggested, but we pushed back against everything that they had to throw at us in the first half. Marayong played with spirit and had a few dangerous players that required close attention, but there wasn't anything the team couldn't handle. The game went into the break 0-0, with everything still to play for.

The second half started off hard and fast, with several shots on goal from both sides. Parity was maintained, but eventually a Marayong striker was given enough space in the box to squeeze in an opportunistic and very carefully placed near-post goal. This was soon followed by a second goal. As has been an unfortunate habit this season, being 2-0 down sparked a comeback and a return to our excellent form of last season. A smartly worked set piece from the kick off quickly reduced the deficit. Continued pressure from Kings was eventually rewarded late in the game with the equaliser. A final frantic 10 minutes ensued, as we pressed hard for the winner while Marayong seemed content with the draw. In the end, spoils were shared.

This game highlighted our continuing match fitness issues, and that we need to be more strategic in rotating our bench to help prevent tired legs in crucial moments. More thought also needs to be given to key set

pieces like kick offs and corners, as playing in a higher division means we can't place as much reliance on individual skill to wing it.

All up, a game that shows we are moving in the right direction with greater success to come.