



Weekly Round Up Round 5, 2023



“The beautiful game is all about having fun and enjoying yourself.”

– Ronaldinho



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U5 Kookaburras vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Both teams played well. Consistently improving football skills.

Player of the Match: Oliver

Encouragement Award: Shivam

U6 Kookaburras vs Ponds FC

Close match only decided by a goal in the last minute. Great team effort with all players fully involved in the game. Special mentions to Jay, Evan, and Ayan, Jay with both goals, Evan and Ayan with close shots.

Player of the Match: Ryan

Encouragement Award: Leo

U6 Echidnas vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Well the weather was perfect for a Saturday morning game of soccer. game started of well lots of enthusiasm from all of the team. they played there hearts out for the full game.

Stay tunedSam and Damo

Player of the Match: Phoebe

Encouragement Award: Eleanor

U7/5 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

The game was very close, both the team were very evenly match it kept everyone on there toes, everyone played really well I'm proud of all of them.

Player of the Match: Sarah

Encouragement Award: Alyssa

U7/8 vs Newbury Bulls SC

The team played well despite having no reserves for most of the game. They are getting better every week. Kaden Laing did an excellent job as game leader.

Player of the Match: Gurhimmat

Encouragement Award: Annie

U8/3 vs Ponds FC

Sun's out and another top tier performance from a team growing in confidence. Everyone played a key role in this game with some great touches and team play. Another week where from the opening whistle this side went straight to task and claimed the early ascendancy, Leon, Frankie and Blake had a point to prove and strung some nice passes together to open up the Ponds defence. It wasn't long before Leon's pass found Frankie in space to set the scoreboard in motion. The second goal was a rinse and repeat with some nice build up play from Shreyansh and Samuel before Leon's pass put Frankie clear for his second. Mason and Ethan were strong in defence maintaining a clean sheet for a second week in a row. Nate was everywhere in the second half and after a nice pass, Leon showed some of his individual brilliance to put the game to bed. Well done boys, another performance to be proud of!

Player of the Match: Leon

Encouragement Award: Blake

U8/7 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

After 2 unlucky, early goals against Kings Langley, we played a competitive game. Our team played a tough, energetic game of football.

This week we improved our positional play in defence and had energy in attack.

There were two great shots at goal from Esther, who played well in attack. We also had Brandon attack the ball strongly in his first go at goalie.

This week, the player of the match award went to RJ, who never stopped chasing the ball and was strong in defence. The encouragement award went to Gabe, who had his best game of the year with a lot of energy and some big kicks.

Well done team!

Player of the Match: Rewi

Encouragement Award: Gabriel

U8/8 vs Rooty Hill FC

This was a fantastic game from the whole team. Positioning was much improved on the last game with players holding their spots on the field much better. There was some great teamwork on show and it was great to see, not only great goals, but a very solid defensive effort.

Player of the Match: Ryan

Encouragement Award: Lexi

U9/2 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Not provided

U9/7 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Even with the small amount of rain all the players were in good spirits and had a great time. There was some great passing to teammates and awesome tackles, including fellow team members. All players are enjoying the season and games so far, so much so its hard to get them to have a rest and get the subs on the field

Player of the Match: Adyin

Encouragement Award: Nathan

U10/2 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

This round was probably the best we have played all season, despite finishing behind by a goal. We only had the 9 show up, so everyone was running the full game and some showing the exhaustion at the end.

We started strong, the ball moving back and forth, defending well and having a few good opportunities. Eventually getting up 2-1 at the half with Lincoln finishing both goals with assistance from Liam, Xander and Jaxon L. We suffered an unintentional goal against, but we learnt from that and made sure it didn't happen again.

The second half, QHJ came back strong, equalising and getting ahead before we caught up again, but fell short at the end.

Our defence struggled in the second half, and saw us chasing the ball, rather than marking players - extending to the midfield also. Something to work on this week at training!

Player of the Match: Jaxon

Encouragement Award: Lincoln

U10/6 vs Polonia Rams FC

Not provided

U11/4 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

The warm and sunny day was most welcome after the previous week's rainy day. A relatively early kick off meant that everyone was focused and ready to play.

The Glenwood team had several skilful players, but they weren't organised as a unit. We were able to frustrate their attacking runs by playing as a team, making it straightforward to pick up the inevitable loose balls. We put a lot of pressure on them by keeping a striker high up the field, taking advantage of their deep defence. Our wide players did an excellent job of making themselves available on the wings, and our midfield used the quality service from the defenders to great advantage to move the ball around the field.

The Redbacks players had a lot of say about a lot of things, including refereeing decisions and how the rules should be applied. Sometimes we got distracted by the chatter, and engaged with it all in situations where we would have been better off concentrating on our own game. An important lesson to learn, and hopefully one that will in turn help us be more focused on the things we can change in the future, and not the things out of our control.

Ultimately, the important things we have concentrated on the last few weeks, like playing in our positions, passing the ball with purpose and intent instead of just booting it, and trying to talk to each more on the field all bore fruit. The outlook for the rest of the season and improvement as individuals and as a team remains strong.

Player of the Match: Elijah

Encouragement Award: Hamish

U12/1 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Ponds FC 3

Not provided

U13/3 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Minchinbury Jets SC 2

Not provided

U15/4 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Eastern Creek Pioneer SC 2

Not provided

O35/5 vs Parklea SFC

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Kings Langley SFC 3 - Parklea SFC 3

After a season in separate divisions, the local derby was back again.

Unfortunately another game where we quickly found ourselves on the back foot. Parklea pressed well, and always seemed to have an extra person free in the midfield. The poor lighting on the back field at Morgan Power added an extra dimension as it became difficult to see the differences between the two shirts at one end of the park unless you were really paying attention. The press, the lighting and a last minute deflection saw us concede the first goal yet again. We had quite a few good passages of play, but things didn't work out and we went into the break 3-0 down.

Lucky for us, it's a game of two halves. We started out more organised in the second half, and started stringing our passes together, maintaining possession and pushing up more. Our defence was more organised than theirs, and Parklea started to feel the pressure. Soon enough our persistence was rewarded as we dragged a goal back, followed by another. Spoiling tactics soon came into play from the other side, as tackles became a little later and little harder, the chat become more aggressive, and all opportunities to run down the clock were taken. However, we kept pushing forward and the equaliser was ours with a quality through ball, strong run and a nice goal in off the underside of the bar.

The final 10 minutes were frantic with both sides searching for the winner. Our relative lack of fitness started to show, but we were able to see out the game for another point on the table.