Weekly Round Up Round 14, 2023

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U5 Kookaburras vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

All players played well

Player of the Match: Oliver Encouragement Award: Naksh

U6 Kookaburras vs Ponds FC

Great game from the whole team, with all players making a great effort. Was tough to pick players for the awards this week. Great to see Alex covering a lot of ground this week. Goals to Jai and to Ayan, and a great pass from Leo for an assist. Special mention to Evan with some great defensive efforts.

Player of the Match: Alex Encouragement Award: Ryan

U6 Echidnas vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Not provided

U7/5 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

We had really good defence but the opposition were right on to us. Everyone played well and were tired at the end.

Player of the Match: Athena Encouragement Award: Ella

U7/8 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Couple of our players were late so the game started by lending 2 players from the opposition team.

We resumed with full strength soon after. Gurhimmat dominated the field and scored several goals while Arayana has defended well.

Player of the Match: Gurhimmat Encouragement Award: Olobo

U8/3 vs Ponds FC

Not provided

U8/7 vs Rooty Hill FC

Wow, what a game today Kings Langley! You played hard and got a draw. It was so close to our first win!

We were very fortunate to have U8/08's Ezra and Mikey join our team to get us up to 8 players. At half time we were 0-0 with some excellent defence from Brandon, RJ and our goalie Myles. In the 2nd half, one of our extra team members, Mikey, scored a brilliant long range goal. We kept the ball up in our half for lots of the 2nd half, with Jakhai, Gabe and Sophia getting close to the goal a few times. In the final minute Rooty Hill snuck in a goal despite a huge defensive effort from our team. It felt like a win to me!

Well done Myles for your first Player of the Match award and Brandon for your Encouragement Award rewarding your energy in defence!

Player of the Match: Myles Encouragement Award: Brandon

U8/8 vs Rooty Hill FC

Not provided

U9/2 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

It was a good game against the Quakers Tigers. Kings passing from the mid field and strikers was great, resulting in a few breaks through the

defenders. Our backs put in a huge effort right until the final whistle. Great game!

Player of the Match: Adrin Encouragement Award: Kyan

U9/7 vs Parklea SFC

Not provided

U10/2 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

This week saw the end of our previous 3 week streak, but that's not to say it's gone forever. We were up against a team that had an excellent first touch in controlling the ball as well as quick passing, something I'm hoping we can quickly improve on and become even more competitive.

But the game wasn't one sided, as we defended hard, easily staying at a loss and not a whooping. At the end of the first half, we were down by 2, at 3-1. Our goal coming in the last minute with a great combo by Jaxon Z and Liam.

In the second half, we came out a bit stronger, wanting to claw back at least a draw. We did concede once again pretty early, but that wasn't without a brilliant set of saves from Brayden first before it eventually went in. The last 10, we managed 2 more goals, but it wasn't quite enough to make that draw a reality.

Overall we played really well, but we lost to a team that played a lot better. And that's something we really need to get to ourselves to make it an even more exciting competition.

Player of the Match: Liam Encouragement Award: Jaxon L

U10/6 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Not provided

U11/5 vs Ponds FC Red

Again short due to school holidays, we were once more grateful for the assistance of some U10 players, and both Liam and Lincoln did a wonderful job and fit right in as if they had played with the team forever. A big thank you to both boys, and to your parents for agreeing to give up a large part of your Saturday to wait around for the last game on ground on the day.

We came up against a Ponds team that wasn't necessarily tactically superior, but was more motivated on the day to get to the ball first and to take advantage of opportunities when they arose. Given some players were missing, it was a good opportunity to try people in a few different positions to give everyone experience in different areas. The changes meant there was an adjustment period of which our opponents took full advantage. A few basic errors also proved costly in the context of the game. However, junior football is all about making mistakes and learning from them, and they were a good opportunity to talk through with some players other options that could be explored down the track.

While the first half ended with us being thoroughly outplayed, everyone regrouped and reset at half time. Along with a few more positional tweaks, and reminders of the things we have covered in training over the past few weeks, the team were determined to show their best in the second half. There was a strong desire to get to the ball first, and clear efforts to think about the first touch on the ball, where passes should be delivered, and where players need to be to receive those passes. Outplayed in the first half, we were their equal in the second and matched everything they threw at us.

The potential is clearly there, and if everyone can bring their best game for both halves we will be a force to be reckoned with in the last quarter of the season.

Player of the Match: Addison Encouragement Award: Hamish

U12/1 vs Blacktown Workers FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Blacktown Workers FC 5

Missing players and an early game, we struggled to fire in the 1st half conceding 3 fast goals against Workers, which has the fastest strikers in the division.

Some change of tactics in the 2nd half we managed to score 1 back and improve a lot but not enough and beaten by the better side on the day.

Thanks to Chase from the Under 9's for stepping up on short notice to help us out.

Player of the Match: Ollie Encouragement Award: Brody

U13/3 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Minchinbury Jets SC 3

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U15/4 vs Town Rangers FC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Town Rangers FC 3

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