



Weekly Round Up

Round 15, 2023



***"I play my best football when I'm
calm mentally."***

– Harry Kane



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U5 Kookaburras vs Prospect United SC

Played well.

Player of the Match: Aiden

Encouragement Award: Wolf

U6 Kookaburras vs Blacktown Workers FC

Whole team had a great game. The hour long warm up and some meditation worked great! Great running from even though the game was at lunchtime and it was quite warm. Jai was set a goal challenge this week and managed even more so collected the player of the week award. Great effort and running from Patrick this week for the encouragement award. A goal to Ryan and some close shots from Evan. Nice work team!

Player of the Match: Jai

Encouragement Award: Patrick

U6 Echidnas vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Not provided

U7/5 vs Ponds FC

It was a really good game to watch, very proud of everyone.

Player of the Match: Jack S

Encouragement Award: Athena

U7/8 vs Doonside Hawks SC

This match was very close with some very good boxing from both side of the players

Player of the Match: Ishaan

Encouragement Award: Annie

U8/3 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Not provided

U8/7 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Very well done today Kings Langley U8/07! We had a hard fought, close loss. As coach Jared said, we deserved at least one goal with all the attempts we made. We had shots at goal from Gabe, RJ, Sophia, Jakhai, Esther and Adelaide. Our team had one of its most controlled games, with more trapping and patient passing. And very good goalie work from Dan and RJ on top of that. Well done everyone, and especially to our energetic striker and player of the match, Gabe. Very well done too Adelaide for your Encouragement Award. Very well deserved!

Player of the Match: Gabriel

Encouragement Award: Adelaide

U8/8 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC White

Not provided

U9/2 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Not provided

U9/7 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Not provided

U10/2 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

This week was a tough game. It didn't feel as if we were really ready to take on Plumpton, perhaps it had something to do with the photos earlier in the morning.

Right from the kick-off, it was obvious we were up against an aggressive opposition. While they didn't display the discipline of our opposition from last week, they pressed hard with some speed to maintain play in our half, quite often our third, for much of the game.

We did get a very nice early lead in the first 10 minutes, with Obie going solo through their defense and getting the first goal of the game. Unfortunately that lead was lost and despite the attempts of Amay with the gloves, making a number of amazing saves, it wasn't enough. Our defensive line struggled a lot and failed to keep the opposition back for us to open up the attack.

Much was true of the second half, with Lincoln taking the gloves this time. A couple of early goals in the first 5 of the second half was all we gave them - Lincoln making some massive diving saves to remain goal-less for the last 20 minutes of the game.

We did have a few attempts up the side of the field - Liam especially doing his usual run down the left which quite often gives us an opportunity. This time he was up against a faster defender and didn't get the chance to put in a cross.

There were a few learnings from the game which we'll take to training and put into practice for the last 3 games of the season.

Player of the Match: Lincoln

Encouragement Award: Jaxon Z

U10/6 vs Blacktown St Pats SC

Not provided

U11/5 vs Blacktown St Pats SC

This week would always be a challenge with both of our regular goalkeepers away on holidays. We played against a St Pats team that was very eager for the ball, and was prepared to chase the loose ball to get there first. The end result reflected that passion and desire for possession.

There were a lot of positives to take out this game however. Our passing has improved week on week, and looked really good in this game. A lot more passes are reaching their intended targets, and it's very encouraging to see just how often now the players are prepared to take a controlling touch first rather than just putting laces through the ball first time. Jumping into tackles remains a problem to be worked on, but there was a noticeable increase in jockeying for the ball compared to previous weeks. Most promising was the number of chances on goal that we had this week. If not for some deflections off the post, and some shots curving wide at the last minute, this could have been a completely different match. Everyone continues to improve and it's only a matter of time before those improvements start turning matches our way.

Player of the Match: Layla

Encouragement Award: Jet

U12/1 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Glenwood Redbacks SC 2

One of our best performances of the season against 2nd on the ladder. An outstanding effort by all players made for an exciting watch from the sidelines.

Making good runs through the midfield, promoting the ball and finally some long distance shots on goal making their keeper work hard.

Communication between players helped a lot today and it's great to see their understanding of the game is improving week to week.

We played with some good structure and matched them all game but fell short at the end.

Player of the Match: Kieren

Encouragement Award: Kaden

U13/3 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Newbury Bulls SC 3

Not provided

U15/4 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Doonside Hawks SC 1

Not provided

O35/5 vs Ponds FC

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Kings Langley SFC 1 - Ponds FC 2

This battle was 1v2, and in a tight competition victory would go a long way towards securing finals football.

Injuries, work and travel took it's toll on our numbers and we had just the bare 11 for this game. Our opponents on the other hand had many options available to them on the bench. Our own shortage of players

required a small mix up of positions to try and maximise what we could achieve with the players available.

Ponds had several very fast players and did all that they could to take advantage of that in the first half. Solid defending with great support from the midfield kept them out for a while, and enabled us to launch some good counters of our own. Unfortunately the pressure of the Ponds frontline bore fruit and they were able to get one into the back of the net. We kept pushing hard, and despite being the team with no subs and 1-0 down, we were the ones looking less fatigued at half time.

The second half produced quite a few outstanding individual performances from within the Kings team, showcasing some of our best gritty football. While we dragged a goal back with a penalty, a quality header from a Ponds corner was the difference between the two teams as we went down 2-1. There was no shame in this defeat, as our reduced squad punched well above its weight against the team at the top of the table with the luxury of a crowded bench and the ability to rotate players and rest niggling injuries.

With three games left of the regular season, and our closest competitors having byes in the coming weeks, the opportunity to feature in the finals is entirely within our own hands.