## Weekly Round Up Round 17, 2023

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- Thierry Henry



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## U5 Kookaburras vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Good game.

Player of the Match: Naksh Encouragement Award: Aiden

#### U6 Kookaburras vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Coach was away sick so Mrs Coach provided a summary.

Nice win for the team. Patrick picked up the player of the week with some big kicks, Evan with some nice breakaway runs collected the encouragement award. Jai with 3 goals. Alex with some nice defensive work and positioning. Well done team.

Player of the Match: Patrick Encouragement Award: Evan

### U6 Echidnas vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Not provided

U7/5 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Not provided

### U7/8 vs Ponds FC

It was a very close game with lots of good defense from both teams.

Player of the Match: Olobo Encouragement Award: Aryana

## U8/3 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Not provided

## U8/7 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Well done this morning Kings Langley. We played a tough team in Newbury and we went down. However, our second half was a 1-1 draw, so we showed a lot of toughness!

Well done Myles for lots of effort in goalie and for chasing well in the 2nd half - you deserve the encouragement award. And congratulations Dan on receiving the player of the match award. You positioned yourself well in defence and had lots of saves in the second half at goalie.

A special shout out to our goal scorer Lucas and to Sophia for a few close attempts at goal. Everyone played hard today.

Above all, you keep encouraging each other and you never give up. We've grown a lot this year!

Player of the Match: Dan Encouragement Award: Myles

### U8/8 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Red

This was a very tight game that could have easily gone either way.

Unfortunately the other team was able to get a couple of goals and we couldn't. It was great to see Evie put her hand up to go in goals in the second half and she did a great job. Mikey was full of running out on the wing and really put in a fantastic performance, which included some great passing as well.

Player of the Match: Evie Encouragement Award: Mikey

## U9/2 vs Newbury Bulls SC

Not provided

### U9/7 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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## U10/2 vs Polonia Rams FC

The last time we faced this team, we lost a 3-0 lead to finish at a 3-3 draw. This time we wanted to come out on top and prove that we have what it takes.

The first half was not looking great for our team with most of the play in our own half. However our defence held well, with some great saves from Lincoln, including a penalty that went wide of the goal, keeping the half to 0-0.

The second half, after a change of keepers to Amay, saw us concede early as we left an attacker unchecked with a clear shot on goal.

Despite that set back, we pushed on, getting more room to move on the sides and pushing the ball far into their half. A few minutes later, a cross from Xander allowed Lincoln to move smoothly through a few defenders and equalise the game with a nice finish past the keeper.

The game was back in our control and everyone put in the effort for a solid defence and an aggressive counter attack. The chances for us came hard and fast with Obie making a play for Lincoln again who put away his second.

More shots made from the midfield with Jaxon L hitting a belter that unfortunately came off the post and went back into play.

Lincoln almost got a hat trick after putting some pressure on the keeper, however the decision was controversially rolled back.

The last 2 minutes of the game had us under pressure at the back, with the time seemingly dragging out longer than it should have. But we kept the ball out of the goal and remained in the lead at the end of the game.

Great work to the entire team for not giving up and seeing it through all the way to the end! Really proud today!

Player of the Match: Xander Encouragement Award: Amay

#### U10/6 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Not provided

## U11/5 vs Polonia Rams FC White

We had a full squad available this week, and it was encouraging to see everyone super keen to be out on the field after having had a somewhat difficult season.

Before the game, everyone was asked to concentrate on just two things throughout the game - controlling the ball instead of trying to kick it first time, and to jockey the player with the ball instead of diving in to a tackle.

The team started strong, and the improved level of the first touch was noticeable right from the start. The many flow-on effects of a better control of the ball also started to show. Players without the ball had more time to move into a better position to receive the ball, more passes went directly to our players, and players up front found they had more support when moving with the ball towards goal. We had quite a few good quality chances on goal that we just couldn't convert despite our best efforts.

Unfortunately, there were still some lapses in concentration that meant we didn't impose ourselves on the game as much as we could have. There were still a few too many attempted tackles in situations where jockeying was the option, and the odd frantic first-time kick at the ball. These are things that will improve in time, and our strength as a team will grow as we become more confident in our own abilities and trust in the abilities of our team mates.

Player of the Match: Yara Encouragement Award: Layla

U12/1 vs Marayong FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Marayong FC 2

Not provided

U13/3 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

#### Kings Langley SFC 5 - Riverstone Schofields Junior SC 1

Not provided

U15/4 vs Ponds FC

#### Kings Langley SFC 2 - Ponds FC 4

Not provided

#### O35/5 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC Red

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#### Kings Langley SFC 2 - Quakers Hill Junior SC Red 0

**Opposition forfeit**