



Weekly Round Up Round 18, 2023

“Aim for the sky and you'll reach the ceiling. Aim for the ceiling and you'll stay on the floor.”

– Bill Shankly





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U5 Kookaburras vs Newbury Bulls SC

Well played!

Player of the Match: Shivam

Encouragement Award: Aiden, Kayden, Naksh, Oliver & Wolf

U6 Kookaburras vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Great game between closely matched teams. We let the opposition out to a lead and couldn't quite get it back. Tough to decide on the awards this week with everyone putting in a good effort. Award to Leo with some nice breakaway runs in the second half, and award to Ryan with great running effort and a goal from a kick-off. Jay with the remaining goals was a huge contributor as usual, really nice defensive work from Patrick and Evan. Great season team!

Player of the Match: Ryan

Encouragement Award: Leo

U6 Echidnas vs Newbury Bulls SC

Not provided

U7/5 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Not provided

U7/8 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

It was a good game with some close calls from both sides

The team has improved a lot compared to the initial games.

Olobo, Gurhimmath and Aryana has improved a lot. Gurhimmat scored very good goals in the latest matches, while Aryana has developed her skills in blocking and passing the ball.

Dilitha has improved as a defender while Ishaan and Annie has improved overall in the game.

Player of the Match: Aryana

Encouragement Award: Olobo

U8/3 vs Newbury Bulls SC Red

Not provided

U8/7 vs Blacktown Workers FC

Well done today Kings Langley U8/07s. We went down in a nail biter. We had so many shots at goal... More than any other game this year. Well done to our Encouragement Award winner, Sophia, for your hard running and 6 or 7 shots at goal. Great job to you too Jahkai for your big goal - what a stunner! And congratulations team - lots of energy, good passing and never ending encouragement for each other!

It's been a year of fun and improvement!

Encouragement Award: Sophia

U8/8 vs Parklea SFC

Well, unfortunately we came to the final game of the season. I must say this game was exciting to watch and every kid gave a huge effort in this game. It was very tight throughout the game and it was great to see some scrambling defence and free flowing play down the wings. Well done everyone, this was a great way to end the season!

Encouragement Award: Lexi

U9/2

BYE

U9/7 vs Ponds FC

Not provided

U10/2 vs Ponds FC White

Coming back against a team we lost 3-0 to previously, we had to push ourselves hard to make sure we didn't see a repeat.

The first half was a busy game at both ends of the field, with us conceding an early goal in the first few minutes. After being under the pump again, Amay made a great save and followed it up with another on the following corner. The counter attack pressured their defence and made them play across goal, which Lincoln quickly snapped up and equalised.

Unfortunately the game went against our favour shortly after with Ponds landing another goal. Annabelle, on the wing, shortly after set Lincoln up for his second with a great through ball. The rest of the half settled down with some amazing challenges, keeping an amazing team at bay, going into the break 2 points a piece.

The second half carried the same momentum as the the end of the first, keeping the defence tight, and the attack pressing. A small lapse, however, allowed a goal to slip through the gaps and put us one point behind, maintained through to the end.

While the result wasn't in our favour, the way we played in that final game was impressive. We took on a much better side and held our own, giving as good as we got. It was also a game where, with a different mix of positions, allowed previously hidden talents to show itself. I'd like to

finish the last match report by saying I'm absolutely proud of this team and can't wait to take them into next season!

Player of the Match: Jack

U10/6

BYE

U11/5 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC White

This was the last game of a difficult season but an excellent opportunity to showcase some of the elements of our game that have come on in leaps and bounds in the past few weeks.

The game kicked off a few minutes late as we waited for more Marsden Park players to arrive (it's "a bit of a hike" to get to Lynwood from Marsden Park for a 9am game apparently). We started slowly against a short-staffed Marsden Park team and didn't really take advantage of having extra players on the field. We were content to wait for the ball to come to us instead of going to meet the ball, which gave Marsden Park plenty of opportunities to snatch the ball away before our boots got anywhere near it. We were also reluctant to run too much. We gave Marsden Park a lot of space when they had the ball. We did not provide great support for our players that had the ball in attack, often leaving them stranded and stuck off to the side without anyone to pass the ball to.

In the second half we displayed more urgency. We had prolonged periods where we applied pressure when they had the ball, and a number of players showed great passion when trying to regather the ball in defence. This made a noticeable difference in the overall tempo of the game, albeit only in bursts as the extra effort wasn't able to be applied consistently.

While the final result didn't go our way, everyone on the team should take comfort in the huge improvement in the second half over the first. Everyone should also be proud of the massive difference in technical skill and tactical sophistication between Round 1 and Round 18.

The whole team has come such a long way this season. It's been a privilege to watch from the sidelines.

Player of the Match: Addison

Encouragement Award: Jill

U12/1 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 5

Final game of the season against the number 1 team. And Kings turned up and tried all they could till the final whistle of the season!!

Missing players has been our achilles heel all season whether thru illness, injury and having a player move interstate.

But the passing and commitment in attack and defence today really showed how much the team has grown from where they started the season. Skipping from Division 3 into the top division 1 was always going to be a challenge. And it wasn't until after round 4 the team started to believe.

Congrats on a really good effort in the top division against the best Under 12 sides the BDSFA has to offer.

Player of the Match: Muhammad

Encouragement Award: Tommy

U13/3 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Ropes Crossing Strikers FC 4

Not provided

U15/4 vs Town Rangers FC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Town Rangers FC 3

Not provided

O35/5 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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Kings Langley SFC 2 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 0

This game was a must-win if we had any chance of retaining second place on the ladder and the coveted second chance come finals.

Marsden Park started the game with just seven players and the promise of "more are on the way." True to their word, over the next 20 minutes, four more players wandered in and they were able to make up the numbers. We started the game slow and very patchy, and failed to take any significant advantage of our numerical superiority. Even though they had fewer players, they often had a spare man in the midfield, and they pressured our goal several times. By the time it was 11 v 11, we were only one goal up.

An unfortunate incident on the field next to ours required an ambulance, and the restart for the second half of our game was delayed by 25 minutes while the ambos did their work. As there is no provision for additional time, there was only 20 minutes left when play finally was able to restart. Playing for the possibility of fourth place should they win

and results go their way, Marsden Park took the opportunity of an extended half-time break to refresh and regroup. They started the shortened half strongly, and threatened our goal on a number of occasions. However, we were able to put another in the back of the net, and finished strongly to keep the score at 2-0.

Unfortunately, other results meant that we ended up third on the table. Still, anything can happen in finals football, and third place in our first season in a higher division remains a fantastic achievement from the boys.