

# Weekly Round Up

## Round 2, 2024



***“You owe it to yourself to be the best you can be.”***

***– Christian Pulisic***



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## U6 Echidnas vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

A hard fought game against a very similarly matched side. Wonderful effort from the entire KL team.

**Player of the Match:** Isobel

**Encouragement Award:** Rihansh

## U6 Lions vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

Not provided

## U7/4 vs Prospect United SC

Not provided

## U7/7 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Great game had by all. Weather made it tricky but all kids persevered through the heat and gave 100%. Lots of great passing in attack and great retreating in defence. Lots of shots for goals with four going in. Well done my little superstars I'm so proud of your perseverance through the heat and how well you played. Can't wait for the matches ahead. Stay tuned....

**Player of the Match:** Eleanor

**Encouragement Award:** Alonso

## U8/6 vs Polonia Rams FC

Opposition forfeit, but we shared players to make sure the kids still had a game.

**Player of the Match:** Tiana

**Encouragement Award:** Eleanor

## U9/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Black

Here We Go!!! A false start for Round 1 meant an extra week to get on side with moving to a bigger field with more players and these young guns certainly didn't disappoint. From the opening whistle the desire to win every challenge was evident and it wasn't long before some slick passing through the Marsden Park defence saw Frankie score the opener for the season. Ezra, Ethan, Matteo and Samuel were first to everything at the back and were constantly able to turn defence into attack with Leon, the benefactor scoring our second midway through the first half. There is no substitute for speed with Nate and Shreyansh showing it in spades, constantly working the defence over with Blake the beneficiary, to score our third before half time.

The second half was again, one way traffic with Mason out of goals in the second half running riot down the flanks. Again, after some great build up work, Frankie found Leon to grab his second and that was all she wrote. A great curtain raiser for 2024, albeit delayed, with plenty of positives and takeaways to learn from as the season progresses. Take a bow lads, well played!!

A special note and thank you to Blake, Leon, Mason, Nate and their parents for jumping in to assist the U11s who wouldn't have been able to take the field without these young guns lending a hand. Bravo!

**Player of the Match:** Blake

**Encouragement Award:** Samuel

## U9/6 vs Doonside Hawks SC

This was their first game on the bigger field and they had no subs, so everyone played a full game!

It will take a little while to get used to the bigger field and learning the positions etc but overall it was a great game. They all put in a great effort and played well as a team.

**Player of the Match:** Brandon

**Encouragement Award:** Dulan

## U9/8 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Our team tried valiantly and improved as the game went on. We faced some very talented players.

There were solid defensive efforts and tenacious chasing from Myles, Evie, Esther and Adelaide. We saw good effort in attack from Sophia, Narendra and Dan, and big kicks from Loki and Sophia. We had star goalies in Dan and Isla, who both made saves. Last but not least, our first time player, Mannat, scored our team's first goal.

Our player of the match was Dan, who had some impressive saves and never gave up with the ball in the second half. Our encouragement award went to Adelaide who run fast and hard, chasing down the opposition throughout the game.

Well done team - we'll keep improving, and keep having fun!

**Player of the Match:** Dan

**Encouragement Award:** Adelaide

## U10/2 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC White

Not provided

## U10/7 vs Ponds FC

Not provided

## U11/2 vs Ponds FC

Not provided

## U11/6 vs Doonside Hawks SC

First game of the season, with four amazing upgrades helping out, the team pulled together and played a fantastic match. Against a scrappy team, they held their heads high and despite a growing number of fouls committed against them, U11/6 kings played a clean and energetic game and came away with a win.

**Player of the Match:** Heath

**Encouragement Award:** Angom

## U12/4 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Our first competition game on the large field went a lot better than I thought it might have gone - after all, it's a bit of pot luck depending who you come up against. We did have numbers on our side, with a full squad (11 + 2) against the opposition's 10. This did tip the score very much in our favour, a 7-0 win, but I was more impressed with how the team played together and moved through and around the opposition. We had a few small incidents with holding the team shape, and that's something we will work on over the season. We'll definitely need it when we start to come across some of the more challenging teams. Call out to Brayden this week as player of the match. He filled the holding midfield role very well in the first half, and advancing into a

forward midfield role in the second. He was very good on the ball with key passes and some goal saving defending. Great job Brayden!

**Player of the Match:** Brayden

## U12/6 vs Parklea SFC Red

This is one of those games where the scoreline doesn't accurately reflect how close the game really was.

The team was equally excited and nervous about their first proper game on the full field. Illness and holidays meant there was only a bare 11 available, and no substitutes. There were some concerns amongst the playing group about how the extra space on the field might work against them, but instead it seemed to step everyone's game up a couple of notches. All of the team seemed to have more time to think, and made good choices about holding their positions, where to pass the ball and had time to recover if things didn't work out as planned.

We spent much of the first 25 minutes in their half of the field, attacking their goal and defending from the front when not in possession. We had a number of shots on goal, and the number of corners we took also demonstrated how much pressure we were putting Parklea under. A snappy counterattack from Parklea just before the break put them a goal in front, but no one was worried as there was plenty of time to even the score.

The second half started similar to the first, and Kings had a lot of the possession. The lack of subs on the bench started to show, as tired players began to understandably make more mistakes. We started to turn over the ball a lot more, letting Parklea back into the game. Parklea were able to start piling the pressure on our goal, with the inevitable result of another goal. An incredibly unfortunate deflection very late on put the game out of our reach, but truth be told the game was probably already settled at that point.

There were a lot of encouraging things to take out of this game. One of the things we have been working on in training is maintaining

possession by not rushing our decisions, and there was a lot of evidence of that in this game. The team worked very well together, and there was a lot of positive energy between the players on the field. There are more things to be worked on at training, but overall it's a positive start to the season.

**Player of the Match:** Dylan

**Encouragement Award:** Addiison

## U13/3 vs Newbury Bulls SC Red

Kids played well together for their first game with new players.

Supported each other and supported the subs and showed respect.

**Player of the Match:** Tommy

## U15/4 vs Blacktown Workers FC

What a start to the season. After a rain out for the first round, the team turned up to play. The game started with both teams feeling each other out, looking for weaknesses in the respective defences. Kings started strong scoring the first goal, before workers replied. The game kept swinging from there goal from goal, until Workers got 2 in a row. The heat and low numbers on the bench soon showed as both teams struggled. Kings showed a lot of heart before a final score of 4-6. Player of the match was Andrick who played extremely well through the mids and up front. Some call outs to our goal keepers Caedan and Brodie who pulled off some superb saves and Kenny and Will in the mids. Looking forward to our next game at home next week

**Player of the Match:** Andrick

## O35/4 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

A difficult start to the season against a team that wasn't afraid to try and throw you off your game with a bit of niggle and getting vocal with the referee.



Tigers have some strong, fast and aggressive strikers, and they put us under pressure early with some quality attempts on goal. We responded with our own attacks, and our new players slotted easily into team and our patterns of play. The first half was an arm wrestle which saw the score 0-0 going into the break.

The second half picked up where the first finished off. Tigers continued to press, and eventually they were rewarded with a goal. This goal finally moved us out of third gear, and we pushed hard for the equaliser. A well taken shot evened the score, before a cheeky shot from the by-line that caught a keeper out of position and curved into the net put us in front.

In the end, that's how the score remained, and a solid contest played largely in good spirits from both sides drew to a close.