



Weekly Round Up

Round 3, 2024



“It took me 17 years and 114 days to become an overnight success.”

– Lionel Messi



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U6 Echidnas vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

A wonderful team effort with big improvements week on week for both attack and defence. Well done, Team!

Player of the Match: Wolf

Encouragement Award: Kaiden

U6 Lions vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Not provided

U7/4 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Great game today from the team against a strong opposition. Was good to see the team working together to get the ball up the field. Toby was solid in defense, Ayan and Lazar didn't stop working the whole game and Ryan and Leo had plenty of shots on goal.

Player of the Match: Ayan

Encouragement Award: Ryan

U7/7 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Spectacular game of soccer had by all of our superstars. Lots of passing and shots at goals and also lots of defence. Lots of fun had by all kids. Everyone left the field knowing they had done well. Stay tuned.....

Player of the Match: Ameliah

Encouragement Award: Finn

U8/6 vs Town Rangers FC

Even though the score was high Jack saved some great goals in the first half. The kids were very persistent and never gave up.

Player of the Match: Mason

Encouragement Award: Jack

U9/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Red

Crazy things take place on windy days. Always a fast track at Marsden Park and today was no different. We started well but got dragged into pack mentality football early due to the conditions and a stop start game made it very difficult to find any solid rhythm. Nate and Leon tried hard to get control of the middle with Blake and Shreyansh looking to get wide when the opportunity was there. Ezra had another very solid game at the back with Mason and Ethan playing excellent supporting roles, meaning first half goalie Liam and second half Frankie had very little to do.

Second half was much of the same with the ball going out of play regularly, meaning another stop start affair. A shot off the cross bar from a Marsden Park corner midway through the second half sparked us into life and from then until full time we created the better chances. Matteo came closest to breaking the deadlock just prior to full time but a very active keeper ensured all was even when the final whistle blew.

Conditions may have gotten the better of us today to some extent, but these boys are resilient and will no doubt be better for the experience.

Player of the Match: Not provided

Encouragement Award:

U9/6 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

The boys played great today, passing and playing together as a team.

The boys did a lot better adjusting to the field with 2 subs this week and getting the hang of playing in their positions!!

Player of the Match: Nate

Encouragement Award: Lovish

U9/8 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Red

A good effort by Kings in a closely fought game. Thanks to Dylan and Mikey for filling in. It was great to have players looking to play passes to their teammates. Keep up the good work and learning team!

Player of the Match: Narendra

Encouragement Award: Mannat

U10/2 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings started strongly with much of the first half played near the opposition goal. A number of shots went wide before Jack scored our first goal. We were down a few goals in the second half as Quakers started passing into space more effectively, but managed to get back to level with goals from Kyan and Thomas.

Player of the Match: Jack

Encouragement Award: Connor

U10/7 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

The team played well with lots of good passing between the members and it was a good clean match played by both sides.

Player of the Match: Rivash

Encouragement Award: Kash

U11/2 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

Not provided

Player of the Match: Not provided

Encouragement Award:

U11/6 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Having a team of 8 versus an eventually full team of 10, the U11s all dug deep to keep the pressure on the opposition for the full game. With great attention by the players and direction by coach a great game was had by all.

As energy flagged late in the game the intensity ramped up, but speedy attacking by Devaansh, Heath, Angom and Zach and some solid defence by Blake, Zoe, Lucas and great saves by Marshall, the team kept a firm lead on the game.

Player of the Match: Zachery

Encouragement Award: Blake

U12/4 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 0

The start of the day was looking a bit daunting, with a couple of last minute drop outs, taking us to 9. However we had some surprise saviours in the form of Marshall and Heath from the 11/6s joining Jill from the 12/6s. This allowed us to form back into our natural formation and start playing the way we want to.

And play we did! Our defensive line held solid the entire game, denying the other team the opportunity to have shots on goal. We had amazing chances down the line and through the middle, managing two goals in the first half from Lincoln, both from Liam's through balls past the defenders.

At half time, the instruction was to not concede any goals and only score when the opportunity arose - keep the shape and keep playing well. The team stuck to the plan, with a brief panic after the ball struck the hand of our defenders in the penalty box. Marshall was well up to the task, parrying the ball away and maintaining the clean sheet. Just before the final whistle, a fortunate rebound off an opposition defender

put the ball at Seb's feet and he didn't waste the opportunity by hitting it well into the top right corner, just out of reach of the keeper, wrapping the game up with a 3-0 win.

While the call-outs have been to a few select players, the quality of football from everyone today was amazing! A very happy coach today!

Player of the Match: Marshall (U11/6)

U12/6 vs Town Rangers FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Town Rangers FC 11

There's no hiding from the fact that this was a tough day on the field. We were always going to be against the odds with an 8:30 kick off and playing 10 against 11. It didn't take long for Town Rangers to make their mark, and they kept that pressure up all game. It was apparent from the start that they were more engaged on the field, more motivated to get to the ball first, and more switched on to change their tactics with long balls over our defence for their very speedy attackers to pick up the loose ball.

The effort in the second half was much improved. There was more energy amongst the team, and individuals took more responsibility for obtaining possession and then keeping it. Unfortunately, the scoreline meant that players took a more defensive mindset, limiting opportunities when we had possession.

A lot to work on at training for sure, but given we have yet to experience a full squad on game day, there's still a lot of potential in this team waiting to be realised.

Player of the Match: Hamish

U13/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 1

Not provided

U15/4 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 1

First home game of the season, the team turned up with plenty to prove after last weeks lost.

Winning the toss and running with the wind at our backs was a first small win for the team. Soon Tigers went forward and with our goalie off balanced they scored the opener. That would be the last mistake of the day for Brodie as he would go on to keep the Tigers out for the rest of the match. Soon a corner gave us an opportunity to equalise, after a brilliant corner by Will and a lucky (for us) own goal equal the score. The game settled from there to an arm wrestle, until a late break way from Arka and goal gave us the lead.

The second half had the Tigers come at us hard, some brilliant saves by Brodie and great defence from Bradley, Hamza, Caedan, Adam and Rohan helped to keep them at bay. Relief from the team, coaching staff and fans when the final whistle blew for our first win of the season. Awesome effort from the whole team with Brodie player of the match and notable mentions for Will, Kenny, Arka and Ruhan.

Player of the Match: Brodie

O35/4 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Parklea SFC 0

Local derbies against our traditional rivals at Parklea are always good fun, and this game was no exception. To complicate matters, going into

the game our bench was heavily depleted with school holiday commitments and illness.

Parklea put us under pressure early, and squandered several golden opportunities to open their account. They moved the ball very well across the midfield and pressed very hard down the wings on both sides of the field, leading to multiple scrambles in defence. We were able to keep them out, and also maintain pressure on their relatively weaker back four. Ultimately that pressure was rewarded with some great attacking play down the left wing and a first half goal.

1-0 is a dangerous score to start a second half, and we soon found ourselves under pressure again. In-game injuries saw our reduced bench further diminished. Parklea smelt blood in the water, and continued to launch raids down both flanks and through their defensive midfielders. Solid defence off corner kicks kept them at bay, as well as a couple of the boys taking one for the team with fouls outside the box. Parklea didn't get it all their own way, and our excellent short passing game meant they couldn't throw all of their resources forward.

In the end, the first half goal was the difference between the two teams. We have been doing it the hard way, but two from two is a great way to start the season.