



Weekly Round Up

Round 5, 2024

**FEMALE
FOOTBALL
WEEK**



“Believe in yourself and don’t be afraid of making mistakes, because mistakes are part of your growth”

– Sarina Wiegman



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U6 Echidnas vs Marayong FC

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U6 Lions vs Doonside Hawks SC Maroon

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U7/4 vs Doonside Hawks SC

What was threatening to be a wet weekend turned into a beautiful morning of soccer and community. With a few players missing from our lineup today we started the game with 3 on the field and as hard as Ayan, Lazar and Toby tried the extra player made a difference to the opposition. We are extremely grateful to the other U7 team who lent us some players to give us a full team. Their help got us back in the game and helped even the playing field. Our new team played well but we faced a strong opposition with both teams finding the back of the net plenty of times.

Player of the Match: Ayan

Encouragement Award: Toby

U7/7 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

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U8/6 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

The kids played a strong 1st half with good defence and a great goal by Jack. Second half the kids bunched up a bit too much, but never gave up. Some good passing and a great save by Andrew in goals.

Player of the Match: Emma

Encouragement Award: Ivy

U9/3 vs Ponds FC Red

A fast and furious game. Quick out of the blocks to begin the match and unfortunately got no reward for our efforts. Leon and Nate pushed hard throughout the first half and dominated the middle of the pitch. Our best chance fell to Matteo, forcing the keeper into a diving save. A quick counter attack after losing possession saw us scrambling in defence for one of the few times this year , before a well taken shot from Ponds saw the ball nestling in the back of the net. Liam, Shreyansh, Ethan and Blake continued to press the Ponds backline, meaning we were able to get the ball in good attacking positions, but unfortunately the final pass or shot just couldnt find the mark and this saw out a very eventful first half.

Second half was very physical with both sides doing everything to gain control. Samuel constantly put great pressure on the ball and made some crucial challenges, while Mason and Ezra switched in and out of sweeper to ensure the Ponds weren't able to double their advantage with their quick counter attacks. Our attacking press was again on show as we fought hard to draw level, albeit without any luck. A tough match all round and although the result was not in a favour today, we should be very proud of the effort, resilience and never quit attitude that was on display. Well done.

Player of the Match: Nate

Encouragement Award: Leon

U9/6 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

The boys played great again today. Everyone is adjusting to the bigger field and staying in their positions. The passing between the boys improves every week they are really starting to gel together as a team

Player of the Match: Mikey

Encouragement Award: Olobo

U9/8 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

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U10/2 vs Marayong FC

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U10/7 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Our Under 10 Kings faced another challenge this week, taking the field without a full squad. A big shout out to Marsden Park for choosing to play with only 7 players to keep things fair (even though they had a whole bench full of reserves!).

Our star goalkeeper, Sebastian, was on fire in the first half, making amazing save after save. Unfortunately, Marsden Park squeezed goals past him before the break. The Kings also had a goal that looked promising, but it was called offside just before it crossed the line.

It wasn't all sunshine and rainbows for the Kings at halftime. Feeling frustrated by the score and the disallowed goal, some players started getting discouraged. However, the coach used the break to pick them up and refocus on their teamwork.

The Kings stormed back in the second half, with their spirits high and their determination even stronger. Krit shined bright, earning player of the match thanks to his powerful kicks that crossed the entire field and perfectly placed corner kicks. These assists allowed Zachary and Rivash to score a goal each, levelling the playing field!

The Kings played incredibly well, applying the skills they worked on in practice and giving it their all. I'm incredibly proud of their efforts and they should be too!

Player of the Match: Krit

Encouragement Award: Zachary

U11/2 vs Ponds FC Red

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U11/6 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC White

We struggled to stay in positions this week against a team with a solid defense lineup and some swift attackers. The opposition managed to push through a number of times and this led to our first defeat of the season.

Some difficult calls and a super feisty opposition meant that Kings needed to buckle down and follow what they had trained for. They worked together to try to limit the number of goals scored against them but struggled to complete a goal with the overwhelming pressure and skills of their defenders.

Some fundamental areas that need to be worked on at training came to light, such as holding positions, communicating passes and body positioning, and these will be focused on in the coming weeks.

Player of the Match: Baxter

Encouragement Award: Heath

U12/4 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Plumpton Oakhurst SC 0

Going into this round, we were informed that our opponent was likely dropping down a division after straight losses and a goal difference high in the negatives. So instead of playing like we would against one of the top teams and aiming to put goal after goal in the back of the net, we took the opportunity to put a few of our defensive players up front with the objective of giving them a chance to get a goal against their name. The usual attacking players were instructed to defend hard and not give away goals, while also supporting the players up front.

I couldn't have been more proud of the effort. We spent most of the game in the attacking half, putting pressure on the opposition and creating opportunities. The backs sat pretty high up this game, with even our goal keeper coming well outside of the penalty area, even up to the half way line once or twice (I swear - just to test my nerves!).

We did come away with the win, and 2 of the 4 players I wanted to score, did. John took the first goal in the first minute of the game, getting us on the board really quickly. Lincoln, not one of the four, got a little carried away with a solo run and locked away a second goal in the 8th minute. Annabelle took a penalty kick late in the first half, but was unfortunately unable to convert it. With less than 5 minutes to go in the second half, Seb assisted Amay with his goal to seal the game at 3-0.

With a few more tough matches coming up, and the re-grading likely to push us down from 5th to 7th due to the re-grading policy, we have a lot of hard to do to make our way back up in a competitive standing.

A big thank you to those players who took care of the back line this game, to give others an opportunity playing in the roles you have the privilege of usually being in. It demonstrated that you are versatile on the field and have the sportsmanship to ensure everyone has a fair go.

Player of the Match: John

U12/6 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Riverstone Schofields Junior SC 2

This game revealed an impressive resilience and determination amongst the squad to keep at it when the going gets tough.

Riverstone came into this round undefeated, and only having conceded one goal in their first four games. We took the fight to them from the first whistle, and our efforts were eventually rewarded with a goal as we took the lead. The first half continued to be end to end football, and included the excitement of Rivo being awarded a penalty, and that penalty being saved!

As the game continued into the second half, Riverstone first equalised, and then took the lead. A lesser team may have surrendered, but Kings refused to give up. Late in the second half another quality goal saw the scores levelled again. The Kings defence weathered a Riverstone storm in the final minutes, and the teams walked away with a point each. A draw was a fair reflection of the day's efforts, and showed the team that anything on the football field is possible if you put in your best efforts and never give up.

More work needs to be done during the week at training on understanding formations and staying in position, and this improved understanding will only make us stronger.

Player of the Match: Elijah

U13/3 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Ponds FC 1

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U15/4 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 4 - Parklea SFC 8

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O35/4 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Doonside Hawks SC 1

It's always a hard-fought game against the Hawks. While the games are highly competitive, rare are the moments where they aren't played in good spirit.

Both teams have had an injection of new players and new talent this season, but the battle remained the same. A proper arm-wrestle, there

wasn't much to separate the two. Hawks had a greater hunger for the second ball, but had difficulty containing our raids down the flanks.

In the end, the difference between the two teams was a shanked cross that ended up sailing out of reach over the top of the keeper, who could never be reasonably expected to cover such a mis-timed kick. Such is football.