



Weekly Round Up

Round 8, 2024



“The most important part of everything is to be happy”

– Jose Mourinho



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U6 Echidnas vs Ponds FC

A very competitive game ensured both teams were unable to score after a gruelling 30 mins of play. Excellent passing and defensive cover was also on display throughout the game.

Player of the Match: Rihansh

Encouragement Award: Wolf

U6 Dolphins vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Hard fought game with great defence by the entire team

Player of the Match: Jessica

Encouragement Award: Hayden

U7/3 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Today we had a close game against the Redbacks. Our team played well together and was encouraging to see the team work on the field. Special mention to Ayan who was a brick wall in defense today.

Player of the Match: Aura

Encouragement Award: Leo

U7/7 vs Newbury Bulls SC

The kids had a great game today and their defence is getting better by the week. They are working well together as a team.

Player of the Match: Alonzo

Encouragement Award: Eleanore

U8/7 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

First half was strong with plenty of defence happening. Athena was in goals and saved several amazing shots. Second half saw Tiana defending at the back and stopped the opposition from scoring several goals. Sarah covered the field well and had some amazing passes to her

teammates. Emma defended well and never gave up and saved a few passes to stop the opposition from scoring. Jack had a few attempts at goals but just couldn't quite get there.

Player of the Match: Sarah

Encouragement Award: Tiana

U9/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC White

Sink or swim for these boys this week, with Coach Joe out sick. But they stepped up to the plate and were able to showcase some good examples of teamwork and technical skill.

The game started with a scoring tsunami from the Kings - the team sending the ball wide to Nate who brought it up the field with a well timed cross to Leon who found the goal in the opening minutes. Repeating the play another few times to find Blake and then Liam, Marsden Park were under prepared.

The second half saw Ethan applying good defensive pressure and Samuel delivering some crucial saves to knock out any chance Marsden Park had of coming back. Ezra and Shreyansh were strong as ever in the middle, delivering the ball out wide to Mason on the wing when the opportunity arose. Mason was strong in support, sending the ball up the line to advance the play.

A corner kick from Blake appeared to defy gravity and curled to find its way to the back of the net!

In summary, these young Kings definitely swam this week - a top effort from our superstars!

Player of the Match: To be announced at training

Encouragement Award: To be announced at training

U9/6 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Not provided

U9/8 vs Doonside Hawks SC White

A great team effort today KLSFC U9/08s. While we went down , we were unlucky with a few of those goals. We spent more time near our goal than ever before, and we keep improving all round. We'll get there team!

Congratulations to Myles for the player of the match award - running up and down the edge and getting up when you got knocked down. And well done to Evie for your Encouragement Award - you ran hard in the first half and had some really good stops at goalie.

Well done all!

Player of the Match: Myles

Encouragement Award: Evie

U10/2 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

We got off to a slow start and were under pressure for much of the first half, down a goal. We were almost down 2 goals due to a defensive lapse. But towards the end of the first half we go our act together and the other team started to tire. We carried on the momentum in the second half. Goals to Thomas and Jack.

Player of the Match: Hunter

Encouragement Award: Nirvith

U10/7 vs Polonia Rams FC

Not provided

U11/2 vs Ponds FC Red

It was a great match with teams showing great improvement in the second half.

Player of the Match: Vihaan

Encouragement Award: Ali

U11/5 vs Rooty Hill FC

U11/5 played a very unified game this week, lots of communication and passing by all players led to a fast paced and energetic match.

Some great defence, perfect positioning, and tackling meant Rooty Hill felt a lot of pressure throughout the whole game and it was reflected in the end score.

Some outstanding crosses and runs led to goals by Heath, Davaansh and Angom and our defensive line up and mids kept the pressure on no matter which way the ball was moving. A great effort by all.

Player of the Match: Magnus

Encouragement Award: Stella

U12/4 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Kings Langley SFC 14 - Minchinbury Jets SC 0

We started off looking forward to a great game against Minchinbury this week. Really testing how we've been training and looking for another win to keep us sitting nicely in the middle of the table. Unfortunately, Mincho had 7 players call in sick and we faced off against their team that only consisted of 8 players. Naturally, we didnt notice until after we had set up positions, but we didn't want to insult the visitors by playing any less than our best.

Mincho held out well at the start, with our probing attacks being thwarted by their defensive line. However, it was only a matter of time

before we broke through. Lincoln grabbing 5 in the first half before I decided to let someone else have a turn and dropped him into our defense. Seb and Aarin also picked up a goal each in the first half. That's not to say our defense was untouched, we definitely had a few attempts to break through, and there were some that did. Brayden worked well with the gloves to come on top in a 1 on 1 challenge at the top of the box and keep us goal-less.

In the second half, I adjusted the positions a little to give a few other players a bit more a turn challenging up front. Obie, took the gloves from Brayden in the second half and put on a great display of preventing any successful shots on goal. Despite not really using his hands, he kept the second half sheet clean!

The attack saw a few other players successfully land the ball in the net, with a few from Jaxon L, others from Aarin and Amay. Aaron and Brayden both getting their first goals of the season today, with Brayden's coming from a great cross by Xander. Annabelle almost had her first, with the ball just deflecting off the post. Somehow Lincoln also managed to get his 6th of the day running from the centre back all the way up and beating the keeper.

I was really impressed by the team afterwards, saying they felt bad. It definitely doesn't feel as good as going up against a fully complete team where the win feels so much more deserving. But it would have been unsporting and disrespectful to have "gone easy" on them and not play the way we usually would have. Great work to the team for keeping a clean sheet, and I'm sure we'll be more evenly challenged the next time we play them.

Player of the Match: Seb

Encouragement Award: Obie

U12/6 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Riverstone Schofields Junior SC 1

This game was the perfect response to the disappointment of last weekend.

We last played this top of the table team just three weeks prior, and the team was a little apprehensive. We just scraped through with a hard-fought 2-2 draw last time, and earned the honour of the first team to take any points of this Riverstone outfit. Last time we went into the game buzzing with the thrill of our first win, and this time we were trying to bounce back from a hard to swallow loss. The scene was set for a tough test.

The two teams were evenly matched for the opening minutes, with most of the game contested in the middle third. A momentary lapse of focus on the runners meant that Riverstone was able to find a player in enough space wide of the action to turn the ball into the back of the net. Kings were not subdued, and put this setback behind them. They continued to press forward, and this momentum was rewarded with a Riverstone own goal, after a keeper deflected a shot and a defender put the ball into his own net in a panic as Kings players piled on the pressure on the loose ball. The first half continued to be dominated by Kings, with several shots on goal. A mistake from the Riverstone keeper lead to an indirect free kick being awarded in their goal box, which was coolly converted with Kings going into the break in the lead.

Rivo tried hard early in the second half, and the Kings defence had to weather a storm. Some great reflex saves from the keeper and follow up clearances off the line from the defenders saved some blushes, and Kings were energised and eager to get back into it. Most of the second half was end to end football, but eventually the ball was moved forward into the final third, and some fancy footwork allowed a clear shot on goal putting the game out of Riverstone's reach. To their credit, Rivo pushed hard until the final whistle and their effort showed why they were top of the table heading into this round.

Overall it was a stunning team effort from Kings Langley, and a clear demonstration of what this team can achieve when they play for each other as a unit. As a coach, I couldn't be prouder of the effort from the team.

Player of the Match: Emma

Encouragement Award: Oskar

U13/3 vs Blacktown Workers FC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Blacktown Workers FC 8

The team started today's game against only 9 players with the idea it would be easy, but got outplayed for most of the game and spent a lot of the time defending. After a very slow start and conceding too many goals, the focus in the second half was to put in the effort and we finally saw the Kings Team start to rally together. Passing the ball nicely, defending hard, chasing down a lot of runs, and scoring some goals.

We will take away the effort in the second half and have to work on starting the game with more effort if we want to have any chance of winning more games this season.

Player of the Match: Owen

Encouragement Award: Ryan

U15/4 vs Marayong FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Marayong FC 4

Not provided

O35/4 vs Rooty Hill FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Rooty Hill FC 2

The less said about this game the better. We knew going into the game it would be full of niggles, arguments, cheap shots and time wasting. Unfortunately for us instead of playing our own game we lost focus and dropped down to that level. An important lesson to keep in mind for the rematch later in the season.

Round 1 Catchup

O35/4 vs Marayong FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Marayong FC 1

We might have had success against this team last year with a draw and two wins (including a knockout semi-final), but could we do it on a cold Tuesday night in Marayong?

Work, injuries and illness cut our numbers to the bare 11 with a sub due to arrive some time between kick off and half time. With that in mind, getting a result out of this game was always going to be a challenge, particularly given our two main goalkeepers were not available for this game. It was only a small consolation that Marayong was facing a similar struggle with their own squad numbers.

The first half was an even contest. We had a slight advantage when it came to possession, but Marayong had their fair share of opportunities in front of our own goal. For Kings, solid organisation in the backline and a motivated midfield wasn't enough against an opposition backline that was exceptionally sharp with their high block and offside trap. Some clever work between the sticks on our end kept the scores even, and a well taken low and hard shot from the edge of the box saw Kings take the lead. Several speculative attempts to chip the adventurous Marayong keeper strayed agonisingly wide, and we went into the break with the narrowest of margins.

Marayong pushed hard in the second half, and eventually their efforts were rewarded when a through ball found one of their strikers one-on-one with the keeper with the inevitable outcome. The remainder of the half was an end-to-end affair, but come full time neither team troubled the scorer further.

Special shout out to the parents and kids of Under 8/7 and Under 12/4 that came out to support Coaches Dan and Alex. Your cheers and chants made a difference to the lads on the field, and hopefully you'll be able to make it to a home game or two at Lynwood Park before the season is out.