



Weekly Round Up Round 12, 2024



“You can not lead by following.”

– Sir Alex Ferguson



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U6 Echidnas vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

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U6 Dolphins vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

Toughest game yet on a muddy field. Great effort from the team.

Player of the Match: Jack

Encouragement Award: Ricaldo

U7/3 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Had a great game from our team. We had a good first half with all players putting in a big performance. Everyone was excited to be playing soccer again and was great to see their enthusiasm. We found ourselves down quite a few goals early in the second half, and we thought that was going to be it, but the kids found another level and got a few quick goals to get us back to almost even. We with another couple of minutes we would have got a few more I think. It was an entertaining game and we were all proud of the way the boys played and the effort shown.

Player of the Match: Toby

Encouragement Award: Ayan

U7/7 vs Minchinbury Jets SC

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U8/7 vs Ponds FC White

Our goalkeepers were Tiana for the first half and Jack in the second half. Both saved many attempts at goals and did a great job. Athena played with passion and covered the whole field and also saved a few goals being scored. Mason almost scored with some great shots at goal.

Player of the Match: Athena

Encouragement Award: Mason

U9/3 vs Marayong FC

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U9/6 vs Rooty Hill FC

It was a great game. The kids are working better as a team and their passing is improving all the time. Still need to work on their positions during the game but they are all putting in the effort and having fun.

Player of the Match: Rylan

Encouragement Award: Liam

U9/8 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC Orange

Well done today Kings Langley U9/8s. We faced a tough competitor with fast runners and big kickers. Despite going down, we had some of our best moments of the season. We had a shot at goal, and in the second half one of our best passing runs in attack. Congratulations to Evie, our player of that match. You were fast and tenacious! And well done to Zac who received the Encouragement Award - you ran hard and were particularly involved in the 2nd half as striker.

Player of the Match: Evie

Encouragement Award: Zac

U10/2 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

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U10/7 vs Town Rangers FC Yellow

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U11/2 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

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U11/5 vs Ponds FC

Today's match was against the Ponds FC. A chilly start to the day and we found it difficult to get into gear. Some unfavourable calls and well executed attacking against some patchy defence early on led to an early lead for the Ponds. We found our feet somewhat in the second half but couldn't find the back of the net despite many attempts.

Player of the Match: Health

Encouragement Award: Magnus

U12/4 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

Kings Langley SFC 4 - Marsden Park Galaxy FC 2

Our first game in 4 weeks and it was clear from the first half that we needed to shake a lot of rust off. We started off sloppy, giving Marsden Park a peek at the goal in the first 30 seconds. However that quickly changed with Xander giving Lincoln a great through ball to go one on one with the keeper and a lot it home.

But then we had to work hard and get back into the right mindset. Marsden Park didn't make it easy for us, and we didn't make it easy for ourselves. A lot of swings with no connections, diving into tackles when we should have been jockeying. We were very lucky Galaxy's shots on

goal weren't that great. However the equaliser came just over half way through the half, and we stayed 1 a piece until the half.

A little bit down, but still keen, a few small tweaks to the lineup were made to keep the shape of the team together and make sure we can stay on top of everything.

A few minutes into the second half, a pair of hands raised to protect the face resulted in a handball and a penalty against us, which was converted into a goal, putting us behind for the first time all game. After a very nervous 10 minutes hoping for an equaliser and not for anymore mistakes to put us further behind, Jaxon Z manages a low probability angle, lofted shot right into the far side of the goal for his first goal this season. And now we're equal again! With a shot like that, it's almost like we all remembered how to play again - and 10 minutes left on the clock.

A few moments later, we're on the attack yet again, Amay putting in a lovely pass through to Seb who tucks it away nicely to put us back ahead. In the last few moments of the game, Galaxy gave Jaxon L just a little bit too much room and time for him to seal the victory at 4-2. Good to get back into the swing of it with a win! Here's hoping we can keep the momentum going.

PS - no I don't use chatGPT to write these match reports, I just paid attention in school ;)

Player of the Match: Lincoln

U12/6 vs Blacktown St Pats SC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Blacktown St Pats SC 1

So good to get the team back out on the pitch after a month of wash outs! It was also great for our mixed team to be lining up against another team that also had girls playing proudly front and centre.

We were only missing one player so had the luxury of two sitting on the bench, ready and rearing to go. The extra players provided the opportunity to try some people in new positions. Football at this age should still be about exploration and experimentation.

This game proved to be a very even affair. After a lot of pressure, Kings opened their account 10 minutes in with a scooped shot over the top of their keeper. St Pats didn't take that lying down, and regularly pushed forward before they were able to even the score, finding an unmarked player on the back post after we failed to effectively deal with clearing a corner. What followed for the rest of the match was a classic arm wrestle, as both teams pushed hard in attack and covered well in defence.

In the end, a 1-1 scoreline was a fair indication of how well matched the two sides were. For Kings, it was great to see players starting to put their foot on the ball and consider their options rather than just whack it with the first touch. We also showed great improvement in defending from the front to the back, as the team demonstrated greater patience in waiting for the right moment to make a tackle instead of just jumping in. An all round solid performance for a team that's waited weeks for a game.

I also wanted to take a moment to commend the referee, who was able to strike that fine balance between calling fouls and letting the game flow, which allowed a tough and competitive game of football flourish and show the best that both teams had to offer.

Player of the Match: Layla

Encouragement Award: Jyden

U13/3 vs Glenwood Redbacks SC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Glenwood Redbacks SC 1

It was hard game but the team played good. CK played his best game so far let's keep playing good team

Player of the Match: Ck

Encouragement Award: The team

U15/4 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Parklea SFC 5

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O35/4 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Parklea SFC 1

We might be struggling for numbers right now, but there's always something a little extra in the tank for games against Parklea. We were able to list 12 "fit" players for the team sheet this time around, although after roughly 10 minutes in, that number dropped back down to 11.

Despite the challenges of a squad of 11 playing a squad of 13, we took the game to Parklea and had them on the back foot for much of that first half. Possession didn't always go our way, but our persistence and forward press saw us go into the break 1-0 up and everything left to play for.

The weight of their numbers on the bench started to take a toll, and the second half got harder and harder as the game went on. Eventually, the scores were levelled and it became a grim battle to the end. The final 10 minutes was a brutal grind, but the boys held on to keep the game level and grab a point out of the contest.

It's not been the most fruitful of seasons, but this was a monumental effort from the team, and a sign that we can still snatch a few points from teams higher up the team as the season starts to draw to a close.