



Weekly Round Up Round 14, 2024 and Round 10 Catch-up

***“The game of football is like a canvas,
and it’s up to the players to paint the
most beautiful picture.”***

– Diego Maradona



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U6 Echidnas vs Marayong FC

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Round 10 Catch-up

U6 Echidnas vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Blue

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U6 Dolphins vs BYE

BYE

Round 10 Catch-up

U6 Dolphins vs Minchinbury Jets SC

Our 1st loss of the season but we still had a great game!

Player of the Match: Hayden

Encouragement Award: Luca

U7/3 vs Blacktown St Pats SC

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Round 10 Catch-up

U7/3 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

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U7/8 vs Ponds FC

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Round 10 Catch-up

U7/8 vs BYE

BYE

U8/7 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC White

Kids played a great defence game. Jack sped across the field and saved a few goals from being scored. Tiana was in goals in the first half and had some amazing saves. Athena was in goals second half and also had some amazing saves. Ivy and Andrew marked their players well and had some great runs. Aryana and Sarah played a great game and passed the ball well. Ella ran the field and almost scored a goal. Emma was fierce and ran to the ball and passed well. All in all a good game by all the kids.

Player of the Match: Ivy

Encouragement Award: Emma

U8/7 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

Schofields team was a no show. We played a friendly game with the Schofields U8/10 team so that the parents & kids didnt turn up and have to go straight home again.

Player of the Match: Everyone!

U9/3 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers FC

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Round 10 Catch-up

U9/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Black

Opposition forfeit

U9/6 vs Newbury Bulls SC



Not provided

Round 10 Catch-up

U9/6 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC

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U9/8 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Red

 *Well done on our first win of the season team!*  What a feeling! We had fantastic efforts from the whole team. We were well supported by our two wonder subs Mikey and Dylan who scored and were great at getting the ball up the field. Narendra, our Player of the Match scored the opening goal and ran fast in attack all game. Our Encouragement Award went to Isla who was a star in defence and is our master clearer. Everyone on the team had stand out moments, and we did a fantastic job sticking to our positions. Well done all! Let's go around again tomorrow!

Player of the Match: Narendra

Encouragement Award: Isla

Round 10 Catch-up

U9/8 vs Parklea SFC

Well done today U9/8s! We went down in a close and thrilling match. We had stars all over the park today. We're passing well, clearing in defence and having lots of shots at goal. Well done to our Player of the Match Sophia for your work throughout the game and that stellar run and kick at goal. And well done Mannat for your Encouragement Award. You tried hard in a few roles today! Thanks to our super subs Matteo, Blake and Frankie for joining our team for the day.

Well done all!

Player of the Match: Sophia

Encouragement Award: Mannat

U10/2 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC Red

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Round 10 Catch-up (Played 15 June)

U10/2 vs Marsden Park Galaxy FC White

Closely contested game. 0-0 at half time, we took the lead early in the second half with a great goal by Tom from a free kick after Connor was fouled in the box. A goal from a free kick put the scores back level shortly after. We kept pushing and Tom managed to get another goal. Marsden Park managed another goal shortly before the end even. Great efforts from Kabir and Tyler in goal, and Hunter in midfield. The whole team played well with no subs. We need to work on our passing with more than a few not finding the intended player. We also need our midfield to make sure they get back and keep the pressure on even if the ball gets through.

Player of the Match: Kabir

Encouragement Award: Hunter

U10/7 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Not provided

Round 10 Catch-up

U10/7 vs Ponds FC

Not provided

U11/2 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

Not provided

Round 10 Catch-up

U11/2 vs Blacktown Workers FC

Opposition forfeit

U11/5 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC Orange

U11/5 played a great game today after the break due to the wet weather. The Tigers got an early lead on us in the first half as we geared up but the communication and team unity was strong. We are well assisted by Jack from U10 and we made quite a bit of ground back in the second half but couldn't quite bridge the gap. The team played so well and all players put amazing effort in.

Player of the Match: Blake

Encouragement Award: Magnus

Round 10 Catch-up (played 15 June)

U11/5 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC Black

Against all odds, we managed to play our match today, and what a match it was. Consistent effort from everyone who could make it and our two superstar upgrades resulted in a game where we held control of the ball for the dominant part of the match. Excellent work by attacking and defensive players led to a good result, with only 1 of their attempts at goal finding the net but being ruled offside as everyone held their positions.

Player of the Match: Stella

Encouragement Award: Zoe

U12/4 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Parklea SFC 8

The first of two games this weekend against the top two teams in the competition. We knew this was going to be tough, especially with 3 players away. Thanks to Hunter from the 10/2s filling in and ensuring we could field a full 11.

We were on the back foot early, defending against some intense attacks down the middle. Unfortunately we fell into the old habits of being too flat footed and jumping into the tackle. That led to us being beaten way too easily for shots on goal. In less than 3 minutes, we had conceded the first, although there were some amazing efforts by the team to ward off 3-4 shots before it made it into the back of the net. Another 3 followed in that first 15 minutes, but then we managed to consolidate and push back. We defended harder, and made attacking runs of our own. They did not lead to anything we could put on the scoreboard, but we also kept the score at 4 down until the half.

The first few moments of the second half saw us push hard with a really good scoring attempt that didn't quite get the power it needed to start

the catch-up. Shortly after, our enthusiasm dropped, and we went back to being under constant pressure again, losing another 3 goals in the next 10 minutes. A change of mood came with moments later where Lincoln made a run through the middle, but was surrounded by 4 defenders. He looked back and saw Jaxon L with lots of space around him and gave him a solid pass. With a first touch strike, Jaxon launched the ball just over the keeper's head for our first, and ultimately only, goal of the game. Parklea did manage to land another before the final whistle to end the game at 8-1.

The player of the match today goes to Annabelle, playing in the left-back position, who through all the pressure kept pushing hard. At one point even with 2 of Parklea's finest on her, turned both of them and broke through to send the ball up the line. Massive callout to Aaron who also had an awesome game. It's great to see someone who hasn't played since before this year really come to fit in well.

Player of the Match: Annabelle

Encouragement Award:

Round 10 Catch-up

U12/4 vs Rooty Hill FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Rooty Hill FC 5

Part two of the "let's play the top 2 teams" weekend, going up against an undefeated team all season. Again, missing the same 3 players from the core team, we were thankful to be reinforced by Gabe and Aislin from the 12/6s, giving us an extra player to rotate around as needed.

A few position changes from the day before aimed to provide a stronger defensive backbone and give us a foundation from which we could press the attack. Once again, the early pressure against us, we conceded in the first 3 minutes, but quickly regrouped and started shutting down attack after attack, with some great countering down the wings. Unfortunately for us, their centre back had a lot of speed that left even Lincoln behind, and that kept us out of some goal scoring

opportunities. As half time came around, we were down 2-0, which is still a recoverable score.

The second half started much like the end, with challenges in the middle of the field going both directions, and some heavy defending in our third. Xander and Jaxon Z, holding the centre back positions, did well to stop a number of what would otherwise have been goals. Despite all their efforts, Rooty Hill were able to get another 3 in the half. We did have more chances in the second half, with Jaxon L almost putting a long shot in the back of the net, but unfortunately fell short and was comfortably taken by their keeper. Our one goal of the game came from Lincoln after Liam and Seb managed to draw most the defense to the left. A lovely cross to the middle saw the ball tucked away nicely for us to come away with something on the score sheet.

Playing against a challenging team like Rooty Hill often brings out the best in the way we play, and today was no different. It was impressive to see the team working well together and showing what they're capable of. There was nothing wrong with the way we played today, we were beaten by a team that's a little further ahead on individual ball control, play styles and in some cases, speed.

Player of the match goes to Amay who impressed me all game playing in left back. He never gave up after being beat and kept chasing down the opposition winger, more often than not, able to get back into the challenge and disrupt an attack. The most memorable moment was him making a great header off a powerful kick and sent the ball at least 25m back towards the opposition's half.

I do want to highlight that losing is often hard, especially when you're putting in everything you can. It's quite often made worse when the other team feels the need to make stupid comments and even pull stunts and having their keeper run up into the attacking third, or making runs down the side of the field. This may be what other teams do, but it's not what we do. We've been on the other side of the fence when we've beaten other teams by a substantial margin, and being arrogant about winning is not something we do. To all players and their parents, remember that it's way better to come away with a positive attitude,

regardless of a win, draw or loss, and not feel the need to make comments to the other team, or make them feel unworthy of being in the competition.

Player of the Match: Amay

Encouragement Award: Aislin & Gabriel

U12/6 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Ponds FC 0

The sun was shining, the sky was blue and it continues to be a wonderful thing to be able to kick a ball on the soft green grass.

At the end of training on the Thursday, the team all agreed that Finals football was important to them, and that they wanted to work hard to try and cement a top 4 position to make that happen. That determination was reflected on match day. This was a very one-sided game with the vast majority of the game played in the Ponds half (to the extent that neither Kings goalkeeper on the day touched the ball in their respective half between the sticks).

Our defence played a very solid high line, which helped to compress the space and make it difficult for Ponds to find the room to play the ball out. Midfielders kept up the pressure in attack, and tracked back well in defence when needed. Our players up front made a lot of excellent runs, either drawing defenders to make space, or creating space for themselves with good opportunities on goal. This was an all round excellent team effort, and a good sign of things to come for the rest of the season.

Special thank you to Rafael and Ali from U11 who helped the team out. They both did a great job, did everything they were asked to do to fit in to our system of play, and their efforts were very much appreciated.

Player of the Match: Jyden

Encouragement Award: Hamish

Round 10 Catch-up

U12/6 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 4 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 0

Another day just made for football. There was a chill in the air, but that only motivates the players to run more to work up a sweat. This was a classic "6 pointer" of a game. Tigers were on equal points with us on the table, but they had the coveted 4th place with a slightly better goal difference than us. If we wanted to stake an early claim for the finals, the team needed to step up in this game. And step up they did.

After applying relentless pressure in the opening minutes against the short-staffed opposition, we were rewarded with a free kick just outside the 18 yard box after one of our players was clumsily bowled over. The resulting free kick was lofted over the head of the keeper and the team was on their way. There was a lot of passing and good runs into space, but the Tigers defence was equal to the task, greatly restricting our opportunities to shoot on goal. The first half ended with the score still at 1-0.

The second half picked up where the first left off. Even though they were two players short, Tigers were able to prevent even so much as a shot on goal for the first 10 minutes. Playing short, it was inevitable that the cracks would start to open up and we were finally able to double the lead. Tigers continued to play smart, with quick throw-ins keeping the game moving. Kings were up to the task though, and were able to keep moving the ball deep into the Tigers half through good passing, solid marking and remaining calm on the ball. Another goal was added to the tally. Tigers still tried to work hard in attack, and only some last ditch defending kept them out. A tired defence allowed us to knock one more in off a corner. The game was settled well in our favour, and put the team firmly into 4th place.

Special thank you to Rafael, Ali and Marshall from our two U11 teams for helping to bolster our numbers. All three played an important role in the game, and the team appreciate their help.

Player of the Match: Liam

Encouragement Award: Aislin

U13/3 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 8 - Parklea SFC 0

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Round 10 Catch-up

U13/3 vs Newbury Bulls SC White

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Newbury Bulls SC White 5

Not provided

U15/4 vs Polonia Rams FC

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Polonia Rams FC 1

Not provided

Round 10 Catch-up

U15/4 vs Quakers Hill Tigers SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Quakers Hill Tigers SC 9

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O35/4 vs Doonside Hawks SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Doonside Hawks SC 5

The horror run with injuries this season continued. We started the game with 12 players, with several of those carrying injuries into the game. Doonside are one of the competition leaders, and our old sparring partners of the past few years. The game started off in reasonable fashion, but the going was tough with so many players short of their full strength. Existing niggling injuries began to take their toll, and numbers were reduced to 11 at half time, with two more players having to leave the field with by mid-way through the second half. The remaining 9 players on the paddock fought on bravely, but were eventually worn down by the superior numbers of the opposition (with the help of some opaque decisions from the officials).

Onward to the next game, and the ever-present battle to keep fit players on the park.

Round 10 Catch-up (played 14 June)

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Marayong FC 6

Halfway through the season and it's getting grim. A combination of mid-term injuries and whatever medieval plague is currently sweeping through Western Sydney had Kings with only 12 available players at kick off. A number of those were also carrying injuries (which is never a good combination when you don't have a bench). The game started positively, and after some back and forth Kings took the lead. It was a grind but we were able to protect that lead heading into the break. A match-ending injury late in the first half, and two more in the second half meant that Kings ended the game with 9 players on the field, and several of those barely limped through the end. It was never going to be enough against a team like Marayong, and the end result was inevitable. It's been a long time since the squad has had it so tough with injuries and illness. It's not too late to salvage something with the season only half gone, but it's going to be a tough road into August.