



Weekly Round Up

Round 6, 2025





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U6 Echidnas vs Marayong FC

We faced a Marayong team that really challenged us today. Their team played great and today was a lesson in humility and momentum for all of us. As a coach I can't really be proud of the wins because that's all due to the players. What I'm proud of as a coach is when we are losing or we lose, that the go get em attitude doesn't change. And it didn't. Win or lose everyone was still happy and had fun today because it was Mylahs birthday today and she played the best game the team has seen from her so far.

Player of the Match: Mylah

Encouragement Award: Amir

U7/4 vs Riverstone Schofields

Not provided

U8/6 vs Minchinbury Jets

What a tough game for our little superstars. Quite a bit of the game was spent in an arm wrestle for possession of the ball. Lots of great attacking and defending.

Player of the Match: Phoebe

Encouragement Award: Mason

U8/3 vs Glenwood Redbacks

One of the Kings better games with brilliant passes and defence work. Plenty of goalie saves too with big kicks. Technique is steadily improving as a team.

Player of the Match: James

Encouragement Award: Sebastian

U9/8 vs Quakers Hill Tigers

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The team played well today and Ivan's determination payed off and he made an amazing goal. They defended well and made some perfect passes.
They are really coming together as a strong team.

Player of the Match: Sebastian
Encouragement Award: Ivan & Athena

U10/6 vs Rooty Hill FC

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Other team were quite heavy handed, with some instances where players grabbed our team jerseys during tackles.

Player of the Match: Veer
Encouragement Award: Domanik

U10/5 vs Riverstone Schofields

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U10/2 vs Rooty Hill FC

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An even game between two teams that left it all on the pitch. We had the best of the opening stanza looking strong going forward and creating the best of the opening sights at goal. Rooty Hill kept turning up and turning us away creating chances of their own on the counter. Momentum swung in a big way midway through the first half and from there we were under constant pressure. Eventually, a long-range effort broke the hearts of our defence and found its way into the back of the net. 1 down at the break. The second half played out much the same, with both teams throwing everything at it, chances at both ends, big defensive efforts, saves from both keepers kept the game tight. Another long-range effort from Rooty Hill saw them double the half time advantage. The last 5 was frantic, the boys threw everything at it trying to get a result. Rooty Hill, to their credit, kept a well-deserved clean sheet and that was all she wrote. A solid performance by all today, with some great lessons and learnings to work on. Well done.

Player of the Match: Matteo

Encouragement Award: Gianfranco (Frankie)

U11/7 vs Parklea SFC

Not provided

U11/2 - Bye

U12/6 vs Quakers Hill Tigers

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Quakers Hill Tigers 3

The team played as a solid unit this week with great communication, passing and commitment. The opposition had us on speed but it wasn't until the final minutes of the game that they could get ahead on goals. It was a nail biter of a match and a great example of teamwork.

Player of the Match: Marshall

Encouragement Award: Jess

U12/3 vs Ponds FC

Kings Langley SFC 5 - Ponds FC 1

While I thought everything from training was going over everyone's heads, the team finally show up and put on display everything they've been taught so far. It resulted in the best game they've played all season, and the result is a testament to them dominating almost the entire game. The start was a little shaky, with us having to make a save in the first 15 seconds. However that was short lived as a counter run down the left from Liam, then a cross to Savik got us our first goal. With a small lead after the first minute, we had positive momentum that allowed to us to play smarter than usual. Plays were made backwards to the defenders who redistributed up the field, turning a high press against us into our attacking opportunity. The possessive play gave us more and more opportunities as we laid on the shots. Unfortunately for our striker, Seb, despite the chances given, just couldn't close the deal. Even with that, our opposition was constantly on the back foot, forced to defend and we didn't give them many opportunities.

Towards the end of the half, we had the ball in the oppositions box, unable to do much with it. As the defence cleared it out, Annabelle immediately gave it a solid kick back in, missed everyone and went into the back of the net to further increase our lead going into the half time break.

As we returned from a few orange quarters, we experienced what it felt to be on the back foot as Ponds pushed a few past our defence, forcing them to work harder. One of their female players had some quality skill that drew in a few of our defenders, before skilling around them. Fortunately we were quick to recognise the threat and closed her down early. One did get through, but even though it was easily saveable, a misunderstanding of the line markings from the larger field resulted it rolling in unchallenged.

With the score narrowed and a more aggressive Ponds attack, it got a little nervous. We were able to get on the attack and a handball in the Ponds box gave us an unexpected opportunity from a penalty. Liam stepped up and hit it hard and clean towards the top right, giving us back our 2 goal lead. We weren't done just yet - quickly after the restart, Liam put in another cross to the top of the box, this time to Jaxon, who touched it around a defender and then hit it hard into the goal. We started getting challenged again at the back, but amazing coverage from Xander, Brayden and Cooper kept the threats away, despite the short free kick and corners against us. As the game approached full time, a cross from Annabelle on the right gave Seb another sitter in front of the goal, and this time he didn't miss! Fifth time lucky?

It was amazing to see us get a win against a team ahead of us in the ladder. A positive mood for the team as we move up into equal 3rd place. Jaxon's dominance in the midfield earned him player of the week, with encouragement going to Xander for his excellent work in the back line. We gave Seb our other encouragement award, because we felt after those embarrassing misses, he really needs it (all in good fun, with laughs of course).

Player of the Match: Jaxon

Encouragement Award: Xander and Seb

U13/5 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Parklea SFC 4

This was a tough loss to take.

Going in to the game, we were missing several players due to illness. Even with the much-appreciated contributions from some players upgrading from U12, players were going to be out of position and the team would always be battling.

The team started the game strong, and our mixed team more than held its own against an opposition made up of all boys. The game was back and forth with some unnecessarily strong tackles, and while we went behind early we soon evened the ledger with a spectacular long range effort. Parklea were dangerous on the counter attack and pulled ahead, and we went into the half time break 2-1 down.

The game continued to see-saw in the second half. While Parklea went 3-1 up, we clawed one back and had our chances to draw even. While luck wasn't on our side, we continued to threaten their goal and made them work for it. A goal very late in the half put the game out of reach, but it did not diminish the high level of effort and heart displayed by the team throughout the game.

We may not have won, but I could not have been happier with and more impressed by the effort put in by each and every player on that pitch in a Royal Blue shirt. On another day, the result could easily have been reversed.

Shout outs to Jill as Player of the Match - fast as a gazelle and strong as an ox, and to Layla as the Encouragement Award winner for her strength of character under pressure and her wonderful long range goal.

Special mention to the mammoth efforts from our U12 upgrades Max and Ali, who were playing their second game of the day. They made a significant contribution to the game, and never gave anything less than 100%.

Player of the Match: Jill

Encouragement Award: Layla

U14/3 vs Prospect United SC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Prospect United SC 0

After losing 3-2 to Prospect a couple weeks ago, the early season Regrade shuffled our scheduled matches around and here we are facing Prospect again 2 weeks later.

A very scrappy game today with both teams shutting down a lot of attacks. Some good saves by both keepers kept clean sheets on both sides.

One of those days where we just couldn't get a roll on, which could have been due to playing on a Synthetic Field due to field closures. The ball rolls faster and is harder to adapt to the speed in just 1 game.

But we did well to improve on our result from the previous matchup with a 0-0 draw.

And that's what we look for as the season progresses, is improvements across the paddock.

Player of the Match: Tommy

Encouragement Award: Owen and Joshua

U16/3 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Quakers Hill Junior SC 2

Not provided

O35/5 vs Minchinbury Jets

Kings Langley SFC 3 - Minchinbury Jets 2

While most of the grounds in Blacktown were closed after days of intermittent downpours, the fields at Minchinbury were dry as a bone and ready for an evening of hard fought but slow-paced Over 35 football.

Once the team sheets were submitted, it was clear we were going to be up against it as they had six on the bench (with a seventh that arrived by half time) against our sole substitute player. There's only so much one team can do against so many.

Right from kick off, Kings had the ascendancy. We enjoyed the majority of the possession, and while Minchinbury looked dangerous at times, they didn't pose many real threats in that first half. Even though we were missing several key players in important positions, we always looked the stronger side and went into the half time break 3-0 up.

We started the second half strongly, but the lack of fresh legs started to show. A foul in the box well into the second half resulted in a converted penalty, and Minchinbury had the sniff they needed. The Jets squad kept pushing hard, and that effort was rewarded with a goal scored from a corner. However, Kings dug deep and was able to keep out the reinvigorated Minchinbury attack and grind out a gritty 3-2 win.

We demonstrated with this game that we can "win ugly" when we have to. We also had the benefit of the only game in our division to go ahead that night, which means every other team has at least one extra game to catch up mid-week. When you get to our age, that extra rest is worth its weight in gold!