



Weekly Round Up

Round 7, 2025





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U6 Echidnas vs Newbury Bulls SC

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U7/4 vs Workers FC

Fantastic match with a late equaliser.

Player of the Match: Christian

Encouragement Award: Eesa

U8/6 vs Doonside Hawkes

Tough game lots of first half spent on defending from both teams till an opening goal was scored. Closely followed by an opening from our Striker mason. after half time a hand ball in the box happened giving a penalty shot for the opposition. Ball was set goalie in place the kick was taken and a super save from our goalie Pheobe. Shortly after with a break away run down the sideline with a Stella cross Zac was in the middle to receive it and captlitize on it scoring his first goal for the season. Great game had by all.....stay tuned

Player of the Match: Zac

Encouragement Award: Jack & Riccardo

U8/3 vs Ponds FC

Not the teams best game but they put up a decent fight and remained energetic. Some great goalie saves as usual and will work on speed and agility next training

Player of the Match: Ryan

Encouragement Award: Ayan

U9/8 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers

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It was a wild day—half our team out with injuries and illness left us scrambling for players. But luck smiled upon us, and we borrowed a few from the neighboring team. Talk about a game changer!

With our new recruits on the field, we kicked things off, and it felt like magic was in the air. Emma, our goalie, was a wall—blocking almost everything that came her way. And then there was Andrew—wow, he was on fire, playing like he had something to prove. He absolutely crushed it. Our borrowed teammates brought their A-game, racking up three of our four total goals and blending into our rhythm seamlessly. The teamwork was phenomenal, with amazing plays and slick passes that had everyone on the edge of their seats.

In the final minutes, we held onto a tight 4-3 victory, and the crowd erupted! It was electrifying to see everyone come together like that. Huge shoutout to our temporary players; we couldn't have done it without them. What a game! Here's to teamwork and victory—we really showed what we were made of!

Player of the Match: Andrew

Encouragement Award: Mason & Eleanor

U10/6 vs Workers FC

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U10/5 vs Glenwood Redbacks

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U10/2 vs Marsden Park FC

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After a washout and then a bye, it felt good to be back. A very competitive opening to the game saw both sides wrestling for ascendancy. Our backline of Mason, Matteo and Samuel were strong and resolute as ever with Ethan in goals making some crucial save throughout the first stanza. On the flip side, Omar, Harvey and Aiden were wreaking havoc for the Marsden Park defence. A high press in search of the game's opening goal unfortunately backfired and we were caught on the counter with Marsden Park taking the lead midway through the first half. Not to be deterred, the boys were able to rise to the challenge, wrestle back dominance and levelled the score shortly after. 1-1 at the break. From the whistle to commence the second half, you could tell the team were firing on all cylinders, led by the midfield of Nate, Shreyansh and Ezra. It wasn't long before we were able to take the lead and from there with Blake and Frankie defending from the front, we were able to quickly double the advantage. Well in control of events from there we were able to add 2 more and importantly ensure a second half shut out. Another strong team performance. Bravo lads, well played!

Player of the Match: Mason

Encouragement Award: Harvey

U11/7 vs Marsden Park FC

What a game! Our kids put on a thrilling performance today, coming agonisingly close to victory. Standout efforts from Aiden and Krit, our well deserved Players of the Match, who showed incredible grit, skill and leadership. The teamwork and communication kept us on the edge of our seats and made me proud. Keep your heads high team, today you played with heart and it showed!

Player of the Match: Aiden

Encouragement Award: Krit

U11/2 vs Oakville United SC

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U12/6 vs Parklea SFC

Kings Langley SFC 4 - Parklea SFC 1

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U12/3 vs Minchinbury Jets

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Minchinbury Jets 2

We went into this game with an opportunity to steal 2nd place from the current holders of that position - something the entire team was eager to do. We had a good few training sessions in the lead up to the game and things were pretty positive.

As we got under way, the usual back and forth occurred. We had some amazing attacking runs down the sides, however when we lost the ball, we struggled to hold up the play, often allowing them to play around us easily. Fortunately, we had just enough cover to stop the shots that were on target. After one very pressing opposition attack early on, Heath parried 4 shots in quick succession (and I mean 2 seconds between each) resulting in us eventually able to clear the ball out of danger. It was that amazing effort that earned him player of the week this week.

Just after half way through the first half, Seb was chasing down a long ball, towards the opposing left corner. Liam, occupying the left wing spot saw the opening in the middle and ran into space there, receiving the cross and putting it past their goal keeper for a 1-0 lead! With the momentum in our favour, we had more opportunities coming quickly. Despite all our efforts, the shots were blocked by their keeper, or just missing the target. We went into the half time break with a one goal lead.

With spirits high, and after downing a large tub of oranges, we took back to the field with the aim to stretch our lead, because despite being on top currently, that lead can be pretty fragile.

And fragile it was - just a few minutes into the second half, Minchinbury came strong, mangling to work around our players and equal the scores. Now the momentum had shifted, with the wind gone from our sails and the energy with our opposition. We held our own against a renewed team, however the cracks were showing and rather than playing our usual game, desperation set in, and we fell back to some old habits. Our passes weren't finding the target; we were getting played around too many times; we got sucked in to a bit of grubbiness. 10 minutes after the equaliser, Michinbury came at us again, and managed to take the lead.

Unfortunately this wasn't great for our team's headspace, and we dropped yet again. We gave away a few too many free kicks without the discipline, and were lucky that nothing came of it. Thankfully, there were enough level heads to keep pushing hard for the comeback, and to keep our deficit from going any further. Despite those efforts, we didn't have the attacking opportunities we did in the first half, and weren't able to mount that ambitious comeback. We finished the game 2-1 down.

In the end, we weren't able to push into that second place spot, but we did remain in 3rd. The gap for the first 2 spots has widened and it's up to next week's game to increase the narrow gap between ourselves and 4th place.

Our first loss since the end of April definitely has given us a humbling experience. This is something we'll be taking with us to training this week to work on improving how we deal with being on the back foot during games.

Player of the Match: Heath

Encouragement Award: Obie & Aarin

U13/5 vs Riverstone Schofields

Kings Langley SFC 1 - Riverstone Schofields 2

A heart-breaking loss. So close yet so far.

We were up against a Riverstone team that had endured a similarly difficult start to the season. We started the game well, adjusting to the experiment of a new formation. The ball was moved forward well, but still couldn't find the right level of urgency to track back in defence when losing the ball. The Riverstone attack was tall with a skilful midfielder behind their strikers. Our back line kept them at bay, but eventually an unmarked player at the back post was our undoing in the first half.

Our intensity lifted in the second half, and the team kept pushing forward hard in search of an equaliser. These efforts were eventually rewarded and the scores were level. What followed was a frantic final 10 minutes, as the ball went from end-to-end. Riverstone again took the lead late in the game. Kings threw everything at it, with several high quality chances and close misses. In the end, it was not to be.

There are two big positives that everyone can take out of the game. Firstly, the levels of individual and collective effort on the field have improved out of sight over the last two games. Secondly, the number of chances we had the second half shows that we are putting ourselves in the right positions to win games. We just need to find that last small piece of composure to put the ball in the back of the net (easier said than done of course!)

Shout outs to Yohann as Player of the Match with his top notch distribution of the ball to team mates from his position as central forward, and to Monty the Encouragement award winner for tirelessly chasing the ball from box to box.

Player of the Match: Yohann

Encouragement Award: Monty

U14/3 vs BYE

Kings Langley SFC - BYE

U16/3 vs Workers FC

Kings Langley SFC 0 - Workers FC 1

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O35/5 vs Blacktown St Patricks SC

Kings Langley SFC 6 - Blacktown St Patricks SC 2

This game showed that despite our strong start to the season, there's still a lot of room for improvement.

Pats started the game with just 9 players, with the hope of more players on the way. In contrast we had the full complement on the field and another 5 on the bench. This was an opportunity to put the game to bed early, and if we were lucky add a little boost to our goal difference.

We attacked well early, but even with superior numbers we still managed to regularly lose control of the midfield. Persistence paid off and we knocked a couple of goals in. Pats kept the pressure up and had a few solid chances on goal themselves, despite starting with 9 players, going up to 10 players, dropping back to 9 after an injury and then going back up to 10 late in the first half.

2-0 at halftime wasn't good enough, and more effort was required in the second. Pats were now at 11 players and ready to go. We managed an early goal, but didn't properly adjust to playing against 11. The score became 3-1, giving the opposition a sniff. The scores continued like swings on a pendulum as 3-1 became 4-1 became 4-2. In the end, having extras on the bench made it possible to push through past their tired legs.

The final score was better than the performance deserved, and focus will need to improve if we want to keep up the momentum into the second half of the season.