





Wonder Coffee Roasters

## U6 Echidnas vs Quakers Hill Tigers

Great job from the kings this morning at Paterson Reserve. We played a Quakers Hill team that proved to be tough. We showed today that even against tough opposition we can still hold our own and have fun while doing so. Hussein won man of the match today because he showed exemplary leadership and heart on the field. I hope to see more of that from the young man as time goes by. Riley stopped a few goals, Mylah and Dinal went after the ball with ferocity and Amir was doing his regular Amir things (which is for the most part very good).

Player of the Match: Hussein Encouragement Award: Mylah

U7/4 vs Workers

Not provided

U8/6 - BYE

Not provided

U8/3 - Bye

## U9/8 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer Proudly sponsored by MDH Medical

Another close game, and the kids played really well! Tiana was in goals this week and made some cracker saves that kept us in the game. There was great



passing throughout, showing just how well the team is working together. Sarah played at the back and was fantastic, stopping several goal attempts with confidence. It was great to see Aryana back on the field after a few weeks off due to injury—she was eager to get involved and made a real impact. She defended strongly and even pushed forward, passing the ball to Ivan, who was in position and ready. Ivan made no mistake and got the ball into the net—a brilliant piece of team play!

Seb, Andrew, Emma, Alyssa, and Nana also had some strong runs with the ball and contributed well across the field. All the kids are continuing to improve each week and it's great to see how well they're working together as a team.

Player of the Match: Emma

**Encouragement Award:** Aryana & Sebastian

U10/6 vs Town Rangers
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It was a good game

Player of the Match: Evie

**Encouragement Award:** Allyah

# U10/5 vs Minchinbury Jet Proudly sponsored by Saferway

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It was a tough game this week and the kids got a little dispirited toward the end of the first half. But they really upped their game in the second half, kept trying their best and should be proud of their efforts.

Player of the Match: Mikey Encouragement Award: Dylan

## U10/2 vs Newbury Bulls Proudly sponsored by Mauri



Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn. A game honestly, that is quite hard to describe, missing the start cost us and going down 2 goals early seemed to put a dent in what is normally an unbreakable confidence. Individually, everybody tried hard, Blake and Harvey sharing a half each in goals, and backed up with stints in defence and in attack, Matteo, Sam and Shreyansh willing and reliable in defence. Aiden, Ezra and Nate, dogged and resilient in the midfield. Along with Frankie and Omar, tenacious and willing up front. I'm proud of the effort today, at half-time it would have been easy to drop heads, turn on each other or simply give. Not this team, whilst the result today was a bitter pill to swallow, I can never question this groups heart, and this was ever present at full-time. Hold your head high lads, win, draw or learn, we are very proud of you.

Player of the Match: Samuel

Encouragement Award: Aiden & Frankie

## U11/7 vs Town Rangers

What a performance from the team today! From the very first whistle, you all displayed outstanding attitudes and reminded everyone that a winning mindset leads to victory. At half-time, I challenged you by repositioning some defenders up front, and you rose to that challenge brilliantly. You battled for every ball, pushed forward to score, and your teamwork was exceptional. That great win was achieved through sheer determination, hard work, and a positive attitude. I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you!

Player of the Match: Adrin

**Encouragement Award:** Sebastian

## U11/2 vs Quakers Hill Tigers

We played the Tigers at Paterson reserve and it was another close match. The first half was frantic with both teams turning over possession very quickly.

The second half seen the tigers get on top early, but Kings responded quickly. Winning the 1 on 1s and moving the ball around the field dominating the half. We finished strong with an equaliser in the final moments.

Another great team effort by all 11 boys!

Player of the Match: Tom

**Encouragement Award:** Jax & Tyler

#### U12/6 vs Ponds

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Ponds 3

Not provided

## U12/3 vs Minchinbury

#### Kings Langley SFC 0 - Minchinbury 6

It wasn't quite our week this week. We really wanted to go toe to toe with the top teams. Off the back of a draw with then-leaders, Doonside, we were itching to take on second-placers Michinbury, and revisit our 2-1 loss to them a month ago.

We got off to a nice enough start, with the kick off sending the ball backwards, then bounced around between the midfield and the backs for a while. I was pretty impressed to see us hold possession of the ball and work it around their forwards to move up into an attacking position. Unfortunately, we did lose the ball just after that and were kept on the defensive for the next 5 minutes. The upside though - no goal against as a result. The 0-0 game kept up for almost 15 minutes, until Minchinbury finally opened their account. With us caught off guard for a bit, they quickly followed up with a second a few minutes later. Our head was back in the game, and we pressed the attack some more, struggling to get some good passes through their strong defensive line. Despite getting a decent late shot on target that was saved, we didn't get a goal before the break, however we did conceed another.

The half time chat was needed to lift the spirits of the team. We were playing well. There wasn't much we could fault. Connecting some passes together would have been great to make our possession game a little stronger, but we were being beat by a good team who played well together. Sure, they had a good player or two, but that wasn't what was beating us.

With the pep talk complete, we went back to the field to try and reclaim some goals and bring the game to a much narrower margin. We did get under pressure early, with Heath, after swapping gloves with Brayden having to make some saves. For almost 10 minutes, the second half remained goal-less with some opportunities coming for us. However, Minchinbury managed to get another goal in. Thankfully, they didn't follow through as quickly and we made them work for it.

We put some great balls through into the opposition half, but failed to capitalise on them, running a little short before their keeper and defense recovered.

As the game entered its final 7-8 minutes we saw some amazing efforts by Brayden on the field, contributing to the attack in a nothing-left-to-lose approach. Despite pressing hard and an attempted bicycle kick, we were unable to get a single goal on the board. The aggressive push also cost us another two goals, closing out the game at a 6-0 loss - the biggest defeat so far this season, with the only other 2 losses being 1 and 2 goal differences.

This was a hard game to come away from, because everyone put in an amazing effort. However, no matter where you go, there's always going to someone better out there. And this game we saw that in Michinbury. It's no surprise they've now managed to take 1st place on the ladder, with ourselves dropping down to 4th.

This week's player of the week goes to Annabelle, who played in 6 different positions throughout the game, filling in as players needed a rest. Her excellence in each of those varied positions earnt her this week's award.

Encouragement awards have seemed to go to our defensive players a lot the last few weeks and this week is no different. Heath played in CB and goal keeper this week, with CB being a new role for him this year. Cooper has been consistent in right back the last few weeks, and this award is as much for that continuous effort across all those weeks as it is for this game.

As we go into the next few games, we'll be hoping to take our recent 5-game streak of draws and losses and start getting back to some 3-point outcomes to solidify our spot in the finals.

Player of the Match: Annbelle

**Encouragement Award:** Cooper & Heath

## U13/5 vs Parklea

#### Kings Langley SFC 1 - Parklea 3

This was always going to be a hard game. With 10 minutes to go before kick-off, we still only had eight players at the ground warming up and ready to listen to the pre-game tactics.

By kick-off we had ten on the field, and the game was on. Despite being a player short, we played an aggressive, attacking game that kept their defenders working hard. The game was end-to-end, but it was Kings that drew first blood, in a just reward for their efforts. Parklea kept fighting back, and the game flowed from one goal box to the other for the rest of the match.

In the end, the difference between the two teams was purely numbers. We had 10 players in the first half, and 11 in the second. Parklea, on the other hand, had 11 players plus two substitutes right from the start. It was inevitable that we would run out of legs, and the fact that Parklea wasn't able to wrap the game up until late on is evidence that they just had more resources available.

Special mention to Isla from U10 who helped us out in the second half, and made a very solid contribution.

Shout out to Yara as Player of the Match who marshalled the back line in the face of superior numbers and never gave up, and to Yohann the Encouragement Award winner for his significant efforts to hold the ball up in attack, on many occasions fending off multiple Parklea defenders while looking to pass the ball on to supporting Kings Langley players.

The result wasn't ideal, but we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and prepare for the next game.

Player of the Match: Yara

**Encouragement Award:** Yohann

## U14/3 vs Doonside Hawks

#### Kings Langley SFC 2 - Doonside Hawks 0

A cracking game today against number 4 on the ladder proved a tough assignment today as Doonside stacked their forward positions looking to strike and score a lot.

But once again our defence challenged everything and a swap of Keeper with Kaden taking 1st half and Liam back in goals for the 2nd half we seen a clean sheet for the 4th time this year.

Amazing attack from Brody who has turned into a goal scoring machine with his strength and physicality proving hard to stop with Lucas, CK and Dylan all making many forward runs for opportunities and keeping possession up field.

Jet, Kaden, Muhammad & Ryan dominating the backline with Brian shuffling between centre back and midfield clearing balls and cleaning up.

Will played all accross the park grinding away and with Liam out of goals for the 1st time this season up front taking some shots and moving the ball nicely.

Missing a few players today we had no subs & we were extremely lucky to have Liam Woodhouse & Jaxon Laing from our Under 12/3 team join us for battle. And these 2 boys slotted straight in and performed exceptionally well. Providing Great attacking plays, some nice distribution and defensively impressive too. Today's result couldn't have happened without you 2 boys so thanks for helping us out.

The team is turning up each week and the hardest thing to do for a whole season is to win games even when it seems everything is against you. The past couple of weeks the Boyz have dug deep and come from behind to win. The sign of a championship contending squad.

We are currently sitting Equal 1st on the ladder but 2nd on goal difference with 4 matches left. Let's keep rolling 1 week at a time as we have our sights on playing Finals football this season 🚱

Player of the Match: CK

**Encouragement Award:** Jaxon & Liam (U12/3)

## U16/3 vs Doonside Hawks

Kings Langley SFC 2 - Doonside Hawks 2

Not provided

## O35/5 vs Doonside Hawks

#### Kings Langley SFC 6 - Doonside Hawks 0

This was just the low-pressure circuit-breaker the team needed to reset as we head into the final third of the season.

The team was starting to feel the effects of a string of hard fought matches, with five of the past six games ending in draw or being settled by a single goal. Fronting up against a Doonside team stuck at the bottom of the table and unable to field a full 11 gave us the opportunity to dial back the pressure a little, rest a few niggling injuries and get back to focusing on the basics.

Right from the first whistle, the result was never really in doubt. We opened the account early with a neat header off a well-taken corner, and never looked back. We dominated the first half with a highlight of a sweetly taken shot from well outside the box that kissed the underside of the crossbar on its way into the net. We went into the break four goals to the good.

Without Coach Joe to give his customary halftime spray, we all agreed to just settle the game down and make sure we kept it out of reach.

Doonside put up a very strong defensive effort in the second half. Playing short, they still managed to scramble effectively in defence, while also keeping us honest through attacking forays when able. We kept pressing forward, but were wasteful in front of goal. The biggest takeaway for the team in the second half was that we were able to focus on maintaining possession, looking for the right pass, and keep up a high work rate off the ball. Credit to Doonside for making us work hard for our clean sheet, and playing the game in a positive spirit even after going down to just eight players late in the game.