





Wonder Coffee Roasters

#### U6 Echidnas vs Lourdes FC

Really well played game this morning by the Kings. Lourdes were an even match for us and they tested us on the field today. Hussein and Amir are working together and passing, without even being reminded to so I was impressed with their performance. Mylah, Reeth, Dinal and Riley showed they weren't afraid to try the kick ins and they ran after the ball all game.

Player of the Match: Amir

**Encouragement Award: Reeth** 

# U7/4 vs Minchinbury Jets

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#### U8/6 vs Marsden Park FC

A very tough game to start locked in an arm wrestle of defence. It wasn't until 15th minute before our kings found the back of the net and we had some great saves from our goalies. Warm weather made the game even tougher but our resilience shone through. Well done kings, such a massive effort and perserverance.

Player of the Match: Dunili

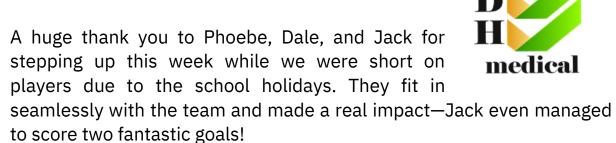
**Encouragement Award:** Finn & Ricardo

# U8/3 vs Ropes Crossing Strikers

Team improving yet again, best passes and teamwork to date. Brilliant cooperation between strikers and strong defence as usual. Decent all round effort from the guys.

Player of the Match: Matthew Encouragement Award: Josue

# U9/8 vs Quakers Hill Tigers Proudly sponsored by MDH Medical



Athena was rock-solid in goals, saving every shot that came her way with confidence and composure. Sarah continues to improve each week—her growing confidence is clear as she now charges toward the ball and isn't afraid to take it off the opposition.

Alyssa was consistently in the right position, came very close to scoring, and was strong in defence throughout the match. Andrew and Seb worked well together, blocking the other team effectively and setting up some great passes, including ones that led to Aryana scoring two brilliant goals.

Emma also had a strong game, covering the goals, making excellent passes, and stopping numerous scoring attempts.

The whole team is showing fantastic improvement week by week. Well done, everyone!

Player of the Match: Athena

**Encouragement Award:** Andrew & Sarah

# U10/6 vs Workers FC Proudly sponsored by MJR Transport & RIS Safety





It was a good game

Player of the Match: Joseph

**Encouragement Award:** Narendrah

U10/5 vs Prospect United SC Proudly sponsored by Saferway



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# U10/2 vs Doonside Hawks Proudly sponsored by Mauri



Not quite to plan. A very competitive and evenly contested game from the outset, with both teams creating opportunities in attack. However, both defences were up to the challenge, scrambling well to shut down chances and keep the score level early on. Missing three players due to school holidays certainly hurt. Particularly in the warm conditions, and as the half wore on, the fatigue started to show. A huge thank you to Emma Hanson from the U9's, who stepped up and was tenacious and highly competitive in every contest. Just before the break, a well-placed strike from outside the box saw the Hawks take the lead—an unfortunate blow after such a resilient first-half effort. The second half followed a similar pattern. The game remained tight, but from the sideline it was evident that the heat was taking its toll. Still, the team dug deep and gave everything right to the final whistle. The commitment, grit, and teamwork on display were something to be proud of and you certainly didn't lose any admirers today, regardless of the result. Well done!

Player of the Match: Nate

**Encouragement Award:** Emma (U9)

# U11/7 vs Marsden Park FC

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#### U11/2 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

Great game today, the boys played together and made every opportunity count.

Player of the Match: Connor

**Encouragement Award:** Hunter & Kyan

# U12/6 vs Quakers Hill Tigers

#### Kings Langley SFC 2 - Quakers Hill Tigers 2

A closely contested match on a cold morning where everyone struggled to get moving. The game flowed from one end to the other quite rapidly with attackers and defenders on both sides putting in quite a lot of effort. Some lucky goals on both sides were nice, but the game play was well executed by all players on the field.

Player of the Match: Marshall Encouragement Award: Angom

# U12/3 vs Blacktown St Patricks SC

#### Kings Langley SFC 2 - Blacktown St Patricks SC 2

Off the back of some really tough games, and not seeing a win in the last 5, we were determined to get a good outcome and put 3 more points on the ladder. We started off with a few players unavailable, so we brought up Mikey from the u/10s to give our players a bit of a break through the game.

As seems to be on trend of rus recently, we gave away a goal in the first few minutes as a result of unmarked players on the far side - an important lesson not be too focused on just the ball. Fortunately, we didn't let that get to us, and doubled the efforts throughout the entire field. 5 minutes later, a combination pass from Seb and Annabelle give Liam the perfect the opportunity to take a touch or two and strike the ball past their keeper to level the score at one a piece.

The remaining 18 minutes of the half went by without too much in terms of shots on goal from either side. We did see the other team start to be a lot more aggressive, with push and shove that seemed to be invisible to the match official.

The half time break did not leave much to discuss. We were playing well, but not really finding those connections we needed. The opposition defence proved pretty strong, and we weren't finding the rght way through. I did put up the challenge to our team, especially Annabelle who seemed to have a bully on her at all times, to make sure that we were not the team to be pushing around.

As we went back on for the second half, we had some early shots on goal by Seb but was not enough to get past their keeper. The challenge from half time went well, with Annabelle pushing back just enough to cause her opposition player to escalate a bit too far and give away a free kick. Around midway through the half, a free kick against us saw the opposition take a long, heavy shot from 20m out, with Heath only just getting his hands to it, but without enough force to keep it out.

As I found out earlier, it was signalled as indirect, meaning had it just been left to slot in, it would not have counted.

The opposition lead did not go unanswered, with Jaxon being able to take advantage of a few deflections in their goal box, and putting a slow one past their keeper, who struggled to turn around and stop it crossing over the line.

Now with the scores equal again, and the opposition's coach a little quieter, we pressed hard, with those final 5 minutes seeing both teams press for one last goal to get a win. We managed to get a shot or two off, and on target, but none were successful, no matter how hard to tried. The draw puts us 6 weeks away from our last win, but still in the top 4 on the ladder. However, with only 3 points separating 3rd and 5th, the next 2 games against 3rd and 5th are going to be important in determining where we finish at the end of the season.

I want to call out a few additional people this week. Specifically Brayden and Jaxon who, despite being given different positions this week for a bit of a change, decided that it was best they go back to where they usually play somewhere through the second half. This was done quickly, with respect and without fuss amongst themselves.

Our encouragement award winners, Aarin and Liam, put in a great effort in both attack and defence, keeping us well in the game.

Our player of the match goes to Seb, who put in an amazing effort with some solid runs up front, and great movement on the ball to connect with the midfield and wingers.

Player of the Match: Seb

**Encouragement Award:** Aarin & Liam

#### U13/5 vs Marsden Park FC

#### Kings Langley SFC 0 - Marsden Park FC 6

A tough day on the park. This Marsden Park team was not overly concerned with the niceties of football. There was an abundance of grabbing of jerseys, late tackles, and trash talk. It was a shame because they had a number of players who were genuinely good on the ball, and they were more than strong enough to be competitive on their merits.

The biggest difference between the two teams was again their tall, strong, and very, very fast striker. His pace both on and off the ball was exceedingly difficult to counteract, and his refusal to give up when losing the ball saw Marsden Park have the better of the chances. The effort of the Kings Langley players however could not be faulted, as everyone put in a huge effort despite the scoreline.

Special mention to Connor and Kyan from U11, who put in massive shifts on the field, and who both made significant contributions to the team.

Shout out to Liam as Player of the Match, who played in an unfamiliar position on the flanks of defence, but won more duels in this game than I think he has won all the other games put together, and played with a confidence I haven't seen all season. Also, a shout out Mohib for the Encouragement award. Mohib was given special instructions before the game while playing in a new position, and he carried those instructions out with strength and dedication.

Player of the Match: Liam

**Encouragement Award: Mohib** 

# U14/3 vs Marsden Park FC

#### Kings Langley SFC 1 - Marsden Park FC 0

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#### U16/3 vs Lourdes FC

#### Kings Langley SFC 1 - Lourdes FC 1

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# O35/5 vs Quakers Hill Tigers

#### Kings Langley SFC 4 - Quakers Hill Tigers 2

While the unbeaten run had to end some time, the less said about this game, the better. In the first half we were slow off the mark, and rarely were first to the ball. Even when we did get there first, our first touch was poor and we generally gave the ball away cheaply. In the second half, our first touch, passing, and hunger for the ball all improved, but we were thrown off our game by their niggle, time wasting, cheap shots, and theatrics.

In the end, our lack of composure and inability to focus on our own game cost us the match. As a consequence, our lead at the top of the table has been cut in half, and Tigers have climbed up to be just one point out of the Top 4.

With just five rounds to go in the regular season, it's time for us to shake off the complacency and get down to business if we want to ensure we qualify for finals and lock in a coveted Top 2 spot.