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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### The 2025 season has been nothing short of outstanding!



A huge thank you to every player, coach, manager, volunteer, and supporter who made this year one to remember. We've celebrated proud achievements, created unforgettable memories, and shown once again that resilience and club spirit define Kings Langley SFC.

In a jam-packed season, here are some of the highlights of 2025.

### **Apparel & Sponsorship**

This year saw exciting growth in sponsorships, with businesses both big and small, as well as our football family, backing individual teams. Players were able to take the field proudly wearing their names on their shirts for the first time—a real highlight that brought a sense of identity and pride across the club.

### **Passion & Pride**

From U6s through to Over 35s, every player, coach, manager and supporter, represented the club with commitment and respect. Wearing the Kings Langley colours with pride has been at the heart of our success.

#### **On-field Success**

Congratulations to our U12 and U14 Div 3 teams for reaching the Grand Finals, and a massive shout-out to our Over 35s for taking it all the way and winning their Grand Final! Your teamwork, determination, and commitment inspired the entire club. Whether it was lifting a trophy or giving your all each week, every player contributed to making 2025 a season to be proud of.

### **Fundraising & Events**

Our **Family Bingo Night**, the return of the **Loftus Pie Drive** (a perfect winter's meal), and the fun-filled **Colour Fun Run** were all big wins, bringing families together. These events not only supported the club but also created fantastic memories for players, parents, and the wider community. A special thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and event organisers whose dedication and hard work made these activities possible—your efforts are truly appreciated.

### **Weather Challenges**

Rain disrupted the final month of the regular season and shortened the finals series, but our teams adapted with focus and resilience—finishing strong despite the setbacks.

### **Community Spirit**

Kings Langley SFC is built on more than football—it's about people. From the tireless work of our committee, coaches and managers, to the encouragement of parents and families on the sidelines, our community spirit continues to shine. The selfless contributions of so many are what make our club truly special.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we look toward 2026, we do so with confidence and excitement. This year has strengthened our club bonds, built new friendships, and given us lessons to carry forward. Our focus remains clear: grow, support one another, and build on the successes of 2025.

Kings Langley SFC is more than just a football club—it's a community. Together, we thrive.

### Here's to an even bigger and better 2026 season!

Joe Lofaro President

### **OUR COMMITTEE**



**Back Row L - R:** Rose Evans, Shane Perris, Shannon Trestka, Stephen Broker

**Front Row L - R:** Bec Broker, Zoe Cunliffe-Jones, Joe Lofaro, Samantha Consiglio, Michelle Clarke

Absent: Maev Higgins, Andrew Veale, Sarah Waite

**President:** Joe Lofaro

Secretary: Michelle Clarke

Treasurer: Maev Higgins

Registrar: Bec Broker

Canteen Manager: Sarah Waite

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Evans

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**Publicity Coordinator:** 

Samantha Consiglio

**Social Coordinator:** 

Zoe Cunliffe-Jones

**Newsletter Coordinator:** 

Stephen Broker

**Equipment Manager:** Shannon

Trestka

**Grounds & Facilities:** Andrew Veale

**Member Protection Officer:** 

Brenda Warren

### **SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING**

#### Thank You for Your Support!

The 2025 season was another fantastic year for KLSFC fundraisers and we couldn't have done it without the generosity, energy and enthusiasm of our community. From pies and donuts to colour-filled fun, here's a look back at some of the highlights:



### **Family Bingo Afternoon**

Our annual Family Bingo event returned this year for an enjoyable and fun-filled afternoon. Families, players and friends enjoyed the friendly competition, laughter and prizes, while supporting the club. Special shout out to Michelle and Bec for keeping the games flowing and the crowd engaged!

## Loftus Pies & Krispy Kreme Donut Drive

Always a crowd pleaser, the pie and donut drive was back in 2025 - raising funds for new club equipment. From tasty pies to sweet donuts, the response was fantastic, helping us invest in resources that benefit players across all age groups.

### **Colour Run**

The KLSFC Colour Run brought a splash of fun and excitement to the season. Players,



families, and friends enjoyed getting covered in vibrant powder, while our volunteers had just as much fun joining in the chaos! The event also helped raise important funds to support club programs and initiatives.



### **Our Glorious BBQ**

From sausage sangas to bacon and egg rolls, our BBQ continued to be a staple fundraiser in 2025. Held at home games and club events, the proceeds from these sizzling treats go straight back into the club.

Each of these events highlighted what makes our club so special — a supportive, engaged and generous community. Every donation, contribution and moment of

participation has helped us provide memorable experiences, new equipment and continued growth for our players and families.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined in, donated, or lent a helping hand this year. Your support has made 2025 a truly successful and enjoyable season — we can't wait to do it all again next year!

Zoe Cunliffe-Jones Social Coordinator

Rose Evans Chief Social Helper

## **GAME LEADERS**



2025 was another bumper year for our Game Leaders and qualified referees. Most weeks e had more registered and trained Game Leaders willing and able to officiate than available home games.

Game Leading helps our young players develop leadership skills and confidence. Just as importantly, it strengthens them as players by deepening their understanding of the rules and teaching them to see the game from multiple perspectives.

Working as a Game Leader in our MiniRoos games is just the beginning of a longer journey. At Kings, we place real importance on fostering a clear pathway from player, to Game Leader, to Game Leader in Transition, and ultimately to official referee. The club is incredibly proud that a current Blacktown Premier League referee and member of the Football NSW Referee Academy, began her refereeing journey as a Game Leader at Kings.

Most important of all is that today's Game Leaders are tomorrow's leaders in the game, whether they are kicking a ball, coaching a team or holding a whistle.

Special mention goes out to Brody, Kaden and Lucas, who successfully made the transition from 2024 Game Leader to 2025 official referees, and to current Kings parents and players Karthik, Krishn, Mike and Shane as they continue their refereeing journey in the BDSFA competitions.

#### **Game Leaders**

- Muhammad Asif
- Sameer Asif
- Tommy Ballantyne
- Ibbi Berjawi
- Ryan Choi
- Elijah Coleman
- Brodie Culbertson
- Jessie Findlayson

- Bradley Graham
- Jill Gutierrez
- Brian Jack
- Gabriel Perris
- Dylan Sammut
- Aislin Waite
- Liam Woodhouse

### **Official Referees**

- Lucas Clarke
- Kaden Laing
- Shane Perris
- · Karthik Rao

- · Krishn Rao
- · Mike Shaw
- Brody Simpson

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

### **5 YEARS SERVICE**

- William Al-Khazraji
- · Sarah Asif
- Julian Attwater
- David Ballantyne
- Stephen Bell
- Ezra Cunliffe-Jones
- Zoe Cunliffe-Jones
- Jetson Edwards
- Bradley Graham
- Jillian Gutierrez

- Aakash Karthik
- Emma Kennedy
- Sarah Laing
- Connor McNamara
- · Brandon Needham
- Evie Price
- Annabelle Price
- · Jack Sue-See
- Michelle Sue-See

### 10 YEARS SERVICE

Kaden Laing (U14/3)

• Brody Simpson (U14/3)

## **CLUB AWARDS**

Linda Grant Club
Spirit Award



Damien "Damo" Petersen

## Club Person of the Year



Bec Broker

## Volunteer of the Year



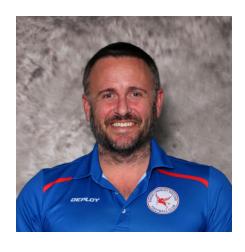
Simon Cunliffe-Jones

### Coach of the Year



Daniel Clarke U14 Division 3

### Coach of the Year



David Ballantyne U14 Division 3

## Manager of the Year



Rose Evans U10 Development 2

## **PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

MiniRoo Female
Player of the Year







Evie Price U10 Development 6

U10 Development 2

MiniRoo Standout Player of the Year

MiniRoo Rising Star Player of the Year

Ezra Cunliffe-Jones





Jack Sue-See U10 Development 6

Ethan Barnes U10 Development 2

## **PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

## Lisa Thorn Female Junior Player of the Year

## **Stuart Hungerford Male**Junior Player of the Year



Addison Broker U13 Division 5



Gabriel Perris U13 Division 5

### John Aquilina Trophy Senior Male Player of the Year



David Hancock O35 Division 5

### **TEAM AWARDS**

### MiniRoo Team of the Year

Under 10 Development 2

### **Best Attacking Team**

O35 Division 5

#### **Best Defensive Team**

Under 14 Division 3

# James A. Kay Founder's Award The Kings Langley Cup Team of the Year

Under 14 Division 3

## PLAYER'S PLAYER AWARDS

U6 Echidnas - Mylah Fuller

U7 Development 4 - Wolf Wraight

U8 Development 3 - Ryan Howell

U8 Development 6 - Mason McNamara

U9 Development 8 - Aryana Pordeli

U10 Development 2 - Matteo Lofaro

U10 Development 5 - Dylan Davidson

U10 Development 6 - Jack Sue-See

U11 Development 2 - Thomas Clements

U11 Development 7 - Krit Khotawan

U12 Division 3 - Heath Alderson

U12 Division 6 - Blake Piquet

U13 Division 5 - Jyden Aguilar

U14 Division 3 - Brody Simpson

U16 Division 3 - Kenny Tien Nam

O35 Division 5 - Alistair McKay



### **KINGS LANGLEY SFC**

**TEAM REPORTS** 

**2025 YEAR IN REVIEW** 

## **UNDER 6 ECHIDNAS**



First of all, I would like to thank the parents for trusting and supporting the club and I with their little ones. Their continued effort in bringing their children to football does not go unnoticed. Special thanks to Bridgett (Amir's mum) for providing toys, fruit, and candy for the kids on a regular basis, this sort of kindness is not common and should be recognised. Special thanks also to Richie, our manager, for doing the barbecue and keeping the ship afloat when I was absent. It is an understatement that I got extremely lucky with all the parents and I hope they return to be part of our community.

I remember the first game like it was yesterday. Schofields is such an ugly suburb but thankfully the park we played in was in good condition. When I first met this rag tag group of kids I thought to myself "Thank God Almighty I don't have children", I wouldn't know where to start with them. Especially when they are this young, they are first discovering the outside world for the first time. It can be really daunting. As a former basketball player, I can literally smell fear; I was taught by people at the basketball court to take full advantage of it from a very young age. So trying to convince a bunch of kids to not be scared of going out onto the field was very difficult, but the parents had my back on that one. They were supportive and soft-spoken but stern when they needed to be. The

thing about fear in sport, is that once you start doing the thing you are scared of, you find that the fear turns into excitement. As you guys get older (I'm talking to my team here), you'll find new ways of turning new fears into new forms of excitement. That's how love of the game is formed.

No player on my team is better at this than **Amir**. I made him *the example* many times, sometimes for football, sometimes for behaviour (Remember Amir... Walking laps and running laps are not the same thing). When his attitude is truly sporting, he is a great teammate and a natural leader. He knows when to defend, and can make full field runs in attack. It takes multiple people to stop this guy and he is an obvious problem for opposition coaches. He is the one of two players who can't sit still on the bench, and even though it does my ears in to hear "How long left mister" every 5 seconds I am extremely proud to have coached a player who has a natural affinity for being on the field. He reminds me of myself when I was young.

Speaking of restless players, **Hussein** is one of the most talented kids I have ever met in my life. If this guy was in basketball, he'd be shown *no mercy* as the older players and even the adults, would be genuinely terrified (fear in extreme excess) that one day he would surpass them. *Sooner rather than later*. Thankfully, he's in football, the sport where he belongs and the energy he brings to the game is electric. Not only is he talented but he's also tough. He has a wide eye for goal, and his passing skill is second to none. He is well spoken and is not afraid to ask me about the game and changes that need to be made within it. I remember the time he took an elbow to face, and after a few tears got right back up to playing. I want to remind Hussein (if he reads this when he's older) of something I was told by Bob Turner, the owner of Blacktown City FC: Talent is valuable *but attitude is critical*. As you age and your attitude improves, so will your relationship with football.

**Riley** is what you get when the Geneva conventions for peace

unanimously decide that the best way to deal with constant fighting is by making everyone have fun. Initially shy, once Riley got going he became the heartbeat of our team. For kindergarteners on our team Riley showed that trying your best always made a good time, win or lose. He was constantly involved in the action and made others within the team feel comfortable to come on, as he was the kid who had the most fear to the least in the shortest amount of time. He was always making the correct supporting runs in games and did what the coach asked him to do. He also has a natural charisma to get the girls involved by talking to them about stuff other than football. A skill which I'm sure will prove useful in the future in and out of sport.

If **Dinal**'s shoelace comes undone one more time I might go to Puma football headquarters and throw rocks at their windows myself. Other than his right football boot, almost everything he did this season exceeded my expectations. He's a boy who likes to think before he does things, which amongst guys is so rare you probably have better odds trying to find fresh water in the Sahara. A soft-spoken kid who isn't afraid of anything, when he isn't swinging on the goals he is the smartest of the bunch. When we play bullrush in training he is usually always the last one left because he understands to a certain extent how to win in that game. It's not about who's the best dribbler, or the fastest. It's about who can attract the least attention to themselves. An athletic boy with lots of potential, he's made his coach and his parents very proud.

When **Mylah** is not looking at the sky (something I still do to this day) and is actually given the opportunity to run around with a football, she is one of the most prolific and active players on our team. When Mylah plays a good game, she has the capability to seriously carry. She is a talented dribbler and understands spacing more than anyone on the team. In training she is always enthusiastic and only gives up when her lungs do. The game she played on her birthday I had my jaw on the

floor, as she was consistently in control of the midfield which in this age group I thought wasn't even possible. I know it's not ethical or whatever to block the goal at this age, but when Mylah does it she does it like a real goalkeeper. When I was in preschool I was nowhere near the level Mylah is currently at and she is not only a shining example for the club but also for the future of humankind.

There are so many things I can say about **Reeth**. But there is one characteristic that stands out to me personally which is more valuable than any footballing skill. Her sense of humour is untouchable and even I envy the ability to find laughter that easily. Always interacting and joking around with others, she is the soul of our team. Players like Reeth do something so important for us coaches, and that's they keep players coming back. Always running her hardest, she has always shown me she's ready to play and is consistently the most well behaved of the bunch. I had the privilege of coaching her brother and sister in the older divisions, her brother being a Zidanesque box to box midfielder and her sister being one of the best female players at out club; she is a shining representation of her family and knowing that she may take after them one day makes me as a coach feel peace.

This season was full of rain and unforeseen circumstances and I apologise if it may not have been up to expectations but that's what football is. Rain is one of the elements of football that makes this sport unique and is part of the reason I chose to coach this sport over basketball. I can only hope and pray for less rain in the coming seasons. I know it's frustrating at times but our team gets along really well and there's only better things to come in the future.

Coach: Shawn Rillera

Manager: Richie Chacon



## **U7 DEVELOPMENT 4**



We had a great season this year. Our team was made up of mostly returning players from the two U6 teams with the exception of Marco, and we meshed as a team quickly. Training was always chaos but come game time everyone tried their best and gave 100%. **Christian** moved overseas half way through the season but gave his all for all the games he played.

All of our players showed big improvements in their individual skills as well as improving in working as a team. We started the season running around in a group chasing the ball and finished the season starting to spread out and play positions.

All the new skills like throw-ins, corners and goal keeping took some getting used to but we ended the season with **Wolf** kicking some great corners and **Luca** always racing to take the throw-ins. **Jessica** loved to goal keeping with **Isobel** not far behind.

We had some great games that tested our skills and determination.

Jack was constantly running, swapping between attack and defence.

Eesa and Luca were always chasing the ball, looking to score. Marco showed huge improvement in his first season and loved hanging out in

front of the goal waiting to pounce. **Teddy** made some great runs ending in some great goals. **Cadyn** was always willing to tackle in defence even against players much larger than him.

Thanks to all our supporters who helped get the kids to training and the games.

Coach: Murray Wraight Coach: Rachwan Hamad

Manager: Shri Kapodistrias





## **UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENT 3**



It's been a wonderful and productive season with coaching from two different styles (Nick and Simon) and our lovely manager Raquel motivating and guiding the team ensuring games went smoothly and on time.

We started with 50% first timers who took a few games to find their strengths and positions, but once these were established, there was no turning back.

There was also a good mix of veteran goalies and strikers who helped bring the other players up to speed.

Despite a slow start, the fellas showed incredible spirit even when short of players or mismatched in grading and gave their all

every game putting up a good fight.

With the mid-season wet weather, we utilised clubhouse sessions to work on communication and bonding which vastly improved the guys passing skills and on field teamwork. It was a pleasure to watch how the guys took on feedback about playing together, spreading out and ball passing which began to show in their wins.

Second half of the season was really when things took off and the team locked into a wonderfully improved machine where there was a strong brick wall defence, super fast strikers and midfielders scoring regularly with brilliant goalie work .



Season ended with two of the team's best games, most notably the final one where the team had gotten to a point that the opposing coach commented that he could not believe that we were the same team he had played against back in April — so this was definitely the highlight!

Cheers Guys, and thank you for the season.

See you next year.

Players: Ayan, Giosuè, Ismaeel, James, Leo, Nguyen, Ryan, Sebastian,

Tobias, Zaylen

Coach: Simon Kory

Coach: Nick Bedford

Manager: Raquel Navarro



### **UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENT 6**



Once again, soccer made its return to the weekend roster, and this season, we had the pleasure of welcoming both familiar faces and new talent to the team. With 10 players available for the season, this was our first year of positions, throw ins, corners, and goal kicks. Players



took turns in various positions, including

rotating as goalkeepers, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to experience all aspects of the game.

Let's start by getting to know the players:

**Jack** has an incredible understanding of the game. At throw ins if you can't throw it to a team mate, throw it at an opponent then win the ball

back off them.

**Mason** is another player with incredible understanding of the game. His ability to manoeuvre through the field and get the ball to where it needs to be is next level.

Together their ability to read the game, both in attack and defence, made them key figures throughout the season.

**Riccardo** came into the team with a wealth of experience, having played with several of the players during summer soccer. He fit in seamlessly, bringing his energy and quick pace to the field, often intercepting opposition plays and neutralising threats before they could escalate.

**Dale**, who returned after a year off, slotted back into the team effortlessly. He was always there in support of teammates and had a never give up attitude.

**Dinuli** started off quiet but gradually grew into a key part of the team. At first, she was reserved, but as the season progressed, she found her voice and began to assert herself on the field.

**Finn** had some great moments in goalkeeper with some brilliant saves



and was very solid in defence. A very reliable player. We will get that watch next year Finn.

Eleanor is tireless in defence, using her ambidextrous kicking to keep opponents guessing and showing real tenacity at every opportunity.

**Zac**'s strength lies in his rock-solid defence and his tireless drive to attack the



ball. With boundless energy and determination, Zac never stops giving his all.

**Phoebe** shines in attack, is reliable in goals and consistently supports her team. With strength and resilience, Phoebe continues to develop her game.

**Alonzo** is resilient, determined and never backs down from a challenge. His unwavering support makes him a key contributor on the field.

What was especially encouraging to see was how all players could step up and play in attacking or defending roles when players needed a rest. This adaptability was a testament to the team's overall growth.

Moving up from 5v5 into positional play was no small task, but our players rose to the challenge with energy and resilience. Learning to work with a goalkeeper and spread across a bigger field, they showed real grit, teamwork, and a growing understanding of the game. Every week brought improvement and confidence, both as individuals and as a united team.

When you put all ten of these players together, you have a team that truly represents the spirit and values of Kings Langley FC. As a coach, I am incredibly proud and have no doubt that these are names to watch in the future.

I'm so proud of each and every one of you, and I'm already looking forward to coming back next year. I hope to see all your smiling faces again in 2026!

Coach: Damien Petersen Manager: Matt Langford



## **UNDER 9 DEVELOPMENT 8**

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What a fantastic season for the U9/8s! Over the course of the year, we played 19 matches and grew so much as a team. More importantly, we had fun, made new friends, and learned more about the game we love.



We had six players return from last year's team and four new players join and it didn't take the kids long to get to know each other and form a strong team and some great friendships. All the kids were eager to play their best each week and showed great sportsmanship throughout the whole season. The kids had some wins, some draws and some losses and each week they came away feeling good and knowing that they played their best. The parents were a great support and behaved themselves throughout the season, even during the nail-biting games.

This year we focused on building our core skills like passing, dribbling, and staying in position. The players made excellent progress in



learning how to support each other on and off the ball. Our communication and teamwork really stood out in the second half of the season.

**Alyssa:** Was a quiet achiever this season, always focused and ready to do her job up front. Playing as a striker, she let her skills do the talking – making smart runs, finding space, and helping her team with well-timed passes and shots.

**Andrew**: Had an incredible season and was one of our most improved players. His confidence grew with every game, and it was amazing to see him step up and play with more belief and determination each week. Whether it was winning the ball, making smart passes, or pushing forward to help his team, Andrew showed real progress and a strong work ethic.

**Aryana**: Was an amazing all-around player this season, always giving her best no matter what position she played. Her versatility and positive attitude made her a real asset to the team. Whether in attack, midfield, or defence, Aryana consistently stepped up and played with confidence and determination. She also scored some fantastic goals and always brought great energy to every game.

Athena: Was a brilliant defender and goalkeeper this season, showing incredible bravery and determination every time she stepped on the field. She made some amazing saves and was never afraid to put her body on the line to stop a goal. Whether she was holding the back line or diving for a tough save, Athena gave it her all and showed real leadership at the back.

**Emma**: Was a rock at the back this season, showing incredible courage and focus as our go-to goalkeeper and defensive backstop. Her quick reflexes, smart decision-making, and fearless attitude kept us in so many games. Emma made some truly amazing saves and was always ready to step up when her team needed her most.

**Ivan:** Had an outstanding season up front, showing a real striker's instinct. He scored some brilliant goals and was always ready to take a shot when the opportunity came. Ivan's speed, determination, and sharp eye for goal made him a constant threat to the opposition. He also worked hard to support his teammates and never gave up on the ball. A fantastic season, Ivan – keep it up!

**Nana:** Had a brilliant season and was a joy to watch on the field! He showed great determination and skill, scoring several goals throughout



the year and always looking for ways to help his team.

**Sarah**: Another player whose confidence grew with each game. A great back who stopped many a goal and always charged at the ball and never backed away. Always gave 100% and always with a smile on her face.

**Sebastian:** Had a fantastic season, showing great improvement in both his confidence and his ball control. Seb always gave his best effort at training and games, and his positive attitude made him a great teammate.

**Tiana**: A dependable defender who could always be counted on to stop the opposition from getting to the goals. Can kick the ball from one end of the field to the other and passed the ball to the strikers who were able to score from Tiana's pass.

A huge thank you to all the parents for their support every week — from early morning games to cheering us on in the rain! Thanks also to those that stepped up to be ground officials and helped on the BBQ. And most importantly — thank you to our awesome players for your energy, effort, and love of the game.

We're proud of everything the team achieved this year and can't wait to see how much more they'll grow next season. Keep practicing, keep smiling, and see you on the pitch!

Coach: Dan Hanson

Manager: David Smith



## **UNDER 10 DEVELOPMENT 2**

### PROUDLY SPONSORED BY MAURI



What a season it's been. Week after week, I've watched these players grow—not just as footballers, but as people. Resilience, determination, and pride shone through, and at different times, every single player had their moment to step up and show what they're made of. That's what makes this team so special.

Sure, not everything went our way, but the effort and spirit never dropped. And when it all came together—wow. Those were the moments that stopped us in our tracks. The kind of moments that had everyone—parents, coaches, teammates—on their feet applauding because we'd just witnessed something brilliant.

This season had it all—the unforgettable moments, the funny ones, and the "what just happened?" ones. They're the memories that remind us why we turn up each week and why being part of this team is something to be proud of.



So, thank you for another year to remember. Be proud of what you achieved, lads. You gave it your all, and that's all anyone could ask. Well done!

#### The Squad:

**GK – Ethan –** Rock solid between the posts, Ethan pulled off countless saves that kept us in games. Calm under pressure, he gave the team real confidence at the back.

**LB – Mason –** Reliable and hard-working, Mason never backed down from a challenge. His defensive grit and willingness to push forward made him a key part of our back line.

**CB – Samuel –** A natural defender, Samuel reads the game brilliantly and was always there to break up attacks. Strong, composed, and dependable.

**CB – Matteo** – A defensive leader, fierce in the tackle and brave. Matteo brought energy and determination to every game. A true competitor who gives it his all.

RB – Blake – Consistent and controlled, Blake's commitment in defence and support going forward showed his growing confidence and maturity this season.

CM – Ezra – Tireless in midfield, Ezra worked hard both in defence and attack. His passing and composure gave us balance and direction in the middle of the park.

**CM – Nate –** A creative spark, Nate's vision and skill often unlocked



defences. He showed real flair and confidence, driving the team forward when it mattered most.

**CM – Shreyansh –** Determined and full of energy, Shreyansh never stopped running. His work rate and positive attitude lifted the team.

**LW – Omar –** Quick, skilful, and fearless, Omar gave defenders nightmares. Always looking to attack, he added pace and class to our play out wide.

**RW – Aiden –** Tenacious and hard-working, Aidan combined energy and physicality on the wing. He never stopped giving his best for the team.

ST – Harvey – Growing in confidence, Harvey is a hard-working striker whose determination and effort have made him a threat in attack. Always giving 100%

**ST – Gianfranco (Frankie) –** Brave, lively, and full of energy, Frankie brought real passion up front. His contribution and determination were vital for the team this season.

Coach: Joe Lofaro

Manager: Rose Evans



## **UNDER 10 DEVELOPMENT 5**

## PROUDLY SPONSORED BY SAFERWAY





Again the rain didn't help the season but it is what it is!

This year we had returning players **Rylan**, **Dylan**, **Nate** and **Mikey**. New to the team we had **Daniel**, **Isla**, **Zac**, **Loki** and **Levi**. We welcomed first year playing **Payton** and **Liam**.

Our first few weeks were challenging but also fun! Throughout the year the team practiced passing, defending and how each position will play. Our main focus was passing between each other and working together as a team.

With all the ups and downs of the seasons the team still managed to have fun also building friendships and teamwork along the way.

Thanks to all the parents for helping out throughout the year.

Thanks to Kate for taking care of the manager duties.

Coach: Ben Seiss-Bridges Manager: Kate Woodhouse



## **UNDER 10 DEVELOPMENT 6**

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What a wonderful first season together for our U10/6s. This was our first year as a team and the kids had to adjust to new coaches, manager and team mates. They really embraced each challenge thrown at them. We had four of the team playing up from U9s, and a number of kids playing their first season. These things didn't stop them from giving it a red hot crack with resilience and enthusiasm from the very first training session.



The team worked hard on learning their positions, figuring out the offside rule (and learning how to use it to their advantage!), and adjusting to different coaching styles. We had one win, a few great draws, and a number of close matches that could have gone our way. The real highlight this year was watching the kids grow in their confidence and gel together as a team unit. They kept their heads high and supported each other and demonstrated good sportsmanship, even when the opposition was tough.

**Aliyah** was always smiling and grew so much this season. She stepped into goals early in the season, and quickly found her rhythm and made some fantastic saves. Up front, she showed bravery and persistence as a striker. It was wonderful to see her belief in herself grow each week.

**Amir** was a ball of energy, always happy to play wherever the team needed him and was genuinely happy to be playing a game that he obviously loves. Amir's enthusiasm was infectious, and his loud cheers

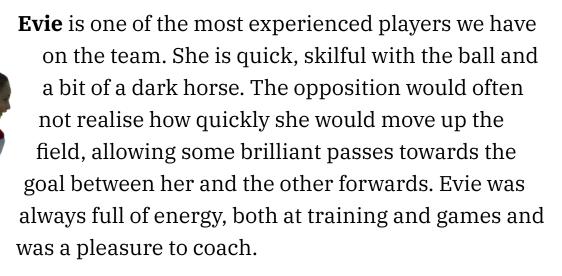
for his teammates showed just how much he cared about the whole team's success.

Brandon really blossomed this season and put learning from training into practice on the field. His confidence grew every week, and by the end, he was a key striker who scored some brilliant goals. Watching his belief in himself grow was a highlight of the season, especially when he had his turn in goals.

**Domanik** was the player who showed the most growth this season. He started off a little unsure, but with every week he became braver, more confident, and ready to challenge for the ball. His perseverance



was inspiring and he was always a pleasure to have at training sessions.



**Jack** stepped up into the U10s this year and did so with confidence and a smile. Jack showed his versatility as a confident, focused goalie, a keen

striker, and a strong defender when needed. Always ready to help the team, Jack's understanding of the game and energy made him a real asset.

**Luccas** was always calm and determined. He is a confident goalie who brought strong focus to the task. When he played in midfield, he showed the same strength and resilience. We missed him when he couldn't make games, but he always came back ready to contribute.

**Narendra** was our quiet but determined player. He was one of our strongest forwards, always ready to chase the ball and put pressure on the opposition. He always paid attention during training, and it was evident on game day that he was able to put his new skills into practice.

**Noah** was our strongest player on the team. He found his position in the back line early in the season and excelled in this role, making many strong kicks to clear the ball and redirect it up the field. Noah's natural strength and coordination made him a standout this season.

Olobo's love of striker shone through this season, but he was equally

strong in defence. Watching his passing and teamwork grow, especially when combining with Evie to make runs to goal, was a brilliant to watch. He brought energy, smiles, and plenty of determination.

**Sebastian** was new to soccer this year and showed incredible commitment. He was always at training, ready to listen and learn, and quickly found his place in defence. He played with focus and determination and had a fantastic debut season. Sebastian was an asset to the team for both his teamwork and positive attitude.

**Veer**'s curiosity and gentle nature made him a delight to coach every week. Always eager to learn and quick to follow instructions, he happily gave every position a go. Veer was a true team player, keen to step into any role needed, and to follow instruction easily. He brought thoughtfulness and kindness to the team and always showed a positive attitude.

As coaches, it wasn't always easy finding the right balance between encouraging the kids to hold their positions and allowing flexibility on the field, so this was a learning curve for Sampson and I, as well as the kids.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents and families, who juggled busy weeks to get the kids to training twice a week, brought them to early games, and cheered from the sidelines rain or shine. Thank you

also for your patience with Sampson and I, who gave plenty of directions (sometimes loudly!) from the box.

Thank you to Michelle for her support as manager this year. Despite often managing the team remotely, she ensured team sheets were completed, and that I was consistently organised with the manager's bag,

oranges and awards.

Most of all, thank you to the kids. You brought joy, laughter, and endless effort to every training and game. You've made your coaches and families proud, and we can't wait to see how much you'll shine next year

#### Coach Sampson's End of Year Report Card

If the team manages to stay together it will come together to be a very competent and cohesive side, with the potential to do exceptionally well in the years to come. The following is an outline of how each player did with their current needs.

**Jack** - a good all round player, needs work on ball control and execution of plays requiring teamwork

**Olobo** - a good all round player, needs work on ball control and execution of plays requiring teamwork

**Narrendera** - a good all round player, needs work on ball control and execution of plays requiring teamwork

**Luccas** - a good player, needs work on ball control and better teamwork skills

**Domanik** - a good defensive player, needs to improve his confrontation capabilities and ball handling skills

**Sebastian** - a good defensive player, needs to improve his confrontation capabilities and ball handling skills

**Branden** - a good all round player, needs work on ball control and execution of plays requiring teamwork

**Evie** - a good player, needs work on ball control and execution of plays requiring teamwork

Aliyah - a good player, needs work on position and ball control along

with execution of plays requiring teamwork

**Noah** - a good defensive player, needs to improve his cardio and ball handling skills

**Amir** - a good player, needs work on position and ball control along with execution of plays requiring teamwork

**Veer** - a good player, needs work on ball control and execution of plays requiring teamwork

Coach: Sampson Laruc'

Coach: Caleb Sue-See

Manager: Michelle Sue-See



### **UNDER 11 DEVELOPMENT 2**







Players: Ahmed, Connor, Hunter, Isaac, Jax, Kabir, Kyan, Thomas, Tyler, Wael, William, Zachary

Coach: Prue Maccauley

### **UNDER 11 DEVELOPMENT 7**

The U11/7 team has shown remarkable growth this season, proving that football is not just about goals scored but about the journey of learning, teamwork, and persistence.

#### **Team Spirit and Development**

From the first kick-off of the season, the players embraced the challenges they faced. Many started the year with nerves, unsure of their place on the field, but through weekly training and support from coaches, every player has developed their skills, confidence, and understanding of the game.

The team's spirit is built on encouragement. Players celebrate each other's efforts, whether it's a clean tackle, a strong run, or simply showing up with determination. The growth has not just been technical but also personal, with players learning discipline, responsibility, and how to work together towards a shared goal.

#### **Highlights of the Season**

**Resilience**: No matter the scoreline, the team never gave up. Even in tough matches, they finished strong and kept their heads high.

Skill Growth: Passing accuracy, positioning, and communication on



the field have improved noticeably. Players are beginning to anticipate the game, not just react to it.

**Community**: Parents, coaches, and supporters have created an atmosphere where players feel encouraged to try their best, knowing they are backed by their club family.

### **Looking Ahead**

The U11/7s are more than just a group of young players, they are the next generation of club footballers. Their season has set a foundation of teamwork, resilience, and passion for the sport. With each game and training session, they are building not only their skills but also lifelong friendships and memories.

The journey this team has taken is a reminder of what grassroots football is all about: fun, growth, and the joy of playing together.



Players: Aakash, Adrin, Aiden, Cassius, Isaac, Julien, Malakai, Nirvith, Sebastian, Shaurya, Thanakrit, William

Coach: Samantha Consiglio

Coach: Dom Filipe

Manager: Jenn Kopp



### **UNDER 12 DIVISION 3**



This year I've had the pleasure of coaching this team through a season that's had its share of frustrations. We started off in a division of 8 teams that turned into a division of 6 once two teams dropped down. This left us with only 5 other teams to play against throughout the year.

Our first 7 rounds had an even mix of wins, losses and draws. Then all the way through June, July and the first half of August, our results were either draws or losses. For 8 games, we just couldn't get that win. That put us in a precarious position of being in 5th place, just outside of the top 4.

That is, until what would be our last game of the year. At this time, we did think there would have been 2 more games to play, and we were weighing up what was needed to get into the finals series. We managed to dig deep and come out hard from the get go, ultimately getting us the win to keep those dreams alive, bumping us into 4th place. Then the rain did the rest of the work for us, causing the remaining games to be canceled and locking in our 4th position.

Our 4th place finish put us squarely against one of the top two teams in the semi-finals. This time, forcing us against Doonside – a team that

has never beat us during the regular season, with both games resulting in draws. Our team put in an amazing effort to not concede a goal during regular time with the last 15 minutes looking really positive for us.

Then the end of the game was called 0-0 and we went into overtime with golden goal rules. With only a minute to go before changing ends, a beautiful pass across goal allowed us to finally slot one away, ending the game and securing our spot in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final game was an amazing opportunity for this team to put themselves on display at the biggest weekend of the year. Unfortunately, we were up against an incredible Minchinbury side that had beat us both times this year, and it was them that got the win against us to be crowned Champions.

While that felt rough for our team at the time, they did come away with the runners up award, which, in my view, was a well deserved recognition for the outcome of the week before.

For a season where we drew more than either won or lost to squeeze into the finals series and then make it to the grand final – that's an awesome effort and I'm super proud of the entire team. The team



couldn't have gotten where it was without the individual contributions of all its players.

Working from back to front, we had **Brayden** as our main keeper who keep improving in that position year on year. When he's not making epic saves, he's either locking down the back line, or pushing up in midfield to assist the attack. He has great determination to both defend and attack at the right times.

**Xander** has been our primary center back which led to a lot of stability during games, with him regularly making challenges or clearances at the right time to prevent a shot on goal.

**Amay** has found a good home in the left back role. Despite his smaller size, he frequently takes on the bigger players without hesitation and comes out on top more often than not. He pairs well with the wingers, has great control of the ball at his feet and has had the most consistent down-the-line throw-ins of the entire team.

**Cooper** has been a new addition to the team this year and has worked well with Xander and Amay to complete the back 3. He doesn't hesitate to apply the challenge on the opposition with the ball and as he settled in with the team was making good choices when faced with challenge or hold, and clear or pass.

**Obie** has also been a key player in our defensive line, however was only able to play just over half the games. Being unable to play him as his natural CDM role this year has meant he's alternated between the defense and the midfield throughout the season, performing exceptionally well in both.

The back line is often a thankless job, however they've been the backbone of this team the entire season. Throughout the 18 games (including the 2 finals), we've only conceded 33 goals, with over a third of them coming from Minchinbury. In total, that's less than 2 goals

against per game (on average), keeping our goal difference in the positive!

In the midfield, we've had three players rotate through on a regular basis. **Aarin** is a great all rounder player, who's also backed up in goals for 2 halves this season. He's worked really well with the other midfields and wingers, creating opportunities and even taking a few of his own.

**Jaxon** is really hard to play anywhere else apart from midfield, so it's just as well he's amazing at it. His touch on the ball has allowed him to play around the opposition and is almost certain to be able to make a pass to either side or up front. When he's not doing that, he's using his powerful strike to put shots on goal.

**Heath** has been our other midfielder, although calling him just a midfielder isn't right. Heath has also been playing as a second goal keeper and also helping out in the center back role when needed. He's incredibly motivated to both win the ball and win the ball back, meaning he's always running and in the right place at the right time.

**Seb** was the tip of the spear, playing in the #9 spot. It's a position that a lot of people want, but only a few can play well. Seb got off to a great start at the beginning of the season, but as we settled in, those goals became harder and harder to get. He did finish on a high, scoring the goal that got the team into the grand finals.

**Savik** was one of our three wingers. He filled the role well, opening up to create opportunities, and teaming up well with the midfield and striker. His speed and energy also allowed him to drop back and put pressure on the opposition when

lose the ball.

Annabelle had an amazing season. Her speed and never-say-die attitude saw some amazing breaks past defenders, as well as being able to recover hard and almost always wins the ball back. She knows where to position herself to create opportunities and support the rest of the team with options. Her versatility means she can play either wing, striker, or as a full back.

Finally, **Liam** is the most technical of the team on the ball. Not only does he impress with his ability to play the ball around defenders, but his corners have amazing accuracy and are consistent. His value comes from stringing together sets of passes with the team and moving in the right spot at the right time to create those options.

All of this was demonstrated in the semifinal goal where, down the left-hand

side, he drew the attention of all Doonside's defenders. Despite calls to shoot from the sideline, he played around one more player and put the pass through the middle to find Seb who was left with just the keeper.

To wrap up a lengthy season overview, this team has had a rollercoaster of a season with an ending that was not thought possible half way through. As always with youth teams, there's always lots to work on, but there's no doubt a solid foundation from which to do that!

Coach: Alex Woodhouse

Manager:

Manager:



# **UNDER 12 DIVISION 6**



The Under 12 Division 6 team had a fantastic season, finishing 5th out of 8 teams and showing great growth and teamwork along the way. Every player contributed something unique, and together the squad played with determination, energy, and plenty of smiles.

Adam was our main goal scorer, always ready to strike and put the ball away, while Jess, Ali, and Kiaan kept the pressure on opposition defences with their pace and persistence in the striker positions. Kiaan also showed great flexibility, stepping into defence when needed and proving himself a reliable all-round player. In the midfield, Stella, Angom, Adam, and Blake worked tirelessly to win the ball, link up play, and set up chances, keeping the team moving from one end of the pitch to the other. Stella also stepped into defence when required, showing her adaptability and determination, while Blake rotated between midfield and defence to give the team balance wherever it was needed most.

**Marshall** had a brilliant season in goals, pulling off some spectacular saves and keeping us in games when the pressure was on. In defence, **Magnus**, **Max**, and **Lucas** were joined at different times by Blake, Stella,

and Kiaan, creating a strong backline that worked together to shut down attacks and protect their keeper. Thanks to Adam's sharp shooting and Marshall's safe hands, our goal difference stayed impressively low, even against some of the stronger teams in the competition.

Although **Zach** was out for much of the season due to illness, he remained an important part of the team, and we're excited to see him back on the field next year.

There were exciting wins, hard-fought games, and plenty of lessons learned throughout the season. Most importantly, the team stuck together, encouraged one another, and had fun playing soccer. Everyone should be proud of what they achieved this year, and with the skills, spirit, and friendships they've built, the future looks bright for next season.

This year also marked the third season with Coach Suzanne leading the team. Her guidance, encouragement, and dedication have been a big part of the team's progress, and the players are lucky to have her support both on and off the field.

Go team! 🞉 🕙

Coach: Suzanne Allen Manager: Steven Goss



# **UNDER 13 DIVISION 5**

There's no hiding from the fact that this was a tough season for the team. The physicality of some of the other squads in our division proved to be a handful. We like to play the beautiful game in the right spirit, and this wasn't always compatible with the how the opposition wanted to play. Some games we were simply out-paced and out-muscled - a fact of life in football. Other games, we were our own worst enemy in failing to mark our opposition effectively or show enough desire to fight for the ball. Such is the game, and the many opportunities to learn that it provides.

While the season was a struggle, there are still some fantastic highlights. There was the game against Marsden Park where the team successfully defended a 1-0 lead for 55 out of 60 minutes. There was the immense effort to come back from 3-1 down to fashion a 3-3 draw against Polonia, making Kings the only team that wasn't later upgraded to a higher division to take points off them. There was also the rousing late 1-0 win against Blacktown Workers where the team called upon the assistance of some U10 players to bring the game home.

However, success across the season can be measured by more than the



position on the table. As a team, they earned some impressive points against higher-ranked opposition. There were also countless displays of individual growth from players throughout the year, whether that be improved passing, smarter runs without the ball, more intelligent runs off the line from the goalkeepers, or better marking.

**Addi** became very comfortable with her role out on the right wing and midfield. While she sometimes found herself isolated on the pitch, she continued to draw defenders and make runs into space. Once she unlocks the self-belief to yell until her voice is gone that she is free and ready for the ball, her game will be complete.

**Aislin** always knew where her opponents were on the field and harassed them accordingly. When she brought her A Game, she was a real force to be

reckoned with. Her strength was in her ability to make life difficult for her opponents. If they wanted the ball, they were going to have to earn it.

**Elijah** was one of my three reluctant goal keepers, and was very strong keeping against the ball in the air. As comfortable on the field as he was between the sticks, Elijah was a strong man marker and a willing attacking midfielder, always looking for an opportunity to advance down the pitch. One of the most vocal players on the field, he played with passion and was always determined to leave his mark on the game

**Emma** was only able to play half a season before moving overseas. She was a super reliable wide midfielder who could be trusted to make both attacking runs forward into space as well work to regain the ball in defence. It was great to watch her confidence grow stronger and be more confident while she was here, refusing to be pushed around by bigger players.

Gabe was my most reluctant of the goal keepers. He didn't have a big

kick, but he knew exactly when to come off his line as a keeper, and when to take a quick short goal kick. The team's Mr Reliable, he had played in literally every position on the pitch by the end of the season, and demonstrated a very mature understanding of the tactical side of the game.

Hamish made the right fullback position his own over the course of the season. His judgement on when to tackle and when to jockey continued to improve, and he accepted the role of the main defensive free kick taker with no hesitation. Often responsible for taking throwins well into the attacking third and taking corners from the left hand side, he worked hard to contribute in attack while also tracking back in defence.

**Jill** developed into a tough-as-nails, no nonsense, immovable force in defence this year. She was lightning fast, incredibly strong, and was most willing to try and head the ball when needed. Playing either as left back or as a central defender, she demonstrated exceptional defensive awareness and has one of the best throw-in techniques in the competition.

**Jyden** was one of the best dribblers in the team, consistently backing himself to take on the opposition whether it be one 1v1 or 1v2 and sometimes even 1v3! He took on more of a leadership role this year,



helping to plan on the field attacking moves from set pieces. As the season progressed, he started to find his voice on the field and at training, sharing his ideas on what the team could try next.

Layla became a very important defensive midfielder this season. While her passion and instincts are still to attack at every opportunity, she excelled at winning back the ball in the middle of the park before expertly distributing it to her team mates further up the field. She is beginning to understand the valuable lesson that success in football is measured not by the goals you score, but the contribution you make to the team's

effort.



**Liam** really started to look comfortable in his second year with the team. He was always prepared to move out of his comfort zone on the field, even if it sometimes took a little convincing to try something new. He continued to listen and learn, and it was a joy to watch him put into practice on match day the things we covered in training during the week.

**Mohib** was new to the team this year but he fit in immediately. A strong dribbler and an attack-minded spirit, he developed new elements to his game when asked to take control of the midfield and become one of the key distributors to the front line. Another on-field general who liked to develop tactics on the run, Mohib was always thinking of the next move to try and beat his opponent.

**Monty** picked up this season where he left off in 2024. The third of my reluctant goalkeepers, he was athletic and not afraid to throw his body around in an attempt to stop the ball. Monty developed a taste for scoring goals, and used his boundless energy to launch many

marauding raids on goal, and then regularly turned around to chase the ball to defend from the front. His enthusiasm was contagious, and it's been a delight to watch his game grow this year.

**Yara** continued to grow as the quiet leader of the team this year. She was the commander of the back line from centre back, and started to use her voice more and more as the season progressed. It was great to see Yara start to assert some physical dominance in the back end of the season as she learned to use her shoulders and hips to knock attackers of the ball and regain possession in our defensive third.

Thank you to all of the parents that for two nights a week and every Saturday trusted me enough to let me coach their children and do my best with them as a group. I'm sure not everyone agreed with every decision I made, but I felt nothing but supported throughout the season. This is truly a group of parents that understand what grassroots football is about.

Finally, thank you to the dynamic duo of Elli and Alistair, my amazing co-managers who took care of the administrative details that I was always too distracted to notice. Polls for who was coming to training and match day, organising the alternate strip, ticking off the match sheet, passing on information from the club - they took care of it all so I could focus on working with team. I couldn't have got through the season without you!

Coach: Shane Perris Manager: Elli McKay

Manager: Alistair McKay





# **UNDER 14 DIVISION 3**



Well, wasn't this an amazing season by the under 14s in 2025.

We started the season in 2025 with a lot of returning players from last year, some players who joined us from another club and some playing up a year. The start of every season brings its challenges with new players joining a core group of players who have played together for many seasons. But a special mention this year to Kaden and Brody on playing their 10th season for Kings Langley Soccer Club.

At the start of the year the coaching staff had set themselves a goal this season and that was to finish the top of the ladder and make it to the finals. After round four when the regrade happened we were sitting third on the table and it seemed pretty clear that there were a few standout teams this season in our division.

After the re-grade was complete and another team joining our division, we set our sights on that number 1 spot but focused on each week's game as they came.

Each week the players took on the challenges of games and training, listened to their coaches and manager, and performed to the best of



their ability every Saturday. And the end result was finishing Premier on top of the table and playing finals football. The team managed to go through the semifinals, defeating Doonside, earning their spot in the grand final. And although they tried hard in the grand final, it just wasn't our day and we were beaten by Prospect.

A lot of players moved positions this season, which helped their personal development as individual players but also as a team to understand how different positions work so they can learn to defend them as well as utilise the skill set required in their attack.

We saw some outstanding goals this year!! Some amazing corners, cracking shots on goal, finessed shots on goal, as well as the best header the coaches have seen from this squad to date.

But we also saw the best defence! Our coaching motto has always been defence wins games. We have enough firepower in the team to get the job done and score plenty of goals but there's no point scoring plenty of goals if you're letting in more goals than you can score.

An outstanding performance by Liam as keeper this season and the defensive effort from the team to only concede 13 goals in the regular season is the best effort we have seen as coaches ever. The never-give-up attitude was shown each and every week which is something we pride ourselves on at Kings Langley Soccer Club.

The most important part of this year's success was Team Camaraderie. If an error was made, players would console them and aim up to make

up for any errors or mistakes. Uplifting their efforts and celebrating the successful plays could be seen from the sidelines. That's probably the proudest thing as coaches to see from a team.

**Brian** - Always up for a challenge and runs as hard as he can in defence to shut down every striker. Cleared the ball all season. But relished the chance to move up in midfield and assist with the attack this year as the season progressed with some fine dribbling, assists and corner kicks.

**Brody** - The best physical player in the division of all the teams. Scored the season's best header goal and free kick goal. Strong enough to hold off 2-3 defenders, combined with his dribbling and with his striking abilities, this is what earned him an outstanding 20 goals for the season as well as 6/6 from the penalty spot. The iceman of free kicks. His chemistry with Lucas on some passages of play this season was cinematic, like a highlight reel.

**CK** - Light on his feet, dancing with the ball at times. One of the highest top speeds in the division, whilst his forward runs are blistering to watch, it was so good to see that same speed chasing in defence to shut down attacking plays and help the defenders.

**Dylan** - Quickly learned this year that the "pass is more important than the shot." He had some very nice shots on goal, worked on his footwork, but his highlight would be a forward run to turn and cross the ball for Brody to score a header in the box.



**Jet** - Jet played mostly at Centre Back this year. His speed, endurance, and very long kicking game proved to be a vital piece of our defensive structure. The team entrusted him to get the job done and boy did he get it done.

**Joshua** - Had to overcome numerous injuries this year and did so without any complaints. His curious nature about the mechanics of the body helped progress his game this season with speed and positional runs to take a defender with him.

**Kaden** - Was assigned the captain's position this season as he is not only a great leader but looked up to by all his teammates. His work ethic is amazing, but so are his skills. Sacrificing scoring this season to play defence, he understood to get to the top we have to stop the best. Paired with Jet in the backs, they were the granite that most teams could not penetrate. The length of his kicks was superior this season. His dribbling and distribution a pleasure to watch. Shots on goal super exciting to watch. Corners delivered on a plate. But it was his leadership that was a key part of the team's success this year.

**Liam** - Goalkeeper of the year in our division by far. Challenged the best strikers 1 on 1 and came out on top almost every time. Put his body on the line all season. The best thing was watching his confidence grow as the season progressed by moving a lot more within and outside of the 18-yard box. Great vision and his ability to read players as a keeper meant he managed to only concede 13 goals all season. Not only a testament to the outstanding performance by his teammates but a huge acknowledgment of his skills on display for his efforts to stop anything and everything he possibly could.

**Lucas** - Speed, selflessness to pass, and the number 1 preacher that defence wins games. A great defender whose top speed this season went up another notch. There wasn't 1 player he couldn't catch. He moved to midfield during the season and some sizzling runs and plays

with Brody were cinematic to watch. Not shy of physical contests, he was often seen testing the patience of referees during the season. His assists for Brody were scintillating this year.

**Muhammad** - Rock solid in defence. An absolute wall to get past or through. His physical nature proved difficult for attacking players. Often seen dribbling a passage of play from Left Back to Left Wing to baseline for a shot on goal. No task too hard. He relished every challenge offered to him. A great leader and often heard loudly encouraging teammates. Crazy athleticism. Keep trying for that bicycle goal, it will happen someday.

**Owen** - As the season progressed, so did Owen's skill sets. Passing, kicking the ball harder, but most importantly listening to positional runs and positions. Reacting quickly to the coaches' calls to move and mark players during a game helped immensely this year. His niggling ability to stick to a player like glue and really put them off their game at times allowed others to play through areas of the field. Always found smiling and enjoyed the camaraderie of his teammates.

**Ryan** - Trained hard and played just as hard. A smart defender who often jockeyed the most to allow himself to either make the right decision, listen for the right decision, or just delay an attack long



enough for help to arrive. Passed the ball very often, another selfless player who did his work and offloaded the ball before anyone had the chance to take it from him.

**Tommy** - Or Roger as he is known to many. A silent assassin of the ball. The delivery of his corner kicks into the box was supreme all year. A long striker of the ball and another player who took on any assignment given without hesitation. Played a lot of midfield and his efforts off the ball just as impressive. Some great assists and passing on display. A solid workhorse.

**Will** - It didn't take long for him to fit into the squad. He learned to trust his own skills as the season progressed and he seemed to really enjoy playing with a team of skilled players in all positions. Played any and every position from striker to midfield to right back. A strong physical game and a good passing game, he was really a welcome addition to the team. Later in the season, Will wanted the team to huddle before matches and say some words and a prayer, which was welcomed by all and a great sign the team was as one.

The coaches would like to thank all the players for their collective efforts this season, trusting the process, and allowing us to mentor you in 2025. Thanks for a great season.

Coach: Daniel Clarke

Coach: David Ballantyne

Manager: Sarah Laing



### **UNDER 16 DIVISION 3**



Another year done and dusted for this resilient team. Many players returned from last season, joined by newcomers Mira and Pranith, and Geo rejoining after a year off. From the very first game, the team showed heart and determination—traits that defined the season—even if wins were hard to come by.

One of the team's greatest strengths was their refusal to give up. That fighting spirit paid off in a memorable comeback win against Quakers Juniors later in the season.

### Leadership & Goalkeeping

Our dual captains, **Caedan** and **Brodie**, led by example. Caedan was a constant presence, both on the field and at training, while Brodie let his skills do the talking—saving goals and scoring them too.

#### **Defensive Backbone**

Hamza was a quiet force in the backs, tough and reliable.

**Geo** slotted in beside him like he'd never left—strong on the ball and fearless.

**Ruhan** locked down left back again, using his speed to launch attacks and chase down defenders.

**Bradley** had a strong year despite a knee injury. He supported the team from the sidelines and returned stronger than ever.

**Mira**, new to competitive soccer, brought enthusiasm and a never-giveup attitude. She improved steadily and stood out as a rose among thorns.

#### Midfield & Attack

**Kenny** anchored the midfield, breaking up counterattacks and pushing forward with intent.

**Sameer** controlled the centre, always looking for chances to drive forward.

**Pranith** added flair out wide, slipping through defences and scoring.

**Krishn** was a standout wherever he played—forward or back—always causing problems for the opposition.

**Will** was our set-piece specialist, delivering memorable goals from penalties and corners.

**Andrick** started up front but found his groove in centre mid, where his passing game helped lift the team in the latter part of the season.

**Adam** was another big improver, stepping into multiple roles and always doing what was needed.

**Jayden** continued to grow, using his voice effectively both on and off the field.

Ibrahim (**Ibby**) was our utility player, filling in wherever needed with strength and no complaints.

#### **Final Thanks**

To all the players: thank you. It was a privilege to coach you and get to know each of you.

To **Caireen**: thank you for managing again. Herding a bunch of 15- and 16-year-olds is no easy task, but you made it look effortless—while keeping me in line too!

And to the club: thank you for your ongoing support throughout the season.

Here's to another year of growth, grit, and great memories.

Coach: Joshua Ferguson Manager: Caireen Young





# **OVER 35 DIVISION 5**



#### A message from the Coach

What a season. From the first whistle on match day one to the final three on Grand Final night, this team proved again that football isn't just a young man's game—it's about brains, teamwork, and occasionally remembering to stretch before kick-off.

Sure, the old legs creaked, the hammies complained, and a few smart mouths kept the refs entertained (coach included), but the camaraderie was second to none. This was a squad that balanced competitiveness with connection—where cracking jokes, endless banter, and plenty of laughs flowed just as easily as the football. Add in the carpark debriefs (with beers, of course), and you've got the perfect recipe for what makes the Over 35s so enjoyable.

From the sidelines, I probably didn't make it easier. Half-time sprays became a regular feature—not because of effort, but because I somehow needed to remind grown men what position they were playing. At times, it felt like coaching MiniRoos: the same blank stares, the same "but I thought I was striker?" conversations, and of course, the same

complete ignoring of instructions five minutes later. Truth be told, I'm not sure if I was actually coaching them or just providing background noise between kick-offs.

But when they did pull it together—wow. The football was smart, tough, and relentless. In the finals, the lads showed what they're made of: a dominant 3–0 win in the major semi, followed by a Grand Final thriller for the ages. A goal down late, the boys dug deep, equalised, and then stole it in stoppage time to clinch a famous 3–2 win.

The season will be remembered for more than just silverware. It was about resilience, friendship, banter, and proving that even with old legs, smart mouths, and a coach who talks too much, this group still has what it takes. Congratulations, champions—you've earned both the trophy and the cold ones that followed.

#### A message from the Manager

After the dumpster fire that was the 2024 season, who would have thought this was where we would end up? Not me!

We started the season with 15 players, having lost a couple of important players in the off-season (Andy, Bairdy and Daz, you're welcome back anytime - just register early! (a). By the close of the transfer window in June, we'd managed to boost the squad to 17, making life easier as injuries always increase in the colder months.

The recurring theme throughout the season was "let's do it the hard way, lads". We ground our way through many of our early games, scratching out draws or wins by just a single goal in 7 of our first 11 games. Meanwhile, our competitors at the top of the table were consistently punishing the teams below them. However, the boys kept stringing together the results when it mattered and secured finals football with several rounds still to be played. After all, attack wins games, but defence wins titles. And defend we did, all across the pitch

from the front to the back.

The pointy end of the season was a just reward for our efforts throughout the year. Equal in points at the top of the table (second on goal difference) was evidence that we might not be flashy but we get results. Luck was on our side with relatively few injuries this year, but that doesn't diminish the team's consistency on the pitch and camaraderie on and off it.

Qualifying for finals is one thing, but to make it through an elimination final to get through to the Big One is another. To go all the way and take out the Grand Final is a massive achievement that far surpasses anyone's expectations set back at Round 1. It was also a fitting way to send off Dave - our keeper for this season - who announced his retirement after the game. Thanks for all your efforts mate. It was a glorious season!

Just like every other season though, success on the field is only half the story. The personnel might change a bit year on year, but this team continues to be one of the best bunch of blokes to kick a ball around with. Win or lose, the team is there for the love of the game and the desire to keep playing for as long as physically possible. Everyone had a part to play, and every player was a part of the success. Long may that continue.

Special thanks to Coach Joe, who regularly ventured out on cold winter nights to manage the bench, remind us that we can't do it all, and give an old fashioned half time spray to grown men who would proceed to ignore him but genuinely appreciated him being there to yell at us.

Players: Alex, Alistair, Ant, Art, Brad, Dan, Dave, Josh, Luke, Matty, Mher, Mike, Shane L, Shane P, Steve B, Steve L, Troy

Coach: Joe Lofaro

Manager: Shane Perris

# Congratulations to all on an amazing 2025 season!

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2026

Keep an eye on our website at go.klsfc.club for all the latest on the season ahead

