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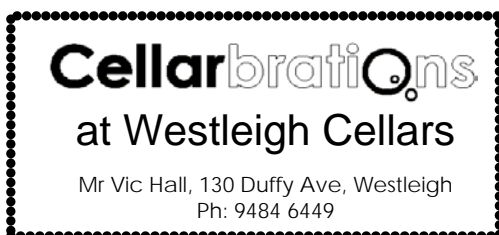
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U6-WHITE THORNLEIGH 'A' vs. WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRY B

World Cup chatter fills the air. The debate on the sidelines is whether Australia can still make the last 16. Meanwhile, a match is in-progress. Thornleigh has met a team of equals in WPH Cherry B. Fortunately, OSCAR is on fire, racing around the pitch to form the heart of the defence and the attack. His hard work is eventually rewarded. A terrific through-ball from CONNOR puts OSCAR in a great position to plant the ball firmly in the back of the net. Fine work boys. The Cherries fight back hard. ROSCO puts up some stout defending. The ball breaks free to ROBBIE. ROBBIE on goal, parents and spectators are urging him to shoot. Leg winds back for the big shot . . . and the ball is nicked by the Cherries. Cherries are on the attack. A gap, a lapse of concentration, and they score. And then another. The start of a rout? TOM creates diversions by practicing his 360 degree turns, hopping in a perfect circle. NOAH puts him in his sights and shoots. But it's the wrong target.

OLIVER's goal-scoring hunger awakens and scores two goals in quick succession – a left foot laces shot, and a left foot push pass. Training ground stuff. The final whistle blows. Handshakes and three cheers all round. The players have thoroughly enjoyed the match. Well done to all.

U6-GREEN THORNLEIGH 4 vs. HILLS HAWKES 2

After a bit of a touch-up at a cold and frosty Galston the previous week, the team was glad to be back at Oakleigh Oval with a near full squad. The good form at training during the week was also taken onto the park with every player showing lots of enthusiasm from the opening whistle.

OLIVER and MACKINLEY were on the ball early, making the Hawkes work hard to win any ball. JOSH was solid in defence, shutting down a number of the oppositions attacking raids with good clearances. FERGUS scored the opening goal of the match when he got the angle just right from out wide. The Hawkes scored their first goal just before half time. A1-1 half time score line was a true indication of how even the first half was.

In the second half the game started to open up. DARBY-LEIGH scored first (and her first for the season) with a great individual effort, beating three players on the way to the goal. The Hawkes scored soon after, locking the game up once again. CORBIN was proving a real handful, with his fast footwork in attack and slide tackles in defence. PAUL was fearless in the pack, winning a lot of good ball for his team.

Thornleigh scored their third goal with five minutes to go. The Hawkes attack then became relentless, with numerous shots on goal. It appeared that it would be only a matter of time before they evened the score again. Then with just 20 seconds left on the clock came the play of the day. OLIVER struck a beautiful goal line kick, neatly through two of the Hawkes' attackers, straight onto the feet of FERGUS who then showed great speed and ball control to go the length of the field to score. The final score of 4-2 was a great reward for the team in a highly competitive match played in tremendous spirit.

U6-PURPLE THORNLEIGH 'c' vs. NORMANHURST

It was a lovely sunny morning at Oakleigh Oval this week, and the boys delighted us with a wonderful match. DARA got the game underway with a fantastic kickoff. BLAKE was in the thick of the action straightaway, and narrowly missed a goal early on in the game. He was fantastic in defence and made some great saves. ADAM scored the team's first goal following a great run and some excellent tackling. AUSTIN came in off the bench guns blazing. He was fearless in attack and defence, and was determined to not let the other team score a goal. He put his body on the line on several occasions and showed us what a class act he is! DARA scored his first goal after an excellent kick-in by OLIVER M. He continued this fine form, and was rewarded with a second goal coming off an excellent run. Blake then went on to score the team's fourth

goal, and there were smiles all round as they came off for half-time.

OLIVER M showed great improvement this week, and was thrilled to take Thornleigh's goal tally to five early on in the second half, with an almighty goal, after running the ball almost half the field, and putting it away. KEITA and OLIVER P were superb in both attack and defence allowing them to limit the opposition goal scoring to a single goal in the second half.

Player of the match went to a DARA, and Trainer of the week went to AUSTIN. Well done boys! Thanks to Coach Darren for his excellent skills training and dedication to the team.

U8 WHITE THORNLEIGH 5 vs KENTHURST DISTRICT 3

A slow start saw our team trailing 2-0 after 10 minutes of play. In defence LUKE WILLIAMS and MATTHEW CROSS changed the momentum of the game and took the pressure off JASMINE WILLIAMS (goalie), with both winning numerous challenges and delivering the ball well back up to the midfield. The forwards capitalised on good ball delivery with two goals from TRAVIS HILTON, resulting in scores level at 2-2 at the break. In the second half JASMINE WILLIAMS tackled strongly in the midfield with ISABELLE NATOLI and MIKA DELEVAUX chasing hard and breaking down the opposition attack. Great footwork from LUCAS REYNOLDS resulted in long runs down the wing beating two players on more than one occasion. MIKA DELEVAUX passes to TRAVIS HILTON who hits the post. Two goals to RILEY DONOVAN and one to TRAVIS HILTON were the results of good teamwork and passing from MIKA DELEVAUX and ISABELLE NATOLI in the second half. JACQUELINE NOTLEY-RUMBENS continues to improve each game and contributed in both defence and attack. Every team member contributed to perhaps our best performance this year.

Merit Award to ISABELLE NATOLI. Player of the Week to LUCAS REYNOLDS.

U8-GREEN THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 2

The match got off to a solid start this week. In the first half JACOB had a few chances to shoot and CALLUM showed his excellent attacking skills. EDWARD demonstrated great passing skills, whilst TOM and MASON made a fantastic combination in defence, HARRY's great goalie skills saved many goals.

In the second half, the game became tougher and BEN and EDWARD tried tirelessly, kicking the ball up the field. Despite the tough game CALLUM never gave up and continued to block balls and save goals. Displaying excellent teamwork, HARRY and SAM dribbled up passing to each other and finally SAM scored a goal. Congratulations to all the boys for staying determined and not giving up!



U8-ORANGE THORNLEIGH 5 vs. KENTHURST 9

The Oranges showed again why they're arguably the fastest improving team in the league. The team showed outstanding defence with JORDAN playing as goalie for the first half, fearlessly diving on tough shots and quickly clearing the ball out to the backs. SHIVEK and LACHLAN offered plenty of assistance, preventing half the attackers from even reaching the circle with their strong defence up back. JACK showed no sign of giving in, while covering plenty of ground and calling effectively on each play. CLAIRE ran hard, and displayed great precision on throw-ins, finding the open player each time and making ground. ALEX continued creating gaps for the team on every throw-in and free kick, showing just how effective her calling can be. HUGH was named our player of the week showing plenty of pace and determination up front in the first half, and saving at least 10 goals as our goalie in the 2nd half. Special mention also goes to SAM and HARRY for helping us out again. The opposition made every attempt to take out our star forwards, but they relentlessly charged down the field as usual providing plenty of excitement for the parents, and a very respectable 5 goals for the game. Outstanding work Oranges – Keep up the good work!!

U8-YELLOW THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 6 (HAVE PIC- DANANTH@OPTUSNET.COM.AU)

After a sensational victory last week, unfortunately we weren't so lucky this week. The game started off well with two early attempts at goal. Thanks to MYLES there were some great deflections that gave Thornleigh possession of the ball. In the first half of the game MITCHELL was goalie and he was responsible for a number of great saves. However, Normanhurst found the back of the net a number of times. Luckily, TIMON was able to score a fantastic goal in the first half, before he took over as goalie in the second half.

THOMAS was kicking some great passes during the game with some particularly strong forward passes. Unfortunately, our "ball-magnets", IRIS and ZOE, went down injured a few times, but it just proves that they're always where the action is trying to get possession of the ball. MYLES was determined to score another goal and certainly had a few fantastic attempts at goal. MITCHELL was doing some great attacking and passing and ALEXANDRA'S tactic of hanging back to wait for the ball to clear the "scrum" worked well, providing her with the opportunity to kick the ball clear.

All the Yellow team wish MICHAEL a speedy recovery & hope to see him back on the field with us soon!

Thanks to Normanhurst for their great sportsmanship – taking one of their players off when one of ours was off injured, and sharing their lollies with us at the end of the match!

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: ALEXANDRA



U10/2 THORNLEIGH 5 vs HILLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1

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This 5 -1 victory was the most enthusiastic performance from the Thunder this year and it was fantastic to witness the boys enjoying themselves on the park using the skills that have been instilled at training and brought to life in a game situation. Congratulations to ZANE GEORGE who shut down many Hills Grammar attacking raids and was awarded the Man of the Match – well done ZANE.

U12 GIRLS THORNLEIGH 2 vs RYDE PANTHERS 0

World Cup fever hit ELS Hall Oval as Thornleigh U12 girls quickly got into their rhythm with a display of finesse, speed and determination as they played probably their best game of the season. Running into space and accurate passing were the hallmarks of the game. The forward line of NATALIE LETZNER, CARLIE MCALLISTER and EMILY TAYLOR asserted themselves from the whistle and it was only a matter of time for the first goal to hit the net. The forwards were supported by the energetic midfield of LAUREN BALL, AIMEE LOVE, ANNIKA REYNOLDS and ALEX SHIELDS. The ball barely crossed the half way line in the first half, and when it did, the resolute defence of MICHELLE COOPER, NATASHA FLETCHER and ERIKA LOVE drove it back from whence it came. After a number of unsuccessful crosses into the middle from the wing, AIMEE finally tapped the ball into the net to open Thornleigh's account.

A few changes in the second half, resting ANNIKA, CARLIE, ERIKA and MICHELLE, and bringing on JULIA MODSKI, LISA MOUTON, ISABEL SEAMAN and JEMMA STUART, the team performance continued from where the first half had ended, maintaining a very high work rate. Although EVIE JEFFREY had a bit more work to do in the second, the Panthers really didn't prove too threatening. The midfield pressure again proved telling with the ball remaining mostly in the opposing half. NATALIE sealed the game with Thornleigh's second. LAUREN's solid tackling and "never give up" attitude ensured that she was recognised as the game's Best and Fluffiest.

U14/2 THORNLEIGH

With the World Cup in full swing, shuteye is at a premium and the 14/2's used the first half to catch up on some much needed sleep. Having set their alarms to 8.30 for an 8.15 kickoff, we found ourselves unsurprisingly a goal behind at half time to a team propping up the table.. Words cannot describe the abject performance of the 1st half, at least not words that can be used in a family publication like this. Words that COULD describe the performance may have been used in the coach's half time speech but hopefully the only proof of that is a 2nd half performance that showed much improvement.

Some delightful football finished off by ANDRE drew us level within minutes of the restart. Suddenly, an awake Thunder, their ears still ringing, were creating problems for the opposition. Good attacking play was only hampered by TOM LOWE showing Helen Keller's eye for goal.

It was one way traffic now, we just needed to put the ball in the net. Finally MATT finished off some good work and we had a deserved lead. More attack, more chances going begging. DANNY played well but seems to be able to hit any spot 6" the wrong side of the post while TOM LOWE continued to rack up more misses than Tiger Woods.

TOM DRUMMOND was obviously getting frustrated at the back and started to make some surging runs forward, confident in MAX's ability to keep things together in his absence. TOM DRUMMOND finally got his chance with a direct free kick just outside the box. Sure enough, just as he does 20 times in a row in training, he put it in the top corner, 3-1 and a sigh of relief from all of us on the sidelines.

3-1 it finished and though we deserved the win, another 1st half like that against better opposition could cost us dear.

U16/2 Girls THORNLEIGH 1 vs. NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1

This is our third game against North Epping Rangers this year, and once again we have improved score line to give them their first draw for the season. The game was a delight to watch and the spectators enjoyed the team's performance. The girls were positive throughout and played most of the game trying to score. The girls were much better in their positional play and like last week were constantly getting to the ball early. The Rangers team have some big kickers but our midfield shut them down and kept control of the game. For the third week in a row it was nil all at half time.

Our goal in the second half from SAM TREES was a quick runaway goal just after they changed keepers. The Rangers girls managed to equalise ten minutes later. There were some fantastic aerobic feats as the girls recovered from some heavy tackles, special mentions to LISA PHILLIPS' forward tumble, GEORGIA DAVIS' graceful fall, tumble with pike and SAMMIE TRENAMAN's heavy flat out landing after her body clash. It was a great game to watch so keep up the good work you all did a great job today!

U16/3 THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH RYDE 0

Our table after this round sees 5 teams within 3 points of each other, such is the intensity of the competition. After the loss last week it was nice to notch up another win to place us 2nd on the ladder. The boys put pressure on North Ryde from the start, with the ball very quickly down in our attack end. The lads put on a fine display of speed, agility and footwork which kept the devoted sideline crowd charged and entertained from start to finish. The half time word from Mr Passion, Craig Millard, was straight to the point – Yes, some nice football, but we are falling down on the art of on-field communication. The benefits of loud constant talk were stressed – it keeps everyone motivated, strengthens the sense of mateship and puts the other guys off their game. When it happens I know the two Craigs (Millard and Markland) will simply glow – and I think the game and spirit of this absolutely delightful team will be lifted to new heights. (OK – yes – you can tell its' a chick writing this report. Don't worry – I'm not going to cry.)

Highlights: KEVIN CHENG – stopping power in the backs / a fabulous no-bounce header through the middle of the park. JONATHON HALL – AMAZING throw-ins. We are all waiting for him to score off one before the end of the season. JACK LEWIN – Great headers / reliability. HUW FISHER – thinking passes. DOMINIC BORG – The enforcer of the backline today. Covers more ground than you think – not a graceful runner, but certainly gets the job done. MICHAEL GAMBLE: Back from a virus, had at least 2 shots at goal which the North Ryde did well to keep out. WILLIAM SOWDEN – ball control at left mid / determined chases. TIM LOVE- Mr speed. His greatest asset proved his biggest embarrassment today with momentum so

strong it left him without the control to finish what would have been a spectacular goal (Groan) MICHAEL BRADLEY – instinctive anticipation of through balls (helped along by advice from Craig Millard – "Run Bradley, Run!" / positioning for Jono's throw-ins.

ANDREW CARDWELL – Our first goal – a cracker off a RHYS BRIOT pass through. Pushing the boundaries of offside. Being sent off by Craig Millard for being offside. RHYS BRIOT – Strong runs / his pass through to Andy. CHARLIE GILLINGS – Our second goal off thinking midfield work by Jono and Michael Bradley. After a few missed chances by this team, CHARLIE used his head, took a good look and didn't rush. Consequently, the round stuff found itself neatly into the back of the net / Being sent off by Craig Millard for being offside. XAVIER BOUCHER – In goals. He says he didn't really have a good game, but he did really – and I'm not biased one bit! PETER THOMS – still out with back problems, but there on the sideline – again. (He, like CRAIG MARKLAND, can't help himself I suspect.)

Many thanks to STEVE GAMBLE for running the line this week, and to FEARNIE FISHER for providing half-time watermelon. It never lasts long. Don't forget your mid-week runs boys and, as usual, We are all looking forward to another terrific round of soccer next Saturday.

U18/1 THORNLEIGH vs Redbacks

It was a Saturday afternoon, the weather was nice and everyone seemed cheerful. The game however wasn't as pretty. The boys endured a tough game today against Redbacks and we came off second best. 6-0 was a miserable score line unless you played for Redbacks in that case I'd be pretty stoked.

The game got off to a quick start and Redbacks slotted an early goal to take the lead from the start. This was a wakeup call to all of the boys and we quickly picked up the pace and were all over the opposition for a majority of the first half. But even when playing well many opportunities were missed. Kel, Connor and Beens had a few hectic shots but were unable to capitalize.....bummer. Even though we were behind at halftime it was only 1-0 and we all believed we could have a comeback of biblical proportions however we were wrong. The second half began as did the scoring of goals by the not us team. Now I know we all hate it when the other team scores but props to Redbacks as they put a screamer past Nick into the top right regardless of the fact that we did not score this goal it was still a most excellent shot. Sweet as performances from Lucas, Chris, Pastey and Waz of Boz at the back and our midfields worked hard to keep the ball in the opposition half but to no avail Redbacks continued to pile up the goals. We may have lost today but we are still the best team because we are awesome not to mention getting over this loss was not hard due to the epic night to follow.....BOWLO!!!!!!

U18/1 GIRLS THORNLEIGH 0 vs ROSELEA BLUE 2

The girls who were sickest played the best today. ANNALESE SMITH had the croaks but played her heart out at striker, as did MADDIE LATHAM at centre mid. And ARIELLE O'NEILL cut off so many incursions at sweeper while suffering from the flu. CLAIRE BUSHROD also had a good game.

Unfortunately the Thunders were beaten to the ball too many times by Roselea and strayed from their marks in defence, allowing Roselea to score one goal per half.

Roselea were the better team on the day and played a good, clean style of football. They were aided by having a couple of subs to our none for most of the game after MEL D'ARCHY came off with a crook back. So the Thunders were getting pretty tired as the 80-minute mark approached and Roselea looked comparatively fresh. In fact some of our girls looked like they'd been out drinking last night.... surely not!

But the Thunders when playing their best can beat this team, as they did in the first round 3-nil.

There's little doubt we'll meet Roselea again in the semi final round robin when hopefully the Thunders will regain their fitness and turn the tables.

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A fantastic effort today against the second top team - well done girls! With just the bare team all the girls made a great effort and were on fire!! We started early with great attacking play with an early goal by Fran. There was some great passing from Sarah, Rebecca & Lauren with great defensive play from Marie, Steph & Larissa. Lauren had a great game with lots of running and putting some good balls through as did Alyce, Max & Hayley. Hayley scored 3 amazing goals as did Fran scoring 2 and Max having quite a few attempts. Ash was in goals today and did a marvelous job saving some great goals. Well done girls keep up the great teamwork.

AA6 THORNLEIGH 3 vs PUTNEY 2

After the disaster of Durban the Soccerroos were looking for redemption in Rustenberg... wait, sorry, wrong match report. The Thunder showed Pim's boys how it should be done, winning their second game on the trot and moving to equal first in the group... er... comp. After a tense 3-2 win over Ryde District the week before the lads were hoping to keep riding that wave of confidence and do one over league leaders Putney. Our opposition tried to make it easy for us by only fielding ten players to start with. We did score an early goal thanks to TIM MORISON after 8 minutes but rather than keep pushing we sat back and allowed our opposition to come to us. Some rather lapse marking saw them equalise 20 minutes later and we went into the break all even. We came out in the second half resolving to play with a bit of determination and it did work, kind of. While the fire was there it was smouldering coals at times rather than the raging inferno it should have been. The flames of the fire were fanned when Putney went ahead with just under half an hour left. We got back on terms a minute later. TIM MORISON getting a second after a bit of a squabble in the box. We went ahead 10 minutes later after a fantastic ball from Timi-Goal again which found the head of PAT CHAPMAN who deftly guided the ball around the keeper and just inside the far post. Champagne football. The guys rode out a rather tense last 15 minutes to seal the win. There

were chances to get more goals but we just couldn't quite get there, but really, we should have put the game to bed at half time. No matter the 3 points is what we needed and that's exactly what we got. Well done the lads. Many outstanding performances today, notably ANDY BOUGHTON, MARK KENNEDY, NICK CHAPMAN and ANDREW WAGG who played an instrumental part in our second goal. GREG RUSTON was pinpoint accurate with his free kicks and passing in general. JAMES RODGER who defended like a tiger as usual but a couple of times advanced so high up the pitch I'm surprised he didn't get a nose bleed and keeper MARK DENNIS who pulled off the saves we needed when we needed them. So we're back on top and with a bit of momentum behind us we need to keep this going to win back the premiership trophy we just had to hand back. With 2 of the next 3 games at Fortress Oakleigh we're looking good.

AA10 THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 4

Thornleigh went into the game with only eleven players against the top team Pennant Hills who had players to spare. The team started strong with some quick attempts at pushing the ball up field. Pennant hills had a strong first twenty minutes with corner after corner going their way. BLUE, CHIPPA and TRACY held strong in defence with STOPH backing them up in the sweeper position as the original SWEEPER was away. DENNETT and FORREST both had to come down in defence to clear the ball up field. MAD DOG had a few bursts up the left wing but Thornleigh just could not get it passed their mid fielders. A few more bursts up the field by Pennant Hills saw them scoring a goal with a quick one two past STAR. Shortly after an unfortunate penalty gave them a shot at goals from the box. STAR was unable to stop it. At half time we were down two nil but our spirits were high. The second half was a whole new side the sportsmanship, courage and determination shown by the Thunder girls was inspiring. Even though Pennant Hills scored another two goals Thornleigh did not let this affect them. STOPH was an inspiration in her defence even running almost sixty per cent of the field to chase down an offensive player on Pennant Hills and stealing the ball. TRACY had the game of her life and was full of encouragement to all. Eighty per cent of the second half was our possession and with ten minutes to go FORREST charged down their goalie who fumbled and scored our first goal. POPCORN was moved to midfield/wing in the second half and was able to hassle the ball and clear it to our forwards. POPCORN also came down and supported the backs in defence which was welcomed with open arms. PANDA did some awesome work midfield which caused Pennant Hills to panic. PADDY played her first full game and was an asset to our defensive line. By the end of the game we lost four to one but Thornleigh were outstanding in their efforts. Great game had by all. Special mention to PUP for coming along to spectate, also to LOOSE who is off due to illness our thoughts are with you and JO JO who was not there due to a loss in the family your team mates are sending their strength.

AA / 14 THORNLEIGH 1 VS. PENNANT HILLS 0

Another good win by the boys in an unexpectedly low scoring game against the team running last in our competition, several factors combined to give this match a low score, such as backing up after the World Cup night, some fantastic goalkeeping from the Penno keeper, the opposition playing a really game of football and some plain bad luck in front of goal from us.

We started the game full of confidence that we could put Penno to the sword after beating them comfortably in round one but to their credit they came out firing and played a good brand of fast open football which we had to quickly match.

We intended to attack from the back today and spread the ball wide as soon as we could and our game plan was working well as we moved the ball wide and down the park to pepper the Penno goal mouth but outstanding goal keeping was keeping us scoreless.

Our passing game was really looking good as we moved the ball through many players from one end of the pitch to the other and we were totally dominating the opposition .

We had many , many chances at goal just miss or were saved and we came in at half time at nil all but clearly the better team . after the break we came out very determined to go on with this game and we started the second half as dominant as we were in the first but we kept hitting the posts .

Our frustration was finally broken when a nice through ball from TERRY put NICK into some space and he ran away from his marker and scored a fine goal , we thought that the flood gates would now open with this goal but it was not too be as we found the edges of the posts too many times or shot just over the bar .

The game finished at one / nil our way and we all agreed that it was a really good game of football played in a good spirit , BROWNY , KENNY and JORDAN played their best games this season and we did not have a poor player on the pitch today .This was our first clean sheet for the season due to a great effort from our defensive team .

Well done boys we continue to win our games , we just need to improve our goal scoring .

