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SOCCER DIVISION

THORNLEIGH THUNDER PREMIER LEAGUE

Pennant Hills Bowling Club



COME AND SEE **THE THUNDER** PLAY PENNANT HILLS THIS WEEK. THERE WILL BE A BBQ AND FULL CANTEEN FACILITIES.

AFTER THE GAME PLEASE JOIN US FOR DRINKS WITH THE PLAYERS AT PENNANT HILLS BOWLING CLUB

(52 Yarrara Road Pennant Hills).

DATE: Saturday 1st May 2004

PLACE: OAKLEIGH OVAL

TIME: Reserves 1.15pm; First Grade 3.15pm

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SOCCER DIVISION BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER 24th April 2004

**** Support your Premier League ****

Premier League Divison 1 Games – All Reserves Grade games at 1.15pm, All 1st Grade games at 3.15pm

Hi All,

Despite some teams playing without their full complement this weekend, there was some very good football by Thornleigh teams. Of special note are the efforts of the 12/1 that showed dogged determination under sustained pressure. They denied the more fancied WPH team a win and held them to a nil all draw. Well done boys you put on a great show!

Our girls' team put up a strong battle against the last year's division champions at Meadowbank Park. Although the score was somewhat lopped-sided, the girls never stopped trying and kept the score very respectable. Better luck at the next game.

Our Premier League Reserve game have continued on their winning ways soundly defeating their Epping rivals 4-1. Excellent goal tending and a highly productive front line are showing that Thornleigh is the team to be treated with great respect. The reserve side is currently sitting in first place with 13 goals for and one against. The reserves play every Saturday at 1:15.

I am still interested to hear from anyone who may be interested in doing a St John Ambulance sports first aid course. I am hoping to run the course on a Sunday (9-5) during May. We need a minimum of twelve people to undertake the training. The soccer club is willing to pay half your fee, which is approximately \$50. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Please keep in mind the upcoming Trivia Night at TWPS on May 15. Tickets are \$15 each and we are looking for each team to at least make up a table of 8-10 people. This is an important fund raising event for the club and your support is muchly appreciated.

The next club meeting at Pennant Hills Bowling Club is May 3 at 7:30. Any agenda items can be sent to me at rroberts@sdeps.nsw.edu.au

Cheers

Rob Roberts

President

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Thornleigh Soccer Trivia Night – Saturday 15th May 2004

7.30pm Sharp, Thornleigh West Public School

Cost \$15.00 Per Person

10 people per table

B.Y.O.G.

Dress - Blue & Gold

More tickets can easily be arranged through Glen De Nardi

Visitors to Thornleigh Soccer Club are welcome

Tickets to be collected by no later than the 8th May

For any further information please contact
Glen De Nardi (Premier League) 0408-418-131



U6 RED No Report

U6 WHITE No Report

U6 PURPLE THORNLEIGH 0 vs MACQUARIE 8

An enthusiastic team took the field this week. Due to the holidays we had no reserves and all players showed great stamina staying on the field the whole game. The team looked confident this week, dominating the play many times and just failing to score a goal. AIDAN LANE'S many attempts for goal and his relentless pursuit of the ball earned him our Player of the Week. CORY GILBERT made a great save as goalkeeper in the first half and went on in the second half to kick a strong ball towards the goal. ALEX BORG proved to be an excellent goalkeeper in the second half saving a number of goals. SEAN NOTLEY- RUMBENS dribbled the ball well down the field and made a number of attempts for goal, even after he received a kick to the mouth which left him with a blooded lip. WILLEM OATES and BENJAMIN HURWOOD were up with the team at all times helping to turn the ball around - some great kicks boys! Thank you to our U13 representative JOHN CAVILL for a great job in refereeing the first half of the game.

U7 GREEN No Report

U7 RED No Report

U7 ORANGE THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 5

Although today lost the game, our boys remained high and our game strong. Despite the score line, there was some excellent goal saving by SAM DRUMM and BEN SEPAROVICH. Good all round defence and running of the ball earned by THOMAS SIMCOCK and BILLY ROSE. There was excellent defensive play by MATHEW JENNINGS and ALLEN JIANG. Great attempts.

U7 WHITE THORNLEIGH 3 vs GLADESVILLE RSL 0

Firstly a big thanks to BOB BIRRILL for taking the team at training this week. What a great match where THORNLEIGH dominated the game with 80% of the time in attack, where all the boys were hungry for the ball. Our first goal was memorable because three boys were involved, firstly ANDREW HADDAD (who had a sterling game) passed to JASON CLARKE, then a high kick over the bunch to NATHAN BIRRILL who smashed the ball home. The other two goals came from the skill of JASON CLARKE (Player of the Match) who ran around the bunch (at least half the length of the field) to score two striking goals. In defence with some amazing chasing and kicks we had STUART BRUCE, RYAN MALLET and JORDAN DAVIS. In the middle was ROBERT JONES getting amongst the bunch to frustrate the opposition and BEN WALLWOOD with some great runs demonstrating his skill and strength. Well done boys.

U8 BLUE THORNLEIGH 7 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 0

The Blueys really hit their straps this week with every player making an impression. The fact that coach BRAD chose three players of the match (JAKE, LUKE & TOM L) shows what a great team effort it was. There was structure to the ways the boys played, the defence was rock solid (both our goalies MITCHELL & CAMERON only touched the ball once each and should have been booked for loitering), the passing was sweet and this resulted in a number of great goals. Goals were scored by LUKE (3), JAKE (2), BLAKE (1.5) and TOM L (0.5). Yes we had another shared goal this week. Amongst a veritable pot pourri of memorable goals a couple stood out. LUKE scored a beauty when he ran from well inside his own half, turning defenders inside out and then calmly slotting the ball away. Two others were similar in style and beautiful to watch; ADRIAN to CAMERON to JAKE and IN followed by CAMERON to JAKE to BLAKE and GOOOOAAAAL!!! Pretty stuff. CAMPBELL provided the final cross for one of JAKE's goals and set other Blueys loose regularly with great passes. MAX had another really solid game at the back including one run where he pushed well forward and topped it off with a great cross which nearly resulted in a goal. Great effort guys!!

U8 GREEN THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 12
(subtitled "Thornleigh 0 – Kenthurst 6/643 declared)

After the trek to Kenthurst (rated: cut lunch, waterbag, two Sherpas), we were brimming with confidence, following last week's one-nil win over Hunter's Hill. Just 5 minutes after kick-off, and 3 goals to the opposition, we knew we'd have to dig a little deeper! REBECCA kept pushing towards our frontline, and TAYLOR was stopping shot after shot in goal; JOSHUA brilliantly blocked a goal attempt just before half-time, with CALLUM staying rock solid in defence. Strains of "Oh my God, it's up our end!" and "stand in front of a red person!" could be heard on the sidelines, whilst we watched the Kenthurst goalie do laps between the goalposts. At half-time, and at 6-0 down, coach John was great, encouraging everyone to "tackle", "try to kick to our own team", and "we're kicking THIS way now!" Second verse....same as the first...Another 6 goals scored by the opposition, yet, our team did us proud, as they fought on, keeping their legs moving and spirits high. JULIAN took his fair share of knocks as goalie, managing to stop several attempts; JESSICA, JAY and ALEXANDER were in the action at every turn, as they always are. (Was the rumour true that the Kenthurst goalie and defence players were sunbaking at one point????) Stand up and be proud Thornleigh Under 8 Green: a tough match, yet we can still cheer as loud as Kenthurst at the end of the game. And... We have home advantage NEXT Saturday!!!!

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE 1

Under 8 White played an amazing game today ending in a 1-all draw. CALLUM was determined all game and had many of his trade mark classic tumbles. MATT made some great breakaways in an effort to heighten the score. DELANEY was all over the other team doing the tense fans proud, and ANDRE could always be relied upon to bring the ball back home. LUKE and DANIELLE were away and missed all the excitement. JOSHUA made a star quality effort in goals and on the field. BEN, who was bored in goal for the first half, excelled on the field instead. TYLER and TESS were always in for the tackle just at the right moment. The team all worked well together and fed off each other to produce a very exciting game. Great job team!

U9/4

THORNLEIGH 3 vs PENNANT HILLS 1

U9/7

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WPH 2

Another week with the bare 7 players and once again Thornleigh played an enjoyable and fun game to watch. Both our goal keepers LUKE MORRISON & REBEKA FIELD played an exceptional game in goals holding West Pennant Hills to only 2. While our defense was hungry and tackled for the ball well. DALE EDWARDS playing the offside rule brilliantly. RAPHEAL HARVEY again played a strong game with many attacking runs and great clearance kicks. REBECCA FOWLER, ANDREW BRUCE & KATHERINE MEIKLE all played skillfully, with a few well aimed kicks for goals. Just a matter of time till we start to hit the back of the net.

U10/6

THORNLEIGH 2 vs SAINTS UNITED 4

Despite the score line, our boys put up a great effort against a very strong Saints United team. Although trailing throughout the game, they never gave up. MICHAEL GAMBLE had other great game kicking both of our goals. JACK ANGEL looked very good in the fullback position, defending well and continuously bringing up the ball out wide. MICHAEL CSOMORE showed a big improvement moving up to the forwards and making some good long runs out wide. JEREMY TOHEY SHOWED a lot of determination at fullback. A great effort by everyone.

THORNLEIGH 2 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1 (3/4/2004)

It was a great start for the season when our under 10s team full of new recruits took the field against Eastwood St Andrews. With several opportunities missed earlier, our team was down one nil at half time. That just made our players more determined in the second half. After continuously charging towards the oppositions goal, TIMOTHY LOVE kicked our equaliser, and minutes later LACHLAN BRIERLEY shot the second goal which looked like coming out of a .45 magnum. We also thank KATHERINE MEIKLE from the under 9's who acted as a substitute. A very good effort by the whole team.

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 0 (17/4/2004)

Our team should be commended for just turning up on the day as the temperature soared to the 30s by the time the game started. Then with nine players, they took on the full team from West Ryde Rovers, and dominated through the game. In the first 10 minutes MICHAEL GAMBLE KICKED our first goal which was followed by the second by LACHLAN BRIERLEY. DANIEL CHRISTIE was very bored as goalie in the first half and came out firing in midfield for the second. ANDREW CARDWELL put the pressure on the Rovers and providing relief for the forwards suffering from heat exhaustion. TIMOTHY LOVE showed enthusiasm in midfield. The third goal came from a rebound off MICHAEL GAMBLE'S boot. The Rovers hope of a moral boosting goal was ended by the best tackle of the season by JACK ANGEL. A great effort by everyone.

U11/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 0

Despite playing so much of the game in the opposition half we just couldn't find the goal necessary to break the deadlock. Anjan did manage to find the net but the goal was disallowed for offside. We had plenty of chances but just couldn't convert them. Perhaps we are holding the ball a little longer than we should and passing it off earlier would create better goal scoring opportunities for us. A great effort by everybody. Good defence again with the midfield and forwards showing determination and skill.

U11/4

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 2

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

The 'Thornleigh Thunderdome' was the venue for yet another epic battle against last year's Division 1 front runners. Coach Kev had devised a more defensive plan to counteract West Pennant Hill's attacking potency, and it worked a treat! Tight man on man marking frustrated the more fancied West Pennant Hills side and our boys grew in confidence as the game progressed. Both sides had chances to score but the defence was up to the mark, total commitment was the order of the day! Every player put in 100% effort so I won't name you all, but a special mention to DANIEL TOMPKINS who was 'hooked' from his normal right wing position to play stopper and mark WPH's potent centre forward. As the result shows he did an excellent job. Many thanks to members of the 11/2's who stepped up a year to help keep the numbers up. Well done guys, you've hearts like lions!

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 3 vs ROSELEA 0

U13/4

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WPH 2

U14/1 THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST RYDE RANGERS

It was a well-deserved win with Thornleigh dominating from the start. After multiple unlucky shots, especially in the first 20 minutes, from DARCY COHEN, it was West Ryde Rovers who scored first. HUGH BARTSCH shot the equalising goal to be 1/1. WRR received a direct penalty shot which they failed to convert so the draw remained. BEN HOLLIDAY was excellent in defence and JONATHAN STABLES did excellent saves in goals. DARCY COHEN finally clinched the win with a well-deserved goal. Congratulations to the whole team as it was truly a great all-round team effort.

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 4 vs REDFIELD LIONS 2

A good first win despite the fact that our defense was second rate. Every chance Redfield had in this game was on the back of defensive lapses and a lack of urgency to clear the ball. Hopefully the heat was to blame and now that cooler weather is on the way our enthusiasm will return. This win gets us off the bottom of the table and with a game against West Pennant Hills next week we should be able to move towards the middle. Goal scorers were PATERSON KIM, ANDY IP (2) and RICHARD GAMBLE.

U16/3 THORNLEIGH 3 vs ST ANDREWS 1

U16 GIRLS THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 6

Beautiful combinations. Wonderful positional play. Great skills. Terrific goals. That sums up how our opponents played today. Our girls closed the other team down whenever they could and chased down every loose ball, but to no avail. The battle of the midfield was slowly lost and at half time we were 4 goals down. In the second half we unleashed our secret weapon. We're not sure ourselves who or what that is, but hey, if you're desperate enough, you'll try anything. And to our immense surprise it was very effective. We slowed them down by halves and only conceded just two more goals. The team is going to work a bit more on this secret weapon and can hardly wait for next week's game.

U18/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 1

Thornleigh and Carlingford conspired to kick the ball back and forth for almost 80 minutes, neither side really threatening the other's goal, before scoring one each in the dying minutes of this pedestrian match. The Thornleigh lads certainly tried hard, and they had their moments of promise, but as was the case the week before, many chances went begging and sustained passing combinations were few and far between. ALEX REDFEARN had another competent session in goal, saving a penalty inside the opening minute of play. JASON BURT was outstanding in defence. He and STEVEN PAVITT spent much of the afternoon frustrating the Redbacks' forwards. We also liked the look of MATT THOMSETT and MICHAEL PAVITT, both of whom pushed hard throughout the match. TRISTAN PETERS, standing in as captain, added his contribution to the defensive effort. Thornleigh's loan score came out of a goal-mouth scramble in the Carlingford box, which ended with the ball casually rolling across the line. TONY LAING put his hand up for the goal.

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WPH 0

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 1 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 3

AA/10 THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 2

AAWOMEN No Report

Over 35/2 THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 1

Soccer registration fees: \$245....A couple of beers after the game: \$5.....Beating Normanhurst: Priceless!!

It must be conceded that Normanhurst won the Oscar for the greatest on-field theatrics and they easily won the prize for the most consistent sledging but Thornleigh won where it really counts – on the scoreboard. We went into this game knowing that our nemesis would be very determined to win, firstly, to appease their pre-season loss to Thornleigh and, secondly, to maintain their position as competition leaders. But we were prepared! From the very start, the game was played with great aggression and determination but we had the better of the early exchanges. Eventually our superiority was rewarded when a well placed corner by ROSS GALLAGHER was met ever so sweetly by TIM YEATES who rifled the ball into the back of the net from his head to put us a goal ahead. Early in the second half Normanhurst drew level with a well taken goal from one of their few raids into our half of the field. With fifteen minutes to go STEVE THOMPSON put us back into the lead when he pounced onto a rebound from a well struck drive from ROSS GALLAGHER and hammered the ball past the despairing Normanhurst goalkeeper. We continued to dominate for the rest of the game and came away well deserved winners. Unfortunately for Normanhurst they were left to spit their dummies, go home and rip the ears of their teddy bears and tell their mum's on us.

Over 35/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 3

Over 35/6 THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST RYDE EAGLES 2

24/4/2004
PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 4 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1
PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 4

26/4/2004
PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 0 vs WPH 1
PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 0 vs WPH 4