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Hi All,

An exceptional weekend of soccer was had by Thornleigh teams. Damien Suplina's all conquering under 11 side extended their winning streak. Craig Millard's 12/5 showed good form as they overwhelmed their opponents on their way to posting a win. Craig and Matt's 16/3's put on a dazzling display of firepower in latter part of the second half to emerge 4-0 victors.

Our Premier League teams did battle at Ward Street Oval. The reserve side encountered stiff opposition until they gained the upper hand and seized a 2-1 victory. A sustained attack by YMCA to level the score proved fruitless. Excellent defending by Dish and another goal by Babbs added to the excellent play by all. A reorganised first side took the field knowing much was riding on the game. Thornleigh commenced the game throwing everything into the fight. Like the previous game it was full on for the whole ninety minutes. Thornleigh again looked the better team as they played with determination and confidence. An iron-clad defence held firm in the dying minutes of the game as the Y's pushed hard to level the 2-1 deficit. Outstanding play by all concerned with special mention to Tim, Layn, Linton and Travis. David Ball was rock solid in the nets for 180 minutes. A big thanks to the management side of the operation – Allan Higgnet, Karl Davies, Bruce Roff and Glen/Gino De Nardi.

The Thornleigh Women's team put on a Mother's Day special at North Epping Oval. The Rangers played a fast paced game that kept our women in an almost constant state of defence. Attempts to break out of our end and mount a sustained attack were proving frustrating. When all seemed lost, a quick break levelled the score for Thornleigh. A repeat performance put our women ahead and left the opposition in shock and disbelief. Congratulations on a great win and some bone crunching tackling.

Thank you to the De Nardi brothers, Glen and Gino for organising and financing the signage to advertise our Premier League games. The sign looks fantastic and is located at Westleigh Cellars. The next big game is at Harris Park against our very good friends Normanhurst.

Don't forget the Trivia Night at Thornleigh West Primary School May 15. Our hope is for each team to form at least one table and thus make this fund-raising venture a huge success. Contact your team manager or Glen (0408418131) for tickets. Tickets may be bought at the door if necessary.

Cheers

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THORNLEIGH "THUNDER" PHOTOGRAPHS - SATURDAY 5 JUNE 2004 CAR PARK - THORNLEIGH WEST SCHOOL

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PHOTO TIME	AGE TEAM	GAME VENUE	GAME TIME
8.00 am	14 Division 1	Oakleigh	8.30 am
8.10 am	6 Purple	Oakleigh	8.30 am
8.25 am	7 Red	Holland	10.00 am
8.40 am	8 Blue	James Henty	9.30 am
8.50 am	7 White	Oakleigh	9.15 am
9.05 am	16 Girls Division 1	N/a	N/a
9.15 am	9 Division 7	Oakleigh	9.45 am
9.25 am	6 Red	Oakleigh	10.00 am
9.40 am	8 Green	Ruddock	10.30 am
9.50 am	11 Division 2	Thornleigh Oval	8.30 am
10.05 am	9 Division 4	Oakleigh	10.45 am
10.20 am	13 Division 4	Epping North	8.30 am
10.30 am	6 White	Oakleigh	10.45 am
10.45 am	16 Division 1	Galston	12 noon
11.00 am	16 Division 3	Kenthurst	12 noon
11.10 am	12 Division 1	Thornleigh Oval	9.30 am
11.25 am	10 Division 6	West Epping	9.30 am
11.40 am	8 White	West Epping	10.30 am
11.55 am	12 Division 5	Epping Oval	10.30 am
12.10 pm	11 Division 4	LH Waud	10.30 am
12.20 pm	7 Orange	Oakleigh	11.30 am
12.30 pm	7 Green	West Epping	10.45 am
12.45 pm	18 Division 1	Holy Cross	3.15 pm

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U6 RED**THORNLEIGH 7 vs NORTH RYDE 2**

What an effort! Thornleigh players all played well this week to record the first win of the season with a sensational high score. JORDAN SIMONS, Player of the Match, CALLUM HANDS, LIAM SHERMAN, and MAX EDWARDS all worked hard. Boy, they ran fast! Our star striker IZAAK MUNOZ contributed today's high score with his amazing skills. Although North Ryde kept our goalkeepers busy, – LUKE SPYER, first half and EMILY SUNNUCKS, 2nd half -, it was so hard for them to break our strong defense. CHRISTOPHER WATT and ADAM WALKER also played with enthusiasm. All the players are developing strongly and enjoying soccer. It's so good to see big smiles on everybody's face. Well done, everybody. GO, RED, GO!

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE**THORNLEIGH 1 vs. Epping YMCA 2**

What a great game! The parents and friends for both Thornleigh & Epping were extremely excited & supportive of the children. The score at half time was nil all - with the teams evenly matched. Then in the second half a goal for Epping, followed by our first goal for the season - Well done SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS! The Thornleigh crowd went crazy, you have boosted all the boys' confidence - enjoy your Player of the Week trophy. The entire team worked well & hard - they were hungry for victory & the score could have gone either way, with Epping just scoring near the end of the second half. ALEX BORG absolutely shined this week - strong kicks down the field, he was in hot pursuit of the ball & was unlucky not to score a goal. BENJAMIN HURWOOD'S eye never left the ball this week - he passed the ball to another player and was always thinking about where he should be next. AIDAN LANE played another excellent game, constantly on the attack and always turning the ball back to our advantage. He was supportive to our goal keepers & showed wonderful sportsmanship to his team players. ANNIKA REYNOLDS was the most aggressive goal keeper this season - she kept track of the ball at all times and was not afraid to move forward after the ball - always returning quickly to the goal posts. MARK NEWLAND took up goalie in the second half & worked hard in defense. He had spent the first half well on the attack. After being an outstanding goal keeper last week, CORY GILBERT proved he could also be strong mid-field this week. WILLEM OATES - who would guess he was our youngest & still at Preschool? - always in there supporting the team, well done Willem. Keep up the good work U6 Purple.

U7 GREEN**THORNLEIGH 1 EASTWOOD 2**

Well another great game played by our Under 7 Green team. In the first half BEN MANCE was our goalkeeper saving 2 sure goals. ANGUS MCALLISTER (man of the match) displayed his usual amazing defence skills and also put in some good runs. CHRISTIAN, MURRAY and DANIEL displayed great teamwork, passing the ball to each other and almost scoring goals. In the 2nd half JAMES PATTERSON scored an amazing goal putting us in the lead. AIDEN BRIERLEY, JEREMY PAK and CALLUM TOOHEY all had some great runs & displayed great attack skills. In the final 5 minutes Eastwood scored 2 quick goals taking the lead and then held on for a close win. The boys played a good strong game and were unlucky not to come away with a draw at the very least. Don't worry boys well get them next week. Great effort guys!

U7 RED

No Report

U7 ORANGE

No Report

U7 WHITE**THORNLEIGH 2 vs ROSELEA 1**

A nail biter of a game where we beat a team that was previously undefeated. For most of the game it could have gone either way but the boys persevered and converted goals when it counted and deserved the win. The goals came late in the second half, starting with JACK GREEN capitalizing on a poor goal kick. This was followed by a lovely shot on goal from JASON CLARKE, making it two nil. ROSELEA fought back, and we saw a memorable save from NATHAN BIRRILL - a spectacular two handed deflection over the bar. At a defining point in the game STUART BRUCE saved an otherwise certain goal when he cleared the ball from the line. JORDAN DAVIS (Player of the Match) had a strong game in the centre and also surprised us with a back header. In defense ANDREW HADDAD was a tower of strength and ROBERT JONES made some great clearance kicks. Some of our more notable offensive moves came from both RYAN MALLETT and BEN WALLWOOD with some unbelievable ¾ field runs. Overall the whole team pulled together which made for an enjoyable game of soccer. Well done boys.

U8 BLUE**THORNLEIGH 2 vs EASTWOOD SAINT ANDREWS 2**

The informed consensus about two minutes in was that the Blueys would have a very easy win today. LUKE put in a neat left footer off the post and we were all over them like a cheap suit. But someone forgot to tell Eastwood that there were supposed to lie down, rollover and play dead. What we ended up with was a really exciting struggle with each team having many chances to score. Both JAKE and MITCHELL pulled off some great saves in goal while ADRIAN, TOM D, NICK and MAX were working overtime to repel all attackers. As occurred last week there was some good passing interplay with particularly CAMPBELL setting up team mates well from mid field. BLAKE and TOM L covered plenty of miles while CAMERON put in a joint man of the match (with TOM D) performance up front. After going down 2-1 we were looking down the barrel until LUKE made a fast breakout and went around the goalie without breaking stride and sunk the equalizer. In the last minute we had numerous shots to try and find the winner with JAKE missing by a bee's proboscis right on full time. A draw was probably a pretty fair result on the day. Well played boys!!

The game started with a Thornleigh kick off and NICK in goals. We were on the attack from the start with some determined efforts from BECKY, TAYLOR, JESSICA and WILL. As usual CALLUM was rock solid in defence. JOSHUA left the field injured but made a speedy recover, only to sustain a ball to the face requiring sideline treatment. ALEX provided sterling midfield service and JULIAN came close to scoring on several occasions. A fantastic length of the field run by BECKY also nearly resulted in a goal. NICK proved impenetrable in goals resulting in a half time score of nil all. CALLUM assumed goal keeping duties in the second half. JAY provided excellent mid field support in both attack and defence. Against the run of play the opposition scored a spectacular goal with the ball proving too difficult for our defenders. A second goal was scored after some individual brilliance by one of the opposition forwards. Overall a good team effort that deserved a win. JOSHUA was awarded a well-deserved "Thunder of the Week."

Despite the loss we played a good game. Everybody tried his best to keep the damage to a minimum. TYLOR in goal managed to stop quite a few good kicks from the opposition. BEN and ANDRE were very strong at the defense line and LUKE and TESS did their very best at the front. ANDRE was goal keeper in the second half of the game and stopped several goal attempts. CALLUM, MATTHEW AND JOSHUA did some good tackling and running, while DELANEY and DANIELLE surely placed some well-aimed kicks as well. Keep it up team.

It was an early morning start and the Thunder was fielding an under strength side. Gladesville capitalised on this and scored in the opening minutes. The Thornleigh Thunder began to rally and started to play as if they had thirteen on the field and not the ten they actually had. Thornleigh ran the ball forward and stuck to the wings pushing the Gladesville defenders back however it was 3 - 0 at half time, and the second half saw a rejuvenated side take the field. The boys played together as a team. They attacked relentlessly and it was only the "goal god" that stopped them from scoring from the seven great attempts at goal during the game. The backs tried their hearts out in order to stop the opposition and the second half score shows they did well, only letting the one goal in for the half. This was a game where the entire team should feel proud of themselves. They never gave up and they all gave everything they had and finished the game with nothing left in reserve. Well done boys.

The coach's dream run continues with very convincing win because of the contributions from everyone once again. We started well with our first goal coming from a good cross by Ed which Jordan put in off his body. Patrick followed up with a goal over the head of the goalie. Eddy then got right into the game again when he put up a speculator that also went in over the goalies head for our third goal. Chris S made four or five good saves with all our backs very strong in defence, as has been the case every game. It was a very committed effort from the whole team and our goals and the win were only possible because the skill and hard work of everybody.

A quick attack from the opening by Thornleigh by KEL and LEROY using the old "one two" produced the first shot on goal. Defence was called upon to repel the Eastwood attack. Thornleigh then broke away with KEL being brought down just outside the box. MATT W lined up the free kick and crashed it into the cross bar straight down. The goal was made sure by the simplest of headers (KEL 1). The players again brought the ball forward and passed it forward to KEL (2) who put it away with a left foot shot. Eastwood produced a breakaway run that was saved by some fantastic defence by SAM. The ball hit the goal post for a corner kick. All players were called upon to repel the Eastwood attack. SAM in particular produced a number of solid defensive tackles. JORDAN, goalkeeper, was called on for a save. KELSEY, SAM, MICHAEL, MATT & BRADLEY continuously worked the ball downfield. In the second half from the Eastwood kick off, Thornleigh attacked. After a number of shots on goal, SAM kicked the ball to KEL (3) for an easy put away. TOM covered a lot of ground quickly, running the ball down and not afraid to tackle the ball from the taller Eastwood players. DANYON did a lot of work taking possession back for Thornleigh and getting it back up the field to our forwards. An attack by Eastwood was spirited away by KELSEY taking the safety of the sideline. MARCUS was in the thick of the action and continuously pressured the Eastwood players. MATT D. did a good job in goals and made a mighty fine save from a breakaway Eastwood player. 3-0 was a good reflection of the superiority of the Thornleigh team.

This was a really tough match for our guys. They went in with determination and spirit and played fantastically as a team. St Andrews reputation that preceded the match never daunted their enthusiasm. SIMON KRISTENTHAL had his work cut out and valiantly saved many shots at goal. NICK GEORGIU, MAX BARTSCH and LACHLAN BEENIE played fast and hard teamed with the ever persistent JOEL CARTER and BEN COLAUTTI. Unfortunately goal after goal from the opposition just kept on seeming to find it's mark despite all Thornleigh's efforts. Keep your heads up boys our turn is just around the corner! GOOD LUCK NEXT WEEK!

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 2 vs PACIFIC HILLS 0

After a month of having a few of the boys missing each game we were finally able to put our full side to use. It was obvious that by 10.30 the team was busting for a game, with most of the players arriving well in advance (except for Luke whom I forgot to pick up – Sorry again Sharon). And the opposition felt the intensity very early in the game as we slotted two away within five minutes. A spectacular goal from JORDAN SANT who playing in the midfield pushed up to the edge of the penalty box and “thundered” one into the net after an impeccable cross from JACKSON SMITH, and another from RYAN PYSAR who once again “thundered” one over the goalie. The team kept peppering the goalmouth throughout the first half but some great keeping by Pacific’s goalie thwarted their endeavors. They lost a little of that intensity in the second half. Again the back line showed how their game is maturing by their positional play and reading of the game. Special mention needs to go to JAMES FOWLER who in the right back has shown an uncanny ability to tackle and win the ball every time he challenges.

U13/4

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 2

A disappointing result in our local derby but a good effort all round. It took some individual brilliance from a Normanhurst player to break the dead-lock in an otherwise very even game. RYHS GRAHAM scored a fantastic goal off a well directed STEPHEN SMITH corner, I wish we had instant replay capabilities. The boys are getting better each week in their combinations and as they pass and talk more on the field the better they will get.

U16/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING YMCA 2

A very committed effort against one of the competition’s top four. The final score didn’t reflect the closeness of the game as one of the goals came from a penalty given for what was great thunder defense close to the line and the second half of the match was nil all. The 16/1s are very short on man power at the moment with only 12 team members and one of those out injured. This week we also lost JAMES FROST for 5 weeks with a broken collarbone suffered after a heavy fall. Too many good players to mention individually this week but special mention should go to STEPHEN SMITH and OLIVER WELLS from the 14/1s who helped us out and played some great football.

U16/3

THORNLEIGH 4 vs HILLS HAWKS 0

Today the boys showed what they can achieve through sheer persistence in a tough, entertaining and fair match. The first 15 minutes was a pretty even affair with the Thunders searching for rhythm and the Hawks making a number of incursions into our territory but shut down by our defensive line-up. Gradually our boys started to gel and on a number of occasions looked threatening with NICK BOSS and MATT ELDRIDGE combining well up front. A reflex action hand-ball in our penalty box brought on a Hawks penalty and one of the finest saves you will see, from our star keeper LUIS REDFEARN. The ball was pounded low to his right and amazingly Luis dived and got his hands to it, the ball re-entering the field of play. The return shot saw Luis leaping high to his left for a memorable save pushing the ball over the bar, to the cheers and backslaps of his peers and sheer disbelief of the opposition. At half time with no score, coach Craig told the guys to look out for the high balls in defence and to keep feeding the ball up and the goals will eventually come. How right he was with our first one coming 10 minutes after the break. Another indiscretion in our box brought on a second Hawks penalty with their striker, obviously with Luis’s first save in mind, going for a very wide ball and missing the goalmouth completely. A lucky break some would say, but it was Luis’s fine form that drew the error. Three more beautiful team goals in the final 20 minutes well and truly put the icing on the Thunder’s cake. These guys are just getting better and better with RAKESH GIANANEY displaying an incisive mid-field personal best performance and NATHAN CARDWELL and DHESHEN GOVENDER particularly tenacious in defence. Keep up your commitment and hard work boys and you will reap a good deal more results like todays!

U16 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 2 vs LEICHHARDT 1

They had a brilliantly executed strategy. With one player short, the girls knew they had to win the game in the first half and defend the lead in the second half. And how they performed to plan! Even going down a goal didn’t dent their composure and the team bounced back. Was it the prospect of a generous bonus or the rumours of another Chelsea buying spree? We may never know but MEL was on fire and scored twice in the first half. As the second half wore on, the pressure mounted. Wave after wave of attack broke on the tireless work of ELENA and RHIAN, who shielded their defensive line and launched several heart-stopping counter attacks. The chocolate after the game was well deserved.

U18/1

THORNLEIGH 5 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 2

It was a hat trick to SIMON FACTOR and a pair of goals to MATT THOMSETT as this team finally played up to its potential, and what a sweat potential it proved to be. Thornleigh opened the scoring three minutes into the match when THOMSETT found the back of the net after a well-executed series of passes brought the ball downfield. Eastwood climbed back into the game at the 19-minute mark when the Thunder defence dropped their guard. This was followed up by a sell-executed strike eight minutes later. Thornleigh went to the break one goal down and received a deserved lecture from Coach John Calvert. Thus spurred into action, the second half was one-way traffic as the Thunder took control of the midfield and ensured that for most of the time the ball was in Eastwood’s half of the pitch. MATT THOMSETT put SIMON FACTOR through for the first of his three goals two minutes after the whistle. FACTOR added a second, seven minutes later when he beat the keeper at close range. MICHAEL PAVITT was the provider for THOMSETT’S second goal and Thornleigh’s fourth. FACTOR closed the scoring when he got on the end of a cross that BEVAN CALVERT took from THOMSETT and turned back into the centre. The key to this victory was control of the midfield, patient passing and strong finishing in the second half. JOSH CLARK was outstanding in the second half at distributing the ball. MATT THOMSETT worked tirelessly and had perhaps his finest game in the blue and gold. Others who impressed with their workload were BEVAN CALVERT, STEVEN PAVITT and OWEN RODGERS, but in truth, all those on the field had a spirited outing. This was a strong showing from a team that will need to be at their best when they take on the competition leaders at Oakleigh next weekend.

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 5
AA/7 THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 0
AA/10 THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 3
AAWOMEN THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1

A top of the table clash. Thornleigh started strong and played a well balanced game in the first half. Half time saw both sides locked at 0-0. Start of the second half and we didn't come out the way we finished the first half. North Epping opened the scoring, which saw us on the back foot for the first time this year. To the girls credit they stuck in there and kept at it the whole time. A good passage of play down the left side saw our equalizer by JO put us back in the game. The hunger lifted after that and with the remaining 7 mins in the game saw TARA slot home the winning goal. Some great last minute saves by keeper SAM not only saw the assembled crowd (which is growing every week) gasp with baited breath, but has kept us still UNDEFEATED. Congratulations team and keep the hard work up.

Over 35/2 BYE
Over 35/4 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE RSL 0
Over 35/6 THORNLEIGH 4 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 3
PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING YMCA 1

Epping YMCA were sitting in fourth spot just behind Thornleigh - we were in for a tight game. After 20 minutes of play MATTHEW BARBER scored from a flick on from STEPHEN JACK. Coach KARL DAVIES, making a rare appearance in the mid field, and DAMIEN SUPLINA had shots that just failed to find the target. Thornleigh's passing game was a pleasure to watch. After ten minutes of play in the second half MATTHEW BARBER put a ball through to STEPHEN JACK who showed the composure of Allan Shearer, when he threaded the ball between the keeper and the post. YMCA struck back when the ball found its way into the back of the net after a goalmouth scramble. All players showed the true THUNDER commitment and determination to keep the opposition at bay for the last 20 minutes. A big thank you to first grade keeper DAVID BALL for filling in for GILL who was on recreation leave in QLD. Man of the match was MATTHEW BARBER who had his best game of the year.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING YMCA 1

Coach Hignett promoted TRAVIS PRICE, LINTON ISTED and TIM COURTNALL from the second team for this game. Keeper DAVID BALL hardly had time to put his gloves on when he was forced into a save. Shortly after captain AVAN YOUNG scored a beautiful goal from a free kick 20 meters out. This was the first time this season that Thornleigh had scored before the opposition. Thornleigh started the second half with a mission to beat YMCA for the first time in two years. Mid way through the second half the unthinkable happened - DAVID BALL appeared to have a shot covered when the ball turned, more than a Warney flipper, and end up in the back of the net. 1:1 with 25 minutes to go. It was edge of the seat soccer with the ball sweeping from end to end. Thornleigh were finally rewarded when what looked like a cross from MATTHEW FRENCH was actually a shot that fooled the entire YMCA defence. What a time for Matthew to score his first goal of the season. Thornleigh held on to secure a much needed three points. LINTON ISTED was awarded man of the match for his tireless efforts up front.

A big thank you to our premier league delegate GLEN (GINO) DE NARDI for sponsoring the game board that is located on the back wall of Westleigh Cellars in full view of Westleigh shops car park.