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Hi All,

Another successful round of soccer occurred over the weekend. We are now half way through the season and we are looking very competitive in a number of divisions. I understand our over 35/2 team continues their domination of their competition proving 'the older you get, the better you get'.

I was pleased to watch the 14/1 game at Pennant Hills Park where our boys emerged winners from a very tight contest by pocketing a couple of goals in the last ten minutes. Our Premier League First team played a solid, determined game against the leaders Eastwood St Andrews and came away with a well deserved one all draw. Congratulations to our lone PL goalie at the moment, Gill, who remained focussed for the whole hundred and eighty minutes of play. Our All Age 7 team took on their competition leaders at the View Street Oval on Sunday. They held them to a one all draw despite the overwhelming pressure from Macquarie Combined side. Again I witnessed another outstanding effort from the goalie, Paul Messina who is improving with each game. Paul has had some training sessions with the PL goalies Matthew and Gill and has no doubt benefited from their assistance.

Thank you to all the coaches and managers from the Under 6's through to the Premier League for their efforts. It can sometimes be a thankless task, but your time and effort is greatly appreciated even if we don't always express our gratitude.

Players, parents and club officials need to remember that there is a Club Code of Conduct. It is the expectation of the club that the code will be fairly and consistently applied where action is warranted.

The final words are: ***Coaches coach, managers manage, players play and parents praise the efforts of all!*** Many potential problems can be avoided if we can all maintain this simple philosophy.

Yours in commitment

***Rob Roberts***

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

***IMPORTANT : PHOTOGRAPH TIME IS ACTUAL. Please arrive 10 minutes in advance of scheduled time.***

<b>PHOTO TIME</b>	<b>AGE TEAM</b>	<b>GAME VENUE</b>	<b>GAME TIME</b>
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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Well the autumn sun was shining and the boys were hyped! LUKE SPYER was in goals for the first half, doing a great job. JORDAN SIMONS got in a few long kicks, one very close to the goal post. IZAAK MUNOZ as usual was full of energy and covered the field beautifully scoring 2 out of the 3 goals. He even managed to display a rugby slide endeavouring to save the ball from going out, very impressive Izaak! EMILY SUNNOCKS had a great run with the ball kicking it all the way the goal and even scoring a goal for the Thornleigh Thunders, well done Emily! She also managed to do a face plant into the dirt as she covered attack, which resulted in a few minute in the injury bin. Whilst on the inures, MAX EDWARDS managed to stop the ball in its tracks the trouble being it was with his thigh, which sent him off also to the injury bin for a few minute. CALLUM HANDS came back from a break, and I don't know what was in his water but did this ol' mighty kick, we want what your drink!!! In the second half CHRISTOPHER WATT was in goals, took him a while to warm up but when he had look out Glenhaven, and stopped quite a few goals from being scored, well done Chris! ADAM WALKER had a good run in attack having a continual run with the ball getting it all the way up our end to then hand it over to Izaak who the kicked it through the goals, once again, well done boys! Thanks to Deb the boys had sliced oranges at half time; this kept their vitamin c up for the rest of the game. The overall score was Glenhaven 6, Thornleigh 3 but it was a good game, and we made them work hard for it, well done Thornleigh Thunders.

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs SAINTS UNITED 2

Back to great form this week U6 Purple! Our team faced an aggressive Saints United side - it was disappointing to see such a young team pushing and pulling our players. But Thornleigh Purple kept their cool and played an outstanding game. WILLEM OATES stood out this week and was rewarded our Player of the Week. Always energetic and concentrating on the game, Willem is our most improved player. He was in the thick of things this week, kicking the ball and showed great courage when he got up and continued playing after being pushed over. AIDAN LANE played an outstanding game saving at least 8 goals in the first half and then displaying some fancy footwork and a near miss for goal himself in the second half. If not for Aidan's hard work and some further saves and great kicking from CORY GILBERT, our goalkeeper in the second half, the score could have been a lot worse. MARK NEWLAND proved yet again to be a valuable member of the team - such a keen player, great defender and always displaying great sportsmanship. SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS scored his second goal for the season much to the delight of his team and the supporters on the sideline. ALEX BORG was unlucky to miss his attempt for goal and continues to play a great game. BENJAMIN HURWOOD and ANNIKA REYNOLDS continue to work hard mid field, blocking the ball and turning it back to our advantage. A win is close at hand U6 Purple - keep up the good work!

U7 GREEN

No Report

U7 RED

THORNLEIGH 1 vs REDFIELD LIONS 10

A more fitting scoreline could read Redfield 10 Thornleigh 6, which represents the Redfield Lions playing with their full squad of ten, but with Thornleigh with just six players and no reserves today. Despite the scoreline, Thornleigh Reds never gave up. Some good first half midfield possession by MAX KENNEDY and CONNOR BENNETT set up some excellent goal scoring opportunities, whilst JOSHUA TREWIN played a gallant first half in goal. In the second half, ELLEN BOUCHER and DIANA CAVILL combined well to limit the goal scoring abilities of the 'Bend It Like Beckham' girl, and Thornleigh were rewarded with a late goal from MARK RICHARDS. Player of the week was CONNOR BENNETT, for his strong performance during the match. Hold your heads high Thornleigh Red, you showed true determination and stamina for the full 30 minutes today, and never allowed the scoreline to dampen your thirst to score a few goals. Well done.

U7 ORANGE

THORNLEIGH 2 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 5

A very exciting start to a game in which our first-half goalie HAYDEN SIMONS was excellent under a great deal of pressure. SAM DRUMM scored our first goal in a half where our boys showed so much heart against the 3 goals that were scored against them. An excellent first-half! Our second-half goal keeper ALLAN JIANG worked tirelessly and saved at least six goals. Well done SAM DRUMM for scoring our second goal. BEN SEPAROVICH, BILLY ROSE, MATTHEW JENNINGS and LACHLAN WARD ensured that the game was not going to be lost because of lack of trying. Our whole team never gave up! Congratulations to TOM SIMCOCK for being awarded Man of the Match for his tireless efforts on the field.

U7 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTHERN HFC 0

A hard fought match that could be considered a fortunate result. The team is developing well but they are in the middle of developmental phase. They are becoming more skilful, mobile and confident but simple errors that are costly, such as turning the ball across the goals giving the opposition easy opportunities. But their drive and perseverance will take them through. As with every match we saw some notable plays from each player – STUART BRUCE (Player of the Match) had a brief period in goals and made some lovely saves. When on the field he was looking for the ball, chasing and making clearance kicks. NATHAN BIRRILL made a fabulous half field run and shot that just missed its mark. JASON CLARKE made several runs from the back feeding the forwards. JORDAN DAVIS had an inspiring defensive kicking game. JACK GREEN whilst in goals made some great saves. ANDREW HADDAD was supporting the team in the centre and ROBERT JONES showed that he could turn the ball around and clear it away. RYAN MALLETT was following the play, confidently tackling and running the ball. Finally BEN WALLWOOD, not looking or feeling the best spent some time in goal and even made some spirited attacks on goal. Overall a fantastic effort with some developing skills. Keep up the hard work boys.

An 8.30 start at Ruddock Park saw the Blueys as lethargic as a nursing home dosed up on valium. I'm sure it took them at least ten minutes to work out they were awake!! Then as the fog started to lift we saw a good, even game in which neither team really established any superiority. Once again our defenders were far too resolute for the opposition's forward line and consistently stopped the ball before it got too close to our posts. Our opening goal came from a long, fast break out by LUKE who absolutely nailed the shot. It was only parried by the keeper and CAMERON (who had been steaming down the middle) slotted away the rebound for his first goal of the season. Half time saw the Blueys up by one but the opposition pulled one back soon after. Thereafter the boys stepped up a gear and kept pushing forward on the back of strong running from the midfield. Eventually "The Axe" (MITCHELL to his Mum) stormed on to a loose ball and fired a pin point pass to JAKE who left the goalie grasping at where he thought the ball should have been. Player of the match today was MITCHELL for a great display of fearless tackling and keeping positive at all times.

Firstly a BIG "Thanks" to ADRIAN COLAUTTI for helping our team out today as we were a couple of players short. We were on the attack from the start with some great runs from BECKY, TAYLOR, JESSICA and ADRIAN. As usual CALLUM was rock solid in defence. JOSHUA, JAY and JULIAN as mids kept the ball up our end most of the time in the first half and we unlucky not to score in a penalty goal opportunity. NICK proved impenetrable in goals resulting in a half time score of nil all. JULIAN assumed goal keeping duties in the second half. Things hotted up in the second with some really good big, long kicks and neat passing. This led to many goal scoring opportunities and ultimately two by NICK and one by BECKY. ADRIAN made a fantastic save in front of the opposition's goal to keep the score to 3-1.

Overall a super team effort and a well-deserved win. JESSICA was awarded "Thunder of the Week" for her excellent runs at goal and her long clearing kicks.

What a great start of the game. Everybody seemed very energetic and we saw some of the best running of the season so far. JOSHUA defended the goal in the first half very well and with BEN at the defense line we saw great savings. In the second half we had BEN in goal and he made sure no ball could enter. ANDRE played superb and was it was him who scored our goal. LUKE and MATTHEW did a very good job at the front line and TYLOR did some great tackling. TESS and CALLUM were again very strong players and DELANEY and DANIELLE did their fair share by getting the ball away from the other team. Again a great game that promises for the future.

OLIVER JUDSON SCORES OUTATANDING GOAL!!! Last week. This headline was left out of last week's report, great goal mate.

This Saturday's game, we had a very hard fort game. The result was a good indication of the game. Both teams played great soccer with our goalkeepers SAMUEL CLARK and ROBERT STARREVELD producing some excellent saves that kept us in the match. Both sides had their chances but defense was the game and everyone put in. Well done boys.

A huge thanks to Ray for his motivational skills, as we took on the competition frontrunners in a game that looked lopsided on paper. Solid goalkeeping by REBEKA FIELD in the first half, coupled with some driving kicks kept the ball from our net. ANDREW BRUCE and DYLAN SHERMAN threatened constantly in attack, as did DALE EDWARDS and FERGUS BARRY-CORDEROY. LUKE MORRISON was the goalie in the 2nd half, making many clean gathers aided by RAPHAEL HARVEY's towering kicking game as 2nd last line of defence. LINDSAY HANDS and REBECCA FOWLER made good use of their time on the field, with good positional play, and ,as always, KATHERINE MEIKLE and ABBY SPYER were tireless and rapid around the paddock. CHARLOTTE WARD and JOSHUA COOPER, along with DALE EDWARDS were a midfield to be reckoned with, and all the team can take great encouragement from this week's result.

Thornleigh starts slowly and the Normanhurst forwards relentlessly wear down the Thornleigh defence and score first. The next fifteen minutes are but a prelude to a truly inspiring piece of soccer skill. Normanhurst, having launched another attack, has the ball at their end of the field. Stoic defence from the back line stops the attack, when ANDREW CARDWELL is passed the ball and then runs it the *entire* length of the field, shoots with a powerful right boot across the goals and scores! The shock on Normanhurst is clear, the Thunder are awake! In the second half, a rejuvenated Thornleigh takes the field. The boys are playing their positions and are now passing and calling for the ball. Great team work gets the ball to MICHAEL GAMBLE, he positions himself wonderfully, shoots and scores. Now the boys can feel a taste of victory. JOHNNY BAYNIE takes a long shot at goal catches the Normo goalie by surprise and it's a goal! Well done boys, you all played together as a team and the result is proof of that. Also a special welcome to CAMERON REEVES who joined the team today.

U11/2 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

U11/4 THORNLEIGH 6 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 0

With some fierce play and defence at both sides of the field Thornleigh began to muster good teamwork including THOMAS, JORDAN, BRAD, MATT D, MATT W passing the ball which saw KEL plough a goal straight into the nets just after the first quarter. Redbacks fought back against our midfield and defence but Thornleigh proved too strong with TOM, MATT.D, KELSEY then MARCUS, SAM and DANYON keeping the ball up field. The first 20 seconds of the second half and KEL scored the second goal. Persistent tackling from MATT D then a huge kick from SAM to LEROY saw LEROY drive a high ball straight into the nets! Then fierce play with great goal saves from JORDAN. MATT W got it past 5 Redbacks and narrowly missed the goal. MIKE took it up to KEL with KEL scoring goal no. 4. Then goal five by KEL thanks to good backup from LEROY and others. Then five seconds to go and LEROY blasts in goal 6 for a final score. Well done! Joint Man of the Match: TOM and LEROY.

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 2

A disappointing result for our boys who all put up a big effort as usual. Great play by DANIEL TOMPKINS who carried out some great tackles and kept the pressure on the opposition. JAMES EATON played a strong game with some determined interceptions. LACHLAN BEENIE was fast and enthusiastic as usual. MAX BARTSCH displayed fabulous form speeding up the side line in the second half of the game, whipping around three Ravens and skilfully sneaking in a great goal into the corner with only a metre to spare! All in all a great effort and hopefully very, very soon our luck will turn. Keep up the spirit guys!

U12/5 THORNLEIGH 2 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1

U13/4 THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 1

U14/1 THORNLEIGH 2 vs PENNANT HILLS 0

A tight game that both sides really wanted to win for "bragging points" at the local High School. The first half was a close struggle, with no goals. Thunder gradually got on top during the second half and finally struck with ten minutes to go, with a quality finish by OLIVER WELLS after a great individual run by ANDREW GAMBLE to set it up. With their tails up, DARCY COHEN then put the result beyond doubt with a good goal off a through ball by OLIVER. A good team performance, but STEPHEN SMITH, JARROD GOVENDER and DESHAN JEGATHESWARAN deserve special mention for their effort on the day.

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 0

One of the best efforts of the past two seasons. The coach formulated a plan to use against the top four teams that involved concentrating on defense and allowing our opponents frustrations to create chances later in the match. Well, the boys followed the instructions to the letter and midway through the second half at 0-0 the opportunity presented itself. It was an ugly own-goal but was brought about entirely by the great pressure we were applying. The ensuing 15 minutes had the Thornleigh parents chewing their fingernails but we defended as if were a final and when the full-time whistle blew the players were clapped and cheered from the field. Well done boys – a fantastic effort. Thanks to DEREK HAMBRETT from the 16/3s, ANDREW GAMBLE and BEN HOLLIDAY from the 14/1s for helping while we have players out injured.

THORNLEIGH 3 vs RYDE DISTRICT 3 (Report 15/5/2004)

A very lacklustre first half saw us down 2-1 at half time and expecting worse to come. We played with none of the commitment shown last week against YMCA and looked disorganised all over the park. A goal against us in the first minute of the second section didn't help our cause and a win looked to be out of reach. However, to the boy's credit they picked up their game and showed some real determination to pull back two goals and get a much-needed point but it really was a game we gave away in the first half. A bigger effort will be required against Epping Eastwood next week. Goals scorers were MATHEW BIRO, ANDREW GAMBLE and ANDY IP. Many thanks to 14/1s BEN HOLIDAY and ANDREW GAMBLE for helping us out in today's match.

RAKESH GIANANEY turned up with a very smart haircut indeed, and not before time. Despite holding second last position on the points table, YMCA were no easy beats and came out with all guns blazing, firing off their first salvo after only five minutes of play. After a second Y goal at the 15-minute mark our guys knew they had a big job ahead of them. Despite RAKESH (no fear) GIANANEY's crunching tackles and up-the-line passing, we were three in arrears as the guys came to the break rather shell-shocked. They knew they had it in them and took in Craig's instructions to get aggressive, string together some good passing play and not squander possession in their own half. But somehow deep down RAKESH knew he was the key to this match. While the claw-back commenced, with the first coming after 5 minutes from our striker's lineup, RAKESH was secretly hatching his plan. And then it happened! About 20 metres from the opposition line on the right flank, RAKESH (golden boot) GIANANEY got the ball he was waiting for. Seeing the goal mouth as wide as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, RAKESH unleashed his mighty right leg and pounded that ball skywards. The crowd watched wide-eyed as the ball went sailing through the air straight past the Y keeper and crashing high into the left hand side of the net. What a goal! What a HERO! Our third return goal sealed a draw in a very toughly fought match. But above all our boys learnt a very important lesson today: when in trouble send it out to RAK – he'll do the job!

## U16 GIRLS

## THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 5

Awesome, powerful, world-class and graceful. That's how the game can be summed up. An awesome performance, because even with 10 players in the first half and 9 in the second, the girls produced a very even contest. The tireless work of ADELAIDE inspired the back four to a powerful display of defensive actions. LUCY took a leaf out of Ryan Giggs book and concluded her skilful running attacks with two world-class goals. Without any fresh legs to bring on, the girls however had to swallow down an emotional lump in their throat and gracefully conceded defeat when the Normo team eventually took control of the local derby. The Coach consoled them, quoting Pele, one of his former team mates, "It doesn't matter if you win or lose ... until you lose."

## U18/1

## THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 2

Epping opened and closed the scoring in this tightly contested match played under grey skies at Epping Oval on Saturday. The home side's first strike came half an hour into the match. Sloppy work in front of goal again proved to be Thornleigh's undoing. Thus stung into action, they quickly equalised when MATT THOMSETT slotted the ball past the Epping keeper from close range. SIMON FACTOR added a second just before the halftime whistle. The second half provided more of the same quality play. For the third week running the Thornleigh lads stuck to football fundamentals, controlling the ball, passing off to open team mates, avoiding being provoked by opposition players or marginal refereeing decisions, and generally making their opponents work for their chances. One of these presented itself twenty-five minutes from full-time, with both sides ultimately sharing the points as a result. ALEX REDFEARN again commanded the ground in front of the Thunder goal, frustrating Epping with several top-drawer saves. MATTHEW TRANSFIELD and STEVEN PAVITT also impressed in defence, the latter pressing hard throughout the match. CARL EDWARDS and MICHAEL PAVITT were two others who played well.

## AA/3

## THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENHURST 1

## AA/7

## THORNLEIGH 1 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED SPORTS 1

Firstly I would like to make clear my long-held belief that Sunday games, (particularly those scheduled the day after the frivolity and debauchery of an FA Cup night at the bowlo) are a silly idea. Commensurately this was a great result from a Thornleigh side currently sitting in mid-table obscurity with only 2 wins to our name. Our opponents, Macquarie, were leading the competition and our coach Keany's pre-game strategic address focussed on ensuring that we didn't drop our heads and allow ourselves, and consequentially our club, to be humiliated. The quality of our opposition was clear from the outset; this was going to require a very special effort. Our heroic, fully sick goalkeeper PAUL was unbeatable in the first half, making several vital saves. Our commitment was rewarded midway through the first half when PETE made a brave break, bringing together both his blistering pace and brutal right foot to slot home a clinically executed strikers goal. Brilliant. Macquarie were in utter disbelief, it was quite obvious that they had been unexpectedly THUNDERSTRUCK. The second half saw us digging in our trenches just outside the 18-yard box. Wave after wave of unrelenting Macquarie attack was met with staunch resistance from the Thorners, particularly NICK, ANKUR and BRUCE, all inspirational and courageous in defence. Unfortunately we conceded a deceptively weak goal leaving the score at 1 -1. Keany's pride was obvious as he quenched his thirst after the game; the assembled few speculated that this result might form a critical component of a magical mid-season turnaround for the Thorners, the undoubted Dark Horse (there you go CRAIG) of the AA7 competition.

## AA/10

## THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENHURST 1

## AAWOMEN

## THORNLEIGH 4 vs HILLS HAWKS 2

A better game played in patches this week. Another good opening goal by JULIA saw the mighty thunder hit the lead. Some great passing and moving into space really opened the hawks up and resulted in BROOKE securing the second goal. Great running all day by JEN, saw her net 2 goals. Some late counter attacks from Hawks saw us scramble and have two quick goals against us. A much better effort this week and congrats to birthday girls and goal scorers BROOKE and JEN. Next week sees us playing equal first position DURAL and we all need to be on our games.

Over 35/2                      THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH RYDE 2

Over 35/4                      THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 3

Over 35/6                      THORNLEIGH 4 vs REDFIELD 3

PL1/Res                        THORNLEIGH 0 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREW 2

Thornleigh needed to win this game to maintain fourth spot on the competition table. Thornleigh started well and looked like they were going to avenge last week's shock loss to Normanhurst. However St Andrew's opened their scoring with a goal in the 30th minute of play. A number of excellent first half saves by GILL MACLEAN saved Thornleigh from being further behind at half time. Thornleigh were still in the game until St Andrew's striker turned our defence around and beat the keeper with a good shot. Coach Davies while disappointed with the loss was happy with the team's improved play. Man of the Match was GILL MACLEAN.

PL1/1sts                        THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1

St Andrews were the competition leaders and Thornleigh were in eighth place leading into the game. The first 15 minutes was a tight affair with both teams closely marking each other's forward line. St Andrews was the first to score when their striker was left unmarked on the edge of the box. Thornleigh responded almost immediately with shots from LINTON ISTED and RYAN ROFF that just failed to find their mark. Then in the 25 minute of play a half cross/shot from RYAN ROFF fooled the St Andrew keeper who embarrassingly picked the ball up from the back of the net. In the second half play moved from end to end with both teams looking to break the deadlock. AVAN YOUNG was unlucky not to score the winning goal when his shot from the edge of the box hit the cross bar. Excellent keeping from GILL MACLEAN, who filled in for the injured DAVID BALL, helped Thornleigh steal one point from the competition leaders. Man of the match was GILL MACLEAN.