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Hi All,

As our teams moved into the second half of the season, we continue to post some good results. Unfortunately our 35/2 team encountered their first loss but our All Age women's team continued their unbroken chain of victories with a 6-1 win.

I was pleased to witness the 16/3 team snatch a draw with the West Pennant Hills Lions during the last play of the game. Despite being a man down, the team held their nerve and persistence paid off in the final second of play for a one all draw.

Both our Premier League teams came away unlucky against Epping Eastwood. They demonstrated some very fine football and refused to give up until the final whistle. It was also good to see so many under eleven players turning up to Boronia Park to support the lads.

It's photo time this Saturday. Please check with your manager for your team's photo. Being the beginning of the month, it's time for those monthly showers and to drag the comb through the hair. Make sure you are in full uniform for the photos!

The next committee meeting is June 7 at Pennant Hills Bowling Club @ 7:30. The attendance of at least one representative from each team would greatly be appreciated.

Yours in commitment

Rob Roberts

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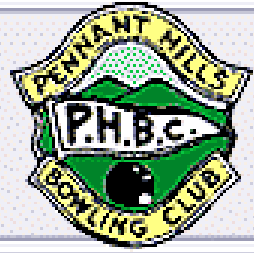
IMPORTANT : PHOTOGRAPH TIME IS ACTUAL. Please arrive 10 minutes in advance of scheduled time.

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 0 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 6

On a very blustery and cold morning, the team had a tough game against the home team, Holy Cross. Adam Walker was the goalie for the whole game and did a great job with some magnificent saves from a determined opposition. Izaak Munoz was playing an inspired game with some strong defence and tackling, running from one end of the field to the other. MAX EDWARDS had a great game, running with the ball several times and put in some strong kicks. JORDAN SIMONS and CALLUM HANDS put in some strong breaks, running with the ball for quite a way. LIAM SHERMAN, CHRISTOPHER WATT and EMILY SUNNOCKS chipped away at the defence of the opposition and provided good back-up support for the rest of Thornleigh Thunder. Our team was defeated but showed lots of enthusiasm and worked hard all the game. Well done Reds!

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WPH 9

The competition proved too good this week with some great and well placed goals from the West Pennant Hills team. ANNIKA REYNOLDS worked hard in the second half as goalkeeper, kicking and grabbing the ball up and doing whatever it took to stop the opposition scoring. Three consecutive saves and many more earns her Player of the Week. ALEX BORG was excited to score his first goal for the season. Alex has had a number of near misses in the last few weeks, so it was great to see him score this time round - well done Alex! The team welcomed JACK GOLDSBROUGH to the U6 Purples this week - Jack played an enthusiastic game - what a great start!

U7 GREEN

THORNLEIGH 1 vs ROSELEA 0

Yahoo... another good win for the mighty greens. All the boys put in a huge effort today and showed some excellent teamwork. The boys were really peppering the Roselea goal area today with CALLUM TOOHEY nearly scored 3 goals in the first half. Super defence from ANGUS MCALLISTER kept the opposition in their own half. Some fabulous solo runs by JAMES PATTERSON, JEREMY PAK and MURRAY THORPE had the crowd screaming for more. Murray was well on his way to have a shot when the half time whistle blew. The second half started well with Murray attacking and nearly scoring again. CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA scored our only goal with a super strike from outside the penalty box he also hustled well all through the match and earned himself the man of the match. The whole team defended well and BEN MANCE made some particularly good saves when we needed it most. What a team effort guys!!! We played amazing soccer. The boys are training hard and some good coaching from Paul has really brought this team together. Well done to all.....

U7 RED

THORNLEIGH 2 vs HILLS HAWKS 2

What a game, with Hills Hawks dominating the first 10 mins but kept goal less due to solid defence by ELLEN BOUCHER, MAX KENNEDY and DIANA CAVILL. A sudden break by Thornleigh and some mistakes by Hills Hawks were rewarded by a goal from JONATHON MIEKLE. But Hills Hawks came back quickly and went into half time with a 2-1 lead. In the second half, there was good open play by CONNOR BENNETT and JOSHUA TREWIN, and finally Thornleigh equalised with a goal from MARK RICHARDS. A few tense minutes followed with mums and dads wanting another goal by not wanting to concede a goal. They were in the safe hands of the second half goalie DANIEL FOWLER, who was rewarded with Player of the Week. This was our best game this season, and our training plan is right on target, with coach Eliot Kennedy bringing the team to peak performance in readiness for the Under 7 Gala day. Well done Under 7 Reds - a super match.

U7 ORANGE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs SAINTS UNITED 3

The Opposition Coach's comments towards the end of the match said it all – “We normally have 6 or 7 scored by now – what’s happening?” MATTHEW JENNINGS and ALLEN JIANG as goalies had a very busy game, saving 10 attempts between them, with the rest of the team doing a superb job in defence whilst under assault from possibly the best team in the competition. Notable in saving further goals were MATTHEW FURNEYVALL and BEN SEPAROVICH, the latter also distinguishing himself throughout the game in both tackling and running the ball. HAYDEN SIMONS and BILLY ROSE were consistently marking and blocking their opposite number, leaving them limited room to move, whilst TOMMY SIMCOCK and SAM DRUMM took every opportunity to reef possession of the ball and send it back down the other end of the field. Unfortunately the opposition were more confident in converting their possession into goals. Man of the Match award for this week went to LOCHLAN WARD for his attention to the game - always being in position and using the skills taught at training.

U7 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs OLHC 2

The game started with THORNLEIGH looking energetic and exciting. But after OLHC exploited a mistake and scored the domination waned. And when the second goal was conceded the boy's play resorted to a kick and watch game. Finally THORNLEIGH struck back with a stunning half field run from JASAON CLARKE which ended in a successful shot on goal. At this point the game turned around but unfortunately too late to catch up. This week we saw some more developing skills, NATHAN BIRRILL played a versatile game in both defense and up front with some shots. STUART BRUCE did a fine job in marking an attacking player. JORDAN DAVIS continues to mark his presence with his defensive clearance kicks. JACK GREEN (Player of the Match) made some lovely passes and even had a shot on goal. ANDREW HADDAD, as goalie, kicked some long goal kicks and made some great saves. ROBERT JONES made some forward feeding kicks. Also in goals RYAN MALLETT saved several game influencing shots. BEN WALLWOOD, whilst still not 100% well, put everything he had into the game and did well. Well done boys, keep up the hard work.

What a difference a week makes. Another 8.30am start but, unlike last week's lethargy, the Blueys came out smokin'!! Normo had no answer to the smooth team work they were facing. BLAKE had an absolute blinder with a good early shot followed by a penetrating run and a great pass to LUKE for a classy goal (the first of his hat-trick for the morning!!). Our other goal came from CAMPBELL (his first for the season). It was nice to see him get one as he is a regular passer of the ball to mates in better positions. Today was his turn!! TOM D had his best game for the season and seems to be back to his Duracel bunny best from last year. TOM L also ran like a racehorse in attack and defence. JAKE skimmed the crossbar with a powerful shot from absolutely no angle. The walking blonde mop-top (MAX) bobbed up all over the place snuffing out anything Normo could throw at him and his able allies, MITCHELL and NIC also made life very difficult for the opposition attackers. ADRIAN was pushed forward this week and played well with CAMERON also having several good runs with the ball under total control. After such a good win the team supporters treated themselves to a bonding session at the Dural Country Club. I think we managed to avoid any scandals (although I did notice a camera on the dance floor which could be a bit of a worry!!) and a great time was had by all. The mini bus was rocking all the way home to the strains of something that resembled "We Will Rock You". If that was the mid season tour I can't wait for the end of season bash!!

The chilling wind at Galston Park was a tough test for the parents on the sideline but proved no setback for the raring Thornleigh Thunder. The closest game of the season had the mums worrying about developing "stress wrinkles" as a great goal by JULIAN (set up by REBECCA) was equalised by the Hawks. However, our impenetrable back line of CALLUM and JESS made short work of many Hawks attempts. Any attempts that found their way through were skilfully saved by our goalies, WILL and Man of the Match, JAY, who were quick to feed the ball to our determined midfielders, JOSH, ALEX and TAYLOR. With the game tied up at 1-1, the wrinkles were starting to show. NICK's newfound passion for scoring saw him make many runs towards goal and he finally scored the winner from an excellent breakaway. Let's hope our two game winning streak will continue!!

It was a hard fought game against a strong team. Our defense was tight with all of our players working hard to keep the ball out of the goal. DELANEY excelled in goal in the first half looking extremely professional with some of her saves. ANDRE showed some magic footwork with BEN, LUKE and MATT in there frustrating the opposition at every turn. TYLER saved quite a few in goal in the second half and given that Kenthurst's goals were scored in the last few minutes of the game, this shows testament to how strong our defense was. DANIELLE spent the game in the middle of it in tackling mode. TESS and JOSHUA did their best to take advantage of every opportunity with TESS missing the opposition's goal by a hair and JOSHUA being all over the ball at every chance. Despite the score, the team played well and showed their awesome skills in defense.

Our team put on a very impressive performance against Pennant Hills. With BEN PHILLIPS joining us in the midfield our team looked almost unstoppable. After an own goal from Pennant Hills, a barrage of goals came from BEN PHILLIPS and MICHAEL GAMBLE that was iced off by TIMOTHY LOVE in the final seconds of the game. The fullbacks ANDREW CARDWELL, JACK ANGEL and JEREMY TOHEY all had a good game. XAVIER BOUCHER excelled in the goalkeeper's position, making several exceptional saves. MICHAEL CSOMORE made several good runs on the sidelines looked quite threatening and provided good support for the strikers. This was a performance that we hope will be repeated in our future games.

This was a very dominant performance by us and congratulations to everybody for a very convincing win. In fact it should have been 10-0 but we became a little selfish with the ball at critical times and did not pass it off to unmarked players who could have easily scored. It was a great effort none the less and Pat deserves a special mention for his hat trick of goals putting in an outstanding individual performance. ANJAN and JOSH also had strong games both scoring a goal each. There were so many other goal scoring opportunities it's a pity you can't save them up to use another day. ED was unlucky on a couple of occasions and put in a great effort all game. STEFAN, CHRIS G and JORDAN played very well and were responsible for setting up opportunities with well-directed passing and commitment on the ball. LACHLAN, one of our best, ran hard all game and was very impressive in attack. Most of the game was spent in the opposition half and when they did break away JARRYD and JAKE stepped up and delivered the ball right back down the front again. CHRIS S didn't touch the ball much but when he did he was impregnable. Other stand out moments were a couple of great attacking runs by TIM and MITCHELL who both had very good games playing with confidence and plenty of commitment. Our support play was outstanding and when we play as a team we look unbeatable. Well done everybody.

U11/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WPH 0

BRADLEY was in the thick of the action early with lots of runs down the right hand touchline. Thornleigh pressured the WPH defence. LEROY also proved a handful for the WPH defence. Another great cross by BRADLEY called for a fine save by the WPH goal keeper. After 15 minutes the ball came into Thornleigh half but KELSEY was solid in defence. KEL was passed the ball a couple of times but couldn't convert to a goal. MATT W. continually attacked the goal with some great corners but at the end of the first half it was still 0-0. The second half started the same with another great sideline run by BRADLEY. Great team attack resulted in MATT W. taking it along the sideline and centre to THOMAS and a great save by the goalkeeper. MATT W. was brought down in a break away and was carried from the field. Finally KEL was passed the ball in the clear and put the ball in the back of the net. In a game that looked like it was played often in slow motion, Thornleigh was lucky to come away with a win. Joint Player of the Match - MICHAEL and MATT W.

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 2

U12/5 THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 0

U13/4 THORNLEIGH 2 vs PENNANT HILLS 0

U14/1 THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 2

An enjoyable game for the brave parents on the sidelines (it was cold). The boys exhibited great skills and kept their cool even when down on the scoreboard. They recovered well after being down 1-0 and then 2-1 to finish with a well earned draw. ANDREW GAMBLE scored a great goal with skillful and forceful lead up work by DARCY COHEN. STEPHEN SMITH had a good all round game topped up with a goal from a corner kick. Well done again.

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 3

In a great follow up to last week's match the boys once again gave one hundred percent. Up until the last five minutes it still looked as if we might have been able to secure a draw but we couldn't take advantage of the couple of chances that presented themselves. Redbacks led 2-0 with 20 minutes to go and it looked to be all over until a fantastic strike from a corner by LIAM RAYNER put us back in the match. The team lifted and the next 15 minutes was as exciting a period as we've seen all year. In the end it wasn't enough to win but the coach, manager and parents couldn't have been prouder. It's difficult to pick a stand out player in such a strong team performance but ANDREW DRYBURGH played out of his skin. The constant weekly struggle to make up a full team has seen everyone give extra effort on the field and every player can be very pleased with their performance. Well done again boys – another fantastic effort. Thanks to LINCOLN MILLER from the 16/3s, STEPHEN SMITH, HUGH BARTSCH and DARCY COHEN from the 14/1s for helping us out once again and playing far above their weight.

U16/3 THORNLEIGH 2 vs WPH 2

The draw is so even this season, looking at your opponent's "form" before a game can be your undoing. Two weeks ago the guys were second on the ladder and thought they could beat any team in the draw and finish up premiers. Well that remains to be seen. Today was not their best game by any means. We opened proceedings dominantly and aggressively, putting a good deal of pressure on the WPH defence. Then one of those "against the run of play" breaks opened up our defensive midfield and backs after only 5 minutes of play. One-nil to WPH. The Thunder's switch seemed to flick off at this point and from then on it was back-foot football. But there were some good performances. CHRIS BROWN was ever dependable in mid field. And a beautifully guided DHESHEN GOVENDER cross from left field set up a spectacular sharply angled goal by NICK BOSS to put us on the level - only to be returned by another WPH score in the very next minute. Two-one down at the break. In the second half ANDREW SPARKES made a great sliding save across the goalmouth on a ball that was on the way in. The half would have been scoreless but for a lucky Thunders goal right on full time off a fumble by the West Penno keeper. To the boys' credit they held their own with one player short for most of the second half. The recovery to 2-all for the day was a relief, but much too close for comfort. We are looking to a more determined, aggressive and communicative team approach to the game next week.

U16 GIRLS THORNLEIGH 3 vs WPH 1

This week all credit goes to the coach. Plugging a hole in the defense with the best attacker. Sending midfielders into the attack and moving the goalie into a midfield role. The reshuffle paid off brilliantly and the girls walked off the field with the strange excitement and unfamiliar sensation of winning a game. The first of the season! Well deserved and not in the least by a fantastic performance by HEATHER in goal, cracking runs by LUCY finished off with two goals and a superb game from TESS 2 also finding the back of the net. Driving home, the air was buzzing with SMS messages: WE 1. IT WAS GR8. W8 2 C NXT WEEK

It took just one 12 minute stretch two thirds of the way through the second half for MATT THOMSETT, with a lot of assistance from the rest of his Thunder team mates, to take control of this contest and close the door on a game Carlingford outfit. Thornleigh played well throughout the first half, only to trail by a goal when the whistle was blown. Persistence finally paid dividends when, after several near misses, THOMSETT found the back of the net with only 16 minutes left to play. A second strike was quick to follow. With their tails now well and truly up, Thornleigh pressed forward from all quarters of the park. THOMSETT closed out the scoring, and secured his hat trick, when he ran onto a long through ball from JOSEPH WONG, taking it the rest of the way down field and forcing it past the prostrate Redbacks keeper. But this was much more than a one-man show. MICHAEL PAVITT had a stand out game in the midfield. TIM FREDRICKSON and TRISTAN PETERS were also notable for the precision of their passing and their determination in repeatedly winning the ball. JOSH CLARK had a welcome return to form and TONY LAING battled hard all afternoon in the forward line. Once again, ALEX REDFEARN starred in goal; entertaining the crowd with several quality saves.

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs BEECROFT 3

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 3 vs RYDE DISTRICT 3

Interestingly in all the years I've played and watched soccer with the Thorners somehow I have avoided playing or watching a game at ELS Hall, so perhaps it was the anticipation of this massive event that lead me to arrive at the elusive ground 3 hours early, or maybe I just didn't pay enough attention to the draw. However, such trivial matters aside, this was another crucial game for the Thunder, as we strive to fulfil our quest, no, our destiny, of becoming AA7 champions. A closely contested match during which we controlled vast periods of possession. BEN handled sustained pressure well in defence, linking up well with DAVE, who showed glimpses of brilliance on the right. LUKE scored the first of his two goals early, sneaking one in off a corner, meanwhile PETE had this indescribable goal-scoring aura about him, and he inevitably slotted one later in the game. Special mention to DAMIEN who offered the best I have seen from him to date in the second 45. CRAIG and MICK also played hard, these are two of the keenest Thorners I have ever met, especially given that this is both of theirs first season with the club, clearly their blood already flows blue and yellow, thick with pride and they seem to just love the game, as we all do really. In summation, we again unduly conceded a late goal and cost ourselves 2 points. There were positive signs in the maturity of our ball control, at times playing football that simply must have been quite beautiful to watch. Let's keep working hard; I have a good feeling about this. AA/7 – The game they really play in heaven.

AA/10 THORNLEIGH 2 vs ROSELEA 3

AAWOMEN THORNLEIGH 6 vs DURAL 1

A top of the table clash with both teams equal first before this game. The girls were given the week off from training and looked very fresh from the start. We knew they had a quality player that they looked for and we closed her down from the Minute the whistle went. JEN the executioner PEDEN took care of her all game. Must have been all those years bashing up her NRL playing brother and his mates (Joey Johns Matty Johns and brother Billy Peden). JULIA and TARA upfront were given instructions to run at their backs and that's what they did. First goal coming from a great solo run from JULIA beat four players and finished superbly. The mighty Thunder kept the run going and great Defence by JO, LIZ, ANNE and JEN saw us clear quickly and to our players. Great work in the midfield all day by BROOKE, AMANDA, KEL and MARISSA saw some excellent ball distribution and great running. We injected some youth into this game (not saying your all old!) and a big thank you to MEL and TESS from the 16/1. Great running from MEL down the right hand side resulted in a goal. Excellent work in the middle late in the game by TESS kept the ball out of our half. JULIA managed to bag another three goals during the game and a late goal to KELLI from brilliant corner by MEL sealed the game.(the way the last goal was scored would of seen many a man go down!!) Great work all day by KATE and ANNA in the backs and as well as the ever reliable SAM in goals. WELL DONE GIRLS, STILL UNDEFEATED.

Over 35/2 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 5

Over 35/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1

Over 35/6 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WPH 0

The scene was set - Epping were the competition leaders and Thunder needed to win to stay in the top four. Thunder were the first to strike when CHRIS WOOD scored following good lead up play from KARL DAVIES. DENIS TAZ scored Thunder's second goal 5 minutes later when he beat the keeper with a half-chip/ lob. Thunder were playing all over the competition leaders. Then in a bizarre period of the game Epping struck back with 2 quick goals - one from a mix up at the back and another from a hotly disputed penalty. 2:2 at half time and it was anyone's game. Thunder started the second half well and looked on top until Epping scored mid way through the second half. CHRIS WOOD and DENIS TAZ were replaced with fresh reserves but Thunder could not break Epping's tight defence. Special mention should go to team captain GAVIN TAIT for staying on the field following a back injury early in the game and to BRAD STUART who suffered another injury to his troublesome knee in his first game in almost 12 months. Coach Davies awarded Man of the Match to all players.

GOALS, GOALS, GOALS.....Epping Eastwood scored the first from what appeared to be a handball by one of their players. Thornleigh responded with a goal from AVAN YOUNG following a free kick from LAYN MELLISH. Epping regained the lead 5 minutes later to take a 2:1 lead. At half time coach Hignett was hopeful that if Thunder were the next to score they could take the 3 points. LINTON ISTED responded to the coach's call when he scored from a DAMIEN SUPLINA cross. Epping then scored from a penalty following a linemen's call. Epping scored 5 minutes later to take a 4:2 lead. Thunder's "never say die" attitude was rewarded when LAYN MELLISH scored from a STEPHEN LANSLEY free kick. 4:3 with 20 minutes to go. With Thunder pressing forward Epping's striker took advantage of the space to score his fifth goal, a feat not often seen in Premier League. DAMIEN SUPLINA raised the hopes of the travelling Thunder supporters when he scored from a STEPHEN LANSLEY free kick. 5:4 with 15 minutes to go. Thunder were unlucky not to steal a point when RYAN ROFF's last minute goal was ruled offside. All of the familiar lines were heard from the terraces, "it was a goal feast", "soccer was the winner", the referee..... but it's not often you score 4 goals and lose a soccer game. Coach Hignett could not single out any player and awarded Man of the Match to the entire team.