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**SOCCER DIVISION  
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***There is a Premier League game on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June, at Oakleigh Oval.  
Thornleigh vs North Epping Rangers. Reserves will be playing at 1pm and then the  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade will play at 3pm.***

***Premier League are also playing at home (Oakleigh Oval) on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.***

Hi All,

I'll start with an apology to the U13/4 team who were overlooked when I mentioned undefeated teams last week. This team, along with our All Age Women's team are at time of writing, undefeated! Well done to both teams on outstanding efforts thus far.

We have a number of other teams that have suffered only one or two losses as they moved into the second round of the competition. Teams wishing additional coaching support may contact me or Ray Thompson, Coaching Coordinator. I know Ray would be only too happy to assist as he has done with a number of our junior teams. Our Premier League goalies, Gill Maclean and David Ball may be able to assist some of our younger goalies that would like to pick up on a few pointers. Both of our Premier League goalies this year have been outstanding both in skill and stamina.

It is timely to thank a number of people working behind the scenes whose efforts sometimes go unnoticed. Thank you to Malcolm Drummond who worked doggedly prior to the season kick off to ensure all our four hundred players were correctly registered. To Bruce Eldridge and Steve Gamble who had to sort through tonnes of equipment in making sure each time had the correct number of shirts, socks, shorts, balls etc. To Mary Yeates for getting our Blue & Gold on-line this year and saving us a great deal of money, and to Rona Richmond for being such a great webmaster. Thank you to Tim Yeates for managing our finances so professionally and to Peter Krisenthal for chasing up the weekly results and getting them off to the GHFA.

Fingers crossed that the rest of the season will continue to run as smooth as the first half.

Yours in commitment

***Rob Roberts***

President

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CALLUM HANDS was Goal keeper in the first half, and saved several shots, and eventually scored a goal himself. Izaak Munoz scored 2 goals and was inspiring to JORDAN SIMONS who also scored 2 goals. EMILY SUNNOCKS played in goals in the second half, and proved to be very strong, defending goal after goal. LUKE SPYER and LAIM SHERMAN supported to perfection in defense. MAX EDWARDS, ADAM WALKER, and CHRISTOPHER WATT provided good back-up support to the forwards. Our team played with there usual enthusiasm, and teamwork, and showed how strong they can be, coming from behind to eventually win. A Game to remember with pride.

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs. HILLS HAWKS 2

Thornleigh U6 Purple looked the stronger side this week with play being dominated by our team. MARK NEWLAND shined this week and was awarded our Player of the Week trophy. In the first half MARK NEWLAND was unlucky to miss one shot for goal after some lengthy kicking down the field and then disappointed not to be awarded a second goal that was a difficult call. Mark then displayed some great teamwork with fellow player ALEX BORG supporting each other down the field and then a perfect pass from Mark to Alex who then scored a goal for our team. Great team work boys! JACK GOLDSBROUGH played well this week stopping the ball and taking it back down the field. WILLEM OATES pursued the ball and thrilled the crowd with an extended kick down the field. BENJAMIN HURWOOD after an initial wake up call saved a number of balls from goal in the first half and then displayed some good speed in the second half chasing after the ball. AIDAN LANE took over as goalie in the second half saving at least four attempts at goal. Aidan played an excellent first half, chasing and retrieving the ball. ANNIKA REYNOLDS was so keen on the field that she amused the crowd with her throw ins from the side that she then pursued herself!! CORY GILBERT was also in with the best and worked well with the team to keep the ball down our end. Some great team work displayed this week - a great sight for an Under 6 side!

U7 GREEN

THORNLEIGH 3 vs EPPING 0

The green machine keeps on powering along. All the boys put in a huge effort today and showed some excellent teamwork. CHRISTIAN was goalkeeper first half and AIDEN was second half. They did a fine job keeping Epping scoreless. DANIEL had several shots at goal first half and played extremely well. CALLUM, JEREMY and ANGUS attacked well whilst MURRAY, JAMES and BEN all displayed excellent ball control, defence and attacking skills. The second half produced a dedicated attempt at goal by JAMES which spurred the team on. An amazing goal by CALLUM as EPPING goalkeeper kicked the ball straight to CHRISTAIN who then passed to CALLUM to get our first goal. James then took the ball up and set up a flying Christian to kick our second goal in a joint effort. There were more close chances, one in particular from CALLUM after an unreal run up through midfield. The ever-reliable Jeremy who put the result out of reach scored our third goal. The man of the match went to Daniel for consistency throughout the game. Once again a real good all-round effort by the team. Showing some good improvement in support and definitely playing more attacking football. What a team effort guys!!! Well done.

U7 RED

No Report

U7 ORANGE

THORNLEIGH 3 vs PENNANT HILLS 1

A strong and confident start to this game saw Thornleigh on the attack from the starting whistle blow. A couple of early attempts by our forwards almost proved fruitful but fell just short of their mark, until SAM DRUMM managed to squeezed a strong kick past the opposition defence and their goal keeper to score the first of three goals and a personal hat-trick for SAM. Strong mid field work by MATTHEW FURNEYVALL, BILLY ROSE, HAYDEN SIMONS and LACHLAN WARD kept the ball in Pennant Hills half most of the game. Great defence and attack by TOM SIMCOCK, ALLAN JIANG and BEN SEPAROVICH all helped towards a positive score line. Goal keeping duties were excellently fulfilled by ALLEN and MATTHEW F, and drawing special attention this week with multiple clearance kicks, and midfield attacks was our Man of the week MATTHEW JENNINGS. Great work team, see you all next week.

U7 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 0

Like last week THORNLEIGH started strongly, but this time kept the pace strong and steady which pulled them through in the end. All the boys shone and it was pleasing to see some more skills developing as their confidence is growing. Whilst THORNLEIGH dominated the first half there were no goals, despite plenty of attempts. In the second half the deadlock in the score line was broken when JASON CLARKE, one of our strongest players took advantage of a poorly kicked goal kick to score the only goal of the match. The boys never let the pressure off but despite making many opportunities the scoreline remained 1 nil. Some highlights.... In a show of awesome team play JACK GREEN made a tackle on our back line , turned the ball and passed to NATHAN BIRRILL who then cleared the ball from the centre to ROBERT JONES who ran the ball a quarter of the field in a wonderful attacking move. STUART BRUCE was frustrating their attack by marking his player. JORDAN DAVIS made several passes and clearance kicks. ANDREW HADDAD (Player of the Match) had a fantastic game in the centre getting involved with lots of chasing and running the ball. RYAN MALLETT made several runs and almost scored from a ball that came from NATHAN BIRRILL'S corner kick. BENJAMIN WALLWOOD not only making several runs had a super shot on goal that narrowly missed. A fantastic show of team work, keep up the hard work.

Typical soccer players really; paparazzi, flash photography, posing for the camera, forgetting that it's all about the game, not the pictures in the papers. But after about 10 minutes of stars in their eyes the Blueys played their best game of the season. Coach BRAD should be ecstatic about the structure he is starting to see. We are now getting a back zone stopping the ball, playing through the halves up to the forward line with everyone running for their team mates and making the ball do the work. But for an outstanding goalie this game could have been 100 – nil. LUKE scored two great goals; one after a length of the field run, JAKE (who ran all over the place up front in a co-man-of –the-match performance) slipped in for a neat goal and ADRIAN got his first for the season and even then had to be convinced that he had really scored!! In between it was like a pin ball machine in the opposition's goal mouth with more shots than you would see in a ladies midweek at the Royal North Turramurra golf club. MAX warmed up for his birthday party with heaps of running at the back and was co-man-of –the match. NIC & TOM D also ran hard and made some great tackles. TOM L is starting to use his head.....literally with some neat "headbutts".... (of the ball!!) and BIFF (BLAKE to his Dad) and CAMBELL had solid games giving the opposition constant grief. MITCHELL and CAMERON were reliable in goal with CAM getting so bored in the second half that he swapped with LUKE while the game was down the other end. Bring on the Ravens!!!

Ooh...ahhh was commonly heard from the sideline during this match. The team is really starting to come together with some good kicks and passes to each other. NICK and JULIAN had great games up front with a number of near misses. TAYLOR, BECKY and WILL are playing well in the midfield and chasing the ball well. JOSH and JAY tackled well through out the game. JESS saved some great attempts at goal in the first half of the game. CALLUM again was great in defence and assisted the goalies to ensure that the opposition score was kept to a minimum. ALEX proved he has a big boot with goal kicks and great defence which earned him Man of the Match.

The teams were evenly matched and it could have gone either way. Players held their positions and it was the best game we've played. Our defense stayed tight, our attack was strong and our goal keeping excellent. (We might need a little work on our aim) TYLER was all over the field and played her best game yet, really causing the opposition some grief. MATT made some cool moves, ANDRE refused to quit and who knew LUKE could kick that far. JOSHUA was pushing the game in the right direction while TESS did her best to convert the advantage into a goal. DANIELLE kept the scoreboard clear first half in goal while BEN kept it low second half in defense. DEIANEY had a breakaway and surprised us with some of her tackles. Overall, a game you could sell tickets to.

It wasn't the expected result after last week's 9 to 1 win against Pennant Hills. We ended up having 11 individuals on the field, most of them playing in the forwards. No need to say not very effective against the YMCA attacking machine. Still worth mentioning that there was a big improvement from CAMERON REEVES both in attacking and defence in midfield. ANDREW MEIKLE had a good game; he kicked our team out of trouble and made several impressive runs with the ball on the sidelines. JEREMY TOHEY and JACK ANGEL also had good games as they always maintained their position on the field. Overall, an effort that can be improved upon.

Another convincing win and a great effort by everybody. Patrick had another very good game scoring two goals. Jordan and Anjan also each scored good goals. Lets hope we can continue this form and take it into the semi-finals. This was another great team effort and everybody should be very proud of the contributions you all made.

A very fast game playing the top team. Rovers scored early but we fought back with JORDAN (Joint Man of the Match), SAAMID, MATT W. booting to the forwards and stopping goals. MATT D. played brilliantly saving several goals and had to contend with a very dubious call on a penalty. TOM, KEL and BRAD chasing forward constantly and KEL scored off a solid corner from MATT W. Mids had plenty of play with MICHAEL (Joint Man of the Match), DANYON, MARCUS, LEROY and KELSEY getting possession of the ball and sending it forward. An unlucky loss of 2-1.

The spectators were surprised by a fast start with a quick goal scored by RYAN PYSAR within the first minute. A late start and a warm sunny morning raised our expectations! The teams settled in and the even score line reflects the action, as one team scored, the other would follow up with an equalizer. It was an interesting game with some exciting attacking action that reminded us of the season when they conquered every week. Some of our newer recruits ALEX GRANT and KEELY MCCONVILLE showed guts and flair in good measure. The team needs to consistently perform at their best for the rest of the season to give the Premiers a shake. However they are settling into a good rhythm and the best could be still ahead!

U13/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 0

U14/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK 2

All the boys played well with great skill and determination. The backs were outstanding defending extremely well and setting up some very good counter attacks. MICHAEL BROWN was everywhere in defence and was very effective with his long clearing kicks. We had our chances in attack and could have easily scored another two or three goals. STEPHEN SMITH's long range shot early in the second half was powerful and accurate. I really wish we had instant replay. Another good game.

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 4

U16/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENTHURST 0

Today was revenge day. Last time we played Kenthurst we had only 8 players and got laughed off the field after a 14-1 thrashing, our only loss. There was no laughing today, just good solid hard-fought soccer. After the previous two matches where the Thunders were just a bit off song, today marked the return of tenacity, perseverance and aggression. And a pleasing sight it was! After a scoreless game right up to ¾ time, CHRIS BROWN sent his mid-field mate LUKE GROSS on his way who passed across for striker NICK BOSS to put it in the net. Every man did what was asked of him today and they played and communicated as a team. Still some room for improvement in passing and backing up, but overall a solid, grinding performance. Kenthurst had a couple of near misses, and so did we – you earn your luck. The final whistle was a huge relief, knowing that our form had returned and we have overtaken Kenthurst to be in second position on the ladder. Stand-out players today were the whole team and they should be collectively proud of their effort. Keep up the great work guys!

U16 GIRLS THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 6

We might have won, if all players had been there. But now, with only 9 players, it was an uneven fight. Our defense was strong however, and for the first 15 minutes it looked as if we could hold out against them. But then the legs got tired, and the first goal against us was scored. Defeat was unavoidable, but hats off for our girls, for their perseverance and fighting spirit. They didn't give up. Go Thornleigh!

U18/1 THORNLEIGH 4 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 4

For the first 45 minutes of this match, Thornleigh played as well as they have all season. Fluid passing, several scoring threats, and determined contesting for the ball ensured that for most of the half Holy Cross was reduced to a defensive style of play. MATT THOMSETT picked up two goals, both coming on the end of a series of moves that commenced well up field. A 2 nil score line at halftime looked to be a handy foundation for an eventual victory, and when three minutes into the second half THOMSETT laid claim to his third goal following a goal mouth scramble, few would have entertained thoughts of anything less. Holy Cross counted themselves among the few however, and through dogged determination grafted their way back into the game, matching Thornleigh's pace. Save for a lone score early in the half, Holy Cross left it until the closing 13 minutes of play to knock in three improbable goals, stunning the Thunder players and fans. A bright spot for Thornleigh was a bobby dazzler of a goal from SIMON FACTOR. Bringing a pass from midfield under control, he executed a half pirouette at the top of the box and volleyed the ball into the back of the net. ALEX REDFEARN had a busy afternoon in goal. Others who played well for Thornleigh were JOSH CLARK, TIM SOWDEN, CARL EDWARDS, MICHAEL PAVITT, TONY LAING and JASON BURT.

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 3 vs RYDE 1

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 4 vs REDFIELD 3

They say every dog has his day, well Saturday was the day of little BEN 'The Chihuahua' SMITHERS. But, alas, I am getting ahead of myself. In the midst of the fiercely contested AA7 mid-table tussle in which the Thunder finds itself embroiled, this match was always going to be a battle of epic proportions. Redfield, were smugly positioned in 4th place. Thornleigh, intensely aware of the magnitude of the situation, were defiantly determined, for the fate of our season, and perhaps that of life itself, dangled precariously over the outcome of this game. The opening goal of the game, may I be so humble to say, was pure class, naturally it was scored by myself TIM, and eventually formed part of the ROFF family hat-trick for the day. Our second was a sneaky one from JASON off an expertly weighted throw-in from BEN, not to be out-done this goal also accumulated towards a family hat-trick for the day, this time to the SUPLINAS. But I digress; Redfield hit back at us, goal for goal, and as soon as PETE rocketed our third away Redfield replied, this time with a highly dubious penalty. 3-all, quite simply it wasn't enough, and in a brave show of resilient character the Thorners never gave up. For this was our time, and indeed as JAMES ran his legs off up front one could sense an impending moment that would live on in the hearts and minds of all those who witnessed its awe inspiring grace and the ensuing jubilation. With literally minutes remaining BEN found space on the right and in an unorthodox twist of fate the defender was in the box, with only the 'keeper and what appeared to be an impossible angle standing between himself and glory. Amazingly he buried the shot and the Thunder had done it. Sturdy defence and improved vision from ANKUR and BRUCE'S return from Jenolan Caves for the game also deserve special mention.

AA/10 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 7

After last week's big game, We needed to start strong in this game as well. I had a feeling it wasn't going to be easy as we didn't seem to warm up to well. Some good early play and lead up led to JULIA scoring our first and only goal. Credit to the backs as they fought hard all game in defence and a break away of Play resulted in Putney equalizing. A sickening head clash between JO & KELLI Resulted in a split lip for Kelli and lump and a cracking head ache for Jo. Both girls still took part in the rest of the game after having a short spell. We will put this one behind us and take the shared points. We still haven't lost a game, but we need to remain conscious that at any time we can. Lets get back to the way we play and the results will come how they should. See you all at training.

Over 35/2 THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

Over 35/4 THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN 3

Over 35/6 THORNLEIGH 4 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 3 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

Thunder needed to win this game to stay in touch with the teams battling for 4th spot. Thunders were forced to make several positional changes before the game due to injuries and players being unavailable. With only 10 fit players to call on STEVE LANSLEY, selected to play first grade, put his hand up to help out the team. Coach Davies led the way with an early goal that seemed to startle Ravens into action. Ravens mounted several attacking raids on Thunder's goal but were continually frustrated by Thunder's defensive line. Sweeper, MATTHEW DOIG, led the way with a number of timely clearances. 1:0 at half time was a fair reflection of the first half. Thunder increased their intensity in the second half and were rewarded with an early penalty. Coach DAVIES, intent on maintaining his top goal scoring position, stepped up to the mark and calmly slotted the ball past Raven's nimble footed keeper. CHRIS WOOD scored Thunders third goal following good lead up play from substitute AVAN YOUNG. With players pushing forward Ravens scored a consolation goal shortly before full time. GAVIN TAIT had another good game, and like a good red wine, seems to be getting better with age. Thank you to STEVE, AVAN and ADAM SUPLINA for helping out. Coach Davies awarded Man of the Match to MATTHEW DOIG.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 5 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

Ravens were leading the competition on 20 points, Thornleigh were in eighth position on 8 points - on paper Ravens were the clear favourites. Then after five minutes of play Thunder struck when RYAN ROFF crossed to DAMIEN SUPLINA who superably headed the ball into the back of the net. Ravens looked shell shocked, but little did they know this was only the start of the Thunderstorm. Following mounting pressure STEVE LANSLEY was left unmarked on the edge of the box, and with no angle to work with calmly slotted the ball between the keeper and the post. Shortly later a perfectly weighted cross from LINTON ISTED was rattled into the back of the net by RYAN ROFF. 3:0 after 20 minutes of play. Then before Ravens had time to reorganise their defensive line LINTON ISTED put DAMIEN SUPLINA through to score his second goal of the afternoon. 4: zilch after 25 minutes of play against the competition leaders!!! Ravens regrouped after the initial Thundershower and were rewarded with a goal in the last minute of play before half time. Coach Hignett told the players not to revert to a defensive game; just keep doing what we did in the first half was his message. Ravens started the second half with all guns blazing, keeper GILL MACLEAN was kept busy and when Ravens looked like scoring AVAN YOUNG somehow managed to clear the ball off our line. Ravens became frustrated with Thunder's young lions and had 2 players sent off in the last 10 minutes of the match. Taking advantage of the extra space RYAN ROFF calmly scored his second goal. The only sour note to the match was a first half injury to LAYN MELLISH, yes Layn we noted the score was 4:0 when you were replaced. A big thank you to GILL and STUART SMITH for backing up from the reserve grade game. Ravens were, as ACDC put it, THUNDERSTRUCK by a far superior team on the day. BELLISSIMO, MAGNIFICANT, MAGIC, and yes "it was a goal feast"... Guys what ever it was you will need to bottle it for next week's game if we are to put pressure on the teams battling for fourth spot. Coach Hignett awarded Man of the Match to DAMIEN SUPLINA.