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**SOCCKER DIVISION
BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER
12th & 14th June 2004**



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Hi All,

Overall a good result from many of our Thornleigh teams and I managed to see some good soccer. The pair of Under eleven teams posted wins against a stubborn Normanhurst opposition. Our 16/1 team put on an excellent performance against Redfield with a commendable effort by James and Nick (14/1) in the back field. Our reserve side in the Premier League were able to dominate their opponents while the first side came away unlucky. Mounting injuries in our Premier League teams will see them stretched to get a full compliment of healthy players onto the field for the next couple of matches

The big event for this coming week in the Under 7 Gala Day at Oakleigh Oval. The event is looking to be our most successful yet as 24 teams battle it out on the field from 9.00am to 4.00pm. With so many teams, our resourcefulness is really going to be tested. We are looking for all available hands to assist with general organisation, canteen/barbecue duties, and refereeing.. If you can assist please let Dave Richards know as soon as possible (9484 9351, 0419 626 321). Your help will make the difference!

The final game will be played at approximately 3.00pm with the presentations occurring shortly afterwards. Winners will be presented with their trophies by the captain of the Premier League Firsts, Avan Young. A good enthusiastic crowd to watch the final would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in commitment

Rob Roberts

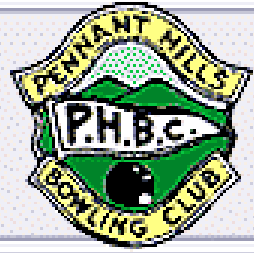
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Wednesday	Under 9/10s	4.00pm – 7.00pm.
	Under 13/14s	7.00pm – 10.00pm.
Friday	Under 8s	4.00pm – 6.00pm.
	Under 15/16s	6.00pm – 8.00pm.

Sunday	All Age Men	5.00pm – 10.00pm.
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The age groups, days and times listed above will depend on the number of teams registered in each age group and are subject to change. Players will be eligible for COUNTRY, STATE & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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The holiday weekend took its toll on the Red's this round. A great opening half saw LUKE SPYER defend the goals well, limiting the onslaught of a strong opposition attack. The Red's went into the break 3 – 2 down after two great first half goals by IZY PHANTOM. The second half started well with an equaliser from CALLAM HANDS and the Red's were back in the hunt! Strong midfield play by LIAM SHERMAN, ADAM WALKER and CHRISTOPHER WATT could not penetrate the opposition and limited the possession for MAX EDWARDS and JORDAN SIMONS in attack. Although the win eluded us this week, Coach MARK SIMONS was pleased with the performance as the Red's improve with each game played. Player of the week was CHRISTOPHER WATT for his tenacity and determination.

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs REDFIELD 10

Redfield Lions proved too strong this week. Whilst the team was all girls, their entire team were already 6 years of age and towered above our 4 and 5 year olds. Their extra height, speed and year of practice proved too tough for our guys. Thornleigh Thunder can hold their heads high though. The team are learning more each week, spreading out, passing the ball and kicking long hard kicks. These skills were not evident at the start of the season. All of the team played equally hard and therefore it is too difficult to mention each one specifically. BENJAMIN HURWOOD received the Player of the Week trophy for being a keen team member and for trying his hardest and playing consistently throughout the season. When Benjamin received his trophy, the comradeship and sportsmanship of his team players in congratulating him was truly a sight!

U7 GREEN

THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 0

A very strong and skill-full Kenthurst team unfortunately stopped greens good run. AIDEN was goalkeeper first half and had some really good saves. The boys started like a house on fire and had some good shots at goal in the first couple of minutes by JEREMY and CALLUM. We also had some strong defending from ANGUS and one particular tackle by BEN who came in like a Kamikaze. Kenthurst then scored a goal totally against the run of play and went in at half time leading 1-0. BEN was goalkeeper in the second half and was soon in the thick of things making some good saves. DANIEL tried hard all game and CHRISTIAN was his usual busy self. MURRAY chased everything and never gave up but the man of the match JAMES was everywhere in attack and defence and had a real enthusiasm to do well. AIDAN tried really hard today as well and made some good runs. All in all we played well but when Kenthurst scored their second goal it was over for the day. We were strong in defence and midfield but couldn't finish it off upfront. It was a good effort and the boys were happy with their effort.

U7 RED

No Report

U7 ORANGE

No Report

U7 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENTHURST 2

The outcome is not a good reflection of the game. In most of the first half the boys played in their positions and it didn't take long for JASON CLARKE to take the ball for a run around the whole team to score a brilliant goal. This domination was maintained until the last few minutes of the game when KENTHURST snuck one in before the whistle. The second half was a fairly even match with attacks from either side. It was not till the last few minutes of the match when THORNLEIGH committed a foal right smack in front of the goals. KENTHURST scored a beautiful penalty style free kick to wrap up the game. As usual we saw some great skills from the team. More skilled ball work and dummies from NATHAN BIRRELL. STUART BRUCE (Player of the Match) saved some shots on goals and had an awesome game in the centre. He was outrunning everybody and showed a determination above his age. JORDAN DAVIS showed is iron defensive skills in the backs. JACK GREEN made several individual runs. ANDREW HADDAD also had an awesome game in defense. His clearance kicks swept up threatening attacks. ROBERT JONES had a few runs from the front. RYAN MALLETT as always ran his heart out and at one time almost scored from a 3 quarter field individual run. BENJAMIN WALLWOOD always ready to attack with some more attacking runs. Better luck next week boys. Keep up the hard work.

U8 BLUE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 0

There are nil all draws.....then there are NIL ALL DRAWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This game was an absolute pearler. At first sight the Ravens looked like they had been on five meals a day since birth with nandrolone supplements. They were massive. And we soon found out they were good athletes as well. But the Blueys gave as good as they got and probably had the better chances to win the game. They just could not get the ball past the big kid in goal. Our defence was, as always, rock solid with NIC playing well above his weight in a stand out man-of-the-match performance. He had lots of help from MAX, AXE and ADRIAN. If the Ravens got past one of them, there was always another one there to make the stop. In attack JAKE showed exquisite skills and some of his crosses were top quality. LUKE played well in the midfield and hit some great through balls. TOM D made some good ball and all tackles while CAMERON, BLAKE and TOM D ran themselves ragged ensuring we got our share of possession. CAMPBELL kept the scoresheet clean in goal in the first half and then played well in the open with some judicious passing. This was a fast, open, end to end game, which, judging by the decibel levels on the sideline, certainly captured the supporters' attention. The way it was played was a credit to both teams. Well done.

Both sides came out breathing fire. The first five minutes showed WILL, BECKY and JESS attacking well and keeping the Redbacks at bay. After little action, the Redback's attempt at goal was stopped by a great intercept by CALLUM. Then WILL's speedy sideline run brought the ball within range of Thornleigh's goal. The first half showed that with super teamwork by ALEX, JOSH, TAYLOR, JULIAN and JAY, how far this team has come this year. NICK's goalkeeping was well supported by CALLUM and resulted in a nil all draw. The start of the second half saw Thornleigh a bit slow in defence resulting in a Redback goal. Another great shot at goal by the Redbacks was prevented by JOSH, then in a suspenseful moment Thornleigh nearly scored their first goal. Several more attempts followed including a fantastic breakout run by ALEX with great passing to NICK who just missed the goalmouth. All in all a terrific effort by our U8 green Thunders!

Our new team member CLAIRE made a great start playing an all round good game. ANDRE performed well in goal first half with an excellent save and TESS was great in goal second half. MATT was showing off his cool moves and fancy footwork again this week and made a superb fly goalie save. TYLER continued her new found form, sticking to the ball like glue with some excellent over-head kicks. DELANEY was having a tackle marathon today and DANIELLE gave the ball some well-timed kicks. LUKE made many good attempts at goal but we couldn't quite get it in. BEN played a strong game, getting the ball back in play just at the right moment, while CALLUM tackled and tumbled some great plays. JOSHUA was passing extremely well and all round we played a great game together as a team. Keep up the good work!

A great result for the team, playing one down due to illness & the long weekend. LUKE was inspirational as ever in goal, making many saves and frustrating the opposition. KATHERINE and ABBY led the attack, running everywhere. An extra special thanks has to go to JULIAN WALKER, filling in, and being a natural on the big field and starring when he saw the ball. FERGUS kept goal in the 2nd half, and proved another reliable custodian, as the ball never crossed his goal. Despite the game turning a bit physical in the 2nd half, CHARLOTTE and ANDREW kept their cool. This match was a turning point in the season, and we can look forward to causing a few more upsets as the season winds down

It was a much-improved side from last week when our boys took on EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS. It was a very close game, and non-stop action right through. Our first goal came towards the end of the first half when MICHAEL GAMBLE penetrated the defence and sent the ball flying high in to the net. The second goal came through many inter actions amongst our midfield and BEN PHILLIPS managed to slip the ball in to the net. The opposition's attack was relentless and our fullbacks stood the test JACK ANGEL, ANDREW CARDWELL and JEREMY TOOHEY kicking the ball away from our goal. Our midfields, ANDREW MEIKLE, DANIEL CHRISTIE and HUW FISHER were having a good day both in attack and defence. In the forwards MICHAEL CSOMORE and TIMOTHY LOVE kept the pressure on their opponents. Knowing that we have our toughest games in front of us, this was a good platform that can be built on.

A great but very frustrating game between local rivals/friends/neighbours. Injuries and wear and tear are taking their toll on some of our players so ANDREW C. (U10/6) came and helped us out for the first half before having to go and join his team. ANDREW made a huge contribution to our game tackling the ball and taking it right up the sideline on numerous occasions, he fitted in well with our team. There was lots of play down in the Normanhurst half with three near misses by KEL, BRAD and TOM within the first ten minutes. When the whistle blew at half time the score was nil all. However within minutes of the second half the boys put together a great effort and LEROY scored. There were a few more attempts at goal but sadly with no result. The coach was happy to take away a win and accept the goal as a 50th birthday gift from the team. Joint Man of the Match: BRADLEY and MATT D.

This was a great game boys - well done! We started off strongly with a team full of confidence and exuberance. An early goal in the first 5 minutes by MATT LOWE had the opposition looking a little worried and the Thornleigh side-line ecstatic unfortunately our advantage was short lived. A tremendous effort was put in by the whole team but special mention must go to JAMES EATON for strong defence, NICK GEORGIU for great positional play and BRENT ROGERS for a consistent and effective effort throughout the game. Well done boys, keep your heads up!!

What a game! Although we lost 6-0 the boys once again showed determination and drive this week. The boys are so pleased this year to have no reserves so they can all play a full game each week. It's just a shame when someone is sick or injured or on holidays. As always we are lucky to have had some great replacements- JACKSON SMITH played today and did a great job. The team held their own all game and showed great heart and support for each other. It's great from a parent's point of view to see the kids enjoy the game even when they lose. Keep up the determination and a win is not faraway!

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 1 vs. REDBACKS 1

The boys knew it was going to be a tough game today. The Redbacks went into this game having won every one of their games, and with only two goals scored against them (in a 3-2 win against us in Round 1). So the team did well, not only matching the opposition, but in many ways the better team. They led with an early goal from JACKSON SMITH who was obviously pumped after playing a game with the 12/1's but unfortunately late in the first half the opposition equalized, when the Referee missed??? An offside. The Redbacks are now out of our reach, but we look forward to working through to the end of the premiership and into the round robin.

U13/4

BYE

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 2

A good win that could have been a disappointing draw with NICK JONES keeping the ball out, off the line, in the last seconds of the game. The game was played at a fast pace and at times got rough but both the boys and parents for Thornleigh kept their cool extremely well. Thanks to the young referee who handled himself well, he had a good game. OLIVER WELLS picked up the pieces after a scramble up front and put it away brilliantly for the first goal early in the first half. STEPHEN SMITH followed up quickly with the second goal, after converting a penalty. DARCY COHEN came up with the goods midway through the second half to seal the win after an effective penalty by STEPHEN SMITH. Well done to all involved.

U16/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs REDFIELD 1

The boys put in a very determined effort against a Redfield Lions side looking for their second win. The pace was fast and furious from the outset and once again this week with no reserves everyone knew that there would be no rest. The match looked pretty even for the first 15 minutes but Thornleigh gradually started to get on top and after some good lead up work ANDREW DRYBURGH made no mistake at the 25-minute mark. At half time the score was 1-0 but it only took another 10 minutes for PATERSON KIM find the net and the game looked to be over. The Lions fought back, however and scored a rough looking goal 15 minutes from the end, which made our lads go back on the attack and force an own goal with five to go. To add to our injury woes, our goalkeeper of some years standing JASON FOLKARD broke some fingers in last weeks match and was forced to play up front where he did an excellent job. MATHEW BIRO swapped with JASON and looked as if he'd been playing keeper since the sevens. Well done everyone – a fine team effort. Many thanks to DESHEN GOVENDER from the 16/3s and NICK JONES from the 14/1s for playing with the side. Their performance today was outstanding and greatly contributed to the win.

U16/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 0

Today the boys went out with all guns blazing, putting the Eastwood defence under all sorts of pressure with five corners in the first 15 minutes of play. Unfortunately none were converted until CHRIS BROWN scored off his thigh from a goal-front melee, but alas the ref thought it was off his arm and disallowed the goal. RAKESH GIANANEY also made a very confident strike but hit the crossbar. TOM KRISENTHAL, DAVID PHILLIPS and DEREK HAMBRETT worked particularly hard in defence today, whilst KEYVAN AZMI directed played with his usual passion and flair in the mids. As the first half progressed, our guys started kicking and chasing high balls rather than using their usual passing game, and appeared to wear themselves out and let Eastwood back into the attack. A stern word from Coach Matt Doig at the break appeared to do the trick, with the only official score coming 10 minutes into the half from a CHRIS BROWN through-ball to KEYVAN AZMI who centred it beautifully for NICK BOSS to finish off. Well done boys – another 3 points to keep you in clear second place and within striking distance of the top team.

U16 GIRLS

No Report

THORNLEIGH 10 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1 (Result for 14/6/2004)

In a forty-eight hour span and two matches over the long weekend, Thornleigh knocked in 12 goals to 1 against, evened up their win loss record, moved into a positive goal difference, and in thus securing 6 competition points may well have turned around their season. If Saturday's game was a tale of missed chances, and it was, then Monday's was all about making amends.

In all honesty, Saturday afternoon's effort at Thornleigh Oval was a pedestrian affair. The play was scrappy, many clear goal-scoring chances were missed, the weather turned a bit gloomy, and generally things weren't working. However, the lads managed to come away with a 2 nil victory and a well-deserved clean sheet for ALEX REDFEARN in goal. The two goals were both quality efforts and a pleasure to behold. For the first, SIMON FACTOR spotted MATT THOMSETT unmarked on the far post and delivered the ball to his head. FACTOR closed out the scoring five minutes from full-time when he sidestepped the Eastwood keeper and tapped the ball home. MICHAEL PAVITT was a workhorse in the midfield. Others who put in a high work rate were JOSH CLARK, SIMON FACTOR, STEVEN PAVITT and CARL EDWARDS. Playing intelligently in defence was TRISTAN PETERS.

Monday dawned sunny and unseasonably warm, perfect conditions for a football match. The Thunder boys obliged with a feast of goals. SIMON FACTOR put on something of a goal-scoring clinic, making the most of a generous supply of quality balls from the rest of the squad. MICHAEL PAVITT was the provider as FACTOR opened the home side's account two minutes into play. Next up, JOSEPH WONG obliged with a well-weighted pass from the back line that travelled half the length of the pitch before FACTOR picked it up, took it into the box and beat the keeper. The next two goals were something of individual efforts by FACTOR who took the side to the sheds 4 nil up and with a double hat trick under his belt. The second half provided more of the same, with FACTOR again being the first to do the damage six minutes into the half when he successfully converted a penalty after MATT THOMSETT was brought down in the goal mouth. Six minutes later, FACTOR struck again when he pounced on a loose ball that THOMSETT ricocheted off the Eastwood keeper. From the twenty minute mark it was THOMSETT'S turn to dance when he found his left foot and used it to put in the first of his three goals for the day. Fifteen minutes later he picked up a cross from FACTOR and headed it home. FACTOR and THOMSETT then took one further goal apiece to close out the scoring and send Eastwood on their way. While it was easy to be distracted by the excessive number of goals, entertaining though they were, this was very much a demonstration of full-on team play, with excellent control of the ball and deft passing from all in the blue and gold. JOSH CLARK, MICHAEL PAVITT and TONY LAING set up shop in the midfield and provided the leadership for TIM FREDRICKSON, JAMES MANNING and CARL EDWARDS in controlling that vital piece of turf. JASON BURT, JOSEPH WONG and TRISTAN PETERS spearheaded the effort in defence with MATTHEW TRANSFIELD and STEVEN PAVITT stepping up to the mark at vital moments.

AA/3

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WPH 0

AA/7

THORNLEIGH 6 vs CARLINGFORD 1

How these Nevilles managed to beat us in round one will no-doubt go down as one of the most unexplainable phenomena of recorded history. I felt slight anxiety before the game though; my concern hinged on the possibility that there might have been a hint complacency sneaking into our game given our astonishingly brazen unbeaten run of late. We started relatively well however we struggled to convert a plethora of early opportunities. DAVE G (in da house) was dominating, CRAIG threatening, MICK relentlessly determined and JAMES lurked, ready to pounce instinctively, as only a true striker can. Deservedly DAVE G eventually opened the scoring, thus ensuring his goal-scoring drought had been broken. His relief was overtly evident given the cheeky grin on his face as he cantered back to the half way line. From there the Thunder unleashed a ferocious onslaught. JAMES showed little to no mercy for the shattered pride of our dejected opposition as he gracefully slotted home an impressive hat trick. Our defenders could sense the sweet perfume of goals thick in the air and pushed forward with crazed desire. STEVE feverously hunted down that special goal as though an insidious virus possessed him. But alas, he will have to wait till another day to shower himself in that much coveted goal-scoring glory. DAMIEN got himself on the scoresheet and yes, your assumptions are correct, I also put one away. Thanks to DAVE R and ELLIOT for sharing the refereeing duties for the match and to ANKUR for bravely putting the keepers gloves on, as our regular keeper PAUL was fully sick, on this occasion in the medical sense. Well-done guys, I am so very proud of you all. We play West Penno at Oakleigh next Saturday; the early prognosis from the Bureau of Meteorology is for a savage Thunderstorm, our hordes of screaming fans are hereby advised to bring an umbrella.

AA/10

THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 6

AAWOMEN

No Report

Over 35/2 THORNLEIGH 3 vs REDFIELD 0

Over 35/4 THORNLEIGH 3 vs RAVEN 2

Over 35/6 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLENHAVEN 4

**PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 2 vs PUTNEY 1
 THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 3**

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