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Hi All,

Having just completed another major event for the club, I can say it was a resounding success. The Under 7 Gala was professionally coordinated by Dave Richards who has set a new standard for such events in the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association. The event was held in near perfect conditions at Oakleigh Oval and was attended by 24 teams from the GHFA and Ku-ring-gai Association.

Four teams remained at the end of the day to fight it out for the medallion and trophy competitions. In an exciting match Glenhaven triumphed over the Carlingford Redbacks in a heard hitting game. In the trophy final Wahroonga were able to subdue a determined Lindfield team to emerge as outright champions of the day.

A great many comments were given as to the overall quality of the day by the visiting teams. The success of the day is due to the large number of volunteers who refereed games, staffed the canteen and barbeque, set up the field (at 6:30 am) and cleaned up at the end of the day. Thank you very much to the mums and dads of the Under 7 teams, Over 35's, All Age Men's and Women's players and the ever present club officials. Special mention to Bruce Holliday and Tim Yeates for their foresight and support in the weeks leading up to the day. Satisfaction has its own reward!

Yours in commitment

Rob Roberts

President

Message from David Richards – Junior Vice President and U7 Gala Day Coordinator

I would like to pass on a very BIG THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped make the day such an outstanding and enjoyable day. MANY, MANY THANKS

U7 Gala Day Trophy Competition

*Winner - Wahroonga A
Runner up - Lindfield B*

Medallion Competition

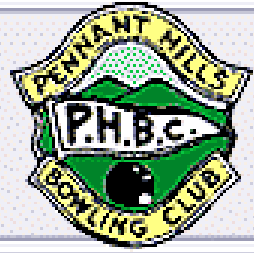
*Winner - Glenhaven
Runners Up - Carlingford Redbacks*

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U6 RED

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 4

Thornleigh took the field with several players courageously fighting illness. Nonetheless they battled against a strong opponent and missed scoring several times. IZAAK MUNOZ led the attack, with CALLUM HANDS always in support. EMILY SUNNOCKS was terrific in goals in the first half, stopping many strong attacks at goal. LUKE SPYER and LIAM SHERMAN also helping out the defense. CHRISTOPHER WATT, MAX EDWARDS and JORDAN SIMONS working well through the midfield, Thornleigh just could not find the net. It was a strong battle, but the flu season was clearly taking its toll, and all the parents and supporters wish our players a speedy recovery and good health for the rest of the season.

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 3

Thornleigh was in great form this week! Our newest player JACK GOLDSBROUGH played an excellent game earning him our Player of the Week. JACK displayed some great team work and some lengthy kicking down the field. ALEX BORG, AIDAN LANE and SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS all kept turning the ball back to our advantage and keeping it down our end of the field and then each making excellent attempts for goal. BENJAMIN HURWOOD scored his first goal for the season - after having the ball returned once by the goalie he shot again, this time successfully scoring for the team. Half the team made attempts for goal this week - what an improvement from the start of the season! CORY GILBERT made excellent progress towards the goal - I just love the way he smiles back to the crowd pleased with his efforts. WILLEM OATES and MARK NEULAND worked well providing great defense and always chasing hard after the ball. We saw some great saves for goal in the second half by Mark as goalie. In the end we lost out mainly due to some dazzling shots for goal by the West Ryde Rovers No.7 player.

U7 GREEN

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 0

DANIEL started the game in hot touch scoring two goals within the first five minutes and could have scored another two if it wasn't for some good defending by the opposition. The boys started displaying some hidden skills with BEN doing a good header and some fancy footwork between CHRISTIAN and JAMES. JEREMY and CALLUM chased everything that moved. MURRAY had a good day as goalkeeper with some nifty work in the goal area. The second half was a tough slog with West Ryde attacking hard but we were well served by some really strong and determined defending by ANGUS and AIDEN. They stopped everything and with BEN providing some really focused goalkeeping we kept them scoreless. The boys are getting better with each week that passes and it's great to see how they are now spreading out over the field and playing more as a team. DANIEL was the man of the match for two great goals and a strong game all-round.

U7 RED

THORNLEIGH 0 vs SAINTS UNITED 7

Despite some good all round play, we were beaten by a well drilled team on the day. In the first half, MARK RICHARDS and MAX KENNEDY made some good forward runs, with some good passes from CONNOR BENNETT, whilst JOSHUA TREWIN played a splendid half in goal. In the second half, ELLEN BOUCHER tackled strongly, JONATHON MIEKLE and DANIEL FOWLER combined well in defence, and DIANA CAVILL made some great saves. A much improved performance from the Under 7 Reds. Player of the week was awarded to MARK RICHARDS.

U7 ORANGE

No Report

U7 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 2

A frustrating game for the spectators because in the first half the boys appeared to be asleep. NORMANHURST made easy work of scoring two goals fairly quickly and we all breathed a sigh of relief when the half time whistle blew. In the second half THORNLEIGH'S pace picked up and was rewarded with a goal when BEN WALLWOOD (Player of the Match) scored a well deserved goal that took about 3 goes to get it through the sticks. This bolstered the team and they finally had a taste for goals and an appetite to win, but unfortunately it was all too late to change the score line. Our goal keeper, JORDAN DAVIS & JACK GREEN had fantastic games with plenty of saves and great punts. In attack we had STUART BRUCE, JASON CLARKE, ROBERT JONES and RYAN MALLETT all contributing making some solid runs, passes and shots. And in closing, we had ANDREW HADDAD tame the fierceness of NORMANHURST'S many attacks. Good luck in the Gala Day boys.

U8 BLUE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs SAINTS UNITED 4

This was only the second loss for the season for the Blueys and was a bit of a let down after the wonderful game they played the week before against the only team that has beaten Saints all season. The boys all tried hard but were outclassed on the day by a very good team. What we did see today was a wonderful goal by ADRIAN. He got on the end of a pin point cross from JAKE and hit a sweet volley straight into the net. One for the scrap book!! TOM L (player of the match) had a strong game in attack and defence, bobbing up all over the field and running hard with the ball. MITCH played well at the back and CAMPBELL tried hard and had our only real shot of the second half. I'm sure the Blueys will be back to their fluent best next week.

A fine but blustery day greeted us all at James Henty Park. The wind kicked off for us with the dust all but obscuring WILL in goal. We looked solid in defence with Jess making some good clearances and CALLUM an absolute rock as always. Very little gets past our CALLUM. ALEX's powerful kicking was proving useful even if Jay did feel the full force of it at one stage. TAYLOR was battling well in midfield and helped provide a powerful run from BECKY and JOSH who combined well to set up a long range shot from JESS which went wide. Then our goal-scoring machine NICK managed to break through and score with a great LEFT footed shot! JULIAN was doing some great running and dribbling and NICK had another powerful long range effort blocked by one of the WPH defenders before TAYLOR shot just wide. So we reached halftime 1 goal to the good. The second half started with us abandoning the 1-4-3 formation for a Kevin Keegan approved 1-0-7 with WILL coming out on to the field for NICK to take over in goal. WILL immediately made an impact with another of his trademark winding runs, beating many opposition players (and a few of ours) before shooting just wide. This helped us win a succession of corners as we piled on the pressure. They kept us at bay and had some attacking play of their own but Nick showed very safe hands and some big clearances. CALLUM at one stage had no fewer than five of their players bearing down on him but still managed to clear the ball to safety. JOSH was really getting involved and was battling brilliantly in midfield along with JAY, who was showing some nice touches and BECKY who kept running powerfully. Soon TAYLOR broke through and put us 2 up with a wonderfully assured finish that left their keeper no hope. She shot just wide soon after but then they broke through and scored a goal of their own, making sure all of us on the sidelines would bite our nails to the end. But we were doing most of the attacking and their keeper was playing a blinder, blocking a good shot from TAYLOR that saw the ball roll out to Jay who shot powerfully from the edge of the area. It looked a certain goal but for another great save from their keeper. JESS was really battling hard and JULIAN was still doing some great attacking but having no luck. As our nails grew shorter, the clock wound down and with what proved to be the last kick of the game, sportsperson-of-the-match ALEX scored an absolute screamer from 20 yards. It's not often you see a goal from that distance in U8's! Another great performance as the team grows in confidence and stature under JOHN's wonderful guidance.

We had our second win of the season, made possible by our great teamwork. The girls were in fine form with CLAIRE and TYLER pushing hard and not giving an inch to the opposition. DELANEY made some decisive kicks which turned the game around and DANIELLE took her tackling to its highest level. The boys were not outdone; LUKE was instrumental in scoring our goal and CALLUM placed a well-timed kick to put it on the board. MATT kept the score steady in goal second half and BEN kept the ball rolling. JOSHUA and ANDRE carried the ball up the field attempting to set up a higher score. Congratulations on the win team.

The rematch we new would be tough. After a very close game in round one, this game would go to the most improved over the last seven weeks. Glenhaven came out on fire, with a very well executed goal in the opening minutes. Our boys a bit shocked, showed great sprit in defense with ROBERT STARREVELD, DOMINIC BORG, OLIVER JUDSON AND DARREN JOOSTEN tackling well. Glenhaven passed extremely well through our front and mid field to score their next goal but TIM CLAREMONT, SAM CARTER and JASON MOFFAT ran their hearts out attempting to stop the flow. The second half Highlights were greater defense. We had a few chances up front with JULLIAN COHN AND JOHN BAYNIE but as with Glenhaven's attack they had very good defense. SAMUEL CLARK was our goalkeeper in the second half and pulled off some excellent saves to keep the score only to three, well done SAM. A gutsy game boys, well done.

Wow what a game!! With a strong wind blowing from the north, our team battled tremendously against the wind, keeping the score at nil all by half time. Dale Edwards had a terrific run with the ball, heading for the opposition's goals until he was knocked to the ground, resulting in a free kick to our team. Well done Dale!! Into the second half as our team tired, Hunters Hill slipped past our defense, allowing the one and only goal to be scored. Fergus Barry-Corderoy was right in there with no fear to tackle. Fantastic kicking by Raphael Harvey, Luke Morrison and Josh Cooper. Charlotte Ward played really well, always ready with her powerful throw-ins and strong, high kicks. Andrew Bruce's fast intercepts and Dylan Sherman's and Katherine Meikle's constant attacking and chasing the ball kept the opposition on their toes.

Our team was beefed up by under 9 players due to injuries and other absences this week. Nevertheless after a slow start in the first half, our goal-scoring machine began to run. XAVIER BOUCHER demonstrated that he can do more than goalkeeping by running down the sidelines and setting up our first goal by BEN PHILLIPS who had an excellent game and followed up with other scoring in the second half. MICHAEL GAMBLE (the birthday boy) got in the act and scored goals of his own. JEREMY TOHEY despite not being at the best of health on the day excelled in defence, along with ANDREW CARDWELL in the fullbacks' position. TIMOTHY LOVE played well in the forwards, and was a reliable goalkeeper in the second half. DANIEL CHRISTIE, ANDREW MEIKLE, and HUW FISHER also had good games. A good overall effort. Hopefully we can do the same in our next game.

U11/4

THORNLEIGH 2 vs RYDE DISTRICT 2

Lots of early legwork with tight play around Thornleigh goal area with the opposing team making some heart stopping goal attempts, vigorously defended by MATT D. in goals. Great passing and tackling from DANYON and good defending from BRADLEY prevented runs down the wing by Ryde. Great passing between MATT W., TOM, JORDAN, KELSEY with LEROY pumping a goal in. Excellent save by MATT D. with a double save needed to clean it up. Good tackle defence by MARCUS, but strong play by Ryde saw a goal to even the score 1 all at the end of the first half. A lot of mid-field play, multiple throw-ins, good goal response from JORDAN good goal attempts and passing this half, but also some defence weakness. Some good goal attempts from KEL, DANYON and LEROY. Finally after some great teamwork KEL scored the second goal. Ryde was able to score from a lapse in concentration by our backs. Final score a 2 all draw. Man of Match: DANYON and MICHAEL.

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 2

Once again a terrific, fast-paced game by our boys! Unfortunately though the score didn't end up in our favour! Glenhaven scored early and a very even battle ensued with some fabulous teamwork between JAMES EATON and LACHLAN BEENIE. Towards the end of the second half LACHLAN ROE put MATTHEW LOWE in the clear to score a great goal with only 5 minutes before the final whistle. JOEL CARTER saved off the line with a great crunching tackle which drew gasps of admiration from an awe inspired side-line (or maybe that was just from his mother...). With a draw looking imminent we were unlucky enough to incur a penalty in the last few minutes. Despite a brave effort by our fearless keeper SIMON KRISTENTHAL Glenhaven converted from the spot. Thanks also to EDWARD HIGGINS who helped us out in left back and CHRIS GEORGIU in right mid field. Better luck next time guys!

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 1

The result does not reflect the territorial advantage the boys held over Glenhaven especially in the first half. Our goalie touched the ball once in the first stanza and all of the play was down in Glenhaven's half. BUT, it just didn't happen. There was some excellent play by the midfielders, especially ALEX GRANT and JOHN CHRISTIE, who both put in 110%. Our well-deserved goal came early in the second half, with WARWICK SPARKES finally getting it past their goalie's hands. The team was looking for that second goal and continued to put the Glenhaven defense under pressure. As the players moved Glenhaven started to threaten with several counter attacks and finally got through in our only defensive lapse. The air of disappointment from the sideline was immense. Better luck next week.

U13/4

THORNLEIGH 5 vs ROSELEA 1

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 4

U16/1

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WPH 0

U16/3

BYE

U16 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 1 vs RAVENS BLACK 3

Beautifully played by our girls. The riveted audience along the line couldn't stop applauding when they left the field. Unfortunately they lost. Ah well, a trifle. What's in a score anyway? In the first half our defence was tireless, efficient and very professional. The opposition only barely managed to score a goal. Bad luck! Shortly after MEL scored the equalizer with a casual lob past the Ravens' goalie our spirits soared. We were definitely going to win this game! At half time it was still 1-1. We were walking on air. Finally the tide had turned! We were playing as well as our opposition, if not better. But we cheered too soon. Defeat was lurking. The girls were still playing an excellent game, but in the last 10 minutes we suffered two quick goals from the opposition. Darn lucky goals if I may say so. We could have won easily. Ah, scattered dreams.

U18/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 4

Thornleigh opened the scoring in this tightly contested match played under cloudy skies with a chill wind whipping across Oakleigh Oval. Their first strike started from a dead ball, which JOSH CLARK put to MATT THOMSETT, the latter flicking it onto SIMON FACTOR who put it away. Gladesville's equaliser at the 22-minute mark was quickly answered by FACTOR'S second goal, and then followed up ten minutes later when THOMSETT converted to make the score 3 to 1. With their own defence proving to be porous, Thornleigh dominating the midfield and with ALEX REDFEARN pulling off several quality saves in the Thunder goal, the visitor's went into the halftime break with a downcast look about them. With their backs up against the wall, Gladesville came out hard in the second half, intent on putting Thornleigh to the sword. The home side battled hard and briefly gained the upper hand after weathering an opening onslaught. However, Gladesville dug deeper and gradually drew level with two goals in the space of five minutes before eking out the win with their fourth goal two minutes from full-time. This was a particularly tough match to lose, but disappointing though it was, the lads can hold their heads high. For significant stretches of play they were clearly the better side, and they forced the competition leaders to press hard right up to the final whistle. This was a classic game of football.

AA/3

THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORMANHURST 2

AA/7

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 5

Whilst I would rather not speak about events of Saturday afternoon, as an intrepid reporter to such a well respected publication as the Blue and Gold, renowned for its journalistic integrity, I feel it my duty to provide a balanced and fair view in order to keep the public well informed as to the most recent developments in the continuing evolution of the AA7 soccer environment. To put it simply, this weekend's game was a disaster. With brutally honesty I must say that we really did not look like we were there to play soccer, a lacklustre first half performance ensured the much despised West Pennant Hills took a dominant 3-nil lead into the break and from there, as the weather deteriorated into the sort of conditions that would be classified as horrible in all parts of the globe but the far reaches of the Siberian tundra, so did the quality of our play. Indeed my much-scoffed premonition of last week, urging our supporters to bring umbrellas to the game proved prophetically true; unfortunately it was due to meteorological phenomenon and not because of the Thunder on the field. The mood in the change room was correspondingly dejected and defeatist. It is true we were always going to struggle, our regular goalkeeper PAUL was still fully sick and missed the game, I myself, though comparatively only slightly sick, still played an unusually minor role in the game, whilst several other players carried trivial injuries into the match, however no excuses could have warranted such a poor display. We did show brief glimpses of our true ability in the latter stages of the match, with DAVE G continuing his improving recent form, LUKE and BRUCE also put in a comparatively fair performance and PETE's new haircut must have struck fear into the opposition (as well as mirrors), but overall something was lacking and the burden lies upon ourselves and master coach KEANEY to decipher what can be learned from the game. Unostentatiously, and in the interest of public knowledge I am forced to also report my late consolation goal, scored by way of a Beckham-esque free kick. I'd go into details, but we could be here all day. See everyone at training on Wednesday, for we have much to learn about the ways of the Thunder.

AA/10

THORNLEIGH 2 vs RYDE 3

AAWOMEN

THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORMANHURST 0

After suffering our first lost of the season last Monday, it was important to get back into the winning mindset we have been playing with. And what a better time to do it in a local derby. All the girls looked refreshed and focused on the job ahead. We started well, pushing the ball around and moving into position, JULIA opened the scoring from a great run through with DENIZ. A big welcome back to BRONNY saw her slot back into the sweeping role and great defence by LIZ, ANNE, ANNA and in particular KATE who had one of her best games yet, saw it a hard task for the opposition to penetrate our line. Great keeping by SAM yet again made sure a clean sheet was kept. The midfield worked well all day, AMANDA, MARISSA, KEL and BROOKE put together some great passing and control. JULIA the goal scoring machine bagged another Two before the day was over. The little work horse JEN was causing some great havoc running at them all day. Thanks to all our supporters on the day and at every game, it means a lot to the team and I know they appreciate it. Well done ladies and see you all at training.

Over 35/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 1

Over 35/4

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WPH 3

Over 35/6

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PUTNEY 2

PL1/Res

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WPH 4

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