



THORNLEIGH SPORTS CLUB Inc.

**SOCCKER DIVISION
BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER
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Hi All,

We have nine teams representing the club in the semi-finals. Last Saturday yielded some mixed results but hopefully we can improve on these in the coming weeks. Our 35/2 Premier team had a convincing win over the Redbacks on a cold, windy Oakleigh Oval on Sunday.

A reminder that our Premier League teams have their final game at home this coming Saturday. They missed out on making the finals this year, but I am sure better things are in store for next year. Thank you to all the Premier League players for representing the club in 2004 and to the management of the team for their professionalism and commitment. We hope to see everyone return next year in the blue and gold.

The End of Year / Senior presentation Thornleigh Club social will take place on Saturday 11th September at Pennant Hills Bowling Club. We trust that many of our senior players, club officials, coaches, managers and parents of both senior and junior players will make every effort to attend.

Our junior presentation is scheduled for August 29 at Oakleigh Oval.

Yours in commitment

Rob Roberts

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Thornleigh Thunder Soccer Club

We would love to welcome you to the final event for the 2004 soccer season.

A dinner/dance/show extravaganza. It will knock your socks off.

Where: Pennant Hills Bowling Club
Date: 11th September 2004
Time: 7.30pm to 12.00pm
Price: To be confirmed

All are welcome including visitors to the club. Dinner will be included in the price of the tickets.

Craig Denyer will be hosting the night and a special show will be completing a successful year.

More information will be emailed to you very soon.

If anyone would like to know any further details please call Glen De Nardi on 0408 418 131.

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U6 RED

THORNLEIGH 0 vs REDFIELD 2

Thornleigh had a full strength team for the first time in several weeks, but were still not quite able to net a goal against a strong Redfield college. EMILY SUNNUCKS was terrific as goalie and saved well over ten certain goals. LIAM SHERMAN and LUKE SPYER were also great support in defense. IZAAK MUNOZ was strong in both attack and defense and was desperately unlucky not to net three or more goals. CALLUM HANDS and JORDAN SIMONS were always ready to take the ball up and only desperate defense stopped these boys. MAX EDWARDS, CHRISTOPHER WATT and ADAM WALKER were a great help in the midfield getting the ball through for the attackers. With only two weeks left, an aura of sadness can be felt as these great friends will miss their Saturday match, and so to will the parents and supporters.

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 5

The last time we played Epping Eastwood, it was our second game of the season and we lost 8-nil. It was no surprise therefore when we lost this week, however this time round we looked a more organized side with even their coach commenting on how much we had improved and how strong our defense was. Whilst our defense was strong with AIDAN LANE and SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS working well as goalies, there were a couple of key players on the Epping Eastwood team who scored some very impressive goals. Unfortunately play dominated down the Epping teams end both halves and whilst ALEX BORG, CORY GILBERT, BENJAMIN HURWOOD (Most Improved Player of the Week) and WILLEM OATES all worked tirelessly, they just failed to have that extra strength to shoot for goal. ANNIKA REYNOLDS preferred the cheerleading role this week and amused the crowd with her kisses and hugs for her favourite team member. MARK NEWLAND was impressive in defense in the first half and made a huge effort to get the ball back down our end of the field in the second half making him our Player of the Week.

U7 GREEN

No Report

U7 RED

No Report

U7 ORANGE

No Report

U7 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLENHAVEN 7

Beaten fairly and squarely but it was not without its opportunities. Our boys are playing well in defense and in the centre but we have not been able to score goals and this game saw much of the same. It would have taken only one goal to change the balance of the game. Whilst most of the team was playing reactively you could see that a goal was needed to ignite the hunger and self belief to score and win. Each player contributed and we saw some developing skills so it is obvious the team have the necessary skills to win games. JORDAN DAVIS (Player of the Match) was noted for his solid challenges in the centre and clearance kicks to frustrate GLENHAVENS attacks. Again our two goalies, STUART BRUCE and JACK GREEN were tested the whole match. Many saves were made and the score would have been worse if it wasn't for their contribution. Keep enjoying yourself boys, the wins will come.

U8 BLUE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLENHAVEN 2

There is no doubt that Glenhaven are a very talented side and take a power of beating. But the Blueys are entitled to think that they let this one slip. They had just as many chances to put away goals and probably should have scored at least two with JAKE hitting the post once and others missing by a whisker on a number of occasions. There was some excellent play by both sides and some brutal (bordering on illegal) defence particularly by Glenhaven. TOM D (joint player of the match) did well to stand up again after a solid whack right on half time and LUKE was almost cut in half a couple of times. CAMPBELL (the other player of the match) played intelligently showing good positional sense and attempting to set up players around him. MITCH and CAMERON made some good stops in goal and MITCH showed great courage with the header of the season; on the full at half way from a kick out from the goalie. It sure rattled his brain!! NIC kept forcing the opposition wide in defence and never gave up while MAX bobbed up all over the place to harass attackers away from shots on goal. TOM L ran plenty of kilometers in the midfield and popped up in cover a number of times. To my mind the difference on the day was that none of the Glenhaven players ball watched at any stage while the Blueys did on a couple of occasions and it cost them two goals. I have a feeling we will be having some ding dong battles with Glenhaven over the next few years.

U8 GREEN

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN 6

We were 2 down today and the nice Glenhaven team loaned us one of their players, Chloe. It didn't take long though, for the opposition to score a goal. Julian courageously saved a few attempts by throwing himself on the ground. Chloe & Taylor played well in the backs with Becky having another great game in the mids. Nick scored two great goals just before half time. Will played a terrific attacking game, making superb tackles and breakaways. Alex showed some great ball skill and big kicks during the game one of which saw Nick score our second goal. Early second half saw another two goals from Glenhaven and one just before the whistle. Josh was fearless in goals, saving many attempts with Jess helping as back. All in all a good match played in a spirit of great sportspersonship and entertaining to watch. The whole team would like to thank U8 White, in particular Delaney, Matthew, Danielle & Andre who filled in for us last week against Redfield. Andre scored a goal for us giving us have a drawn against a very tough opposition. All these players and our boys & girls played a very hard fought but fair game.

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 5

With MATTHEW in goal for the first half of the game we saw some great savings despite the constant attack of the other team. ANDRE played again a great game and seemed to be all over the place. With the help of JOSHUA, TESS and CLAIRE it was made sure that the whole team could work well together to keep the damage to a minimum. In second half we saw some hidden talents from TYLER in goal and some great tackles from DANIELLE and DELANEY. We saw some great runs in the second half but unlucky enough no scores. Not a bad game at all team, keep it up.

U9/4

THORNLEIGH 0 vs REDFIELD 0

U9/7

THORNLEIGH 3 vs REDFIELD 1

A very exciting game to watch. All players showed guts and determination to win their second game for the season. The under 9's had a depleted team but with the aid of some very talented and skilled under 8 players, (Tom, Jessica, Campbell, Becky, Luke, Tayla and Jake) we fielded a team, with reserves, that proved to be too strong for the opposition. A number of great break away runs from defence, with accurate passing to the forwards, who threw everything at the ball resulted in 3 brilliant goals. Well done to the team and a VERY BIG THANK YOU to those under 8's, their parents and coaches who helped out on the day.

U10/6

THORNLEIGH 0 vs SAINTS UNITED 1

Our boys did us proud despite of the score. They confronted a very strong unbeaten Saints side and kept them scoreless in the first half, despite that they were on the defence almost constantly. A short lapse of concentration in the second half, allowed Saints to score their only goal. That made our boys even more determined and almost scored several times after. MICHAEL GAMBLE excelled in the fullbacks' position. XAVIER BOUCHER made several good saves; BEN PHILLIPS and MICHAEL CSOMORE were putting on the pressure in attacking. JACK ANGEL and JEREMY TOOHEY excelled in defence. With this performance behind us and having a full strength team in the next week two weeks, we could be looking at an other grand final.



**** *Saturday 11th September 2004* ****

*End of Year function and Senior
Presentation Night,
Fun night being planned, keep this date free*



U11/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 1

U11/4

THORNLEIGH 4 vs GLENHAVEN 0

Game gets off to a brilliant start with KELSEY bringing the ball up the middle to KEL. LEROY made a very good attempt but missed the opportunity to score. Within minutes KEL scores THL's first goal. Consistent attempts all round. In the first 10 mins of the game we saw a great save by MATT D. as the No.8 on Glenhaven side attempted to score. 10:05am sees a "magic" goal by our TOM B. after bringing through from midfield. Within minutes after half time, KEL score our 3rd goal, thanks to some great moves by JORDAN. We watched some excellent moves across the field by all our boys. MICHAEL, not afraid to get into the action, made some great tackles doing a lot of the midfield work and MARCUS showed great defensive work sending the ball away from the THL goal. Ever reliable DANYON, with a strong boot, did his share of sending the ball back to the forwards. BRAD got to make his trade mark tackle and run with the ball down the side line. MATT W. and SAAMID set up our 4th goal by KEL with some magic footwork. Great goalie work by MATT D. saved quite a number of very strong attempts from Glenhaven. A brilliant team effort winning 4 -nil.

Joint man of the match: JORDAN and KEL.

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 0 VS GLADESVILLE RAVENS 7

Once again, unfortunately, our boys went on the field somewhat behind the 8 ball with only 8 players on the field. They put up a brilliant effort however, but just didn't have the man power to cut through the Ravens defence. Lachlan Beenie and Brent Rogers played fabulously in attack and Daniel Tompkins was outstanding today in defence. Well done to all the boys - you did the absolute best you could and once again you have a very proud team of supporters on the side line.

U12/5 THORNLEIGH 1 vs SAINTS UNITED 2

Well the finals round robin and an 8.30 am start not a good omen. The team arrived early and keen to get on the field and with red frogs galore the team started well. The team passed well and everything was looking good when RYAN PYSAR our goal-scoring wizard equalized. The score was even at 1 – 1 by half time. Instead of our usual second half blitz, the opposition lifted its game up a notch and kept our team scoreless in the second half. LUKE MESSINA in goals for the whole game made some magnificent saves, putting his body literally in the firing line with a dive to save another certain goal, resulting in an unfortunate knee to the cheek. Luke being a true team player stayed on to save several more for the team. We know that the grand final requires at least one good win over the next two weeks. Keep your heads up and we could still make it!

U13/4 THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTH EPPING 2

U14/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 4 vs REDFIELD 3

U16/3 THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 3

The boys went into the match with a positive attitude, pumped up for a good hard game. A hard game they got, but Kenthurst was too good on the day. After 30 minutes Kenthurst potted their first goal and it was one-nil at half time. Two more goals in the second half put paid to the game. For some reason our play was a bit off song today with a few too many missed kicks and defensive lapses. DHESHEN GOVENDER had his usual tenacious game in the mids, as did DEREK HAMBRETT who headed the ball more times this match than in the rest of the season. Keep up the positive attitude guys; we can still make the Championship final. Next week is bound to see a return to form for the mighty Thunders.

U16 GIRLS No Report

U18/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1

Two second-half goals was all that these two sides could muster in the way of scoring as they brought down the curtain on their 2004 seasons. With 22 fully sized lads roaming around on a three quarter sized pitch, there was little room left for the ball, let alone a creative attacking style of football. Nevertheless, Thornleigh set about their task with purpose and appeared to have the game under control for most of the 90 minutes. The first half provided several genuine scoring opportunities for them, but none of these were converted, and the half drew to a goalless conclusion. The first 15 minutes of the second half provided more of the same until TONY LAING put a well-weighted pass into the top of the goal square. STEVE PAVITT, playing in the forward line, was quick to capitalise on the opportunity, coming onto the ball and sweeping it smoothly past the keeper into the back of the net. Now a goal to the good, Thornleigh looked to close Eastwood out of the game. However, a scramble in front of the Thunder goal ten minutes from full-time saw Eastwood awarded a penalty that they subsequently converted. That finished the scoring, and it was but a matter of time before the referee signalled the finish of the match. OWEN RODGERS and TONY LAING worked hard all afternoon while BEVAN CALVERT moved around the field in his captain's role providing inspiration to the side.

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 12 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

My first time playing at the Pidding Park Pumpkin Patch, or so it seemed judging by the way the field seemed to have been recently ploughed for seed planting. An atrocious surface, with shards of broken glass and other nasty assortments of rubbish strewn across the field, how were we supposed to produce the standard of high quality All Age 7 soccer that our adoring fans have come to expect from us? Yet despite these obvious obstacles impeding upon our high standards of play we managed to produce passages of soccer consistent with our apparent greatness. Despite missing a few key players, (no I was actually there, we do have other key players you know) we consistently attacked for much of the first half. KEANEY showing tantalising form, which had been lying dormant thus far, having numerous shots at goal. MICK and DAMIEN also had great first halves. Despite our rampant, even feverish attack we went to half time goalless. The second half became a scrappy affair as both teams tired of playing unpredictable ground passes on the disgraceful pitch and resorted to a more British long-ball approach. The Thunder's consistency was rewarded when the referee awarded us a deserved penalty. Now, I could give you a moment by moment description of the way I stepped up to the mark, without even the slightest hint of trepidation, calmly, casually, with utter disregard for the respectability of the Carlingford goal-keeper and an air of grace about myself, confidently stroked the ball into the bottom corner.. But that's not my style, far from it, modesty and humility are my trademark. STEVE, you had the game of your life on Saturday, be proud of yourself. BRUCE, as ever, faultless, with the added honour of scoring his first goal as a part of this mighty Thornleigh Thunder Soccer Club. BRUCE, I'm sure it will be the first of many. Let's keep doing what we are doing, despite what you may hear; much idolism is bestowed upon the winners of the Pennant.

Not the greatest day to be playing football in conditions that we were faced with today. A leaking drink bottle of MARRISA'S saw both pairs of her socks saturated in her bag before kick off, so what happens, as any good coach does he takes off his own shoes and lends her the pair he was wearing.(you know the REALLY OLD style of socks.) A first half of great football played with the wind at our backs was what we needed to make the most of the advantage. Some excellent lead up and passing saw us come close a couple of times to open the scoring. A sensational shot from MARISSA from about 25 yards out opened the scoring for the mighty thunder. DENIZ played well in attack and netted 2 goals of her own. Other goal scorers in the first half were JULIA, and MIGHTY MEL(who had backed up for us again after her game which saw them beat Normo). Second half instructions were to keep the ball at feet due to the mighty head wind we were running into. The Girls did exactly that and ran around the opposition. Hills played a lot of long balls with the wind and great work by JEN at sweeper cleaned up every time. A lapse in concentration let the Hills score. Play goes on and the mighty thunder have a free kick just out side the box. Up steps ANNA as we have been practicing, sets herself and WHACK in goes the ball back of net. ANNA has been dying to score for the last two seasons. Great work by KATE, LIZ, KELLI, TARA, TESS (16/1) as well as the ever reliable SAM in goals. Bring on the semi's

Flowing passes, outstanding skills, brilliant teamwork and inspirational creativity. These are the attributes that make a great team and that can make a game of soccer a delight to watch. Despite showing none of these qualities, we did not disappoint our brave spectators with a win in howling conditions.

Yes, I get to use my new opening line.... Thunder scored an upset victory over 5th spot St Andrews. Thunder played some of their best soccer of the season; their passing game was a delight to watch. Thunder opened the scoring with probably the best-taken free kick of the season. In what turned out to be a cleverly worked out move just about every Thunder player stepped over the ball, leaving a patiently waiting MATTHEW 'Babs BARBER to calmly kick the ball over the wall to beat a bemused St Andrew's keeper - it was slow motion soccer at its best. Thunder scored their second goal when STEVE BLACKBURN scored from a typical TRAVIS PRICE run. A highlight of the first half was GAVIN TAIT's a mid field "dummy" it was a classic. Coach Davies, from the sideline, immediately called for Gavin to be replaced, as he knew he could not top that play for the remainder of the game. St Andrews started the second half strongly realising they needed to score three goals to keep their final hopes alive. Thunder maintained their composure and continually frustrated St Andrews with their passing and positional play. Thunder scored their third goal when BAB'S scored from a MATTHEW DOIG free kick. St Andrews scored a consolation goal mid way through the second half. MATTHEW BARBER was awarded Man of the Match for his goal scoring double and his strong overall play. DHIRESHEN "DISH" SINGH had his best game of the year. Next week Thunder takes on top of the table Epping Eastwood at Oakleigh Oval. Now that would be a great opening line for my last report of the season.... Thunder defeats the minor premiers.

It was a perfect afternoon for soccer - windy, freezing cold, light rain and the coffee was cold. All that aside, Thunder started well and looked the more likely to score the first goal.....how wrong were we. St Andrews opened their scoring in the 20th minute and what followed was a soccer lesson. They scored in the 25th minute, 30th minute, 40th minute and 43rd minute of the first half. FIVE: ZERO at half time. St Andrew players were continually left unmarked in front of goal; three of their first half goals were from headers. Coach Hignett could not wait to get his players in the change room at half time. He told them to forget the first half and just concentrate on winning the second half. Thunder went out determined to stop St Andrew's domination of the game. Thunder opened their account when DAMIEN SUPLINA scored following good lead up play from AVAN YOUNG. St Andrew responded almost immediately and scored their 6th goal, another header, of the afternoon. To their credit our players tried hard but were outplayed by a much more determined team. LINTON ISTED toiled hard all afternoon and was Thunder's best player. See you all at Oakleigh Oval next Saturday for Thunder's last game of the season against top four hopefuls Epping Eastwood.