



Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.



SOCCER DIVISION

BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

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**Premier League Division 1 Games - All Reserve Grade games at 1.15pm, All 1st Grade Games at 3.15pm
Home Game at Oakleigh Oval 16/4/2005 - Thornleigh vs Normanhurst - Support Your Premier League.**

President's Report

Welcome to the delayed 2005 Soccer Season. Oakleigh Oval is looking good and far superior to some other grounds I saw on the weekend. It has been a relatively smooth start to the season and thank you to everyone that was able to pay their fees prior to the season, it makes the registrar's and treasurer's jobs much easier.

Our players numbers may be down this year but hopefully not our spirits. The Club can only function on the goodwill, time and efforts of its members. I know your time is valuable and there are a number of people in the club willing to tireless give. The danger we face is that we will eventually run these people into the ground. Sharing the burden and volunteering is an opportunity to give back to the local community as well as meet new friends.

I hope you will join the Thornleigh Thunder Soccer Committee in moving the Club forward in 2005.

Your in commitment

Rob Roberts

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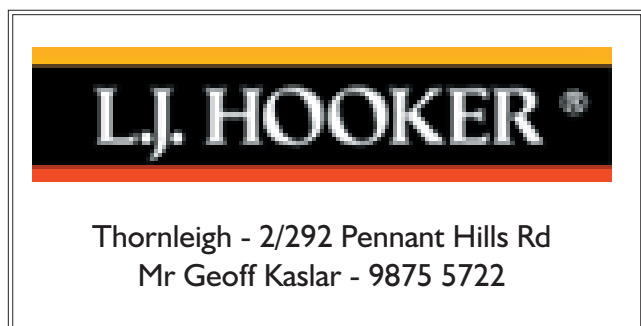
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U6 MAGPIE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 15

In our first game for the season THORNLEIGH were defeated by HOLY CROSS COLLEGE. The contributions of our goalkeepers, JULIA MODSKI and HUGH FRASER made sure that the score was not higher. Even though this was a loss THORNLEIGH had a great game and are looking forward to next week.

U6 PLATYPUS

THORNLEIGH 1 vs CARLINGFORD 7?

The sun shone brightly for the first game in the careers of our Under 6 Platypus team. Spurred on by the excitement of watching the ball roll down the steep hill next to the oval, the boys ran onto the field with enthusiasm. After a short orientation by our stand-in coach, PETER DAWES, explaining the finer points of the game, (namely which way to run), the boys were immediately under attack by a skilled Redbacks team. The scoreline would have been a huge walkover without the fearless CODY JERVIS and brave LACHLAN DAWES as goalies. With the half time whistle almost upon the team, the Mighty Monotremes made an inroad into the Redbacks half and JOSHUA DE SILVA ran and chased, in true BRAD coaching style, to score his first ever goal in soccer. The team was thrilled and went to half-time with the scoreline showing 4-1. Some determined soccer from TOMMY JIANG and ROBERT BRADLEY saw some great tackling. WILLEM OATES and DANIEL MERRICK both made a good run into the opposition's half but the end of the game resembled a penalty shootout with the goalie being hammered by the opposition. A well-deserved Man of the Match award was earned by JOSHUA, our first ever goal scorer. The boys enjoyed a wonderful first taste of soccer, the THUNDER way!

U6 EMUS

NO REPORT

U7 KOALA'S

THORNLEIGH 2 vs ROSELEA 6

We played hard in the unusual heat for April in our first game of the year. It was more of a challenge for most of us to find the ground! What was amusing was when the Roselea coach thought that this was our home ground. KENTHURST #4.

ALEX WILD kicked the length of the field from the goal box and in the second half came out to score two goals and man of the match. I saw CALLUM GIFFNEY make some awesome tackles. (His Dad is not a bad ref either!) HARRISON FLACK played hard, BEN HAYWARD showed em' all how. HAYDEN TADOROSKI came on at half time and ran hard. He will also be navigating for mum next week after the 2 ended up in Glenorie on the way to the ground. JACOB CLARK has a big kick. BYRON CLEASBY is a standout player too. And watch out for MR ALEX BORG.

I am looking for to seeing the team make an 8.30am start out at KENHURST again this week!

U7 EMUS

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 8

A fantastic effort, was made by everyone in the team. The game was played in good spirit with every body learning in the process. With some solid running and great skills from TESSA GIBBONS, JACK NAYLOR, MARK NEWLAND, LIAM KIRK and AIDEN LANE, Thornleigh was a touch away from scoring on quite a few occasions. We also had great support from MICHELLE KEZERLE and RHIANNA MALONE who worked very hard to push the ball to the forwards. Very impressive was the goal keeping, against some top opposition, SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS and MARK NEWLAND did an outstanding job. Since the first practice session, each team member has shown a terrific amount of improvement. Well done Emus!

U7 ECHIDNAS

NO REPORT

U7 MAGPIES

NO REPORT

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST RYDE 1

Before we start an introduction to the 13 players that make up the 2005 U8 Reds - NATHAN BIRRELL, JASON CLARKE, JORDAN DAVIS, SAM DRUMM, DANIEL HABKOUK, MAX KENNEDY, BENJAMIN MANCE, ANGUS MCALLISTER, JEREMY PAK, MARK RICHARDS, BEN SEPAROVICH, CALLUM TOOHEY & JOSHUA TREWIN.

If the first game was any indication we are in for an exciting season. A goal was conceded in the first half despite having considerable share of the ball. WRR were masters of keeping one un-marked forward and their whole game plan was to feed this player for a run away goal. It only worked once because our defence held them back. A notable save helped from JOSHUA (goalie 1st half) that stopped an imminent goal. Despite the early set back the team kept punching through their centre and their persistence was eventually rewarded with 2 goals in the final 10 minutes. Firstly, a play that started at half way and ended with a cross to ANGUS who levelled the score and the second that came from SAM who capitalised on a poor goal kick to seal the game. It was a delight to watch because every player contributed to the result.

We saw some passing, signs of positional play and some great individual runs which will all be honed and developed this year as preparation for next year's commencement of competitive soccer. A great start to the season. Well done boys.

U8 WHITE

NO REPORT

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 0

What a way to start the season! The 9/2s are “out of the gates” for season 2005 with a 1 nil win over Macquarie Combined despite being a man short. In the words of our wise sage Chris Lowe “ we were all over them like a cheap suit” (we really need new material this year Chris!). For 90% of the game we were camped in their penalty box having shots. To their credit their close in defence was pretty good and our finishing is not quite there yet. The whole team had strong games however the stand-out player was ADRIAN who had an outstanding game in attack and almost scored on several occasions. MITCHELL scored our first goal of the season after nailing a great cross from CAMPBELL late in the second half. Our combination in the forwards was good with BLAKE, CAMPBELL, TOM L (who was everywhere in attack and defence) and ADRIAN stringing some good passing moves together throughout the match. Our midfield was solid, NIC S, JOSH and WILL doing some good work feeding the ball through to the forwards as well as in covering defence. As usual our back-line defence was solid with MAX popping up all over the park and doing a lot of running and covering well. TOM D was as reliable as ever with some strong tackles and clearing work as well as going for one, long length-of-the field gallop with the ball. Our goal keepers MITCH and MAX did not touch the ball and this was an indication of our domination in this match . The biggest lesson to take away from our first match on a big field is that holding positions and passing will mean less running! Well done boys! Quote of the week from coach Steve B “tackle him - he has nothing!

U9/8

BYE

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs CARLINGFORD 5

Well, we knew we were going to face a tough challenge when we realised we only had 8 players while the opposition had a full team plus 5 reserves! Now while the score may sound like a walk over, the story on the field was a different matter. A sterling defence saw many a goal attempt by the opposition thwarted by a full team effort to keep them at bay. Hats off to TIM CLAREMONT who did an outstanding job at goal keeper . This was complimented with good attacking defence from JAMES PAEK and DARREN JOOSTEN. SAMUAL LANE is to be commended for his many valiant attempts to take the ball forward while a good mid field support and defence from ALASDAIR BELLING, JACK ANGEL, SAMUEL CLARKE and OLIVER JUDSON meant that the score against us was not as high as it could have been. A good effort by the U10/3 boys!

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 0 vs BEECROFT 5

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTH RYDE 3

It was a rocky season start for the U11/5's. We took to the paddock one man short so it was always going to be a challenge. Some desperate defense work from ANDREW MEIKLE, LACHLAN DENCH, MICHAEL CSOMORE AND ANTHONY FINN kept the ball away from our goal for much of the game, while clears by JEREMY TOOHEY and sliding defense tackles by MICHAEL GAMBLE produced unison exhales from all Thornleigh sideline supporters. TIM LOVE made some beautiful cross-field dashes to pick up our goal kick outs. SHANNON FLETCHER, keen as mustard in the forward position, made some lovely breaks, coming close to our scoring goal on numerous occasions. Goalie XAVIER BOUCHER'S first touches for the season kept a number of opposition scoring attempt out in the first half. Unfortunately a beautiful kick over the top 2 minutes before half time saw North Ryde leave for the break 1 nil up on our boys. A change to play in the second half saw RAPHAEL HARVEY in goals and MICHAEL GAMBLE and MICHAEL CSOMORE take up the forward positions. In the end though it was North Ryde who came away with the goods, leaving us to surmise that soccer was the winner on the day.

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs CARLINGFORD 3

Given our debut in division 1, this was always going to be tough. With just the bare eleven the players put in an excellent showing. PAT POWER drove home an equalising goal in the first half. However sustained attacks wore down our defence and two soft goals put victory out of reach. Overall it was a well played game and special mention goes to JORDAN COHEN who constantly challenged the opponents.

U12/3

THORNLEIGH 2 vs BEECROFT 5

The score doesn't reflect the effort in the heat. MATT WILLIAMSON performed a couple of clearing kicks early on, then saved a goal against JORDAN MANNING (in goals) had his work cut out with a lot of play in the Beecroft half, a couple of saves in goals and some big kicks kept us out of trouble....for a while, Beecroft broke through with relentless pressure and scored - 1 nil. THOMAS BEENIE performed good tackles to get play back to the Thornleigh half, support by MATT WILLIAMSON and his boot. A big boot from SAAMID ZIKRIA saw enough clearance for KEL GIBBONS to take it through to score - 1 all. JOSH PEARSON and DANYON SEMAAN tried their hearts out, to no avail Beecroft scored again - now down 2 - 1. Things were tough at this point though Beecroft performed well again with a huge kick over JORDAN's head to score again - down 3 - 1. Great Defence form SCOTT JOHNSON (even scoring a body blow sending him to the ground), SAAMID ZIKRIA and attacking from MATT WILLIAMSON, set up a great run down the field by JOSH PEARSON to almost score. The second half saw us kick off and despite efforts Beecroft scores again - down 4-1. KEL GIBBONS went on the attack, we took a corner 3 times. A Beecroft hand ball gave a goal chance to MATT WILLIAMSON, no blocked at the pass. TOMAS BEENIE and MATT WILLIAMSON went into attack mode and we were rewarded with a goal to MATT WILLIAMSON. Looking brighter 2 - 4. BRADLEY TUCKNOTT, KEL GIBBONS, JOSH PEARSON worked on attack, NICK FERGUSON saved two goals, though the third attempt by Beecroft was too good - 5-2 down. Welcome to our new guys who are working on their skills DARIO JOHANSSON AND NATHAN LANGSHAW. Player of the match - JOSH PEARSON, Reporters choice MATT WILLIAMSON

U13/2

THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORMANHURST 0

Whoever said there wasn't life after Division 1 obviously missed seeing the boys in action against Normo today. From the onset the Thunders pressure was intense, moving the ball superbly with strategically placed passing. Then the break! In the 15th minute MATT LOWE exploded down the left flank - splitting two defenders in his path - then crossing to the midfield with MAX finishing off with a blistering blow. THUNDER POWER! The intensity intensified and 5 minutes later JOEL and LACHLAN combined to break through the defence and MAX again frazzled the Normo's backs to slam a second into the nets. Second half and the Thunders continued to batter a weathered opposition. RYAN had some incredible shots. HARRY competently fuelled the forwards and assisted the solid defence. DANIEL stopped a defender that almost stopped the game. The final assault climaxed with JOEL slamming the ball in from 15 metres. Normanhurst had their changes but Thornleigh had SIMON. This was a game of two halves in the true literal sense and the winners on the day were Thornleigh U13/2 and the time keepers.

U13/5

THORNLEIGH 3 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 1

We overcame the usual hoodoo of the early start and scored all our goals in the first 15 minutes. This result due to the great work of the team passing well and finished off by our new recruit from the 14s BRENDAN MEW. Welcome back to JOSH ZADRO also returning from the 14s and MCHAEEL DENNETT joining his mates. Everyone played well and the coach used the opportunity created by the early lead to try several combinations to find the right mix of players and positions. As usual these boys enjoy their soccer and the crowd always appreciates their efforts. Looking forward to a great year in 2005.

U14/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs DURAL 6

Fortunately the score does not say it all. It was a spirited Thornleigh side who took on a well oiled opposition. We conceded a couple of soft goals and was very unlucky on a number of occasions as our forwards took the fight up to Dural's goal box. ALYCE SMITH spirited a number of times to head off repeated Dural attacks. A pleasing effort by all. The club would like to welcome ADRIAN and JAMES our new goalkeeper.

U15/1

THORNLEIGH 4 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS RED 2

A great first up win to give the team some confidence. The match started fairly evenly and there were some early signs that the opposition might be stronger. But OLI WELLS put Thunder in front after about 20 minutes and then the game was really on! WPH fought back with two goals as Thunder struggled to find their rhythm, especially in defence. Then the game turned back our way a little when a great corner by ANDREW GAMBLE was put in the net by MICHAEL PARK and the team seemed to spark. After the break, Thunder played with improving confidence and scored twice more - STEPHEN SMITH from the spot after a WPH mistake and then a great run by MICHAEL PARK to chase a long ball by BEN HOLLIDAY and then calmly beat the Goalie and knock it into the net. Well done lads.

U17/2

THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING YMCA 2

It looked like a pretty rusty start to the season for the 17/2s and only good scrambling defence and some superb saves by LUIS REDFEARN kept the score Nil-ALL at half time. It was evident, though, that if we kept up the same standard of play it wouldn't take long for YMCA to find the net which eventually they did five minutes into the second half. This seemed to spark the team and we started to get the better of the play. One of these moves saw JACK PACKHAM in precisely the right spot to kick a nice goal in the 65th minute to equalise. YMCA immediately hit back one minute later and once again we were one down. PATERSON KIM in a nice piece of individual play equalised in the 80th minute and from there YMCA never looked like winning the game. Well done boys, a nice comeback and second half performance.

AA/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs RYDE DISTRICT 2

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 3 vs HILLS HAWKS 2

AA/6 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 4 vs DURAL 0

Well it was a very good game, we were going to start with only 10 players as KYRI GEORGIU's car had broken down, but JACKIE CUNNINGHAM'S Mum came to the rescue and we were able to start with all our team. The game was pretty even in the first 20 minutes but by the second half we had got gotten on top of DURAL with good attacking and defence. Goals were scored by JULIA WATSON (2), JACKIE CUNNINGHAM & MEL GEORGIU. The whole game was a result of good teamwork. Special thanks goes to our stand-in goalies: MEL GEORGIU (1ST HALF) & LAURA FRAKES (2ND HALF)

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 2 vs. NORMANHURST 1

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 8

Our newly formed AA/15 was over-powered from the start. The Kenthurst side had speed, skill and a well rehearsed repertoire of plays that we were unable to match. Given that we were without reserves and the team comprised of two new players to the game and a couple of o/35 players, we gave it our best to the end. We are in desperate need of additional players, and there must be somebody willing to give us a hand that has some Thornleigh spirit. Special mention goes to ANGUS MEIKLE for dogged determination

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 6 vs. NORMANHURST 1

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs. EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 7

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 0

A first up win was a great start to the premier league coaching career of young MATT DOIG. The team rallied after an early injury forced ANDREW ZVIRBLIS from the field. Thunder looked the better team in the first 20 minutes and were rewarded when, ADRIAN MASCARI, playing his first game for the club, put through STEVE "YOUNG GUN" BLACKBURN, who showed all of the composure of an over 35 player in front of goal, to score. Yes STEVE, it appears your Mum saw the goal. Keeper DAVID "CRICKET" BALL kept the team in the game with a number of classy first half saves. In the second half players followed MATT'S instructions to tightly mark the opposition, which forced them to shoot from a long way out. The "Jumping" JACK BROTHERS played well in the second half, with STEVE making a number of breaks and MATT playing his usual tidying up role in the midfield. STEVE BLACKBURN had his best game since joining the club and an injured LUKE "PACINO" SMITHERS showed the Thunder spirit by staying on the field after we ran out of replacements in the second half. Best & Fairest points went to: DAVID BALL 3, STEVE BLACKBURN 2, and LUKE SMITHERS 1.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 4

A first up game against the experienced Epping Eastwood team at Boronia Park was always going to be a tough assignment. It was a tight first 20 minutes with both teams searching for the first break. Thunder opened the scoring following a good ball from LAYN MELLISH to RYAN "RAZ" ROFF, whose shot rattled the cross bar on its way into the back of the net. Epping responded with a well taken goal from a disputed free kick, just outside the box. 1:1 at the break was a fair reflection of the first half. Epping took the lead shortly after the kick off scoring from a rehearsed move down the right side. Epping went further ahead scoring from a header mid way through the second half. To Thunder's credit they did not give in and were rewarded when a header from MARK "GAZ" HOLLIDAY beat their keeper. Thunder scored what appeared to be a legitimate goal after a challenge on their keeper rebounded to DAMIEN SUPLINA who slotted the ball into the back of the net. Unfortunately the referee ruled in favour of the injured Epping keeper. Epping scored their fourth goal in the last few minutes of play. Best & Fairest points went to: RYAN ROFF 3, LUKE DAWSON 2, and LAYN MELLISH 1.

Cancel whatever plans you had for next Saturday afternoon and get down to Oakleigh Oval to support Thunder when they take on local rivals Normanhurst.