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U6 EMUS**THORNLEIGH 1 VS ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 4**

This week the Emus were a little overwhelmed by the All Saints and had trouble holding them off in their attack. Despite the score the Emus definitely had "fun". A lot of the boys had a chance to catch up on the local gossip and utilised their free time to do so. NATHAN POLLOCK scored the only goal this week and it was only with the great support and attacking play from the team especially, JOSH REIDY, HARRISON DARGAN and SAMUEL KALNINS. JOSH NATOLI had a great first half in goals saving plenty of goal opportunities from the opposition. Defending was difficult but all held strong especially CHRISTOPHER WATT, JOSH NATOLI and REUBEN SPARGO who also had a great second half in goals. The "Man of the Match" this week went to a well deserving JOSH REIDY who was involved in all the action showing plenty of passion.

Well done Emus!!

U6 MAGPIE**THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 3**

This week saw a greatly improved performance by the team, and our first goal of the season. With just a little bit more like, we might also have seen a victory, but the boys and girls can nonetheless be very proud of their efforts. Thornleigh started off with all guns blazing, with TOM KENNEDY, recently returned from an all week soccer clinic, having 3 shots in the first five minutes and unlucky not to score. At the other end, first half goalie and player of the week ELANI WILD was like a Jill in the box in goals, jumping out and grabbing the ball whenever it came close. In the midfield, the hard running and tackling JULIA MOKSDI, HUGH FRASER and ALEXANDER HORSPOOL were scrapping hard for every ball, and our other soccer clinic graduate, LACHLAN JONES, was a rock in defence. But, as they say, football is a funny game and, after applying almost all the pressure in the first half, we found ourselves 0-1 down at half time, caught on the break just before half time. In the second half, an inspired RORY MADDEN came within inches of scoring the team's first goal and did not stop running, while the team's off-season half-Swedish imports, MARCUS and WILLIAM GRANT, tried their hardest in goals and on the field respectively. Suddenly, it was 1-1, as TOM burst through one more time and finally slotted the ball home. The cheers from the ground in Galston could be heard in Thornleigh! Just as coach, manager and parents started dreaming of victory, once again Pennant Hills caught us on the break and managed to score 2 more goals near the end. But after first up results of 0-15 and 0-9, the final score on 1-3 represented a great effort and the players walked off with their heads held high.

U6 PLATYPUS**THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 6**

The Mighty Monotremes enjoyed their third game of soccer in the sweltering sun at Galston this week. Early in the match, WILLEM OATES took a wonderful run into opposition territory and scored his first goal of his soccer career. The team was thrilled and WILLEM couldn't believe his great fortune. After a swift start by the opposition, the boys were down 4-1 by half time. After some wise words by COACH BRAD, the boys ran onto the field in the second half, more determined and hungry for the ball. TOMMY JIANG ran hard and was in the thick of the pack for the whole game, showing great enthusiasm. LACHLAN DAWES returned from his holiday with some determined displays in defence. JOSH DE SILVA made some brilliant breaks in the second half, having a number of attempts at goal. He was only kept scoreless by the skill of the keeper (and those moving goalposts!). DOMINIC MANNELL rose from his sick bed to play (what a trooper!) and had an exciting game, showing some great tackling and running. DANIEL MERRICK was goalie for the first half and had a pint size speedy goal-scorer to contend with. He gave a solid second half performance on the field. Our Man-of-the-Match was well deserved by ROBERT BRADLEY, who never gave up running all over the field. He had some great kicks and by the end of the match, was as red as a beetroot from giving his all. Chalk that up to another exciting game of soccer in the world of Parenting.

U7 EMUS**NO REPORT****U7 KOALA'S****THORNLEIGH 11 vs NORTH RYDE 0**

More fun this week and some excellent use of the newly learned skills. JACOB CLARK (1) was my man of match pick of the week. I saw him run the length of the field back to our goal and save a shot on goal. He scored 2 goals, but best of all was seeing him use his left foot kicking the ball down the line! CALLUM GIFFNEY (2) pounced on 2 goals in the first half before taking the goal keeper jersey in the second half. He replaced ALEX BORG who came out and contributed to the teams efforts. It was great to see ALEX WILD (2) approach the goal and have support to his left and right and he choose to pass to BEN HAYWARD (5). Ben went on to score 5 goals. BYRON CLEASBY, HARRISON FLACK, and HAYDEN TADOROSKI (1) played with ball control, passing skills and both feet. MAGIC! Thanks to MR PAUL CLEASBY for Ref'ing the first half.

U7 ECHIDNAS**NORTH EPPING 2 v THORNLEIGH 1**

Only a last ditch diving save by the North Epping Ranger's goal keeper stopped Thornleigh salvaging a point from this magnificent game. Two evenly matched teams contested every ball and it was a fantastic team effort by the Echidnas who played their best soccer of the season so far. In addition to a goal, CAI HUGHES scored a 'conversion' from 3 yards and GABRIEL FRASER hit the cross bar with a long-range effort. MATTHEW ALLAN provided sterling work in mid-field, well supported by CARLIE McALISTER and LIZZIE WILDE, neither of whom stopped running throughout the game. EMILY SUNNUCKS played a blinder in goal in the second half making a number of crucial saves whilst Thornleigh also discovered a new secret weapon with ADAM 'bazooka boot' COOPER launching goal kicks the length of the field.

U7 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 11

Our team spirit was high for the third game. All players have improved their tackling overall since the first two games, but particular mention goes to ISABEL SEAMAN and BEN HURWOOD, who both took the ball away from the opposition many times. JACK TOWNEND and RYAN HODGES were eager to get in the mix for the ball. ERIKA LOVE had some nice sprints up the sideline to take the ball toward the opposing goal. Our goalkeepers, AIMEE LOVE and NICKLAS RASMUSSEN, made some difficult stops in front of the charging forwards. SOPHIA TOWNEND showed great enthusiasm clearing the ball on defense. All of our players had a good run and enjoyed the game.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 3 vs RYDE DISTRICTS SOCCER CLUB 0

A much harder game for THORNLEIGH this week but the team definitely deserved the win. RYDE put up a good fight with some consistent tackling but our boys eventually wore them down with persistent attacks. For most of the first half it went back and forth with both teams aggressively fighting for possession. The deadlock was cracked just before half time when CALLUM slotted a shot through a heavily defended goal. The lead was short lived when RYDE equalised in the first minute of second half. This galvanised a fight back that had RYDE defending for the remainder of the game in their own half eventually resulting in THORNLEIGH being rewarded with two more goals late in the second half from SAM (who made several brave attacks from the centre), and NATHAN (whose running off the ball led to him scoring the final goal). This sealed the match at 3:1. ANGUS (Player of the Match) was noted for constant running and chasing. We also saw some spirited running from JEREMY, MAX, JASON and BEN MANCE. Our defenders, BEN SEPAROVICH and JORDAN were regularly called upon to close out RYDE'S attacks. The midfield was in good hands with JOSHUA and DANIEL constantly tackling in close-quarters play. Excellent result team, keep it up!

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 0

Our third game, and one which was really enjoyed by both the spectators and our team. Even though the score was nil all, the lack of goals did not reflect any lack of action. It was only some good defence from PETER WADDELL, ROBERT JONES and the ever-reliable ANDREW HADDAD plus some great saves by our goalies which kept the opposition at bay. At the other end our mid-fielders JACK GREEN, BEN WALLWOOD and TOMMY SIMCOCK all showed some excellent running and kicking skills to take the ball forward, however they met some strong opposition defence.

ERIC JIAN continued to make some well directed passes, and special mention of JONATHON MEIKLE, who is using some fantastic footwork and running skills – there was a particularly good cross field run to stop an opposition attack, well done Jonathon! JAMES PATTERSON was constantly in the thick of things – wherever the ball was, there was James.

Both our goalies made some great saves : DANIEL FOWLER was a good, reliable goalie in the first half, and made some spectacular saves even though the opposition literally threw their best at him. Our Man of the Match award went to CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA, our goalie in the second half. Not only did CHRISTIAN perform some fabulous saves, his goal clearing kicks drew gasps of admiration by supporters from both sides!

Special mention also to the Thornleigh supporters who consistently stopped the ball from flying into the car park, by hurling ourselves into the path of the on-coming ball (ok we just happened to be standing or sitting in the way).

Our next game is 10.30 at James Henty 2.

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 4

On a warm sunny morning at Gladesville the 9/2s turned up for the match hoping for a full team and disappointingly only started with 9. Fortunately North Epping started with only 10. Unfortunately their 10 were very good! To our boys credit they never gave up and gave it their all to the point of exhaustion. More bad luck was to strike the boys at the half time break when WILL SEAMAN couldn't take to the field for the 2nd half and we ran on with only 8. The goal keepers (MITCHELL and BLAKE) did extremely well saving us from being on the wrong end of a cricket scoreline. Mr Reliable THOMAS D. playing sweeper had a great game and ADRIAN and CAMPBELL played strongly again. MAX, NICK S, NICK C and WILL (in the first half) all gave it everything they had running themselves to a standstill. We were simply beaten by a better, well organised team who had a couple of players who could kick the skin off the ball. Bad luck lads, here's hoping we can play some of these sides with a full squad because I believe we would be extremely competitive.

U9/8

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 1

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN 3

Firstly, a special mention and our thanks go to JAY STEVENS, JOSHUA STEPHENS, DANIELLE HADDAD, HOLLY GIBBONS, DELANEY POTTER and MATTHEW FORD from the Under 9 team for helping us out.

This was a hard fought game with most of the action at the Thornleigh goal end. JOHNNY BAYNIE saved many goals as goal keeper in the first half which helped keep the loss a lot lower than it could have been. Thornleigh fought back and did a great job, particularly as our six under 9 players had just finished their game prior to starting ours.

At the start of the second half JAMES PAEK set up a pass, leading to JOHN BAYNIE scoring our first goal. With most of the play remaining at the Thornleigh goal end, some great saves were made by OLIVER JUDSON, but unfortunately a deflection from one of our players gave Glenhaven the winning goal. A second goal by JOHN BAYNIE gave us our second goal. Well done to all the team and especially to the valiant assistance from the under 9 players.

U10/7 THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 7

U11/5 THORNLEIGH 3 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 0

Thornleigh started off firing with ALEX CHARARA almost scoring with a good strike that went almost over the keepers head. ANDREW MEIKLE, JAMES PAEK and JOHNNIE BAYNIE all playing well and keeping the ball in Thornleigh's half. Big kicks from JEREMY TOOHEY also kept the pressure on Eastwood. 2nd half starting just as well as the first with Thornleigh dominating the ball for most of the half. Great defence from MICHAEL COSMORE and MICHAEL GAMBLE. XAVIER showing great ball skills bringing the ball into play for JOHNNIE BAYNIE. RAPHAEL HARVEY was kept quiet in the goal for this half. ANTHONY FINN, TIM LOVE as always played a great game, keeping the pressure on Eastwood. A great game guys. Thanks to JOHNNIE BAYNIE and JAMES PAEK for filling in this week and we would also like to thank JACK ANGEL for filling in last week.

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

With two wins from three outings the team is looking in good shape although there is some heavy opposition still to be met in our division. Despite the schools holidays we were still able to field a strong, complete side against the Ravens. All round strong play from our boys left little doubt to the outcome. Congratulations to ANJAN OBERAI and TIM CLEASBY who netted our two goals. Keep up the good work and don't ease up on the training.

U12/3 THORNLEIGH 4 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS-CHERRYBROOK 3

WPH scored the first goal from a corner cross. Then a penalty shot for a hand ball resulted in MATT W scoring the first goal for Thornleigh. Second goal for WPH due to continued attacking play. KEL scored the second goal for Thornleigh after WPH goalie was unable to hold the ball. An attacking run down the line resulted in WPH third goal. JORDAN was busy making a number of saves during the first half with WPH continuing the pressure. Thornleigh's third goal scored by MATT W. after great team passing effort following quickly by a fourth goal for Thornleigh by MATT W. when WPH defence was found lacking he only had the goalie to beat which he did magnificently. Go Thunder!

A promising first win of the season with all players showing great improvement in their game.

A big welcome to the game to NICK F., SCOTT J., DARIO J., and NATHAN L. and to our terrific coach JAMES MANNING who has taken on the job of training our boys to be good soccer players. It's great to have JOSH P. back on board we sure appreciate you being up front. The new players are making a huge contribution to the game and together with the experience of the ol' hands/boots and JAMES, Thornleigh are sure to make a huge dent on the Division 3 table.

Player of the Game: MATT W. Reporter's Choice: SAAMID.

U13/2 BYE

U13/5 BYE

U14/3 THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 4

The team played well and we were in with a chance until the last ten minutes of the game. The well practiced opposition played a physical game but our players refused to give into such tactics and continued to attack with gusto. JOE scored with a beautiful kick from way out to get us back in the game after a very questionable penalty shot. With the aid of replacement players from 13/2 (JOEL CARTER, NICK GEORGIU and BRENT RODGERS) we fought back to level the score when Joel scored a well earned goal. Overall Coach Ben Smithers was pleased with the courage and determination of his side.

U15/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 2

A closer game than the score indicates. The Thunder lads played a good game and created some good opportunities, but failed to find the back of the net. West Ryde finished their chances and deserved to win on the day. Thanks to JOEL CARTER, SIMON KRISENTHAL and MAX BARTSCH from the 13/2s for helping out on the day

U17/2 BYE

AA/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 2

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 2

AA/6 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 2 vs PUTNEY 2

The game started well with us leading 1-0 after another brilliant goal by GEMMA WHALEN, the game then went back and forth then finally the other team was able to get a goal to level it 1-1 into half time. Second half started well, then an unlucky hand ball just inside the box saw PUTNEY get a direct penalty which they ended up scoring to lead 2-1 (good try by JO GAMBLE to save the goal). But the girls stuck to their guns and kept on working to get the ball downfield that ended with quite a few good shots but no result. Finally after a good run and support by the team, JULIA WATSON came through with a great goal which leveled the game 2-2. Thanks again to MEL GEORGIU & JO GAMBLE for standing in as goalies.

AA/7

THORNLEIGH vs. WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK 2

AA/15

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 5

Despite the somewhat lopsided score the game was anything but. The game was ours for the taking but luck was not on our side and the opposition's goal posts did their best to thwart our efforts. With four players down, the 17/2 came to our rescue and played with outstanding effort. Thanks to TOM, CHRIS, MATTHEW and LIAM who refused to be intimidated by their much larger opponents. Overall we played a good game although coordination between our players was amiss at times. Congratulations to JOHN FOWLER and ANGUS MEIKLE who both scored beautiful goals. Thanks also to NICK (MARK) WATTS who spearheaded many attacks on the Sharks.

O35/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs. HILLS HAWKS 0

O35/4

THORNLEIGH 0 vs. GLADESVILLE RAVENS 4

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PL1/Res

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 2

STEVE "TOP GUN" BLACKBURN opened the scoring with a copy book header following an excellent cross from CHRIS WOOD. Thunder looked the better team but conceded a goal just before half time. At the break coach Matt, in his comeback game, told his players they had to lift a notch if they were to take the 3 points. Thunder's positional play became disjointed in the second half and this allowed the opposition time on the ball. Pennant Hills took advantage of Thunders lose marking and scored the winning goal mid way through the second half. Best & Fairest points went to: LINTON ISTED 3 points, GAVIN TAIT 2 points, and JAMES RUSHTON 1 point.

PL1/1sts

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 3

You could tell from the player's body language before the game it was not going to be Thunder's afternoon. True to script Pennant Hills opened the scoring in the first 5 minutes of play and scored a second five minutes before half time. Thunder were becoming frustrated with the holding tactics of the opposition and with a number of the referee's rulings. This led to a number of yellow cards being issued to Thunder players. Thunder improved their play in the second half and were unlucky not to score when a shot from captain AVAN YOUNG hit the post. Pennant Hills put the game out of Thunder's reach with a third goal mid way through the second half. STEVE LANSLEY scored Thunder's only goal with a well taken header late in the game. Best & Fairest points went to: MATTHEW BARBER 3 points, who never stopped trying all game, AVAN YOUNG 2 points, and STEVE LANSLEY 1 point.

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PL1/Res

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 4

This was always going to be a tough game with West Pennant Hills scoring 15 goals in their last two games. Thunder started well and looked the better team in the first 20 minutes. Keeper JAMES RUSHTON saved a penalty at the 20 minute mark following a dubious handball. It looked like it might be Thunders afternoon: then within a 15 minute period WPH scored three goals. MATTHEW JACK, showing all the calm of a seasoned striker, scored just before half time to reduce the deficit to 2 goals. Just after the break WPH scored their fourth goal and the signs looked ominous. To Thunder's credit they lifted and kept WPH scoreless for the remainder of the game. A score line of 4:1 would normally make any coach pull his hair out but Matt, while never happy to lose, was satisfied with the team's effort. Best & Fairest points went to: MATTHEW JACK 3 points, LUKE SMITHERS 2 points, and DISH SINGH 1 point.

PL1/1sts

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

Coach Darryl had the job of lifting the players following Saturday's loss to Pennant Hills.

What a difference a day makes....Thunder started the game like they were leading the competition. They had more shots in the first 20 minutes than in a day at a shooting gallery at the Royal Easter show. How we were not leading 4:0 at half time is a question we were asking of "Thor". Coach Darryl was full of praise for his troops at half time; he told them this was our game for the taking we just had to stop WPH from scoring. Shortly after half time RYAN ROFF, with one of his typical runs down the right side, chipped WPH's advancing keeper from the edge of the box and found the back of the net. 1:0 with 40 minutes to go. In an action pack second half both teams had goal scoring chances. When the full time whistle went you could hear the Thunderous cheers all the way to WPH. After the game local club stalwart Mick Carter said "he could not remember the last time we beat WPH". Best & Fairest points went to: RYAN ROFF 3 points, LUKE DAWSON 2 points, while MARK HOLLIDAY & DAVID BALL shared 1 point each. Next weekend Thunder take on YMCA at Oakleigh Oval.