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# **SOCCER DIVISION**

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**30th April 2005**

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**U6 EMUS****THORNLEIGH 4 vs NORTH RYDE 1**

Well this week the EMUS turned things around “big time”. After a fairly ordinary match the week before I think the coach had a few words, which deffinatly made a difference. From the whistle “ALL” the boys put in 100% effort resulting in their first win for the season. We had goals scored from JOSH REIDY, NATHAN POLLOCK, REUBEN SPARGO and JOSH NATOLI. There were plenty of other attempts from all players this week which kept the parents entertained for the full 30 minutes. We saw great ball skills from HARRISON DARGAN and RYAN CLARKE and some big kicks from SAMUAL KALNINS. The biggest achievement this week was CHRISTOPHER WATT earning himself the “Man of the Match” title for the week for some super human kicks, line breaks, defence and shots for goal. Well done Emus!!

**U6 MAGPIE****THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH RYDE 6**

Well, at least we won the second half 2-1! After being 0-5 down at half time (and 0-4 down after about 4 minutes), the omens were not looking good for the Mighty Magpies. But once the boys and girls actually woke up, they matched North Ryde goal for goal. In the first half, sterling defensive efforts by JULIA MOKSDI, RORY MADDEN and ALEXANDER HORSPOOL, and some good goal keeping by TOM KENNEDY turn the tide after the first few minutes. In the second half, TOM managed to stun North Ryde with a goal after 30 seconds, and a big turnaround looked on the cards, as all the Thunder players lifted. From then it turned into a very even game, with LACHLAN JONES, MARCUS and WILLIAM GRANT, and ELANI WILD all fighting hard for the ball, RORY making some surging runs, and ALEXANDER and HUGH FRASER having chances to score. Meanwhile, second half goalie JULIA did a fantastic job, bravely saving several shots and goal and keeping us in the game. North Ryde did manage to score one more goal, before player of the week TOM scored a second goal with a few minutes left. Well played all!

**U6 PLATYPUS****THORNLEIGH 1 v SAINTS UNITED 2**

Well, the team played its first home game of the season and did not disappoint all those who had arrived in the Thunder supporter’s bus. As our parent support group manned the BBQ and fed the masses, the monotremes managed to sing a different tune this week and were very unlucky to go down by one goal, in a tightly contested epic. As per usual, LACHLAN DAWES, DANIEL MERRICK and ROBERT BRADLEY were solid in defence as they covered the field and tackled the Saints with ferocity. The tackling practice is starting to pay dividends! CODY JERVIS had a terrific first half in goals and then continued his good effort on the park while WILLEM OATES and DOMINIC MANNELL both had strong all round performances. JOSHUA DE SILVA had his usual energised game, scoring a great goal in the first half and being very unlucky not to have scored several more times in the second half as the parent cheer squad reached fever pitch. TOMMY JIANG was all over the Saints in the first half and made some simply sensational saves as Goalie in the second half. For his effort he was PLAYER OF THE WEEK. Although the score tells a different story, the boys showed great spirit and continue to improve week by week. The first win can’t be too far away!

**U7 EMUS****THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTH RYDE 12**

The Emus fought very hard against a strong opponent. They never gave up, evidenced by the fact only 3 goals were scored against them in the second half. SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS, MICHELLE KEZERLE, MARK NEWLAND and JACK NAYLOR made strong individual runs. LIAM KIRK, AIDEN LANE, TESSA GIBBONS and RHIANNA MALONE , worked very hard in defence.

**U7 KOALA’S****THORNLEIGH 2 vs MACQUARIE SPORTS CLUB 0**

The boys played in a rough and tumble game on the weekend. Plenty of tackles and end to end football left the crowd at the edge of their seats. Playing fair has been the team’s focus, and I am happy to report that in spite of a few of these tough tackles, the whole team plays in good spirit. It is terrific to see kids get up and play on. The first goal came from a HARRISON FLACK shot on goal, a clearance straight into ALEX WILD and the ball bouncing into the goal. The second one came from a HAYDEN TADOROSKI “follow through” into the goal mouth to put away a loose ball. I saw ALEX BORG and BYRON CLEASBY effectively clear the ball on several occasions and CALLUM GIFFNEY chase with tenacity up and down the field. Man of the match was BEN HAYWARD. The speed and the ability he has to keep the ball at his feet (on numerous occasions swerving naturally past the opposition) is a pleasure to watch. Thanks to MEG for taping the game. I am sure the footage will be worth it’s weigh in gold when the boys represent Australia at the world cup (in 2026 awarded to Australia to host “of course!”). The boys have a bye this week, how devastated they will be!

**U7 ECHIDNAS****THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 1**

After a thrilling match, Thornleigh were unlucky not to claim their first point of the season. A solitary goal mid-way through the second half separated two evenly matched teams. This was an excellent team effort by Thornleigh with big contributions from all players, in all positions. LUKE SPYER ran tirelessly upfront closing down the Rovers’ defence on many occasions. LIZZIE WILDE ran the mid-field providing a link between defence and attack and distributing the ball well from set pieces. ADAM ‘bazooka boot’ COOPER boomed the biggest clearance from defence all season. Also in defence, JORDAN SIMONS and MATTHEW ALLAN kept the opposition at bay for long periods while EMILY SUNNUCKS made a number of diving saves in goal. Other team members LIAM SHERMAN, GABE FRASER and CAI HUGHES also played brilliantly. A great team effort overall.

U7 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 0 vs ROSELEA 9

In their best game of the season, Thornleigh managed to keep Roselea down to 3 goals in the first half with NICKLAS RASMUSSEN working hard in defence, clearing the ball well. BEN HURWOOD, in goals for the first half, made several great saves under pressure from Roselea. With a fast run, straight up the middle, ERIKA LOVE left Roselea to chase her and this was soon followed by ISABEL SEAMAN, who ran almost the full length of the pitch before being stopped just outside Roselea's goal area. Even though Thornleigh were tiring in the second half, it did not stop RYAN HODGES and AIMEE LOVE making space for themselves and both having a shot at goal. Thornleigh, with solid defensive play and many breaks into the opposition's goal area, showed definite improvements in their teamwork. For this new team, the season is shaping up well.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 0 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 3

The winning streak came to an abrupt end this week but it must be said our opponents deserved their win. The RED BACKS strategy was to take the ball down the wing and whilst our boys watched the play, they had 2 to 3 players run towards the goal (un marked) waiting for the cross. Our formation was not consistent enough to hold them out. However the boys played really well and very much enjoyed the game. All players worked hard, tackled and chased the ball. JEREMY PAK (Player of the Match) made several spirited runs and worked hard in the centre. Our Goalies were worked hard and they performed well. MARK RICHARDS made several key saves. Bad luck team, I'm sure this is a minor speed hump in your campaign.

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

Game no. 4 and a very even match, with plenty of action and close calls on both sides. All the good work in our Monday afternoon training sessions is really paying off, with our midfield contributing strongly. We had the ball around the opposition goal on numerous occasions, however some solid defence prevented us from achieving a higher score. There were some good attempts at goal by CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA, JAMES PATTERSON, BEN WALLWOOD and JONATHON MEIKLE, however it was our Man of the Match, HAYDEN SIMONS, who scored our goal. We led well into the second half, until a well-organised opposition forward line finally broke through our defence to even the scores. Despite subsequent strong attacks by both sides, no further goals were scored.

Some great clearing kicks by ERIC JIANG and PETER WADDELL and deft footwork by JAMES PATTERSON and TOMMY SIMCOCK highlighted the other strengths of our team. JACK GREEN again produced another energetic and positive contribution to the midfield –always there to assist in defence, or to take the ball forward in attack.

While we probably had overall more opportunities to shoot at goal, we still had to defend hard against an attack which was very threatening whenever given an opportunity. Some good work in goals by Ben (first half) and great clearing kicks (is that Pizza Power, Ben?) helped to keep the opposition at bay. RYAN MALLETT, after a lot of running in attack in the first half, also contributed solidly as goalie in the second half to holding back the Ravens. It was also nice to see some good passing and follow-through by ROBERT JONES, while ANDREW HADDAD and DANIEL FOWLER were especially strong in defence.

Our next game is 10.30 at Kenthurst 1.

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 4

Well we had a full team for the first time in weeks but we came up against a pretty good Normo team that really dominated this game. Everyone tried hard and ran lots of miles but the ball always seemed to fall to an opposition player and eventually they started to find the back of our net. TOM D and NIC S were the stand out players this week, running and tackling hard and never giving up. ADRIAN was his normal terrier like self while NIC C and MAX defended well. TOM L made a few good runs forward but unusually Normo had similar speed and stopped any danger. CAMPBELL was a bit lonely up front but did plenty of running off the ball to provide options for the midfield. JOSH made some good tackles and WILL, MITCHELL and BLAKE were constantly in the thick of the action. We did discover a couple of new facts this week; an old dog can learn new tricks (Ian L was a revelation running the line) and the Manager needs to take a chill pill before the game or he won't last the season. Lessons for the boys from this game include the need to run more off the ball rather than kicking and stopping and holding position particularly in midfield. Work on these guys and the game will seem much easier.

U9/8

THORNLEIGH 0 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 8

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

Once again with a shortage of players the team showed the usual spirit in not letting this get in the way of having a good game. A special welcome to CAMERON SHARIFI who played his first match today and did an outstanding job, not only in the goals with the many saves, but also as a solid defence player in the second half. There were two good goal attempts by JOHN BAYNIE with some good forward play by JACK ANGEL, JAMES PAEK and SAMUAL CLARKE. Although it was difficult to tell who was playing where at times, the mid field was well supported by ALASDAIR BELLING and SAMUAL LANE. DARREN JOOSTEN provided a feisty defence all through the game with the assistance of OLIVER JUDSON. On the whole, this was probably not the best game we have played, but with a little more team work on the field we can only improve.

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1

U11/5 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLENHAVEN 5

Despite the score this was a tight game with Thornleigh putting in a tight defense and some strong attack. There were some very strong runs up the field and shots at goal by ANDREW C, ALEX C, LACHLAN D AND MICHAEL G, but the boys were unlucky not to score. Big clearing kicks by ANTHONY F, HUW F AND TIM L saw the ball constantly up the attacking end while our backs, MICHAEL C, JEREMY T, ANDREW M and RAPHAEL H headed off lots of Glenhaven charges. Full marks to our goalie XAVIER B for his efforts on the day. He saved a lot of goals and put in a valiant effort. Better luck next week boys.

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS / CHERRYBROOK 6

There is not much that can be said. We went up against a very well drilled side that kept us under pressure from the start. CHRIS SMITH was kept busier than a dog infested with fleas. We had some good moments but not enough to trouble our opponents. I guess there is some truth to the saying, practice makes perfect. Let's start planning for the rematch.

U12/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs HOLY CROSS 1

The opposition had a strong start and there were some great tackles from TOM BEENIE, SCOTT JOHNSON and BRADLEY TUCKNOTT, which saved us some grief. A couple of early shots on goal from MATT, SAAMID, and NICK went close but didn't find a hole before the half time whistle blew. Second half now saw some great teamwork with a JOSH PEARSON goal set up by SCOTT. Then they scored after getting fired up by a red card for back chat. The end of the games saw some great play with some very poor behaviour by the opposition. It was a credit to the Thornleigh players, and parents, that they maintained their high standard of fair play and sportsmanlike behaviour. The one all result was a good one for the boys. Well done!

U13/2 THORNLEIGH 2 vs PUTNEY 1

There are soccer matches and then there are soccer matches - today we had ourselves a game of soccer. Hot off the mark from last week's win the 13.2s continued their dominance. The first half was 80% played in Putney's half and the boys peppered their opponent's goal until HARRY came up with the seasoning, having sensed the opportunity for a deflection, powered the ball in for the opening account. Putney soon retaliated with the equaliser. The second half opened with a 20 metre shot from MAX to regain the lead. Our backs - dominated with some great defence by NICK and DANIEL and again SIMON - sun in eyes and sweat on brow - kept the opposition scoreless. LACHLAN slammed a free kick into the crossbar narrowly missing the spot. JAMES had a blinder of a game but the Coach's award went to HARRY on the day.

U13/5 THORNLEIGH 2 vs PUTNEY 3

U14/3 THORNLEIGH 2 vs PENNANT HILLS 1

The team played like champions from the start. A goal by Penno was only a minor setback as ADRIAN levelled the score with a great goal. It was a short time later that ADRIAN provided a repeat performance to put us ahead for the rest of the game. A determined Penno side probed our defences which remained rock solid. Everyone played their best and kept attacking. Thank you to the 12/1 players JARRYD, PATRICK AND MITCHELL who more than matched their bigger opponents. A well deserved victory! Let's hope everyone can keep their cool regardless of what may happen on or off the field. Make a big effort to get to training next Thursday.

U15/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 0

There is nothing quite like a local derby against our neighbours at Normo to bring out a desire to win in a Thornleigh team. It really is mate against mate because they all go to school together and there are no doubt Monday recess bragging rights at stake, but the games are nonetheless always played in great spirit and with good sportsmanship. This weekend was Thunders' chance to avenge the pre-season loss and Coach set a defensive pattern to ensure that we would avoid goals against. MICHAEL PARK did a fantastic job as sweeper, calmly reading the play, directing his backs and always seeming to have time to clear the ball. With that defensive advantage, the team settled well to the task of playing as a team and knocked the ball around with much better effect than Normo. Thunder created more goal opportunities and it paid off ultimately when ANDREW GAMBLE calmly slid the ball wide of the goalie and into the net after receiving a clever through ball from DESHAN JEGATHESWARAN. One goal was all we needed because of the safety of our defence on the day, with Goalie JONATHON STABLES, new team member RYAN HOWISON, HUGH BARTSCH and OSCAR MARONEY all having stronger games this week

U17/2 THORNLEIGH 3 vs KENTHURST 4

AA/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 0

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 4 vs OAKHILL COLLEGE 5

AA/6 WOMEN RYDE PANTHERS 0 vs THORNLEIGH 2

A solid performance in the first half by the Thunder was the determining factor in the game. We opened the scoring in the first minute with a great individual effort by JULIA. JEN scored our second through determination after 15 minutes. Our defence (JO, ADELALIDE, LIZ AND KATE) was outstanding and never gave the Panthers any opportunities. The midfielders (AMANDA, JACKIE, ANGIE, LEE, GEMMA, MARISSA AND JEN) were solid and worked hard to overcome their counterparts. Up front Julia made great runs and was unlucky not to score in the second half. Again, MEL was reliable in goals and made some great clearances. Thanks to JACKIE for playing in goals in the last 15 minutes!

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 0 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 2

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 1 vs SAINTS UNITED 4

Again the score doesn't tell the who story. We more than matched our opponents in the first half and were unlucky to come off at half time down 2-1. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to put things together in the second half and at times struggled. Still there were some great performances like KARTHIK'S goal, NICK WATTS continually pressing the other side, and excellent defending from matt, CARL and JAMES. Better luck next sunday.

O35/1 BYE

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs. GLENHAVEN 4

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING YMCA 2

The least said about this game the better. Thunder had so many chances to seal victory in the first half; the number of goal scoring opportunities filled two foolscap pages. The only highlight of the game was CHRIS WOOD'S second half goal, that his dad Pete "QANTAS" just managed to see after a dash from the airport. With less than 10 minutes remaining an unmarked YMCA player some how managed to head in an equalizer. Then in the last minute of play YMCA scored following a penalty for a handball in the box. After the game there was a deafening silence in the dressing room. Nothing further needed to be said. It's now up to the players to lift themselves for next week's game.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING YMCA 0

Following on from Monday's win over West Pennant Hills Thunder looked a good bet to beat Epping YMCA, who finished below them on last year's table. LINTON ISTED and LUKE SMITHERS were called up from the reserves grade team to make their first grade debuts for the season. YMCA matched Thunder in the first half and 0:0 at half time was a fair reflection of the game, considering YMCA's massive free kick advantage. Thunder settled play down in the second half and started to play their free flowing game. DAMIEN SUPLINA opened is scoring account for the season with a goal shortly after half time following good lead up play from MATTHEW FRENCH. LUKE SMITHERS sealed victory for Thunder mid way through the second half with a powerful left footed shot that gave the keeper no chance. The team's mounting injury toll continues to cause concern with LINTON ISTED carried from the field late in the game with a knee injury. Best & Fairest points went to captain AVAN YOUNG 3 points, STEVE LANSLEY 2 points, and MATTHEW FRENCH 1 point. Next weekend Thunder takes on competition leaders North Epping Rangers at Oakleigh Oval.