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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
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U8 ANIMALS

THORNLEIGH 6 vs PENNANT HILLS 5

In a very close game Thornleigh managed to clinch a win with the last kick of the game. The defence was solid with outstanding games by ROBIN HOOD, DAFFY DUCK and PORKY PIG. In the midfield, the game was dominated by the Thornleigh combination of ELMA FUDD, DONALD DUCK and HARRY KEWEL. Most of the Thornleigh goals were created by excellent passing moves involving most the Thornleigh players and culminating in first class finishing by the forwards. Three goals by FREDDY KREUGER and one each to JOHN HOWARD, KIM BEASLEY and PETER COSTELLO capped a great team performance. The contribution of our goalkeeper, ELVIS PRESLEY, cannot be overlooked as he stopped many of the opposition's shots which seemed like certain goals. With performances like this we can expect many more wins this year.

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U6 EMUS**THORNLEIGH 2 vs KENTHURST 4**

The EMUS had another great game this week. Even with the score not in our favour the boys had a great time and were unlucky not to have had another victory. We were lucky to have JOSH NATOLI in goals in the first half using the box to stop everything that was thrown at him. RYAN CLARK took to the goals in the second half and made plenty of great clearing kicks much to the delight of his tiring team mates. We had LACHLAN HARRIS back in action after a spell giving plenty of support in the mid field to HARRISON DARGAN, SAMUAL KALNINS, and CHRISTOPHER WATT. The two goals scored this week were from NATHAN POLLOCK and JOSH REIDY who couldnt have done so with out the great work and support of REUBEN SPARGO who had plenty of the action today. The “MAN OF THE MATCH” trophy was awarded to NATHAN POLLOCK for a great all round game.

U6 MAGPIE**THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 2**

So near, but yet so far.....with just a little bit of luck, the Magnificent Magpies would have earned their first point of the season, and even grabbed a win. For the first time this season, the Magpies went up 1–0 after a few minutes of play, with TOM KENNEDY bursting through to score a fine goal! There followed a period of tenacious defence, with player of the week RORY MADDEN and the hard-running ALEXANDER HORSPPOOL throwing their bodies on the line. In goals, young WILLIAM GRANT was doing well and looked like keeping a clean sheet until, in an act of brotherly love, he attempted to kick a goal kick to his brother MARCUS but only managed to find an opposition forward, who cruelly rifled the ball home. Such is the price of love! The boys came off tired at half time, as we only had six players available this week, but some extra strength cordial soon had them fighting fit for the second half. The second half was a tight affair, with both teams having their chances but missing. Once he remembered that he could use his hands, LACHLAN JONES did a fine job in goals in second half, and the rest of the team kept running hard, albeit some with their arms up their jumpers (clearly to avoid the inevitable frostbite on a cool morning). After we conceded the second goal, the Magpies came close to equalising on several occasions, with ALEXANDER and RORY making some good runs forward and TOM coming very close after several great runs, including one with 10 seconds left. It was not to be this time, but the time will surely come when the Magpies roar – or maybe that should be squawk!?

U6 PLATYPUS**THORNLEIGH 10 v KENTHURST 0**

Last week was the first home game, this week was the first victory. It was a good old fashioned Thornleigh thrashing with the Platypuses scoring 10 unanswered goals. The game started evenly matched with the ball spending time at each end. After some ferocious attacking by the whole team, WILLEM OATES took the ball, kicked through the defence putting on a great kick and run display, scoring the first of his tally of four. Within minutes from the restart JOSH DESILVA ran almost the length of the field and scored the first of his five goals for the day. Persistent tackling from DANIEL MERRICK and TOMMY JIANG deprived Kenthurst of the ball. ROBERT BRADLEY never stopped in the first half and was rewarded with a quiet second half, keeping out the rare attempts at goal. LACHLAN DAWES put in a great performance, scoring the first goal of his career, and as goalkeeper in the first half saving several attempts and returning the ball with gusto. For his efforts he was awarded Player of the Week. There was even enough time to wave at a passing helicopter and keep the opposition scoreless. The boys had their first taste of victory, and its rewards in the form of killer pythons. I'm sure there are many more to come.

U7 EMUS**THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK A 14**

Despite the scoreline, this was a game where the Thornleigh Emus made their supporters proud. They tried right till the end and their enjoyment of the game was evident by the smiles on their faces. There were some sensational saves by the goal keepers LIAM KIRK and JACK NAYLOR. These saves prevented the score being even bigger. AIDEN LANE'S slide tackles kept the opposition on their toes. RHIANNA MALONE, MICHELLE KEZERLE and TESSA GIBBONS harassed the opposition continuously. SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS and MARK NEWLAND were very powerful in the mid-field. Well done team keep it up!

U7 KOALA'S**NO REPORT****U7 ECHIDNAS****THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 0**

Thornleigh claimed their first win of the season after a hard fought match against a very robust Pennant Hills team. Pennant Hills started the better of the two teams pinning Thornleigh in their own half of the field for significant periods. The Thornleigh defense of MATTHEW ALLAN and JORDAN SIMONS soon got really stuck allowing Thornleigh through CARLIE McALISTER in midfield and LIZZIE WILDE up front to launch a few attacks of our own. However, the teams were equal at half time thanks to a fantastic performance in goal by ‘man of the match’ LIAM SHERMAN who made a number of fine saves one from a particularly well struck shot from just outside the area. In the second half Thornleigh went close on a couple of occasions through GABE FRASER before CAI HUGHES scored the only goal of the game with 5 minutes to go. In a tense finish for players and parents Pennant Hills pressed hard but towering defensive work by ADAM ‘bazooka boot’ COOPER and LUKE SPYER kept Pennant Hills at bay until the final whistle.

U7 MAGPIES**NO REPORT**

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 0 vs St ANDREWS 2

The boy's game keeps on improving but again we clashed with a solid team in St ANDREWS. For most of the match the ball went backwards and forwards as each team kicked or made the runs only to be stopped by the other side. The only thing letting us down is our ability to maintain shape and position. A bit of ball watching opened us up for attack. However it was no way a run away game. Our team defended well, fought hard and the boys enjoyed themselves. Our goal keepers – NATHAN and JOSHUA had sterling games. Plenty of scrambling and chest high saves. Our Player of the Match award this week went to CALLUM because he made several good runs and continually challenged for the ball. BEN SEPAROVICH and JORDAN were noted for some good defending with JASON covering the centre. One of the few shots came from DANIEL who was unlucky to miss. Keep working hard boys and you will turn the next game into a win.

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 5

Well, we gave it our best, but this wasn't just a Shark Tale, it was more like Jaws After an early move forward which saw ROBERT JONES have a good shot at goal, the ball did not really clear half-way for the rest of the first half. The team was called on to defend hard, and everyone put in a strong effort. Some great defensive saves by JAMES PATTERSON stopped a number of goals, and RYAN MALLET made a number of good runs in cover defence across the field to block continuing Shark attacks. TOMMY SIMCOCK was also very active in defence, while ANDREW HADDAD was again a key factor in keeping the defence solid against a very well organised attack. HAYDEN SIMMONS was another stand-out, blocking a shot at goal and clearing the ball away powerfully.

Despite our hard work, the Sharks were still able to score 2 goals in the first half. The second half saw us take the ball forward, and threaten the Shark goals on a couple of occasions. CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA made a number of great runs, and BEN WALLWOOD did some strong clearing kicks. Once again our defence was put under pressure with DANIEL FOWLER, ERIC JIANG and JONATHON MEIKLE all contributing to blocking attacking thrusts by the Sharks and clearing the ball away. Unfortunately, we could not convert our attacking forays into goals and despite our defensive efforts the Sharks, through some good passing, were able to add another 3 goals.

Congratulations to our Man of the Match, JACK GREEN, who put in another great all-round performance, which was highlighted by non-stop effort and some really good running.

Our next game is 9.30 and – hooray, less travelling ! - at Ruddock Park.

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs SAINTS UNITED 1

The boys played a really good game of soccer this week and were unlucky to lose in a closely contested match. Everyone gave it all they had and walked off a very weary group. Our defenders were outstanding with TOM D probably the pick of the bunch showing pace and determination many times in the last line. Not far behind were MAX and MITCH who both put in some telling tackles that stopped the opposition in their tracks. ADRIAN kept the midfield focused and ran hard, while WILL literally ran himself into the ground. After a goalless first half, Saints scored early in the second half on a fast break and a shot that sailed way over our goalie's head. This seemed to galvanise the team and they started to push further forward. NICK S showed great skills in a long run which saw his shot just slip wide. TOM L got more involved and was giving Saints plenty of grief out wide while CAMPBELL and JOSH popped up in all the right places. We just could not get the ball in the net. Our best effort came from NICK C who steamed on to the ball about 20 meters out and absolutely creamed a shot which ricocheted off the post, ran across the face of goal and was stopped by the goalie just as it was about to cross the line. Justice today would have seen a draw but the team improved heaps and a win should not be far away.

U9/8

THORNLEIGH 4 vs NORMANHURST 1

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS-CHERRYBROOK 2

What a delight it was to see the boys faces with their first win for the season. With 2 – 0 down in the 1st half it was JOHN BAYNIE that brought some relief with a brilliant first goal in the 2nd half and then later again with a penalty goal kick which brought the scores level. Some good forward play by the mid fielders ensured that the pressure never let up and absolute perseverance by TIM CLAREMONT, JOHN BAYNIE and JACK ANGEL assisted JAMES PAEK in scoring a fantastic third goal which had the crowd going wild! Excellent goal keeping by CAMERON SHARIFI ensured that the opposition didn't get a chance to score again. Well done to all the team members for an outstanding effort, especially in the second half. A special welcome back to ROBERT STARREVELD after his respite with his foot injury – great to have you back Robert!

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1 (30 April 2005)

The under 10/7's really came into play today. The defensive trio of FERGUS, JOSH and DALE were rock solid with desperate clearances and strong tackling to help the great effort of our 1st half goalie, REBECCA who was only beaten by a brilliant lob shot. With determination and skill, the midfield of CLAUDIA, HABIB and KATHERINE sent the ball forward to Tristen who dribbled past 3 players and slotted a goal. That was all the inspiration we needed and with DANIEL and LINDSAY pushing the ball again to TRISTEN who ran down the sideline and then put a superb cross in front of goals where CLAUDIA kicked a stunning goal to take us up to 2-1, resulting in our win. Well done to the coach and team on a great combined effort for the game.

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 5 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0 - 7 May 2005

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 0 vs. PUTNEY RANGERS 3

From the very start of the game our boys were under pressure from a very well drilled opponent, but good defensive work from ANDREW MEIKLE and LACHLAN DENCH stopped the attacking raids and with JEREMY TOOHEY and MICHAEL CSOMORE adding their help we were able to get a more even share of possession. As a result we were able to mount some counter attack of our own and soon MICHAEL GAMBLE, ANTHONY FINN and ALEX CHARARA were making raids into enemy territory. Putney then regrouped and began raid after raid on our goal but solid defence from ANDREW CARDWELL and terrific keeping from XAVIER BOUCHER kept the scores level. Eventually though the pressure told and a half time we were behind by 1 goal. The 2nd half was almost all defensive work for us and RAPHAEL HARVEY, HUW FISHER and TIMOTHY LOVE did all they could but despite some more great saves 2 more goals were scored against us.

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING YMCA 4

U12/3

THORNLEIGH 2 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

U13/2

THORNLEIGH 10 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 1

What a difference a season makes. Remaining undefeated this season the boys continues their excellent form. The first half saw two goals from Thornleigh, a successful powering penalty from JOEL and a nifty slice in from Max. And in the words of ACDC - then the Thunder Struck! LACHLAN began the account with a powering goal from 15 metres and a seemingly impossible angle and seconds later missed one that struck the cross bar. The passing and positional play by the team was the best this season. MAX'S hatrick followed shortly in defeating two defenders. Then BRENT struck the nets with a powering display and then a superb sideline cross from RYAN was met with MAX finishing off. Then the backs got into the attack literally with NICK inflicting the damage and then Max back with no 5 for the day. To further inflict the wounded opposition MATTHEW and RYAN brought up the double figures. There were no unsung heroes on the day for the Thunder. They say that miracles are bestowed upon mere mortals - our mortals were out in force today.

U13/5

THORNLEIGH 6 vs HOLY CROSS 0

U14/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 4

U15/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs ROSELEA 3

A week when not everything went to plan. Thunder started off with confidence, but went to sleep at the back and allowed Roselea to score a good goal. A bit of encouragement from Coach had them settled down and eventually OLIVER WELLS scored a clever equaliser after timing a good run onto a through ball by BEN HOLLIDAY. After the break, Thunder went on with the game well, with STEVE SMITH scoring off a good ball from OSCAR MARONEY, then again from the spot after ANDREW GAMBLE was taken down in the box. Up 3 – 1 and looking good, with their keeper doing an outstanding job to keep out at least three other good Thunder attempts, but then the wheels seem to fall off again. Roselea seemed to sense that we had gone back to sleep and to their credit, they piled on the pressure and scored a second goal. With the sniff of a draw in the air, Roselea piled every thing on in attack and with only a few minutes left, they scored an equaliser!!! Whoops!!!

U17/2

THORNLEIGH 3 vs KENTHURST 4 (30 April)

Coming off two draws and a bye, the Thunders were looking for a win to put them in the top four. Kenthurst has given us a number of close, grinding matches in previous seasons and today was no exception. Six minutes in and a defensive slip-up saw Kenthurst one up and fighting hard. Our passing to the feet game however started to turn the tables on Kenthurst who use more long balls in attack. PAT KIM worked up to the Kenthurst box, tapping a ball through for JACK PACKHAM who crossed to NICK BOSS to put it in at the 12 minute mark. RAKESH GIANANEY had a blinder first half up the right flank. A lucky penalty in the Kenthurst box allowed PAT KIM to bag another one and at 30 minutes NICK BOSS grabbed our third. Make no mistake, this was a very close game at this point with Kenthurst threatening the whole time. At 40 minutes they converted and we went to the break 3-2 up. Second half and it all fell apart. As captain CHRIS BROWN pointed out after the match “Kenthurst wanted it more than we did” and that was the ball game. We are possibly still lacking some match fitness for 90 minute games but Kenthurst gave 110% for the whole game, giving keeper LUIS REDFEARN plenty and finishing the second half 2-nil. It's certainly a close season and the odd goal here or there will make all the difference as to who ends up in the semis. Possibly this was the lose we had to have. Get mean, boys!

U17/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS BLUE 1 (7 May)

From the whistle WRR was fast and furious and kept up the pace for the entire 90 minutes. Their long balls and a couple of very fast strikers were dangerous, and after 6 minutes they potted a goal. To the Thunders' credit, we held to our game plan of solid defence and passing the ball around to build offensive play, and this way kept WRR scoreless for the remainder of the game. When our passes found feet we were strong but when they weren't well directed WRR pounced. But our star players today were undoubtedly the defensive line-up of LIAM RAYNER and MATT ELDRIDGE as full backs assisted by TOM KRISENTHAL, RICHARD GAMBLE and DHESHEN GOVENDER at various stages of the match, our wonderful sweeper JAMIE SEACH and ever dependable keeper LIUS REDFEARN. In fact the ref reckoned Jamie was the player of the match and there would be no argument with that. The boys played well today and definitely a notch up on last week's performance. Keep up the great work guys.

AA/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs PUTNEY 0

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs PUTNEY 0

AA/6 WOMEN

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 5 vs ROSELEA 2

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 0 VS PUTNEY RANGERS 3

The team is still chasing that elusive first win of the season , And today's score does not show how close the game really was. The team played well and competed with Putney all day providing some great soccer along the way . Up front MARC and KARTHICK worried the Rangers defense all day both just missing with shots , in the mid field CHRIS , JOSH , JAMES and ANGUS played strongly while at the back our defensive team of TOM , MATT , ROSS and CARL, assisted by LIAM and JAMIE held tight against a good Putney attack . While in goals Barnaby thwarted many Ranger raids with athletic saves. A huge thank you to the 17/2 side for lending us TOM KRISANTHAL , LIAM RAYNER, JAMES SEACH and CHRIS BROWN , the young lads played with skill and commitment and were the equal of the bigger Putney players. thank you guys we appreciate your efforts . keep your heads up team a win will soon come your way .

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 13

I am sure that you have read the score above and thought to yourself that the B&G editor has made a major typographical error or she has totally lost her sanity. How could our team of finely-tuned, youthful and talented Over 35's lose by such a horrific score? It can honestly be said that the final score does not truly represent the balance of play or the missed goal scoring opportunities. The reality is that the margin could have been higher! Sure we could use excuses like we did not have a full team, the referee treated us unfairly and we had to run into a gale force wind in both halves but unfortunately none of this is true. The pre-match hype was electric as the two teams sitting in first and second position on the first division table prepared to battle for the competition lead. It was to be a classic "top of the table clash". By half time we trailed 5-0 and it was apparent that it was going to be a "top of the table thrash"! Our opponents who have won every game this year and scored 26 goals in the two matches prior to this week's game showed that there is a vast difference between top first division teams and teams that have been brought up from second division to make up the numbers. However, we believe that a couple of extra sessions with our therapists should help us overcome our post stress syndrome and prepare us for next week's match against Gladesville Ravens who lost by a single goal to Epping Eastwood recently. So if you want to watch some excellent soccer and if you enjoy watching goals being scored come along and watch us in action next week. We can only hope that our goalkeeper, STEVE MITCHELL, has the courage to continue his battle with repetitive strain syndrome caused by bending over and picking up the ball out of the back of the net.

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs. GLENHAVEN 2

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTH EPPING 2

The team, still struggling with injuries, only had 10 fit players available and had to rely on JASON HOWELL from the All Age 7's to field a full team. An injured MATTHEW "FITZY" FITZGERALD sat on the bench as the fresh reserve while nursing his groin and hamstring injuries. This desperation helped lift Thunder. STEVE "JUMPING" JACK and STEVE "TOP GUN" BLACKBURN both had goal scoring opportunities in the first half but their radar just let them down. CHRIS WOOD, relishing his new midfield role, and the reliable old fox GAVIN TAIT were continually frustrating the North Epping midfield with their strong challenges. Just before half time North Epping were awarded a penalty for a handball, we seem to be getting a lot of these lately. Keeper JAMES "JIMMY" RUSHTON luckily did enough to put off their penalty taker who sent the ball skywards after a deflection off the cross bar. Thunder were the better team in the first half and were unlucky not to be leading at the break. North Epping started the second half strongly and broke the deadlock at the 10 minute mark when a shot, making up for the missed penalty, hit the bar and crossed the line. Then with less than 5 minutes remaining they sealed the game with a second goal. Best & Fairest points went to STEVE JACK 3 points, JAMES RUSHTON 2 points, and defender BEN "PLUMBER" SMITHERS 1 point.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING 5

Following last week's win over YMCA Thunder were primed to take on the undefeated competition leaders North Epping. Thunder started the game strongly and strikers RYAN ROFF and DAMIEN SUPLINA had three goal scoring chances saved by the North Epping keeper in the first 30 minutes. At the 35 minute mark North Epping took the lead, with a beautiful goal, that left our defender and keeper questioning "how did he score". The opposition were then gifted a second goal when their main playmaker was left unmarked in front of goal. Two goals down at halftime was not a reflection of the first half. Coach Darryl emphasized during the break that we were still in the game. Then against the run of play North Epping scored a third goal. Thunder never gave up and peppered the North Epping keeper with shots from all directions. Their efforts were finally rewarded with a goal by DAMIEN SUPLINA. Unfortunately the score line got away from Thunder when an own goal and a late header blew the score out to 5:1. On the positive side our younger players learnt a lot from the game. The sideline comments captured the game, "Thunder were unlucky to loose by 4 goals" "The score was not a true reflection of the game", "Their keeper saved them", and "They really only had one good player". Best & Fairest points went to RYAN ROFF 3 points, AVAN YOUNG 2 points, and LUKE DAWSON 1 point. Thunder take on second placed St Andrews next week, at Oakleigh Oval.