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U6 EMUS**THORNLEIGH 7 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 2**

The EMUS were on the ball from the blow of the first whistle. CHRIS WATT started in goals, limiting the Redbacks to one in the first half. The Thunder goals were scored by JOSH NATOLI (2), REUBEN SPARGO and HARRISON DARGAN, giving a four/one lead at half time. CHRIS WATT led the way with a goal early in the second half. It was great to see some fine attacking play by LACHLAN HARRIS and SAM KALNINS. RYAN CLARKE was now defending the goals, also limiting the Redbacks to one, despite many attempts. With another two goals scored by HARRISON DARGAN, one all the way from the Thunder half, there was no stopping the EMUS. Congratulations to "MAN OF THE MATCH" LACHLAN HARRIS, who did a fine job in both attack and defence throughout the game. Well done EMUS!

U6 MAGPIE**THORNLEIGH 4 vs ROSELEA 3**

At last, a well deserved and long overdue victory for the previously Maddening Magpies, their first win of the season. The team once again got off to a flying start, with goal scoring machine TOM KENNEDY banging one in before Roselea had had a chance to take breath. An inspired Magpies team then fiercely contested the ball all over the field, with especially fine efforts from JULIA MOKSDI, RORY MADDEN and HUGH FRASER. RORY came close to scoring, only to be foiled by an 'air swing' at the crucial moment. In goals, MARCUS GRANT was doing very well, and he managed to keep a clean sheet until disaster struck, with Roselea managing to score 3 goals in quick succession just before half time. Once again, as in the previous couple of weeks, it looked like the game had got away from us, and a somewhat crestfallen team trudged off at half time, with poor MARCUS in particular pondering the cruel iniquities of life. But it's marvellous what orange cordial laced with extra strength caffeine tablets can do..... the Magpies came back strongly in the second half, once again lifted by a goal from TOM within the first minute of the recommencement. In goals, ALEXANDER HORSPOOL did not put a foot wrong, LACHLAN JONES was his normal dependable self in midfield, and WILLIAM GRANT never gave up. HUGH made a couple of great runs, Roselea hit the post, TOM came off with a stitch and with four minutes left, the game looked out of reach. But the magic medical skills of Magpie Manager Mike (JONES) soon got TOM back on the field, and within a minute he had equalised! Both teams then had chances to score, but fine defence from RORY, JULIA and TOM kept a gallant Roselea at bay, before TOM dribbled around about 13 Roselea defenders to score the winner with a minute left! The last minute felt like an eternity, but then the final whistle blew and the cheers erupted from the Thunder supporters. Roselea were a very gracious team in defeat and all the kids left the field smiling, including player of the week MARCUS who won the award for showing a never say die attitude and bouncing back from adversity. Well done Magpies!

U6 PLATYPUS**THORNLEIGH 10 vs OLHC EPPING 0**

The Thornleigh Thunder were looking for their second win of the season and that is just what they got at Woods St No.2. The game commenced with some fierce mid field play with both sides attacking. The Platypus rose to the occasion with the best defensive tackling display yet to turn the game in our favour. JOSH DESILVA opened the scoring this week with the first of his two goals. WILLEM OATES was next to score and showed great skill with a game total of seven goals. ROBERT BRADLEY was right in the thick of play until retiring injured from a kick to the shin. Right from the whistle to start the second half our team was on the attack. Today's "Player of the Match", DOMINIC MANNELL was tireless in attack, never giving up. DANIEL MERRICK and TOMMY JIANG were also on the attack, getting involved with some great clearing kicks. CODY JERVIS showed good kick and run style and was rewarded with his first career goal. LACHLAN DAWES was ever alert as goal keeper, ready to repel the opposition attacks, but thanks to his team mates, was rarely tested. The team showed real improvement this week, with kick and chase, tackling and even some passing. I will end this 'Star Wars' week with a quote that could come from Yoda himself, "A bright future for this team, I see."

U7 EMUS**NO REPORT****U7 KOALA'S****THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 0**

A nice, hot, sunny, winter, morning saw a good game down at Galston v Normanhurst. "BORGY" played in goals first half and we can see the results of his kicking the ball in the air coming along. "WILDY" is using the tool of passing, "BENJO" scored twice, one each half, CLARKY, ran up and down the field a hundred times along with "BRYO". "FLACKY" razzle dazzled them with his weaving in and out skills. 'GIFFO' drills right through, while "HAYDO'S" speed is awesome. Great support from the Mums & Dads as our cheering drowned out Normanhurst's cheering! This week we play North Epping Rangers at Woods St #2 at 9.15am.

U7 MAGPIES**NO REPORT****U7 ECHIDNAS****THORNLEIGH 0 v WEST PENNANT HILLS 3**

Thornleigh's run of consecutive victories came to an end with a 3-0 defeat to a well organized West Pennant Hills team. However, the scoreline flattered the visitors because Thornleigh matched them in every aspect of the game apart from scoring goals. In the first half, JORDAN SIMONS was unlucky after being put through to goal by a pass from MATTHEW ALLEN. LUKE SYPER, GABE FRASER, LIZZIE WILDE and ADAM 'bazooka boots' COOPER all played their part in keeping to a 2-0 deficit at half time. The second half was dominated by Thornleigh with an exceptional performance from CARLIE McALISTER who played like a demon having been released from goal keeping duty. EMILY SUNNUCKS also performed strongly in the second half as did CAI HUGHES but Thornleigh were unable to reduce the deficit and after being committed to attack, lost a further goal. A good effort by the team all round and a score that did not fairly reflect the commitment of the team.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 0

What an exciting game. Both teams slogged it out and for the most part Thornleigh had the run of play. We had several opportunities but just could not convert them into goals. Except for the odd attack our fullbacks had little to do. On one of those attacks where we were defending our goals DANIEL HABCOUK, Player of the Match, closed out the attack and cleared an almost certain goal. Without exception all the boys played well. CALLUM TOOHEY had a strong game in the mid-field with a lot of running with the ball and closing down the Kenthurst attacks. Upfront we saw ANGUS MCALLISTER showing good initiative by pulling the ball out of the huddle and running the ball around the crowd over to the other side of the field to break up the play. Holding position to maintain shape and passing the ball to each other (i.e. making the ball do the work) will be the team's key to success. The good news is that the boys have it in them and we look forward to some great soccer for the remainder of the season.

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 3

The action was so fast this week that I would have missed any sightings of Elvis! Congratulations to the whole team for some great team work (thanks coach) with special mention of HAYDEN SIMONS and ERIC JIANG, who showed good ball control and persistently engaged with the opposition throughout the match. PETER WADDELL had another good game, concentrating hard and determinedly chasing and kicking the ball. ANDREW HADDAD literally threw himself into thick of the game several times and consistently frustrated the opposition with some solid kicks back up the field. CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA again executed some great kicks and showed his versatility in some good work in goals in the first half. After engaging well and putting in some good runs in the first half, DANIEL FOWLER proved very dependable in goals by performing a number of good saves in the second half. Energetic work by RYAN MALLET, TOMMY SIMCOCK and JAMES PATTERSON, who all put in a determined effort and good running, frustrating the opposition many times by staying with the ball. Our goal was scored after a great display of team work by Hayden and Christian, who neatly passed the ball between themselves after some good supporting runs by JACK GREEN and BEN WALLWOOD had brought the ball up towards the goal. Nice bit of team work, boys. The Man of The Match award went to ROBERT JONES, who had a near miss at a goal early on, and kept his eye on the ball and went after it no matter what was in the way!

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EASTWOOD SAINT ANDREWS 2

As always the boys put in a 100% effort against one of the competition leaders but it is very hard to play short all the time. Collectively I reckon the team runs about two marathons each game. However this could be cut back to one marathon if everyone just held their positions a little more. I put this down to the fact that these boys just like running and chasing. Positions schmositions!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks to MAX and MITCH who volunteered to play in goal this week. Next week we play against the only team we have fielded a full eleven against and we beat the blighters. Let's hope for a repeat dose.

U9/8

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 2 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 4

Although the opposition managed to score 4 times in the first half, it was a great goal by JOHN BAYNIE which meant there was still a chance for Thornleigh in the second half – and what a second half it was. The boys had the opposition back peddling most of the second half and another goal by JOHN BAYNIE ensured the pressure was always on. The ball was driven forward regularly by the forwards, SAMUEL LANE, JOHN BAYNIE and JACK ANGEL with solid support from the brilliant midfield TIM CLAREMONT and ALASDAIR BELLING. The tenacious efforts by ROBBIE STARREVELD and DARREN JOOSTEN complemented the superb goal keeping efforts of SAMUEL CLARKE. A special thankyou to OLIVER JUDSON, who even though ill, managed to persevere in the first half. Boys, not a bad effort considering we were 3 players short in the second half.

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 2 14/5/05

In a surprisingly rough and at times spiteful match, our players took the field with 9 players for a match coming off 2 good wins. DANIEL played superbly as goalie, sending towering kicks back to the midfield, and creating opportunities for JOSHUA and KATHERINE to force the ball into the opposition half. We were rewarded by a fine goal from TRISTAN, and could have been up another from the fine forward play from CLAUDIA, backed by HAABID. LINDSAY took over as goalie in the 2nd half, and was aided by FERGUS and REBEKA in keeping play down in the other half of the field. The legs gave out late in the final term, but it was disappointing the attitude displayed by both opposition players and spectators which spoiled what should have been a good match.

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 0 vs REDFIELD LIONS 3 21/5/05

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 0 vs PUTNEY 6

The game started at furious pace with Thunder missing an early chance and our keeper XAVIER BOUCHER making two great saves, however Putney scored with a header. Putney kept up the pressure and scored again. Our midfield of NATHAN LEUNG, ANDREW MEIKLE, HUW FISHER and TIM LOVE settled to give the Thunder forwards several chances to score with no luck. Half time was your everyday halftime break with coach STEVE GAMBLE giving a pep talk and making a few tactical changes. Second half, two corners and a goal gave Thunder a three nil deficit. Our backs of LACHLAN DENCH, ANDREW CARDWELL, JEREMY TOOHEY and RAPHAEL HARVEY were gallant all day while under enormous pressure. The forwards of MICHAEL CSOMORE, MICHAEL GAMBLE and ALEX CHARARA were turned around all match in mostly a defensive role. Late in the game LACHLAN DENCH took over the keepers role and XAVIER BOUCHER went out in to the forwards. LACHLAN and XAVIER played strongly in both positions. Thunder had a few late chances but Putney had the day with a six goal win.

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 5

U12/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH RYDE 6

It was a kick off to a flying start with a score attempt in the first two minutes. Good defence strikes by SCOTT and SAAMID, followed by good strikes by DANYON. KEL shoots for goal and it is so close to being put in the net. Then a flat short goal was slipped in by North Ryde. Good goal keeping pick ups by JORDAN, and TOM at full pace made some great tackles. Then a second goal was scored by North Ryde. Tenacious kicks from BRADLEY; good defence by KELSEY and a good try at the goal by JOSH brought an end to the first half. The second half had some great saves by MATTEW D in goals against strong play and BRADLEY continued driving the ball forward out of the tough midfield area. NATHAN was kept busy in defence but North Ryde continued scoring a series of goals. Finally Thornleigh scores with KEL shooting a great goal. Good goal attempts were made by MATTHEW W and JOSH, and good defence again by KELSEY. It was a good game. If just some of the near misses had found the back of the net the scoreline would have been more even. The team was playing very well in the first half but when the goals were not forthcoming spirits began to fall. Never mind James will get them all pumped up for the next game, after all it is only a glitch in their winning streak.

The reporter's choice was BRADLEY and coach's player of the match TOM.

U13/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS BLUE 1

This game was always going to be a real test of the 13/2's ability and it was. The first half saw the Thunder out to a great start with some excellent positional play and real thought going into there passing. The boys showed they have the ability to provide great attacking ability even with the oppositions sound defence. Having an outstanding game was BRENT and his ability and committment really shon through. Also very prominent in defence was NICK and he continues to develop and improve with every game. Thornleigh's goal in the first half was a real team effort with the mid field feeding the ball to some very active forwards and Max finishing the play. MATTHEW had a great game and was very unlucky not to have put home the winning goal. SIMON as usual had a very solid game as did JOEL and HARRY. We know that we are right up there with the top of the table and I believe the next meeting may see a new competition leader. Well done and well played to all the boys. A really good TEAM effort.

U13/5

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PACIFIC HILLS-DURAL 2

U14/3

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 6

U15/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 2

The team played a strong, physical game against the competition leaders and so nearly pulled off a draw, but it wasn't to be. In a virtual replay of last year's Grand Final, Hawks went a goal up after a fairly torrid first half and were leading at the half time break. Some words of wisdom Coach seemed to make a difference after the break and we played much stronger, but then Hawks capitalised on a defensive error and scored again. That really got the boys fired up and with a few positional changes to generate more attack and Thunder started really applying the pressure, ultimately rewarded when BEN HOLLIDAY headed a STEVE SMITH corner into goal. Ten minutes to go and game on!! HUGH BARTSCH almost equalised when a high, curling shot ricocheted off the inside of the far post and frustratingly bounced across the open goal mouth, hit the inside of the opposite post and came back into the field of play!! So close, but no reward! A strong game up front by OSCAR MARONEY against his old Club. It was a loss, but the boys gave them a fright and won some respect for the next round.

Forget about the scoreline, this week the boys played their most positive game of soccer this season. We had around 50% of possession and for most of that time we were passing the ball to feet rather than kicking long. The triangles were working and the calling was also evident, but a bit more talk is still needed. After 3 minutes of play NICK BOSS planted a beautiful cross from the right to PAT KIM who hit the cross bar and had a second go off the rebound which also hit the bar. With keeper LUIS REDFEARN sidelined with a crook back, CHRIS BROWN donned the gloves for the first half and JACK PACKHAM for the second and both did very well. DAVID PHILLIPS played with more aggression this week, as did ANDREW SPARKES before he hurt his knee in the second half. DHESHEN GOVENDER is dangerous wherever he plays and put in a great game out wide in the back and the midfield. And RICHARD GAMBLE and LIAM RAYNER were ever dependable in defence. It looked great from the sideline to see everyone passing the ball and repositioning themselves to receive it back, and playing the odd through ball. There was much less squandering of possession this week from mis-placed long kicks. Boys you can hold your heads high, whilst it was a tough match you are really starting to gel as a team. Keep up the positive soccer.

AA/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs REDFIELD LIONS 1

AA/6 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 4 vs DURAL 0

The game started off quite even in the first half, it was like watching a tennis match as it kept on going back and forth. Second half came around and we were able to get on top of BALMAIN. JULIA scored a beautiful goal off a pass from MEL to be 1-0 ahead. After that we had a lot of chances but it was unlucky that we didnt score more. Thanks to ANNA, KATE, LEE, JACKIE, ADELAIDE, ANGELA, AMANDA, MARISSA, JULIA, GEMMA, JO, MEL & LIZ for playing a great game. Special thanks to our stand in goalies MEL & JO who did a wonderful job in goals.

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 5

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 0 vs RYDE DISTRICT 8

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 3 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 4

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 0

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 3 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 3

This was the battle of 8th placed Gladesville and 9th placed Thunder. Both teams came into the game with almost identical stats. Thunder were boosted by the mid season transfer of SIJMON VAN LOON from Normanhurst. Both teams had early scoring opportunities but were let down by misdirected shots. Thunder finally broke the deadlock with a goal from GAVIN TAIT. Goals from ADRIAN MASCARI and SIJMON VAN LOON, on debut, were matched with goals from Gladesville. Leading 3:2 with minutes remaining Thunder looked set to record their second victory of the season.... then in the final minute of play Gladesville scored when STEVE JACK was knocked out cold, from a close range shot that hit him in the face. Thunder players, concerned for STEVE'S safety, momentarily stopped playing, which allowed Gladesville to score the equalizer. An ensuing goal mouth scuffle resulted in a player from each team being sent off. STEVE was taken to hospital and released that night following brain scans that came up negative. A big thank you to STEVE WOSIK from the AA7's who received a late call up on Friday night. Best & Fairest points went to GAVIN TAIT 3 points, ADRIAN MASCARI, returning from injury, 2 points, and BEN SMITHERS 1 point.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 2

Thunder started well and were unlucky not to score in the opening 20 seconds of play when DAMIEN SUPLINA was left with only the keeper to beat. Thunder opened their scoring when RYAN ROFF scored following a good cross from LAYN MELLISH. Sweeper, MARK HOLLIDAY was replaced mid way through the first half by SIJMON VAN LOON following a head clash that left him dazed. At the half time break STEVE BLACKBURN, making his first grade debut, replaced an injured RYAN ROFF. Mid way through the second half a composed AVAN YOUNG scored Thunder's second goal, following good lead up play from SIJMON VAN LOON. Gladesville struck back and scored from the restart when our defenders were caught napping. Thunder players were becoming frustrated with the opposition's tactics and with some of the referee's decisions. This lack of discipline allowed Gladesville back into the game and you guessed itthey scored the equalizer late in the second half. The draw was a disappointing result against a team below us on the competition table. Players must remember referees are never wrong and there is only one winner if you argue with them. Best & Fairest points went to AVAN YOUNG 3 points, MATTHEW FRENCH 2 points, and STEVE LANSLEY 1 point. Thunder takes on Northern FC next week, at Oakleigh Oval.