



**Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.**



# **SOCCER DIVISION**

## **BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER**

### **4th June 2005**

*Premier League Division 1 Games - All Reserve Grade games at 1.15pm, All 1st Grade Games at 3.15pm  
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| <i>Photo Time</i> | <i>Age/Team</i> | <i>Photo Time</i> | <i>Age/Team</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 8.00am            | U12/3           | 10.15am           | U9/2            |
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| 8.45am            | U6 Platypus     | 11.15am           | U7 Echidna      |
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| 9.45am            | U6 Emu          | 12.15pm           | U14/3           |
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|                   |                 | 12.45pm           | U7 Emu          |

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**U6 MAGPIE****THORNLEIGH 1 vs REDFIELD LIONS 3**

This was a close and hard fought game which could easily have ended a draw with an ounce of luck. The Magpies came into the game on a two match winning streak, and the extra confidence our first two wins of the season had brought could be seen in the way the whole team threw themselves into the fray. ALEXANDER HORSPOOL started the game like a boy inspired, chasing the ball with gusto and winning it from Redfield and Thornleigh players alike! There was no stopping him, and with RORY MADDEN, HUGH FRASER and MARCUS and WILLIAM GRANT also chasing the ball hard, Thornleigh kept Redfield at bay and had a few chances to score, before a Redfield player hammered the ball past keeper JULIA MOKSDI from outside the box. It was a shot that would have done DAVID BECKHAM proud – unstoppable. But Thornleigh did not give up, and after an excellent run and finish by TOM KENNEDY, went in at half time 1 – 1. In the second half, the same boy from Redfield who blasted in the first goal knocked one in from about half way, and Redfield grabbed a third half way into the second half. But the Magpies never stopped running and contesting for the ball, and had several good chances to score but just could not get a second or third goal. All in all though, it was a very competitive game showing how far the team has come since early season drubbings. The player of the week award went to HUGH FRASER for his consistent effort and strong running.

**U6 PLATYPUS****THORNLEIGH 3 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 3**

The match started much like last week, with the opposition on the attack. First half goalie, DANIEL MERRICK, was courageous stopping all but three goals. Our boys fired up midway into the half and rallied with good defence. It wasn't long before WILLEM OATES and JOSH DESILVA were making several unsuccessful attempts at goal before scoring one goal each in the second half. LACHLAN DAWES and CODY JERVIS were persistent chasers, both with good clearing kicks and even some passing. ROBERT BRADLEY was goalie for the second half, and he did some great saves. TOMMY JIANG showed good kick and run skills throughout the match. DOMINIC MANNELL was awarded Player of the Match after a great second half ending in his first goal. The game had not started that well, but a determined effort had both teams drawn at full time. In the end the Platypuses were right on the attack, and a few more minutes would have definitely seen us in front. Great work team!

**U7 EMUS****THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 6**

The Emus showed plenty of spirit and attack throughout the game. AIDAN LANE and MARK NEWLAND made some long runs upfield. JACK NAYLOR and LIAM KIRK were solid in defence and repelled many Normanhurst attacks. MICHELLE KEZERLE and RHIANNA MALONE supplied good support play. SEAN NOTLEY-RUBENS and TESSA GIBBONS tried their utmost throughout the game. In the end the score did not reflect the commitment shown by the Emus. It was very pleasing to see them again try right to the end and display good teamwork and a fighting spirit. It is great to see them putting their training into practice and improving every week.

**U7 KOALA'S****THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 0**

Off to Magdala 3, down at the bottom of the hill at Ryde and hope to the heavens above that you score a park, otherwise it is a long walk back up the hill. Mr Clark scored a spot but had to navigate through a tirade of other irate others looking for the same thing. He walked to the oval with a nice cheesy grin! The opposition had a cast of thousands (of mums and dads) but strangely no volunteers to ref their half, so we had to do it. The game started out a little slow for our team and we saw our goal under pressure, but a fantastic stop or two by JACOB CLARK in goals first half kept the sheet clean. I was in the middle and saw some great tackling and runs by BEN HAYWOOD, and CALLUM GIFFNEY. We gradually took control, BYRON CLEASBY took a corner, and HARRISON FLACK made a great push towards the goals and almost scored. HAYDEN TODOROSKI made several "break always," scoring a fantastic individual effort. My "Player of the Match" pick went to ALEX BORG. He was terrific with his enthusiasm, chasing and drive. "Way to go Champion!"

**U7 MAGPIES****THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 19**

The team strived valiantly against a more experienced Kenthurst side. JACK TOWNEND earned our Player of the Game award for his fantastic effort in goal during the first half. He grabbed many balls ahead of the charging forwards. His efforts were assisted by good defensive work from RYAN HODGES and ISABEL SEAMAN, who took several balls from the opposition before they could get close to goal. ERIKA LOVE show great quickness in taking the ball up to the offensive end a few times before being denied the shot. The second half saw SOPHIA TOWNEND in the goals and BEN HURWOOD getting into the defensive mix. AIMEE LOVE showed some bursts of energy pushing the ball up field and earned our Most Improved player award for the week. Overall there were smiles and laughter at the end as our team enjoyed having a run on a nice morning.

**U8 RED****THORNLEIGH 1 vs BEECROFT 1**

A brilliant game to watch that had the parents biting their nails. THORNLEIGH seemed to be the dominant team in the first half where we saw some good shape and an increase to the passing. ANGUS McALLISTER scored Thornleigh's only goal in the first 15 minutes of the game. It was a team goal where the ball was worked up the right side to JEREMY PAK who after skinning a few players passed the ball to ANGUS McALLISTER. ANGUS received the cross and kicked the goal. The second half was a bigger competition but that didn't stop the team from continuing the fight. The opportunities kept coming. SAM DRUMM, this week's Player of the Match, had an awesome game up front where he made several runs himself and also made several passes to other players who were better placed to take the ball further. We were unlucky not to score a few more goals. Whilst I have only mentioned a few players, the whole team had a great game and should be happy with their performance.

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING YMCA 8

Some good runs and tireless work in defence by JACK GREEN, ably supported by HAYDEN SIMONS and JAMES PATTERSON, characterised this fast-moving game. Our Man of the Match, RYAN MALLET, was all 'go' this week, enthusiastically charging into the play and wresting control of the ball many times. PETER WADDELL was kept busy in goals in the first half, with some good saves in goals. BEN WALLWOOD and ANDREW HADDAD were, as always, in the thick of the game, consistently power-kicking the ball away from a very determined opposition. CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA was clearly thinking ahead and sizing up the best place to be to support his teammates. A good pass from JAMES PATTERSON, after a great run up-field, to a well-positioned Christian resulted in a goal early in the first half. The second half saw continued good running and nimble footwork by JONATHON MEIKLE and TOMMY SIMCOCK, while DANIEL FOWLER performed some good saves in goals, after also running well in the first half. ROBERT JONES and ERIC JIANG did some good kicks up the field to stop some of the opposition drives. A tireless effort by all!

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HOLY CROSS RYDE 2

Soccer can be a strange and frustrating game. This was the best game the team has played all year and yet they lost!! A slow start saw Holy Cross two up early in the game following fast break outs. But from then on our boys were all over them like barnacles. The back three of TOM D, NICK S and our new team member, BRANDON, kept their positions so beautifully that second half goalie WILL did not touch the ball. The midfield of TOM L, JOSH, BLAKE, MITCH, MAX and ADRIAN were winning most of the disputed possession, allowing our forwards, NICK C and CAMPBELL to keep the opposition on the hop for long periods of time. We had plenty of opportunities but just could not find the back of the net. Then finally we received a direct free kick just on the edge of the penalty area and TOM L stepped up to take it. He had about a thousand players in front of him so he thought the obvious solution was to just blast it and see what happened. Well what happened was that it went into the far top corner of the net leaving everybody goggle eyed. David Beckham eat your heart out!! The team now looks forward to three home games at Oakleigh against teams in the top four. This will test the boys but after the last two weeks we are confident of a good showing

U9/8

THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENTHURST 3

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 5

Where oh where did that brilliant team from last week go? Seems like it took the whole of the first half to get the batteries charged! However, to be fair to the boys, today, once again without a full team, they fought bravely against the team at the top of the log. Some good goal attempts by JOHN BAYNIE and JAMES PAEK with the able assistance of TIM CLAREMONT and SAMUEL CLARKE still saw us on the attack more than a few times. There was some good defence by DARREN JOOSTEN, OLIVER JUDSON, ROBERT STARREVELD and ALISDAIR BELLING. Some excellent goal keeping by SAMUEL LANE and CAMERON SHARIFI ensured the opposition had to fight smartly for their goals. Boys, not your best performance, but still a very good effort considering the odds. Last but not least, we wish JACK ANGEL a speedy recovery from his broken arm.

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 3 vs HAWKS HILLS 0

In the first half good teamwork in attack by DALE EDWARDS, CLAUDIA BOURIS & REBEKA FIELD helped create the opportunity for TRISTAN ZEID to score the first two goals. Our defence was strong with FERGUS BARRY-CORDEROY outstanding and with the help of JOSHUA COOPER & KATHERINE MEIKLE formed a strong back row which could not be broken. In the second half Hawks changed their goalie and he shut down many of our raids by continually coming out to the edge of the box. But after several raids TRISTAN through some individual brilliance was able to score again giving him a hat trick for the game. DANIEL CHRISTIE had another strong game in the goals for us, saving a certain goal in the second half with his great defence. While HAABID ZIKRIA & LINDSAY HANDS had good games in the midfield. The team continues to improve each week developing an understanding for playing in their position rather than chasing the ball all over the park.

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 3 vs. GLADESVILLE 3

In the first half, Thornleigh dominated the field with great defensive strategy played by LACHLAN DENCH, ANDREW CARDWELL, and JEREMY TOOHEY. The opposition only had two attempts at goals, which were shut down by our goalie, XAVIER BOUCHER. Our midfielders, RAPHAEL HARVEY, HUW FISHER, ANDREW MEIKLE, NATHAN LEUNG, and TIM LOVE were all over the oval amazing the spectators with their determination to get the ball. BEN PHILIPS also playing from the midfield received a fantastic pass to score our first goal of the game. Our forwards, MICHAEL CSOMORE, and ALEX CHARARA had great fun keeping the opposition hopping. One of the most exciting passes of the game happened when forward ANTHONY FINN made a perfect pass to MICHAEL GAMBLE to end the half with a 2-nil lead. In the second half, Thornleigh came out a bit sluggish. The Gladesville Sharks took advantage and scored 2 goals in quick succession. Thornleigh rallied and through a handball penalty kick, we were able to bring the score up 3-2 our way. Our goalie, RAPHAEL HARVEY, did a fabulous job stopping as many as got in. Even though Gladesville tied the score, this was definitely an on your toes game to watch. Great playing team!!!

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING 2

It was always going to be a close game. North Epping managed to dominate much of the game with their superior kicking. We conceded two goals but also had our chances and just failed to capitalise on a couple of good breaks. LACHLAN ROE finally put some life into our attack with a well earned goal. Suddenly the whole Thornleigh team came to life in the dying minutes of the game. We came close to equalising but at the end of the day just came up short. Better luck next week guys. Keep up the training while your are in Canberra next week.

U12/3 THORNLEIGH 6 vs HOLY CROSS 0

Thirteen players turned up to play the match, which kicked off at 9.30am. The game started with some nice ball work by KELSEY and good play trying to score by MATTHEW W and DANYON. Timeout was called when the Holy Cross goalie was injured and had to leave the field with a nosebleed. There was good defensive play by SAAMID, MATTHEW D, NATHAN and JORDAN. NATHAN and DANYON blocked the ball well and KEL had an excellent run with the ball. TOM showed some good kicking skills. Thornleigh kept the pressure on Holy Cross and were rewarded with an excellent goal by MATTHEW W. Then, thanks to KEL'S nice goal Thornleigh led 2-0. This was followed by a penalty kick taken by MATTHEW W, which went straight between the goal posts, well done! Thornleigh led 3-0 at the end of the first half. The second half started with a red card being given to a Holy Cross player for saving the ball with his hands when he was not the keeper. MATTHEW W took the penalty kick and scored a goal. Thornleigh led 4-0. Thornleigh defended well in the second half, not letting the other team score any goals with Nick's assistance as goalie. JOSH played well and KEL was tripped by the other team. A drop ball continued the game. A corner taken by Holy Cross was intercepted with excellent defence by JORDAN, BRADLEY and SCOTT. JOSH had an excellent attempt at scoring a goal, bad luck. Then KEL kicked an excellent goal. KEL played really well. Thornleigh led 5-0. TOM had a great run with the ball and almost scored. This was followed by another great run with the ball by JOSH and then KEL scored again. Thornleigh 6-0 and wins the match. Thornleigh played very well all match. "Congratulations Thornleigh U12"  
The reporter's choice was KEL and coach's player of the match was KEL.

U13/2 THORNLEIGH 4 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS (RED) 0

This was the win we had to have. The first half saw the Thunder out to a good start with good positional play, sensible passing and really thinking of their game plan that Dish had dealt up. Some excellent plays creating real chances and a superb goal by MATTHEW taking the team in to a well deserved 1-0 half time lead. Having another outstanding game was HARRY and JOEL who both demonstrated real determination. Also very prominent in defence was DANIEL yet again. MATTHEW had a great second and added a second goal to his tally. HARRY put the ball skilfully thru the keepers grasp and with the mother of goals BEN put the icing on the cake to round off a great day. Well done all players - in the words of the coach "a really good team game" - and that's the way it ought to be.

U13/5 THORNLEIGH 5 vs. WEST PENNANT HILLS 1

The spectators were surprised by a fast start with a quick goal scored by JORDAN SANT after a slick pass from LUKE MESSINA within the first minute. A late start and a warm sunny morning and a quick goal laid the foundations to a great morning, where even the coach was reserved from the sideline. Although dominating throughout most of the match with our goalies infrequently touching the ball, the team cruised through to half time with a 3-0 lead, with a great goal by BRENDAN MEW close to the half time. Unfortunately when these boys get into a lead of this nature the pedal is not to the floor so only another 2 goals followed, with so many near misses. With our backs pushing forward and WPH having an occasional break through, JAMES FOWLER again was most dependable in the back line, showing how his skill level continues to improve each season/week. Thanks need to go to MICHAEL DENNETT who volunteered as goalie in the second half – THANKS MICHAEL for your team spirit. The team needs to consistently perform at their best for the rest of the season to give the Premiership a shake. However they are settling into a good rhythm and the best could be still ahead! After a bye next week, we will be able to play with our full strength side again when JOSH ZADRO is back from injury. For the record JORDAN SANT scored four of the goals two of them set up beautifully by ALEX GRANT.

U14/3 THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 4

We started the game with high expectations and determination. All our players put in their best efforts against the stronger opposition. We had beaten once and were sure we could do it again. Unfortunately the ball just didn't bounce the way we wanted and we came out of the game short. Just the same, the team knows how to do it tough and show no signs of giving up. Skills are continuing to improve as well as our stamina. Good teams are not built over night and we are in for the long haul. Just keep on giving your best and improvement will surely follow.

U15/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WPH BLUE 1

A good result against the competition leaders. WPH went a goal up after about twenty minutes and I think a few of their players and supporters may have expected them to proceed on to a big win, but they misjudged Thornleigh Thunder spirit. The lads rallied and protected the goal well for the rest of the game, especially Goalie JONATHON STABLES. WPH eventually succumbed to some sustained pressure by Thunder when DESHAN JEAGASTHESWARAN scored our goal off a great ball by STEPHEN SMITH. A fairly fiery encounter also, with no "beg pardons" being offered by either side during the game, but in the true spirit of sport, the teams shook hands at the end and left the issues on the park.

U17/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

This was a match where the opposition should have been pleased to walk away with a draw. Unfortunately it was a case of lost opportunities for the Thunders today, as we were all over them for most of the game but had a bit of trouble finishing off. MATT ELDRIDGE did himself proud donning the gloves in the first half to give regular keeper LUIS REDFEARN a run up front. And a good run he had injecting spice to the Thornleigh attack and almost scoring in the process. But then there was a lot of almost scoring in this game. DAVID PHILLIPS and ANDREW SPARKES were particularly effective in the first half making ground up the left flank and sending Luis on his way to the posts. LIAM RAYNER, normally in defence, also excelled as a striker, and SAFA ZOWGHI and RICHARD GAMBLE helped CHRIS BROWN hold the mid field together. Time and time again we had scoring chances which went over, beside or seemingly under the goal mouth, or straight to the keeper. And then 10 minutes into the second half the inevitable against-the-run-of-play goal came, much to the frustration of the Thunder players and supporters. But 7 minutes from full time a TOM KRISENTHAL header got past the keeper for the equaliser, off a sharp NICK BOSS cross from the right. And the score stayed locked at 1-all to the final whistle. Overall the boys played an excellent match and were surely unlucky not to walk away three or four up. A bit more striking practice may well be on the cards this Wednesday evening, boys!

AA/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs DURAL 2

AA/3 BYE

AA/6 WOMEN

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 1

AA/15 THORLEIGH 0 VS. PACIFIC HILLS DURAL 4

The scoreline does not tell the closeness of this match, we were up against basically an under 19 side who are currently running 2nd in the competition and the Thunder gave it their best shot. We matched them for most of the game across the park and played some great soccer, unfortunately they breached our line twice before half time. We came out in the second half full off fight and gave Pacific Hills a few frights as we peppered their goals but we were denied by some great saves by the keeper. The huge crowd were on their toes as the Thunder made repeated attempts to score, but against the run of play Pacific put two more away. At the back LEIGH, MATT, CARL and KARTHICK contained the speedy Pacific forwards while in the mid field, NICK, ROSS, ANGUS, TIM and JAMES defended well and attacked the opposition defence. While up front JOSH was a constant threat to the Pacific defence. Our keeper BARNABY was out standing keeping many raids at bay with athletic saves. A huge thank you to ROSS, RON and DICK from the 35 /1 who helped us out, your presence is much appreciated. This team is yet to record a win, but their spirit and commitment is a credit to the club, well done boys.

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs BEECROFT 4

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 2

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 4

I think players went into this game feeling they just had to turn up to knock over Epping: how wrong they were. Epping opened their scoring at the 15 minute mark and despite their undisciplined play looked the better team. STEVE JACK had a number of scoring chances but unfortunately his goal scoring radar was left at home. Keeper DAVID BALL put pressure on Epping's defence with his long clearance kicks but too often the ball was turned over. CHRIS WOOD won many mid field headers but his good work was undone with most landing at the feet of Epping's sweeper. Epping outclassed Thunder in the second half scoring three unanswered goals. One of their goals was a perfectly executed free kick that gave keeper DAVID BALL no chance of saving. MATTHEW BARBER toiled hard in the midfield and GAVIN TAIT was kept busy at sweeper. On a positive note Linton Isted, returning from a knee injury, played the full second half. Best & Fairest points went to MATTHEW "21" BARBER 3 points, GAVIN TAIT, 2 points, and STEPHEN BLACKBURN 1 point.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 4 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 1

Thunder were looking to avenge their first round 4:2 loss to Epping Eastwood. DAMIEN SUPLINA opened the scoring after 3 minutes of play following good lead up play from LAYN MELLISH. DAMIEN scored his second goal at the 20 minute mark, when he latched onto a through ball from RYAN ROFF. Thunder created many more scoring opportunities in the first half but were denied that vital third goal. Two nil up at half time did not reflect Thunder's first half display; with an ounce of luck the score could have been much higher. As expected Epping started the second half determined to get back into the game. They were rewarded with a goal following poor marking in our goal mouth. The next 20 minutes of play was very exciting with both teams having chances. DAMIEN, looking to repeat STEVE JACK's hat trick efforts last weekend, scored following a midfield move started by SIJMON VAN LOON and STEVE LANSLEY. Thunder saved the best to last when captain AVAN YOUNG, with one of his typical mid field runs, chipped the keeper to bring down the curtain on Epping's revival. Thunder's mid field worked tirelessly, while DAMIEN and RYAN caused havoc up front, but like most good wins it started from the back where the double barrel LUKES, SIJMON, and MARK were outstanding. Best & Fairest points went to LUKE DAWSON 3 points, AVAN YOUNG 2 points, and Mr "Hat Tick" DAMIAN SUPLINA 1 point. Thunder takes on local rivals Normanhurst next week, at Normanhurst Oval.