



# Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.



## SOCGER DIVISION

### BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

16th July 2005

*Premier League Division 1 Games - All Reserve Grade games at 1.15pm, All 1st Grade Games at 3.15pm  
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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Today marked the end of the regular season for all but our mini soccer and Premier League Teams. The reports I had to hand suggested we finished on a high note to what has been a challenging season for many of our teams. I was particularly pleased to see our 14/3 team who have struggled to keep their heads above water post a stunning win of 2-0 against a team that previously beat them 8-1. Quite a number of our teams posted wins today which is a great way to finish off the season. Next week is the commencement of the play-offs and round-robins. Good luck to all the teams involved.

Senior players need to note that the end of season club dinner is on August 20 at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club. Tickets are very limited and teams will need to pay for their tickets early if they are not to miss out. Should any tickets remain after July 31, they will be offered to junior teams and the wider community. Please contact myself, Craig Millard, Bruce Roff, or Dave Isted sooner rather than later. Tickets are \$35 each with Over 35 teams and All Age teams paying the reduced rate of \$15 as a deposit was collected in their fees.

The Annual General Meeting is rapidly approaching. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. The meeting will be held at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club after the regular general meeting on August 1. If you are interested in being on the committee or perhaps you would just like to do someone else in, then please attend. We urgently need a strong, committed committee with fresh ideas to ensure we achieve a bright future. All positions will be declared vacant on the night. Please attend and make a difference.

One last thing, if you haven't renewed your Pennant Hills Bowling Club membership, you'll need to do it immediately. Visit the club and tell them you are with the Thornleigh Thunder Soccer Club. They will take your picture and issue a photo ID on the spot. Registered players and one member of each family of a junior player is entitled to one free membership which is paid by our soccer club. Our sponsorship is dependent on you taking out your free membership with PHBC.

Yours in committment

**Rob Roberts**

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U6 EMUS

NO REPORT

U6 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 4 vs BEECROFT 1

The magic Magpies bounced back from last week's drubbing to record their 3rd victory of the season, a fine 4 – 1 win over a gallant Beecroft team which never gave up and was only denied more goals by some great goalkeeping from HUGH FRASER in the first half and JULIA MOKDSI in the second. The game started well for Thornleigh, with TOM KENNEDY scoring a fine goal after a few minutes, capping a fine run by rounding the goalkeeper in a manner that would have done Ronaldo proud. At the other end, HUGH did not put a foot wrong in goals, making several great saves. Just before half time, RORY MADDEN slammed in a second Thornleigh goal from some distance. Meanwhile, MARCUS GRANT was having his best game of the season, going for the ball continually and running well, and LACHLAN JONES, WILLIAN GRANT, ALEXANDER HORSPOOL and JULIA were playing well in midfield. The second half was nail biting stuff, with Beecroft having several good chances to score, only to blast shots wide or have them saved by JULIA. ALEXANDER and JULIA both went close to scoring. When TOM scored a third goal for Thornleigh, the Thornleigh fans began to think a rare victory really was possible. Beecroft then pulled one back with a few minutes to go, but jangling nerves were calmed by a fourth Thornleigh goal from TOM (his hat trick) to seal a really good win. This was a great team win, with all players doing their part in both halves. Player of the week went to HUGH, for great goal keeping and constant running in the second half.

U6 PLATYPUS

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HOLY CROSS RYDE 3

This week we were three players down and faced a well disciplined opposition who displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the match. From kick off, daniel merrick seemed to have the ball on a string as he carved up the defence with length of the field runs - being extremely unlucky not to score in the second half. A good performance in goal is a regular feature of cody jervis' game and he did not disappoint in the first half - backing up with a few tremendous runs up field in the second, also unlucky not to score. Robert bradley kicked and chased with merit in the first half setting up a few breaks, and was stoic as goalie in the second, keeping a determined offence scoreless and pulling off one of the saves of the season. Joshua de silva displayed his dexterity slicing through the opposition a number of times, scoring a goal mid way through the first half, and unluckily hitting the post with another shot just on half time. This weeks player of the match was tommy jiang who terrorised the opponents all match with strong tackling and incisive runs through the midfield contributing to the great overall team effort. Despite the score, the Thunder had one of their better games this season showing all round improvement in defence, attack and ball skills.

U7 EMUS

THORNLEIGH 1 vs YMCA 0

Things were looking pretty grim on Saturday morning prior to the game when the second "sorry we can't make it my child is sick" call came through. So it was down to the ground early to try to recruit a couple of players from another Thornleigh team. We found two keen boys in GABRIEL and KAI. Soon the game was under way. LIAM did a great job in goals and some outstanding play was shown by JACK in defence. About 10 minutes into the game our centre and forwards combined well through left mid-field leading to GABE scoring the only goal of the match. The second half saw JACK in goals and MARK and KAI alternating in the job of defence with a great job done by all. LIAM was a forward in the second half and came close to scoring on a couple of occasions. RHIANNA and MICHELLE played diligently with MICHELLE'S commitment earning her player of the week. Congratulations to all!

U7 ECHIDNAS

NO REPORT

U7 MAGPIES

NO REPORT

U7 KOALA'S

THORNLEIGH THUNDER 1 vs SAINTS UNITED 0

This week saw only 4 regular's available due to the school holidays but we managed to secure the services of 3 boys from the other U7 teams to bolster numbers, to play an enthusiastic Saints team. MARK NEWLAND joined us from the Emus and played in goals one half and made some nice saves, while JACK NAYLOR also from the Emus made some nice runs. CAI HUGHES from the Echidnas drove the ball down the line and took great delight in telling his Dad he played 3 games in one day. (I wish I were a kid again, I'd be lucky to climb the stairwell at work and not need a rest!!!) Thanks, MARK, JACK and CAI. The games ebbs and flow were relatively even, perhaps tilted slightly our way but we were unable to score. HARRISON FLACK's shot hit the post, and BRYON CLEASBY made some great kicks. Then in the last minutes HAYDEN TODOROSKI made a break away towards goal and in true team work spirit, had a last defender to beat, passed the ball to JACOB CLARKE on the "run through," he shot and scored to win the match 1-0. It was terrific. These simple pieces of play are what make football MAGIC! Well done team. Next week we play at Holy Cross Oval Ryde 9.15am (hopefully with all hands on deck to play from round 1; Roselea.)

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 3 vs SAINTS UNITED 2

A very interesting game..... SAINTS UNITED only had seven players yet they were stronger and better kickers than THORNLEIGH. Not to take anything away from our great team, it was a tough game for them to beat 7 players against our nine. Our boys never stopped fighting for the win and they enjoyed themselves. Thornleigh hit the lead at the 10 minute mark with a nice goal from ANGUS. A second was scored by SAM, 5 minutes in the second half, from a solo run and a shot virtually on the back line at an amazingly acute angle to increase the lead by two. SAINTS hit back at the 10 and 21 minute mark, to even the score at 2 each. With what appeared to be in extra time we had MARK give THORNLEIGH the game with a goal just before the whistle. Our Player of the Match – MAX KENNEDY, had an all round great game playing centre midfield with a lot of running and challenging that made it all the easier for our forwards. Well done boys, despite the competition and some poor behaviour from a SAINTS' spectator, you deserved the great win!

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 4 vs NORMANHURST EAGLES 0

Inspired by the sunny weather and the happy (for some) prospect of a return to school next week, our team was keen to display their skills, and the great result reflected this. The game started well, with a neatly placed goal scored by the fleet-footed HAYDEN SIMONS, who continued the good work throughout the game with a number of strong kicks up the field. A very motivated BEN WALLWOOD took out Man of the Match honours, with a strong contribution of a further 3 goals to our scoreline. The forwards all played well, hounding the opposition with their continuing thirst for goals – if it wasn't Ben having one of his many attempts at goal, there was also JAMES PATTERSON, TOMMY SIMCOCK or CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA to contend with. It's really hard to single out the best plays, because there were so many good ones. A strong game by JACK GREEN, ERIC JIANG and JONATHON MEIKLE made our mid-field line almost impenetrable, and when the odd ball came through ROBERT JONES was in there to return it back up the field. ANDREW HADDAD again delivered those powerful kicks up the field which we've come to know so well. A great game, team! (Next game is 9.30 at Ruddock Park.)

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK 1

This was one that got away. In a game of low numbers, the boys were at least deserving of a draw. They may have got it too but for an inept referee not giving a penalty for hand ball in the last minute!! (Sorry guys I'll do better next time). Everyone put in a whole hearted effort today and covered lots of ground on the Dural cow paddock. Best player was probably TOM L who made some scintillating runs in both attack and defence. TOM D also had a great game and his last second chase back one on one with a Lions attacker saved us a near certain goal. ADRIAN was fearless in midfield as was JOSH who is tackling strongly at the back end of the season. MAX and NICK S kept it tight at the back while BLAKE and NICK C pushed forward all day. WILL and CAMPBELL won lots of possession in the mid field and both had good games. So we end the regular season and now head into the Pennant competition full of confidence. I think it may be time for the pre match red cordial and the half time killer pythons to give the boys that little boost they need. And maybe single malts on the sideline to keep the throats well lubricated and the innards insulated against the winter chill.

U9/8

THORNLEIGH 0 vs PACIFIC HILLS - DURAL 5

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs RYDE DISTRICT 4

It was a sluggish start to the game that saw the ball in the Thornleigh half most of the first half. Good goal keeping by SAMUEL CLARKE, together with some good defence by not only DARREN JOOSTEN and ROBERT STARRAVELD but virtually the entire team saw the repeated attempts by the opposition to score where thwarted. The teams game did pick up in the second half with some good midfield play by OLIVER JUDSON and ALSDAIR BELLING seeing many a ball change direction in our favour while the valiant attempts by JOHN BAYNIE, TIM CLAREMONT and JAMES PAEK to drive through the oppositions steady defence did lead to several attempts at goal on our part too. Some brilliant forward play by SAMUEL LANE lead to an excellent goal scored by CAMERON SHARIFI. Unfortunately the opposition levelled the score within minutes and it was sheer exhaustion that led to three quick goals in succession against us. This was a difficult season for a team that only saw a full compliment of players once throughout the whole season.

U10/7

FORFEIT BY THORNLEIGH

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 2 vs REDFIELD COLLEGE 1

Despite the school holidays, we managed to field a full team determined to keep up the enthusiasm of the last three weeks. Redfield came to our goal first, but our determined fullbacks JEREMY TOOHEY, MICHAEL CSOMORE and ANDREW CARDWELL, with strong kicks from RAPHAEL HARVEY in midfield guided them back to their side, leaving XAVIER BOUCHER looking rather bored in the goalkeeper's position. Redfield was caught off guard when MICHAEL GAMBLE kicked a goal half way through the first half after a good run by ALEX CHARARA. In the second half LACHLAN DENCH ripped up Redfield's defence resulting in our second goal. It was also a good game by TIM LOVE, NATHAN LEUNG and ANTHONY FINN. Redfield scored a concession goal late in the second half, but our win never looked shaky. A good effort by everyone.

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 6

The opposition struck quickly and before we knew it we were already two goals down. The boys put up a good fight but the St Andrews team was a classy act and kept the pressure on us for much of the game. We did have our opportunities and ANJAN cashed in to score our lone goal. I think we all agree that our passing game needs to be improved and followed up with a better attacking game. The backs are doing well but there is room for a much tighter formation with improved communication. Soccer is a thinking game, so what we need to do next is to think. Thanks to BEN PHILLIPS who once again backed us up.

U12/3 THORNLEIGH 5 vs HOLY CROSS 0

This game started as a real chess match. Holy Cross had the better of field position and possession but never seriously threatened the Thornleigh goal. Holy Cross was playing their defence deep to stop any Thornleigh quick breakouts. KELSEY, JORDAN, SAAMID and MATTHEW D. at the rear were handling repeated Holy Cross raids well. As the first half went on Thornleigh began to assert greater dominance in the midfield through KEL, NATHAN and DANYON. As better service began to come through to the front TOM and MATTHEW W. began to see some opportunities coming their way in the Holy Cross penalty area. The half ended 0-0 but Thornleigh were on top and unlucky to have nothing to show for it. The second half started much the same as the first with the play see-sawing end to end. BRADLEY was solid in defence and SCOTT was snuffing out every Holy Cross raid until 10mins in when a breakout by Holy Cross saw NICK pull off a great reflex save to deny Holy Cross, then positioned himself to take a second lofted shot. 2mins later the play moved rapidly the other way and in a goal mouth melee KEL slotted home a ball to give the mighty Thunder a 1-0 lead. A great through ball 2 mins later and KEL made it 2-0. 2mins later TOM from outside the box got a lucky deflection, 3-0. KEL was right on the ball to slot home his hat trick (and no, he wasn't offside!), 4-0. MATTHEW W. showed great control, then with a blistering shot he made it 5-0. The reporter's choice was Matthew D. and coach's players of the match were TOM and KEL.

U13/2 THORNLEIGH 1 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 2

U13/5 THORNLEIGH 4 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 0

U14/3 THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 0

Fresh from a fantastic game the week before, the Thornleigh side was out to prove that they really had improved. We started strong and never looked like fading. MATT ANTOUN scored a beautiful header to put us out in front. JOE FASCHKA who was awarded man of the match sealed the opposition's fate with a goal late in the second half. Again it was a great game played by everyone. The team kept focussed and put in a full effort from beginning to end. Improvement is the reward for those who are determined and remain positive. Keep up the good work. Thanks again to PAT POWER, MITCHELL SMITH & JARRYD ROBERTS who unselfishly gave their time and effort to be a part of this winning side today.

U15/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 0

U17/2 THORNLEIGH 2 vs KENTHURST 1

Last week the boys played a sick game to bag their first win. This week they played fully sick! From 8th position on the ladder the Thunders knocked over the 2nd position team by simply playing better football. Coach Craig allowed regular keeper LUIS REDFEARN a go on the field, and put flu-ridden TOM KRISENTHAL in the box. We were also two players down from our usual 15, but were fortunate to have MICHAEL BROWN from the 15/1s and SIMON KRISENTHAL from the 13/2s helping out. And we needed them both because three more of our players were nursing illness or injury. The Thunders started strongly, putting the opposition - who had lost only one game - on the back foot. After 17 minutes we got a free kick, PAT KIM looping it perfectly into the net. One-nil to the Thorns. The boys kept up the pressure and were rewarded in the 22nd minute when ANDREW SPARKES sent a pass from midfield to striker PAT KIM who dodged a defender and slammed it past the keeper. Two up at the break. But deja-vu - last round against this team we were two up at half time and lost the match. Not today! The boys held their game, with rock solid defence and aggressive attack. CHRIS BROWN held the middle together, and JAMIE SEACH played a superb defensive anchor at sweeper. LUIS REDFEARN, unleashed from the goalie's shackles, played with pure passion, and MICHAEL BROWN and SIMON KRISENTHAL both had strong midfield performances. Kenthurst struck back in the 80th minute, but the Thunders responded with a bullish finish to deny Kenthurst any opportunity to equalise. A well-deserved win boys, you demonstrated your true capabilities today!

AA/1 THORNLEIGH 2 vs KENTHURST 6

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 2 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 2 - 16/7/05

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs PUTNEY RANGERS 3 - 17/7/05

AA/6 WOMEN NO REPORT

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 5 - 16/7/05

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 0 vs ROSELEA SOCCER CLUB 2 - 17/7/05

AA/15 FORFEIT BY STU (THORNLEIGH 3 vs SAINTS UNITED 0)

Break out the champagne and pass around the drinks, the AA/15 team has finally broken the drought and scored it's first points for the season. For all of the legions of fans out there that have keenly followed this team's fortunes this year, you will all know that it has been a tough one - so sit back grab a coldie and let me set the scene for you on this historic day.

On a cold Saturday afternoon at Ryde Oval, 9 Thunder players turned up to do battle with their much more fancied rivals, the boys had a determined steely look in their eyes as they warmed up, almost tearing the nets from the posts with the power of the shots. In goals BANARBY looked menacing and was saving everything that was fired at him, each player took turns to crack in thunderous shots from all over the park, first ANGUS, then LEIGH, JAMES, TIM, CARL, MATT, REECE and finally NICK had the huge crowd salivating with anticipation. A lone United player strode past, the fear clearly evident in his eyes, as he knew that his team was on the verge of a thrashing today. The Referee strode to the middle of the park as the crowds thunderous cheering echoed across the field (ok it was from the rugby match on the next field, but hey Matt's Mum, Rob and I were excited) But back to the game, the Ref looked at his watch as the seconds ticked down to 1.15pm our boys looked like sprinter's on the blocks for an Olympic 100 meters final, the Ref looked across to the United bench, back to the Thunder bench, it all seemed in slow motion as he put the whistle to his lips and blew "A FORFEIT", Saints United didn't turn up due to a mix up in times, and they only had 1 player there at 1.15pm so we won!!!!!! YEEAAAAHHH hey we will take the points any time, any way. The boys were so pumped that 4 of them went and played for the AA/1 side, and 4 more played for the AA/7 side on Sunday, well done guys. Roll on the Pennant rounds, with this win under our belts any thing can happen from here on in.

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS (b) 5

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 1 vs PACIFIC HILLS - DURAL 1

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLADESVILLE 0

If only we could have started the season as well as we are finishing it - that's three wins in a row. Thunder opened the scoring in the first 2 minutes of the game after receiving a penalty for a handball in the box. LINTON ISTED, showing all the composure of Alan Shearer, stepped up to the mark and buried the ball into the back of the net. The first half was a close struggle with both teams creating chances. GAVIN TAIT & MATTHEW FITZGERALD had the best chances. In the second half Thunder kept Gladesville's keeper busy and were rewarded with a second goal when MATTHEW FITZGERALD scored at close range to secure a well deserved victory. Best & Fairest points went to: GAVIN TAIT 3 points, LINTON ISTED 2 points and ANDREW MASCARI 1 point.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE 2

This game was all over for Thunder in the first 5 minutes of play. Gladesville scored two goals in this period. Both were goals that could have either gone into the back of the net or into the car park, that's the luck of soccer sometimes. The players tried hard to get back into the game but with Gladesville's stacked defence and using slowing tactics it was mission impossible. This loss puts the team out of running for the finals. With the two games remaining it's now a matter of restoring some pride into the Thunder jumper. Best & Fairest points went to: JASON HOWELL 3 points, RYAN ROFF 2 points and LAYN MELLISH 1 point. Next week Thunder takes on NORTHERN HFC at Ryde Oval No 3, just off Princes Street in Ryde.