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U6 EMUS

NO REPORT

U6 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PACIFIC HILLS DURAL 5

After a slow start, which saw Dural score 3 goals in the first five or so minutes, the Magpies fought back well to make the game a much more even affair. Poor WILLIAM GRANT did it hard in goals in the first few minutes, with Dural running rampant and, to add injury to insult, he also copped the ball fair on his face (a fine save!). But WILLIAM bounced back bravely and did not concede another goal in the half. JULIA MOKDSI and RORY MADDEN were once again having fine games in defence and midfield, as was HUGH FRASER (running like a human dynamo), as the whole team put in a fine effort. Dural had several very strong players, but TOM KENNEDY, MARCUS GRANT and ELANI WILD (back from an eight week trial in England with Chelsea) and the rest of the team contested every ball. Meanwhile, in goals, LACHLAN JONES had a great second half, making several good saves and putting the Dural players of their stride on several occasions. While Dural managed to score two more goals in the second half, TOM got one back for the Magpies with a great solo goal and the team walked off the field smiling and with their heads held high. We will be hoping we can win our last game at 'The Cauldron' of Oakleigh next week to finish the season on a high.

U6 PLATYPUS

BYE

U7 EMUS

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PACIFIC HILLS-DURAL 0

The team again showed plenty of commitment to have a well-earned win. There were plenty of shots on goal with TESSA GIBBONS, SEAN NOTLEY-RUBENS, MARK NEWLAND and AIDAN LANE all going very close to putting the ball in the back of the net. JACK NAYLOR was as reliable as ever at the back and shut down any attacking raids by the opposition. The goalkeepers were untroubled because of the big effort put in by JACK at the back. This earned him man of the match. RHIANNA MALONE and MICHELLE KEZERLE were involved continually with the play in midfield allowing the forwards plenty of shots on goal. Finally, a brilliant solo run from MARK NEWLAND broke the deadlock. MARK ran nearly the length of the field leaving the opposition in his wake before beating the goalkeeper. LIAM KIRK also made some very long runs and was also unlucky not to score. It was a good solid performance by the Emus with all players harassing the opposition and showing plenty of control on the ball. The long runs and ball control had been practised at training. It is good to see the players exhibiting the confidence to put training into practice on the field.

U7 ECHIDNAS

NO REPORT

U7 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 5

What a great game! The entire team played with such courage, determination and tireless energy that they would have to be the most improved and probably the best defensive team now in the division. Such play both surprised and upset the oppositions attack, who didn't recognize the team as the same played very early in the season. ISABEL SEAMAN played Goalkeeper first half, throwing her body all over the ball for some tremendous saves. ERIKA LOVE was fearless in defense and attack. BEN HURWOOD tackled every player that came his way and followed through with some spirited breaks. NICOLAS RASMUSSAN's skill and commitment shone as he defended strongly and let rip with some long, high kicks. JACK TOWNEND was ever reliable in defense, tackling well and moving the ball forward. In goals in the second half RYAN HODGES played well under pressure and also showed strength in his kicking. SOPHIA TOWNED ran hard with some great forward kicking, earning him Most Improved Player, while AIMEE LOVE's consistency in being everywhere and in everything, made her a well deserved Player of the Match.

U7 KOALA'S

THORNLEIGH 4 vs ROSELEA 3 23 July 2005

Hey hey hey, the Thornleigh Thunder Koala's march on! 9.15am Saturday morning saw 7 sets of boys and their folks drive on down to blustery Ryde to take on Roselea. The scene was set. In round one we had gone down 2-4 to this team and it was decided a parent meeting had to be organised to discuss tactics. The night before at the local restaurant was a good venue. Thank goodness it was the boys that took the field the next morning and not the mums & dads! The whistle blew and not long later we were 3-0 in front CALLUM, BEN and HAYDEN scoring sensational goals. Then, Roselea came back and we faced the pressure. HARRISON was in goals and saved one off the line. ALEX tackled with gusto, JACOB hovered in the backs and swooped on the loose play and young BYRON was a Panther striving for goals. BEN sealed a final goal and 4-3 was the final score. A very enjoyable morning.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 3 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED SPORTS 0

With only one game to go this week's game was a pleasure to watch. Our boys were chasing and challenging the opposition at every moment. Our defence was efficient. They stopped all attacks, running the ball to the side, out of harms way, and running or clearing the ball up the line to counter-attack whilst the opposition struggled to run back into their defensive positions. In the 18th minute we saw ANGUS catch the opposition off guard, after an injury, to open up the scoring. This was followed by a superb goal, 1 minute into the 2nd half, where JOSH skinned 3 players before shooting the ball into the bottom left hand corner of the net. Our final goal was scored by BEN SEPAROVICH with a beautiful strike from the penalty box to seal the game 8 minutes before the final whistle. Two notable players were ANGUS who instinctively hung around the goal mouth waiting for the crosses and CALLUM (Player of the Match) who faithfully guarded the goals at centre back, kept MACQUARIE'S score to zero. Most boys hate being at the back, but CALLUM shows great team spirit by doing the job and doing it well without complaint. Well done team!

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 3 vs REDFIELD LIONS 0

Almost the end of the season, and its all coming together – our boys are hungry for goals, and it shows. After an initial slow start, our team was well and truly fired up by half-time, with the boys preferring to spend the break practicing on the field, which kept the momentum steady throughout the game. Two goals, deft footwork and good running by CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA brought him the very well-earned Man of the Match award this week, hot on the heels of BEN “Beckham” WALLWOOD, who scored the other goal. TOMMY SIMCOCK, JACK GREEN and HAYDEN SIMONS were also near goal-scorers in this game, only foiled by some particularly good saves by the opposition goalkeeper. PETER WADDELL put in a fabulous running game, and our defence line of the fleet-footed ERIC JIANG, ANDREW HADDAD (love those power kicks, Andrew!) and the solid ROBERT JONES worked well whenever the ball came down towards the opposition’s goal. Good to see the forward thinking by DANIEL FOWLER and JAMES PATTERSON as they constantly re-positioned themselves to keep the ball in play and away from the opposition. (Reminder – next week is the re-scheduled 2nd July match 10.30 at Carlingford School).

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HOLY CROSS 4

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. Well that may very well be true, but band camp, the school athletics carnival and barking coughs sure put a dose of lethargy through the team this week. With a few exceptions the team was as flat as road kill on the Hume Highway. Also Holy Cross played pretty good football and deserved their win. Our player of the week was NICK S who ran himself ragged covering up in defence as well as pushing forward whenever the opportunity arose. BRANDON also had a strong game at the back. WILL tried hard all match and MITCH was everywhere after his trip overseas saw him miss a couple of games. Everyone deserves a pat on the back for trying their hardest even though they were not on top of their form. It is amazing how quickly the season has flown past with next week being our last game for 2005. Let’s hope it is a good one and we make it three wins out of three against Macquarie Combined.

U9/8

BYE

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

With the usual shortage of players the team leapt to the challenge with their usual enthusiasm keeping the game scoreless right past half time. Our defence stood up to the repeated attacking form of the opposition in the person of CAMERON SHARIFI and DARREN JOOSTEN. We had a few good attempts at goal by JOHN BAYNIE who, with a good pass almost saw SAMUEL LANE scoring, only to have the ball strike the cross bar. ROBERT STARREVELD provided some good goal keeping in the first half, fending off every ball that came his way. SAMUEL CLARKE provided an equally formidable obstacle in the goals in the second half and it was just unfortunate that the ball bounced over the top of his head from a very good block that gave the opposition their only goal. TIM CLAREMONT and JAMES PAEK were key forces in keeping the ball in the oppositions half with some excellent backup provided by the mid fielders OLIVER JUDSON and ALASDAIR BELLING.

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 5 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 0

Thornleigh started with what should have been a disadvantage having only 11 players on the day but those 11 players rose to the occasion and played their hearts out. They played as a team and their passing and kicking skills were well and truly put in to practice. Every player on the field put in an excellent performance. MICHAEL GAMBLE scored the Thornleigh goal and the fantastic hands of our fill in goal keeper, RAPHAEL HARVEY, kept Gladesville scoreless. Well done boys, keep up the good work.

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 7

U12/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 4

A free kick for DANYON early on and NICK saved the day in goals in the first ten minutes though extreme pressure saw Hills Hawks score shortly after. Thornleigh recovered well and moved the ball upfield quickly for JOSH to score for us. Beautiful work from DANYON saving a goal by kicking the ball over the top of the goal posts. There was too much action near the Hills Hawks goal for the parents blood pressure! Plenty of team work in the midfield with TOM, NATHAN and JORDAN and loads of defence from the Thornleigh boys KELSEY, SCOTT, SAAMID and BRADLEY. Hills Hawks scored goal number two just before the halftime whistle, a valiant effort from NICK.... if only he was five centimetres taller. The second half saw plenty of action in our half with good ball work by MATTHEW D. and attacking play by JOSH, KEL and MATTHEW W., though strong defence from Hills Hawks held us back. A strong run from JOSH, a goal so close yet so far. Hills Hawks broke away and it looked grim with one player bearing down on NICK. We should not have worried; NICK saved the day again. The next push from Hills Hawks was too strong and they scored again 3-1. Then Hills Hawks struck again, quickly we were down 4-1. The best part was the boys never said die! The reporter’s choice was KELSEY and coach’s player of the match was MATTHEW D.

U13/2 THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORMANHURST 1

This game saw the 13.2's return to their former glory with some great team work and consistent positional play. One of the highlights of this match was the fact that the team performed well in defence but maintained the pressure in attack throughout the 90 minutes. The initial goal came from the midfielders feeding the ball upfield and the forwards finished off with some nice work from MATTHEW and MAX. The second half goals went to LACHLAN - very well earned - and a conclusive penalty shot by JOEL - a welcomed return to the side. Full credit to the team for not losing their composure after Normo struck back and won the game conclusively by sticking to their game plan. Solid work by the defence kept the against to the single goal which may become vital to the outcome for the run to the grand final. Two more games displaying this level of team commitment could see a very rewarding conclusion to the season. Keep up the good work.

U13/5 THORNLEIGH 3 vs PUTNEY RANGERS 1

The win today against the Premiers and the draw last week with the runners up gives these guys a real chance of making the grand finals. The team has developed enormously over the last few weeks, with each and every player, playing beyond his or her known capability. Their commitment, which is second to none, has rattled both teams. Credit must also be shared with our coach, who has been working on the team's intensity levels at training over the last four weeks. Although Putney was the first to hit the net, (against the flow of the game) it wasn't long before the guys dug deep and showed their tenacity with three unanswered goals. Special thanks need to go to MATTHEW and KEL from the 12/3's who as reserves were able to help us keep the intensity for the full 60 minutes. One or two more weeks to go and I can start sleeping in on Saturdays again.

U14/3 NO GAME

U15/1 THORNLEIGH 3 vs HILLS HAWKS 4

The boys gave Hawks a hell of a fright! We were 2 nil up after just five minutes, with MICHAEL PARK scoring first after OLIVER WELLS forced their Goalie into a mistake, then a few minutes later STEVE SMITH curled a perfect corner kick right into the goal mouth and to be honest we don't know who scored, but it was the corner kick that did the work. The Hawks were looking like stuffed chooks at that stage, but they didn't come clear second in the competition without talent, so slowly but surely they regathered some momentum and started putting pressure on Thunder. By half time, they had clawed their way back to two all, with their second goal in particular being worthy of a TV replay. After the break, they gained the ascendancy for a while with two more goals, but then Thunder realised their season was really on the line and rallied again. With two minutes to go, HA-MIN JEON came forward from sweeper to run on to a neat cross by OLI WELLS and score, which set the Hawks squawking nervously again. But they held onto the end to come out winners. Thunder played well and it was a good game to watch for the spectators.

U17/2 THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 3

AA/1 WITHDRAWN

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 4

AA/6 WOMEN NO REPORT

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 4 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 2

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 4

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS (B) 3

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 1

PL1/Res

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 3

North Epping Rangers were sitting in fifth spot and Thunder in sixth spot on the competition table - neither team could improve on their position. Thunder had a player sent off in the first 5 minutes of play following an incident with a linesman. Thunder had the better of play in the first half with numerous shoots from CHRIS WOOD and MATTHEW FITZGERALD failing to find their target. At the other end JAMES RUSHTON kept Thunder in the game with a number of excellent saves. 0:0 at half time was a fair reflection of the first half. NER scored first when James was chipped on the edge of the box. NER scored their second 10 minutes later when our tiring defence left a player unmarked in front of goal. ADRIAN MASCARI got Thunder back into the game with an excellent goal following good lead up play from LINTON ISTED and STEVE JACK. NER wrapped the game up with a third goal just before full time. Best & Fairest points went to: JAMES RUSHTON 3 points, LINTON ISTED 2 points and DANIEL STARREVELD 1 point.

PL1/1sts

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 0

NER went into this game in equal second spot while Thunder could not improve on their sixth spot position. Depending on the results of two other games NER could slip from second to fifth and miss out on the finals. Thunder had an early let off with keeper DAVID BALL saving a penalty and another 10 minutes later with a shot that hit the post. Following these early incidents you just knew this was going to be the afternoon that "Thor the God of Thunder" was going to smile on our team. It was a tough first half with no team willing to give an inch. In the mid field MATTHEW FRENCH and AVAN YOUNG keep the pressure on their main play maker, while our strikers kept NER defense on their toes. NER started the second half strongly. "Thor" again kept Thunder in the game, smiling on another NER shot that hit the post and another when probably three quarters of the ball was over the line. NER became desperate to score and pushed a number of players forward. This left DAMIEN SUPLINA with space and you guessed it he scored with three minutes remaining on the clock. It was a well earned victory for Thunder and a positive to build on for next season. The mobile phones were running hot after full time and yes NER finished in fifth spot. Our win also allowed local rivals Normanhurst to finish in fourth spot. Best & Fairest points went to: DAVID BALL 3 points, MARK HOLLIDAY 2 points and one point each to MATTHEW FRENCH and DAMIEN SUPLINA. A big thank you to all of our supporters and to JOHNNO our BBQ chef for a great season.