



Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.



SOCCER DIVISION

BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

6 August 2005

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It may have been the last game of the season for many of our teams but we are not done yet. Congratulations to the I3/5 who have advanced to the championship round. Their game is at 8:30 AM at LH Waud. It would be great if we could get as many people down there as possible. This is our only chance to win a championship in the GHFA competition. Let's show our full support.

Our Women's All Age team continues on their winning way. They downed Balmain on Sunday at Santa Rosa Park. They are now the hot contenders for the championship in their division. Their Grand Final is on Sunday, August 21. Further details will be forth coming.

Two events that are closing in fast are the senior and junior presentations. The Senior Presentation will take place at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club on August 20. The **Junior Presentation** will occur on **August 28** (Sunday) at Oakleigh. **U6, U7 & U8 Presentations** will take place from **11.30am** followed by a free sausage sizzle and tea/coffee for lunch. **U9 to U15 Team Presentations** will take place from **1.00pm**. Cheap drinks and food will be on sale at the Canteen on Junior Presentation Day to clear stocks at the end of the season!

A reminder to team managers to return all your gear to the Gear & Equipment managers, Bruce Eldridge and Steve Gamble as soon as possible.

See you next week at the I3/5 game.

Yours in commitment

Rob Roberts

MESSAGE FROM BETH PHILLIPS - CANTEEN MANAGER

The Oakleigh Canteen and Barbecue have been a success again this year, with over \$4500 profit raised for the club. My thanks to all parents who have manned the canteen and barbecue this year, and to team managers for their roster organising.

My special thanks to - Michelle Simcock, who has again organised the barbeque supplies,
- and Jacklyn Clark, for taking the food deliveries directly at the canteen for me.
Without their help, your kids would have been rather hungry !

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U6 EMUS

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST EPPING 8

The Emus fought hard in their unlucky last game of the season. They played a very strong side who kept the boys on the run. RYAN CLARKE and JOSH NATOLI had their work cut out for them both in goals for half the match doing a great job not to have let the score grow any higher. SAMUAL KALNINS had one of his best games of the season getting plenty of ball all game. REUBEN SPARGO and LACHLAN HARRIS worked well together clearing the ball when it was going nowhere. CHRIS WATT had some great breaks from the pack and so too did HARRISON DARGAN keeping the ball alive. The two stand outs for the game were JOSH REIDY and NATHAN POLLOCK who were both named "Man of the Match" They both fought hard in defence not giving up. Well done EMUS thanks for a great season let's gear up for next year when we are bigger stronger and faster.

U6 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 5

Different week, same score. For the second week in a row, the Magpies went down 1 – 5 against strong opposition. North Epping proved to be a very good team, with 3 or 4 talented players and a strong defence spelling the end of Thornleigh's hopes of ending the season on a winning note. But as ever the Thunder went down fighting, with valiant efforts in goal in each half by ALEXANDER HORSPOOL and player of the week HUGH FRASER keeping the score from blowing out too much. In midfield and defence, RORY MADDEN and JULIA MOKDSI again had strong games, and ELANI WILD, WILLIAM GRANT, LACHLAN JONES and MARCUS GRANT made good contributions in both halves. Our all over the field dynamo TOM KENNEDY was having a typically strong game in defence and attack, but found his normal length of the field runs cut short by the swarming North Epping defence. At half time however the score was just 0 – 2 and a fightback seemed on the cards. But North Epping soon put paid to these hopes, scoring three second half goals despite some fantastic goalkeeping by HUGH. With a couple of minutes to go, TOM managed to dribble through the Rangers' players to salvage some respectability. Once again, despite the score, the Magpies players came off smiling, having given and received three huge cheers! The game was played in a very nice spirit and was a fitting way to end what has been an enjoyable season.

U6 PLATYPUS

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK A 6

Following our only bye of the season last week, Thornleigh returned with skill and courage in a closely fought match against West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook A. It was a deft display by the Thunder as all the boys remained engaged and focused, under instruction from the sideline supporters. The Thunder were unlucky not to shoot to an early lead, JOSHUA DE SILVA punched through the defence a number of times during both halves showing great kick and run technique. DANIEL MERRICK threw himself into the fray with tough tacking and ROBERT BRADLEY showed a great display of goal keeping in the first half. WILLEM OATES again demonstrated speed and ball control in the first half and saved many goals as keeper in the second half. DOMINIC MANNELL tackled without fear all match, remaining in the thick of the action. TOMMY JIANG was also strong and enthusiastic getting a number of good kicks away. LACHLAN DAWES was awarded the Player of the Match with another great performance and good all round play on the field. This match signalled the last game of the boys first season (most anyway). All have shown great improvement over the year. Thanks Brad for your great coaching.

U7 EMUS

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 2

Though defeated the Emus played as a team and were competitive throughout the game. It was a whole hearted effort by the entire team and the score could have been a lot closer. LIAM KIRK was in goals in the first half and the score remained at 0 all through some classic saves. JACK NAYLOR was as reliable as ever at the back. His defence restricted the number of shots on goal and allowed the girls RHIANNA MALONE, MICHELLE KEZERLE and TESSA GIBBONS to push the ball forward. MARK NEWLAND, AIDAN LANE and SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS were everywhere in both defence and attack. In the second half it was more of the same. The team shut down the Hills Hawk's attack and mounted some very good attacks of their own. MARK NEWLAND, LIAM KIRK and AIDAN LANE all had shots on goal after some very long runs. Often playing against eight committed opposition players finally took toll on the Emus and two goals resulted. SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS powerful well directed kicks as goal keeper were one of the highlights of the game. All players tried throughout and it was commented by many that it was probably their best display of the year. MARK NEWLAND was awarded player of the match. It was a great team effort and a pleasing way to end the season.

U7 ECHIDNAS

NO REPORT

U7 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 1 vs RYDE 3

The last game of the season started slowly for the Magpies but the good defence by BEN HURWOOD and ALEX WILD kept Ryde at bay. After the half time break, the tempo stepped up and the second half became a thrilling climax to the season. AIMEE LOVE showed her tackling skills off whilst JACK TOWNEND earned Most Improved Player with some great work up the right wing. RYAN HODGES in defence, repeatedly stopped the Ryde forwards. NICLAS RASSMUSSEN drove forward and put the Ryde goalie under pressure as the team really turned up the heat on the opposition. Then, taking her chance from a free kick, ISABEL SEAMAN slammed the ball into the Ryde goal, ensuring that the season would be one we would not forget and earning herself the Player of the Match award. It is remarkable how much the team has improved under the coaching of STEVE TOWNEND. Thanks also go to the manager, HY LOVE and to the parents who have supported this team throughout the season.

U7 KOALA'S THORNLEIGH THUNDER 4 vs BEECROFT 0 July 30

CALLUM GIFFNEY made the save of the year - a sharp shot in the air right into his hands. While out in the field he also pounced on the ball made a great run and scored. HAYDEN TODOROSKI cracked one with his left foot in the back of the goals. BYRON CLEASBY chased one through to score. JACOB CLARK not only scored, but proudly let us know that he used his left foot during the game. ALEX BORG played goal in first half and made some terrific saves. HARRISON FLACK played in the backs and let nothing through. And the game saw the return of ALEX WILD with an enhanced English accent. Nice to see the boys begin to work with the concept of passing. This Wednesday's training will see Parents v the kid's game. Watch out for the MUM's on the field; Nina, (BEN HAYWOOD, we now know why you can dribble so well!!!) Julia, Meg, Charmaine, Lyn, Raelene, Christie and Carol.

U7 KOALAS THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 2 August 6

Final game, Oakleigh 10am and the crowd gathered. The boys huddled. On 3 now and let's yell it out, "1,2,3, GO THUNDER." The game started and it was going to be a close one. West Ryde Rovers scored but we were cool, no problems, all under control, and then, BYRON CLEASBY and HAYDEN TODOROSKI equalized and then put us in front. Half time came, drinks and the big final half time "rev" up and not long later JACOB CLARK also scored. A late goal by the opposition gave the results final score of 3-2 a fair indication of the game. BEN HAYWOOD controlled well from the back setting up the play and HARRISON FLACK continues to salvage broken down play and reverse the ball back into the opposition's territory. It was great to see 2 really good plays by both ALEX BORG and CALLUM GIFFNEY, winning the ball while facing our own goal and also turning the play around with some excellent dribbling and running skills. And MR ALEX WILD is back, not only to rejoin the team but assist other thunder sides, Well done. Thanks. Brian Flack. See you at the Presentation BBQ Aug 28.

U8 RED THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS A 0

For the final match of the season the team played a great game. There were twelve stars on the field with each player putting in an enormous effort. With all the boys playing so well it was a pleasure to award each boy with Player of the Match. This seemed to please the team as they responded with a cheer. They were unlucky not to score as they had more of the ball than WPHs. The great news is that of the few games we lost this year the team was beaten by the WPH B team so a nil/nil draw with the A team means the boys have improved greatly over the year. Well done team.

U8 WHITE NO REPORT

U9/2 THORNLEIGH 2 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 1

It is a truth universally acknowledged that if we score two goals and the other mob only score one then WE WIN!!! And, given that this does not happen very often, it was cause for some celebration of the snake, redskins and musk stick variety. Player of the match this week goes to the WHOLE TEAM as every one played their part in this win. Our goals were scored by ADRIAN and NICK C and both were the result of great team build up. What was even more pleasing was that we got the second goal after Macquarie equalized. Second goals for us this year have been as rare as on time trains. In the first half we were all over them like politicians on a gravy train and really could have been more than one up at oranges. NICK C had a couple of cracking shots that just went wide. NICK S, playing forward for a change, made a couple of penetrating runs and chased back to help in defence as well. MAX, MITCH and TOM D held the backline together well although they were not overworked as the midfield of ADRIAN, CAMPBELL, TOM L, JOSH and WILL denied the opposition any meaningful possession. Meanwhile BRANDON was trying to stay warm in goal. The second half saw the team pushing forward enthusiastically looking for the goal that would seal the game. However they got caught on a fast break while our defenders were being attackers and suddenly after being so dominant they were looking at having to share the honours. But a quick throw in was nodded on by MAX to ADRIAN who jinked a bit and crossed it over to the middle where, after some hand to hand combat, NICK C whacked away the winner. Justice was done and we finished the season on a high note. Special mention should also go to TOM D who showed true Thunder spirit in going in to goal for the second half when no one really wanted to. That is the mark of a real team player. Well played guys and let's do it all again next year.

U9/8 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 1

U10/3 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLENHAVEN 1

This was a really good game for the boys to end the season on and they certainly did not deserve to lose this one. Despite having lost 1-0 the boys played brilliantly with only 8 players against a side that had a full team plus two reserves. Despite the disparity in the numbers we were on the oppositions side of the field just as much as they were on ours. It was the fantastic goal keeping by ROBERT STARREVELD that saw the many attempts at goal by the opposition fail. SAMUEL LANE, TIM CLAREMONT and SAMUEL CLARKE, did some formidable darting and dodging to make several of our own attempts at goal while the midfield saw some excellent forward passing by OLIVER JUDSON and ALSDAIR BELLING. CAMERON SHARIFI did a superb job of blocking the ball before it could even reach the goal lines and DARREN JOOSTEN provided his usual solid performance in defence.

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 4 vs HILLS HAWKS 0

For the last game of the season we finally had a full complement of players determined to end the season on a high note. A couple of minutes into the match HAABID powered a goal into the back of the net, and the team never looked back. CLAUDIA scored the next goal, aided by some great running from DYLAN, REBEKA and KATHERINE. TRISTAN banged in another as the halftime whistle blew. We were running into the sun in the 2nd half, but thanks to our courageous defenders FERGUS, DALE and JOSH, very few balls got near our goal. Any that did were cleaned up by DANIEL who sent them back up to the halfway line somewhere in LINDSAY's direction. A late goal from TRISTAN again sealed the final result.

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 0

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 0

It was the last game of the season and the boys were on fire. There was only one way traffic and it was all directed at the Gladesville net. However, luck was on our opponent's side and we were limited to a respectable three goals. JAKE BRENNAN put a long shot in from outside the penalty area, MITCHELL SMITH followed up with a well placed penalty shot from a hand ball. MITCHELL later kicked a blinder in from a good distance from the Gladesville penalty area to seal the fate of the overwhelmed Sharks. It may be late in the season, but we were just hitting form. There's no better way to finish the season than on a winning note. Well done boys.

U12/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK 1

Today's game was crucial for our team. The game hasn't commenced yet but I decided to start writing anyway. The boys were all on the field ready to start. A big kick from DANYON nearly developed into a goal with KEL's shot hitting the post. Then our boys were offside and play was stopped. Soon after there was a missed goal from one of our boys. The ball was kicked down towards our goal but MATTHEW W., BRADLEY, SCOTT and JORDAN showed good defence. MATTHEW W. had a corner shot but it hit the cross bar resulting in no score. A big boot from DANYON saw us take possession from the other team and take the ball up their end of the field. West PHCB kept kicking the ball towards our goal but our boys kept blocking their kicks. A big kick from DANYON was another near miss of the goal. A corner kick from West PHCB saw the ball fly into NICK's hands. Then after kicking the ball into play the half time whistle was blown. The second half began with play moving up and down the field. There was great defence by KELSEY, SCOTT, SAAMID and BRADLEY and terrific support in the midfield from MATTHEW D., TOM and NATHAN. Then a corner from MATTHEW W. resulted in another near miss of the goal. West PHCB then got a penalty shot for a headbutt accident which did not profit them. Our boys had a lot of headers giving us advantage of play, which saw DANYON and JOSH, have near goals. The score is still nil all. A handball against us saw the penalty shot on goal hit the post but then the rebound resulted in a goal for West PHCB. A kick from BRADLEY saw the ball fly into his mother's face.....Terry is okay. Then great defence by SCOTT stopped West PHCB from an attempted goal. The game went on like this until full-time, sadly resulting in a 0-1 against us. The boys played very well and the score didn't reflect their efforts. Thanks to everyone who helped through out the season. The reporter's choice was DANYON and coach's player of the match was NICK.

U13/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

U13/5

THORNLEIGH 4 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 1

U14/3

NO GAME

U15/1

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS Red 2

We figured that all we needed was to win by at least 11 goals, Hills Hawks needed to thrash the other WPH team and a couple of pigs needed to fly past in formation. Not much to hope for really!! But none of the above came to pass. The boys played a good game, but a draw was fair result and the fact that the top two teams over the season are in the Grand Final in two weeks and the third and fourth teams finished third and fourth again in the round robin means that the football gods have prevailed. Well done to all of the boys for trying hard all season - finishing in the top four in a Division 1 competition is a feat in itself, so you can be proud of a good season. Congratulations and thanks to DAVE ISTEAD for Coaching the boys all year.

U17/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 2

6 August

The last game of the pennant round robin was a very even affair and the result could have gone either way. As it happened the main difference was the first Ravens goal scored after only five minutes of play when a momentary lapse saw two Ravens left unmarked in front of our goals. The remainder of the match was a one-all draw with NICK BOSS scoring an impressive goal just before half time. It was difficult to pick outstanding players today as the whole team put in a good effort. But JACK PACKHAM and ANDREW SPARKES had strong mid-field games and NICK BOSS was particularly effective up front. It was good to have coach Matt Doig at the game, having been relieved of his Premier League commitments, and the high spirited support from the sidelines was particularly amusing, even drawing the ref into the banter. Whilst a win would have been nice to round out the competition, the boys have every reason to be satisfied with a very positive season of soccer. Congratulations to you all for your healthy attitude and your never-say-die approach to each match.

Over the last few seasons we've always had great matches against the Rangers and today was no exception. The Rangers were on fire and went 2 goals up about a quarter of the way into the match. The Thunders were a bit scrappy, but were awarded a penalty which JACK PACKHAM converted to put us back in the game. Then MATT ELDRIDGE put a huge bomb from right field about 25 metres out straight into the net to claw back a half-time draw. A good talking to by coach Craig at the break put the boys on track for a much more disciplined second half performance. Although we went down with a Rangers goal not too long before the final whistle, the boys played passionate football and should be pleased with their overall performance.

AA/1 WITHDRAWN

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 3 vs OAKHILL COLLEGE 2

AA/6 WOMEN NO REPORT

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORMANHURST 2

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 2 vs RYDE DISTRICT PANTHERS 4

What a great game of soccer to finish off our season , our team has struggled all year to put a full team onto the park and be competitive week after week . but as those of you who follow this team through the Blue and Gold know, we have never given up and remained true to the club spirit . This game showed all of the grit and determination that our club is famous for . We could only muster 10 players for this match due to injuries and so a reshuffled team took to the field to do battle with a Ryde team brimming with confidence and players (a squad of 16). We started the match well and were soon putting pressure on the Ryde defence and were desperately unlucky not to score on several occasions. Our lone striker, MARC, was worrying the Ryde team with probing runs, with our mids NICK , JOHN , ROSS and TIM holding the centre of the park and giving him excellent service, and after 25mis it was still nil all. In the backs , ANGUS , JAMES, MATT and new sweeper JOSH were playing the game of their lives as they continually turned defence into attack. Whilst in goals our stand in keeper LEIGH was saving every thing that Ryde could throw at us. Ryde scored 3 unanswered goals late in the half due our teams tiredness and we had a genuine goal by MARC ruled offside (a Ryde player was Ref, nuf said). We came out in the second half full of fight and really put the wind up Ryde with many raids into their territory with JAMES, ROSS and NICK just missing with great shots, our pressure was rewarded by 2 excellent goals by MARC . Well done boys a tremendous effort and a positive way to finish the season, your improvement as a team as the year progressed was a credit to you all. Thank you to all of our players JOSH, NICK, KARTICK, JAMES, ANGUS, TIM, BARNEY, JOHN, ROSS, LEIGH, REECE, MATT, CARL and our guest players, in particular the 17/2 squad during the year and thanks to our supporters we really appreciate you being at our games. A huge thank you to our Manager Rob Roberts, who not only is President of our club but gives up his time for our team. See you all next year .

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 6

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 2

PL1/Res NO GAME

PL1/1sts NO GAME