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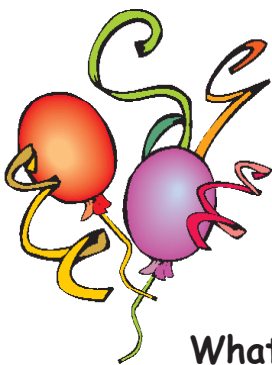
The season is well and truly in full swing. A big thank you to all the parents especially those of our juniors for getting up early on Saturdays and getting the players to their many varied venues. We appreciate your commitment and loyalty to the Club. The under 6s & 7s are doing a fantastic job with the barbeque and this continues to be an important revenue stream for the Club.

I was pleased with the efforts of our girls/women's teams on Sunday. In a Mother's Day special we had two wins and a draw from our three teams. An excellent effort and a sign of things to come no doubt. I appreciate the tireless efforts of coaches (Kyri, Craig and Shane) who continue to show great leadership in the Thornleigh women's soccer division. Anna and Anne-Marie are our women's contact people and they have done much along with John Sparkes in promoting this increasingly important part of the Club.

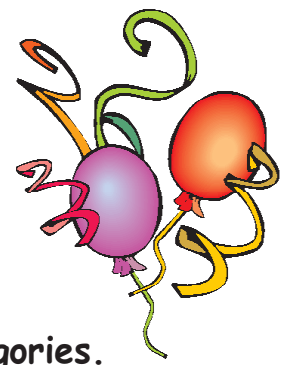
Preparations for the Under 7 Gala Day and Trivia Night are progressing well. Details on the Trivia Night are below. We look forward to your continued support.

Yours in commitment,

Rob Roberts



THUNDER FC TRIVIA NIGHT



Bigger & Better Than Before!

What: General trivia questions from various categories.

Where: Thornleigh West Primary School

When: July 1, 2006 - 7.30pm-midnight

Cost: \$20 per ticket, tables 8-10

Theme: World Cup Soccer

(each table will represent a team from the World Cup)

Presenter: Well known local personality.

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Match Reports

U6 ECHIDNA THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 5

In the first half LOUISA LAWRENCE was our goalie and was kept very busy. She did well to only let two goals through. THOMAS DAKIN made a great goal with the help of TIMOTHY REYNOLDS and DYLAN DONOVAN getting the ball down the field. KARINA GREEN did a great job getting back on the field after hurting her knee and then had a tough job as goalie in the second half, with Normanhurst keeping her busy as they scored another 3 goals. Then we saw some great teamwork from ELANI WILD, MICHAEL SRAMECK and LOUISA who kept turning the ball around and getting it back to the goalposts, with TIMOTHY finally rolling the ball in to score our second goal. It was a tough game and they played well and kept the pressure on through the whole game.

U6 EMU THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 10

In the first half, LIAM GODFREY was our Goalie and he did an excellent Job. He got injured after the second goal against us and we replaced him by NICHOLAS PANZERA. He got two goals within a short time, but after that he felt at home and did a very good job. LEWIS HABROUK was the big runner today. He was a real fighter for the ball and even saved a ball on the line. Well done! NICHOLAS was the goalie in the second half. Even LIAM was able to play in the second half again. In this half, ETHAN GODFREY was the fastest foot on the Field and he was the one who nearly shot the only goal for Thornleigh. Although Normanhurst scored another five goals this half, REILLY KING was able to keep the team spirit high and you could see how much he enjoyed the game. HAMISH CROKER did a very good job in fighting off the ball from Normanhurst and he had some good passes to JOSHUA MUCH and NIKLAS WAGNER, but they weren't able to get the ball into the goal against the physically stronger Normanhurst Team.

U6 KOOKABURRA THORNLEIGH 0 vs BEECROFT 1

The game started with a great pass from OLIVER DEWEY to ALEXANDER WALSH followed by some excellent teamwork by JARED DE VRIES and ALEX. JARED kicked the ball down the field away from the opposition's goalposts which was followed by a good goal attempt by ALEX. Our 1st half goalkeeper, DANIEL DRAPER, saved a couple of balls beautifully showing great form, preventing any goal by the opposition in this half. HANSEL JI demonstrated some great strong kicks and defence this match earning him Player of the Match award. JOSHUA BENNETT got in a couple of great strategic kicks and gave strong support during the match. MATTHEW BUTLER played some great surprise attacks which kept the opposition on their toes. In the 2nd half we saw some more strong defence by HANSEL . JARED demonstrated a fantastic shoulder bounce in this half which, along with his trademark huge kicks and some terrific attack & defence moments, earned him the Merit Award. MATTHEW then got past the opposition's No 8 defender who was then stopped by BRADLEY HOWARD. No one had scored and we were ¾ the way through the match. With Beecroft's sideline supporters becoming ever more aggressive and with a couple of our players tagged to prevent their attacks, we found ourselves on the defence. DANIEL demonstrated some of his great dribbling skills then OLIVER kicked the ball beautifully to stop opposition's No 9. Their No 4 then intercepted followed with a great tackle by JARED. This was soon followed by Beecroft's goal by their No 4. With some spirited defence by BRADLEY, our 2nd half goalkeeper, who stopped a couple of goals brilliantly, and further defence from JARED & ALEX, we managed to stop another attempt by opposition's giant No 11. Our team played with great sportsmanship and should be truly proud of their efforts at this match.

U6 MAGPIES NO REPORT

U6 PLATYPUS THORNLEIGH 1 v NORMANHURST EAGLES 4

Well, what a difference a day can make, and the mighty Thunder tried so hard on this morn of the FA Cup Final, but alas, their energy and effort was still not quite enough. After a fairly heavy duty training schedule in the week, to ensure that we had done enough THUNDERING preparation, the mighty Platypus U6 team bush bashed their way over the dry terrain to Oakleigh 3 and met Normanhurst in a 'local derby' of epic proportions. Soon after the kick-off, ROBBIE BRADLEY was chasing the ball furiously while JOSH DE SILVA moved into overdrive and ran the ball everywhere! QUINN CAMPBELL displayed the tenacity and flexibility of a SOCCEROO, stopping, blocking and deflecting a multitude of shots as goalkeeper in the first half. As this half moved to a closure, CODY JERVIS scored a great goal to even up the score at 1-1, following on from a Normanhurst goal from an intercept only a few minutes earlier. The Platypuses were right in the thick of it, displaying courage and commitment all over the park. YASMINE ZEID tried her best on the field while RHORDAN STEPHENS defended with his usual maturity and highly 'energised' approach to the game. In the second half, DANIEL MERRICK took to the goals and followed on from the good work of QUINN, while JORDAN TAYLOR tackled, chased and kicked his way around the field, trying his hardest to stop the Normanhurst Eagle's Maradona look-a-like, who had started to weave his magic with the ball. After covering all corners of the globe, this young player scored 3 goals against us, and it certainly wasn't for the lack of trying! We won't be surprised if he is playing Premier League next week. For his non-stop enthusiasm JORDAN TAYLOR was awarded man of the match in a 30 minute tussle that didn't disappoint. Roll on next week, the Platypuses are to be congratulated for their great effort.

U6 KOALA NO REPORT

U6 WALLABY NO REPORT

U7 ECHIDNA

NO REPORT

U7 EMUS

THORNLEIGH 4 vs EASTWOOD 1

The emus were “on fire” against Eastwood with the boys showing amazing improvement in all areas of the game. JOSH REIDY whilst in goals let them know who was the boss literally and on field was great as well. TOM KENNEDY had a great game always chasing his opponents down to win the ball. HARRISON DARGAN had a ripper with a great goal and plenty of other solid work up front. JOSH NATOLI showed his speed flying up and down the field and scoring a goal through sheer determination. SAM KALNINS had his best game ever with huge kicks and breaking through the defence all game. RYAN CLARKE did a fine job in goals and also constantly fought and won the ball. REUBEN SPARGO had a fine game up in the front narrowly missing a couple of goal attempts with some great line breaks. NATHAN POLLOCK had a great game with some nice dribbling and a good goal aswell. CHRIS WATT stood out the most earning himself the “Man of the Match” title he put in a huge effort, putting his body on the line to win the ball and to pass it through. Well done Emus.

U7 KOALAS

NO REPORT

U8 GOLD

THORNLEIGH 2 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

What an exciting game as the team won its first victory of the season! It was an all around great team effort with many bright spots, but most notably, it was the defense on the day that really stood out. RYAN HODGES, ERIKA LOVE, and BEN HURWOOD all played solid scrappy defense, stopping the opposing forwards and getting the ball out of danger. RYAN even had a nice dribble up the side of the field and into the attacking half before passing to our forwards. ADAM COOPER was too much of a force for the other team, denying several chances at the goal and driving the ball up to our midfield, led by ISABEL SEAMAN and LIAM KIRK. They had the double duty of helping the defense and then pushing the ball up to our fighting forwards, AIMEE LOVE, and NICKLAS RASMUSSEN. It was a left footed shot from NICKLAS that broke the scoreless tie and earned him the Player of the Game Award! JACK TOWNEND played an excellent half in goal, holding the other side scoreless and earning the Most Improved Player Award in the process. In the second half BEN took the goalie position with the same intensity that JACK showed. He was ably assisted by defender CHRIS WATSON who slowed down a late opposing charge just enough so that BEN could scoop up the ball. Forwards ADAM WALKER and JULIAN HASSARATI pushed the ball hard up field during the second half causing a flustered goalie to grab the ball outside the box. This set up a free kick off the big boot of ADAM COOPER and straight into the goal to seal the victory! This game was a joy to watch, with the players thoroughly enjoying themselves. With cohesive team efforts like this, as taught by coach STEVE TOWNEND, surely many more victories are in store!

U8 ORANGE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 4

The match was mainly a defensive effort by the Thornleigh players. The girls at the back proved solid in defence with NATASHA FLETCHER, TESSA GIBBONS and ALEXANDRA SHIELDS all performing well. Goalkeeper SEAN NOTLEY-RUBENS pulled off some fabulous saves as did JACK NAYLOR in the second half. There were some individual flashes of brilliance during the game by AIDAN LANE and MATHEW ALLEN. Both players were unlucky not to score. In the mid field SUSY SOWDEN, NICHOLAS YUEN, ANTHONY DANG and JOSEPH NGUYEN were everywhere repelling attacks and making some long runs upfield. The scoreline did not reflect the closeness of the game or the effort put in by the team. Man of the match was awarded to MATHEW ALLEN for his superb effort in attack.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 4 vs REDFIELD 0

13 May

More than 25 Parents and siblings turned up to Ruddock last Saturday to watch the 12 boys in their BIG GAME of the week. Beautiful weather and a great result to match. JACOB CLARK, BEN HAYWARD, ISSAC MUNOZ and CAI HUGHES were today’s scorers. BYRON CLEASBY made several classic runs down the line. HAYDEN TORDOSKI made the other line his. CALLUM GIFFNEY charged through the middle. JORDAN DAVIS and HARRISON FLACK sweep the ball away from our goals. ALEX WILD played well in the middle while ALEX BORG and GABREIL FRAZER pounced on the loose ball up front. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 4 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0 6 May

8.30 am off to James Henty oval Cherrybrook and the team prepared to do battle with West Pennant Hills. CALLUM GIFFNEY and ISSAC MUNOZ, had their turns in goal today and did very well to keep a clean sheet. BEN HAYWARD set the pace with 2 goals, one a cracker from the side. HARRISON FLACK scored his first ever goal in the second half and AEX WILD celebrated his birthday scoring one too. CAI HUGHES, GAB FRAZER, ALEX BORG and JORDON DAVIES continue to play very well, HAYDEN TORDOSKI makes some terrific drives forward with the ball and JACOB CLARK is kicking impressively. And BYRON CLEASBY put an extra special performance today as his dad brought the video camera.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN 2 29 April

Another hard fought and evenly contested match saw the team produce a 2-2 result down at Glenhaven. IZZACK MUNOZ scored another cracker while GABRIEL FRASER was rewarded with his constant chasing to score in the last few minutes to even the match up. It's fantastic to see the boys well supported by the full entourage of parents.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 1 22 April

Wow, what a game. We were down 1-0 until the last 5 minutes and came back to win 2-1. In what was a fairly close match for most of the game the team tore away in the end once the sniff of how to score a goal floated in the air. (like the whiff of that Sunday afro BBQ that stops you in your tracks.) IZZACK MUNOZ scored a from the side and BEN HAYWARD scored one too. Terrific running by the whole team.

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING YMCA 1

Another strong performance by Thunder 9/2s, but alas the scoreline doesn't show the effort put in by our players. Thornleigh started the game slowly, and it was a battle of the midfield players (NATHAN, IVAN, CHRISTIAN) to win the ball and feed our offensive players. BEN M and JASON were able to make some great attacking runs, and they started to put Epping YMCA under pressure. At the other end Epping YMCA hit a few close shots at goal, but were kept goal less by MARK, our keeper. Half time score 0-0.

Thornleigh opened strongly in the second half, and really put the Epping goal under pressure, thanks to strong performances by SAM, CALLUM, and JOSHUA. Again the game was being won and lost in the mid field with BEN S, RYAN and MAX working hard to be first to the ball. After some attacking play by Thunder, Epping YMCA made a quick break, and broke our defensive lines to get a shot on goal - bingo, 1-0.

U9/5

THORNLEIGH 0 vs ROSELEA 3

Despite the loss the boys played brilliantly. In forwards we had BEN and DANIEL who made outstanding breaks but just weren't lucky enough to score. ROBERT, ANDREW and JACK in defence did an excellent job and thanks to theirs and ALEX'S hard work the score could have been a lot higher as Roselea managed to score their goals only in the first half.

In midfield we saw as usual some great running from JONATHON, KEVIN, HAYDEN, JOSHUA, TOMMY and CALLUM. Man of the Match was a well deserving ALEX.

U10/6

THORNLEIGH 5 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 0

Today saw a workman like performance by the "Sixers". They did just enough to subdue the opposition. I'm not sure that 8.15 is the best time for this team. That being said we were all over them like nail varnish and there was never any doubt that a win for Mothers Day was on the cards. JAY in goal in the first half did not touch the ball and JOSH S got a huge cheer when he grabbed the ball for the only time in the half. Our defence was simply magnificent with someone ready to cover up any time the Redbacks threatened. TESS was on a mission today stopping anything that came her way with one hip and shoulder putting the opposition player away very neatly. BLAKE snaffled two goals and played strongly. ANDRE scored a beauty after great lead up work from MITCH who slipped through and then flicked a great pass with the outside of his foot. MITCH also scored a well deserved goal with OWEN GOAL getting the other. Next week sees the battle of the two undefeated sides in this Division. Hopefully the "Sixers" play well and remain undefeated.

U11/3

THORNLEIGH 3 vs RYDE DISTRICT 7

The tenacious TIMOTHY JONES played a fantastic game in midfield today and was relentless in keeping the opposition at bay. The other midfielders, DALE EDWARDS and REBEKA FIELD also had to work hard to keep the ball going forward. JACK ANGEL and TRISTAN ZEID had some wonderful forward movements with some close goal shots. Coming to the rescue repeatedly at the back were MATTHEW FORD, SAMUEL CLARK, and DARREN JOOSTEN. SAMUEL LANE scored our first goal before half time with another to follow in the second half. Our third goal was set up by SAMUEL LANE with the goal coming off the boot of JACK ANGEL. Great work by our two goal keepers today – CAMERON SHARIFI and XAVIER BOUCHER who did a marvelous job under tremendous pressure (and no gloves!) Last, but not least, thanks to DANIELLE HADDAD from U10/6's for helping us out as reserve.

U11/6

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN 2

U13/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 0

This is the second time these two teams have played this season. Great attack and defence early in the game with a good break from HARRY. CHRIS S was kept busy in goals with pressure from MACQUARIE midfield. A number of chances down both sides and a great save by JARRYD kept the score at 0-0 half time. Incredibly the score remained 0-0 throughout the second half. So unlucky today boys. You played well. Player of the Match: JARRYD and HARRY. Reporter's Choice: LACHLAN.

U13/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 2

This match started off a very tactical affair with neither side overcommitting in attack. Play see-sawed from end to end until midway through the first half TERRI the Talisman turned up (late) whereupon JOSH made a great break to the right and opened up the centre for STEFAN to ghost through, beat the last defender and slot home top right. At the rear TOM and SAAMID continued to defend All Saints attacks. Towards the end of the first half All Saints started exerting constant pressure at the back but were turned back again and again by CHARBEL, SCOTT and BRAD. In the midfield DANYON, JORDAN and MATT were beavering away from end to end. Very late in the first half a hard low shot from the All Saints ORPNAN ANNIE look-a-like brought a great reaction save from NICK. Half-time 1-0 yoo hoo!!!

Boo-hoo followed quickly in the second half when a lapse in concentration saw two All Saints forwards lightly marked leaving MATT no chance of a save. Result 1-1. Almost a repeat saw All Saints slot another 2-1.... Not looking good. The second half also brought NATHAN and KHAN on for a run. A great shot from a long way out by JOSH nearly saw us equalize. Two more times with the help of LEE, JOSH, STEFAN and TOM we came within a whisker of a goal but still couldn't level up. And that's basically the way it went to full-time. Really, really unlucky. The reporter's player of the match was SAAMID, just pipping STEFAN.

Last week we forgot to mention that the scorer of our terrific goal was DANYON. Oops sorry DANYON.

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 3

A really tough game this week, against quality opposition. Although, it must be said the ref, could have been a bit more free with yellow cards, as many of our team were pushed around on several occasions. As goal keeper, WARWICK had a blinder, single handedly defusing several opposition attacking raids. Defenders NICHOLAS, JAMES, DARRYL and MEL also made strong contributions, on a day where our defense was tested. JOEL was at his dynamic best making blistering runs down the field, and was ably supported by MATTHEW. JOHN made a welcome return to the team, after several weeks on the sideline with injury - good to see he had lost none of his lightening speed during his layoff.

A special mention this week to coach CRAIG, who too covered a lot of ground, wearing a track, up and down the sideline, providing support for the whole team - keep it up coach, your positive commitment is a demonstration of the THORNLEIGH spirit. This game will certainly help preparations for future games, providing areas to work on, that ensure we can match it with any other team in this 1st division competition.

U14/2 Girls

THORNLEIGH 2 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 2

Today the girls were back to their normal hyperactive state. And why not as it was a big day for OLIVIA CLARKE making her debut after a pre-season a knee injury! And of course for those Mums who forewent brekky in bed to witness their darlings' exploits in the drizzle! Not much to say about the first half except that strong mid-field play by MCC finally overcame our defensive line-up 5 minutes before the half time whistle resulting in two quick goals. As is becoming the usual routine, the Denyer half-time drill had a marked affect and 8 minutes into the second half LUCY JONES made a strong shot at goals off a Thunder corner and girl-on-the-spot RANI PAII netted the rebound off the MCC keeper. Thunder confidence was now sky high and Captain Keels KEELY McCONVILL got the next one 4 minutes later when the MCC defence folded to the relentless Girl-Thunder attack. Our mid-field was a lot stronger in the second half with CHLOE BERESFORD and ELLIE CHIRGWIN playing aggressively, and MADDIE BROWN's towering throw-ins and general play. EMMA FORD and LUCY JONES were strong up front as usual with countless sojourns into MCC territory. CLAUDIE GROVES came onto the field in the second half, handing the No. 1 jersey to OLIVIA CLARKE. The girls were over the moon about clawing back a 2-nil deficit, and coach Craig now has the challenge of finding the key to unlock that second half madness a bit earlier in the match!

U14/4

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 2

U16/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PUTNEY 1

This was undoubtedly the boys best game of the season to date. The whole team was totally involved and determined to have the ball under their control. It was great to see them focused and working better together. OSCAR MARONEY scored a brilliant goal in the first half. The boys maintained this lead up until the last 30 seconds of the second half when Putney finally got lucky. JARROD GOVENDER had a brilliant game and BEN HOLLIDAY was incredibly reliable as always, defending our goal and clearing the ball back into safer territory. MATTHEW SOUTHWELL did a fantastic job as goalie and stopped many shots from going in. With renewed enthusiasm today, the boys proved to themselves and to us all how truly competitive they can be in this Division 1 competition. It's also great to see the boys from the team who are injured or sick, still coming to the game to support their team ... and do the line!! Great team work, guys!

AA2 THORNLEIGH 3 vs RYDE DISTRICT PANTHERS 2

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 3 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

AA/5 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 2 vs FLYING BATS 1

The Mother's Day match was one of great triumph. The girls showed true reliability and consistency throughout the game, which resulted in a 2-1 win, over The Flying Bats 3. The game started out with some solid defense and great attempts at goals, although in efforts to follow the ball, ADELAIDE experienced a big tumble, which took her out of the game. RHIAN stepped in, and kept the defense on task, constantly pushing up and encouraging the girls. About half an hour into the game, with gallant efforts LUCY scored twice with sidekick JACKIE, developing great teamwork. LYDIA, who tackled and defended very well, had a great game. MEL was brilliant as goalie, as usual, saving some imperative shots. As half time approached, MADDIE was working the sideline well and tackling her opponents with confidence. It was wonderful to see KATE return this week. She was hungry for the ball and rock-solid when marking. Back on the field, after half time, LEE was defending very well and stood out in the mid-field. The second half consisted of many more opportunities for the girls. LAUREN and ANGIE gave a solid effort and were great reinforcement for our forwards. ERIN proved to be a strong asset to the team, once again and Andrea had a good game, doing well to support the relentless effort by all the girls. There were some more great saves by MEL, although unfortunately the Flying Bats scored in the last few minutes. GREAT GAME GIRLS! Happy Mothers Day!

AA/8 THORNLEIGH 0 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 5

AA/8 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 5 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 4

AA / 15 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 5

This was another match that the score line does not tell the true state of the game .The Sharks are running 2nd in our competition and we knew that it would be a tough game . The boys came out firing and put Gladesville under pressure and were unlucky not to score . we hit the woodwork twice and one of them a brilliant strike by HAYDEN after he traveled 30 meters was deserving of a goal .

The Sharks are a very experienced outfit and are at least 6 to 8 years older per man than our team and they absorbed our early pressure and counter attacked scoring twice before half time . The guys came out for the second half determined to score the equalisers and were desperately unlucky not put a couple into the net . Three of the softest goals we have let in this season followed as the boys were kept on the back foot by the determined Sharks attack . DAVID K had a great game in the Mids as he tackled and attacked with vigor . we have a young side that lacks the experience of the teams that we are up against but our enthusiasm and determination is a joy to watch . we will improve as the season goes along and that elusive first win is not far away

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING YMCA 4

An outstanding 5 goal improvement from last week. An outstanding penalty save from Steve Mitchell. An outstanding injury toll. Being lost at the bottom of the table has at least brought Eddie Mcguire out with the chequebook to tell out story of tragedy and hardship..... what does \$20 buy these days? Anyway kids the news is good...Tim's rash is clearing up, Andre is doing well with his detox program, and Ross's therapist is pleased with his progress – the twitch is gone.. On the social front, all players and partners have confirmed attendance for our dinner out on 3rd June - stay at home that night dear readers. In late breaking news...team management has decided to protest the 3 penalty points given to us by the association – we just don't deserve them....even the bye gave us a run for our money. Finally.....we play next Sunday 3pm at Campbell Park against similarly placed WPH...could somebody come and watch as I can't keep wheeling out nanna...it hurts my back and my goal scoring ability.....

O35/4 THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE SHARKS 8

PL/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 3

Everything was in place for this much anticipated local derby. Thunder started well and were the better team in the opening period of play. MARK HOLLIDAY was unlucky not to score at the three minute mark when the only thing that beat him was an unlucky bounce. Normanhurst applied the pressure and scored mid way through the first half when a shot rebounded off the post. The second half belonged to Normanhurst as they dominated possession and field position. They scored to more unanswered second half goals and deserved their 3:0 victory. LUKE SMITHERS, AVAN YOUNG and STEVE LANSLEY never gave up for Thunder while LINTON ISTEED was rewarded for his non stop display with the Players Best & Fairest Award. Thunder's next game is against Gladesville Ravens on May 20 at Oakleigh Oval.

PL/Res THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 1

Normanhurst were the competition leaders and on paper they should have dominated this game. Thunder played well in the first half and kept Normanhurst to a 0:0 score line at half time. Then much to everyone's surprise Thunder scored, courtesy of CHRIS WOOD's trusted right boot. Normanhurst lifted and equalized 15 minutes before full time. The flow of the game was marred with the issuing of 7 yellow cards and 2 red cards, unfortunately both of the reds were to Thunder players. The remaining 9 players lifted for the last 10 minutes of play to hold on for a well deserved draw. MATHEW BARBER, SCOTT HIGGINS and MITCH BINGERMAN played well in the mid field while the star for Thunder and the Players Best & Fairest was keeper ADAM MOODY.