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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The last round saw an improvement in some scores for us and congratulations to our 35/1 team who posted their first victory on Sunday at Campbell Park. The guys showed that they still have the 'right stuff' as they powered home to a convincing 4-2 victory leaving their West Pennant Hills opponents unable to match the pace.

I am grateful to Karina Drummond who organises our Blue & Gold online newsletter each week. We have set our goal for the club to have every team doing at least a short report before mid season. I would appreciate if all managers or coaches or nominated parents could endeavour to send a match report to Karina for the next round. If you need assistance, we are more than willing to provide you with the needed support. I'm sure this goal is very achievable and only requires a little extra effort.

This week sees the beginning of our goalkeeping sessions. We plan to run the sessions on this coming Thursday 6:30 - 7:30 at Oakleigh Oval. All teams from 9 up are encouraged to send along at least one goalkeeper. Two more sessions will be run the following week on Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 - 7:30. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions if they are able. Thank you to the Premier League goalies for their assistance.

Have a good week.

Yours in commitment,

Rob Roberts

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Match Reports

U6 ECHIDNAS

THORNLEIGH 1 v GLENHAVEN 2

It was a sad start to the match with ELANI WILD and THOMAS DAKIN bravely defending against the 5 Glenhaven players on their own whilst TIMOTHY REYNOLDS did a great job as goalie. Then MICHAEL SRAMECK joined them, doing some great kicks up the field. They defended well but one goal still snuck through. Once DYLAN DONOVAN recovered from his pre match injury the teams were a bit more evenly matched. In the second half, KARINA GREEN joined in and played well, and poor lost LOUISA LAWRENCE finally found us and did some amazing runs down the field and goal attempts to make up for lost time. ELANI did a great dive of a save as goalie in the second half and went out injured with THOMAS admirably filling her place and only letting one goal through. And TIM bravely scored our only goal of the match. Next week maybe we'll have a full team ready to play at kickoff!

U6 EMU

NO REPORT

U6 KOOKABURRA

THORNLEIGH 3 vs OLHC EPPING 3

BRADLEY HOWARD started the game in great fashion taking control of the ball. OLHC proved a tough opponent and gave our 1st half goalkeeper, JARED DE VRIES, great practice with him stopping 5 goal attempts throughout the half proving himself a great talent in this position. DANIEL PATTERSON managed an awesome body bounce with the ball and played beautifully throughout match taking control of the ball on a number of occasions with one particularly impressive rally down the field, earning him the Player of the Match award. DANIEL DRAPER had a great game also with his trademark dribbling and teamwork earning him the Merit award. HANSEL JI also played well with many strong kicks and rallies. The teamwork came into play and this led to our first goal by an always impressive, MATTHEW BUTLER. The opposition then managed to kick 2 goals towards the end of the 1st half. For the 2nd half we had MATTHEW as goalkeeper and he proved too tough for the opposition to get past more than once. The opposition scored their 3rd goal but after a great rally by DANIEL DRAPER, ALEXANDER WALSH took the ball and scored 2 goals in quick succession bringing the score to 3 all. OLIVER DEWEY gave the ball some great strong kicks and JOSHUA BENNETT also proved strong in this half getting some great ball action. All round the team was pleased with our efforts at this match and thoroughly enjoyed the game.

U6 MAGPIES

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 5

Thornleigh started the match well with all players concentrating hard and holding off a determined effort by the opposition to score in the first half. EDWARD SIMCOCK provided some great kicks in defence with CYRENA BOURIS, HANNAH SEPARAVITCH and CONOR DRUMM making a few breaks up front. All being unlucky not to score. Thornleigh was unlucky in the second half with a relentless attack by the opposition netting them 5 goals despite a great effort by JACK FERGUSON in goals and NATHAN CAREY and DANIEL MALLETT showing dedicated tackling. However our player of the match was ELYSE STEVENS for a consistent effort and great first half in goals.

U6 PLATYPUS

THORNLEIGH 4 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 3

After a long trek over to Meadowbank the Thornleigh Thunder U6 Platypus were looking to exact some revenge from their tight loss to arch nemesis Normanhurst the week before. It was always going to be a big ask as we started the game with only five players. RHORDAN STEPHENS started the game in the nets. He had everything but the kitchen sink thrown at him but West Ryde couldn't beat him. After the 12 minute mark the opposition opened the scoring on what looked to be a very lucky run against the run of play. That goal seemed to be the wakeup call the Thunder had needed. QUINN CAMPBELL and ROBBIE BRADLEY were weaving some serious magic in the midfield. That magic soon paid dividends as they set up JOSH DESILVA for two of the best goals ever seen in soccer at this level. 2-1 Thunder. Just before half time, a lucky bounce saw other team level the score at 2 apiece. The second half started with DANIEL MERRICK of Thornleigh weaving in and out of heavy traffic with ease. DANIEL'S superb no look pass to JOSH caught the opposition goaltender well out of position and JOSH tucked it home with ease for what we thought would be the game winning goal. We sat back in defense for the last few minutes of regulation time as TANNY and YASMINE did some great running on the park. It was a strategy that was seemingly paying off until a great individual effort by a West Ryde striker tied it up at 3 all. Oh well I guess we could be happy with a draw playing away from the friendly confines of Oakleigh Oval. As we were about to start packing our bags for the long trip home and the referee was counting down the games final seconds, JOSH finished off a dream game by scoring the winning goal with only 9 seconds remaining. The sell out crowd went wild. THUNDER WIN 4-3! JOSH DESILVA MAN OF THE MATCH.

U6 KOALA

NO REPORT

U6 WALLABY

NO REPORT

U7 ECHIDNA**THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 3**

The Echidnas realized the advantages of team work in this game that was played largely in the centre of the field. Notwithstanding, the in-goal efforts of ANDREW WADDELL and CHARLIE TRETHERWEY were commendable; VEERAN MUDALIAR and JAYDEN PAK displayed their attacking skills at every opportunity with solid backup from CAMERON CHOI and LACHLAN JONES. JULIA MOKDSI played a brilliant running game and was always there when needed in defence. ALEXANDER HORSPOOL and NICHOLAS BASSETT were instrumental in gaining ground when required and RORY MADDEN's quick thinking and ball skills, especially in defence, landed him the "Player of the Match" award.

U7 EMUS**THORNLEIGH 1 vs HOLY CROSS 2**

The emus fought extremely hard in a game that was anyone's until the last remaining seconds. RYAN CLARKE made a huge entry to the field literally running on from the sideline straight to the goals and putting one away immediately. It was not too easy getting any more goals with NATHAN POLLOCK and JOSH NATOLI having several attempts narrowly missing each time. SAMUEL KALNINS played his mid field role well to ensure there was plenty of support upfront and in the backs. HARRISON DARGAN had a great first half in goals and played the mid field position extremely well too. CHRISTOPHER WATT and REUBEN SPARGO both had excellent games working well together in their defence and through to play in plenty of the action upfront. TOM KENNEDY for a moment thought he was playing rugby fending off an onslaught of rugby style tackles but holding his own to continue to give them heaps. The "Man of the Match" award was well earned by JOSH REIDY who made great line breaks and continued to push himself and never gave up.

U7 KOALAS**NO REPORT****U8 GOLD****THORNLEIGH 0 vs EASTWOOD 1**

What a game to watch, with great intensity from start to finish! The team was still brimming with excitement from the big victory last week and really took the fight to the opposition from the first whistle. Forwards AIMEE LOVE and LIAM KIRK battled hard from the opening kickoff, with AIMEE tackling against opponents much bigger than her and LIAM taking the first shot of the game! Center midfielder NICKLAS RASMUSSEN held the pressure on, quickly taking another shot. Also at midfield, JACK STEVENS displayed excellent dribbling techniques, earning him the Most Improved Player award, while CHRIS WATSON showed keen instincts by intercepting two throw ins from the opposing team. ADAM COOPER accomplished a similar feat while anchoring the backfield in what was another very solid day from him. Left and right backs, RYAN HODGES and BEN HURWOOD played spirited defense and both drove the ball very well up the side leading to a shot from each. RYAN's shot was even left footed! BEN showed good ability to move the ball up field while still staying in his proper position, leading coach, STEVE TOWNEND, to name him the Player of the Week! Midfielder ISABEL SEAMAN showed tenacity in the second half, pushing the ball up the side to forward JULIAN HASSARATI for another shot. The goals were protected well this week by ADAM WALKER in the first half and ERIKA LOVE in the second with ERIKA playing a shutout. Eastwood only scored once just before the half in a bit of a confusing melee in front of the goal. ADAM C also made two spectacular saves that looked like sure goals. As a team we out shot them and played brilliant defense, but they just had the luck on the day. A hard fought contest by both squads, and one of which all players can be very proud. Top effort and a joy to watch!

U8 ORANGE**NO REPORT****U8 RED****NO REPORT****U9/2****THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 1****U9/5****THORNLEIGH 0 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 1****U10/6****THORNLEIGH 0 vs ROSELEA 2**

This was definitely not written into the script. The script said that the battle of the two undefeated teams would be hard fought, even and result in a resounding win for the "Sixers". Well two out of three ain't bad. Shame about the result. The game lived up to expectations and was certainly more even than the score shows, with Roselea getting both their goals late in the game on breakaways with the "Sixers" pushing forward for the win. Everyone put in a whole hearted effort with HOLLY and TOM D being the standouts this week. HOLLY plays well above her weight and never gives in to any bloke that tries to put one over on her. TOM D is simply unbeatable in defence this season and is setting up many attacks with clever balls down the wing. JULIAN also played well today and was unlucky not to score a couple of times, particularly with one smashing chargedown where no heed was paid to self preservation. While not happy with the result all good teams bounce back and the "Sixers" took their loss very well. They are looking forward to playing Roselea again later in the season and that team will take them lightly at their peril.

U11/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING YMCA 3

It was good to see the team step up their game in today's match seeing as we were playing the team at the top of the log. The first half saw the team equable to the task on the defense as well as attack. With some good defense by XAVIER BOUCHER, CAMERON SHARIFI, TESS McCONVILL (great goalie in 2nd half) and MATTHEW FORD and an excellent stint in goals by SAMUEL CLARKE the opposition was only able to score 1 goal in the 1st half. Midfield was excellently handled by ANDRE MUNOZ, TIMOTHY JONES, SAMUEL LANE and DARREN JOOSTEN where we saw some superb big kicks setting the play forward to JACK ANGEL and TRISTAN ZEID who had some close calls at scoring a goal. The second half saw the determination persevere but those short corner kicks by the opposition proved to be the teams nemesis today. Many thanks to TESS McCONVILL and ANDRE MUNOZ from the U10/6's for helping us make a full team!

U11/6

THORNLEIGH 5 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

A great win by the team. We started well and dominated the field culminating in a shot by DANIEL. Thornleigh continued the pressure which led to CLAUDIA putting the first goal away. The forwards were well supported by JOSHUA, FERGUS and DOMINIC at the back who did not let West Pennant Hills near the goal. The ball just kept being pushed forward. The centres, DANIEL, TOM LOWE, who played for us today, LIDIA and CLAUDIA kept control of the ball and scoring opportunities opened up with some great passing from DYLAN and ANDY. CLAUDIA scored another goal and then DANIEL finished the half with another shot. We continued dominating the field in the second half. Andy maintained great position and managed to score a goal. The best feature of the second half was the passing by the team. LIDIA made some great tackles, KATHERINE got involved. CLAUDIA finished the game off with another goal completing her hat trick. Also of note was a shot by DYLAN that was just saved and another fine attempt by DOMINIC which just missed. This was a convincing win which was a real team effort. CALLUM had his easiest game of the season in goals.

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

U13/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 0

Nearly a full compliment of players for this weeks game - 3 reserves ready to be brought into the game. The game started with early pressure from Thornleigh resulting in several opportunities. The ball constantly in the Pennant Hills half of the field. The mid-field of LEROY, MITCHELL and CONNOR combining well with the forwards KEL and LACHLAN. CHRIS G organised the defence well through talking to the back four and playing safe. A goal finally came late in the first half with a great cross from KEL which was well finished by DAN with a low shot into the goal. Pennant Hills immediately responded with some strong attacking moves placing Thornleigh under constant pressure. Thornleigh sustained the pressure and created more chances from some creative passes from the mid-field. A free kick from MATT nearly resulted in another goal seconds before the half time whistle. The second half started with strong attacking moves down both wings and some excellent crosses from HARRY and KEL. Pennant Hills cranked up the tempo for the game and the defense was under pressure. Some good clearances from EDDIE defused the pressure. CHRIS S, our goalie, made some long clearance punt kicks creating opportunities for the forwards. An anxious moment in the second half saw Pennant Hills rewarded a penalty, fortunately the kick went wide of the post (a clean sheet for CHRIS S). CHRIS G put LACHLAN in a gap with a great through ball, LACHLAN struck the ball cleanly but just over the crossbar. Some late attacks from Pennant Hills made the spectators nervous. A well deserved win to Thornleigh. Coach's Man of the Match: MITCHELL. Linesman's Man of the Match: DAN. Reporter's Choice: LEROY.

U13/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 10

It was an early kick off at 8.15am. In the first half there was good defence by Thornleigh. STEFAN showed excellent ball control, there were good saves by NICK and JOSH had a good run with the ball. DANYON was kicking the ball well and Thornleigh defence with SAAMID, SCOTT, BRADLEY and CHARBEL in the backs was doing well. TOM had a good run with the ball, there was an excellent save by NICK catching a hard driven ball on the full. SAAMID was good in defence and kicking well. LEE showed good kicking and ball work and MATTHEW was providing great midfield support. The ref called a free kick for an unfair tackle on SCOTT, then shortly afterwards West Ryde scored their first goal. Then unfortunately West Ryde scored again. 2-0. There was good defensive kicking by BRADLEY, a good save by NICK and TOM did a big penetrating kick into their half. Then damn it, West Ryde scored again. 3-0. TOM was playing really well and at the end of the first half there was an intensive moment with the ball being finally cleared away from the goalmouth. In the second half JOSH had a good run with the ball. Thornleigh was playing well against the top team in the division. Then West Ryde scored. 4-0. A good save with BRADLEY stopping the ball. Excellent kicking by SAAMID and a good attempted save by NICK. West Ryde scored again 5-0. JORDAN and NATHAN were working hard in the midfield to keep up with the fast pace of the match then there was a beautiful save by NICK. No way! West Ryde scored again. 6-0. STEFAN had a good attacking run and tried to score a goal. West Ryde scored again 7-0. The next goal was disallowed as the player was called off side. West Ryde scored another three goals but with NICK saving many more than this. Good match Thornleigh, unfortunately no win this week against a tough, well organized, aggressive if not overly physical opposition. The reporter's player of the match was TOM. Hopefully next week will result in a much more favorable scoreline.

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 1

WOW! What a game. This reporter has watched his fair share of soccer in the past, but this game was edge of the seat, hard, tough competition, between two evenly matched teams; a pleasure to watch. As the game progressed many of the hardened football fans, supposedly there to see the under 6 game, drifted across to be involved in this enthralling match. Thornleigh started slowly, in the first half, with Eastwood able to get one goal in, due to some lack of communication in the box. From this moment on, the game developed into a titanic struggle between two strong teams. I don't want to say it too loudly, in case Liverpool want to sign him up, but NICHOLAS GEORGIU, you STARRED; in both defense and attack, repelling every advance of the opposition. WARWICK (hands like a vice) SPARKES was outstanding in goals, making miraculous save after miraculous save, keeping his team in the game. The work rate of MATTHEW LOWE had to be seen to be believed, chasing and succeeding down back and up front. JOEL CARTER should be sick more often, after a week in his sick bed, he dragged himself out and had a brilliant game in attack. STEVEN (Mr. Corner Magic) BORRELL put some incredible balls in to the box which on several occasions nearly resulted in Thornleigh scoring. Some of the quiet achievers MAX BARTSCH and BEN COLAUTTI had great games as well. Although the end result did not go Thornleighs way, this was a great and fascinating game, enjoyed by all the fans, and FOOTBALL was the winner on the day. If the commitment and support play displayed by the Thunder squad in the second half can be carried on into next weeks game, we are bound for VICTORY.

U14/2 Girls

THORNLEIGH 3 vs KENTHURST 0

Today the Girl-Thunders rolled everything they've learnt into 60 minutes of fantastic football! From the start the Thunders were awesome and the Kenthurst girls were not happy! Ten minutes into the match one of our girls got bowled over in the Kenthurst penalty box. LUCY JONES was the obvious choice to take the penalty kick but alas she was on the sideline. No worries as Maestro Denyer quickly subbed her on. And she made a shot John Aloisi would be proud of - low, to the right of the keeper and coolly into the net! Whist LUCY finished off every goal today it was truly a team effort to shut down Kenthurst and feed the ball to the strikers. Shortly afterwards EMMA FORD narrowly missed a shot and for the remainder of the first half the girls were all over the Kenthurst defence. In fact keepers ANNALESE SMITH and OLIVIA CLARKE never got to touch the ball whilst wearing the No. 1 jersey. ELLIE CHIRGWIN, our quiet achiever, played amazing soccer turning on the ball in mid-field on a number of occasions and getting the pass away. PHOEBE KIEL released the ball brilliantly and DANIELLE CHARARA and RANI PAI "boomphed" it up the field from centre back and sweeper respectively. CHLOE BERESFORD was putting the shoulder in on her tackles, BEC WICKHAM was so solid up the right wing and MADELEINE BROWN tenacious in mid-field. ANNALESE SMITH, our newest recruit, is quickly developing the ball skills to match her incredible athleticism. The second half saw more of the same, the main difference being that two more of our many chances rattled the Kenthurst net, the first off a RANI PAI lead-up and the second off a FIONA SPARKES pass up the centre. Girls every one of you played beautifully today and you thoroughly deserved the final result!

U14/4

THORNLEIGH 2 vs. EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 2

THIS WAS A CLASSIC GAME, a titanic struggle, worthy of a grand final. I won't mention any names this week, as every single played to their ability and played their part in a balanced determined team performance. This game could easily have gone either way, some great saves by our great goalie, some scrambling works by our committed defense. Some opportunities taken up front, some missed ones as well. The first half was a seesawing event, with our guys creating several opportunities and finally bagging one from a perfect corner. Unfortunately late in the half after our goalie saving a sure goal, the rebound went to the opposition who then put it away. So at half time 1-1 the guys pumped and determined, and the parents tense on the sideline. In the second half we again scored first after creating several opportunities. With five minutes to go, (we were quietly confident on the sideline) the referee gave a penalty to the opposition who then leveled the score. Unfortunately it wasn't in the box and the guys from St Andrews played it up to the young referee. So they leveled at 2 all, and that's where it stayed. GAME AWARD POINTS – ALL PLAYERS DESERVED 3 POINTS, BUT LIMITED TO LUKE MESSINA 3, JOSH ZADRO 2, HARRY BROWN 1. TEAM TRAINING POINTS – HARRY BROWN 3, ALEX GRANT 2, JORDAN SANT 1. Again, credit needs to be given to everyone associated with this team; the game is played, coached and encouraged in a great spirit. Unfortunately the same couldn't be said about our opposition who were heaving abuse to some of our players from the sideline, which probably intimidated the referee. Games like this make you proud to be associated with these guys, no matter what the result would have been. Special thanks to MATTHEW WILLIAMSON and LEROY MUONZ from the 13/1's who played an important part this week.

U16/1

BYE

AA2

THORNLEIGH 3 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 0

AA/3

THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 1

AA/5 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

To start, many thanks to Greg McLean for stepping in as referee today, as Thunder played the West Pennant Hills. Today's game was undoubtedly a Thornleigh dominated match. The mighty, fast paced game was lead by LUCY'S outstanding footwork, with her consistent deception of the ball; the opponent could barely keep up. There were a few early attempts at the goals as JACKIE, MADDIE and LUCY placed great pressure on the opponent's goal. LYDIA'S unfailing work in the back, kept the girls focused and on task, placing some big kicks up the opposite end of the field. Both LAUREN and LEE'S game have improved game-by-game, sticking with their players and becoming more confident with the ball. A few attempts at the goals, saw the girls increase the pressure on West Pennant Hills, and finally they were rewarded. MADDIE, heading the ball in the goals, 24 minutes into the game, finishing off a beautiful corner kick delivered by JACKIE. Congratulations go out to MADDIE, for the first header and goal of her career!

After half time, ANGIE'S presence on the field became greatly noticed through her great ball skills, and her reliability on the field. There was some great passing through the backs and mid field between ERIN and ANDREA, which kept up the challenge for West Penno. Numerous close encounters with the goals, from our forwards made it extremely demanding for our opponents. KATE kept the backs on task, with some fast paced passing, which was great to watch. A big well done goes out to LUCY, who played on brilliantly, even though she had blisters. In the end, the girls' efforts paid off, a 1 nil game!

AA/8

THORNLEIGH 0 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 1

AA/8 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 0 vs MACQUARIE UNI 1

AA / 15

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 1

This was a fantastic result for our young THUNDER team . we were up against the Eagles who are running 3rd in the competition and we were coming off 2 straight losses, Ryde thought that we would be a push over . our boys went out firing and put Ryde under pressure from the start , we shut down their gun players with solid defense which frustrated the older Eagles team into making mistakes in front of our goals . At the back our defensive team of MATT , LEIGH , DESHAN, EDWARD , LIAM and keeper BRYAN looked as formidable as the Berlin wall and Ryde could not find a way through . this allowed our Mids , TERENCE , DAVID K , and CHRIS to attack and unleash our Forwards PAUL , HAYDEN, DAVID P and PETER to mount pressure on the Ryde defense . The Eagles keeper had a blinder keeping out many Thunder shots . We went in at the break 1 down after an own goal from a corner . At half time coach Bruce told the boys to keep playing wide and run the bigger and older Ryde team around and they would eventually tire and to test the keeper with low shooting as he was picking off any thing in the air. after sustained pressure DAVID P passed deftly to HAYDEN who putting the ball along the ground went straight through the keepers hands for a great goal .We kept belting shots at goal which were saved by the Ryde keeper , fair dinkum we could not buy another goal. Our team had a moral victory today as Ryde could not put one past us , well done boys you really looked like a quality team, keep up the good work .

O35/1

THORNLEIGH 4 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 2 (BETTER THAN S-X!)

Dear fan base, what a day at the Campbell Park coliseum yesterday. With our club president and immediate families all missing church to attend, the "men of thunder " bounced back after 6 unlucky losses.

Goals came from ANDRE "the love muscle" ARNDT (2), ROSS "the love muscle" GALLAHER, JOSEF "the love muscle" WAGNER... (Seems to be theme here). With only 13 elite athletes on display, all players must be congratulated...even steve in goals came out off his line...

Players all realised that while marital relations are a "nice to have", victory on the park is a "must have", ...sadly all the wives agreed...

Without getting carried away the following action plan is now in place

- Russel Crowe sponsorship
- New "men of thunder" nude calendar love muscle edition
- Compulsory attendance at TSC nude quiz night
- Change to full body hugging spandex strip for next week

Please read this report before you eat....

Yours in lycra.....Mr X

O35/4

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 4

PL/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 3

Soccer is meant to be a simple game, its all about possession and discipline. The number of times we gave away possession or conceded free kicks in our own half was unbelievable. We were constantly putting ourselves under pressure and making Ravens look like a team leading the competition and not at the bottom. We were outplayed in the first half by Ravens who scored 2 unanswered goals. We only lifted after Ravens scored their third goal shortly after half time. LAYN MELLISH opened his scoring for the season with a good header from a well placed cross. Despite the 3:1 score line stand in keeper ADAM MOODY never gave up, putting his body on the line on many occasions. Players Best & Fairest was STEVE LANSLEY. Thunder's next game is against Epping YMCA on May 27 at West Epping Oval.

PL/Res

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 3

While player's unavailability, suspension, and injuries played a part in our loss our overall play was not up to Premier League standard. True to form Thunder conceded the first goal and played catch up football for the remainder of the game. Ravens scored 2 more goals in the second half, while Thunder's only goal came from a deflection off one of their defenders. Late in the game Thunder were awarded a penalty, which could have given us a sniff of a draw, but unfortunately it was saved by their keeper. If we are going to lift ourselves off the bottom of the competition players need to be more supportive of one another and cut out the bad on field language. Thanks to over 35 player Ross Thomson for helping out. Players Best & Fairest was STEVE JACK.