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SOCCER DIVISION

BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The next two weeks are very important to the Club. Next Sunday is our Under Seven Gala Day which has been coordinated by Peter Krisenthal, Craig Denyer and Graham Tingle. Naturally, there will be a good number of volunteers who will turn up on the day to ensure the event's success. If you have some spare time and want to help out, Peter, Craig and Graham will be happy to hear from you. It should be stressed that none of these gentlemen have an under 7 player but are giving generously of their time to keep our Club healthy and competitive.

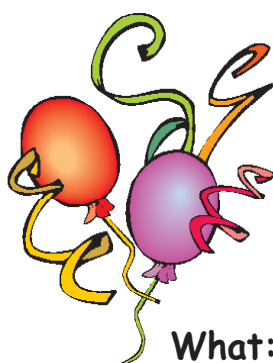
If you haven't got your table for the Trivia Night, then there is still a little time left. The big night is July 1 from 7:30 at Thornleigh West Primary School. The organising committee of Bruce Roff, Gino De Nardi, Graham Tingle, Tony Ruttyn, Fernie Fisher and Craig Denyer have lined up an impressive night. Ticket sales have been strong with two-thirds already gone. Let's make this night bigger than the very successful 2004 event. All help or donations greatly appreciated.

Our last committee meeting prior to the AGM is on July 3, 2006. Your attendance is warmly welcomed. We will be losing some key individuals from the committee and we will need to start thinking about their replacements. The committee has been very supportive of all those who step up to the challenge of making a positive contribution to the Club. However, we do need for you to make the first move and raise your hand to volunteer. You have nothing to lose and much to gain.

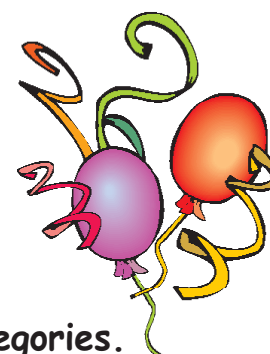
Finally, for those who got up in the cold, early hours of Monday morning, they were treated to some excellent football. Our household rose to the challenge, except for the dog who preferred the warmth of her bed. It was a great game and proved that you don't have to win to be a winner. Keep the faith!

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
- Bookings:** Glen DeNardi Phone: 0408418131
- Theme:** World Cup Soccer (each table will represent a team from the World Cup)
- Presenter:** Tony Ruttyn (Mr Entertainment)

**200 Tickets sold!
Book your table now.**

Christmas In July Card Classes For Adults

Learn how to make your own Christmas cards in plenty of time for Christmas. Cost \$20 for a 2 hour class. \$5 from each class is donated to the Thunders Soccer Club. If you enrol you receive 10% discount on stamping, scrapbooking, children's craft kits and supplies.

- ◆ Fri 14th July 7:30PM – 2 Step Stamping
- ◆ Tue 18th July 10:00AM – Christmas Folding Fun
- ◆ Fri 21st July 7:30PM – Christmas Punch Cards
- ◆ Tue 25th July 10:00AM – 2 Step Stamping
- ◆ Fri 28th July 7:30PM – Christmas Folding Fun



Christmas Punch Cards



Christmas Folding Fun



2 Step Stamping

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Match Reports

U6 ECHIDNAS THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 2

This was a gripping little match worthy of world cup status. TIMOTHY REYNOLDS was a fabulous goalie in the first half of the match doing countless amazing saves. ELANI WILD was in fine form at first until Gladesville bounced the ball off her knee and she finished the rest of the match hopping. We had some amazing team work going between THOMAS DAKIN, MICHAEL SRAMECK and DYLAN DONOVAN which got our team the first goal with Dylan getting it between the posts. After half time Gladesville put the pressure on. LOUISA LAWRENCE was in there getting the ball and turning it around for us as usual. MICHAEL served as goalie stopping many goals, and TIM became our defence man. We thought we were going to win and then in true world cup style, Gladesville crept through our defences, despite some incredible runs and goal attempts by DYLAN, and they scored two goals before final whistle.

U6 EMU THORNLEIGH 0 vs ???? 5

NIKLAS endured the first half in goals and saved some great goals in what was a very busy job during the first half. ETHAN and HAMISH pulled out some great defence moves while JOSH, NICHOLAS and LIAM ran well alongside the opposing players, as our forwards giving some great pressure. There was no stopping LIAM running the whole field the entire half. The emus were grateful for half-time with no other reserves for a break. We entered half time with the score 0-3. Back onto the field the emus went to stand up to what were quite tall players after catching their breath during the break. LIAM put on the gloves in goals during the second half which proved to be another busy time in goals. LIAM pulled out some awesome saves. NICKLAS, HAMISH and JOSH ran the field well as our forwards defending and winning the ball on a number of occasions. ETHAN and NICHOLAS showed some excellent defending moves as the opposing team ran for goal. The game concluded with the score 0-5. Congratulations, Thornleigh Emus for a great defending game against a very competitive team.

U6 KOOKABURRA NO REPORT

U6 MAGPIES NO REPORT

U6 PLATYPUS THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

It was early Saturday morning and you could feel the tension in the air the moment you arrived at Oakleigh Oval. The Thornleigh Thunder U6 Platypus had a date with West Pennant Hills. It was a top of the table clash that no one wanted to miss. The crowds started streaming in shortly after we lit the barbeque at 7:30 A.M. They all knew they had to get there early as this match had been sold out for weeks. The kids were a bit nervous as this was to be the first time that scouts from the English Premier League and Italian Serie A were going to watch us live. After a sausage sandwich and a short warm up, the opening kick-off happened right on 10:45. The play was as back and forth as Kim Beasley's thoughts on the GST. You could tell this match was going to disappoint no one. QUINN CAMPBELL started the game in goal making save after save. You just knew he wasn't going to get beaten. TANATASI VELE and JORDAN TAYLOR were their usual brilliant selves in the midfield setting up attack after attack. At the 13 minute mark RONALDINHO (Rhordan) STEPHENS intercepted an errant pass in his own end, surged past the W.P. Hills midfield, split the defense and rocketed a howitzer off the post and past the beleaguered goalkeeper. The standing room only crowd looked on in utter amazement. 1-0 to the Thunder at halftime.

As both teams regrouped at the break, the U6 Platypus coaching staff were trying to devise a way to free JOSH DESILVA from the double and triple teaming he had endured most of the first half. The plan was to disperse the ball as much as possible to the other Thunder strikers. This turned out to be a stroke of genius as JOSH made more great passes than SHANE WARNE in a British nightclub. DANIEL MERRICK ran his heart out the whole game. He saved the potential tying goal by diving in front of a wicked shot, blocking it with his face. He received a well earned standing ovation as he was stretchered off the field. ROBBIE BRADLEY took over in goal for the second half and was possibly even more brilliant than his predecessor thwarting numerous opportunities.

This was easily the Game of the Year. FINAL SCORE 1-0 to the Mighty Thunder. DANIEL MERRICK a unanimous choice as Man of the Match.

U6 KOALA NO REPORT

U6 WALLABY NO REPORT

U7 ECHIDNA NO REPORT

U7 EMUS NO REPORT

U7 KOALAS**THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORMANHURST 1**

A long car trip for all out to the far ends of Kenthurst with fuel at \$1.40/lt for this local (?) derby was rewarded with this great Thornleigh result! The hard work put in by all of the boys at training in keeping control of the ball and straight running to goal paid off handsomely. The domination of the first half by Thornleigh was summed up by YASHAR ELLIIN while surrendering his goalie shirt at half time said "It was so boring being goalie!" This point of view was a valid one given that most of the game was spent in the opposition half! On those occasions that Normanhurst did enter our half they had to contend with the doggedly determined resistance of TOMMY JIANG and DOMINIC MANNELL (Player of the Match). Both boys took it upon themselves to make it virtually impossible for the opposition attackers to make any real attempts at goal. Our midfielders were in attack and defence as soon as possession changed. RYAN SMART, WILLEM OATES and TOM McDOWALL (1 goal by bouncing it in off the post!) are showing more and more determination to score goals by gaining and then striving to keep possession despite the challenges of the opposition. The danger-man to the opposition as always was LACHLAN DAWES who appeared at opportune moments to scare the opposition and add to either the team's defence or attack. Our attacking was led by WILLIAM DUNN (2 goals) who obviously had been watching World Cup games in the wee hours when he took a shot and scored from just inside the half way line. The keenness of the boys to play their hearts out is demonstrated by their insistence to go back on 30 seconds after coming off as substitutes. A great result for a great team.

U8 GOLD**THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 0**

You didn't have to go all the way to Germany to see a great game of soccer, one of the best games of the year was played last Saturday at Ruddock Park. In a tight game Thornleigh were unlucky not to register another win as they continually pounded the Pennant Hills goal. From the kickoff Thornleigh went straight on the attack with some great probing runs by ADAM WALKER, he was well supported by JACK STEVENS who played strongly in attack before settling into goals in the second half where he pulled off some great saves. It wasn't long before the interchange players left their mark on the game with CHRIS WATSON leading the way with some incisive running and RYAN HODGES who constantly took the ball forward with pace exposing the Pennant Hills right side defence. ADAM COOPER was again tenacious in central defence and ran the ball strongly to link with the forwards. LIAM KIRK tackled well in defence and ensured that our goalie had little work to do in the first half. In the second half the team showed how versatile they we have become with many players changing positions. ERICA LOVE moved from goalie to left full back where she showed her speed and tacking ability to cut down the Pennant Hills attack on numerous occasions. NICKLAUS RASMUSSEN had another strong game in defence and attack with one of his left foot shots just shaving the post. ISABEL SEAMEN showed her compusure on the ball and her ability to offload some great passes to our support players. JACK TOWNEND "most improved player of the week" was non stop in his efforts all over the park, one minute he was tackling the opposition in our defensive line the next minute he was seen shooting for goal. BEN HURWOOD showed his versatility by playing three different positions during the game. BEN'S great dribbling, well timed passes and positional play earned him "the player of the week". Overall it was a very enjoyable game with the kids showing improvements in their skills whilst having lots of fun. Go the thunders!

U8 ORANGE**NO REPORT****U8 RED****THORNLEIGH THUNDER 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 1****20/5/2006**

This game proved to be a terrific tussle on a smallish pitch @ Fonterory Park Macquarie with WPH scoring towards the end while we pounded away at their goal for much of the game not managing to score.

U8 RED**THORNLEIGH 2 vs RYDE DISTRICTS 1****27/5/2006**

Big drive down to Meadowbank to see a relatively easy win.

U8 RED**THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 1****3rd June 2006**

Thornleigh Thunder under 8 Reds played the boys up the road, Pennant Hills, in what turned out to be a great little local derby. 1-1 was the final score line. Penno scoring first from a break away and later on ISSAC MUNOZ scoring one of his specialised kicks from the side. Perhaps I'm a little biased to write that we probably dominated the game. It really is wonderful watching the boys develop into fine young players individually and as a team. At the age of 8 the boys begin to understand the concept of positioning without too much coaxing and it is quite fascinating seeing certain boys migrate to the wing such as GABRIEL FRASER and HAYDEN TORDORSKI. Both making great runs during this game and having some great clashes near goal. BEN HAYWARD, JORDON DAVIS and JACOB CLARK play very well in the middle while BYRON CLEASBY, HARRISON FLACK and CALLUM GIFFNEY play the important role of support in both tackles and attack. Young ALEX BORG continues to impress with his enthusiasm making some great saves in goal and moves while in the field of play. And watch out for CAI HUGHES, rivalling anybody for the biggest kicker in the team. Skills tactician ALEX WILD is ever present too with ideas to propel the team forward. On the skills front at training all the team are making great progress keeping the ball in the air without any bouncing.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 2 vs SAINTS UNITED 1

10th June 2006

The heavens subsided for a short time enough for us to get a game in while many others were washed out. Scorers GAB FRAZER and ISSAC MUNOZ ensured a win while BEN HAYWARD picked up the man of the match trophy.

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 1 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILLS 1

17th June 2006

This was the fifth week in a row of close games for the team and it was an end to end affair. Great to see GAB FRAZER score a replica world cup "Ecuadorian" classic from their match v Costa Rica. BEN "France" Hayward dominated in the middle. HARRISON "Czech Republic" FLACK making a beautiful line play. JORDAN "Argentina" DAVIS, HAYDEN "Sweden" TORDORSKI and CAI "Portugal" HUGHES playing the beautiful game with style. ALEX "England" WILD, ALEX "Korea" BORG and Captain CALLUM "Netherlands" GIFFNEY enjoyed their run. Goal keepers BYRON "Spain" CLEASBY and JACOB "Italy" CLARK had superb games, while ISSAC "Brazil" MUNOZ played with his older brother's side. We're all up to the CLARK'S house this Friday morning 5am to watch the Aussies v Croatia. GOOD LUCK to all of the other Thunder teams & GO AUSSIE in the WORLD CUP!!!

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs SAINTS UNITED 3

U9/5

THORNLEIGH 0 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 4

U10/6

THORNLEIGH 0 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 0

The "Sixers" today got themselves a good, old fashioned, dour game of football. Defence was dominant with hardly a clean shot on goal being registered by either team. Our back line of TOM D, MAX and JOSH S were fantastic. Each covered their opposite number effectively, used the sideline appropriately and, when afforded the luxury of time, sent the ball forward to the midfield in the hope of igniting an attack. Our best player in midfield today was undoubtedly WILL who ran hard throughout the first half and played some really sweet balls off to his team mates before having his stint between the sticks in the second half.. Not far behind was the Axeman MITCH who came out of his first half goalie duties and slotted into WILL's position and kept up the high standard. Our attackers struggled today against an equally strong All Saints defence although JULIAN, ANDRE and HOLLY all ran hard and never gave in. Our other midfielders TAYLA, JOSH B, and ADRIAN all put in whole hearted efforts with both JOSH and TAYLA overcoming injury to stay on the field or go back on after a short spell to recover. Special thanks today to IZAAC MUNOZ who gave us another option as substitute when someone needed a rest. It is a big step up from U8 and he handled himself really well. The "Sixers" will remain top of the table notwithstanding this slight glitch. They managed to keep at bay a pretty good team that will most likely be there at the business end of the season.

U11/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS-CHERRYBROOK 1

A formidable effort by the team today saw us at the oppositions goal line a number of times but unfortunately we were just not able to convert the opportunities into goals. The end of the first half saw us 1 - 0 down but unperturbed the team picked up the challenge in the second half and kept the attack going right through the game. It was a lucky rebound off one of the opposition players that saw the score equalised in the second half - a goal never the less well deserved by the team. Thanks to XAVIER BOUCHER who played goal keeper for the entire game and did an excellent job. The great attacking spirit of TIMOTHY JONES saw some excellent midfield work together with CAMERON SHARIFI, REBEKA FIELD and especially JAY STEPHENS from the U10/6's who helped us out today. Making a great contribution to the defence was MATTHEW FORD, SAMUEL CLARKE and DARREN JOOSTEN. There was some great forward play by all the forwards - SAMUEL LANE, TRISTAN ZEID and JACK ANGEL who is commended for withstanding some nasty foul play by the opposition.

U11/6

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN SPORTING CLUB 2

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN SPORTING CLUB 0

U13/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs MACQUARIE COMBINED 3

On a beautiful sunny morning the boys started with plenty of early pressure shots just missing, headers going over the bar, great corner kicks from MATT W. Half-time came with a frustrating 0-0. After an inspirational pep talk by DAMIEN S., the boys were ready to knock in 3 or 4. Finally, from sustained pressure and anxiety from the parents, a cross found TIM C. in space on back foot to bang in a great goal. LACHLAN desperately tried to get free and was threatening in attack. CONNOR made many great runs up left flank. CHRIS G. and JARRYD were solid in defence. ED, HARRY, MITCHELL, TOM and LEROY fought hard in the halves. DAN and KEL did excellent feeding of the forwards with through balls. CHRIS S. had little to do in goals until the last 10 minutes when a penalty and 2 more late goals against the run of play, left us without the victory we fully deserved. Bad luck boys. You deserved the win. Keep your heads up and next week we will get the victory we deserve. Coach's Man of Match: TIM. Stand-in Coach's Choice: KEL. Reporter's Choice: CHRIS G.

U13/3

THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 2

The game started fast with the Thunder's controlling the game. JOSH attempted a shot on goal but it went wide. There was a run for the ball between JOSH and the opposing teams goalie, JOSH just missed out on a goal. STEFAN was tripped so Thornleigh were awarded a penalty. DANYON took the shot for goal and scored our first goal. SCOTT and BRADLEY in the backs were doing a solid job in defence. The ball was kicked up the field by Thornleigh where STEFAN took matters into his own boots and drove the ball towards the goal area and attempted a shot but didn't capitalize. NICK in goals was not seeing much of the ball in the first half thanks to the midfielders MATT, NATHAN, KHAN and TOM impeding the North Epping attacking moves. STEFAN, LEE & JOSH all had lots of kicks towards the net to no avail. Thornleigh dominated the first half for sure. The second half commenced with no real action for a little while, then STEFAN booted the ball high towards the net and just missed again! The Thunders truly roared, they controlled the game well and drove the ball down where STEFAN scored our second goal, then the Rangers took the ball down and scored a goal. As play resumed the Thorns drove the game down our end. There were various attempts on goal by STEFAN and SAAMID then DANYON scored our third goal. The Rangers were playing well and scored their second goal. JORDAN's goal keeping in the second half was excellent, all the boys played well and there were numerous shots on goal. Our forwards, Mids, all of them kept the pace up, the backs CHARBEL, BRADLEY and KHAN held firm and Thornleigh won the game 3-2. Well done Thorns! Reporter's men of the match were KHAN and MATTHEW.

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS-CHERRYBROOK (Red) 2

The boys were hoping for a win today against the only team they defeated (4-nil) in the first round. However there are no easy matches in Division 1 and the boys had a number of attempts at goal in the first half before a great cross from MAX "white socks" BARTSCH found STEVE BORRELL who put it away with a nicely timed left footer from in front of the goal mouth. MEL D'ARCHY was particularly strong in defence today after a two-week break, as were BEN COLAUTTI and LACHLAN BEENIE in mid field. Looking good in the second half with NICK GEORGIU making the most controlled shot on goal seen all season, guiding the ball along the deck and into the right of the net. Now 2-up and all going well. Well so it seemed. In no time the tide turned and our midfield and defence started having trouble handling the WPH attack. The Thunders finished up conceding 2 goals in the last 10 minutes of play, which was a bit disappointing for the boys after all that hard work establishing a lead. Bad luck boys, but you did play a creditable match today.

U14/2 Girls

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1

The Rangers were in trouble today as the Girl Thunders threw everything into the first half of the match. Following a brief foray into Thunder territory from the Rangers kick-off, virtually the remainder of the half was played within cooe of the Rangers goal mouth. ANNALESE SMITH was making dangerous ground with the ball, but got shut down with a fist or elbow to the side for her troubles, just before half time. Towards half time our girls appeared to be getting a bit tired and the Rangers made a few runs only to be shut down in our last line of defence before the keeper, often by BEC WICKHAM, our star defender today. Despite the Thunders' dominance both sides went to the break scoreless. Coach Craig pushed DANIELLE CHARARA up to mid field attack after the break, and this had instant results with DAN setting up a number of shots on goal. One of them found the net off a fine LUCY JONES boot. However the Rangers kept improving whilst we were flagging, resulting in a late Rangers goal to even the scoreline. Whilst a win would have kept us in the top four, the draw might just keep us in the hunt. But remember girls, above all keep enjoying your soccer – that's what it's all about!

U14/4

THORNLEIGH 3 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 0

The team cohesion and talent continues to develop enormously over the last few weeks, with super coach "Craig (Guus) Millard" calling on each and every player, to play beyond their known capability. Today's grinding win required the full commitment of each and every player, and to his or her credit that is what he or she all gave. We went to the break 2-0 up JOSH ZADRO slammed one into opposition's keeper who deflected it into the net. The second goal comes again from the boot of JOSH ZADRO after another perfectly timed pass. The most spectacular goal came in the second half after we had peppered the goal it seemed without luck. But then ALEX HOUSE placed a perfectly timed cross into the goalmouth to find the head of JORDAN SANT. The boys dominated in the centre of the park with some inspiring contributions from ALEX HOUSE, HARRY BROWN and BRENDAN MEW. Guys this was another great team effort. GAME AWARD POINTS – JORDAN SANT 3, PETER CHRISTIE 2, JAMES ELLOITT 1. TEAM TRAINING POINTS – JOSH ZADRO 3, ALEX HOUSE 2, JAMES CAPENTANKIS 1.

U16/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 1

AA/2

THORNLEIGH 5 vs PUTNEY RANGERS 0

AA/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs RYDE DISTRICT PANTHERS 3

AA/5 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 1

A lot of action in the first half, but not enough from either team to score any goals. Second half was full of action starting with an unfortunate Normo goal. Thornleigh retaliated and went on to score, the usual style of the girls once the other team scores, it puts the pressure on us. LUCY a constant threat to the opposition and their goalmouth finally paid off with her scoring not long after Normo and the scores are even. Great attempts at goal by JACQUI, especially her corner kick. MADDIE made an amazing follow up of our first goal making our final score 2 to 1 our way. A special thank you to LIZ WILKINSON for filling in. Great game girls.

AA/8

THORNLEIGH 3 vs ROSELEA 2

AA/8 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 3

AA/15

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 2

As the score line suggests this was a close fought game and we were disappointed to come away with a loss after such a good game of Soccer. We are running 7th in the competition and we were playing the team running 3rd and the boys were up for a big one. The first half was an entertaining affair with both sides prepared to pass the ball around and attack at every opportunity, and as the game swept from end to end we were unlucky not to put away a couple.

Thanks to a contentious refereeing decision which had the Thornleigh crowd howling for blood (I can say that as I was the Ref) a penalty was awarded to Epping on the spot and was thankfully saved by our Keeper OMAR (I think he saved the Refs skin as well) all through the first half OMAR continued to thwart the Epping attack with brilliant saves .

Our defensive team of LEIGH, LIAM, EDWARD, DESHAN and MATT T. held the EPPING forwards while a reworked mid field team of MATT O , PAUL, MATT E , and TERENCE created havoc with incisive running and nicely timed balls through to our forwards DAVID K , PETER , DAVID P and CHRIS who had many shots at the Epping Keeper (who was also having a blinder). We held Epping scoreless until the 70th minute when a speculator cleared our gallant keeper and then 3 minutes later a rebound off one of our mids bounced fortunately for the Epping striker who pounced to score a goal against the run of play. We never gave up trying to score the equalizers having several shots that either went wide or were saved and in the dying seconds of the match a neat cross from PAUL saw PETER head the ball into the net for a well earned goal. Well done boys today you played some of your best football.

O35/1

Viva La Report! THORNLEIGH SANTOS 1 vs ALL SAINTS SAN PAULO 2

Dear Reader,

Much to the distress of our partners we adopted a World Cup "Brazilian" theme this week. Yes break out the hot wax.... it was landing strips all round...wow and I thought tearing my achilles was painful! In the good news area, as Brazilians we now all only have one name to worry about spelling (probably on the divorce papers).

In front of a massive crowd at "Westleigh Bendigo Bank Stadium" an inspirational pass from "Darinyo" gave them their first goal. San Paulo went two up before "Timbo" curled one in from 6 feet out. All played well including "Rossaldo", "Kierinyo", and 'Stevinyo". We wish "Bruce" well with his nose injury!

More importantly, training was cancelled in favour of a traditional Brazilian "Thong" party at "Kevinyo's" house....gee, I never knew how comfy leather and studs could becertainly all it was "cracked up" to be. As a Ricky Martin man, "Nielyo" opted for a feather and sequins number - the team that sparkles together stays together.

Finally it was home to monitor the progress in the "depilatory zone". As one unnamed team warrior commented, "what do you do with a landing strip when it's an A30 Airbus coming in to land? Obvious answer....leave it up to the control tower.

A postscript from last weeks "XXX" mailbag....can someone tell a Mr Jones from Thornliegh that it is not THAT type of mailbag...stop sending those photos in...besides I'm just not that flexible anyway...

yours in hi cut unitards...

Mr "X'aldo"

O35/4

THORNLEIGH 1 vs DURAL UNITED 1

PL/1

THORNLEIGH 2 vs ROSELEA 1

Thunder were on top from the kick off and kept Roselea's goal keeper busy with a string of early shots. Thunder were finally rewarded for their efforts with a goal from a TIM HILL cross that STEPHEN LANSLEY headed into the back of the net. Thunder's second goal also involved TIM HILL when his wide angled shot cannoned off one of their players into the back of the net. Roselea clawed a goal back mid way through the second half, when their striker was given a free header on the edge of the box. The last 20 minutes of play was action packed with Roselea's keeper making numerous saves. This was a hard fought victory against a very physical Roselea team and keeps Thunder in touch with the top four. STEVE JACK relished his call up from reserves, with an excellent display of man marking while TIM HILL played his best game of the season. LUKE SMITHERS and MATHEW FITZGERALD were again strong in defence. AVAN YOUNG was voted Players Best & Fairest. The next game is against Epping Eastwood on June 24 at Oakleigh Oval.

PL/Res

THORNLEIGH 1 vs ROSELEA 3

Another disappointing display by our injury weakened team. Our "keep possession" game plan lasted about 10 minutes as we tried to match Roselea's physical style of play. Down by a goal at half time still gave Thunder a chance of victory. Last placed Roselea lifted in the second half and scored two more goals, which secured them their second victory of the season, unfortunately both against Thunder. MARCUS BINGERMANN toiled hard at the back and DAVID STORY never gave up chasing the ball. DISH SINGH scored Thunder's goal. Players Best & Fairest was TIM COURTNAL.

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