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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We finally got to play the last game of the season and under sunny skies as well. I haven't received all the results at time of writing but I do know that a fair number of our teams have made it into the play off rounds. Congratulations to 10/6 who are Premiers of their division and to our All Age 5 womens and 14/2 girls who have both had strong seasons. Good luck to all our teams in their play off and pennant rounds.

Please take note that our Junior Presentation is on August 27 at Oakleigh Oval from 11 AM commencing with the Under 6 - 8 teams. There will be a free barbeque for everyone who attends. The Under 9 - 16 teams will have their presentations after lunch. Lucky door prizes will be given away on the day from Rebel Sport.

The Senior Presentation will be held on September 16 at Pennant Hills Bowling Club from 7PM. Tickets are \$40 each with senior players only having to pay \$20 if they have paid the levy at the commencement of the season. Dinner will be a seafood buffet along with some roasts, desserts, tea and coffee. Welcome drinks will be provided at the beginning of the night and some free raffles. We require numbers attending from each team within the next two weeks.

Finally, and most importantly, the club's AGM will be held on August 7 at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club from 7:30 onwards. We are losing some old hands and urgently require some fresh ones. If we can get many people doing a little then the club can run more smoothly and efficiently. So now is not the time to sit on your hands!

Yours in commitment,

Rob Roberts

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Match Reports

U6 KOOKABURRA THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1

The all-girl Rangers team are big in stature and also in heart and, although we had beaten them before, we knew they were anything but pushovers. A rusty ALEX WALSH felt he had something to prove after a month's absence so went all out scoring our 1st goal. There was some fabulous teamwork with DANIEL PATTERSON passing the ball in good style to DANIEL DRAPER whose newly honed skills were evident throughout the game. Our 1st half goalkeeper, MATTHEW BUTLER, did an exemplary job fending off some aggressive goal attempts by the Rangers. Not long into the 2nd half JARED DE VRIES managed a brilliant goal after his foiled attempt in the 1st half. The 2nd half saw some great passes including a terrific one from BRADLEY HOWARD to JARED. This led to another goal attempt with JARED kicking the ball with his trademark force. Incredibly the Rangers' goalkeeper saved the ball but was unfortunately left gripping her hand in pain. Shortly afterwards the Rangers scored their one and only goal. OLIVER DEWEY got in a couple of excellent runs earning him the Player of the Week award. Prior to the match, MATTHEW had decided scoring a goal would be the perfect way to celebrate his 6th birthday. As the match drew to a close MATTHEW, who earned the Merit award, made 2 incredibly admirable attempts to score that made for an exciting end to an enjoyable match on a glorious winter's morning.

U6 KOOKABURRA THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 0 (15 July)

The boys first game in a traditional winter sport. Yipeeee!!! Heaps of mud pies to make, plenty of slip sliding, puddles to jump and swim. Plus a game of soccer it doesn't get much better for a 5 or 6 year old.

The Thunder "robes" were caked with the holy soil from Thunderdome No 1 after this one. Family cars and ear lobes still carry the evidence of a battle royal on this day. The boys played the game of their life, thus far.

The hard win was inspired by new hard defensive session of tackling at training. The lads transformed into their weekday identities "fighting evil for the good of mankind"! Encouraged by our deranged coach "Like a Tiger", it worked wonders.

The boys turned and played as a team of super heroes and reformed bad guys. Disneyland has heard of the results and a new motion picture is in the pipeline .

"Spiderman" DANIEL PATTERSON, OLIVER "Yui-gi-oh" DEWEY (also known as The Wizard, Emperor, Darth Vader, Darth Sidious, Fushigi -Yuugi- Yui- Yui and on and on), BRADLEY "The Pirate" HOWARD, JARED "Jengo Fett / Luke Skywalker" DE VRIES and DANIEL "Lightening MacQueen" DRAPER and MATTHEW "Yoda" BUTLER were all over the Ravens like rashes at a pre-school.

Jengo Fett scored the winning goal after strong defence from Yoda who passed to Spiderman who pushed away from the Riddler and Poison Ivy he passed to the Pirate who dribbled and passed to our decoy runner the speeding Lightening MacQueen and Fett did the rest. Goal - a one nil win to the heroes and reformed villains. Thanks also to TIMOTHY "Superman" REYNOLDS from the Echidnas who played a great game. He loves the mud and does some great mud slides. Please return the top soil , Dad.

Parents that's one of the joys of playing winter soccer for kids - they get drenched and muddy, drip from head to toe and you can't tell them to come inside! Bring on the mud and parents pack a towel and jumper.

U9/2 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 0

U9/5 THORNLEIGH 0 vs DURAL 6

U10/6 THORNLEIGH 2 vs PACIFIC HILLS DURAL 0

This much postponed game was worth waiting for. Pacific Hills are known as the "Pumas" however as someone so elegantly put it they should be called the "Bulldozers". They have the second best defence in the comp (after the "Sixers") and today we found out why. They were extremely efficient at the back and were not averse to putting in strong but fair challenges. It was to the team's credit that they stood up to this physical approach and played some pretty good football. Once again our defenders TOM D, MAX, DANIELLE and TESS stood firm and cut down any Puma attacking options quickly. Our goalies, JAY and HOLLY each made some good saves, which is unusual as our goalies are normally as under used as a pocket in a singlet. Our midfield competed strongly and we had a good flow of possession. ADRIAN was Mr Perpetual Motion and ran strongly with the ball, while JOSH B tackled well. TAYLA played both in midfield and up front and had her best game for the Sixers, tackling strongly and passing intelligently to her supports. She is another big improver this season. JULIAN and BLAKE played up front and each ran hard and had a number of scoring opportunities. Both our goals were scored by TOM L who played midfield in the first half and was moved forward after the break by Coach MAL to give some goal scoring thrust. Both goals were absolute rippers. The first resulted from a strong shot from the edge of the box and the second from a long run and then a great shot from a difficult angle which flew into the top corner of the net. This was a good team win by the Sixers.

U11/3 THORNLEIGH 0 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 4

U11/6

THORNLEIGH 2 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 0

As is quite often the case we got off to a slow start. After 20 minutes we were in top gear. With just a minute to go before the end of the first half CLAUDIA BOURIS had a fantastic shot on goal, unfortunately it just caught the left goal post and rebounded, JOSH COOPER picked it up and took another shot which rebounded off the right post. Half time 0-0. We were in trouble during the second half when an All Saints player got the ball and ran virtually the whole length of the field with no one there to intercept him. With no-one to help, CALLUM MOSES coolly saved the shot as it was taken; a great save - he punched the air with delight, we heaved a sigh of relief. Shortly after we were given a free kick which DANIEL CHRISTIE took, putting it in the net brilliantly, 1-0. Not long after DOMINIC BORG who, as usual, had worked hard during the entire match, scored the second goal. Coach's "player of the match" was given to MITCHELL TRENAMAN (under 10s) who had a great game – thanks Mitchell. Reporter's choice was LYDIA WADDELL, who had a great game, helping to put us in the winning position.

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

U13/1

THORNLEIGH 3 vs PENNANT HILLS 0

U13/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORTH RYDE 7

Thornleigh got off to a great start pushing the ball towards Nth Ryde's goal quickly. Many of the boys hadn't played for a while so an early goal by Nth Ryde wasn't surprising. The boys put up a spirited display but alas their efforts were often frustrated. BRAD, SCOTT, NICK, JORDAN & CHARBEL all provided a solid defence. The boys really struggled against a very talented Nth Ryde team. JOSH, TOM, STEFAN & LEE all made solid attempts at goal. NATHAN, MATTHEW, DANYON & KHAN tried hard in their midfield positions. The boys played a much more enthusiastic and vigorous second half. It was very gratifying for the true spirit of the boys to emerge. JOSH and CHARBEL excelled during the game and were made "Players of the Match". While the final score of seven nil was disappointing, the much better standard of play in the second half was gratifying.

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING YMCA 4

Hard day at the office for thunder, today, after a few weeks off, our skills were a bit rusty. However, we are certainly better off for the tough game. The opposition jumped us early in the first half, which put us on the back foot for the remainder of the game. A few dubious refereeing decisions also did not help our cause. We still had some guys who tried their hearts out for the whole game. MATT playing up front ran, and ran working hard at both ends of the park. With STEVE making some great runs down the sideline on several occasions. NIC had his usual powerful game starting in the back and moving to midfield later in the game. Our goal keeper JOHN just continues to impress every week, demonstrating he has a heart bigger than Pharlap. The following weeks will be our opportunity to show this competition we are a force in this division. A tough training this week will ensure we are ready for whatever our opposition throw at us.

U14/2 Girls

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 0

Today the Girl Thunders did it good and proper. It was the first round of the 3-match Championship round robin, and we were up against arguably the most competitive team in the division. Our last two meetings ended up one-a-piece, but West Penno only had nine players on both occasions. However coach Craig's secret weapon was to give the Thunderettes a Saturday afternoon warm-up session to get them back in the groove after a two-week wet weather break. Our other secret weapon is not so secret at all – a wonderful bunch of enthusiastic team players who absolutely love their football! And it showed. From the whistle our girls were aggressive and competitive and appeared to have West Penno's measure in the first half even though WPH fielded a full team. We were strong all over the park and our defensive lineup of BEC WICKHAM, ANNALESE SMITH, DANIELLE CHARARA and RANI PAII may have been the key, leaving keeper FIONA SPARKES with no pressure saves to make, and allowing the mids and stikers to take a dominant role. Half time nil-all and an enthralling second half to come. There were some nervous moments in the first 15 minutes after the break as the Thunders appeared a bit tired, but girl-of-the-match CHLOE BERESFORD put paid to that! Getting more aggressive every week, CHLOE took the ball from right mid in our half, travelled and passed beautifully to striker LUCY JONES on the run who went all the way to the WPH net! The icing on the cake was a CHLOE BERESFORD strike from mid-field position which found the goal post and ricocheted back across the mouth possibly crossing the line, but LUCY JONES made sure of it and rattled the net once again. An emphatic win which puts our team of rookies in contention for the championship crown. Great match girls!

U14/4

THORNLEIGH 6 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 1

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 7

The boys had a challenging game today against a very competitive side. Nevertheless, the boys worked tirelessly, always trying and frequently succeeding, at snatching the ball from their opponents. OLIVER WELLS scored a fabulous goal early in the first half and many other attempts were made by various players during the game. Both our goalies, LIAM MOSES and MICHAEL BROWN saved many balls from going into the goal, however, they both had incredibly tough games in goal today. A special thankyou to WARWICK SPARKES and JOEL CARTER from the U14/1s, who helped out. They both had champion games today. Although we did not come even close to winning today, the boys still enjoyed their game and showed fabulous Thornleigh 'spirit and sportsmanship'.

AA/2 THORNLEIGH 2 vs MACQUARIE UNI 4

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 0 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 3

AA/5 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 3

AA/8 THORNLEIGH 2 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 0

AA/8 WOMEN THORNLEIGH 1 vs SYDNEY UNI 1

AA/15 THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

This was a great result for our young All Age team. On a mud heap at Roselea we were up against the newly crowned Premiers who thought that given our position on the table and the fact that they had beaten us 5 nil in the first round we would be a push over. The Hawks had underestimated our boys commitment as we put it to them from the kick off. Coach Bruce had stressed the need to play a wide game to keep away from the mud and we did this to perfection as we continually had runs up the flanks to be crossed into the goal mouth, and only great work from the Hawks keeper kept us out. Two shots in particular were worthy of mention as first LIAM and then DAVID P had beauties deflected by the keeper at the last moment.

We finally scored after sustained pressure saw DAVID K put one away after a melee in front of the Hawks goal. This was the first time this year that a 50-50 ball has gone our way. Our guys came out in the second half determined to keep a clean sheet and we did this for over 30 minutes but the premiers ground us down with sustained pressure and finally equalised.

At the back our reserve keeper PETER had another great game, while the backs - LIAM, EDWARD, DESHAN, TOM and MATT E were fantastic in shutting down the Hawks attack. In the Mids ANDREW, TERENCE, DAVID K, PAUL (who had possibly his best game) and RAKESH all had strong games while up front HAYDEN and DAVID P kept up pressure on the Hills back line all game.

Well done guys you have continued your development all year as a team and this result is just rewards for your efforts. A special mention that LEIGH went and played for the All Age 8 team instead of our team as they were short and they recorded a 2 nil win.

O35/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 2

O35/4 BYE

PL/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 2 July 29

EPPING EASTWOOD had more to play for as they had a sniff of a chance to make the top 4. They were quicker to the ball and always had players free in attack. They scored both goals early in each half and did enough in defence to keep our strikers at bay.

PL/Res THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 2 July 29

The 2:0 score line was a good result against second placed Epping Eastwood. Our players seem to lift against the top teams but struggle against teams in the bottom half of the competition.

PL/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING YMCA 0 July 30

This was a must win for YMCA as they faced certain relegation if defeated. Thunder started slowly with many passes failing to find blue and gold shirts. Thunder's goal was from a cross that found an unmarked STEPHEN LANSLEY at the far post. The second half was exciting, not for the standard of play, but for the closeness of the score line. In the end the better team won, but not by much.

PL/Res THORNLEIGH 4 vs EPPING YMCA 0 July 30

They waited until the final game of the year to produce a 4:0 score line. The team played well in patches but poor finishing by YMCA made the score line look one sided. Goal scorers were MITCHELL BINGERMANN 2, SCOTT HIGGINS and WILL JENKE. A big THANK YOU to BEN HOLLIDAY and ANDREW GAMBLE from the 16/1s for helping out in both games and OMAR BUCKLEY from the AA 8 for helping out on Sunday.