



Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.

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Blue & Gold Newsletter

22 June 2008



Deadline for Blue & Gold: MONDAY 3pm

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THORNLEIGH THUNDER FC

2008 TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

at Oakleigh Oval



Saturday 28 June

TEAM	TIME
6 Yellow B	8:10am
6 Green B	8:20am
6 Yellow A	8:30am
7 Green A	8:40am
6 Green A	9:00am
6 Red A	9:10am
6 White A	9:20am
6 Red B	9:30am
6 White B	9:40am
7 Red A	9:50am
7GreenB	10:00am
7 Red B	10:20am
7 White	10:30am
7 Yellow	10:40am

Saturday 5 July

TEAM	TIME
13/3	8.10am
10/6	8:20am
12/3	8:30am
10/2	8:50am
11/3	9:00am
9/3	9:10am
8 White	9:20am
9/7	9:30am
8 Gold	9:40am
8 Orange	9:50am
8 Green	10:00am
14/4	10:10am
16/3	10:20am
15/1	10:40am
16/2	10:50am

- Each player will receive a team photo at the end of the season
- The cost of the photo was included in your Club registration fee
- Please turn up **at** the nominated time (no need to turn up early)
- *Players/Parents:* please contact your team manager if you have problems attending.

Sunday 29 June

TEAM	TIME
16/1 Girls	9:00am
17/1 Girls	10:20am
13/2 (6) Girls	10:30am
13/2 (7) Girls	10:40am
14/2 Girls	10:50am

Managers: Please contact John Sparkes on 0428 910 025 if you have any queries.

RESULTS

NWSWS Competition – 22 June 2008			
Grade/Div	Opposition	For	Against
U13/2 (6)	Mt St Benedict	6	0
U13/2 (7)	Putney	0	5
U14/2	West Pennant Hills	0	6
U16/1	Roselea	4	5
U17/1	North Epping Rangers	2	0
AA/4	Epping YMCA	1	0
AA/10	Ryde	1	3



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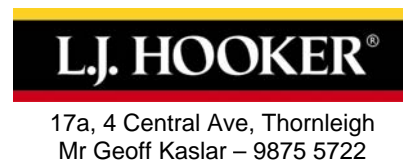
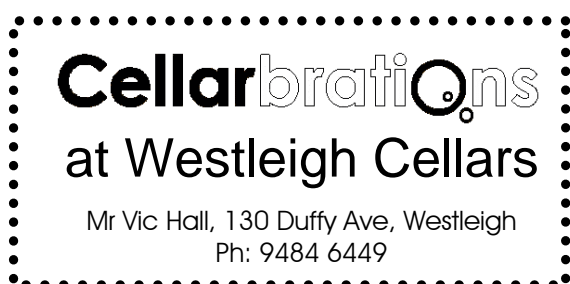
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UNDER 13/2 GIRLS (6)

THORNLEIGH 6 vs Mt St BENEDICT 0

A big win, and a good one.... an oh that scoreline could have been so much bigger. Building on the structure that started to work for us in the last game, we pulled together a forward combination of RACHEL, ELISE and JESS S, and supported them with the tireless midfield combination of JAS, JESS P and JOEY. This started to show benefit early, with the midfielders constantly feeding the ball through to the forwards, and picking up a few loose balls themselves. In fact, the midfielders had the early shots on goals, with JOEY narrowly missing a few on the left, then JAS shaving the sticks a number of times on the right. With a few quick words from Coach JAYE to get the passes in earlier, the forwards started getting the sorts of opportunities they needed. RACHEL broke through first with a booming kick which found the back of the net, and ELISE followed up minutes later, with a lovely passing shot that also found the back of the net, then JESS S had us all on our feet as a well timed kick almost squeezed past the goalie. Enjoying a gallop up front, RACHEL was positively damaging - firing in three more powerful goals before the half time whistle blew. Our goalie BEK FIELD had a rather quiet first half, as any wayward balls had been quickly and mercilessly cleaned up by the rock-solid backline combination of KATHERINE, DANI, BECKY, and BETH. At 5-0 up, we pushed DANI into goals, brought RACHEL back into the back line, and gave BEK a run up front. Again, the Thunderettes positively peppered the goals, with BEK, ELISE, JOEY and JESS all super keen to score. Even our backline got in on the action with KATHERINE just scraping the left post, and BECKY and BETH both having some lovely runs. Trying to give an absolutely puffed out JESS S a bit of a rest we switched BETH to the forwards, and put JESS back - just as Benes decided to penetrate our defence. Again, the backline stood firm with JESS P providing some great back up to alleviate the pressure. A final change in our line up saw JESS S go back to goals, DANI move back into the back line with JAS, while our not so secret weapon - RACHEL - re-emerged in the front line..... to claim her 5th goal for the match. All in all, a good powerful game from the Thunderettes. Everybody had fabulous games, and even the special Thunder linesman could easily be given a 9/10 for effort, accuracy and outstanding fitness.

Player of the Match: Players' and Coach's choice - an undisputed winner with 5 booming goals and a bucket load of gumption.....RACHEL TOMPKINS.



UNDER 13/2 GIRLS (7)

Thornleigh 0 vs Putney Rangers 5

What an amazing effort from the Thornleigh girls, they dug deep to defend against the Putney Amazons. Although they were constantly out-muscled they never gave up. Player of the match was shared between CLAUDIA NITSCHKE who was constantly hungry for the ball and never let up the pressure and ANNA BRAMWELL who showed some amazing speed to plug any defensive gaps and was never afraid to take on those bigger than her. A positive from the game was not just the enthusiasm the girls were playing with but the way they were looking up and making some great passes. CLAIRE NEWLAND and EMMA FERGUSON were combining beautifully with their midfield and running onto some great balls from HANNAH TAYLOR and KIRA MILLER. There was some amazing defensive efforts from SOPHIE DENCH and DIANA CAVILL that showed some amazing spirit. TAHLIA LANG and HANNAH CRANE got some great chips in that went over the Putney defence and got us in front of the posts a few times, LAURA BRAMWELL is getting the hang of running the ball wide to create opportunities for us and using the speed of STEPH KIM up the line we are starting to get some strike power. ELLEN BOUCHER is showing some amazing goalie skills and picking the right time to come out and protect her goals. We are lucky to have such great spirit in the team.



UNDER 14/2 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 6



Today was an interesting game where THORNLEIGH had 2 different personalities. The first half was sad as WPH where clearly dominating and scored 5 goals – our team is definitely suffering from minimal training and appeared to be lacking energy. The ball had mesmerising qualities that became a distraction. In the second half we saw a more vibrant Thunder pack asking questions of the WPH defence and probing the goals. Only one goal was

conceded in this half but Thornleigh had at least ten opportunities that just couldn't be converted. Fortunately a Moral victory 10:6. A stand-out player today was EMILIE who drove much of the attack with several $\frac{3}{4}$ runs up the park. EMILIE also won the PLAYER'S PLAYER this week hands down. LAUREN and BRITTANY stopped several attacks each and SHELBY is starting to show a lot of promise with developing skills - regularly seen tackling and feeding the ball to the forwards. Together with 'Hand ball' SAMMIE in the midfield the centre of the park was taking shape. TESS and LIVIE had good games with some timely feeds to GEORGIA who skinned some players and was unlucky not to score this week. Keep up the hard work girls, it will soon pay off.

UNDER 16/1 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 4 vs ROSELEA 5

Like that classic fishing tale, this is the story of the one that got away. The girls arrived in a happy mood and looked ready for the challenge of playing the equal second placed team, knowing they made a good showing in their first-round 4-2 defeat. The Thunderettes were placed 4th before this match and have remained in that position.

Coach Craig (Mr Strategy) Denyer decided to commence proceedings by loading up defence with our usual star strikers to try and keep Roselea out. But after 9 minutes Roselea were one-up so the Thunderettes reverted to the usual field placings. This saw some clever passing on the run between mid-fielder ANNALESE SMITH and striker LUCY JONES, backed up by striker DANI (Tod) WALSH and other mid-fielders EMMA FORD, CHLOE BERESFORD, DANI COOK, COURTNEY (CJ) BLANCH and MADI BROWN. The girls were looking good but a simple marking up error left a Roselea striker an easy shot on goal. But the tables were turning with the Thunders making more and more incisive plays into the Roselea box. Our girls were playing the offside rule beautifully, ably assisted by the "PUSH UP!" calls from the sideline. Soon ANNALESE pounced on a throw in and took it all the way to open our account at the 18-minute mark. 8 minutes later one of those gems was set up by ANNALESE making ground up the right wing and sending a perfectly timed centre to LUCY to ram into the net. The girls were now 2-all and HUNGRY. Sure enough with more attacking of the Roselea goal mouth, DANI (Tod) positioned herself beautifully to finish off a centre from LUCY. The mighty Thunderettes were on a roll and strode to the half-time break 3-2 up and PUMPED!!!

The second half opened with our strikers back in defence to protect our slim lead, but a Roselea corner at 13 minutes hit the

ground just in front of the goal mouth and was quickly slotted in. Two more Roselea goals in the next 7 minutes saw our chance of victory slip away all too quickly. One of these was from a Roselea throw-in in our half which caught our defenders off-guard – possibly still in "off-side trap mode". In the dying minutes our girls looked like they were set to score but were given a free kick for an infringement just outside the box. ANNALESE took the kick and incredibly found the top right corner with a beauty, but alas we had run out of time as the full-time whistle blew immediately after the following kick-off.

All the girls played strong games today. DANI COOK made a number breaks and won quite a few one-on-ones from mid-field. COURTNEY was the usual tiger that she is, and MADI as solid as a rock in centre-mid. CHLOE continually made ground up the left flank, and quiet achiever BEC WICKHAM shut down the Roselea strikers time and time again. Our other "rock", RANI PAII, made a welcome return as stopper after a couple of weeks off. And our not-so-secret weapon FIONA (Captain Fe) SPARKES made about 5 brilliant saves on the day. Not to forget ARI O'NEILL who played with her usual speed and managed to shake off her demon by executing two great headers on the day!

Well done girls, you played great football again demonstrating you have the capability of beating any team in the comp (although Normo's proving to be a headache.....!). Marking up on goal-side in defence and making ground out wide are still the keys in this correspondent's opinion.

LADIES 17/1

THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 0

ALL AGE/4 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING YMCA 0

ALL AGE/10 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 1 vs RYDE PANTHERS 3

AA10s showed great determination and enthusiasm on Sunday against the Ryde Panthers. Although the final score was 3-1, everyone enjoyed what was a gutsy match. With a number of players injured or unavailable the remaining team members played valiantly without subs. Goalkeeper KATHY was once again in excellent form and was helped out in defence by LISA who showed great commitment and control. AMANDA scored a beautiful goal in the beginning of the second half and there was also a fantastic attempt by ALI that sailed just above the goal mouth. As the team continues to improve this season they set an excellent standard of sportsmanship and dedication to the game whilst at the same time having a lot of fun on the field. Good luck next week Thunder!