



Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.

# SOCCER DIVISION

## Blue & Gold Newsletter

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## Soccer Anagrams

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

LOSE A CARGO	SCORE A GOAL
CHEW UP TIN	WIN THE CUP
SUFFER OLDIE	OFFSIDE RULE
TOW OUR RUFFO	FOUR FOUR TWO
PEARLIE MUG ERE	PREMIER LEAGUE
CRAWL FLIP UNDO	WORLD CUP FINAL
WHALE FIN LIST	FINAL WHISTLE
AT TREE MIX	EXTRA TIME
OH ENA SPOTTY LOUT	PENALTY SHOOT OUT
CHIN UTE STUBBES	SUBSTITUTE BENCH

## RESULTS

GHFA Competition – 18 April 2009			
Grade/Div	Opposition	For	Against
U9/3	Beecroft	1	0
U9/7	Glenhaven	5	0
U9/8	Ryde Saints United	1	0
U10/3	Carlingford Redbacks	5	1
U11/2	West Ryde Rovers	1	7
U11/6	Pacific Hills Dural	4	2
U12/3	Eastwood St Andrews	3	1
U13/2	Glenhaven	4	2
U14/4	Eastwood St Andrews	2	4
U15/4	Glenhaven	0	5
U17/1	Glenhaven	2	1
U17/3	Pennant Hills	7	3
AA/4	Old Ignatians	5	0
AA/7	Epping Eastwood	1	1
AA/10	West Pennant Hills	2	5
AA/12	Glenhaven	1	0
AA/16	Eastwood St Andrews	3	3
AA/18	Gladesville Sharks	0	3
AA/20	Glenhaven	0	9
O35/2	Northern HFC	4	3
O35/5	Pennant Hills	5	1
PL/Res	Epping Eastwood	1	3
PL/1 <sup>st</sup>	Epping Eastwood	2	1

NWSWS Competition – 19 April 2009			
Grade/Div	Opposition	For	Against
U14/1	Mercy College	6	0
U14/2	All Saints	2	5
U15/2	Beecroft	1	1
U17/1	Kenthurst	1	6
U18/1	Forfeit by THL		
AA/4	Sydney Uni	6	0
AA/10	Pennant Hills	1	4
O/35	Forfeit by THL		



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## UNDER 9/3

### THORNLEIGH 1 vs BEECROFT 0

It was great to finally start the season. The boys were off to a flying start with both sides showing strong mid field play. LEWIS HABKOUK was the first half goal keeper proving his skill with solid clearing kicks from the goal area. The boys demonstrated great teamwork throughout putting pressure on the opposition with repeated attempts at goal. ROWAN WOOD just missed a goal with the ball hitting the crossbar. Thornleigh finally scored with an impressive cross from ROWAN WOOD to combine with JOSHUA WATKINS to bring the score to 1 nil. The second half was a repeat of the first with Thornleigh missing several goal attempts. It was a tough first match. Congratulations to CYRENA BOURIS Player of the Week, JOSHUA WATKINS Goal of the Week and TIM REYNOLDS for the Teamwork Award.

## UNDER 9/7

### THORNLEIGH 'STRIKERS' 5 vs GLENHAVEN 0



It was a game fit for World Cup status! Right from the whistle BRAIDEN WOLHOFF was finding open space deep in opposition territory and calling for the ball. Our midfield dominated – DANIEL DRAPER and DANIEL MALLET worked well together stripping the ball from all opposition players they marked and providing great long passes to the forwards. RAYMOND FERRIS as centre defender demonstrated good team play by supporting his left and right defenders and making some powerful tackles stopping the opposition in their tracks. Our goal was in safe hands with ZACARY MCLEOD making a courageous diving save onto a ball, copping a boot in the chest for good measure. The second half is where the Strikers lived up to their name, netting 5 excellent team goals. BRENDEN MUDALIAR earned the "Team Player of the Week" Award for his powerful and accurate shots that earned him a hat trick of goals. A well positioned CHRISTOPHER BLOOM landed 2 goals from well weighted centring passes. The defensive line remained rock solid preventing any real shots on goal - TRISTAN DOWNEY played a cracker in defence winning every tackle - NICKOLAS HO showcased his new ball skills with some pull-backs that faked out the opposition - DANIEL MERRICK turned defence into attack with great hustling and good clearances. If they keep this form up I'll be calling the Soccerroos' Scouts. Great game STRIKERS.

## UNDER 9/8

### THORNLEIGH 1 vs RYDE SAINTS UNITED 0

What a great, powerful start to the season! Our goalies, WILLIAM GRANT and JACK FERGUSON both got tested just once or twice each. And both of them really concentrated nevertheless during their halves, well done boys! MATTHEW PERRIMAN did a solid job as a defender, as well as half, whoever came to his side, he stopped them! He then worked the ball to MADISON KIRKPATRICK, AMY LAWS or DANIEL CLYNCH. Those three showed how well they fit into the Team already, being new to our Team and some even new to Soccer, you wouldn't guess it, seeing them play! In the first half LIAM GODFREY showed off his all round talents. Playing in defence, he got the ball, dribbled the whole length of the field and finished with a great goal! That was excellent, Liam! Alongside Liam played OLIVER GORDON and MARCUS GRANT. And as mentioned before, our goalies didn't really have to get into action, which shows the good work

our defence had done. They worked well together, the runs they stopped got passed on to the halves who then worked the ball to our centre, JOSHUA MUCH, and then to the forwards THOMAS DAKIN, ETHAN GODFREY and CONOR DRUMM! And you won't believe how many chances those four shared between them...!

All I can say is, that I'm really proud of how well the bunch has become a Team after such a short time. Great Team play, you worked well together and deserved that victory!!!

## UNDER 10/3

### THORNLEIGH 5 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 1

What a great start to the season with a very impressive display from our new team. The game was full of attack and started the moment the whistle blew. Our forwards NATHAN POLLOCK and VEERAN MUDALIAR chimed in perfectly with our halves JOSH NATOLI, YASHAR ELLIIN, WILLEM OATES and LACHLAN DUNLOP looking like this season had rolled on from the last. Our defence was awesome with REUBEN SPARGO, ALEX COEN-GIBSON, HARRISON DAVEY, TOM KENNEDY, BEN KNIGHT and HARRISON DARGAN in the goals making life very difficult for the opposing attack. Highlights for the game were 5 fantastic goals all scored from great team play and excellent passing and a brilliant length of the field run by BEN KNIGHT which finished with a great pass to HARRISON DARGAN with an even better pass to NATHAN POLLOCK to collect one of the goals. All in all a great game but the stand out for the game and the "Man of the Match" award went to VEERAN MUDALIAR who played his position perfectly and was a big part in the result of the game. Well done boys we have a great season to look forward to.

## UNDER 12/3

### THORNLEIGH 3 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1

This was a well deserved and hard fought win against gallant opposition. The final score was a fair reflection of the balance of play, but was a long time coming, with all 4 goals scored in the second half. Thornleigh had the better of the first half, with stout defence from all the backline meaning keeper MARK RICHARDS had little to do. BEN MANCE, NATALIE BARKER, ANDREW HADDAD and TAMYKA WILLIAMS all had very solid games in defence. NATALIE and TAMYKA were both making their debuts for the Thunder but both played like seasoned professionals. The midfield of MAX KENNEDY, CALLUM TOOHEY, RYAN MALLETT and SAM DRUMM also were playing well, with some good team work (very pleasing to see), tenacious tackling and some fine runs up the left by SAM in particular. Up front, SLADE BLANCH and BEN JONES made plenty of runs, but the goal would not come before half time, with a good hard shot from ANDREW being our best chance. The game came to life in the second half, after another fine run and cross by SAM was finished well by CALLUM in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute to make in 1-0. Once the first goal went in, Thornleigh played with renewed confidence and vigour and the second goal came just two minutes later, MARK RICHARDS slotting the ball home after a great run and shot by SAM. But Eastwood, playing with only 10 players, did well to score a goal with about 10 minutes left and the nerves began to jangle. But Thornleigh kept pushing forward and were rewarded with a third goal, this time MARK returning the favour with a pass to SAM, whose curling shot cannoned in off the post in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute to make the result safe. Overall, this was a very good team performance, with lots of passing, lots of effort and all players doing their part. Well done team!

## UNDER 14/1 GIRLS

### THORNLEIGH 6 vs MERCY COLLEGE 0

Thornleigh had a comfortable win this week beating Mercy college 6 nil with the girls unlucky not to push the score out to double figures as RACHEL TOMPKINS, BELINDA PUGH and ELISE THOMPSON all hit the post during the game. The first half was a reasonably tight contest finishing 1 nil although Thornleigh spent the majority of the half in the Mercy College penalty area and were unlucky not to score more than one. On the few occasions when Mercy College tried to attack the Thornleigh defence looked strong with BETH SMITH confidently defending a one on one attack. EMILY DESMOND scored the only goal of the first half with Thornleigh leading 1 nil at the break. In the second half the girls attacked strongly with ELISE THOMPSON scoring an impressive hat-trick and RACHEL TOMPKINS and BELINDA PUGH deservedly getting a goal each. A great win by the girls !!

## UNDER 14/4

### THORNLEIGH 2 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 4

In what was essentially an evenly matched game the final outcome can be attributed to a few weak points that surfaced all through the match and especially in the second half. While the mid field were able to drive the ball forward it was the odd lapse in our defence that saw the opposition break through and score. On the other hand there was some good defensive play by ALASDAIR BELLING and JOSHUA COOPER who also did an excellent job as goalie in the first half. Some great forward play by JIN LIM and ALEX PUN saw the lead up to many close attempts at goal by JACK ANGEL and JACOB KOWLASKI. Although a disappointing outcome, the ensuing weeks will see more focus on attacking, playing the ball and thinking about game play that should hold the team in good stead for the ensuing season. Man of the match: JIN LIM. Goal scorers where SAMUEL LANE and JACK ANGEL.

## UNDER 15/2 GIRLS

### THORNLEIGH 1 vs BEECROFT 1



In our second game, the girls still managed to keep the spectators excited, with a very close result. The teams were close and play ranged up and down the field regularly, with the forwards especially SAM TREES making breakaway runs. SAMMIE TRENAMAN our cool goalie made some great saves, until a great kick from Beecroft in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute that couldn't be stopped. But the girls responded almost immediately and quickly had the ball up the field. Our equalising goal came from great running up the left side by JESSICA HARRIS, a good pass to SAM TREES and then a perfectly placed pass to SILVIA SHEN to kick it into the back of the net.

The second half was marred by heavy rain after 8 minutes. The ball and surface was slippery and girls now all wet. The game was evenly paced with both sides alternatively attacking and defending. The key for Thornleigh was sweeper ALISSIA ODDI,

who turned defence into attack by several runs up the middle or clearing kicks. The team obviously appreciated her efforts as she was resoundingly voted the Player's Plater this week.

All the team were grateful when BRITTANY KNIGHT agreed to take the goalie role. The team were all playing well today, with everyone making a contribution both defenders, midfielders and forwards. Great team work from you all, WITH special mentions to JESSICA HARRIS, ALYCE TOMPKINS ,TAYLOR LANGHAM and SHELBY COLLEY.

## UNDER 17/1 GIRLS

### THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENTHURST 6

We met our old rivals this week but with holidays both sides had only 11 players which meant a hard game for everyone.

After a slow start, a corner and a great shot from MEL almost a goal after an excellent header from LUCY. Good defence from COURTNEY, MADDY and ARI stopped Kenthurst until a lucky bounce opened up the goal and they lead 1-0.

A few minutes later and some soft defence opened up our goal again and 2-0 down.

We went back up-field and scored a corner and another good cross headed by LUCY just wide. 3 chances in goal but no luck. STEPHANIE and CLARE did great midfield work and KARA a great save in goal keeping the score unchanged. Back up-field we went and Steph was rewarded for hard work with a great goal and only down by 1. Kenthurst try to strike back but good cover from the backs and defensive positioning by KARA stopped the attack. Half time and work to be done.

Again a slow second half start until a good push up-field saw Lucy's shot wide. Back luck. Chances both ends as the ball went back and forward with solid defence on both sides keeping us in touch on the scoreline. MEL injured and we were down to 10 and tiredness saw Kenthurst score 2 quick goals.

A great ball through from VANESSA gave STEPH a chance but it went wide. Kenthurst hit back but a strong challenge from ARI saw the shot wide. We tired and Kenthurst scored 2 easy goals near full time and final score 6-1.

A good effort but missing players threw out our combinations in both attack and defence and the girls looked a bit tired.

Better luck next week.

*Gary O'Neill, Scribe for the day.*

## UNDER 17/1

### THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLENHAVEN 1

Our first game in Division 1 was a tale of two halves. The first half Thornleigh had lots of possession and many chances to score just missed, even their goalie missed his own goal attempt. Much good work by MATT LOWE, LACHLAN BEENIE, by great balls fed from the team. JOHN CAVILL made so many great saves. It was disappointing when Glenhaven scored two minutes before halftime.

We couldn't hear CRAIG DENYER, he took them a long way from the parents, but we knew what he was saying. The boys obviously responded to Craig's words of wisdom, and got on with it in the second half. The boys kept up the pressure on Glenhaven and were quickly rewarded with a goal from LACHLAN BEENIE. We kept up the pressure with many corners and great crosses, until ED CHISHOLM shot a second one in. We were ahead, and keen to keep it that way, Craig instructed the boys to play a defensive formation for the last 15

minutes as both teams started to tire. While we didn't score again, the tree behind the goal received many strikes, it looked a bit ragged at the end of the game.

It was a great spectacle for the crowd, and the strengths of the new combination were shown off. The back-line JESSE DEACON, LUKAS GOUBOUT, CONNOR SAMSON and JONATHON MAUDE were powerful in defence and turning it to attack. Midfielders JAMES PITCHER and DAVID ARMSTRONG everywhere they needed to be, and JAMIE LUNDBERG and JORDAN SANT displayed their speed up the sidelines. It was great to open the season with a win, and I am sure there will be many more as the team clicks together and learns to capitalise on their strengths.

## UNDER 17/3

### THORNLEIGH 7 vs PENNANT HILLS 3

After a long drive to Arcadia, Thornleigh was rearing to go as they had an attempt at goal in the first minute of play. The second attempt by HARRY (1) at goal soon followed and Thornleigh's first goal came after 9 minutes of play. Thornleigh showed excellent teamwork and passing skills. KEL (3), HARRY, JACKSON (1) keeping the pressure on in forwards with many shots at goal. Great work by ALEX, STEVE (1), MIKE covering the midfield keeping the ball forward to our stickers with LEROY (1) firing between mids and defence. As Pennant Hills warmed up we saw great defending by ERIC, DION and WILL with LUKE as always our dependable goalie, complete with amazing saves. Half time Thornleigh ahead 3-1, finishing an excellent first game to the season, especially as we had no reserves, at 7-3.

## ALL AGE / 7

### THORNLEIGH 1 vs EASTWOOD EPPING 1

It was a hard fought point to start the season with for the lads. With new wives and girlfriends causing havoc with availability there were a few players in slightly unfamiliar positions in defence however DAVID POWER and ANDREW BOUGHTON both had immense games while GREG RUSTON performed his usual heroics and was a rock at the back. The Thunder looked to be the better side from the off and looked likely to score and did although AARON BOOTH's effort was disallowed after the referee thought he gave the keeper a little too much attention. I say it was 50/50 but then again since I'm writing a match report for the Thunder I would. PAT CHAPMAN was denied by a wonder save from a bullet of a free kick and RICHARD HULOWATYI who played a blinder, despite copping a nasty knock from a team mate (accidentally?) was also denied by an equally outstanding and frustrating save. Still we expected to score, which maybe was a problem as intensity seemed to drop a little and that perhaps led to a slight lapse in focus that led to our opposition scoring a minute before the break. A resolute Thunder emerged from the oranges determined to regain control of the match. It took a little while to get going but nothing was happening for the Thunder and things were not looking great until we were rewarded with a penalty which PAT CHAPMAN put home like a pro. The boys lifted but despite the best efforts from BRAD RUSTON and MARK KENNEDY who were awesome in the mid field we couldn't get that vital winner. ROSS EDWARDS came agonisingly close to being a hero and as the game wound down both teams pressed for the winning goal. MARK DENNIS providing the vital saves in goal that have become his forte. So the game ended a hard fought draw. The battered, bruised and cramping Thunder team could be proud of the

efforts as no one ever gave up and everyone put in everything they had and more to get a result. It just wasn't to be this time. But while perhaps it wasn't the result on paper we wanted, from a human perspective, the manager couldn't have been happier with the team's attitude. Next time we meet our young opponents from Epping Eastwood things will be different.

## ALL AGE/10 WOMEN

### THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 4

Despite the rain and the wind on Sunday we had a hugely enthusiastic and committed team on the field. Although we suffered a loss of 1-4 we enjoyed ourselves immensely and kept playing wholeheartedly until the final whistle blew. Our goal was scored by AMANDA who found herself a free space and sent the ball sailing over the opposition's heads and into the top corner of the goal. It was beautiful to watch. ANGELA, MADDIE and ANGE all had ripper shots at goal but unfortunately the opposition's goalie was too fast. JOANNE ran tirelessly around the midfield marking well and LISA, KATHY and FRANCES got us out of some scrapes in the back-line. We look forward to another fun and competitive match next week, this time against the West Ryde Rovers.

## ALL AGE/18

### THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLADESVILLE 3

This game was not the way that we wanted to start the season, we have had a disrupted training preparation with injuries and holidays and it showed as the team struggled to capture the great form from last season.

We have basically the same core team returning from last year with a few new faces and a new coach and the boys were keen to start the season off with a win. We started out very flat and we never controlled the game as we had spoken about at training, and we let the Sharks dictate the game to us and they ran us around the park and eventually found the back of the net. We had several opportunities to put away goals but our radars were not working and we missed many chances. The first half of football was one that we needed to forget about and as we came in at half time all heads were drooping.

We regathered ourselves at the break and went out and started to show glimpses of what we are capable of with sustained pressure on the Sharks' goal mouth but as in the first half our shooting was poor and we let Gladesville off the hook. Overall the second half of football was a great improvement on the first half, but due to an injury we were down to one sub and were under pressure for much of the half.

We did not mark up as well as we needed to and the Sharks capitalised on our poor defence and banged in another two soft goals. We will regather at training this week and continue to work hard on our game and we will come out with a better attitude for the next game.

Heads up guys the season is just starting and we will have many more games to improve and refine our game.

## OVER 35 / 5

### THORNLEIGH 5 vs PENNANT HILLS 1

A great start to the season!  
Scorers: Tim Hayward 1,  
Brian Flack 2, 3, 4 & 5 !!!!! was in sizzling form.