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Blue & Gold Newsletter

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UNDER 14/1 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 3

This was going to be a tough game from the start as North Epping Rangers are sitting in second place on the ladder and we could only manage 10 players to start the game due to the Easter break which ended up being 9 for the whole second half due to injury. However the girls showed great determination and were unlucky not to win the game as Thornleigh had the majority of possession. REBEKA FIELD had a great game at goalkeeper showing great ownership of her position. RACHAEL TOMPKINS scored the only goal for Thornleigh this week but was unlucky not to score a couple of others. EMILY DESMOND, BETH SMITH AND IZZY KING defended extremely well and helped keep the score line respectable. We are all looking forward to playing the Rangers again with a full team as I'm sure we'll definitely give them a run for their money next time....

UNDER 14/2 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 0 vs RYDE PANTHERS 6

This week was always going to be a difficult task with one third of the team unavailable. Our opposition took it straight to our girls taking advantage of our reduced numbers from the opening whistle. A couple of great saves by ELLEN ensured the ref keep his pencil in his pocket.

For most of the first half we were forced to defend our goal with KATHERINE, DIANNA & HANNA C having to do more kicks than Jackie Chan. We went to the break down two goals and this could have been 5 or 6 except for the great defensive and goalkeeping effort.

The second half was as difficult as the first with Ryde continually going forward. However our girls really put their bodies on the line with HANNA T, CLAUDIA, BEK & TEAGAN in the midfield taking control and feeding opportunities to LARISSA & EMMA.

The team gave it their all and never gave up. Weight of possession told in the end with Ryde scoring four more unanswered goals.

Great effort girls and I'm sure with a full team we will give Ryde a real run around next time we meet.

UNDER 15/2 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 3 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 1



This was our first real home game in three seasons, and the team responded by a skilled display to great spectator interest. The first half was very close with the play running equally both directions. The Rangers forwards had some speed and a quick runaway goal occurred at 11 minute mark. Five minutes later SAMMIE TRENAMAN our reliable goalie saved a penalty goal shot. After five minutes on

the defensive the girls turned to attack and there were many runs at goal, with a few near misses. (Moral goals in the old terminology).

After half time, the girls kept the ball up the field in front of the Rangers goal. The pressure and several corners later, our first goal came from lead up work on the left of the field by TAYLOR LANGHAM, EMILIE LOWE who crossed it to GEORGIA DAVIS to shoot the goal. The equaliser sent a wave of enthusiasm through the team and they continued to pressure the Rangers goal. SAM TREES hit a great shot that bounced off the post. Then EMILIE LOWE found her accelerator and ran the ball three-quarters of the field from the back line to kick a clean shot. A fast Rangers player attempted the same and was run down and kept out by SHELBY COLLEY. The final crowd pleasing goal again came from great lead up work, and a pass from TERESA SANT to GEORGIA DAVIS.

Team obviously appreciated returning traveller GEORGIA DAVIS' efforts as she was voted the Player's Player this week.

UNDER 17/1 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 4 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

After last week's lacklustre performance, today the girls demonstrated their true capabilities. Everyone played with 100% commitment no matter where they were placed on the field. The first 12 minutes was an even affair with both teams putting the opposition defence to the test. Our initial defensive line-up of ARI O'NEILL (sweeper), FIONA SPARKES (left), DANI CHARARA (centre) and STEPH THOMSON (right) kept keeper KARA BRACKENRIG out of the play most of the time. In the 13th minute STEPH cleared a ball to ANNALESE SMITH who took it from half way all the way to the net for the early lead. The strong westerly was against us and at the 15-minute mark a Raven used it to perfection to swerve a corner kick right into our goal mouth – not much a keeper can do about those. FIONA played really well in left back with thoughtful passing to our mid fielders. CLAIRE BUSHROD - in her third football match ever - had a blinder, continually winning 50/50s and pushing the ball to the mids and forwards. At the half-time break scores were still locked at 1-all but there was little for Craig to do except praise the girls on their tenacity and remind them to use the wind in the second half with a few "speculator" long-range shots. Well MEL D'ARCHY, who doesn't really need that sort of encouragement, did the job within 10 minutes with a towering shot from outside the box finding the net. YEAH MEL!!! The Thunders had their heads up and were pumping. Five minutes later LUCY JONES seized her chance with a beautifully executed shot from the edge of the box taking us to a 3-1 lead. In the mid-field EVE WILCOX had a cracker, weaving around players at will, aided by COURTNEY BLANCH and JO LATHAM. COURTNEY played the only way she knows how: at 110% and copped a hit in the knee for her efforts. But after 10 minutes she was itching to get back on the park. When danger lurked too close to our goals KARA "vice grip" BRACKENRIG put the clamps on any Raven who got within striking distance. Great stuff to watch. In the 34th minute a KARA punt kick found LUCY on the half-way line who took it all the way for some fist-pumping icing on the cake. In the dying stages ANNALESE "twinkle-toes" out-manoeuvred four Ravens up the right hand side before placing a beautiful cross which the JONES goal-scoring machine oh so nearly put away.

Every player performed a vital role in today's success but so much of the credit must go to our Lucas Neill-like back line all of whom defended aggressively and turned defence into attack at every opportunity. And ARI O'NEILL is the awesomest sweeper around!

UNDER 18/1 LADIES

THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING YMCA 0

We are finally on the scoreboard after our first game loss and then having to forfeit last week only having 7 players available. We had lots of attempts at goal but the gale force winds didn't help and the ball wouldn't go in. FRAN had an early shot which hit the post, DANICA, HAYLEY & MARIE all had great shots at goal. Finally a good ball put through by ALYCE for HAYLEY to score and another great goal by HAYLEY in first half. Although we didn't score in the second half we had some great team work and some great running down the field by FRAN helped by ALYCE, ASH, LAURA & KELLY. ASH also had an attempt at goal but that damn wind didn't help! Our goalie STEPH is out for another 4 weeks with a badly dislocated finger so CLAIRE was in goals and did some great saves and DANX was in goals last 15 mins (with bad blisters) and also did a great save. Our backs STEPH & LARISSA had a good game in defence. Our coach Mark will be back for our next game and we thank Craig for taking the girls for training for last few weeks.

AA/4 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 4 vs PUTNEY RANGERS 0

Firstly wanted to mention our game last week, we had a great win against Sydney Uni (6) – (0). Thanks to GRAHAM DODD (Amy's dad) for filling in as coach for KYRI. Also thanks to MEL & ANDY for sharing the role of goalie. Our six goals were shared between BRIONY (3), AMY (2) and MADDIE (1).

Now to this week:

And another fantastic win by our girls. We showed very strong defence during the whole game but more so in the second half. A well deserved yellow card was given to an opposition player during the second half.

A big welcome to our two new players PREYA and NERIDA you both played really well. Thanks to MEL and RHIAN for being goalies. Goals were scored by LAURA (1) PREYA (1), a combination goal finally in by JACKIE (1) and lastly an own goal by Putney's keeper coming from MEL'S corner kick. The opposition missed their attempts at goals from a penalty shot which fortunately hit the cross bar then bounced out, and also missing a totally open goal mouth on another occasion. Great turn around by ADELAIDE and a great header by NAV. With the game being at Oakleigh and closer to home, our girls had a larger than normal audience and gave us a terrific game to watch from the sideline. You were all working really well together. Great passing skills and a huge effort was seen from every player. Well done and keep up the good work!!!



ALL AGE/10 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 5

This was the first time our team played at Oakleigh Park. It would have been nice to walk away with a win but unfortunately with West Ryde Rovers' ball skills and speed we couldn't keep up with them. The first half saw them score 4 goals. By the second half we came in stronger to only allow them 1 goal. KATHY our goalie fought hard to save as many goals as she could but they kept coming through our defensive line to score. Our forwards tried to make breaks and did many times but the net was not found for AMANDA, ALICIA, ANG and FRANCES who tried to score outside the box. Before the end of the game ALICIA kicked the ball past the goal mouth to only find JIN head the ball in for our goal. We understand from today's match we require more training.

RESULTS

GHFA Competition – 25 April 2009			
Grade/Div	Opposition	For	Against
PL/Res	Gladesville Ravens	6	0
PL/1 st	Gladesville Ravens	0	1

NWSWS Competition – 26 April 2009			
Grade/Div	Opposition	For	Against
U14/1	North Epping Rangers	1	3
U14/2	Ryde Panthers	0	6
U15/2	North Epping Rangers	3	1
U17/1	Gladesville Ravens	4	1
U18/1	Epping YMCA	2	0
AA/4	Putney Rangers	4	0
AA/10	West Ryde Rovers	1	5