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U14/1	All Saints – Forfeit		
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U15/2	Beecroft	1	2
U17/1	Pennant Hills	8	0
U18/1	North Epping	5	6
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UNDER 9/7

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PUTNEY 1

This week the U9/7 Team was down to only 6 of our 13 players, so we had to reach out to the Under 8s to get our hands on 3 additional players to bring us up only 1 short for the week. ISSAC LANE, JAKE DARGAN and WILLIAM from Under 8s slotted into the team's front line and Mid field with ROBBIE BRADLEY to make what turned out to be a formidable team combination with ISSAC LANE scoring the teams goal that took them to a 1 Nil lead in the first half. TRISTAN DOWNEY led a Defensive team of RAYMOND FERRIS, and DANIEL MERRICK to form a nearly bullet proof defensive line with DANIEL DRAPER in Goals. The Team from the first goal dominated the opposition for most of the game and were unlucky to let in a goal in the last five minutes scored from a perfect corner by the Putney Rangers. The Final score was 1-1 with ROBBIE BRADLEY receiving the Man of the Match award for great efforts in goals and as striker. Well done U9/7 Strikers!

UNDER 13/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs REDFIELD LIONS 3

If last week was "the usual" then this week was "more of the same". For long periods of the game the Thunder Twos dominated the Lions, but the scoreboard at the end registered a comprehensive defeat. For a 3-0 loss we could have all stayed in bed and paid the forfeit fine!! Unfortunately the Lions goal appeared to have gladwrap across it, or some sort of magnetic force field as whenever we had a shot it careered wide or was stopped. Our goal on the other hand was more like a welcoming fireplace, a place where the ball wanted to settle down for a chat and a glass of wine. The game started promisingly with a TOM L left foot shot that scared the nearby birds but then we conceded the standard messy goal and were chasing the game from then on. In the first half there was actually lots of good stuff and we were all over them like seagulls fighting over a chip. ANDRE and CAMERON were working hard, ANDRE even showing some hip and shoulder work to get the ball back. HOLLY had one of her lashes from 40 metres out but unlike the last game against this team it went wide. Just before halftime unfortunately we were guilty of not making the second effort in defence and were punished. A 2-0 deficit was not really a fair reflection of the effort put in but that is typical of our season. The second half started with the Lions attacking hard and TOM D putting his body and head on the line (2 headers in one defensive play) to repel them. BLAKE took the opportunity to have a bit of a rest on the ball when his legs got tangled up like a new born giraffe and he just sat down. Then there was another mess at the back at it was 3-0. JAY was keeping well and saved our bacon a number of times and MAX was dependable. TOM L had a number of chances but the Goal Gods are just not with TOM at the moment and either the ball went astray or the keeper pulled off a screamer of a save. IZAACK ran hard on the flanks when he came on and used the Columbian sidestep a couple of times to suggest to the opposition that they let him have the ball. So all in all this was another crow call of a game where the result did not really reflect the evenness of the teams. Coach BOB keeps emphasizing the need for the second effort and this is the difference between us and the other top teams in this division. Guys, make the second effort when you have done something and the results will start to come.

UNDER 14/4

THORNLEIGH 19 vs EPPING YMCA 0

An overwhelming win, but still a good game to watch as Thornleigh showcased wonderful attacking skills. Having beaten Epping YMCA 15 to nil in the first round, and with Epping only having seven players, a big win was inevitable. Within minutes of kick off, SAM LANE made a great left across to JACK ANGEL who crisply scored and from then on there was a constant flow of goals. The strikers, JACK (9 goals) and JACOB KOWALSKI (6 goals), with support from SAM LANE (3 goals), showed great speed and skill as they outclassed their undermanned opponents. Thornleigh dominated field position from the very start, with the busy mid-field of DARREN JOOSTEN, JIN LIM, ALEX PUN and TOM HIGGINS controlling possession and constantly feeding good ball to the forwards. At the back, DALE EDWARDS, CALLUM MOSES, SAM CLARKE and ALASDAIR BELLING were faultless. Even when Epping were able to break out of their half, our defenders just pushed straight back, with the mid-fielders ALEX and JIN linking well, regularly finding the speedy TOM and DARREN out wide. ALEX scored the last goal of the game, the whistle sounding relief for Epping. To their great credit, Epping YMCA gave 100% to the very end. Despite the thumping win, our boys showed good grace, but kept playing hard. DARREN was the worthy man of the match, constantly finding and winning the ball.

UNDER 15/2 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 1 vs BEECROFT 2

What a disappointing outcome for what was an entertaining game where two equally competitive sides battled it out. The heartbreaking thing is that Beecroft's second goal was awarded despite the ball being kicked out of our keeper's hands (both hands). Our calls for the video judge went unanswered! Also, THORNLEIGH started with 10 players, but the girls were hungry for the ball and eager to step up to the challenge with all contributing. A huge thanks to RACHEL TOMPKINS and BELINDA PUGH (from the U14s) for stepping up to play for us after their own match. We eventually had a squad of 12. All the goals were scored in the second half, starting with Beecroft. Then EMILIE LOWE made an inspiring run through the field to shoot the ball at a fairly acute angle past the keeper. And of course the infamous final Beecroft goal, mentioned above, that was just wrong. However, there's the breaks. Overall THORNEIGH had a good game. BRITTANY KNIGHT played a blinder in goals saving many shots. BRITTANY was overwhelmingly awarded Player's Player. In mid-field we had TESS SANT that is always in position and is probably the most successful passer in the team. Also in the backs we had AZZIZA RAZIUDDIN doing a great job at anticipating the play ahead and stepping forward to collect the ball. She also was able to kick the ball low and hard through the field on more than one occasion. LISA PHILIPS had another good defending game and also skinned players that were considerably larger than her. Bad luck girls, keep fighting for the finals.



PLAYER PROFILE

Player: Aziza Raziuddin

Position: Centre back

Years Played: Playing her 1st year competitive soccer

Favourite Food: Anything covered in chocolate

School: Chatswood High

Pets: 2 years old Cat named Cappuccino

UNDER 15/4

THORNLEIGH 6 vs NORTH RYDE 3

Coach Craig Markland – Out. Stand in Dad coach, Steve Gamble – Out. 5 players – Out.

So, what's with this 6-3 win score line? I hear you ask.

The answer is simple. Thunders of all ages willingly helping a bunch of other Thunders get the job done!

The story at this point. The boys are in 5th spot and are on a mission to make the top 4 and have a crack at the top prize. So far – on target.

Before we get into the match – THREE BIG CHEERS PLEASE FOR CRAIG DENYER (Yes - another Craig) who gave up his Saturday morning to stand in for Craig Markland. It wasn't even an Oakleigh game! He warmed the boys up alright, leaving none in doubt of what was expected and reminding them of the strength of Thornleigh spirit with a group "Thunder!" before taking the pitch. From that point he paced the sideline like a caged animal, with me tagging along in case he forgot any names. Talk about tense! Craig D was putting everything into this game! (making him a great stand in for Craig M!)

Of course, it was the boys on the field doing the real running, which leads to another round of THREE BIG CHEERS FOR SAM LANE, JACOB KOWALSKI and JACK ANGEL, the three U14 players who helped take our numbers to 12 for this game. And their contribution? Read on!

We didn't have to wait long for action, with CHARLIE GILLINGS making a terrific chase for a kick off the right boot at an impressive angle to claim goal number 1. North Ryde answered this fairly quickly, the refs whistle blowing above Thornleigh cries of "Offside!" and Craig's sideline chip spitting. (Nicely controlled Craig, nicely controlled.) The play is fairly tight and even. Some strong sideline runs and crosses by SAM LANE have their defence under pressure, while TIM LOVE is kept busy against some surprisingly quick North Ryde forwards. Some on-his-toes work by MICHAEL BRADLEY in the mids sees the ball through to SAM LANE. This ring-in takes a beautiful run up the line before crossing perfectly to CHARLIE GILLINGS who, positioning himself on a dime, pops the round skin in for number 2. (At this point Charlie is loving having XAVIER BOUCHER back from the flu to take on goalie duties!)

Some scary time down at our defensive end as a Thornleigh mistake sees the ball shoot across our goal just out of XAVIER BOUCHER'S desperate reach. Some undignified play sees XAVIER crawl around the goal circle before smothering the ball safely – the collective Thornleigh spectator sigh of relief.

Half time and the word is this: Backs – push out faster in a line to catch their offside. Charlie's done his knee, so takes up goalie position. Keep it wide.

Second half sees a lovely kick through to JACK ANGEL in the forward line who demonstrates impressive athleticism to control the ball mid-air, draw the goalie out and pop the black and white in for number 3. JACOB KOWALSKI capitalizes upon this nicely off a corner for goal number 4. By this stage North Ryde can see their chances slipping away, but Thornleigh takes nothing for granted. ANDREW CARDWELL maintains tight control of the ball in the centre, backed up solidly by NATHAN QIN. Combine this with the determined persistence of WILL SOWDEN and North Ryde are set to struggle. However, they don't give in and a gap in our defence takes one of their forwards through for a lovely run and a strong kick. CHARLIE, on his own, doesn't stop this one and 4-2 it is.

Our answer? A great push through by MICHAEL BRADLEY to the stand-in combo of JACOB KOWALSKI and JACK ANGEL sets off "Ooh-Ahh" passing and JACOB claiming number 5. SAM LANE and WILL SOWDEN continue to provide strong turn-and-reclaim-if-you-miss defence, but nevertheless, North Ryde, to their credit, manage to slip another through. 5-3. ALEX CHARARA has a couple of cracks that go wide, but he and HUW FISHER keep the pressure on. As XAVIER BOUCHER

takes out the game's "stick-to-your-man" award, JACK ANGEL slaps the icing on the game's cake with goal number 6. The Thunders take to the sideline licking their fingers in victory, leaving North Ryde to lick the wounds of defeat.

ROLL ON NEXT WEEK.

UNDER 17/1 BOYS

THORNLEIGH 6 vs EASTWOOD EPPING 0

While the result was positive, the coach was not happy as it was achieved against a severely depleted Eastwood Epping side. The team had a big advantage on the field but could not convert into a great performance.

An early goal by JAMES PITCHER was followed by a lot of scrappy play. MATT LOWE scored the second goal of the first half after about 4 attempts. The boys did not look convincing in defence and EEW had several great attacking runs, a full strength opposition side would have seen a different scoreline.

After a blast from a disappointed coach at half time, the boys played better soccer and later in the second half showed the skills and passing needed to play at this standard. The last four goals, two from MATT LOWE and one each from JAMIE LUNDBERG and PITCH were the result of good team work up the field. As we face a tough run now through to the Round Robin, we need to really want to win.

Congratulations to EEW for staying in the game through to the end. Thornleigh, the big crowd who support you, look forward to some great games of soccer over the next month.

UNDER 17/1 GIRLS

THORNLEIGH 8 vs PENNANT HILLS 0

Today's match was a measure of just how far Craig's Thunders have come over the past 3 years, upholding the unbeaten record against their Penno sisters with an epic 8-nil drubbing. And today the Thunders piled on the pressure from the start, without the usual warm-up period. With only 11 regular players, we were lucky to secure the services of EMILY DESMOND from the 14/2(1) Thunders who played like a regular team member. There's plenty of depth in the Thunder women's teams. STEPH THOMSON turned up just before the match but you could say she was already warmed up after completing a 7km Sunday morning run!

MEL D'ARCHY opened proceedings, slamming one home off a LUCY JONES pass in the 9th minute. ANNALESE SMITH bagged the next two in the 14th and 18th minutes from close range. And in the 24th minute ANNALESE connected with a boomer from outside the box on the left hand side, finding the opposite top corner of the net. Four minutes later STEPH THOMSON had a long range shot which rebounded off the bar where an unfortunate Penno player tried to clear to the line but found the net. The poor girl was in tears and one had to feel for her. At 5-nil going to the break it was all over bar the shouting, but Denyer - mean as he is - wanted another 5 in the second.

As we have seen in the past, tempers rose in the second half as frustration came to the fore. But the Thunders let their football do the talking and in the 49th minute DANI CHARARA celebrated her return to the fold with a solid shot off another LUCY JONES set-up for a 6-nil lead. Six minutes later ANNALESE bagged another cracker, wrong footing the hapless keeper with a high shot to the left. The bad mouthing descended to physicality when ANNALESE was taken out

heavily in the Penno box, hurting her shoulder in the fall. LUCY fired the ensuing penalty safely into the net as Craig wisely subbed ANNALESE off for the rest of the game to avoid any further injury.

Whilst it all seemed to be happening up the front the hard yards were ground out by our fabulous mids and defenders playing a brilliant supporting game. EMILY punched above her weight with assertive football in the mids and was a genuine asset to the team. The rest, being variously COURTNEY BLANCH, CLAIRE BUSHROD, LUCY JONES, JO LATHAM, MADDY BROWN, DANI CHARARA and STEPH THOMSON played to their usual high standard, and any Penno player escaping from the pack was finally run down by ARI O'NEILL at sweeper. The only one real Penno chance got palmed aside to the right by a diving FIONA SPARKES in goals.

In this the first of the Championship round robin matches the Thunders have done themselves proud and the massive goal tally might just make the difference to whether we not they finish in the top two for the grand final. All that hard work at training is really paying dividends. Love your work, Thunders!

UNDER 17/3

THORNLEIGH 4 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 0 11/07/09

Our trek all the way out to scenic rural Arcadia Park on a chilly afternoon, was duly rewarded by a comprehensive win and solid performance by the boys. Arcadia Park though a little soft and slushy in parts was actually flat and a big improvement from the lumpy Hayes Park surface of last week. This was a real team effort with everyone putting in a great performance, as numbers were down once again.

The boys switched on right from the kickoff, parking in the opposition's half with HARRY giving the Reds defence problems with his speed, LEROY finding space and opportunities aplenty, and STEVE providing some excellent support on the right. Carlo had no answer in the midfield and it was one way traffic to goal, unfortunately a number of shots just going wide.

After 20 minutes, Thorns reaped just reward with LEROY burying the ball with a powerful drive into the top of the net. Carlingford rallied but found the going difficult as MATT, BRENDAN, DION, AARON and JARRYD gave no space near goal and MIKE was tracking back and winning the ball constantly. Towards the end of the first half HARRY managed to snatch an opportunity from a fumbled save by the Reds keeper, 2-0.

More of the same in the second half and some nice interplay upfront with short passing and runs from WILL, HARRY and LEROY causing problems for the Reds. Midway through the second half a corner from MATT saw BRENDAN convert with a nicely taken header into the bottom right of the goal, 3-0.

Carlingford kept on coming and managed to force a penalty, which was saved by LUKE and brilliantly parried with a sensational reflex save over the crossbar by LUKE from the follow up strike.

The boys kept up the pressure and had a number of opportunities. Late in the second half WILL received a goal kick from MATT and on half way, beat his markers, passing a through ball to HARRY whose shot was deflected, WILL then pounced on the ball outside the box and drove it into the bottom right corner. 4-0.

This was an excellent performance and a great boost following last week's unexpected loss to Putney. Keep it up, boys!

P.S. Great to see KEL and friends make the journey to Arcadia to support the guys.... Promise we'll let you back on the field when the specialist gives his ok.

UNDER 18/1 LADIES

THORNLEIGH 5 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 6

A bit of a slow start from the girls as they were all a bit tired after celebrations the night before. The Rangers scored in the opening minutes and continued to apply pressure to the Thornleigh goal end. ASHLEIGH had her hands full marking Macca (the Rangers' strongest player) with assistance from DANX, LAURA, LAUREN and MEL. Thornleigh had a few scoring opportunities in the first half, and HAYLEY managed to place the ball nicely in the goal with the score at half-time being 4-1.

The girls came back much stronger in the second half, with big kicks from MARIE, better passing and much more running. LARISSA, MARIE and STEPHANIE continued to withstand much pressure and CLAIRE made some great saves as goal-keeper. A great goal from FRAN in the last few minutes brought the team's score to 5 which was just short of the Rangers' score of 6.

ALL AGE/7

THORNLEIGH 2 vs HUNTERS HILL 0

It seems to be a case of Thornleigh 2, opposition 0 lately as the Thunder racked up a second 2-0 victory in a row. The boys coming home relatively easy winners over the Hunters Hill Council Workers. Seriously, their bright orange strip makes them look like council workers... that and the fact they put about the same amount of effort into their job. Thanks to a poorly timed 30th birthday party and an early start there were some tense moments before the game as there were worries we might not have the full eleven show up. But we managed to... just, much to the disappointment of the other team as now they only had two chances of victory. Slim and none. And Slim never got out of bed. Unlike the last few weeks and despite the condition of a few players we actually started well and had most, well all of the early chances, only to be let down by some alarmingly soft finishing. But the break through came just before the half hour mark as we continued to exploit the holes left in the midfield. MARK KENNEDY providing yet another perfect ball for TIM MORISON to latch on to who this time powered it into the net, making up for his early "butterfly kiss" shots to the keeper. Our spies at half time had told us that our opponents were looking to come out hard. Too bad they never even touched the ball in the second half until they had to kick off after our second goal. Some good work from ANDY BOUGHTON down the right side saw his ball flicked on by PAT CHAPMAN into the space where ROBERT ZWATRZKA tested out our net putting up capabilities, absolutely smashing the ball into the goal. After 1 minute 47 seconds. I'm happy to report the net survived, slightly bruised but otherwise fine. We continued to dominate play for the most part but could not add to our lead. To be honest it was enough. Sure we could and probably should have scored more goals but right now everything is about points accumulation and table position consolidation. All we need to do is score at least one more goal from our opposition here on out and it's job done. Of course we want to win and win well but at the end of the day a win is a win and we'll take them anyway they come for the remaining games. There were some outstanding displays from MURRAY GRAVES and MARK KENNEDY this week. The two of them combining to dominate the midfield more than any other game this year. Superb. PAT CHAPMAN returned with an hugely impressive performance, deserving of a goal but they will surely come again soon. Double goal hero from last week ANDREW LISCOE performed manfully at the back this

week while MICHAEL BYRNE had arguably his best game in the Thunder colours yet. ROSS EDWARDS once again worked hard yet the goal still remains elusive. The goals will come for him soon too while GREG RUSTON and JAMES RODGER defended with great aplomb but it has been noticed lately, both are also coming forward well and getting hungry for goals. It's fantastic to see. Next weekend could be the decider. Beat Hills Hawks again and we win the premiership. We've found some great form recently. Stay the course and we'll be on top. Forget this is Sparta. THIS IS THUNDER!!! Let the battle commence.

ALL AGE/10 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS (2) 1

We played WEST RYDE ROVERS last week as we were playing the washed out rounds. We had more attempts at goals last week and this week WEST RYDE ROVERS had a full team and were much more hungrier for the ball than us. The game was much more aggressive as both teams are fighting for the 4th spot to end the season with 1 more game left. KATHY had a few easy balls to save for most of the match, and defensively and the mid fields worked hard to keep the ball in our possession as much as we could. We did have attempts at goals from MADI, ANG, FRANCES, JO and AMANDA but no one could put the ball past the skills of WEST RYDE's goalie. The second half more bodies clashed and it became nasty at times with words said and injuries, the ref tried hard to keep the game together. In the final 10 minutes with confusion of bodies down and waiting for the ref's call to stop the game our players were confused and WEST RYDE ROVERS capitalised on our confusion and scored hitting the ball over KATHY's head. Last game next week so let's see if we can end the season with a well deserved win.

ALL AGE/ 18

THORNLEIGH 1 vs PACIFIC HILLS DURAL RED 2

This was a game that we had to win to stay in the race for a shot at the Premiership. Unfortunately due to our inability to score more goals and a referee who could only see one side of the game we came up short.

The opposition are a young team anchored at the bottom of the table and it looked on paper like a formality that we would win and maintain our position near the top of the table. Unfortunately Pacific Hills had other ideas and due to a lack of numbers of their regular team played 6 players from another team and so we were up against a completely new team who played with a lot of enthusiasm and skill.

We started the game off steady but not spectacular and gradually wore down the Pacific defence when ROLY put through a nice ball for MARC to finish off in fine style. We looked to be well on top of the opposition but the referee had other ideas and kept us on the back foot with a string of penalties for minor or non-existent reasons. We could not get a roll on as every 50/50 ball that we contested ended up with Pacific Hills receiving a free kick and putting us under pressure.

The opposition equalised late in the first half when we did not communicate at the back in a poor defensive error and let them in and they were again on the score board seconds before half time when yet again the referee awarded a free kick just outside the box for a nothing challenge and a nice curling kick went into the top corner.

We came off at half time fuming at the treatment at the hands of the referee but were determined to put it behind us and play

good football and get back into the game. Unfortunately the second half mirrored the first half as any pressure that we tried to bring against the opposition was negated by a relieving free kick awarded against us. The referee even overruled the linesman when it came to who should throw the ball in and it always was against us. We had several shots at goal cleared off the line and hit the posts as well to complete a very frustrating day.

We were very disappointed with the result but all may not be lost as the GHFA rules state that a team may only play 5 up graded players and we believe that as Pacific Hills played 6 upgraded players they may have to forfeit the game to us. A hard way to lose a game but we will take the points if the Association judges that they have breached the rules.

We really need to hit the training paddock this week and try to recapture the form that saw us win 6 games in a row.

OVER 35/2

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS (Blue) 0

After three successive losses I am glad to report that we have broken our losing streak with a win this week-end that has secured us a position in the top 4 play-offs. To say that it was a brilliant team performance against a team that is leading the competition would be a complete fabrication. The reality is that we played the team coming second-last, who have won only one match and they played most of the game with either 9 or 10 players. As one spectator put it "our performance was as ugly as Amy Winehouse's and Keith Richard's love child". However, in our defence, I must point out that there were a number of pre-existing medical conditions that either prevented players from taking the field or hampered their performance such as Karl (twisted knee), Neil (strained thigh), Ross (twisted ankle), Alex (old age). GHFA also changed our match to the ungodly time of 11.15. Most of our players are normally still asleep at this time and those people who watched our game would confirm that nothing was different this week. We were also badly affected by wine flu. This is a debilitating condition with symptoms that are very similar to swine flu – headache, nausea and dizziness – except it is typically self-inflicted rather than being passed on from someone else. We normally find that the 1.15 or the 3.15 matches allow the symptoms of wine flu to significantly diminish but the earlier start severely impacted on the normal recovery process.

Our attacking ability was so inept that our sweeper BRENDAN CAIRNS finally took matters into his own hands by venturing into the opponent's penalty area (leaving breadcrumbs as he went so he could find his way back to his normal position on our side of halfway) to head home a great goal after a nice cross from the right wing. Mid way through the second half, team stalwart, ALEX MCINTOSH, marked his return after an extended absence by pouncing like a cat (more like a kitten) to capitalise on a goalkeeping error to claim a second goal for Thornleigh. Please note the use of the word "claim" in the last sentence as this is where matters became controversial. After discussions with our opponent's defendants, your correspondent can exclusively and irrefutably report that the ball was actually put into the goal by one of the WPH defenders trying to clear the ball off the line thus making it an own goal. (Sorry Alex, but this fortunately leaves my goal tally higher than yours).

Finally, I would like to thank everybody that purchased our "Decade of Thornleigh Over 35 Golden Goals" video that I mentioned last week. We have received several complaints that the videos are faulty with people claiming that all the goals are shown in slow motion only. I assure that this is not a fault, this is merely the speed at which these events actually occurred.