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President's Report:



Enjoy this latter half of the season friends, it's racing away.

Thankfully the early rain gave way to a really beautiful afternoon. And the beautiful afternoon saw our Super League team work hard for a great 1:0 WIN. Congratulations on achieving the result that you've been working hard for and getting so close to.

Unfortunately Sunday gave way to heavy rains that interrupted the afternoon games that had been being looked forward to all week.

From all the kids who got to play Saturday, smiles, laughter, running, chasing the ball and some clever moves to Open spaces to receive terrific passes.

To all the Coaches and Managers again our thanks for all your time and preparation. Most importantly thank you for making looking after our kids such a top priority. Good of you all to be out there in the chill whilst parents can perhaps enjoy the warmth in the car.

Thanks to all our volunteers!

See you on the ovals, around the games and please do remember to RESPECT the spirit of fun and especially the game itself. We are not playing for World Cup selection. Enjoy and keep smiling.

Kind regards,
Geoff Knowles
Thunder President

Important Notices:-

Please send the match scores immediately after the game to George Mokdsi on 0403871543.

The e-mail address for Match Reports this season is mokdsi.george@gmail.com. **Submissions should be in Arial, font size 9** and attached as a word document to your e-mail is preferred. Please have your match reports sent by 3pm on the Monday following the weekend's match. Even if you miss deadline send it anyway and it may be ok or can go into following week.

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MATCH REPORTS FROM 18th June 2016:

U7 Green Thornleigh vs Hills Hawks

The morning looked like a sodden one with some heavy rain early on, luckily just before game time the rain stopped. The team quickly went through some warm up drills, and were ready for our rematch with the Hawks. The Thunder lead out with a strong attack and Louis scored the first goal within the first minute. Lucas and Linden provided some great support to the Thornleigh attack, which lead to landing some great goals. The game then settled into an even struggle with both teams scoring frequently throughout the match. After a half time rest and refresh with some fantastic oranges the team was ready to take to the field again. The rain tried to add a dampener with some drizzle starting to fall. In the second half Zac performed a fantastic cross field high kick, passing over the head of the entire opposition, landing 2 metres in the left of goal which was quickly converted by Louis. Charlie put in several good defence manoeuvres in the penalty area to keep the opposition at

bay. Player of the week went to Will, for his relentless attack in the midfield and constantly pushing the game into the opposition half. Thanks to the Hawks for a great game.

Under 9 Blue Thornleigh vs Redbacks

After fielding the messages as to whether we were on or not the team arrived at Ron Payne to take on Redbacks. Our last meeting had been a tough one where it could have gone either way.

Our preparation had been hampered by the floodlights at Ruddock so we were relying on our pre game talk. We have been working on talking more on the field and making sure we play our own game each week. The past few games have been very impressive and the team is really coming together.

We started well and took control of the game straight away. The only test was coming from the long goal kicks but we sorted that out quickly. After some good pressure and build up we were rewarded with a penalty. The most pleasing part being the lead up work and how it was created by the whole team.

From here we kept the pressure up and were making Redbacks concede a lot of corners. From one of the corners Jayden got to the ball first and gave the opposition keeper no chance.

At half time we were still in control but we spoke about making sure we keep to our plan and play our own game without letting Redbacks back into it.

The second half started the same way and we kept control with our defence working well together to stop anything coming their way. We gave away a free kick inside our own half and conceded more due to the questionable tactics of the opposition than anything else.

For the remainder of the game the ball went from end to end however the best chances fell to Thunder and we were unlucky not score a few more times.

Our defence was outstanding with **Nathan, Luca, Auden** and **Jayden** all doing a great job and limiting the opposition to very few chances.

The attack of **Levi, Daniel, Auden** and **Franco** continue to make it difficult for opposition defences and today they probably deserved more than they got however the way they are working together is fantastic.

Our goal scorers this week was a shared effort between **Levi, Daniel and Jayden**.

Player of the week was **Jayden** who played his most complete game and is such an integral part of our defence. His attitude at training and for the games is a joy to have in the team so well done **Jayden!**

U11 Red Thornleigh vs Pennant Hills FC

Hard rain greeted the team when everyone woke on Saturday morning for the game against Pennant Hills – would the game go ahead or not? The game did indeed kick off, although with a start in some mild rain. Thunder made a strong showing right from the kick off, displaying wonderful attacks early on, with strong Pennant Hills defence making it really tough to get through to the goal. Early attacking shots on goal by George and aerial shots over the goal by Foxy made for very entertaining soccer. The rain had eased up by now, giving way to a grey and misty atmosphere – although it did continue to drizzle on and off. We witnessed a soaring corner kick by James that was picked up by Foxy, who found the post on the right side. Nick and Izzy were in fine form, performing flawless awesome work keeping the ball in the attack zone. There was heaps of talking, shouting for the ball and the old 1-2 magic was alive and well for Thunder. Eric and Hamish showed great decision making and commitment, harassing for the ball with no fear for their personal safety! The entire Thunder mid field made wonderful opportunities with through balls and accurate passing. LB was a machine, working really hard up and down the right side, making life very difficult for the Pennant Hills players. Sophia was in goals for the first half, kicking the ball away with ease and never allowing the ball near the goal - followed up with a great attack at goal later. LK in goals the second half was saving goals with style and ease. The whole team showed plenty of running and hard work on the wet and soggy pitch. A great game, played with commitment and enthusiasm that saw Izzy take out man of the match for constant perseverance and a positive approach, moving the ball around with team mates.