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President's Report:



Another great weekend of soccer enjoyed by all. The weather was perfect, the grass mown Friday afternoon, coffee flowing at Ruddock and sausages sizzling at Oakleigh. The scene was set for fun.

Thanks to all the drivers, volunteers, ground set up folk and parents for getting players where they needed to be.

We launched the 'Respect programme' at all home games, having chatted to all visiting coaches at both our home ovals. It was great to see players lining up in the middle to wish each other well and shake hands before the game. This custom that we all followed as kids playing for the Thunder has been re launched to help with the respect message.

It was great to see. Great spirit followed and I didn't hear a single incident of questioning of refs. Kids were leaning over to help fallen opposition players from the ground.

Please do take a minute to remind all players you know, especially if their kids, that the respect programme is very important to our club. As a very local and truly community club, our values are important.

I knows it's holidays and the season rolls straight through this year, which surprised us all. Thanks for embracing the concept. I suspect there will be many teams in need of players, so please remember you can play in an older age group.

Kind regards,
Geoff Knowles
Thunder President

Important Notices:-

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.

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MATCH REPORTS FOR 13th April 2016:

U6 YELLOW THL VS KENTHURST & DISTRICT SC

We had plenty of reasons to smile after a huge effort by the U6 Yellow team on Saturday. Kenthurst sent in their big guns but the team proved that they up to the task with some strong kicking and footwork from XAVIER. The dynamic duo - TYLER and ASHER – had some amazing runs up the middle of the field and excellent passing. In the second half the Kenthurst team were very impressive, putting enormous pressure on the U6 Yellow defence but ELLA and ELISE proved they were more than ready for the challenge, stealing the ball away from a swarm of Kenthurst attackers. LACHLAN produced some very clever footwork and was very strong in attack and defence. TJ passed some formidable defenders to claim a much-deserved goal for the mighty Thunders. This week the team put their bodies on the line, with plenty of Thornleigh Thunder spirit coursing through their veins. It was tremendous teamwork and the U6 Yellows should be very proud of their efforts.

U6 PURPLE A THORNLEIGH vs. PENNANT HILLS

It was an action-packed game on a warm and sunny Saturday for our second match of the season. From the kick-off, Thornleigh Thunder worked hard to control the pace of the game. AARON CHINNIAH was relentless in his efforts and scored a great goal for his efforts. LACHLAN BROMILEY showed great improvement as he celebrated not only his first goal of the season but also a second. JEREMY BEARD was also impressive both in defence and with his 2 goals. OLIVIA CURRIE scored to Thunderous applause from the crowd. REBECCA TILLEY and LILY PARKINSON proved instrumental in setting up a nail-biting finish. OLIVIA set-up HANNAH COSTELLOE for her first goal and HANNAH went back for her 2nd. You couldn't help but feel it was only the final whistle that saved Pennant Hills from a HANNAH hat trick. A special shout out to AARON, JEREMY and OLIVIA who each put their bodies on the line during the match. What a wonderful team effort by everyone! The opposition were Thunderstruck.

Thornleigh U11 Red vs Cherrybrook

On a gorgeous morning at Ruddock, Thunder squared up against Cherrybrook where the teams were evenly matched. Good early attacking play by LB and Sophia brought a succession of crosses and long range shots from James and an even closer effort from George, just missing the top corner. Cherrybrook came forward and had some good shots saved by the safe hands of Foxy following some great defending from Hugo and LK. As ever, the reliable tackling from Nicholas broke down the attacks Cherrybrook had on offer. The first half ended even, but Thunder were beginning to string passes through the midfield to the attack to look dangerous involving Hamish, Eric and Isabel.

The second half started in much the same manner, with Thunder making early attacks down the flanks through the midfield engine room of Isabel, Eric and George. Hugo broke down another Cherrybrook attack, which let Isabel feed LB down the left channel, where he jiggled around 2 defenders. Thunder was making the Cherrybrook penalty area look like a pinball machine, with crosses and shots peppering the goalmouth. Cherrybrook showed excellent defending. A really good game, played in the right spirit with two well matched teams. Congratulations to James as payer of the match for his defending and attacking play.

Thornleigh U12/4 vs West Ryde Rovers

The whole team put in an amazing effort today for their game of "firsts".

First run as a team after a bye last weekend, first game in Div. 4 after being in Div 7 last year, first game ever for our 5 new players, first game on a big field and first game with no subs.

U12/4 played a strong game after the kick off by Christian with some great passing play by Tony, Chloe and Annabelle.

There were some amazing long runs with the whole team touching the ball, a great save by Jack in goals and unwavering defense play by Emily. An amazing steal by Aliyah in midfield slowed the rovers play and a great attacking game by Adele set us up for chances at goal.

In the second half Georgy in goal made some great saves and had some huge goal kicks, Chloe and Tony did amazing work consistently marking their player. Ashton showed some great ball skills and Anabelle and Sparsh some great blocks.

The team should be very proud of their performance today, their sportsmanship and determination shown throughout the game is a credit to them. Well done U12/4.

Under 14 Div 3 Thornleigh FC vs Epping FC

We had a nice sunny 8:30am start at West Epping Oval. Thornleigh got off to a attacking start with several shots at goal. Our first goal came from a high shot off CALLUM'S boot, going over the keepers head. REILLY continued with some attacking runs. Epping then equalised 1-1, despite a great effort from WILL in goals. Epping scored again soon after. Half time score 2-1 Epping.

Our coach gave the team a good rev up at half time, and it seemed to have worked, resulting in a better performance for Thornleigh. Unfortunately Epping scored 2 quick goals to lead 4-1. Thunder then fought back with 2 quick goals as well. One each from REILLY, and JACOB, both excellent goals. With time ticking away, we were hoping for at least a 4-4 draw, but Epping scored again right at the death. A total of 8 goals in the match. Final score 5-3 Epping's way. An entertaining match, despite the score line.