



Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.

SOCGER DIVISION

Blue & Gold Newsletter

Issue 8 – 25th May 2016

Website: <http://www.thornleighsoccer.com.au/>



Deadline for Blue & Gold: MONDAY 3pm **Email to: mokdsi.george@gmail.com**

President's Report:



Each game we play has 2 halves and so let's focus first on all the great fun that most teams enjoyed on the weekend: the great respect shown for each other and the fine spirit in which those games were played. That is after all what we are all here for.

To all Players, parents, volunteers, family members, grandparents and enjoyers of the game "thanks for loving and respecting our game in our community teams". Well done.

Proud parents everywhere loved what their kids did. Myself included. For many this middle section of the season is so wonderful because so much development is turning into flowing play. Terrific football. Congratulations!

It would not be right to avoid the flip side of this message: so let me confront it head on please? Our club stands for RESPECT & FAIR PLAY. We will continue to strive for that and show zero tolerance (after a proper respectful, careful, proper process to sift through the facts) of unbecoming/ disrespectful behaviour.

We're encouraging our family, friends and kids to watch extra games. Those games must exemplify what we stand for.

Your committee and your exec team have been immersed in weighing through several issues from a tiny portion of the weekend games. It's not a process any of us want to have to do. Rest assured that we will do what needs to be done. Our wonderful community club will enjoy the wonderful spirit that we know to be our core.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our plan going forward, our commitment to respectful fun play and our passion for fairness please do call either myself or any committee member directly. We are your team.

We need your help crafting our future.

May this weekend be incident free, fun loving, respectful and do enjoy the smiles in everyone's faces.

See you on the ovals, please do say hello,

Kind regards,
Geoff Knowles
Thunder President

Important Notices:-

Managers please note - there is a change to the score recorder. Please now 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.

Thunder FC Sponsors – 2016 Season

Thunder FC relies on the financial support of its sponsors to provide the necessary gear and equipment to supplement the various running costs of the club. Therefore, we gratefully acknowledge the support of the following sponsors for the 2016 season and encourage everyone associated with Thunder FC to support these local businesses.

Westleigh Village



Ashlyn Financial

"Your Mortgage Broking Specialist"

Ph: 9980 9900 M: 0419 768 247



MATCH REPORTS FROM 21th May 2016:

Thornleigh U6 Purple B

The Thunder boys arrived early at Oakleigh Oval this week in time to do a couple of warm up drill to get them ready for the match. We had a full team eager to make their way onto the field. Daniel had a couple of great runs bringing the ball towards goals & Lucas & Leo getting in the pack making some determined kicks. Zachary showed his fighting spirit as he continued to play despite a kick to the knee. He displayed some fancy footwork clearly coming from his T3 training. Matthew approached his game as his usual bull at a gate helping to kick at least 3 of our goals. Max was however our well deserved player of the match as he demonstrated what awesome determination & skill can achieve. Thanks to our coaches Josh & Antony for all the time you have been putting in to make our little fellas shine & Marilyn who does all the behind the scenes work to make sure we are well informed!

U6 PURPLE A THORNLEIGH vs. HILLS

The match started at a quick pace from the Hawks but good work in midfield from HANNAH and REBECCA stemmed the early pressure. A quick break allowed Thunder to put the Hawks under pressure. Some distance shots from LACHLAN kept them worried.

AARON came on and instantly added speed and direction, supported well by OLIVIA. JEREMY and AARON were causing problems for the Hawks as the wing play and interchange had the Hawks on the back foot.

LILY and OLIVIA backed up in defence as well as attack. The Hawks had some chances but good scrambling defence kept them out. The mighty Thunder seemed to be finding space and each other and are starting to gel. It is starting to look good for the rest of the season and we look forward to many more happy Saturdays.

Under 9 Blue Thornleigh vs Normanhurst

After a bye last week due to regrading of one of the teams in our division, we were back at home to face up in the derby with Normanhurst.

We had spoken about not taking the last time we had played them into account and making sure that we worked to our plan. Due to illness, broken arms and family commitments we were down a player but thankfully were able to call on the services of Lochlan and Cooper from the U9 Green team to help us out. Both of them did a great job for us and are welcome any time!

We started well dominating possession and working hard off the ball as well as on the ball. Our defence was solid and the transition from defence to attack was fantastic. From good pressure on the Normo defence a clearance was met by Nathan who from half way sent a bullet back through the pack and into the bottom corner for his first goal of the season!

This lifted the team and we continued to control the game through to half time. At the break we spoke about not falling

asleep in the second half and playing the game right out. We knew it would be difficult as we had the bare number the first half and only one sub in the second with Normo changing 3 at a time.

What a second half the boys put in. They worked tirelessly all half and continued to dominate in all areas of the field. We were turning defence into attack quickly through our throw ins and were unlucky not to score more than we did.

Our defence had Rocco and Lochlan share a half each and both were great. Rocco, Lochlan, Nathan and Jayden were outstanding in defence throughout the game limiting Normo to only a couple of shots throughout the whole game.

Each week our attack of Franco, Levi and Daniel get better and better and this week they tormented the opposition with great skill and passing.

Our goal scorers this week were Nathan and Franco.

Player of the match was Nathan not only for his first goal of the season but his defence all game was brilliant and he is making progress in leaps and bounds!

Under 9 Green Thornleigh vs West Penno

Under 9 Green again played a game of two halves against West Penno on Saturday. The boys gave up a couple of early goals in a somewhat sluggish start but gradually found the right gear late in the first term - form which continued into a very competitive second half in which the team had a much better shape, particularly in defence. The team is showing great progress under coach Willem and a few more early goals will hopefully give the side the confidence to capitalise on their good work. One thing in common to both halves this week was the tireless running and enterprise of Kobe M, who was deservedly named player of the game. Full marks too to Ryan M for bouncing back convincingly after a nasty close-range ball to the head.

U12/5 Thornleigh vs North Epping

All round good effort by all of the team on a tough game against a team who have the game together. Big welcome back to Alannah Jane for this season after long injury break.

We started the game on positive note with few good breaks up front by Adele and Christian causing desperate defensive moves by North Epping giving us few corners but unfortunately we could not capitalise.

Defensively Emily was outstanding as usual going up against player much bigger than her especially against one from North Epping who stood out, our other player from the back line also did well as it was a physical game well done to Jack O', Georgina, Chloe, Aliyah and Jack Ferris saving goals and doing his big kicks for clearance from goals.

In the engine room Sparsh, Tony, Michaela, Aston and Annabelle did what's required from midfielders by doing plenty of running up and down Oakleigh Oval which is known for its size.

Few decisions didn't favour us, one leading to a penalty against us causing an unnecessary goal. Final score line did not represent the quality of game our team played. Well done to all and hang in there its coming. We are coming together very well !!!

Under 14/3's V Hills Pumas

It was a game of very different halves.

In the first half Thunder dominated. The game was played almost entirely in the oppositions half. Some fantastic passing gave us the greater share of possession, and whilst we had our chances, their defence was pretty solid and were getting back quickly in numbers to stop us. i.e. Riley verse 5 defenders.

Hills Pumas defence made 2 simple mistakes and Riley pounced on them both with well directed shots to score twice.

In the second half Hills Pumas definitely improved their game. They were getting through balls up to their forwards, however, our backs always managed to cut them off.

The opposition scored 2 soft goals to get the game back to 2 all.

Thunder had many chances to score again, but we missed some simple things and finished up with a draw. It's great to know that we could have easily beaten the team that's coming top of the ladder.