

The Goalpost

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Round in Review (these stats do not include Rooball)

Total number of games played	46
Total wins	22
Total losses	18
Total draws	6
Goals scored	87
Goals conceded	98
Number of clean sheets	14
Highest individual team score	11 - 0 (U10G Blacks)
Win/Loss ratio	47.83%



Team: Under 5 Koalas

Versus: Doonside

Player of the Match: Jonathon Levack



A home game this round against some tough opposition. The first half was hard against a strong Doonside team. Our Koalas played well as a team and stopped plenty of goals. With our key striker out this match, the Parklea kids had to step up and play hard.

The second half proved to be a closer contest. Parklea took advantage of a tiring Doonside team and scored some great goals. A fantastic length of the field goal was scored by our little pocket rocket, Bindi. Great goal Bindi, well done!!

Lochlan came into this match with his game face on and scored three awesome goals. Top work Lochie!! Soon after this he copped an accidental hit to the face and retired himself for the remainder of the match.

Player of the match this round went to Jonathan for some great ball play and he was also very strong in defence. Congratulations Jonathan!!

Great game Parklea Koalas!!

Coach: Simon Tietz

Manager: Cristy Dickson



Team: Under 6 Whales

Versus: Quakers Tigers

Player of the Match: Matthew Cyrulla



The team put on a great effort again this week. The boys are showing particular improvement in their passing game, looking for their team mates during the play.

Our player of the match Matthew was in both attack and defence, chasing and turning the ball a number of times before finding the goals in the second half. During one break from the field he lost another tooth after last week's close call but his grin was not diminished!

Max made a few amazing tackles and produced numerous bursts at the line. Brad was attacking all over the field and made one sensational effort taking the ball from the kick-off all the way to the net! Both boys had a few near misses in the shooting department.

Micah shot down the sideline in a number of attacking breaks and soldiered on with a sore knee. Ethan added some defensive strokes to his attacking game of previous weeks chasing the ball down for the team.

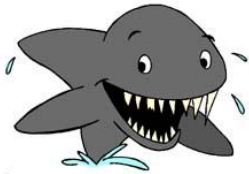


Bailey made a number of his trademark saves and clearing kicks and also produced a couple of close attempts at goal. We look forward to welcoming Alex back from holidays next week.

Thanks to Grant for stepping up with Marek this week in (Coach) Michael's absence.

Coach: Jurgen/Michael Cyrulla

Manager: Marek Mulaczyk



Team: Under 6 Sharks

Versus: Quakers Tigers

Player of the Match: Lucas Battikha



We had an early kick-off time for the U6 Sharks as we travelled westwards to play the Quakers Hill Tigers at Paterson Reserve. It was an extra special morning as the match coincided with the sixth birthday of our very own 'Mia Hamm' namely Erika. We hope you had a great day Erika.

This encounter turned out to be different than our Round 1 match against this opponent. The U6 Sharks played well but the earlier kick off time got the better of us. The defensive effort of the U6 Sharks was first rate with many of our opponent's attacking efforts being thwarted with some courageous defending. The U6 Sharks always tried to play positively by capitalizing on any opportunity to make their way into our opponent's half.

- Lucas never gave up during the match to deservedly receive the 'Player of the Match' award.
- Erika scored another great goal with her speed and skill.
- Oliver made some important tackles to win valuable possession.
- Petar continued to be 'rock-solid' in defence.
- Harry placed pressure on our opponents early in the match causing them to score an own goal.

Well done U6 Sharks!!!!

Coach: Ken Joseph

Manager: Bobby and Deanne Karadjov



Team: Under 6 Dolphins

Versus: Minchinbury

Player of the Match: Jaden Choo



With no training through the week to reinforce ball skills the team did really well against a stiff opposition. It took us a few minutes to get into game mode and Minchinbury were able put in a goal in the first few minutes. This put us on the back foot from the start and set the state of play for most of the first half. Caleb and Luke each scored but the first half ended with Minchinbury in the lead. The boys felt really good and we saw no reason not to get in front.



With a change in the game plan for the second half saw the boys really dug deep and turned the game on its head. Minchinbury put in another goal with a stunning free kick and passing that we have never played against before. We were able to counter act with a defence line and Minchinbury were no longer able to break through for the remainder of the match.

The defence line was unselfishly held by Jaden and resulted in him winning the Player of the Match award. Well done mate, I know you like to be at the front but your contribution was invaluable.

We were able to put one more goal in the net and there were several near misses that took the paint off the goal post (yes they were that close) which could have won us the match. Oliver Mayes once again put in a repeat performance of last week and chased the ball down, just missing out on his first goal.

Caleb ran his socks off despite carrying an illness and enduring unusually hot weather. All the boys were completely worn out at the end of the second half and despite going down 4-3 were still winners due to their resilience through the entire match.

Both teams put up a good fight and the tackles were hard fought from both sides. Parklea never gave up or lost a single blade of grass for most of the second half. Coach was animated and yelling from the side line (lost his voice at the end of this one) and like the players learnt a great deal from this game.

Coach: Jeremy Mayes

Manager: Mary-Ann Sluijs



Team: Under 6 Magpies

Versus: Glenwood

Player of the Match: Luka Golub



We had another beautiful sunny day this week. The boys were all excited about getting out and having fun with their new friends. The game kicked off and there was 8 little people all trying to kick the ball at once which sometimes can be likened to a pinball game with the ball rebounding from one to the other in the space of one square metre. It was quite comical at times.

Xander's strength as always was his big left kick which at times went from one side to the other with no touch in between. Not to be outdone Sean also displayed this same technique with the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other. They both however managed to get the ball into the net to score. Declan and James tried really hard this week to take on the opposition when they had possession of the ball with some good tacking.

Luka's mastery of dribbling had him ducking and weaving around the opposition again this week and was also rewarded with a ball into the net. Luka's enthusiasm to want to keep playing no matter how hot and tired he got was great to see. This week he was awarded player of the match. Well done.

We missed Bailey and Heath this week due to illness so get well soon boys we need you.

Coach: Nathan Finch

Manager: Deanne Plumridge



Team: Under 6 Lions

Versus: Riverstone SC

Player of the Match: Julian Kean



The Under 6 Lions took the field on a perfect autumn morning, with all players keen to run around on the huge vacant soccer field next to ours to practice their running and ball skills. When it came time for the game, all players immediately focussed and showed the benefits of their recent training with terrific player to player passing in attack, and excellent man on man marking in defence.

Julian gave one of the best performances that I have seen from him – endlessly dispossessing the Riverstone players and moving the ball forwards into our attack.

Adrian scored 3 goals – and was never really contained by the Riverstone defence, and backed this up with some terrific saves in our goals.



Isabella showed her usual flair – tackling the opposition in our goals and running the ball the length of the field on her own. At one stage she was only stopped by a wall of Riverstone defenders standing in the goals!

Hayden and Jaden ‘owned’ the midfield – endlessly marking Riverstone players in defence and pushing forward in attack.

Congratulation Jaden on your first Goal!!

What a terrific game – and I look forward to next weekend’s game.



Coach: Chris Ross

Manager: Andrew Kean





Team: Under 7 Kangaroos

Versus: Kings Langley

Player of the Match: Isaac Stallard



Again the parents and fans were spoilt with a powerful display from what looks to be Parklea's up and coming Premier League team.

Harley proved to be a great Captain as his words of direction and encouragement were dished out by the minute and he even displayed leadership by adding to the scoreboard.



The boys positioning, passing and ball control was excellent, however nothing stood out as much as their defence. Callum proved to be a player not to be messed with by ensuring the opposition left the ground without a single goal.



Jack proved to be a valuable play maker by setting up many opportunities for our other goal scorers, Connor, Seena and Isaac.



With numerous goals to his name including one from the other end of the field with the ball first clearing the boy's heads to then find it hitting the back of the net was our player of the match, Isaac. His speed combined with ball control and accuracy all contributed to an unstoppable force.



The team support and can do attitude of these boys is so positive to watch. Thanks to all the parents, family and friends that continue to support our team.

Coach: Jay Sheffield

Manager: Kerrie Stallard



Team: Under 7 Kookaburras

Versus: Doonside

Player of the Match: Jeremy Batts



Wow, this was the best team performance that I've ever seen from the kids. Parents from both sides were cheering on all the players because it was such an entertaining and competitive game with all 8 Parklea Kookaburras playing as hard as they could.

It was Jet's turn as defender and he did a great job of stopping the other team each time they broke through. He even found time to run forward and score our first goal. Marcus assisted him in this and also scored a strong goal. His strong runs are becoming very important to the team.

Jeremy was our player of the match who tackled with real strength and energy. His hard work helped the team get back into the game and the player of the match was well deserved for his efforts.

Antonia kept attacking and was unlucky not to score with the number of times she won the ball from Glenwood.

Drew used his speed to run up the sideline and put the team in some really good positions. He also hit some great shots and was also unlucky not to score.

Max ran the whole time he was on the pitch and was in all the right places at the right times, helping the team out.

Ashlea was on fire and extremely brave with her tackling. She was enjoying every minute of the game.

Rhiannah played the best she has all season, with terrific tackles, and a wonderful goal from kick-off where she ran around the whole Glenwood team before placing a perfect shot for a superb goal.

We are working hard on our passing in training and the kids are really starting to understand that they are a team, and are working hard for each other, and there were a number of nice passes during the game. The Defender position will be rotated so that all players get a chance to practise and learn this important job.

Well done to all of them and also to the parents.

Coach: Qas Akhtar

Manager: Anna-Maria Panayi



Team: Under 7 Wombats

Versus: Plumpton/Oakhurst

Player of the Match: Zachary Mussolum



The second round of matches started with a tough encounter against a very spirited and improved Plumpton/Oakhurst team.



Congratulations firstly to all five players present for putting in a wonderful effort by playing the whole match without any breaks.

The game was played at a furious pace in the first half with our opponents opening the scoring with a deflected shot from an acute angle.

This was countered, some minutes later, by a trademark goal from Matty Ruff. The game then went from end to end with both sides missing some scoring chances.

Towards the end of the half Jason pushed forward and scored his first goal of the season with a cracking shot from just over halfway to put Parklea ahead going into the second half.

In the second half the opposition threw everything at our boys but we held strong to take a courageous win.

To Jason, Joshua, Matthew, Taylor and Zachary great effort – you all played your hearts out and deserved the feast at McDonalds afterwards.

Coach: Graeme Scott

Manager: Sharon Mussolum



Team: Under 7 Koalas

Versus: Prospect

Player of the Match: Thomas Ross



This was another outstanding effort from the Koalas this weekend. Field positioning is really paying off for our team as it allows players to be in a position to score when supported by their teammates and also provides a wall of defence when our opponents slip through the net.

The boys are really enjoying the game and this shows as they don't want to come off for a rest. It would be good if all players could have a full game as they love to show us their new soccer skills.

I believe they could all play two games in a row with the energy and expertise they are displaying.

Our Coach is doing a great job but we can't forget the ongoing support from parents at training and on Saturdays both on the field and with assistance on the bbq and canteen.

Last week's award (round 7) went to Cameron Pride. Well done mate.

Coach: Troy

Manager: Dave



Team: Under 8 Wombats

Versus: Town Rangers

Player of the Match: Josh Parkes



Another great game from all the boys!

Aaron was goalkeeper in the first half and didn't let anything past him - good job.

Christian had some great runs, moving the ball from one end of the field to the other.

Jordyn showed off his tackling and passing skills, getting the ball out of some dangerous situations.

Ben used his great footwork to move the ball around narrowly missing a few goal attempts.

Josh's defense was second to none, earning him player of the match! - Well done.

Angus is showing improvement each week and is enjoying himself on the field.

Gus got the ball moving with great passing and is a great presence on the field.

Thomas showed us his great tackling skills in the first half and put in a stellar performance as goalie in the second half, not letting anything in even though the goals were attacked hard and often.

Jack got a hat-trick of goals through, playing on even though he had split his lip in the 1st half!

The opposition tried hard but our boys' determination gave them a good result in the end.

Coach: Claude Mantarro

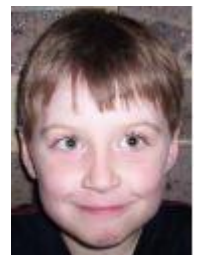
Manager: Sandy Van Noort



Team: Under 8 Kookaburras

Versus: Kings Langley

Player of the Match: William Cooper



After the rushed photo session before the match and apologies to Kings Langley for being a few minutes late, the boys settled in to the game with well-controlled football.

Our attack was well constructed with the first few shots at goal just missing the mark, before Shuvoraj made a break and kicked a nice goal to put the first point on the score board. Shaun went on to land two further powerful goals to help set up the win.

Jayden D, William and Jack produced some good clearing kicks saving plenty of balls from reaching the keeper.



Prezley, Lucas and Jaden M attacked well the whole game combining well to keep the ball in the oppositions half for the majority of the match.

William received the player of the match trophy and voucher for his great effort constantly running down the ball and excellent field coverage throughout the match.

Congratulations all on a great team effort. Well done to all the boys.

Coach: Jason McManus

Manager: Jeff Duncum

Team: Under 9/3s

Versus: Prospect

Score: 1 – 3 (loss)

Player of the Match: Lachlan Longridge



Well our winning streak came to an end on Saturday, when our mighty u9/3 boys were defeated by Prospect 3-1.

The boys knew they were in for a battle, as Prospect has been breathing down our necks for quite some weeks now. Both teams were equally challenged as there was action at both ends of the field all game.

Our boys played a sensational game! With the score locked at 1-1 at half-time the boys knew it would be a fight to the final whistle.

RILEY, AYDEN & ISSAC were outstanding in the front line along with DANIEL J, PADDY, MAX and LIAM who were again kept on their toes trying to keep Prospect from breaking through.

DANIEL F, HARRY, & LACHLAN were run off their feet chasing any loose balls that came through the midfield.

BIG BLAKE was put to the test on several occasions playing in goal. In the end Prospect were just too strong and were able to finish the game scoring two more against us.

As a coach I couldn't have asked the team for any more as each player played out of their skin (giving Paul and myself a huge 100% of commitment)...well done.

Boys just remember as the saying goes, 'You win some and you lose some.....'

Coach: Steve Owen

Manager: Paul Nelson



Team: Under 9/5

Versus: Riverstone

Score: 1 – 0 (win)

Player of the Match: Steven Castano



This game had all the makings of a classic encounter. It pitted the undefeated Parklea side against the fast improving Riverstone side. I told the boys before the match to be on their game and expect a really tough game.

Just before the ref blew the whistle to start the game a nervous tension filled the ground. The next three minutes that followed was probably the best start to any game I have seen in recent times with both teams going very close to scoring at least a couple of times. This was end to end stuff.

The Master Blaster – Steven Castano became the Master Shot Blocker with two outstanding saves in that first three minutes. How long could this frenetic pace continue??? Well it just did. Every time the likes of Riley and Peter pushed forward Riverstone would catch us on the counter attack. It was lucky for us that Josh is so fast and was able to keep pace with Riverstone's very fast striker. The right and left side of 'The Wall' – Matty and Dunc were both strong.

At half time the game was still deadlocked. I impressed upon the boys that they would have to fight to the end as the Riverstone team showed no signs of letting up.

The team started the second half brightly and began to pile on the pressure. However, Riverstone still proved really deadly on the counter attack. Kisekka made a couple of key saves as goalie to ensure we did not go behind.

As the game went on it looked like it was heading for a draw until a moment of brilliance that started from Matty to Connor to Riley and then to Jayden saw the team go 1 – 0 up via the boot of Jayden. What a relief!!

The boys continued to apply pressure but the Riverstone defence, particularly the goalie managed to thwart our efforts on goals.

The game ended and we managed to secure the win.

I was very impressed with the commitment the team showed. If we continue to play good team football we will remain the team to beat. We must still strive to keep improving as all the teams seem to be improving as well. The second round games will be a lot harder and more teams will be aiming to end our undefeated run.

Well done boys.

Coach: Christos Panayi

Manager: Brendan O'Sullivan



Team: Under 9/6 Black

Versus: Glenwood Red

Score: 3 – 0 (win)

Player of the Match: Nicholas White



Wow, 8 rounds in and we are STILL undefeated – top of the table by a whopping 10 points!! We parents are so proud of our team and the progress they have made.

Another great game was played this week. The first half was awesome with Luke scoring an early goal to get off to a great start. The ball hardly got past the half-way mark with Harrison and Cyrus showing some great defensive skills. Daniel made some great inroads with a couple of impressive runs and Bella scored a terrific goal with some fancy footwork. Nicholas and Nathan are improving week after week with a lot of thinking, tactical play (dad must be doing some extra training with them!). Todd scored the third goal almost from the half-way line – I think he surprised himself! Liam didn't see much of the ball – which is what you want as a goalie.

A few positional changes were made in the second half and some kids looked a bit lost. William contributed well with some good tackling and passing but we were unable to find the back of the net. We still managed some great defence and the ball only got near our goal once and Thomas made a great save.

Keep up the good work guys!!

Coach: Mark White

Manager: Ainsley Shaw

Team: Under 9/6 Red

Versus: Blacktown Workers FC

Score: 0 – 5 (loss)

Player of the Match: Amy Kenna



This was a tough game. The Workers attacking game was relentless and we were struggling to defend and, despite some great goalkeeping from Will, they found us out of position on some occasions and managed to kick home five goals.

We were better in the second half and came so close on two occasions. Every player pushed themselves to the limit and we never gave up the chase. All players were commended for their persistence.

Congratulations to Amy on being selected Player of the Match and to Scott for being awarded the Most Improved Player.

Well done team!

Coach: Rusty Klein

Manager: David Johnson



Team: Under 10/1s

Versus: Glenwood

Score: 5 – 0 (win)

Player of the Match: Roberto “Baggio” Thomas



This week we were up against the competition leaders, Glenwood who had been doing their homework on us and were primed for a big game.

A positional change within our ranks probably caught them by surprise.

All indications were for a tight game with our warm up and focus of some concern.

However, once the game started the boys switched on and dominated the game with quality passing allowing us to get in behind their defence and pretty soon we were on the scoreboard with a quality goal from Ky.

That gave our boys more confidence and we continued our structured football game.

Robbie was outstanding at central defender today, winning the ball and making decisive runs before releasing it forward, and then to top it off scoring a goal from 30 metres over the keepers head.

I said two weeks ago when we played Seven Hills it was our best performance of the year well today's game set the new benchmark.

Great game boys.

Coach: Maurice Krenich

Manager: Kendra Stewart

Team: Under 10/2s

Versus: Kings Langley

Score: 2 – 1 (win)

Player of the Match: Josh Garland



A game where we should have been out of sight by half time was made into a tough test by some poor finishing and a spirited second half fight back from Kings Langley.

Josh got the Player of the Match for his excellent wing play and a goal that knocked the keeper out of the way. CJ got the Encouragement Award for an amazing work rate in midfield chasing, closing down and creating chances.

The defence was under pressure in the second half but moved well sliding and covering for each other. Chris's goal as right full back showed our dominance in the first half.

A few of the midfield played with colds and made a great effort however they tired quicker than usual leaving holes that Kings Langley tried to take advantage of in the second half.



The attackers toiled well for little reward and if a couple of the easier chances had been put away, the second half wouldn't have been as keenly contested.

Coach Nev said, *"Well done, it was a tough game but we made things harder for ourselves by not doing what we practice. Having said that, you demonstrated a real team effort and determination not to concede in the second half and it was only a clearly offside goal that was conceded. Some of our moves and runs were awesome and when we keep our shape and play our style of football, we can dazzle all over the park"*.

Coach: Nev Ashton

Manager: Linda Wyton

Team: Under 10/4s

Versus: Glenwood

Score: 2 – 2 (draw)

Player of the Match: Ryan Garay



Another week of no training and we are up against the competition leaders. We find out on game day we have no reserves. Coaching staff are feeling under pressure. Our pre game warm up is average with not a whole lot of talk about winning though the team seems full of energy. But is it going to be used in the right way?

The game gets underway and we realise why Glenwood are on top of the table. They support each other, pass to team mates, chase, tackle and listen to their coach! We were trying hard but not really in the game. We had forgotten our number one rule, control then pass. Instead were giving it the big boot or trying to. Half time came and we were down 2-1. Not out of the game but we needed something.

The second half commenced and we had changed our formation with a new look midfield and new look defence. Our first half midfielders who were full of running became our solid defenders in the second half.

Amy and Jayden stopped countless Redback attacks and were able to get the ball to our new look midfield.

Aaron and Cameron controlled the ball and were able to get it up to the strikers in Anthony & Adrian to continually put pressure on the Glenwood defence.

Ryan played centre midfield and was busy in keeping the ball in our possession and was rewarded with a great goal to equalise. Thomas kept out all shots in the second half and did a great job in goals.

The whole team lifted in the second half and showed what they can do when they control the ball and support each other. No one gave up and at the finish of the game their faces showed they had given it their all and were happy with drawing against the leaders.

Ryan was our POM with a huge effort in the second half.

Coach: Richards Garay

Manager: Lisa Sheely



Team: Under 12/1s

Versus: Seven Hills

Score: 0 – 3 (loss)

Player of the Match: NA

We always knew the Quakers Hill team were going to be tough opposition, as our history goes back a few years now. Without any reserves this made the task even harder, as Quakers Hill seemed to have an endless supply of fresh legs.

However, the game will be a great learning curve for our boys, who all tried their best today. Every player on the field had their work cut out for them for the whole of this game and they all put in a great effort.

Don't worry boys – train hard and we'll get them next time!

Coach: Andy Kensitt

Manager: Brad Moon

Team: Under 15/1s

Versus: Quakers Hill

Score: 3 – 0 (win)

Player of the Match: Jordan Waters



Short and sweet is the new standard that has been set.

Quakers Hill lost one game in 2010 and was undefeated in 2011.

This was our 2nd meeting with them this year and round one saw us defeated 3-2.

Today was a real test of character, with Marcus out with a broken foot and Bryce a late withdrawal so it was down to the bare 11 to fight on.

It is amazing what some commitment and communication can do!

Quakers are a good side, but today were no match for our side as we moved off the ball and had many options and created chances. Our defence was outstanding and recovery to get behind the ball is starting to come together.

We saw some signs today of what we are capable of BUT we must continue.

Wes and Paul are claiming full credit for the result due to their excellent training session on Monday.

Good team work boys.

Coach: Maurice Krenich

Manager: Wes Peacock



Team: Under 15/3s Black

Versus: Marayong

Score: 4 – 1 (win)

Player of the Match: Jarrod Keetch



This game started off strong however the first goal was not ours. It was a great through ball from Marayong that slipped past our great goalie Rhys. Parklea had possession most of the time but in the first quarter we were not putting it in the back of the net. Jed was a real workhorse for the team covering a lot of the mid-field. The first goal was scored by Jack after he broke away from Marayong.

Parklea dominated the middle of the pitch and Jacob, Arni and Cookie were a strong backline. Jarrod had a great run to the goals but his bullet effort was saved by the post. Another breakaway from Jack was saved by the Marayong keeper. Jayden had a great chance to score but lucked out. At half time it was one all and there was some serious talk at half time between the coach and the boys.

The second half picked up. Jacob had a go up front. There were some great runs up the wing and crosses made by Will. One was converted to a goal by Kris via a header taking us to 2 – 1. There was another near goal by Marayong but it missed, going over the goal post (phew). Following that Jacob scored for the team from a cross ball put through by Jarrod, putting us at 3 – 1. Marayong gets one more crack of the goal after an air swing from Cookie and miss again with a high ball.

The boys had a few more cracks at the goal. Jacob heads the ball but just goes wide of the goal, Alex almost scores as well after a pass from Will and then Will's one on one with the keeper is saved. Jacob and Jack swap back and all the players are starting to wilt. Jacob took back control of the back line. The great ball by Daniel leaves Jack facing the goalie again, this time scoring. The game ended with a good save by Rhys and another near miss by Marayong. It was an exciting end to the game.

Player of the match was awarded to Jarrod who displayed some very clever ball skills and did some fantastic running up the wings.

A special thanks to my sports commentator assistant, Curtis Figon. Hope you have some more byes so you can help me with my match report again.

Coach: Peter Keetch

Manager: Angela Bichler

Team: Under 10 Girls Black

Versus: Parklea White

Score: 11 – 0 (win)

Player of the Match: Brooke Bedford



A well-played game by the girls and it is always hard playing against your own club.

We passed the ball well and scored some nice goals.

Brooke was our player of the match.

A highlight for me was the way the girls showed respect to the Parklea Whites



Parklea Whites never stopped trying and whilst they are inexperienced their enthusiasm was a highlight. Well done Whites.

Keep working hard Blacks and keep playing football

Coach: Maurice Krenich

Manager: Dionne Johnston

Team: Under 12 Girls

Versus: Glenwood Red

Score: 0 – 1 (loss)

Player of the Match: Emma Khan



This game was going to be a turning point for the girls regardless of what the score ended up being. I was looking for the girls to show their REAL character and play a lot closer to their potential than they had done in their previous game.

It was hard going even before the whistle went as quite a lot of the girls were unavailable for this game. I called on the services of Ashley, Chloe K, Sinead and Abby from the U10 Blacks side.

With a reshuffled line up we started the game very confidently. The U10s players injected much needed speed into the game and it wasn't long before we had Glenwood on the back foot. Ashley Calver went closest to scoring with an excellent run and then a sharp shot on goals that all but brushed the outside of the post. Chloe K also made some dynamic runs and was unlucky not to get a goal.

I was really impressed with the way all the girls were playing. It really looked like the girls wanted to do well. Defensively we looked sound except for one rare moment where we lost concentration at the back and allowed Glenwood to score a fortunate goal.

Even though we were trailing 1 – 0 we played with amazing gusto!

Shannon and Pressy made some great runs and some really good tackles.

The little general, Naingy was strong in the midfield and provided good support to the halves and forwards.

Hannah worked really hard and it is good to see her improving each week.

Taylor worked hard and made some good breaks up the wing.

The back four – Krystal, Sinead, Kirsten and Emily were brilliant. It felt like old times having Sinead sweeping!!!

Sophie did well in goals and made some good challenges.

Chloe K and Ashley played some sublime football on the right. They linked up well and were a dangerous threat to the Glenwood defence.

Emma worked really hard, probably the hardest I have seen her work all year. She played so well that she was this week's Player of the Match.



The girls were so unlucky not to get something out of this game. They would have had at least 85% possession in the second half. I guess the lesson here is to take our chances.

Well done girls. I am extremely proud of the way you played!!!!

Coach: Christos Panayi

Manager: Janine Williams

Team: AA/6

Versus: Lourdes

Score: 2 – 1 (win)

Player of the Match: AJ Rawling

The kick off was delayed half an hour due to people still entering the ground last Sunday.

Eventually the crowd of 33,809 people and 3 dogs were settled in and eagerly awaited the kick off.

The sixes were still struggling with injuries as they came up against middle of the table Lourdes. Coach Kenny again had to rely on four emergency loan signings to get the sixes onto the park. Four young guns from the nines had to be brought in to cover the growing injury list and lucky they did.

The sixes did welcome the return of MG, Andrew H, Andrew C, Matt, AJ and Karl to the line-up with Sarge left out of the squad due to a golf injury.

Kenny started the match with 5 in the midfield in a hope to control the centre of the park. AJ was the lone striker and he took advantage of his position with a 22 minute strike. This gave Kenny an opportunity to attack some more bringing on Ado into the mix. Many opportunities were lost during the first half due to poor shooting and excellent keeping by the Lourdes keeper.

The second half started with a surprise substitution from Kenny. Daniel was taken out of goals and the reserve keeper Brendon was given his first opportunity in the top grade. Kenny told the press after the match that Daniel had a slight groin strain and he didn't want to risk any further injury to his star keeper.

The second half was a scrappy affair with a lot of lost ball. AJ did manage to double his tally for the day though through some brilliant individual play in the 62nd minute. This lifted the Lourdes players and soon after they were 2-1 down after an exceptional free kick which Brendon could do nothing about.

Childsey came off the field soon after and would not take any further part in the match due to an ankle injury. Chesty was soon to follow also with an ankle injury. Miller and Jarred also did not return to the pitch after they left with tired injuries. With the bench down to one player the lads held on to a well-deserved win.

Next match see's the undefeated sixes take on Marayong away. Kenny said that he expects the boys to play to their full potential as they have had plenty of football lately. K man is expected to sit out again due a hamstring injury. Baz Chest and Daniel H are also on the doubtful list.

When asked about his injury after the match, Baz Chest said "yeah look, it was a 50/50 challenge. 50% of me thought I could win the tackle and now 50% of my foot is black. I should be right in a couple of weeks".

Tickets are limited for next week's encounter as Marayong have only allocated 1,200 seats for visiting fans and are selling very fast.

Coach: Kenny

Manager: Baz

**Team: AA10****Versus:** Minchinbury**Score: 2 – 0 (win)****Player of the Match: Nelson 'Bay' Hunt**

A win!!! Yes, ladies and gentlemen you read it correctly, there's no typing error.....It's a WIN for the Parklea Tenacious Tens!! This result has been eight rounds in the making. A trip down the Great Western Highway for an early kick off at Minchinbury had the Tenacious Tens primed for the match of their lives. The numerous hours spent watching video footage of our opposition paid dividends as confidence levels soared. The Tenacious Ten's newest major signing Ronal-Damo was unveiled at the pre-match media conference. "I would like to repay the faith to the Parklea Club for giving me a chance to display my brilliant, silky skills...." stated Ronal-Damo to the assembled media horde.

Kick off was greeted with wild applause from the pro Minchinbury crowd. The Tenacious Tens stuck to the game plan of not passing the ball to the opposition. These brilliant and well thought out tactics saw Parklea unleash many shots on the Minchinbury goal. Some great touches from Nelson 'Bay' Hunt who deservedly took out the player of the match award. Steve 'the boot' Butler again tested not only the goal keeper but air traffic overhead with some mighty clearances. Big 'Cookie' had some stunning snippets of play up front. Ronal-Damo pranced up and down the right touch line mesmerising spectators with his 'brilliant, silky skills' (and dance moves??).

The Tenacious Tens first goal came from a foul committed by the Minchinbury goal keeper on Nelson 'Bay' Hunt. Justin 'Don't call me Beiber' Hinchliffe stepped and drilled the ball into the back of the net. This whipped the biased home crowd into a frenzy which resulted in the match being stopped momentarily due to an isolated incident of 'hooliganism'. Play resumed and in the second half the Tenacious Tens were under pressure from a hungry Minchinbury (this was due to there being no BBQ facilities operating). There was some good play in the mid field culminating in 'Steel Ribs' Met providing Nelson 'Bay' Hunt with a great chance on goal in which he duly converted.

A great win that will be no doubt remembered for the remaining 11 weeks of the 2011 competition. Congratulations to all involved, and not so involved, on the win. A thought that sums up the Tenacious Tens season thus far.... *"Pain is only temporary but victory is forever."*

Coach:**Manager:** Paul Battikha**Team: Over 35/5s****Versus:** Premier Spurs**Score: 0 – 0 (draw)****Player of the Match: Andrew Whitehouse**

After a week of soul searching and some intense training sessions at the newly established Brewhouse Sports Academy the Mighty 5s were ready to make amends for Glenwood Gate. Sir Alex got all available players to the ground early to have the mother of all pep talks. Sir Alex's command of the English language is second to none and he made it crystal clear what he expected of his team.



However, just before kick off the team was rocked by the news that Barkey was out for this game. This was especially hard for Sir Alex as he had built up this week's winning game plan around Barkey playing up front. It was also revealed that Barkey is being scouted by none other than Galatasary. They have been watching him for a while now and are very impressed with what the Turkish wizard has to offer. They were particularly blown away by his amazing speed and ball control.

Sir Alex had to switch to plan B. Enter our Marquee Man, Simmo. The team would now look to Simmo for inspiration.

The game started off at a good pace and the mighty 5's looked up for a tough game. It was certainly good to have young Goughy back in goals. His commanding presence does lift the team especially the defence.

The Marquee Man, Simmo definitely inspired as he showed off his silky smooth moves. He moved up with the field with amazing ease as he mesmerised the opposition with footwork that even Messi would be proud of. The crowd definitely got into the game especially a very excitable young bald man who gave the team a lot of support from the sideline.

The mighty 5s had this game under control but just could not find the right touch or combination in the opposition's last third. Andy Whitehouse was the stand out in the midfield. He was hustle bustle all game making some clever runs up the sideline. He was well supported by the fired up QAS.

The Emperor played well but he still seems distracted. Is all the fame a bit too much to handle? I know a lot of people know about Steve's new book but what people don't realise is that Steve has been approached by Channel 9 to star in a reality tv show called 'The Coach'. In this show Steve will mentor 12 up and coming young coaches. Each week they will have challenges and those that do not do well will be eliminated. The ultimate winner will not only get a copy of Steve's book but will also have the honour of co-coaching with the Emperor in 2012.

Okay back to the game..... It was definitely a case of not taking our chances. Paul and Jason were unlucky to not find the net on several occasions. Morris Amico also went close.

There were a couple of free kicks in the MOZZA Zone but the 'Bend it Like Mozza' heroics weren't on show today. Mozza's radar was slightly off.

The game ended as it started, 0 – 0. This was yet another draw to add to our collection. At least we did not concede any goals this week.

Congratulations to our well-deserved Player of the Match – Andy 'The Hustler' Whitehouse.

Coach:

Manager: Sir Alex