

Under 6 Echidnas

Round 13 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

A sunny, but cold, morning greeted us as we made the trip westwards to Quakers Reserve. With a couple of absences it was a smaller than usual U6 Echidnas squad that was on hand to face our opponents from Quakers Hill Junior SC.

The team warmed up well and started the match eagerly. Two very pleasing sights to behold were the couple of excellent passing movements that involved the entire U6 Echidnas squad. This encounter panned out to be a very even match. Kobi was on target in attack scoring two fantastic goals from long range. Ryan made some nice tackles and breaks. Petar was once again resolute in defence. Andrew took some nice goal kicks trying to spark our attacking movements.

Erika fooled our opposition with her goal kicks (and subsequent breaks) and made a consistent effort throughout the entire match to deservedly receive the 'Player of the Week' award.

Well done U6 Echidnas!!!!

Coach: Ken & Manager: Katie

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Round 14 vs Glenwood Redbacks

It was a big morning for the U6 Echidnas as we were rostered on the early canteen/BBQ shift from 8-10am with our match following at 10.30am. A big 'thank you' to Paul, Lisa, Lydia, Kelly, Deanne and Alan for your enthusiasm and assistance with the completion of this shift.

Thanks again to Steve for helping to get the team warmed up which was a more difficult task given his injury which he received during an O35s match the previous evening.

Our first half effort was amongst our best of the season. In our Round 4 match our opposition was far superior in both halves. Today, the U6 Echidnas only conceded twice in the first half and made Glenwood work extremely hard for those goals. Given our early start, many of the U6 Echidnas succumbed to the temptation of running around Morgan Power Reserve before our match. So, it was inevitable that fatigue would set in during the second half. Consequently, our goal was 'under siege' for much of that half. However, it was a very resolute U6 Echidnas team that did their best to defend it and try to create scoring opportunities.

Erkia, once again, fooled our opposition with her tricky goal kicks and kick ins. Kobi and Ryan made some nice breaks and were always putting pressure on our opposition by creating attacking opportunities. Andrew put his body on the line in defence tumbling over the sideline whilst stopping one of our opposition's movements. Petar was equally stoic in his defensive duties.

Aiyana made some timely and solid tackles and always follows the coach's instructions so she was a deserved recipient of our 'Player of the Week' award.

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Coach: Ken & Manager: Katie

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Round 15 vs Lourdes SC

A clear but cold morning greeted the U6 Echidnas as we made the short trip down to Seven Hills to take on Lourdes SC. Thanks again to Steve and Allan for helping to get the team warmed up for the match. It was great to have everyone available and ready for action.

This encounter panned out to be a very exciting and even contest. It was fantastic to see the improvement in the team's performance compared to the Round 4 encounter against our opponents. Every team member made significant contributions in both attack and defence.

Erika added to her season tally with a great goal showing her speed across the ground. Kobi, Ryan and Harry were very unlucky not to score goals with each player missing their opportunities only by the barest of margins. Petar and Aiyana continue to make some great tackles picking opponents off at will and winning possession for their team mates.

Andrew also made some timely tackles and breaks to deservedly receive our 'Player of the Week' award.

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Coach: Ken & Manager: Katie

Under 9/2s

Round 15 vs Plumpton (1-0 loss)

A loss that sums up our season; a hopeful kick forward goes so high in the air it comes down with snow on it, bounces over the keeper into the net and we lose by the odd goal again!

Peter got Man of the Match for ably filling in at full back and midfield. DJ got the Encouragement Award for a good game up front.

The defence looked a lot better than it did last week but with Brody's injury in the early stages of the second half, lost some of its go forward and how do you coach to defend that goal?

The midfield and strikers made great headway when going forward and were really trying to get the movement of the ball and switching play just as we've practiced.

Coach Nev said, “A much improved performance boys. We held our own against a big physical side and again that goal was a fluke but it still counts unfortunately. Well done, see you on Monday”.

Coach: Nev Ashton & Manager: Sue Allen

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Round 16 vs Newbury Bulls

It was a warm morning for our penultimate match in 2010 as we welcomed the visit of the Newbury Bulls. Thanks again to Steve and Allan for helping to get the team warmed up for the match. Also, thanks to Brian for refereeing the match. We had one player missing with Aiyana being ill and we hope she will be back for our last match of the season.

As with our Round 5 match against this opponent, this match also panned out to be a very close contest between two evenly matched teams. Every team member made significant contributions in both attack and defence and awarding the 'Player of the Week' trophy became a very difficult decision.

Kobi and Ryan peppered our opponent's goal and were unlucky not to score with each player missing their opportunities only by the barest of margins. Petar stopped some certain goals with some solid defending. Harry took some nice goal kicks and kick ins to spark our attacking movements. Andrew also chimed in with some nice breaks.

Erika did a stunning step over move. She also used her speed to make some timely breaks to deservedly receive our 'Player of the Week' award.

Well done U6 Echidnas!!!!

Ken (Coach) & Katie (Manager)

Under 9/2s

Round 16 vs St Pats (1 – 1 Draw)

A real game of two halves, we rode our luck in the first and made our own in the second and finally got a rub of the green with a cracking equaliser.

Mitch got the Man of the Match for some excellent runs and a massive 'off the ball' work rate. Brody got the Encouragement Award to encourage him to go forward more, good goal mate! The defence was under the cosh but listened and learnt at half-time giving a much stronger display in the second half especially as St Pats threw everything at us in the later stages.

The midfield and strikers worked hard through-out the game, they moved the ball well in the second half resulting in some desperate defending by St Pats and we should have had a penalty!

Coach Nev said, “Excellent second half boys, we could have been dead and buried in the first half but thanks to Aiden we were still alive and we did kick on! Great effort boys!”

Coach: Nev Ashton & Manager: Sue Allen