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Oatley RSL U6 Frogs 1 vs. Hurstville Monitaurs 1

Win 14 - 1

Man of the Match – Harrison Evans

There is rain. Then there is heavy rain. Then there is a storm. Then there is a tornado. Then there is a hurricane. Then there is a tsunami. Again what can I say - I saw a tsunami on Saturday. Such was the might of Oatley RSL Frogs. The performance given by the boys was so devastating. The opposition were obliterated at every turn.

The team truly play as a team. They are so cohesive. They have achieved great things over the last few weeks.

Congratulations to Harrison on scoring his first goal of the season. He had the eye of the tiger. Goono Harrison.

All the boys played like there was no tomorrow. They relentlessly pounded their opposition. No one should be signalled out because all the players stood 10 feet tall. The team have set the standard for all their opponents and there will be folklore in the making if their performance keeps at this level week after week.

Once again – many thanks to our coach – Peter (dare I say ‘coach of the century’ again) – for his coaching skills which is achieving outstanding results week after week.

Go the Oatley RSL U6 Frogs 1.
Oatley RSL U6 Bears 1 lost to Oatley West All Saints 1 - 8

We were at home for round 4 in the local derby against Oatley West All Saints, with classmates on opposing sides. We took an early lead with a scything run and goal from Will Cameron in the first minute. This was Will's second goal of the season. Will's opener awoke All Saints and they returned fire with a couple of goals in the first half.

All Saints continued that form in the second half and they scored some skillful goals. We continued to run hard, with Anna, Ellie, Will, Xavier and Luke trying their best throughout. Xavier was very sporting in picking up his opposite number in one 50:50 challenge. Alannah Severino got through a mountain of work up the middle and was rewarded with the encouragement certificate. Great stuff Alannah!

U6 Bears (2) “Tigers” V Arncliffe Aurora

Lost 1-6

What a start to the match today, Aidan scored a goal in the first 30 seconds! Way to go Aidan!

The scene was set for a great match, we had all of our boys ready to play and the other team had no subs, so we thought we could run them round a bit. And then, 5 minutes late, 2 more of the Arncliffe boys arrived and the game really began.

Nicholas made a fantastic strong kick for goal, but it was too big and just went over the net, maybe next week.

Tom H made a great deflect with his shin pads that certainly saved a goal.

Sam showed his strong boot today with a great kick over the pack to get us out of trouble.

Tom B was defending strongly again and in after the ball at every opportunity.

Paolo really made an effort to keep watching the ball today and proudly received the encouragement award for his great game.

Arncliffe were just too strong for us today. The boys skills are improving each week, as is their confidence in their football ability. We can't wait for next weeks game.
Oatley RSL Bears (3) Vs: ASOW (2)

Won 8-4

Another gutsy performance and all round inspiring team effort by our boys to come back from 1-NIL down to lead 4-2 at the half-time break. Jimmy was first to get points on the board for us before Joe landed three more goals in the back of the net. Daniel was heavy on the attack with a few near misses after great full length field runs with the ball. Ethan and Zac were strong as ever in defence keeping ASOW away from our goal. James and Harry dominated the mid-field region and all aided in the 8-4 final score after holding off a late surge from the opposition.

Oatley RSL U7 Dragons V Hurstville

Lost 0-2

THE DAY WAS OVERCAST WITH A COMFORTABLE TEMPERATURE TO PLAY IN. THE WHOLE TEAM PLAYED. THE BOYS WERE PLAYING MORE LIKE A TEAM, SO MANY CLOSE GOALS. THE FIRST GOAL GOING TO HURSTVILLE, DRAGONS TRIED TO DEFLECT THE BALL BUT UNFORTUNATELY BALL ROLLED INTO OUR DEFENDING GOAL. GOOD DEFENDS AND ATTACK AND SOME MIGHTY KICKS UP THE FIELD WERE DONE BY ALL DRAGONS. WE HAD SO MANY HIT AND MISSES BUT BY HALF TIME THE SCORE WAS 0/1 HURSTVILLE WAY. INTO THE SECOND HALF, WILL THREW EVERYTHING INTO THE GAME EVEN HIS BOOT. AGAIN DRAGONS PUSHED FORWARD WITH MANY CLOSE GOALS. THE BOYS WERE BLOCKING THE BALL BEAUTIFULLY. THE EXCITEMENT WAS FELT AND HEARD FROM THE PARENTS FROM THE SIDELINE. THE GAME ENDED WITH HURSTVILLE’S ADVANTAGE 0/2.
Oatley RSL U7 Sonics 1 vs. Kogarah Waratahs

Score: Lose 2-0

Man of the Match – Toshi Bennett

The game started well with the Sonics showing some great defence.

The sonics were unlucky to concede a goal before half time but all were in good spirits at half time ready for the second half onslaught.

In the second half the team showed a bit more daring in attack and threatened to score goals on a few occasions. Great dribbling runs and some great teamwork that unfortunately did not pay off this week but no doubt will lead the sonics to some wins in the future. Unfortunately we conceded another goal in the second half — great play by the Kogarah Waratahs.

Lots of promise shown by the Sonics, go Oatley RSL.
Oatley (T-Rex’s) v Sans Souci

Result: Loss 2-6

The T-Rex’s started the game all fired up, with the whole team having early touches on the ball. Our boys, relentlessly attacked - the ball barely left Sans Souci’s half for several minutes of the game. It was only by sheer luck and a rogue ball that Sans Souci opened the scoreline. The T-Rex’s again maintained ball possession and pushed the ball forward with our whole team trying and trying to get the ball to the back of the net, finally Nicholas got the ball to break through the wall of Sans Souci legs of which it deflected off to score the equalising goal. Excellent blocking and ball gathering from Daniel, Alessandro and our borrowed player Aidan, and tremendous attacking continued with Marc coming on to the field at 100 miles per hour and working the ball up toward goal, David too, showed his fancy foot work getting around the opposition. The half time score was 3-1 to Sans Souci.

Sprits were still very high and energies were up entering the 2nd half of the game -with a similar flavour and passion to produce a goal. Alessandro had a early break through and worked the ball up, David then gained possession and had a very close shot on goal - very unlucky to miss it. The strong teamwork continued with Nicholas passing the ball to Daniel who also just missed out on scoring. Only a few minutes later strong centre support from Marc and Alessandro again allowed Oatley to hold ball possession, Daniel sweeps in and breaks through another shot at goal - it was too hard to watch yet another miss and a few very easy goals go in for Sans Souci. Nicholas' drive (and legs) weren't going to give up - he came through from the back and dribbled the ball, knocking it into the net for a super goal. The final score did not reflect the effort, enthusiasm, ball possession and teamwork.

We were down one of our players, Cullen, this week. Aidan from Team 2 joined us and played a great game with us - Thanks Aidan.

The Encouragement award went to Daniel, for having a great game, defensively and in middle field and even a couple of very close shots on goal - well done!

A very entertaining game for all us parents and the scoreline didn't deflate the boys' morale as they themselves felt that a great game had been played.
Under 8 Avatars VS ASOW
RESULT: Loss SCORE 0-4

Man of the Match - Sean
Encouragement Award - Luke

The game today was a little frustrating in that when we got in an attacking position the opposition would simply run the ball out over the goal line for yet another goal kick.

However, the positives of the game were how well the team played. With both Christos and Michael unable to attend we were not at full strength and at times were run off our feet. Will was the first player to take on the opposition with bustling tackles and driving kicks, which cleared the ball from out of the centre of the players and up the field. Sean was solid in defence while Daniel and Luke were cutting through the opposition at every opportunity. Liam and Cameron tussled in the middle to push the ball forward.

The second half saw us have a number of shots that just missed with Sean, Daniel, Liam and Will all have a crack at scoring. Cameron and Luke kept controlling the centre of the field feeding the ball up to Sean.

A great effort boys!
TEAM: U9 Red Jets 'v' Hurstville ZSC
RESULT: LOSS (UNFORTUNATELY)
SCORE: 1-2

Red Jets hit the field full of enthusiasm knowing that today's game was going to be a challenge seeing the opposing team hadn't lost a game yet and certainly were not small in stature.

The match started very intensely with both teams playing with equal determination - after a few minutes we knew this was going to be tough.

Our midfield and forward line had a good mixture of skill, firepower and body strength with Jay, Brock, Sean, James, Kyle, Lachlan and Brendan weaving and darting down the field trying to get that ball between the posts. However, Hurstville ZSC came back at us with equal determination and Alexander (goalie for 1st half) did an excellent job in protecting our goal with the support of our defenders Ryan and Daniel. Game continues and Hurstville ZSC scores but our boys did not let that get them down, they immediately begin on the attack again with Brock leading them aggressively up the field. Sean and James pass some swifty manouevers down the side and Jay was everywhere (where does he get his energy from) attacking, defending all over the field. Kyle, Lachlan and Brendan keep close to the opposition making sure they don't make any moves and Daniel and Ryan stand strong in defending that backline if any manage to get through them. Alexander stands sturdy in the goal area making the opposition scared.

Half time score 0-Red Jets, 1- Hurstville ZSC

In the second half, Ryan is in goals and the boys are fully charged and ready to go after fruit and refreshments. We have some attempts at goals and so does Hurstville ZSC - there is lots of moving up and down the field when finally Jay scores a well deserved goal - the parents go 'WILD' and the score is now 1-1. Red Jets stay focused and again Lachlan, Brendan and Kyle pass it down the field, followed by James, then on to Brock, Sean and Jay. There is lots of tussles and these boys from Hurstville ZSC are solid builds but they are no match for our boys - our boys
are fast and determined. Hurstville ZSC does make a few more attempts at goals but are saved by Ryan, Daniel and Alexander. However, on their fifth attempt they score again, our boys have a few more chances but it doesn't happen - we run out of time and the final score is 1-2.

It was a very exciting game to watch (although my stress levels are just calming down now) - the Red Jets should be proud as they played an exceptional game and it could of gone either way.

Take a well deserved rest boys and look forward to seeing another great performance next week.

Encouragement Award: Lachlan - congratulations!!
Man of the Match Award: Alexander - congratulations!!

OATLEY RSL U9ds vs CARRS PARK

Loss Man of the Match: Dong Ho

Not long after kickoff the opposition managed to sneak the ball past our goalkeeper. They were pretty good and we knew we had a game on our hands.

The ref awarded the opposition a penalty after one of our players accidentally knocked the ball with their hand. The penalty was in front of the goal and converted.

Continued pressure from the opposition.

The ref gave a penalty because one of their players kicked the ball into one of our players shoulder, They scored a goal from that penalty as well.
We had 3 subs available today but still had trouble getting past the half way mark. Good kicking by Oliver. Just before half time good passing from Alex to Markus to Mitchell to Duka made it from the goal to past half way before their defense kicked it out. Sign of things to come. Half time.

The second half saw a big improvement in our play. The defence held well including Dan Ho, Alex Mitchell and Markus. Searching runs over half way by Duka. Tyler did some great kicks in mid play, he has a big boot on him. Eventually the opposition made a clean break and despite valiant effort by Alex, Mitchell and Mark the Goalkeeper the opposition scored.

Fancy footwork by Markus in defence bamboozled the opposition. Great saves by goalkeeper Mark. Great forward running down the sideline by Carl, also had a kick for goal. Alex continued to run down the other teams attack and defused it. Daniel worried at the opposition. Both teams had trouble keeping their feet on the ground when throwing in. Mitchell had some good throws. Dean gave good support in attack. The opposition were offside a number of times.

Great improvement by the whole team in the second half.

**Team Name:** Oatley RSL U10’s  **Vs:** Kogarah Waratahs

**Result:** LOSS 2 - 5

Today’s game may have signalled the beginning of a new era for the U10 Boys. As usual all boys tried their hardest to attack the opposition, and send the ball in the direction of goal. And today they really succeeded! As a result of their commitment and determination, the first goal of the season was scored due to a skilful kick by Jamie. Furthermore, not only was the first goal of the season scored, but the second also. Yes, it was an “own goal” but we will very happily take the credit and the point.

Our two goalies simply refused to let in many goals, our defence were always there waiting and our forward attacking players ensured we kept the Waratahs far from feeling confident. Well done guys!
Oatley RSL 11B’s (Killer Bees) Vs: St George United

Result: WIN

Score: 3 - 1

The Killer Bees travelled to Rockdale on a grey Saturday morning to meet St George United for the first time this year. The boys started well, passing the ball around confidently and probing up the centre. Jinoo quickly capitalised on an opportunity, putting Oatley on the board within the first few minutes.

St George attacked straight from the kick off. Solid defence from Adeen saw their attempt at goal go wide and St George’s counter attack was defused. A shower of rain started just as the Killer Bees launched another move up the ground. Smart team work and passing saw Lachlan put the ball into the back of the net to make it 2-0.

The next ten minutes saw several more runs upfield and a number of shots at goal frustratingly miss – just! With about 5 minutes to half time, one of the St George strikers took the ball straight up the centre. He was going fast and the ball fairly belted past our goalie, Braedon, who did all he could to stop the unstoppable. The whistle blew for halftime with the score at 2-1.

With a goal under their belt, St George came out in the second half much more confidently than in the first. This didn’t slow the Killer Bees down though, with Jinoo and Braedon just missing shots in close succession.

After a mystery penalty was awarded to Oatley following an encounter between Jonathon and a St George forward, Jinoo went for a great run, with his shot grazing the rail as it went over the top.

St George countered with another run which put our goalie, Blake, under pressure. Blake handled the shot superbly, keeping Oatley in front at 2-1. After that, the Killer Bees kept harassing the St George defence with some great work done by Adeen, Lachlan and Conrad particularly. Eventually the defence succumbed and Lachlan scored to make it a convincing 3-1 win.

Man of the match was awarded to Lachlan and the encouragement award was given to Jinoo. A fine effort was put in by everybody in a true team match!
U12B’S Oatley RSL V Arncliffe Aurora Lost 0-3

This week we came up against Arncliffe Aurora and I must say even though we were defeated our boys played really well. We had a few attempts at goal but couldn’t put any away. We were out muscled by a team that is known for their physicality more than their skill. Our goal keeper was out injured for this game and the boys (Gabriel & James) did an exceptional job filing in. Full time score 3-0. Well done boys, better luck next week.

U/12 Girls Oatley RSL V Peakhurst United

Result: Win 3-0

Goals: Ella Williamson, Kate Gallagher, Anita Kelly.

And the Oats’ girls go marching on….

From one week to another, our rate of improvement is astronomical! A team of “leading” actuaries has calculated that if our girls continue to improve at the current rate of improvement…they will actually be representing Australia at this years’ Soccer World Cup!!!!…in South Africa!!!!…against the blokes!!!

This week we squeezed the opposition from the get go, with Lara being able to have a snooze in goals right through the first half, such was the strength of our backline defence. Our drive forward from the backline clearances often caught the opposition defence napping and we created many opportunities, with Ella getting on the end of one of Elises’ monster sweeps and slotting in our first goal.

The second half…well we just carved them up, with breakaway after breakaway coming to Kate, Anita and Lara, who turned the opposition inside out with incisive running and perfectly timed passing. Kate and Anita both registered goals, timing their strikes well, and we literally could have scored three more, had we chosen not to drive the ball right into the goalies stomach!

The opposition counterpunched a number of times with a handful of shots on goal, but the Anthea ball-magnet was again working overtime with the gloves, and she cleared well. Isabelle again toiled all day in the back line and Samantha was in it up to her elbows at both ends of the field.

The girls are definitely starting to get a sense of space on the field, and their soccer instincts and confidence are developing rapidly.

Can’t wait for next week!

Player of the game: Kate Gallagher

Encouragement award: Elise Palasovski, Isabelle Hancock
U13C Oatley RSL: 0 (nil) LOSS v San Souci: 1 Lost

Both teams were evenly matched and it could have been anyone’s game. From a spectators point of view the first half appeared to be flat and it took until the second half for both teams to develop momentum.

The game started to pick up in the second half as both teams became hungrier for the win. Peter had a couple of good runs down the middle and was unlucky not to convert his attempts at goal. Lachlan was fired up and displayed some great attacking and defending skills running down several of the opposition. Alex was also amazing dribbling the ball past player after player.

Zack, Jamil and Jonathan L were solid in defence keeping the Sans Souci forwards at bay and Alexi also showed us some of his defence skills. Both Ben P and Karl were awesome in goals as usual. Joel and Ben P dug deep in centre mid field while Eoin and Jonathan R worked hard in mid field and constantly feed the ball through to the strikers.

Even though Oatley had more attempts at goal Sans Souci were able to convert in the last minute to take out the game. All Oatley RSL players worked hard and put in a great effort right up until the full time whistle.

**Encouragement Award:** Jamil

**Apologies:** Ben S, Liam, Michael

15A Oatley 1 v Forest 1

After a tough win last week, we struggled to field a team. Daniel was away of refs. duty, Moh/Jordan sick and Michael/ Jason carrying injuries into the game. The 1st half was (I won’t say). In the 2nd half we decided to start playing. Good chances fell to Peter, Matt, Georgio and Luca. Russ pulled off a great save to be knocked out by Luke’s knee. With only minutes left, Darius and Luke were left to mark their attackers.

In the last corner of the day, George connected a bullet header to give us a unlikely draw. The boys had done it against all the odds. (Russ (2), Matt (1), George (1), Georgio (1)
U16GB vs Connell's Point

2-0 Loss

A disappointing result in a game that we would have won comfortably if things had gone according to plan.

We controlled the game perfectly and kept Connell's Point boxed-in for almost the full 70 minutes.

We had about 12 goal-scoring opportunities; they had maybe 4.

Two of their attacks were successful while our shots resulted in near-misses.

Some days that happens.

We are blessed with great attacking players and they have been so effective so far that it is easy to take what they do for granted.

Natalie, Megan, Liz and Eliana were all unlucky not to get goals, and they weren't the only ones.

There will always be a percentage of shots that don't go in, but with the talented team we have, I doubt we'll be unlucky very often.

If it helps; I went to shake the Connell's coach's hand after the game.

He was happy, but it was the kind of happy that comes from a close escape.

One of their spectators summed it up, he said "We dodged a bullet there".

I'm really looking forward to the next game against Connell's. It should be exciting enough to sell tickets.
Oatley RSL Premier League 1st Grade vs Carlton Rovers
Score: Won 3-2

Three games into the season and the boys were yet to record a win, this from a team that has won over 80% of their games over the last 3 years. Reserve grade set the tone by winning 4-3, an amazing Andrew Booth hat-trick sealing the victory. The First Grade boys walked onto the pitch focused as ever and got away to an early lead on the back of a Daniel Markovski finish, probably he’s 50th or 60th goal in the last 4 years, just ask him he’ll tell you 😊. Carlton hit back quite soon after a goal keeping error and the side seemed to drop their heads a little going into half time when Carlton again scored.

New coach Nick Dimovski had some words of wisdom for the boys and they came out a new team in the second half. Owen McDonald, who is making a habit out of scoring goals, picked up another from a corner with a perfectly placed downward header…a free lesson for the youngsters watching the game. Oatley were 2-2 and back in the game and they put Carlton to the sword with some great short passing that put Brad Gorman through the defensive line and one on one with the Carlton keeper, he scored to make it 3-2 and really fire up the boys. The final 15 minutes were hard to watch with edge of your seat action and the final whistle brought with it a sense of relief and satisfaction for all the hard work over the past 6 months.

Keep it up boys!!