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# FMR

# FIFA Teams

**Round 2** - Some of our FIFA teams travelled to Capel, Busselton, Dunsborough this week, while the U12 Rockets and Warriors had their first Derby with FIFA Rules this week. I think the rain held off everywhere which is good! Was pretty windy in Dunsborough though!

## U12 Rockets

It was a cold and blustery morning for the FMR Derby of the U12's Rockets vs Warriors.

The Rockets got off to a good start with Archie breaking through the Warriors defence to score a goal.

The intensity of both teams was high with plenty of running through the midfield and defence having to hold up against forward pressure.

The Warriors popped one in the back of the net before half time to even the score. The pressure was upped by the Rockets with a couple goals but players were offside - still learning the new offside rules for this age group.

A great run starting from Darcy in defence through Tex to Gabe who played a lovely pass onto Charlie who then scored with seconds left on the clock.

All in all a nail biting match and great effort from both teams. Player of the day went to Laec for his solid game in defence with thanks to Squid Lips for the POD voucher.



## U12 Warriors



It was an epic derby today between FMR Rockets and Warriors. Today was the closest matched these two teams have been in my 3 season of coaching the Warriors. The excitement on the sideline from both teams was up there!!

It was well into the first half before the Rockets scored the first goal of the match. They would have followed it up with a second goal had they not been offside - a new rule being introduced for these guys this year. The Warriors managed to get one back before half time making it even at the break.

Both teams came out hungry for another goal and the Rockets again got through offside. It was tough going to get through the defenders but overall the Rockets had more shots on goal and tested the Warriors keepers who both stood up to the challenge. The Rockets managed to get one more in before the whistle blew.

It was so nice to see the Warriors hold their own against the Rockets today and the sportsmanship between these two home teams and their supporters is awesome with everyone congratulating each other on a great match.

The Warriors POD went to Alex who never stops running, going to the ball, applying pressure and getting herself into the right position to support her team mates. Well done, and thanks to Milk Shack for the voucher.

# U13 Sharks

## FMR Sharks vs Dunsborough Wanderers

The second game of the season proved to be a nail biter. Both teams played splendid football, in a close and exciting match. Dunsborough had some quality early shots, however Shark's goalkeeper Ziggy Denham deflected ball after ball, with several impressive saves. The Shark's, finding their confidence, made the most of their chances and scored 2 goals in the first half (*Goal scorers- Zane Mc Calmont, Charlie Crimble-Hall*), putting them in front at the half time whistle.

Dunsborough bounced back with a goal early in the second half, and then went on to draw 2 direct penalties. They showed no hesitation in converting these to take the lead Dunsborough 3, Sharks 2, with just 10 mins of the match remaining.

Far from dropping their heads, the Sharks attacked with urgency, as the ball was saved, then cleared, then hit the post. Finally, it landed on the boot of Kai Hillier. Hillier mercifully put it in the back of net, scoring the Shark's a 3<sup>rd</sup> and equalising goal, with just 4 mins remaining!

The final result was a 3 all draw, with player of the match going to Ziggy Denham for his superb goal keeping.



# U13 Tigers

## U13 Tigers v U14 Development Squad

In near perfect evening conditions, and for the first time under lights, the teams went head to head.

A solid first half by both teams with U14 Dev Squad with the early chances, however, the Tigers kept them goalless leading to halftime with the scores locked at nil all.

The second half saw the Tigers strike first with a 1-0 lead. Both teams had their chances and it wasn't long before the Dev Squad hit back and the scores tied again.

The Tigers defence was pushed to their limit and it wasn't long before the score was pushed out with a couple of goals by the Dev Squad. A solid effort by both teams and the ref was impressed with the Tigers tenacious but respectful attitude towards the game.

POD went to defender Piper Burke with thanks to Candy Cow!



# U14 Glory

Glory hitchhiked to Capel for their second game of the 2023 season against the Wolves.

A precise overhead long pass from Archie to Harper nearly led to a goal in the first few seconds. The Wolves were stunned.

Glory kept pushing and got rewarded with Harper scoring the first goal a few minutes later. Alex added second and third and Asha's elegant lob rounded the first half score to 4:0. While mostly on the defence, Wolves had their chances and Mark pulled out some brilliant saves.

Second half was an even, exciting contest played on the whole pitch. Archie was solid in defence, had some great runs forward and won a corner on one occasion.

Tori, Scarlet and Sash kept stopping fast and powerful Capel attackers time after time. Alex scored top bins with his free kick. Indy was causing Wolves a lot of problems on the right wing. Yas kept winning ball after ball on the left but then had to bow out with a wrist injury - wishing you a speedy recovery!

Digby moved into midfield and walked away with an assist. Mark added more saves - a catch of a sharp corner ball followed by a quick goal kick was the highlight!

Final score 6:3 to Glory. Asha won the player of the day for her goal and right wing presence. What a cracker!



# U14 Wyverns



## FMR Wyverns v Duns Jets

The Wyverns hit the road to take on the Jets at their home ground this week. Anticipation was high and we expected a tough game. Duns got on the score board quickly. Determined not to give Duns another chance, Jarrah came out, slid and just missed the ball. Jack in defence though fast and doubled back on the goal line and stopped the ball going in. The crowd roared! Another save from Jarrah followed.

This led to a pass to Poom up field. He passed to Stirling who scored from a distance to even score board. This was followed by a brilliant passing streak up field to Stirling who took a shot, rebound off Goalie and William scored! We went wild, but the umpire over-ruled leaving us 1-1.

Charlie, Oliver L, Henry and Hugo were working hard in defence. Jarrah in goals made a few more saves to keep us in the game.

Wyverns failed to convert on a corner, but didn't the second time around with Stirling putting another goal in to give us the lead at half time.

Our attack was unable to convert early in the second half. A Duns corner was saved by Jarrah. Charlie and Jack kept up the pressure and a brilliant play by Poom didn't make it through to the goals.

Duns had a penalty chance that went over the top. Another save by Jarrah saw the ball bounce off him, with a quick crawl and smother to keep the ball safe. The next shot from Duns hit outside of nets. I think all the spectators were holding their breath by this point! The next shot by Duns was mm's out of reach and bounced in.

Our next shot by Ollie L missed. Another brilliant play by Poom chasing the ball down and keeping it in on the line was awesome to watch. Unfortunately we couldn't capitalise on it and Duns scored again, leaving us 2 down with 12 mins to go. Those 12 minutes went by pretty fast, but no one was able to capitalise on their forward advances, and the game ended 4-2 to Duns.

This week we have three POD's. Stirling for creating chances in the middle. Jack for his wicked defence skills. He was on fire! Henry for controlling shots at the back. Thanks to Burger Baby and Squid Lips for they Sponsorship.

Also a big thanks to Mark for stepping in to Coach these past 2 games with Gary away. We really appreciated it.



# U15 Marroners

FMR U15 Marroners played Vasse Emus in a well fought battle ending with our first win of the season.

A few minutes in saw a goal by Ryder followed by another shortly after.

Marroners then won a free kick positioned near the halfway line with Cohan having a strike only to be found it bouncing into the corner of the goal.

Lucas also found himself through on goal with an excellent pass from Taj to lead 4-0.

Into the second half Marroners were into another battle with Vasse scoring two early goals, although Marroners held on for a 4-2 win.

Players of the day were Cohan Collier and Caspian Mcaullife, with thanks to our sponsors Squid Lips and Kingston Bakery.



