



2023

# FMR

# FIFA Teams

**ROUND 12** - What a BIG weekend for the green and gold! FOURTEEN home games for the FMR Juniors, followed by Another EPIC win for the Matilda's! We may not have had the excitement of a penalty shoot out, but we were blessed with sunshine and lots of happy soccer players.

## U12 Ankle Biters

Margaret River hosted a picture perfect day for the weekends soccer and a cracker of a match between Ankle Biters and Rockets.

The first half saw a lot of pressure from Rockets onto Ankle Biter's defense which was brilliantly held back by Ankle Biters defenders and determined goal keeper Oli who lunged at several strong attacks at the top of the box, but it wasn't enough to stop the Rocket attacker who shot a brilliant goal with a first touch high kick on a bouncing ball into the upper corner.

Ankle Biters answered back quite well on numerous occasions getting past Rocket's equally as strong defense line and just before the 1<sup>st</sup> half was over, Benji skillfully threaded a ball past the keeper into the far corner to equalize to 1-1 leading into half time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was a thrilling, fast paced, high octane affair as all coaches, parents and players willed their respective teams to victory with passionate chants and cheering. Attacking plays and shots on goals were elevating the crowds excitement as the 2<sup>nd</sup> half grew to a close with neither team yet to score.

In the dying minutes, with the whole crowd on their feet in anticipation of a final goal to break the tie, another Rockets attacker slipped one past Oli, who had been very busy defending goals with high jumping saves and corner kick pressure all half to take Rockets to the lead which was highly celebrated in the Rockets camp.

Ankle Biters tried everything they could to fight back for at least a draw with their arch rivals, but as the whistle blew, the Rockets defense proved too strong in their drive to be victorious and it was Rockets that claimed winners rights in this exciting, high skilled match that all players and coaches should be proud of.

## U12 Rockets



It was derby day! The battle was on between the Ankle Biters and Rockets as they went head-to-head in the FMR derby.

It was over 10mins in before anyone scored but Rockets claimed the first goal.

Players were kicking hard and far so there were plenty of high balls and headers in this match between local rivals.

It was a matter of who wanted it more and it was hard to tell who that was going to be.

Ankle biters were a good dribbling side who dominated possession but Rockets proved to be stronger, with Lee, a true goal scorer, taking out player of the day.

## U12 Warriors

Today the Warriors were in Busselton playing GMAS Phantoms. We have been working on play off the ball, getting ourselves into position to support the player who has the ball and today we put that into action on the pitch. Everyone was backing each other up, getting into space and creating opportunities.

Max had some cracker saves in goals before he was taken out and had to sit the rest of the game out with a knee injury. His commitment to getting the ball and controlling the play in the goal box won him a voucher today. Declan scored the goal of the match, scoring from a corner kick, but also set up a lot of play from the midfield winning himself a voucher. Saf scored a goal in his first 30 seconds on the pitch and continued to run his heart out and had a brilliant match winning himself a voucher. Angus and a Arlo worked together up front in the first half with some great talking and supporting each other which scored them vouchers too.

It was a cracker of a game with the Warriors really putting everything we've been working on into play and just enjoying the game and playing as a team. Thanks Squid Lips for the vouchers.





## U14 Glory



It was a home game for Glory, played in fine weather conditions.

### First half:

Busselton came out with an early strike at goal, saved by Mark the goalkeeper.

A corner was taken by Busselton, although again saved by goalkeeper. Another penalty was taken, again saved by Glory.

Busselton shot a late goal in the first half. Glory's first half, Jay had a strike at goal as well as Archie. Glory had a strong defense against the opposition.

### Second half:

Busselton came out with two successful shots at goal with a very strong defense against Glory's attempts at goals during this half. Mark had a strike at goal that was saved by the defender.

Koa was the goalie during second half and played well. A missed kick out of goal resulted in a goal for Busselton's strong strikers.

Archie scored a goal for Glory in the second half, with the final score: Glory: 1 vs. Thunder: 3

### Players of the match:

Meg and Charlotte.

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## U14 Wyverns

### U14 Wyverns v MUSC Saints

With the sun shining, it was an enjoyable day on the sidelines watching our Wyverns on the Pitch. It didn't start great for us, with the Saints opening the scoring in the first few minutes of the game.

Wyverns answered off an Oliver Lawrey corner kick in, which was knocked into goals by William Newnham to even the score. This was followed by a lovely run up the pitch by Stirling Wolfe-Kermode to score.

There was some brilliant football out there from both sides, with some spectacular passing shots, headers and a magnificent slide by Alex Fenton to keep the ball in play down the sideline.

Jack Dawson and Henry Thierfelder, as always, were strong in defence, making it hard for the Saints to break through. We weren't having much luck with our forward plays either. A nice cross from Oliver L to Ethan Dupuy gave us a shot, but the ball went over the goals.

# U14 Wyverns

Not long after a nice pass through the middle by Alex to Olliver L who made a beautiful pass straight into goal. Both teams were having to work hard for their forward plays, and both goalies were being kept busy. A beautiful curving shot by Olliver L was awesome to watch, but it was caught by the goalie.

A great passage up the field by the Saints finished with a pearler of a kick by Saints number 54 that went straight into goals to even the score. Not to be deterred, and spurred on after his brother said he would give him \$50 if he scored, Poom Chaichit quickly struck back to give us the lead once again.

The Saints nearly scored another with Jarrah out-foxed by their play, but Henry was there and made a brilliant save, and we maintained the slim lead as the whistle blew. The Saints had another early opportunity, with a tussle in front of goals kicked out by Henry. A corner for the Saints gave them another good chance but we got it out and up to Stirling, who made a great run up the pitch and kicked the ball past the goalie into the corner of the net.

This was followed by a great pass by Oliver L up to Matty Fox who made a nice cross that was caught by Stirling on the chest and into goal. A nice catch and pass by Ethan to Stirling who ran up and chipped the ball into the corner for another goal to give him a hat-trick.

It wasn't all going our way. A nice shot by Poom was saved by the goalie, but his next attempt went in. This was followed by a nice play by William, to Jarrah Davies out of goals, to Poom who scored also giving him a hat-trick.

Hugo Thierfelder, now in goals for the first time, teamed up with big brother Henry who always has a strong game in the back, to made some brilliant saves, and nice passes up to our mid-field. This gave Stirling an opportunity for a run up the pitch and chip the ball over the goalies head.

A Matty header and a shot by William both went over. A great steal by William who passed to Stirling was looking good, with Stirling showing off his footwork, but the shot didn't quite have the power and was saved by the goalie. Poom got the final goal as the whistle blew, giving us a good win, but the Saints can hold their heads high as they didn't make it easy for us, and gave it their all.

Coach Gary was pretty happy after the game mentioning our exceptional crossing, amazing corners, and Henry's strong game in the back. There were honourable mentions to Hugo who did a great job for his first time in goals, Stirling and Poom who both played a really good game and scored multiple times, but POD went to William for bringing intensity to the pitch, showing such good feet and skills, having a really good game and getting a goal.



# U15 Marroners

The Marroners hosted the Vasse Emus on a glorious winters morning this Saturday and by all accounts missed the Marroners best team performance of the entire season.

Still smarting from their one nil loss to the Emus a month previous, the Marroners were keen to not let opportunities go begging and began strong, creating many chances before eventually slotting one in the net and heading into half time one nil up. This first goal opened the flood gates with Margaret River coming out all guns blazing in the second half and piling on three more goals in quick succession to comfortably take a 4 nil win against class opposition in the Emus.

This win can be attributed to another superb team performance orchestrated by what is proving to be an impenetrable defence that is feeding a very strong midfield which in turn is opening up many opportunities for the Marroners very talented strikers. Lucas put on an incredible performance all game to take player of the match, with special mention going to Caspian and Finn, but as this team proves week in and week out, a player is only as good as their team mates around them. Congratulations Marroners, thank you for making Margaret River proud once again.