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U12 Rockets



Second last game of the season and the Rockets faced once again Cornerstone Chiefs. After the eviction last week, Chiefs didn't back down and gave everything they got. A foul inside the box saw the Chiefs getting a penalty scoring their first goal.

The Rockets pushed hard but Chiefs' defence were solid making it difficult to finalise. But Hayden Reid's fantastic kick outside the box got Rockets a score, injecting energy and determination into the team, who tried until the end. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to turn the game around. Well done to both FMR Rockets and Cornerstone Chiefs for a fantastic season.

We have one more game before the finals on September 16th against Busselton Sharks to what promise to be a memorable match.

Congratulations to 'Two Cracks Coffee' player of the day Kalani Nesbit. Go Rockets!

U12 Warriors

Today's match against GMAS Stingrays at home in Margs was a great game to watch with both teams showing how much they have grown and developed over the season.

The Warriors came out strong and confident and had a lot of fun on the pitch. There was some great passing, moving into space to support the player with the ball and setting each other up for shots on goal with Declan finding the back of the net in the first half and Sophia in the second half.

POD vouchers went to Savana and Anouk who were solid in defence, saving goals and putting their body on the line to prevent scoring opportunities. Well done girls 🏈 and great game Warriors!!



U14 Glory



The stakes were high for the 3rd and final derby of the season between Margaret River teams Glory and Wyverns. With school bragging rights on the line Wyverns came in hungry to finally claim a victory.

Despite having no subs and their star goalie off with injury they rallied, landing first goal early in the game.

By half time, with several devastating near misses and an injury under their belt, things weren't looking too promising for Glory. The second half saw Wyverns score again putting them up 2-nil but the tables were about to turn with Mark slipping a penalty shot straight past the goalie and into the back of the net and Wyverns losing 2 players to injury.

The remainder of the game saw many more potential goals thwarted by oppositions strong defence or missing by frustratingly teeny margins.

Some welcome comic relief cut the tension when a Wyverns player shot clear over the goals, landing the ball with precision in a wheelie bin behind the net. This elicited a crowd response of World cup proportions.

U14 Glory

With 10 seconds of play remaining Glory's game seemed all but lost, then a perfectly placed corner shot from Archie saw Yas taking the final goal of the match resulting in a 2 all tie!

Congratulations to players of the day Archie and Yas. Many thanks to sponsor Squid Lips for your support.

U14 Wyverns

With players away or injured, it was a depleted Wyverns team that met Glory for the final Derby for 2023. With only 10 on the pitch, there was a shuffle of positions to fill the holes in defense, and Matty played in Goal as Jarrah was out with an injury.

The Wyverns came in fired up with Poom opening the scoring early on. It's always a pretty intense and physical game when these two teams meet, and this week was no exception.

The ball seemed to be spending even time in both ends of the pitch. A Wyverns made a team effort to get the ball up have a shot, but Glory goalie saved. Glory's attempt went wide.

Wyverns had a chance off a free, but couldn't knock it in. Charlie was covering ground to get back in defense, and both teams going for the high ball left a Glory player going off with a blood nose.

Glory had a chance from a corner, but couldn't convert. Oliver L came off with an injury a few minutes before half time, but when the whistle blew, Wyverns were up 1-0.

Luckily Oliver L was back on the Pitch for the second half. Matty was doing great in goal making saves. Poom had another shot from a distance, that sailed over the Glory defenders and went in.

Stirling was having an awesome game He was solid in defence backed by Jack, Michael and Charlie.

A Penalty to Glory converted making the score 2-1. Not long after, Stirling came off injured after a tackle, leaving us with 9 players. Jarrah pulled up Stirling's socks and got in goals, and for someone who could barely walk, did an amazing job.

Poom took another long shot, that again, sailed over the Glory, but also the goals and went BANG into the bin behind the goals 😞. Personally, I think that shot was worth 10 points!

Wyverns were doing all they could to shut Glory down. William was working hard to keep Archie at bay, Jack was running down the ball and everyone was taking the Glory on and not getting shoved off the ball. The last few minutes felt like hours and I thought we had got over the line this time, but with seconds to go, a corner was called giving Glory a goal to even the score at 2-2.

Wyverns can hold their heads high. It was an unbelievable effort from everyone, who played with spirit. and they should all be proud of themselves.

Players of the day went to Matty who had an excellent game in goals and Poom for working hard and scoring goals.

U15 Marroners

Before I begin this weeks match report, on behalf of everyone at Football Margaret River I would just like to thank Caspian for his great season representing the Marroners. You are firmly entrenched as an amazing team member and we all wish you the best of luck in Germany.

The Margaret River Marroners hosted the Capel Wolves on Saturday in what proved to be an entertaining and relaxed affair, after the pressures of The Cup semi final last weekend.

It was good to see the Margaret River players get back to the basics and control possession, whilst creating many chances in the first half. This resulted in both Lucus and Ryder scoring a couple of goals apiece, but Capel was very unlucky to not score a goal of their own and only a scrambling save from Henry denied The Wolves.

The second half saw the Marroners score another three goals to Capel's one, but it was wonderful to see how far Capel has come as a club this season, with many first year players beginning to find their feet as the season progressed.

With their positive coaching staff and vastly improved players I believe they will continue to improve rapidly in the coming years.

Special mention this week to Lucus and Taj who both starred today for Margaret River and put in 110 percent every game. Your skills and attitude truly encompasses what Margaret River is aiming to achieve as a club. Well done boys.

Next week The Marroners host the Spicy Chickens in a top of the table clash, with the winner taking the Premiership for the year I believe. With the loss last week and being knocked out of the Cup final, this is effectively our Grand Final and it would be great to see plenty of supporters turn out on the day and help get this awesome group of teenagers over the line. If you play your own game Marroners and control what you can control, the Premiership is yours for the taking. Let last week's loss fuel next week's victory. Go you mighty Marroners!

