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Most teams had an away game for the first game back after the holidays, but good to see everyone back out on the Pitch giving it their all.

U12 Rockets

Despite Busselton scoring a goal straight off the bat, the Rockets dominated the first half in terms of attacking and kept the ball mostly in their forward half. Kalani ran hard and was in sync with Lee passing to him to consistently. Both managing attempts at goal. Darcy and Archie were always amongst it with two cracks at goal each. Tough going trying to get it past the brick wall goalie that is Spencer from Busso. Mylesy put in a solid effort in defence and a mention to Charlie in goals, stopping two goal attempts from Busso.

The Rockets never give up though and Haydo boosted a long kick to Kalani, then a precise pass from Kalani to Darcy and boom Darc nails it! Good simple football that resulted in a goal and scores are now one all (credit to Jay for that lingo).

In the second half the Rockets bolstered their defence with Tex living up to his role as "The Terminator" and Albs also consistently defending. Gabe never gave up in his defensive role with some reliable passes to Archie. Charlie continued to his role as goalie saving another attempt from Busso. Archie had two marathon runs from the backline all the way to a shot goal at goal but Spencer wasn't having it. There was a nice little pass from an energised Dom to Gabe then Arch but still no goal. Finally after all his hard work Arch managed to land a goal and Rockets were pumped! In the end it was two all.

Well done to Tex and Darcy for playing on the other team, and great work Albs for player of the day for being as Matt said 'a rock in defence'. Shout out to Dale for umpiring, Nathan and Laurie on lines and of course Coach Matt with his positive messaging to lads, top knowledge of the game and ever inspiring leadership.



U13 Sharks

U13 Derby - FMR Sharks VS FMR Tigers

The Sharks faced off against fellow club members the Tigers for the first game after the holiday break. It was a high scoring match with some great football by both sides. The Sharks started off with the majority of possession and looked strong in their attack, but just failed to make those early opportunities count. The Tigers were the first to make a mark on the score board, with a quick counter-attack, which seemed to be their forte, and a pattern that would repeat throughout the match.

The Sharks quickly responded with a goal from Zane McCalmont. Once the scoring started, they were able to settle into the game, and some brilliant teamwork, passing and goals ensued. Throughout the match the Sharks managed to keep a couple of goals ahead of the Tigers, whilst the Tigers never gave up chasing them, their ability to counter-attack and convert on the opportunities was impressive.

The final score was a Sharks win 8 goals to 3. Shark of the match went to Lewis Goddard, for some exceptional effort, passing, and superb defensive work. And joint Shark of the match went to Rainer de Vries, who plays consistently in the midfield, and scored a magnificent goal from several metres outside the 18-yard box, that floated majestically into the top left corner. Thank you to 'Squid Lips' for the Player of the Day vouchers. Great individual efforts were seen by all, and it was fantastic to see good camaraderie between the two teams throughout the match. A great game to the Sharks and Tigers, well done!

U14 Glory

The rain stayed away whilst FMR Glory and Cornerstones came head to head at a home match.

The play started active and equal with both sides showing great defence. The first half saw Glory Keeper Koa being kept busy and managing to save a few goal attempts before a Cornerstone player managing to squeeze the ball through and complete the first goal.

Glory spectators became nervous as Cornerstones confidence grew and scored another goal giving them a 2-0 lead.

More action at the Cornerstone goal when Glory's players Mark took a corner kick. The Glory defence worked hard and the ball bounced off the Cornerstone player causing an own goal.

Feeling refreshed both teams started well in a very physically demanding game with the ball repeatedly played quickly from one end to other.

Cornerstone took advantage of an opening near the Glory end and scored another goal. Glory had to dig deep and remain positive, Glory player Jay worked well on the wing passing through Cornerstone players and passing the ball to Mark who finished the job and scored what looked to be a goal. Cornerstones contested saying went through the net, and the goal was sadly disallowed.

This seemed to steam up the Glory team who gained possession of the ball and with some great passing skills and was able to send the ball back to Mark to score a great goal for the Glory!



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More as action at the Glory goal as Glory initially saved an attempt, the ball slipped to ground and Cornerstone took a luckily opportunity to score another goal. The score still wasn't looking good for Glory and with Cornerstones confidence growing, they managed to score a final goal on last few minutes of the game. Full time score 5-2 Cornerstone

Sadly not the score Glory wanted, but a great game of soccer. Well done to players FMR Glory players Yaz and Scarlet who got players of the match.



U14 Wyverns

First game back after the holiday break, and everyone was raring to go, with us taking on the Vasse Eagles at home. Wyverns came out hot, but a Stirling shot hit the top of goals and we were unable to win the rebound. Not to be deterred, Stirling had another shot that went through to get us on the scoreboard.

Vasse worked hard - with no subs - to get the ball to their forward half, but were unlucky with Jarrah making the save. Back in our forward half, Stirling made another shot which rebounded off Vasse, but this time Stirling got the rebound and knocked it in.

Oliver L was providing good support in the back, and Alex showed great skill in consistently keeping the ball in down the line. Poom tried to get on the scoreboard, but his kick was caught by the Vasse Goalie. Vasse made another forward play, but couldn't convert. The kick down from Jarrah onto Stirling gave him his hat-trick.

William and Alex were making a good team forward working hard, with Matty running onto the ball on the left. Vasse defence was working hard. Charlie had great run from the back up forward, before Vasse turned the ball over.



U14 Wyverns

A Stirling pass to Alex couldn't break through Vasse defense. Then Poom broke through the masse of Vasse defenders and the goalie to put one through.

Stirling had another shot, which came off the goalie to Poom, whose kick went off the post. Both teams were fighting to win the ball. An unlucky handball to Vasse in front of goal gave us the Penalty, which Stirling popped in.

Coach Gary switched things up in the second half. Stirling went back, Jarrah came out of Goals and Poom had a go as Goalie. Charlie was having wins down the line, and William was on fire tackling and winning the ball. An unlucky slip meant his shot at goal went wide.

A Corner was saved by the Vasse goalie, who saved more than we got through. Another penalty went to us, which Oliver L converted. Vase defenders and goalie working well to shut our forwards down, and their forward play just short hitting the side of the net.

Hugo, Henry, Michael and Charlie working well in defense to keep the ball in our forward half. It was a fast game, with lots of good passing on both sides, and everyone played their part. Stirling had an amazing game forward and back. Ethan played like magic setting things up for us and William played well and was unlucky not to score.

POD went to Oliver Lawrey who had a great game in midfield, with on point passing, creating space for his team mates and converting a penalty. Thanks to Squid Lips for the voucher.



U15 Marroners



The Margaret River Marroners travelled to Vasse on a beautiful winters morning to take on the vastly improved Vasse Emus on Saturday morning in what proved to be a vastly entertaining affair.

After a fairly even first twenty minutes or so, where both teams were still finding their feet after the holiday break, the Marroners began to assert their dominance for the last 15 minutes of the first half. Unfortunately they were not able to convert from two great chances and scores were locked at nil all heading into half time.

The second half began just as the first half finished, with the Marroners again creating three golden chances that went everywhere, but the back of the net. The Emu's sensed that the door was left ajar and began to create chances of their own, with one cracking shot only just stopped by the outstretched Henry's boot. The Marroners goal keeper was not so fortunate minutes later when Sunny, for the Emus, burst through the Marroners defence to score a wonderful goal and break the deadlock. This would be the decisive blow with the Emu's scoring a well deserved, hard fought victory.

The Marroners can hold their head high as overall it was a wonderful team performance, with every player playing their role well. Unfortunately football is a game of inches at times and today this was reflected in the final score.

Players of the day were Ines Bartle and Fynn Lange, sponsored by Squidlips and Burger Baby. Well done guys!

Youth League Wanderers

The Margaret River Wanderers traveled to Vasse on Saturday, trying to get the first points of the season on the board and seriously hampered by sickness and injury with 12 players fronting up to play an in-form Vasse.

The first 20 minutes of the game were very tight, and outstanding saves by goalkeeper Reed Creswell kept the Wanderers in the match, but a great finish by the Vasse striker opened the scoring. This seemed to galvanize the Wanderers who took control of the game. An outstanding free kick by Angus Somerset levelled the score line and we were unfortunate not to take the lead when George lobbed the keeper and hit the crossbar - the score line stayed the same till half time.

The second half saw the Vasse team come out fighting and dominated proceedings, which resulted in a second goal. As the game wore on, the game got very stretched, but to the Wanderers credit, they never stopped fighting and laid siege to the Vasse goal trying their hardest to get an equalizer. Towards the end, a great strike by Billy Blackburn hit the crossbar, but it was not to be.

This Wanderers team has grown so much from the start of the season, and if they keep working hard the results will come. Congratulations to both teams on a fantastic game of football.

Best players for the game were Fletcher Holzer and Billy Freeman and both received a Squid Lips voucher. Thank you so much to our sponsors, it means a lot.

