



U9 Buzz!

Issue # 4 & 5



RESULTS: Round 4, 9th May 2010

Joey Lime	3 – 7	Satellite City
Joey Blue	0 – 6	Hoppers Crossing SC2
Kangaroos	17 – 0	Sydenham Park

RESULTS: Round 5, 16th May 2010

Joey Lime	3 – 7	Green Gully SC1
Joey Blue	7 – 1	Spring Hills FC1
Kangaroos	7 – 1	Keilor Wolves

A note from the Coaches:

It is a requirement that all children arrive on game day **30 minutes** prior to the start of the match. This allows the teams' time to warm up and work on game strategies, positions and rotations.

The U9 Coaching Team

Reminders:

No shin guards = no play / no training
All players are to bring a water bottle to training and game days
Report to coaches on arrival at training and game days
Notify your coach if you cannot make a training session or game day
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Round 4: Joey Lime – Match Report

Point Cook 1 – 1 Satellite City

Half time: Point Cook 0 vs. Satellite City 0

This week's performance was an excellent one. The result was pleasing but even more exciting was the improvement the team made in the things that let us down in our match against Spring Hills. During the week we practised a new setup that would improve our defensive play, and everyone in the team did this really well in against Satellite City. Our passing, and positional play was also excellent. The challenge for all the players in our team is to do this again next week against Green Gully.

Alex Simonsen - Great positioning and defence. Work on passing. **Lucus Muscat** - Good attacking and determination. Work on shooting. **Oscar Smith** - Good keeping and ball control. Work on kick outs and throw outs. **Gerald Agosta** - Good defensive play. Work on Positional play in defence. **Jonathan Velevski** - Really good positioning and defensive play. Work on passing. **Nathan Gray** - Good tackling and defensive positional play. Work on passing. **Dean Arapidis** - Great positional play. Work on staying on your feet when tackling. **Tess Exton** - Great positional play and passing. Work on tackling and running to position. **James Serafingos** - Great tackling and passing. Work on defensive skills. **Harrison Karlsson** - Great passing and tackling. Work on shooting. **Nicholas Matina** - Good defence positioning and tackling. Work on passing. **Jackson Beardsley** - Great keeping and excellent saves. Keep working on kick outs and throw outs. **Michael Clemente** - Good attacking skills and tackling. Work on passing and defensive play.

Round 5: Joey Lime – Match Report

Point Cook 3 – 7 Green Gully SC 1

Half time: Point Cook 2 - 2 Green Gully SC 1

The aim for this week was to build on the great performance in the game against Satellite City. As a team we wanted to continue on in our team positioning, defence and team play. The great news is that all the team achieved this. In the first half in particular, our team matched Green Gully in all areas. The defence lead by Alex was solid, James and Harry worked well in the midfield, and Lucas put in the goals up front as striker. The other great thing was all players in the team when they had their turn on the field worked together, and played well; this was really demonstrated by Gerald, Tess and Nicholas. In the second half the undefeated Green Gully started to get on top but our team played hard right to the end. It was a great match overall.

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Round 6: Sunday, 23rd May 2010

FFV Grade: West SSF Boys 9 Joey Lime (Sun)

Green Gully SC2 v Point Cook

Venue: Green Gully Reserve, Address: Green Gully Road, Keilor Downs (Map Ref: 14E8)

Time: **10.45am** for 11.15am kick-off



Round 4: Joey Blue – Match Report

Point Cook 4 – 6 Hoppers Crossing SC 2

For the first time this year we lead by two goals within a few minutes and things were looking positive. After last Thursday's emphasis on winning possession of the ball and showing more aggression and effort, every one of the boys gave me what I asked for when we were defending. We lost our way a little bit after the goals - maybe because we thought "this was going to be easy" and positionally didn't defend quite as well as we can but also because Hoppers Crossing got a bit of their own play happening in the latter part of the first half and we conceded easy goals. A couple of goals came from blatant offsides and I did have a word with the referee about this at half-time. It's against the rules to intentionally stand in an offside position and a few "smarter" players know they can just stand in forward positions and receive long kicks and head straight to goal.

The second half was our best half this season and we had Hopper's pinned in there half. It's the first time we have genuinely dominated a team but the ball simply would not go in to the net, partially because of some good/lucky goalkeeping and partly because of our shooting (trying to just tap the ball across the line instead of belting it). We will be working on improving the boys' passing and moving forward at training as we are not proficient enough with our passing and if we can improve that, along with our positional sense, we will dominate more teams.

Round 5: Joey Blue – Match Report

Point Cook 7 – 1 Spring Hills FC 1

Obviously the scoreline tells the story - this was our best performance to date and no doubt lifted the confidence of each and every player. Spring Hills were not at the same level as us and their Coach did comment that most of his kids were only turning 8 this year. It should be said that the majority of our side are also in that category as well. Only Samuel, Yonathon, Aidan, Tomas & Noah turn 9 this year...the remainder are mostly 7 turning 8 so, we can be proud of our performance/s to date as we are a young U9 side.

Sharon and I do not place too much emphasis on age. Certainly, some teams appear to have fielded some "big" players who seem more like U11's than U9's, however, Andrew is one of our youngest players, yet he is an example to the rest of the team as far as skill, effort and will to win is concerned. So is Kaelan. His determination to stop opposing players and win the ball is written all over his face as he is playing...he is very determined. That will to win that we have been drumming in to the boys the last two weeks seems to be rubbing off - there was not one member who didn't contribute to the win.

The stand-out's from my perspective were Noah & Kaelan who have been playing as pure defenders and doing a great job of holding position. Of course, Yonathon is a key player for us and holds the midfield well - getting up and down the park with plenty of skill and enthusiasm. Charlie did a solid job as goalkeeper for the first time but it is still a problem position for us with no genuine goalkeeper to speak of and we are still very tentative when re-starting play. Kaelan is a very good keeper but is more valuable to the team on the field at this point.

Being at home and being able to referee the game is always good as I can help the kids on the park with their positional sense. You also get to see attempted passes/skill which don't quite get there. One thing was clear....all of the team are getting the message and attempted to find a player with a pass as often as possible.

Once we improve the weight and accuracy of our passing to players in space, we will soon be scoring many more goals.

Round 6: Sunday, 23rd May 2010

FFV Grade: West SSF Boys 9 Joey Blue (Sun)

Hoppers Crossing SC1 v Point Cook

Venue: Grange Reserve, **Address:** Hogans Road, Hoppers Crossing (Map Ref: 202, C-9)

Time: 10.30am for 11.00am kick-off



Round 4: Roo's Match Report

Point Cook 17 – 0 Sydenham

Game Captain: Cooper

Goals: Noah x 5, Kai x 3, Cooper x 1, Henry x 3, Lucas x 1, Connor x 4

The Roo's had a massive win against Sydenham in Round 4. From kick off we dominated the field and had no trouble finding space or the back of the net.

With a 6-nil lead at half time we were able to mix the team up a bit by putting those that normally play up front into a defensive position and those that normally play in defence had a chance to try their hand (or feet rather) in an attacking position.

Lucas and Harrison in goals both did a fantastic job keeping Sydenham scoreless for the entire game. Henry, showed great versatility, scored a couple of crackers with his left foot and assisted with numerous goals. Noah, had a sensational game scoring 5 goals for a game record so far. Cooper, captain for the game gave great direction to his team, he also kicked a monster goal from the centre of the pitch. Keith was passionately attacking the ball and not many got past him, and is establishing himself as a very impressive defender. Lucas, the terminator, barrelled through players to bring the ball down the pitch, at one point successfully getting past 4-5 players and still keeping control of the ball. Kai had a great game, and was all over the ball in both an attacking and defensive position. Connor, shined up front scoring four goals in the last 6-7 minutes of the game.

Round 5: Roo's Match Report

Point Cook 7 – 1 Keilor Wolves

Game Captain: Lucas / Cooper

Goals: Kai x 2, Noah x 4, Henry x 1

We got off to a bit of a shaky start, kicking an own goal in the first few minutes, but it didn't take long for the team to settle into some well skilled play. Round 5 saw excellent team work, good passing and some impressive goal assists. In such a short time playing together, the Roo's have become a strong, well skilled team. Their hard work at training, listening and being able to bring everything together on game day is a credit to the boys, giving us fantastic results.

Our attacking side dominated with Kai consistently finding space in front of goals, and also tracking back to help in defence. Gabe showing remarkable ball control and foot skills, he was unlucky not to score on a number of occasions. Noah had a great game slotting 4 past the keeper and consistently turned the opposition inside out with skilful raids down the middle of the park. Henry is fast becoming an impressive team player, not only kicking a goal of his own, but provided most of the crosses or passes in front of goal that allowed his team mates to score. Connor played the first half in defence and the second half up front, and is beginning to develop into a solid all round player. Lucas and Cooper shared the central defence position and directed the team well. They both managed to get forward when the situation allowed and feed the midfield with quality ball all game. Damian's confidence during the game is improving in leaps and bounds and we are really starting to see some amazing foot work from him. Keith in goals for the first half made some impressive saves, even managing to tip a couple over the top bar. He spent the second half in defence and the few balls that did get past him he managed to run down (or should I say slide down) and win back control. Harrison played well in defence in the first half; and worked hard in the second in goals to keep everything out of our net, ultimately keeping Keilor scoreless in the second half.

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