



**Riverview Football Program - Match
reports Saturday 10th, May**

YEAR 7



13E Match Report: Coach Charlotte Afeaki

The 13Es had a great win to open the season! Jacob Lay scored early in the first half, and the defensive line held solid for the remainder of the half. Sydney Boys equalized early in the second half, but the Es remained positive, with Alex Marren scoring to give Riverview a 2-1 lead. We held onto the lead for the final 10 minutes, boosted by some fresh legs from Julian.



13D Match Report: Coach Marcus Kulukovski

The Riverview 13Ds played Sydney Boys High over the weekend and delivered a dominant 7–0 victory. Early in the game, the boys had numerous chances but were unable to break the deadlock—until a composed finish by Ollie Thistlewood midway through the first half. Ollie would go on to finish the game with a brilliant performance, scoring three goals. The second half saw Riverview take total control of the match, with lovely finishes from Oscar Rogers, Toby Pool, and Hoatong Max. The defensive work by Alex Gontarczyk, Henry McDonald, and Cooper Stewart shut down any potential of a Sydney Boys goal. Overall, it was a great performance from the team, who will certainly look to build on this in the weeks to come.



13C Match Report: Coach Tom Kalogerou

Riverview 13Cs delivered a dominant 3–0 win over Sydney Boys High on Saturday, controlling the game from start to finish. Hugh McLaughlin opened the scoring early with a composed finish into the bottom corner. Zach Hammond doubled the lead midway through the first half, rifling a shot just under the crossbar. The third came shortly after halftime, as Noah Gatt capitalized on a chaotic scramble in the box to finish confidently. While the scoreline was comfortable, it could have been even greater. Riverview maintained full control of possession and momentum, creating countless chances but lacking a touch of polish in front of goal. Defensively, James Hopkins and Liam Bortolussi held firm, while Elliot Johnston and Lucas Korbel commanded the midfield with intelligence and composure. The front three worked cohesively, consistently creating space and opportunities, and their relentless effort was rightly rewarded with a goal each. Overall, it was a strong, disciplined performance—full of promise and the kind of cohesion that suggests future success.



13B Match Report: Coach Zachary Kalogerou

Riverview delivered a dominant performance, defeating Sydney Boys High 10–0 in a one-sided contest. Despite relentless pressure in the first half, Riverview led only 2–0 at the break, with goals from Harry Maiers and Tom Payton, who opened his account with the first of his three. The second half saw a clinical shift as Riverview began converting their many chances. Payton completed his hat-trick, including a stunning free kick into the top left corner. Javier Bustamante added a brace, while Austin McMillan, Hudson Kam, and Leo Stevens each found the net. Alex Sorrenson capped off the performance with a brilliant solo run from defence, finishing into the roof of the net. It was a fantastic way to start the season—confident, cohesive, and full of attacking flair. The team will be looking to carry this momentum into next week.



13A Match Report: Coach Zac Kalogerou

Riverview 13As kicked off their season in style with a commanding 10–1 win over Sydney Boys High. A dominant first half saw Riverview head into the break 3–0 up, thanks to goals from Callum Donohue, Hugo De Jonk, and Jacob Stalley. The backline of Archie Crothers, Anthony Venturino, Sam Hendry, and Hugo Brabant was rock solid, allowing SBHS few chances. In the second half, Riverview shifted gears, putting away seven more goals with clinical precision. Algie Marchant netted twice, including a well-taken penalty, while Jacob Stalley added three more to his tally, finishing with four for the day. Callum Donohue also bagged his second. SBHS grabbed a late consolation from the penalty spot, but it was a convincing win for Riverview to start the season. A strong, confident performance with plenty of positives to build on in the weeks ahead.

YEAR 8



14E Match Report: Coach Matthew Chung

On Saturday, the Riverview 14E's played their first trial game of the season at home against Sydney Boys. From the whistle, Riverview applied early pressure, creating several chances but struggling to finish. Mac controlled the midfield early, linking up well with striker Angus Stanic and setting the tempo with smart passing and movement. Despite the strong start, a counterattack from Sydney Boys saw Riverview concede and go into halftime down 1–0. However, the boys kept their heads up and responded well in the second half. A well-weighted through ball from Mac set up Jack Webb, but his shot was saved. Fortunately, Oliver Lee was quick to the rebound and slotted it into level the score. The back four—Dean, Tom, Max, and Angus Douglas—defended solidly, easing the pressure on goalkeepers Will and Marcello. In midfield, Gabe's work rate and Oliver Lee's intelligence and composure helped control the game, often setting up Pat and Jonathan Li, who found themselves in good positions frequently. Overall, it was a strong team performance to kick off the season. The match gives us a solid foundation to build on and a clearer idea of how to move forward and continue improving as the season progresses.



14D Match Report: Coach Lachlan Iacono

On Saturday, 10 May 2025, Riverview's U14Ds kicked off their season with a spirited 0–0 draw against Sydney Boys High School. While the scoreline didn't reflect the quality of football on display, the boys can be proud of a performance that showed promise, teamwork, and resilience. The starting lineup featured:

Nathaniel Mardon (GK), Nicholas Mian (LB), Jordan Herrera-Hu (CB), Leonardo Clyde (CB), Dominic Hall, Tim Quirk (LM), Patrick Bates (CM), Sonni Lamo (CM), Jacob Yap (RM), Wilbur Lusher (ST), and Jason Herrera-Hu (ST).

Bench: **James Hodges, Henry Russell, and Charlie Chow**. With matchday coinciding with Jacob Yap's birthday, the team was buzzing and ready to compete. As expected for a first outing, the game began with a scrappy, back-and-forth rhythm—both teams relying on long balls over the top. But after 10 minutes, Riverview began to settle into their structure. Wingers Tim and Jacob found space out wide, and some neat interplay through midfielders Sonni and Patrick led to several attacking opportunities. Jason and Wilbur were lively up front, just missing the mark on a couple of promising chances as the half-time whistle blew. During the break, the team reflected on areas for improvement across the pitch and returned for the second half with renewed focus. Substitutes played a big role in the second stanza—James provided excellent defensive cover on the right, while Henry's runs in behind, supported by Charlie's distribution, added spark to the attack. Despite this being Sonni's first time playing football, his understanding of both defensive and attacking duties was outstanding, anchoring the midfield impressively. Defensively, the backline of Nick, Leo, and Jordan held firm, shutting down Sydney Boys' attacks and making crucial clearances when needed. In the closing stages, Jason found himself in two promising 1v1s—one narrowly missing the target, the other striking the post, inches away from what would've been a memorable match-winner. Though the game ended in a goalless draw, the boys walked off the pitch with heads held high. Their commitment, teamwork, and positive attitude showed that this group has great potential for the season ahead.



14C Match Report: Coach Mark Musumeci

The U14C kicked off their season with a strong 4–1 win against Sydney Boys High. Riverview opened the scoring early on through Pax Baker. It was a dominant first half with Riverview having many chances to grow the lead. But Sydney Boys responded before half-time to level it at 1–1.

The second half was once again all Riverview. Pax Baker was deservedly named Man of the Match. He scored a hattrick but more importantly, he demonstrated unselfishness in his play, looking for his teammates before shooting for himself. Mitch Walsh should also be mentioned as he got on the scoresheet with a well-timed run and an excellent finish.

Several players delivered strong performances. Nick Hudson contributed key assists and worked relentlessly. Alonzo Gomez was great in possession, using his dribbling ability to connect defence and attack while also winning the ball back several times. James McAllan organised the backline well and kept the team motivated throughout. Lachlan Galofaro was strong in defence with superb positioning and assertive tackling. His long throw-ins were a significant asset. One of the key strengths in this match was how we acted on what we discussed at half time, pressing during the opposition's goal kicks. The team did a great job staying high, man-marking each player to limit their short passing options. Just as importantly, when the opposition goalkeeper had the ball in hand, the boys recognised the need to recover quickly into a defensive shape to deal with the dropkick.

All the boys should be proud of their first win of the season against Sydney Boys and the level of teamwork and effort they displayed.



14B Match Report: Coach Lachlan Easdown

This Saturday, the Riverview 14B's hosted Sydney Boys for what was a highly anticipated first trial game of the campaign. The game began openly, with Riverview having to put in a lot of defensive work early on as they held off some initial pressure from Sydney Boys. However, it didn't take long for us to find our rhythm on the ball and capitalize on the open style of play that Sydney Boys brought, particularly as they looked to attack through the middle. Some well-worked transitional moves—beginning with great awareness and scanning from our number 8, Oscar, and number 10, Will—put our wingers (Ben, Eddie, Jake, Amjad, and Leo) into space to drive forward at various moments. Unfortunately, just before the interval, Sydney Boys were gifted an early lead through a misjudged back pass. However, Max more than made up for this with great intensity in support of Will and Oscar in the second half, showcasing his versatility across the park. Throughout the second half, Riverview enjoyed strong spells of possession, with individual quality on full display. Some excellent combination plays between Amjad, Eddie, Will, and Max highlighted our attacking potential. After a well-executed corner midway through the second half, Will was able to level the score at 1–1 with a tidy finish into the bottom right corner.

A big shoutout to Will Hall—not just for scoring the first goal of the season, but for setting a high standard with his off-the-ball work rate, which will be crucial in helping us command games going forward. Unfortunately, after receiving a penalty in the dying moments of the second half, Riverview were unlucky not to take the win with the final kick of the game. Although it was disappointing not to take all three points today, what mattered more was the intensity and commitment shown across the squad. This performance provides us with a strong foundation to build on as we work toward greater cohesion and understanding both on and off the ball. This coming week will focus on refining our patterns of play and positional roles to provide the structure through which our individual quality can truly shine as we prepare for the GPS season.

14A had a BYE

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15A Match Report: Coach Travis Cooper

The U15As put in a much-improved defensive performance on Saturday, securing a 1–1 draw following a fantastic result in the Bill Turner Cup earlier in the week. After conceding 11 goals in their last two games, the team focused on tightening up defensively—and it showed. Midway through the first half, Buffett’s driving run into the box earned a penalty, which Louis calmly converted to give the team a 1–0 lead. Determined to keep their first clean sheet of the season, the boys worked tirelessly, throwing themselves into tackles and making crucial interceptions. Unfortunately, Sydney Boys High equalised from a corner when a flicked-on ball ricocheted off a player’s knee and hit the crossbar before going in. Despite this setback, the U15As continued to push forward, coming close to scoring a winner on several occasions. Although the win slipped away, the performance reflected the hard work the team had been putting in, with encouraging signs for the matches ahead.



15B Match report: Coach Jonathan Codemo

Coming off a tough defeat last week, the 15Bs were determined to secure their first win of the season. After a strong week of preparation, the boys came into the match feeling confident and ready. The game started well, with the team sticking to the game plan and playing their brand of football. Our attack was dangerous from the outset, with sharp forward runs from the front three—Sabian, James, and Xavier. Midway through the first half, a beautifully weighted ball from Kingsley found James, whose smart run into the box drew a foul from the defender. The resulting penalty was expertly dispatched into the top corner by James, giving us a 1-0 lead. With momentum on our side, the boys controlled the game, thanks to Sam, Gus, and Felix maintaining structure and balance through the midfield. However, a brief lapse in concentration allowed Sydney Boys to break through and equalise, making it 1-1. Rather than dropping their heads, the boys responded immediately. Just two minutes later, Xavier delivered a pinpoint cross that found James, who rose above the defenders to head the ball home and restore our lead. At halftime, the team remained composed and focused on extending their advantage. That third goal came late in the second half, with James cutting the ball back to Xavier, who finished with a confident first-time strike. In the closing stages, the team's intensity lifted further. Freddie, Riley, and Ned were instrumental in keeping Sydney Boys at bay, ensuring we held onto the 3-2 lead. It was a well-earned victory, and credit goes to every player for their great performance and strong team spirit.



15C Match Report: Coach Bruno Giardini

The team started the game with strong organisation and a clear game plan and executed the coach's ideas perfectly from the outset. Unfortunately, we conceded an undeserved goal early on, which seemed to disrupt our rhythm. After falling 2–0 behind, the team regained its composure and returned to playing the style we know works, showing some excellent football in the process.

However, we need to work on maintaining consistency throughout the entire match, especially after conceding goals. The boys showed they can play well when they stick to the game plan, but they must remain focused and disciplined for the full 90 minutes.

Final score: 3–1 loss, but there are plenty of positives to build on as we move forward. Let's keep pushing for that consistency in future games.



15D Match Report: Coach Josh Engelmann

The 15D's were greeted by clear skies and sunshine at Centennial Park as they looked to bounce back from a tough 3–0 loss to Sydney Grammar the previous week. The match proved to be a competitive and closely contested affair, with both teams creating plenty of opportunities. Sydney Boys had the first chance to take the lead early on, with a penalty awarded within the first 10 minutes. However, goalkeeper Brodie Staniforth had other plans, diving the right way and saving the penalty to keep the score level—an early boost for the team. The first half saw chances for both sides, but the score remained 0–0 as the teams went into the break. The boys were confident and hopeful, knowing a goal was within reach. The second half was a different story, with Riverview dominating the play. A few tactical changes helped the boys settle into a strong rhythm, linking up well to create multiple chances. Xavier, now playing as a striker, was supported by midfielders Benny, Benjamin, and James, and the team began to apply pressure. Despite numerous shots hitting the post or drifting just wide, the goal eluded them, and the match ended 0–0. While the scoreline didn't reflect their efforts, I assured the boys they had played brilliantly. Each shot, each attack, brought them one step closer to securing their first win. They showed great promise, and I'm confident they'll be due for a win next weekend.



15E Match Report: Coach Joseph Salameh

The 15Es faced a strong Sydney Boys High team on Saturday. The game began fairly evenly, with Jude making some great saves in goal. Despite the incredible defence from Rhys, Xander, and Jules, Sydney was able to start finding the back of the net, ending the first half 5-0. At halftime, I encouraged the boys to focus solely on the second half, treating it as a 0-0 game and aiming for a 3-0 win. The boys embraced this challenge with energy and enthusiasm. However, Sydney Boys had other plans, going on to score 3 more goals in the second half. While the result was disappointing, I was pleased with the way the boys conducted themselves. They pushed hard for goal-scoring opportunities, with Joseph and Will leading the charge up front. Looking ahead, we're focused on improving our endurance and fitness this week. Sydney Boys showed us a high level of energy throughout the game, and that's a standard we can aspire to. While the loss was tough, the boys should be proud of their effort, and we'll work hard to improve in the coming week.

YEAR 10

16D Game abandoned due to injury



16C Match Report: Coach Jacob Stevens

On a chilly Saturday morning, the 16Cs faced off against a well-coached Sydney Boys High side at Centennial Park. Early signs of it being the season's first proper hit-out were evident, with some misplaced passes and communication mix-ups. However, the team gradually found their rhythm. Lewis Mills showed flashes of danger down the right flank, constantly challenging the opposition's left-back with his pace. As the game progressed, the team's passing became more precise, and their attacking forays grew increasingly threatening. Leading the line, John Patrick McPhillips was a constant thorn in the defenders' side, showing great determination in winning back possession for his team. In midfield, Jack Stanic worked tirelessly, switching play from left to right and delivering several fantastic passes that nearly unlocked the opposition's defence. Despite their efforts, it wasn't to be our day. Sydney Boys High completed a slick move down our left flank and scored past debutant goalkeeper Tom Russell. There's plenty to take away from this first outing, and we'll look to build on this performance in the coming weeks.



16B Match Report: Coach Stefan Visscher

The 16Bs kicked off their season in style with a dominant 4–0 victory over Sydney Boys High, setting the tone early and maintaining control throughout the match. From the opening whistle, the boys looked switched on and hungry for a result. Marcus opened the scoring in the 4th minute with a composed finish, before doubling the lead just two minutes later—coolly slotting home after a perfectly weighted through ball from Jules. The pressure continued to mount on Sydney Boys, and in his new number 10 role, Finn added a spectacular third, chipping the keeper from outside the box to find the top corner. At half-time, the team focused on improving transitional play and ensuring holding midfielders Lucas and Vecchio provided better defensive support. Discussions also centered around building from the back and capitalising on the opponent’s weaknesses. The second half saw more of the same dominance, with Jules adding a deserved goal of his own to make it 4–0. Late in the match, Lucas Yassa nearly added to the scoreline with a clever nutmeg and breakaway, only to send his shot over the bar—a moment to learn from, but a sign of growing confidence. It was an excellent all-round performance, particularly with several players stepping into unfamiliar roles. With this strong start, the team now looks ahead to training this week and the opportunity to make it two wins in a row.

16A Match Report (photo not available): Coach Nicholas Kalogerou

After a rain-affected weekend delayed their season opener, the mighty 16As finally took to the pitch for their first trial match of the year—facing Sydney Grammar on a pristine 1B that looked every bit the "Wembley" of Riverview. With fresh fruit courtesy of Indra and the sun shining, the stage was set for a fantastic day of football. The boys came out firing, and within five minutes, a sublime through ball from Alex De Laet found an overlapping Indra, who breezed past the Grammar right back and coolly slotted the ball into the bottom corner to give View an early 1–0 lead. The attacking pressure didn't let up. A series of dangerous corners whipped in by Seb and Harry eventually found Muz, who rose above the pack to double the lead. 2–0. Despite a strong defensive display from Sam, Owen, Muz, and Indra, a rare miscommunication between Muz and Drew off a long Grammar goal kick resulted in an unfortunate own goal, bringing the score to 2–1. View responded with confidence. A slick midfield combination between Xavier, Lucas, and Alex saw Alex turn on the edge of the box and rocket a shot into the top corner—restoring the two-goal cushion. 3–1. Grammar weren't done, pulling one back to make it 3–2, but just before half-time, Muz struck again—this time capitalising on a chaotic corner to give View a 4–2 lead at the break. The second half was a showcase of "tiki-taka" football. Lucas, Harry, Seb, Xavier, and Alex combined beautifully to create fluid attacking movements. One such play saw Seb beat his defender, cut the ball back to Marcus, and Marcus calmly finished for a well-deserved goal. 5–2. Moments later, Seb was fouled in the box after another dazzling dribble. He stepped up and converted the penalty himself. 6–2. With the team pushing forward, Owen and Muz stood firm at the back to keep Grammar at bay, providing crucial defensive cover when others surged ahead. The match ended in style: Seb once again danced past defenders and delivered a pinpoint cross to Harry, who met it perfectly to cap off a commanding performance. Final score: 7–2. A big thank you to all the parents for the early morning lifts and continued support. A thrilling start to the season—plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead!

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7th Match Report: Coach Maximus Joosse

Despite what the final scoreline of 5–0 might suggest, the boys delivered a performance full of heart, resilience, and determination in today’s match. The first half was especially commendable, as we held a strong opposition to just one goal through disciplined defending and strong team cohesion. Special recognition goes to Brandon, Alistair, and Hugh for their standout efforts. Brandon was tireless in midfield, disrupting opposition plays and driving the team forward when opportunities arose. Alistair anchored the backline with composure and leadership, making crucial interceptions and leading by example under pressure. Hugh’s work rate was exceptional—he covered immense ground and consistently challenged every contest. While the second half proved more challenging, the scoreline doesn’t reflect the spirit and competitiveness the boys brought to the field. There were several promising moments that we can build upon, and the commitment shown throughout is something to be proud of. This match offers plenty to learn from and plenty to be proud of. Let’s carry the positives into training and come back stronger next week.



6th Match Report: Coach Jameson Smith

On Saturday, the 6ths faced a tough challenge against Sydney Boys High in a tightly contested football match. The game began promisingly, with Xavier from Riverview putting St Ignatius ahead early with a well-taken goal, giving the home side hope of securing a win. However, Sydney Boys High responded with composure, equalizing shortly after and then scoring a decisive second goal in the second half to secure a 2-1 victory. Despite the result, St Ignatius showed strong effort and resilience throughout the match. A standout performance came from Tim, the centre-back, whose defensive work was crucial in keeping the scoreline close. Tim consistently disrupted Sydney's attacks with smart positioning and determined tackling. Although the result didn't go their way, the St Ignatius team can take pride in their performance, particularly in their defensive structure and fighting spirit. They look forward to bouncing back in their next fixture.

5th Match Report (no photo available): Coach Gabriel De Haast

Facing a very strong opposition, the boys had a challenging first game—made tougher by it being their first time playing together. Despite the tough start, there were encouraging signs, especially toward the end of the match, where the team began to find some rhythm and cohesion. There's still plenty to work on, with midfield link-up and build-up play identified as key focus areas moving forward. However, the effort, fight, and willingness to compete were evident throughout, which is a strong foundation to build on. With two solid training sessions ahead this week, there's real confidence that the team will continue to gel and produce a much-improved performance in the next match. The potential is there—it's just about putting it together.

4th had a BYE



3rd Match Report: Coach Stefano Rossello

The 3rds kicked off their season with an impressive 4–0 victory at Centennial Park against Sydney Boys High. Although the team started a little slowly, allowing the opposition to apply early pressure, the boys quickly found their footing and turned the match in their favour. A crucial moment came when Will Petterson pressed high and won the ball back, setting up Luca Bet, who finished clinically to open the scoring. That goal shifted momentum, with the midfield and defensive units stepping up their intensity and work rate to take control of the match. Luca Bet struck again before the break, this time with a brilliant effort from outside the box, sending Riverview into halftime with a 2–0 lead. The second half was all Riverview. The team dominated across the pitch—from backline composure to attacking fluidity—and continued to pile on the pressure. Luca Bet completed a well-deserved hat-trick, showcasing his attacking quality and composure in front of goal. Josh McKenzie added the fourth goal after a strong all-round performance, rounding off a dominant display from the team. Overall, it was a strong season opener for the 3rds, with plenty of positives to take into the next fixture. While there are still areas to refine, particularly in the opening stages of matches, the foundation is promising, and the team will look to build on this result in the weeks to come.