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# FMR

# FIFA Teams

**LNJSA FIFA Cup Semi-Finals.** Just three FIFA games played this week as our teams who made it to the Semi-Final rounds battled it out to go through to the finals. Unfortunately for the Marroners and Wanderers, it wasn't their year, but CONGRATULATIONS to the U12 Rockets, and U15C Wyverns for progressing through to the LNJSA FIFA Cup Finals!

The Wyverns had an easier run with the Vasse team unfortunately having to forfeit due to illness, but the Rockets got through on penalties in a nail biter that came down to the wire! Always great to have our teams go through for a crack at the Cup. 🏆🏆⚽🏆

See you at the finals on the 16th September in Capel!

## U12 Rockets

U12 FMR Rockets played Cornerstone Chiefs in the semi-final of the FIFA Cup in glorious sunshine at Churchill Park on Saturday.

It's always a great game between these two sides and this was no exception. An arm wrestle ensued with the Rockets twice coming from behind to equalise thanks to cracking goals from Archie Stewart, and they finally took the lead when Gabe Gant fired in a shot in the second half. It was end to end throughout the match, with some quality football on display from both teams.



The Rockets kept pushing for another goal, but the Chiefs never gave up and snatched an equaliser late in the game. FMR responded with continued pressure leading to a final corner. Gabe Gant rose to meet a perfectly delivered ball from Hayden Reid with a firm header that hit the bar. The watching crowd exhaled collectively as the referee blew his whistle as this meant one thing...penalties!

The Rockets' keeper, Charlie Gray pulled off two fantastic saves, leaving Darcy Gronow to put away the decisive spot kick to see them progress to the final. It was a hugely entertaining game played in good spirit, with many great individual performances on both sides, but Charlie Gray was awarded the FMR 'Squid Lips' Player of the Day for his brilliant shot stopping throughout the game and in the exciting penalty shoot out!

The Rockets have had a brilliant season and now have a chance to make it truly memorable with the Cup final against the Busselton Sharks in three weeks time. Go Rockets!

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# U15 Marroners

Margaret River Marroners travelled to Busselton on Saturday to take on the Vasse Emus in the FIFA Cup semi finals, with the winner earning the right to contest the final in three weeks time.

The game began disastrously for Margaret River, conceding a penalty within the first five minutes and handing Vasse the lead before either team had barely raised a sweat.

The Marroners had their chance to equalise just a minute later after a superb cross from Zane, but unfortunately it wasn't to be. Another golden opportunity went begging ten minutes later, before The Emu's scored with not much time left in the half.

Trailing two nil at halftime, Margaret River was going to have to dig deep in the second half if they wanted to make the Cup final. To every players credit they put in a dominating display as Vasse played safe to retain their lead. Despite a penalty being converted by Ryder for The Marroners, it was a case of eventually running out of time and having to settle for a two goals to one loss.

Special mention to Reef, Lisa and Henry who all played brilliantly, but every player can hold their head high, knowing that they never gave up and continued to attack and create chances. Unfortunately football can be a cruel game at times and if chances aren't consistently converted to goals, more often than not the team will leave empty handed.

