

Juvenile Wombats v Senile Wombats Week 6 Match Day 4, Saturday 09/12/23.

KO 6.50 am.

Match duration - 60 mins, 30 mins each half, with a KFANDRA style T/B if the match is tied after regulation time.

As older players are supposed to be wiser, SW will have choice of kit.

A toss for KO and side will be taken on match day.

Squads -

JW - Priyank Gurhani (JW), Neel Patwardhan (JW), Atharva Deo (JW), Ishan Ghotge (JW), Om Pardeshi (JW), Shubhankar Inamdar (JW), Parsh Kothari (JW), Shahbaz Khan (JW).

Jt. Captains - S. Khan and S. Inamdar.

SW - Aman Bansal (SW), Abhay Mishra (SW), Vishal Jobanputra (SW), Ajay Sanghvi (SW), Niranjana Sarda (SW), Anupam Sawant (SW), Mukul Inamdar (SW), Raghavendra Bhat (JW).

Jt. Captains - Sanghvi and Sawant.

GK rotations - Both squads every 10 mins.

Everyone except Khan and Inamdar.

Everyone except Mishra and Bhat.

This decision was arrived at by allowing the oldest players in JW and the youngest players in SW. Being on the fence, they'd be less inclined to 'do their best' when in goals.

Both squads must look after themselves.

They are allowed to play any player in any position and use any formation as stated in the Compendium. Please note that a full description and explanation must be mentioned in the review of the match.

As Khare Sensei can't commit to either of the squads as it is a neutral match, he is not available for advice unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Both squads will have to send in their Previews by Thursday 2 pm.

Please do not include your tactics in the Preview.

KFANDRA will add 2 new match balls on match day!

All the best!

Senile Wombats Vs Juvenile Wombats

Preview by Mukul Inamdar

Match Week 6

Date 09.12.2023

Official Club Preview

Squad Available

A Sanghvi, V Jobanputra, N Sarda, A Bansal, A Sawant, M Inamdar, R Bhat, A Mishra

Player Una:

(N/A as oldest available players eligible to play for SW)

Loans Taken - None

Kit Choice - Grey

Price of Tickets - (N/A)

Away Club offered - (N/A)

Home team has - (N/A)

Preview of the match

SW have been discussing tactics over whatsapp for a couple of hours and any outsider reading those messages will be convinced that people in this squad are indeed going senile. However, on match day we will be a different team. JW are an exciting bunch of players but can their exciting players keep their immaturity aside to play as a team? This question presupposes that SW can do that but honestly that is going to be our biggest challenge too i.e. to play with maturity. Thanks a lot for reading the preview.

Juvenile Wombats vs Senile Wombats Preview by Shahbaz Khan

Match Week - 6

Date - 09/12/23

Official Club Preview

Club/Squad ava -

P. Gurhani,

N. Patwardhan

A. Deo

I. Ghotge

O. Pardeshi

S. Inamdar

P. Kothari

S. Khan

Players una - N/A

Loans taken - N/A

Kit choice - Blue

Price of tickets - To be decided by Clubs (As per KFANDRA)

I would like to thank Khare Sensei for organising this match. It will be first match of the cup and will be one of the biggest match of the season. The squads of both teams look very strong and it will be a good match. Our plan is to play our game focussed on what we have been through sessions.

All the best to SW.

Preview by Khare Sensei

This match has come at what I'd say an uncannily opportune time. All 3 Clubs have a match under their belts and most of all the players now understand what I expect from them. With me leaving them to look after themselves with only the Compendium and past experiences to help them, this match should show how far they've progressed.

After coaching these players for ages, the most important aspect of them I've realized is their inclination to self combust and panic the moment the first pass goes astray or a player makes a mistake while controlling the ball.

This includes both the Senile and Juvenile Wombats.

Usually I'm the person that can calm them down and force them to focus. I do hope I'm not called in during the match to sort things out and settle things down. I do hope that I can admire the game because I can see they're trying hard and have improved. This will give me the freedom to referee with full concentration and mark down notes in my little notepad without having to 'tut-tut' to myself.

About the match

Both squads have an amalgamation of technically varied players.

I expect them to use one of the formations we've practiced on the ground or the one's mentioned in the Compendium. They must talk to each other and plan out things in advance. If this happens, what is to be done? If that happens what will we do then? If a player gets sent off, how do we adjust? Do we play in spurts of 10 seconds or 2 minutes? Are we attacking and pressing or defending deep or just hoping things go well?

The squads can't leave it to the appointed Captains, everyone must have a say and nobody should have a doubt left unanswered.

For eg, the newest of the players on display, Pardeshi should ask his more experienced teammates and the players he is in direct link with, what his role is and what he's supposed to do. Is he allowed to use his 10% more often than not? If he needs help, he must ask his teammates to help him on the pitch.

I'm looking to see a well-contested, hard, competitive, no holds barred and exciting match with quality defensive and attacking football.

One little thing to add!

Depending on the players behaviour on and off the pitch and if the match is played up to high standards followed by a quickish submission of reviews and other tasks are completed without a hitch, I may be allowed by KFANDRA to make my debut

playing with you chaps on the 16th for JW and on the 23rd for SW, ironically both against RFA.

I do hope things work out!

Thank you to those of you who checked if I could play for either JW or SW. Also, for those of you that mentioned my constant sacrifice.

Hopefully, by this weekend I'll have all the BS's up to date!

Toodles and all the best!

Ps The match duration has been curtailed on account of quite a few players not being able to play beyond 8.10 am. And also because it's getting bright a bit later than usual.

KO is now at 6.50 am, 25 mins each half. This will leave enough time at the end for a T/B and S/D if needed. If not needed, we'll have a bit of fun and have one anyway if everyone is prepared to.

I expect the players to go through K'sHHB, thoroughly!

Toodles again!

Senile Wombats Vs Juvenile Wombats

Personal Review by Mukul Inamdar

Match Week 6

Date 09.12.2023

In my personal opinion, if I were a neutral spectator, I would have considered JW as favorites before the match. This is not purely based on the fact that JW had many players who are younger, fitter and technically gifted but also due to the fact that in spite of their young age many of them are actually veterans in terms of playing experience and the opposite may be true for SW. But I knew that the match would be interesting thanks to tactical training taken by Sir. I played at LCD for 50 minutes. I thoroughly enjoyed playing with A Sanghvi and A Mishra. The match was full of unforced errors from both sides. I also committed some silly errors while clearing the ball and then of course while playing as GK which cost us the match. I am very disappointed and sorry for that because SW could have had Neel Sir in their next match. Now I am hoping to make it to the JW team. Entire last 4 minutes of the match will probably come in the highlights show as it is without editing. It was chaotic and from outside I would have laughed while watching it. Congrats to JW on making it to the SF. Thanks a lot for reading the review.

Juvenile Wombats v Senile Wombats Official Review by Anupam Sawant.

Match Week -6

Date – 09/12/23

Official Club Review

Club/Squad ava – A. Bansal, A. Mishra, V. Jobanputra, A. Sanghvi, N. Sarda, A. Sawant, M. Inamdar, R. Bhat.

Players una – J. Karanth

Loans taken - NA

We firstly thank KFANDRA and sir for organizing the KLC5 and preponing the cup fixture between JW and SW. I express my immense gratitude to sir and KFANDRA for appointing me as the joint captain of SW along with A. Sanghvi. As it was a cup game, we witnessed the first KO fixture of the season.

We see this fixture in two halves, first before the kickoff and second after the kickoff. Before the kickoff, we planned to follow the following game plan, and it was a unanimous decision to stick with the 4-2-1 formation (we also considered all the GK rotations for the match while deciding on this formation). Since we were a combined team playing together for the first time, we decided to focus on the conservative approach until everyone settled and found their feet in their position. We knew we would have to do a lot of running and covering the ground to track the JW players who were supposed to be faster and fitter than most of the SW players on the field. Regarding the individual's role in the match, we had the following strategy, while attacking Sarda and Jobanputra afforded more freedom, Sawant was supposed to play a more holding role in the midfield (the same applies to Mishra and Jobanputra when they were playing in the midfield with Sarda). M Inamdar was allowed to make attacking runs whenever he felt there was an opportunity. Under these circumstances, Sawant/Mishra/Jobanputra (when they are in the midfield) should cover his CD position. Sawant, Mishra, and Jobanputra were allowed to take potshots when they were playing in the midfield. Jobanputra recommended taking shots on goal if he is in a good position. Regarding pressing, we thought to initiate man-to-man press from the top and everyone supports but the final call should be with the CDs. If JW is pressing high always go for long passes targeting Jobanputra. We believed our strength was our communication and steady heads on everyone's shoulders. So, try not to be frantic and keep moving the ball around. Our ultimate aim was to do well to stop them from scoring and let's force them to lose their plot. The second half is after kickoff and I beg everyone to forget whatever you have read above. As the match started, JW started pressing us, using their advantage of speed and fitness. We lost our plot and couldn't complete more than 2 passes throughout the first half. It was a great partnership between Sanghvi and M Inamdar as a CD that SW didn't concede in the first half. The game's first goal came for JW through the great work of Patwardhan on the left flank when he dribbled past SW's defense and scored. The SW equalizer came from Sawant through a lot of chaos in the JW D area. Suddenly, the Second goal was scored by SW via Sanghvi only to trigger the switch for JW. As a result, JW scored 2 quick goals with a beautiful finish by S Inamdar and the second was by P Gurhani. The match ended with JW emerging as a deserved winner. SW knew it would be tough to beat JW but SW failed miserably to play good football from the first whistle. We apologize for our performance and look forward to improving our overall play in upcoming fixtures.

Thank you for reading our review

Juvenile Wombats v Senile Wombats, Cup Match - Official Review by Neel Patwardhan

Match Week - 6

Date - 9th December 2023

Juvenile Wombats Official Club Review

Squad available :

- 1) N. Patwardhan
- 2) S. Inamdar
- 3) P. Gurhani
- 4) A. Deo
- 5) P. Kothari
- 6) O. Pardeshi
- 7) I. Ghotge
- 8) S. Khan

We would like to start off by thanking Khare Sensei as well as KFANDRA for setting up and organizing the KLC5 and allowing us young players to play under the name Juvenile Wombats. We highly appreciate the efforts Khare Sensei takes before and after the matches and also on session days. Special thanks to Mr. Dlamini and Mr. Smith for their amazing commentary which is getting quite famous in Pune I am sure.

Moving on to the match, JW had already formulated most of their plans by connecting via social media and most of us had understood the rotations as well. We started off with a 3-3-1 formation with all of us barring S. Khan and S. Inamdar , rotating as goalkeepers.

The goalkeeper rotation was as follows :

- 1) N. Patwardhan
- 2) A. Deo
- 3) P. Gurhani
- 4) I. Ghotge
- 5) P. Kothari
- 6) O. Pardeshi

Most of us remained in the same positions apart from a few where P. Gurhani in CD had to be replaced by N. Patwardhan and P. Kothari, I. Ghotge and A. Deo switching between backs and midfielders.

In the first half , we noticed that our formation lacked structure and we were too frantic while attacking. The chaos after getting the ball always led to losing the ball straight away.

In all honesty, JW should have capitalized in the first half itself considering 3-3-1 is a more attacking and flank based formation. By the end of the first half, looking at 0-0 as the score line and a lot of confusion regarding proper positioning, we decided that it was time to switch to 4-2-1. JW also pressed in their half 95% of the time in both halves.

We started off the 2nd half with P. Kothari as striker, N. Patwardhan and S. Inamdar as CMs and the back line being from left to right as O. Pardeshi, P. Gurhani, S. Khan and A. Deo.

We have practiced 4-2-1 a lot and we felt much more comfortable with it since we could move the ball around more in the defense due to there being 2 CDs now instead of 1.

We were lucky to get a goal later in the 2nd half by N. Patwardhan and were leading 1-0. We continued the press and one of the long balls penetrated our defense line and after quite a lot of happenings, A. Sawant was able to put the ball behind the net making it 1-1. SW's 2nd goal came in a few moments later as O. Pardeshi was unable to handle the ball as GK and we conceded due to a mistake and poor clearances. This was a wake up call for JW as we could not afford to lose as it was a Cup Match. A. Deo and S. Inamdar combined well to equalize the score and N. Patwardhan used his 10% to score one more followed by P. Gurhani scoring the 4th, making the final score 4-2 in favor of JW.

Well played and hard luck to SW as they proved that age is again , just a number and that strategy , experience and maturity really do help to play a sport like football !

Thank you for reading our review !

Senile Wombats v Juvenile Wombats

Personal Review by Shubhankar Inamdar

Match Week - 6

Date - 9 December 2023

Today's match turned out to be a thriller as JW snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. We played the first half in a 3-3-1 formation but switched to 4-2-1 in the second half. Although we were able to press SW in the first half and win the ball on several occasions, we were not very effective with the ball. So a majority of the players felt that 4-2-1 would give us some stability. Although we scored the first goal of the game, we made some errors and gave away an IFK in the box. SW executed the set pieces brilliantly to score an equaliser. We tried to build the game again patiently and kept the ball well but couldn't impose ourselves. As we entered the last 5 mins of the match, it looked set for a tiebreaker. However, the game exploded into life as SW forced an error from our GK and scored a sucker punch of a goal. Suddenly the JW players woke up and equalised from a quick corner at the other end. This was followed by two more quickfire goals by JW. It was a crazy end to the game.

I would like to commend SW for a superb performance. I think they were more deserving of a win as their tactics and execution were spot on. Although JW tried to

play a quick passing and buildup game, our goals were mostly down to individual skill. However, when you have a player as talented as N Patwardhan on your team, it's no surprise that he is involved in most of the goals.

Juvenile Wombats vs Senile Wombats Personal Review by Shahbaz Khan

Match Week - 6

Date - 09/12/2023

What a thriller match! It all started with a new toss system in the morning. I was alone when toss happened in new way where Sensei asked us a mathematical equation to solve vs six SW players. It was fun. I guess goodman gave finally correct answer.

For match, we planned to play attacking game. Our strategy was to keep pressing if we have stamina. I think first half was more in our control though score was 0-0. I couldn't convert good chances.

I would like to thank KFANDRA and Khare sensei to organise first cup match.

Juvenile Wombats vs Senile Wombats Personal Review by R.Bhat

Match Week - 6

Date - 09/12/23

I would like to thank KFANDRA and SENSEI for organizing the KLC5. The game was well balance up until the end and we lost the match in the last few minutes of the game. The first half did not produce much in terms of goals, but both the teams were jostling for the upper hand. JW started with a 3-3-1 formation and SW with a 4-2-1 formation, this made it really tough for me to defend and JW were able to make some amazing runs. In the second half JW moved to a 4-2-1 formation, but that created more space leading to a goal. We did manage to get to 2 and go up but failed to hold on to the lead. A. Deo, who was posted on my wing was able to run circles around me, I did get him some time but over all he played really well and kept me on my toes. I would like to thank my teammates for the guidance and support before and during the match. We hope the fans were on the edge of their seats throughout the game.

KFANDRA's Review

Was it a match of scintillating passes, technically astute touches and tactical mastery?

Unfortunately not.

Was it a match filled with raw unbridalled passion and enthusiasm?

Definitely yes.

Was it a match worth watching for the neutrals?

Sadly no.

Was it a match worth watching just for the last 15 minutes?

Oh yes!

How about the final 5 minutes?

Jeepers Creepers yes!

Would I pay big money to watch this match?

Oh yes! But only if I knew what was going to happen in the last 5 minutes.

As you can't see into the future, what would you do?

Well, I'll definitely have to go watch the matches live wouldn't I? I'd get to tell people I was there at the stadium when it happened.

And if nothing like that happened?

Well, I'd rather watch the Highlights Show 'pretend-live' wouldn't I?

Attendances -

RFA - 14, 237!! Many fans though were displeased at the sudden increase in ticket prices. If it wasn't for the last 5 mins, they wouldn't have left the ground with a smile on their face. Actually, some fickle fans were thinking of leaving the ground when all the nonsense started.

Only RFA put up their VIP Box tickets for sale. All were sold!

VV - Sold out!

TPP - All sold!

TPP and VV -

The Stadium Manager says that there were minor disturbances as many fans wanted to enter the stadium to watch the match as the prices were so low. They're glad that neither of the 2 Clubs understood the hint sent in by the SM. Some RFA fans wanted to enter the VV and TPP sections after they heard of the dirt cheap prices, especially as compared to RFA's. They were minor scuffles that were reported to the KFANDRA police. Action may be initiated on RFA.

Match Rating -

4

Match Rating final 15 minutes -

9

Khare Sensei's Review

Earlier in the week, Sawant had informed me that SW would most likely play 4 - 3. He said I hadn't mentioned in the Compendium, but I'd worked on it in practice and of course it is mentioned in the Club BP's.

I said that they could do what they pleased!

I'm guessing they changed their mind at some point in time before the match.

Nobody from JW mentioned anything to me, but that was probably coz I wanted nothing to do with any plans. I wanted to be surprised at what they decided to do in the end.

Regarding both squads, I had a very important question that needed to be answered. Could they look after themselves? Could they change plans or alter them slightly to suit the situation?

I must say that both squads did try their best and I'm happy with what they did.

I've always said that the players have come to play and that I'll look after everything else. But sometimes, if only for the big picture, the players need to take on the role of 'decision-makers' when it comes to tactics. Otherwise, my involvement in the KLC will be stuck to administrative and coaching work.

Why has this become a problem for me? Simply because I know that my involvement as a Coach in terms of their improvement will be slow. If my players were attending sessions everyday of the week, I wouldn't need to play. It's only because a few players attend every session regularly and quite a few of them sparingly. On top of it all we have 3 sessions a week. This leads to me having to coach the same things again and again. That too, I have to inculcate new drills and new methods to coach the same sort of things so that the sessions are always fun and interesting. By the same things I mean awareness, ball control, communication, vision and etc.

In the end the bad habits that the player is born with win out as the new habits are unable to replace the 'old-bad habits' as they aren't practicing enough for this to happen. So what's the next best thing?

The answer is that I get to play matches with and against them. I can't play with them during the sessions as I'm there as a Coach. When playing, it's difficult to coach as well. Who will I focus on? The team I'm playing with or the team I'm playing against? When reffing or watching from a non-playing point of view, it's easier to see what's happening on both sides.

That's why, when a player talks about not only his own team, but the opposition too, regarding tactics and other stuff. I always wonder, was this player actually playing or was he watching the game? It's a different matter if you're stuck up front waiting for the ball to come to you and just running a lot off the ball. Then ok, maybe you can ball-watch most of the time. But how can you think about anything other than playing if you're focused on your role?

That's why I've initiated this 'collective' decision when playing for a Club and not a decision to be taken by one person. The thing is, I can honestly say that I have done what I said can't be done for many years; which is to play and coach, only because it was my job and it is a massive headache.

The collective for this match is either SW or JW together as a team. You can take a decision after considering the viewpoint of each player. Decisions re tactics have to be made by everyone before the match and only the Captains can take a call if there isn't a consensus. During the match, the Lb may say he's having a torrid time of it down the left and the Rb may say he's swimming along pretty easily. The group can quickly decide to switch the players or adjust the formation so that the Lb isn't getting

screwed. During the match though, because going through a vote is impossible, the Captains by themselves or old-heads or them together and quickly take an emergency call to be discussed at a stoppage or later.

That was only one example of what an Lb may say, there are many more such instances during a match which have to be addressed.

But for these issues to be addressed, there should be players that are asking for them to be addressed and players willing to address them.

It's extremely easy for a Coach to be alert and address these issues because that's not only his job but the players trust him to do his job.

For the players this gets difficult. This is why Captains are appointed, especially when there's no Coach ava. As mentioned earlier, the players must approach the Captains (in plural because there are 2), so that action can be taken immediately and discussed later.

But the Captain is also a player so shouldn't his focus be on playing? Of course! Which is why some scenario's have to be 'created' before the match, so that they can be addressed immediately.

Let's assume there's a discussion going on a social networking app.

Player A - Hey man! You've put me at Rb and what if there's a fast guy playing opposite me? What the hell man! I'm bloody slow!

Player B - Don't worry man! I'm Rcd, I'll cover you!

Player A - (Sarcastically) Great! (Says to himself, 'and who d'you think you are? Superman?')

Player C - Hey Rb! Don't worry man! I'm the Rcm, I'll cover you too!

Player D - Listen mate! If you are shitting it! We'll just switch the wing backs! Done!

Did discussions like this happen? I'd love to know. Which is why KFANDRA has set up the 'fixed' preview/review format. All this should be mentioned chaps. It's good read. And if nobody says anything, then there's something wrong.

About the match (Pre-chat first!!)

It's obvious that everyone has put Patwardhan on a pedestal. This includes his teammates and the opposition. The only person that hasn't put him on a pedestal is Patwardhan himself.

There are three reactions to this statue making affair.

His teammates relax and think no worries, Patwardhan will guide us through.

His opposition have two thoughts, one is - 'oh shit oh shit oh shit', the other is - 'who the hell is Patwardhan? Who does he think he is? I'll show him!'

All 3 of these reactions are crappier than Mr. Hoarse's shitsu.

When I'm playing with you fellows, have I ever treated any of you differently? Do I treat each player with respect or do I treat each player according to his technical ability?

What does that tell you? Keep aside the fact that I treat each player equally because of the KFANDRA ETHOS and my philosophy.

It should tell you that 'respecting each player' ensures that you have a good game always. You'll never be caught off guard!

There are obviously certain occasions when you see that the player up against you is slower than you and that gives you the edge in a running race, so you decide to kick the ball and run after it. This sort of thinking is good for the game! This sort of thinking is your 10%! But then you look at this sort of thinking from another angle. Let's imagine it's Deo, Patwardhan and maybe Crank involved. Then being quite good and quick on the ball, shouldn't they 'always' think that they can beat every player they face because they are faster than them?

But at KFANDRA we play with others, we play tactically and we play under the KFANDRA ETHOS.

Wouldn't this sort of thinking be selfish and egotistical? It would also be foolish.

Just as the quicker player is thinking those thoughts, the defender is also thinking his own thoughts - 'oh shit! He's quicker than me! I've got two options, try and get the ball early or put pressure on him if I can't or drop back deep'.

How much of this thinking happens in a KFANDRA match?

That's what I want to know.

The match

There were quite a lot of basic errors in this match which took away from what both teams planned to do. The nervousness of quite a few players also caused some chaos in the fluidity of possession play.

SW's 4 - 2 - 1

SW persisted with M. Inamdar in Lcd with Sanghvi throughout the match apart from the times I think both of them were in goals. I think Jobanputra, Sarda and Sawant found themselves in Cm and St most of the times, with Bansal and Bhat on the flank at the back.

The 4 - 2 - 1 formation they used I think was normal. Neither too defensive nor focused extensively on attack. Obviously, it ended up being defensive because of the pressure put on them by JW.

But as Sawant mentioned in SW's official review, all the plans went out the window once the whistle blew.

This is why I felt SW were extremely lucky that JW took a lot of time to settle down. I felt that JW's switch was clicked when SW took the lead. That's when all the nervousness disappeared and JW became the force their youth commanded.

I can remember M. Inamdar's touches being very poor in the minutes of the game. The thing with Inamdar is that when focused he reacts quickly to errors and can

rectify them. Sanghvi at Cb isn't as dependable as I want him to be. His mind tends to wander, his touch isn't always 100% and his lack of speed is a worry, which is why he plays better with a player that's quick and dependable. Which was why the pairing of these two in Cd was not a bad decision. But with Inamdar screwing up early on, a quick change should've been initiated.

I've got a feeling Jobanputra told his teammates that he's still ill and wants nothing to do with playing in defence. SW did the unthinkable and gave him freedom to shoot whenever he feels like it. This is like showing a bee a whole farm full of flowers next to his bee hive.

Sarda was frantic always and needs to temper his thinking and movement with a bit of tea. Seriously, I want Sarda to think how he could play if he was having a cup of tea at the same time. Knowing Sarda, he'd probably chuck the tea away and do what he always does.

Sawant actually listens to what everyone is saying and immediately responds. But does he take action on what is being said?

Bansal was obviously deprived of sleep and did his best, and I'm sure he told his teammates. Which is why I wonder why they started with this plan.

Bhat, he did inform me, tried to do what he was told but it was difficult without being guided by me. Poor fellow! He's actually a much improved Bhat from when he joined and all he needs is more practice and match experience. It's a pity that he was facing a player that has slowly started playing to his potential.

What would I have done?

With this lot and knowing about Bansal's situation and Jobanputra, I'd have started with the 5 - 2 formation. You must understand that SW were incredibly lucky to take a 2 - 1 lead. In fact, incredibly lucky to be 0 - 0 for so long and then 1 nil up. Brilliant! To think that they could go toe to toe against JW was incredible.

What I'd have also decided to do was make changes to the formation depending on who went in goals for JW. You see, both teams had the same rule, that there had to be Gk changes every 10 mins amongst 6 players.

You see, this match wasn't me coaching. This match wasn't me looking to see how the players in one team could improve individually and as a group. This match was played by the players and the only instructions to them was to play well. Playing well doesn't mean playing fantastic attacking football with sexy passes and sexy skills and while defending, making sexy tackles. Playing well means applying themselves to the tactics that've been decided upon. Thus, they had to judge the opposition and compare them to their own abilities. This was the only way. SW were far weaker than JW to do anything else.

It doesn't take a scientist to understand who the danger players are and who the dodgy keepers are. All the players 90% of the time are dodgy keepers! But not all are extremely capable playing outfield. Are you getting what I'm trying to say?

One example is - even if I'd have started with 5 - 2, and at KO I saw that Patwardhan was playing in goals, I'd have taken this as a chance to switch formation and maybe play with a bit more of an attacking flair.

JW's 3 - 3 - 1 and then 4 - 2 - 1

What I've said above counts the same for JW's review too. You know you are the stronger. Why 'pretend' that you aren't? When SW kept it at 0 - 0 and took the lead twice, the body language showed who felt that they were lucky and who felt wronged. When JW equalized twice, you could see how JW reacted. That now the Earth had started rotating properly again and the sun would rise like it always should. Just by playing 3 - 3 - 1 doesn't mean you'll start playing some sexy attacking football.

Patwardhan's written the JW official review quite well actually.

What would I have done?

When JW had to play some of their 'really weak' Keepers, I'd have asked the team to keep the ball away from the Keeper. Which would've allowed the outfield players to play a more attacking game. Mostly, the only balls that would've come the way of the Keeper would have been long balls or clearances. For this I'd have told the Keepers to play a high line or stay on the line and asked one of the Cd's to hang back and not catch offside.

When for example one of the 'technically strong players' went in goals, I'd have asked the team to play a normal version of a formation. To hold the ball and play like how they've been taught to play. To look for opportunities and not force them. The Gk who's technically strong on the ground and whose awareness levels are strong too, could be used in the build up as well. Catching offside was also a possibility with this kind of Keeper.

Simple no?

Ok, I hope I've written enough! It's taken me hours!

If you still have questions, you know my number.

As for the other updates, HS and etc, it will happen asap during the week.

Also, thank you those of you that spotted the website issue. It seems the people that KFANDRA have rented the online space from have some problem. It should get sorted out soon.

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Personal review by N Sarda

Today we had rotating GKs and I had to keep for about 8 min. I made 1 save off a shot on target by Pat and should have collected /cleared it better instead of deflecting it ..thankfully Ajoo to cleared it long. Additionally, it helped when Ajoo and other seniles asked me to be calm before taking a long goal kick - initially they were bad and later they improved a bit. Through the game I was either LCM or RCM and I really enjoyed playing in these positions. I also missed a chance to score when Napalm and I put pressure and won the ball near the goals. During one other such move, I got an assist when I won the ball and passed it and Ajoo made a great run to come up and score. Thereafter I think we conceded one more and the score tied at 2-2, JW upped the pressure and SW had a lot of gaps exposed - and JW took full

advantage and scored 2 more in quick succession in the dying minutes. We should have gone ultra-defensive after going up 2-1. In hindsight again, By the end I feel the seniles lost all the energy and may be got senile in the way we tried to just go all out and lost the plot. One lesson for me in RCM was when between the RCM , LCM and striker there were big gaps exposed in the first half - during the half time we spoke that the other CM and striker should be called in/ track back to ensure the gaps are closed while pressing on their attacking moves..it worked a little better in the second half. All in all, a fun game but leaves you thinking about what could have been! Thank you Sir for reffing and allowing for a little argy-bargy... I tried today to eliminate my late challenges but realised even while pulling out, I was still a fraction too late. So while I did not clomp anyone, there was still contact and I am sorry for the same to Sir and the other juvenile wombats. Lot of work to do still. Congratulations JW on your 4-2 win!!