



# Waverley Park Hawks Weekly Newsletter



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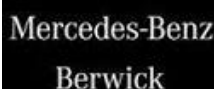
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Well, if Mother's Day was last Saturday, remembering the weather, we would have had a lot of ecstatic Mum's, but as we know that wasn't the case. Instead, all of our beautiful Mum's, along with the Players, Officials and Families endured a somewhat soggy, but not too cold, Mother's Day Sunday of junior football. I trust that despite those conditions, Mum's from throughout the club enjoyed the Sunday Night off and injected some quality family time and were spoilt so lovingly.

On to the footy and it was another big day of footy across the age groups with some results that were quite varied. Various Hawk teams had some really good results while some teams were close on the scoreboard and some clearly had some challenges on the day. Regardless of what the result was in any game, the focus of course is on the kids enjoying the day each and every week, as best they can. As you may be aware, after round 4 is completed, the League review results from the first four weeks, take input from clubs and try to accommodate as best they can, teams in an appropriate division or group in line with that information. It is a massive task for both Clubs and the League to place, fixture and accommodate all teams from all clubs. It isn't always the perfect scenario as an outcome, but importantly, we as a club, ultimately accept and support the grading system and move into the season proper with some certainty around opposition teams and fixtures. At the moment, the League only release the Round 5 fixture before the whole fixture early next week.

As the season moves on, for whatever reason, numbers can thin out in different age groups from time to time. If you know of any kids that may want to come to the Hawks for a game of footy, please encourage them along. From memory, only our Under 11 and Under 12's have a full list. Every other age group can use more players. This is particularly the case in the Under 10's, Under 17's and the 3 Girls only teams of under 12, Under 15 and of course our newest group of Players in the Under 9 Girls Only. Feel free to point any new playing prospects to Anthony Froelich at registrar@wphawks.org.au.

Sunday 'After Match' is back on this Sunday night from 5.30. The star of after match catering over the last few years has been the Under 12's Paella. The Dakin family and their Melbourne Paella Company gourmet Paella is on again this week. With the added bonus of a Hot Dog option for the kids should they be crazy enough not to try the Paella. Make sure you make the effort this week, or you will rue the opportunity. Thanks to Mark and Leann. Remember, the lucky player draw jackpots this week as it didn't go off last time. But, you must be present to claim the jackpotted prizes.

Good Luck to all teams this weekend and hopefully everyone has a great Sunday.

Go Hawks!

Shane McCluskey

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## NEWS...

### After Match This Sunday— PAELLA and HOT DOGS

This week's After Match is one of the highlights of the season with Mark Dakin from Melbourne Paella Company cooking up a storm. The Under 12 age group will be hosting this week's After Match with paella and hot dogson the menu. Mark's paella has been a hit for the past few seasons and is sure to be a hit again this Sunday.

Also don't forget the weekly prize draw for a Rebel Sports voucher (\$50). The bar and canteen will be open from 5.30pm, with reports for all teams beginning at 6.15pm.

After Match is a great opportunity to get to get to know the families of your child's team, as well as other members of the club in a social environment.



## SMJFL Re-grading and Fixture Update

The SMJFL has completed the re-grading of teams after Round 4 and released the Round 5 fixture. The fixture for the remainder of the season will be available from the SMJFL web site early next week.

A number of our teams were re-graded after Round 4:

- U9 Gold is now in Under 9 Blue.
- Under 11 Brown is now in Under 11 Division 5
- U13 Brown is now in Under 13 Division 1.
- U13 Gold is now in Under 13 Division 4.
- Under 15 Girls is now in Under 15 Girls Division 2.
- Under 17 is now in Division 3.

Note the ladders have been reset after Round 4 for all our teams' competitions (i.e., all teams start with no points or percentage in Round 5) except for the Under 12 Girls.

Please make note of these changes if it affects your team

## Life Membership Nominations

Each season the Club's Committee may choose to elect up to 2 new Life Members who are considered to have rendered outstanding service to the Club. Recipients are presented with their Life Membership at the Club's Annual Dinner Dance.

The club is now calling for nominations for Life Membership, which must be in writing and signed by at least eight (8) financial members. If you wish to nominate a person for Life Membership, please print the [2016 Life Membership Nomination form](#), complete the details requested and return to Lindsay Moore, Club Secretary, by Thursday, 19 May 2016. Note that if nomination forms are posted they must be received at PO Box 3269 Wheelers Hill by 19 May 2016.

## Sponsorship



The club is still looking for sponsors at all levels but in particular Team Naming Rights and Coaches Award sponsors.

Team Sponsors receive a listing on the club's website including logo and internet link and are listed on the Sponsors Boards in the clubrooms and in the club's Weekly Newsletter. Cost is \$400 +GST per team.

Every player will receive a weekly Coaches award at some point during the year. We are again looking for generous Families or Businesses who would be happy to donate these. Cost \$100.00 + GST per team.

If you are interested in becoming a club sponsor or donating Coaches Awards contact Andrea Hall via 0412 326 485 or [sponsorship@wphawks.org.au](mailto:sponsorship@wphawks.org.au)

## Social Media

The club has become more active in the social media space in the off season and is looking for content from each of our teams particularly for our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Please feel free to e-mail photos/videos from your matches to [media@wphawks.org.au](mailto:media@wphawks.org.au) or post directly to our Facebook page.



The club also has it's own mobile app for both iPhone and Android phones which includes club news, results, ladders, fixtures, team information, grounds, events and more. Download it from the App Store or Google Play.



For those of you who had the app last season a reminder that you will need to update your Team information so that you can receive notifications relating to a specific team. To update your settings, navigate to the Settings page via the More tab. Press the Edit Information button. Update your Team, Second Team and Third Team information as appropriate and press the Submit button.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

### After Match Schedule 2016

Round	Date	Team Hosting	Menu
5	15/5/2016	Under 12s	Paella & Hot dogs
6	22/5/2016	Under 13s	TBA
7	29/5/2016	Girls Under 9s, 12s & 15s	TBA
8	5/6/2016	Under 14s	TBA
9	19/6/2016	Under 16s/17s	TBA
10	26/6/2016	Under 10s	TBA
11	10/7/2016	Under 9s	TBA
12	17/7/2016	Under 11s	TBA
13	24/7/2016	Under 12s	TBA
14 & Under 9 Lightning carnival	31/7/2016	Under 13s	TBA
15 & Under 10s Lightning carnival	7/8/2016	Under 14s	TBA
Semi Finals	14/5/2016	TBC	TBAS
Preliminary/Grand Finals	21/8/2016	TBC	TBA
Grand Finals	28/8/2016	TBC	TBA

### Annual Dinner Dance – Club's Major Fundraiser

This year's Annual Dinner Dance and Major Auction will be held on Friday June 3rd from 7.00pm to 12.30am at the Mulgrave Country Club. This is a great night and is the club's major fund raiser for the season. The cost for the night is \$40 per person, which includes canapés on arrival followed by a 2 course dinner. Drinks are at bar prices.

There will be the Major Auction, door prizes and raffles on the night as well as a DJ playing all your favourites. Lock the date in your diary so you don't miss out on the fun! It's a great night to get out (without the kids!) dress up, enjoy a sit down dinner, some drinks and a good boogie if you are up for it! All ticket enquiries should be directed to your team's table co-ordinator. Tickets can also be purchased online using PayPal or credit card via <https://www.jotform.com/wphawks/2016-annual-dinner-dance>.

We are also seeking donations for the major auction and door prizes. If you have any contacts and/or family/friends that could help out with any auction items, raffle prizes or vouchers for the night it would be really helpful. Please contact Michelle McCluskey (m.mccluskey@outlook.com or 0414 300 800) or, Danielle O'Neill (ddoneill@bigpond.net.au or 0438 407 525) if you can help out with donations.

It's a great night so get on board and remember it's all about supporting our kids and the Club they love playing footy at! It is collective efforts such as the Annual Dinner Dance and Sunday "After Match" that help raise important funds for the Club, which in turn helps keep fees at a reasonable level.





**Friday 3rd of June**

**7:00pm for a 7:30pm start**

**Mulgrave Country Club**

**\$40 per person**

*(Includes Canapés, main, dessert and DJ)*

**\* Drinks at Bar Prices \***

**Dress: Semi Formal**

**RSVP: Wed 25th May (Team Dinner Dance Coordinator)**

**No tickets available at the door – all tickets must be pre-purchased.**

**Major Auction, lucky door prizes & raffles on the night.**

# AROUND THE GROUND...

## Round 5 Fixture Sunday May 15 – 2016

ALL PLAYERS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE RELEVANT GROUND – 45 Minutes

PRIOR TO START OF GAME OR OTHER WISE AT COACH'S INSTRUCTION.

Home Teams (first named team): Brown Shorts      Away Teams: White Shorts

Team	Match Details	Time
BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold McCluskey (Blue)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Highett Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	11:15 a.m.
Under 9 Brown Bonaddio (Orange)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	8.45 a.m.
Under 9 Girls Vivic	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Peters Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	12.30 p.m.
Under 9 White Mastromanno (Green)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Sandringham Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	10.00 a.m.
Under 10 Gold Dellapreciate (White)	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks Banksia Reserve Oak Street Beaumaris	8.30 a.m.
Under 10 Brown Quinlan (Yellow)	St Kilda vs Waverley Park Hawks Wattie Watson Oval Elwood Park Oval 2 Ormond Esplanade Elwood	11.15 a.m.
Under 11 Brown Hickey (Div 5)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Cheltenham Panthers Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.	8.30 a.m.
AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold Froelich (Div 3)	Oakleigh vs Waverley Park Hawks Princes Highway Reserve East Princes Highway Oakleigh East	11.15 a.m.
Under 12 Girls Aitkin	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Brighton Vampires Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	1.45 p.m..
Under 12 Thompson (Div 3)	SMD vs Waverley Park Hawks Albert Park Oval 9 Aughtie Drive Albert Park	9.00 a.m.
Under 13 Gold Jago (Div 4)	BYE	
Under 13 Brown Fisher (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Malvern Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.	9.55 a.m.
Skye Travel Under 14 Brown Claxton (Div 4)	Waverley Park Hawks vs AJAX Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.	11.15 a.m.
Under 14 Gold Thompson (Div 2)	SMD vs Waverley Park Hawks Albert Park Oval 11 Aughtie Drive Albert Park	11.00 a.m.
Under 15 Girls Davey (Div 2)	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Kilda City Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	3.00 p.m.
JB Commercial Under 15 Gold Deegan (Div 4)	BYE	
Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown Jenkins (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11	1.05 p.m.
Display the Game Under 16 Brown Palleschi (Div 4)	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks Banksia Reserve Oak Street Beaumaris MEL 86 E7	11.00 a.m.
Under 16 Gold Gervasoni (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11	3.00 p.m.
Pinewood Community Bank Under 17 Long (Div 3)	Ormond vs Waverley Park Hawks E.E. Gunn Reserve Oval 1 Malane Street Ormond MEL 68 E7	1.00 p.m.

## Round 4 Results Summary

Under 11 Brown 2.2.14 defeated by Beaumaris Sharks 11.13.79

Under 11 Gold 9.18.72 defeated East Malvern 1.2.8

Under 12 Girls 9.6.60 defeated St Peters 3.3.21

Under 12 1.8.14 defeated by Bentleigh 5.7.37

Under 13 Brown 10.5.65 defeated Dingley 0.0.0

Under 13 Gold 1.1.7 defeated by Cheltenham 8.9.57

Under 14 Brown 0.1.1 def by East Malvern JFC 11.16-82

Under 14 Gold 2.1.13 defeated by Ajax 13.12.90

Under 15 Girls 7-18-60 defeated East Brighton Vampires 0-1-1

Under 15 Brown 1.3.9 defeated by East Malvern 12.15.87

Under 15 Gold 11.7.73 defeated South Melbourne 3.7.25

Under 16 Brown 4.7.31 defeated by Beaumaris 10.11.71

Under 16 Gold 14.8.92 defeated Ormond 11.4.70

Under 17 1.0.6 defeated by St Bedes Mentone Tigers 21.11 .137

## Round 3 Match Reports

### Under 9 Brown

**Coaches awards:** Max Le Grand and Patrick Klonis

Not a pleasant weather start to our Sunday morning, with slippery wet conditions. It brought our full list of players turning up to the game minus 1. The boys showed enthusiasm and dedication to a very tough Beaumaris team. They fought hard right till the end, and as a coach, I couldn't be more proud of them all. Congratulations to our captain Dean Bonaddio, who also celebrated his 9th birthday. Coaches awards went to 2 inspiring young guns, Max Le Grand and Patrick Klonis (who also won an award for the opposition best player of the day for the second week in a row)! Congratulations to Andrew Seeger, for umpiring his very first footy game. Great effort, with many more to come. Thank you to all the coaches and helpers on that day who persevered throughout the wet weather. Go Waverley Park Hawks!

### BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold

**Coaches awards:** Hudson Heath and Angus Hayes

Well the footy weather Gods weren't exactly kind to the Mums or Players this week. They seem to have got the weather perfect, but just one day early. Never the less, the Under 9 Gold's were lucky enough to catch a reasonable time of day where the rain wasn't too bad, to take on the team from Mordy-Braeside.

After a start that was a little tentative, our boys kicked into gear half way through the first term and got rolling. Nash provided some safety in defence with some sure hands and marking and was assisted greatly by Jack who fended off multiple opponents on numerous occasions and held up the back line like a true general. Gabriel racked up numerous possessions and looked to emulate Jack Gunston after his visit to the group a week or so ago. Zaki was a live wire up forward and provided our forwards with lots of opportunities with his long wet weather kicks. Ryan and William both provided great drive out of the middle when we needed it most with gutsy performances. Mitchell relished the greasy conditions and took a heap of big grabs and teamed with Noah B who had a few party tricks of his own like catching the ball between his legs. He even managed to keep laughing as he delivered to a waiting Hawks team mate.

Jonathan thrived down back as well as in the Ruck and imposed his big body on the contest. Angus was 'tractor like', bullocking through packs of 4 and 5 opponents and even slotted a major. His Co Captain for the day in Hudson took that lead and decided to put on a full blown smother and follow it up with a crunching tackle and also kicked a 'sausage roll'. Both boys were deserving of their respective Coaches Awards this week for sheer determination and effort. Yannick showed how to apply pressure in the forward line and managed to lock the ball in our forward line many times and also kicked us deep into attack. CJ was a dynamo in the middle with his ball handling and teamed up well with Teage who decided no one was getting past him without being smashed in a tackle. Speaking of Tackling, Noah T again showed he has many sides to his game by not only tackling and jarring

the ball free, but followed up by kicking the ball 'lace out' to Thomas who was evasive and managed to leave the opposition floundering while he slotted two through the big sticks.

A big thank you to Cooper who filled in for us and helped out our guys enormously. Thanks heaps Coops! A special mention to Nash, who was the recipient of the Mordy–Braeside Coaches award. Well done Nash!

### **Under 9 White**

**Coaches awards:** Izaac Stylianou & Cohen Kewming

A big thankyou to all of the mothers who gave up their Mother's Day sleep in to support Under 9 Whites on Sunday. Captains for the day were Izaac Stylianou and Cohen Kewming who turned in real Captains games. This saw them both being awarded with Coaches Medals for the day. Izaac was dominant in the ruck with some excellent marking and goal saving in defence. Cohen showed solid improvement with some strong marking in the forward line and setting up a great last quarter. The Whites took a little while to get started in the cold and windy weather but made up for the slow start with a big improvement in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. Luke Corcoran took some great marks, Logan Coutts and Jack Czosnek displayed some awesome ball winning abilities, Vincent Parveris kicked a fantastic goal, Pranav Misra showed some real dash after already filling in for the Browns. Hayden Cashman and Charlie Lord are showing some solid improvement and along with Zachary White, John Styliano were solid and dependable in defence.

Thanks again to all of the parents who have shown great support to establish the team. There is marked improvement every week and I think this week will see it all click together.

### **Under 9 Girls**

**Coaches award:** Shelby Vicic

On another wet and windy day, the girls played their last game under the current format prior to the draw being released this week. The girls all played on the same team this week and were joined by 3 St. Peter's girls. All of the girls played significant roles throughout the day and contributed to the team's success on the day.

Stasia, Ebony and Bella gave their all with lots of clearances as did Tahlia who played one of her best games to date. Holly and Eden also had solid games and played vital roles in the middle when put in there. Shelby won the coaches award on the day with plenty of dash in the forward line, ending the day with three goals. Great effort girls!

I think it's fair to say we are all looking forward to the roster coming out and getting into the proper stuff.

Go Hawks!

### **Under 10 Brown**

**Coaches award:** Oscar Azemat

It was a cold and wet morning for the Mother's Day clash against the Oakleigh Dragons on Sunday. The boys braved the rain and spent a good 30 minutes before the game adjusting to the wet and muddy conditions. Oscar Azemat made his debut with The Waverley Park Hawks and we were privileged to have Max Addison, Brady Pensa and Pranav Misra join us to make a full team of 18 players.

Oakleigh had the home ground advantage and we soon discovered that they were a well-oiled machine. Eugene Skandalis was our captain for the match and we set out to focus on big kicks, tackles and getting first to the ball.

James and Biraj put up a good fight in the centre with William and Brady and were able to shut down Oakleigh's early opportunities. However, The Dragons soon found their feet and Joshua and Max had their hands full in the backline. Eugene and Thomas G made some solid efforts to help them out and in the slippery conditions the boys gave it their best and chased hard for four quarters. Although we struggled to win the majority of the centre clearances the boys persevered and did not give up.

Once again Neil, Rafael, Angus and Oscar G used their pace to apply pressure to the opposition and Max got several possessions and created some attacking opportunities in the midfield. Pranav, Gabriel, Thomas D and Daniel let their presence be known and got in amongst the packs and Isac tackled hard and showed good desperation in the final quarter. There were some big kicks on the day but open spaces needed to be found. Oakleigh were very good at winning the contested ball and this had an impact on our ability to get it into our forward line. We were outplayed on the day but we still walked away with many positives.

The boys never gave up throughout the entire game and showed a lot of courage and resilience on the field. A good learning and bonding experience for all which can only make the boys stronger and more experienced for their next encounter.

### **Under 10 Gold**

**Coaches award:** Dane Redden

This week we played away at Highett with drizzling rain greeting the boys for a early start. Lachlan B was our Captain for the day and started off in the middle getting his hands dirty and winning the ball out for us, helped by Max, Ed, Tom and Luke quickly getting the ball forward to Zach who linked up with Nikolas C who ran on and kicked the ball over to Ethan for a quick early goal showing great teamwork. The forward pressure from Nicholas C and



Dane was fantastic with Dane laying two bone crunching tackles. The backs held strong with Lachlan S, Cooper, Lucas, Franki and Daniel holding Highett goalless and kept driving the ball out of defence all quarter.

Second quarter saw Daniel and Cooper push the ball forward resulting in a couple of classy goals from Luke and Lachlan B. Third quarter saw Highett get on top putting our back line under the pump but with great fight from Tom, Luke, Lachlan S, Tanas, Zach and Ed kept fighting hard to keep us in touch.

Final quarter saw the boys come out firing, full on attack by the boys in the middle lead by Tom Nikolas & Max which then resulted with Franki and Lucas having numerous shots on goal until we put one through the big sticks to seal the win. Once again it was a great even spread of effort and determination by all the boys with everyone contributing.

Thankyou to CJ from the under 9's for helping out.

Go Hawks !

## **Under 11 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 2.2.14 defeated by Beaumaris Sharks 11.13.79**

**Goal Kickers:** Nick F, Zach

**Best Players:** Liam O'R, Lenny, Micah, Reece, Zach, The Herbinator, Charles, Maxibon, Big Maxy V, Attilio

**Coaches Awards:** Lenny, Liam O'R

**Milestone:** Lenny and Liam O'R 50 games

For many years now we've always found Beaumaris to be a difficult opponent for us. And this game was no different. They are a strong club with great depth and they play consistent football.

It was a big game for the Hawks because it was the first time that two of our players recorded their 50th games for Waverley Park Hawks. Lenny and Liam O'R have been with our club for four seasons now and it was a great to see them run through the banner at the start of the game. Massive thanks to Michelle O'Rourke for putting the banner together for the boys!

Beaumaris started well putting a couple of goals on the board within a few minutes. At that point it looked like it could have been a very one sided game. But to our boys credit they stopped the flow of goals by putting pressure on the Sharks and not allowing them to win easy possessions. But Beaumaris tackled hard and shared the ball well amongst their team mates and as a consequence they were able to move the ball forward consistently which put our defence under pressure. They had multiple goal scorers and it was tough for our boys to stop the scoring.

In their 50th games Lenny & Liam O'R both played well. Lenny's tackling was fantastic and Liam played his usual sweeping role, a kick behind the play, very well. Micah was again consistent at half back and The Herbinator and Zach T converted their opportunities to kick goals. The Pin competed well in many contests around the ground and all the boys who played in defence fought hard to repel Beaumaris advances forward. Well done boys!

It was a disappointing result but we were beaten by a better team on the day so credit must go to the Sharks. Well done to Lenny and Liam on achieving the 50 game milestone - great effort! See you all at training on Thursday!

## **AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks 9.18.72 beat East Malvern 1.2.8**

**Goal Kickers:** Pat W 2, Mitch W 2, Max A, Damon H, Brody N, Ryan S, Harper

**Best Players:** Mitch W, Ryan S, Shilo H, Peter D, Harper V, Pat W

**Coaches Award:** Ryan S

We played away to East Malvern on a wet day but thankfully not much wind this week. The boys started off as they finished the last week and had plenty of the ball. The midfield were working hard with Mitch, Evan and Pat dominating. Damon and Max were in and under packs and Luke was playing the sweeping role well. The forwards were getting their hands on the ball but couldn't convert and our 6 behinds for the quarter wasn't just reward. The second quarter started in a more promising fashion as Ryan combined with Brady and Brody to get the ball to Pat for a nice running goal. This was followed up by a great clearance out of the middle by Harry to Shilo with a long kick forward where Max roved a goal. Josh was working hard in the backline and laid some great tackles while Thomas contested well and helped lock the ball in for a stoppage. We moved the ball into the forward line from there where Mitch snapped a great goal. 4.4 for the quarter had us well in control to East Malvern's 1.0.

The second half started well with some great team transition from the half back line to full forward where Brody was playing in front and took the easy chest mark and converted. Harper was dominating in the ruck with some great tap outs but did the roving too in the forward line and finished with a great snap at goal. Ryan continued on his fine game and was in everything in the midfield and laid some great tackles. 2.3 to 0.0 for the quarter was a good effort for our dominance over the ground. Nick combined well with Nathan to Shilo for a quick kick into the forward line and Ryan took a fine mark with the flight of ball. He converted from in front to give us a great start to the fourth quarter. Alex then worked well with Peter for another forward entry while Spencer was working his way into some form. Pat and Mitch added more goals with some great team play and we finished the game strongly with plenty of run all over the ground. Still some work to do with our goal kicking but I can't fault the boy's commitment and dedication.

## **Under 12 Girls**

**Waverley Park Hawks 9.6.60 defeated St Peters 3.3.21**

**Goal Kickers:** Amber, Kiara, Olivia, Cadence, Maddy, Nayla

**Best players:** Nunu, Nayla, Nicole, Jacinta, Bellami, Maddy

## **Coaches award: Amber & Ebony**

This time last year our girls got smashed by St Peters and right from the first bounce it was obvious that our girls were determined to reverse the score. In tough windy conditions they were switched on from the beginning. They dominated for 3 quarters with players going for their marks and finding teammates with their passes. It was another truly great team performance. Once again Olivia snagged a goal from some hard work from the midfield and our newest player, Ebony was very gutsy and demonstrated unbelievable skill for someone new to the game. Another solid performance girls. Very well done!

## **Under 12**

**Waverley Park Hawks 1.8.14 defeated by Bentleigh 5.7.37**

**Goal kickers:** Warner 1

**Best Players:** Everyone

**Coaches Awards:** Lachlan Thompson and Jackson McCluskey

Mother's Day saw the under 12s travel to Bentleigh in what unfortunately eventuated in our first loss of the year. We came up against a very good side and were caught napping at the start of the game and were a couple of goals down before we knew it. Despite the poor start I was pleased to see the boys switch on from about the mid way point of the quarter. While we were not able to get on the score board we kept the ball in our forward line for extended periods and did a great job defending at the other end. At the end of the first quarter we were down 3.1.19 to 1 point.

The second quarter saw us continue to play extremely well around the ground and dry up Bentleigh's supply however, once again we weren't able to put on any scoreboard pressure. The quarter yielded just a single point for Bentleigh and 3 for us so we went in at the main break 16 points in arrears. I asked the boys to continue their outstanding efforts throughout the second half and despite not getting the points I was as proud as I could possibly be of the effort across the entire ground. They fought and fought all the way to the final siren despite not getting the rewards. I am confident that if that same effort is a regular occurrence then we will have a very fun year this year and I'm sure we can give Bentleigh a good run for their money when we play them next.

A tough loss in the end for the boys however, one I am sure they can take plenty of heart from.

I've decided to mention the minimum amount of individuals as possible for this report due to the fantastic TEAM effort from mid way through the first quarter all the way to the final bell. However I must make a special mention to the two recipients of the coaches awards. Jackson McCluskey will be the first to tell you he made a howler of an error in the first couple of minutes in the game. Then when he was faced with an identical situation later in the game and came up with the goods. This and his increased effort throughout the game, laying a few tackles and impacting a couple of marking contests that he may have avoided in previous weeks made it an easy decision to hang the medal around his neck. The second one went to my boy Lachie Thompson who despite his diminutive size continues to surprise me with his willingness to put his body between the ball and harm. On this occasion he was able to pick up a number of possessions also and was justifiably very pleased with his performance.

## **Under 13 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 10.5.65 defeated Dingley 0.0.0**

**Goals Kickers:** Cusmano x2, Fisher x2, Buzza x2, Gubatanga, Boyle, Montano, Skandalis

**Best Players:** Pearce, Black, Harris, Rogers, Cassar, Gaudion

**Coaches awards:** Team effort

U13 Brown travelled down to Dingley, a side that beat us both times last year, so we were keen to make amends. The boys were led out by Ethan and were ready for a tough in and under contest on a wet day. For the second week in a row our boys played exceptionally well in these conditions. The touch and handling of a slippery ball from Pearce, Black, Soligo & Plaza was fantastic. Ethan, Deakin and Flynn attacked the ball early, setting the standard for the day and this helped us put 3 goals on in the first quarter. Luke was great, not only in the ruck, but around the ball and his pressure/tackling was outstanding. The forwards worked well again with Josh & Nick either marking or brining the ball to ground in a contest and the rovers took their chances with Cooper and Buzz slotting through 2 goals each and Noah kicking x1. Spiros was injury free and showing his skill around the packs and in the forward line while Nick M relished the space on the wing.

At the end of the day we had scored 10 goals and the backline held up all day to keep Dingley out. Work from Harrison, Black, Kolak, Boyle and Anthony kept the ball out of danger zone and the ball was continually pushed back into our forward line for our forwards to take their chances.

A great team effort by all. Grading over, season starts next week!

Go Hawks!

## **Under 13 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks 1.1.7 defeated by Cheltenham 8.9.57**

**Goal kickers:** Addison x 1

**Best Players:** King, Benedict, Vormwald, Jameson, Plowman

**Coaches Awards:** Bailey Robinson, Henry King

On a wet Mother's Day Cheltenham kicked 4 goals in the first quarter. Their boys looked to be a lot bigger than us so from there on we had the job ahead of us! 6 goals to 1 at half time we could have easily dropped our heads and got smashed but in the true fighting spirit that this team shows we held them to a 2 goal second half.

Well done on battling the game out to the end and having a real crack!

Happy 13th Birthday to Bailey.

### **Under 14 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 0.1.1 def by East Malvern JFC 11.16-82**

**Goal Kickers:** N/A

**Best:** Mucha, Heller, Raymond, Skantzios, O'Neill

**Coaches Award:** Raymond, Heller

Tough day at the office.

Whilst it looked like we'd need our flippers earlier in the day, the rain mostly held off once it was show time. The boys worked hard in the 1st quarter, as we knew we'd have to against an undefeated East Malvern. Whilst East Malvern had 6 scoring shots, only 2 were majors which showed the pressure we put on down back. The boys put a lot of effort in during the contested footy and we had some great passages of play, but couldn't get it through the sticks. Our second quarter saw us fall away and lose the focus we had in that first quarter, allowing East Malvern to really kick away. Half time we regrouped, spoke about what we did in the 1st quarter that was missing in the second. The boys re-focussed and went out hard in the 3rd. Again we couldn't get the result for our hard work, but they worked hard on ensuring they made East Malvern earn their score. The backline continued to work hard and we need to rotate some players around to ensure we kept fresh bodies where it mattered. At the 3 quarter time break we talked about finishing the game hard and continuing to keep up our work rate. To the boys credit they went out and finished the game giving it all.

We'll regroup and now focus on the next round post grading. As I always say, we all believe in you guys – you just need to believe in yourselves. Keep up the hard work – effort will give you rewards

### **Under 14 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks 2.1.13 defeated by Ajax 13.12.90**

**Goal Kickers:** Mariette, Lyons (first goal for the club...well done)

**Best:** Perez, McDonnell, Dean, Harris, Bailey, Lyons

**Coaches Award:** Lucas Perez

Played this game away at Ajax in wintry conditions on a ground that held up well with all the rain we had in the morning. Ajax were definitely the better team on the day and were dominant through all areas of the ground. Our boys never threw in the towel though and were able to get some reward for effort in the last quarter with 2 goals. Our ground ball execution is an ongoing issue and we'll try to train some picking up techniques at this week's training to give the lads some confidence during games.

Lucas Perez was great throughout the match and fully deserved his coaches' medal. McDonnell and Aussie Dean battled manfully.

We are still on the lookout for new players with only 18 players registered, which makes it quite hard on all the boys to play 4 quarters. If you know of any potential players that maybe interested in playing please don't hesitate to bring them down...we need them.

### **Under 15 Girls**

**Waverley Park Hawks 7-18-60 defeated East Brighton Vampires 0-1-1**

**Goal Kickers:** Macca 3, Amelia 3, Anastasia 1

**Coaches Award:** Gemma

What a win!!! The girls played fantastically well in wet conditions to secure their first win of the season. Teamwork, determination and stamina were the order of the day. Our girls played all four quarters and the opposition had ten on the bench, constantly rotating. That didn't matter though, with Amelia and Macca very quickly getting on the board. Some expert ruck work by Chloe and some superb shepherding support by Beth and Anastasia saw us have a handy 19 point lead at quarter time. From there on in it was all our way – excellent defense meant that the opposition didn't score again. Coordinated efforts by our backs, in particular Tahlia and Jess, meant that the ball came straight back to our forwards as soon as we won possession. First gamer Annie took some great marks and Gemma provided a burst of speed in the centre when she arrived around quarter time. All the girls played well and it was a comprehensive team victory. Well done!!

### **Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 1.3-9 defeated by East Malvern 12.15-87**

**Goal Kickers:** C. Black

**Best:** Jean-Luc Dubois-Conti, Jack Neil, Lochlan Jenkins, Mitchell Kone, Fraser Robertson, C Black

**Coaches Award:** Mitch Kone, Fraser Robertson

On a wet Mother's Day early morning we came up against a well prepared East Malvern.

Our players didn't seem to handle the early start at all and certainly did not seem switched on pre-game. The opposition were quite a tall team and the plan was to run and carry the ball and not kick to packs which I thought we did well in the 1st quarter. The slippery conditions don't really suite that style of play and as East Malvern started to score fumbling of the ball crept into our play I thought our players went into their shell a bit and our efforts which we pride ourselves on also dropped off. We need to apply more pressure and lock the ball into our forward line and use the ball better by foot.

On a positive note the backline played well lead by Jean-Luc and Robbo, 57 entries is what the opposition had for only 12 goals is a fantastic effort well done boys.

We will work on certain aspects of our game at training and bounce back next week.

## **JB Commercial Under 15 Gold**

### **Waverley Park Hawks 11.7.73 defeated South Melbourne 3.7.25**

**Goals:** Beck (3), Leitner (2), Kreidl, Fraser, Jackson, Spiteri, Kokkinias, Durant

**Best Players:** Leitner, Beck, Fraser, Pond, Caia, Liu, Kokkinias

**Coaches award:** Kynan Leitner

The U15 Golds ventured out to Albert Park on a rainy Sunday morning to face South Melbourne. It was fair to say that a few of the boys had looked at South Melbourne's previous results and probably got a little bit cocky and it showed in our first half efforts where South Melbourne really took it up to us and probably would have kicked a few goals if not for Jono and Poodle intercepting the ball on our last line of defense on multiple occasions. After a rev up at half time, we started to hit the scoreboard with first gamer, Kynan, kicking two goals in his first ever footy game, and Ben Beck kicking a couple of nice goals on the run. We ran the game out winning by 48 points with great all round games by Greg, Lachy, Brodie and Pondy. It was a great team performance in the end with everyone playing their role for the team!

## **Display the Game Under 16 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 4.7.31 def by Beaumaris 10.11.71**

**Goal Kickers:** H. Dimopoulos 2, J. O'Neill, T. Mannix

**Best Players:** W. Hayes, T. Mannix, R. Kilgower, J. O'Neill, J. Cincotta, H. Dimopoulos

**Coaches Award:** R. Kilgower

Round 4 brought us our tougher task for the year against Beaumaris. They were a team we hadn't faced in a couple years but knew of their quality as they spent some time in the division above.

On what looked like a wet weather day, the sponge like surface at Columbia allowed us to play fairly dry weather footy, which worked against us for the first quarter as the taller bodies of Beaumaris used their size very well to open up a decent lead against us in the first quarter.

The first half ended very disappointingly with a number of boys not taking the opportunity to really step up and provide for the team. We were left with the same couple of guys putting their body on the line and it showed.

The second half we provided a little bit of fight and played with some determination that left me questioning where it was in the first half. A suburb effort all day from Tom Mannix and Will Hayes kept us in the game for large parts while Ryan Kilgower stopped the game from ending in a blowout with numerous goal saving efforts in the last quarter.

This could be the wake-up call we needed. I am not too fussed about the score line, more so the level of effort and intensity we produced. Hopefully the boys will go into the rest of the season knowing what the benchmark performance is and trying to achieve that week in, week out.

## **Under 16 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks Waverley Park Hawks 14-8-92 defeated Ormond 11-4-70**

**Goal Kickers:** McGivern 3, Viccars 3, J.Gervasoni 3, Gasper 3, Mariette 2

**Best Players:** Atu, Tellis, J. Gervasoni, Pascuzzi, Mariette

Wind last week, rain this week – the first few rounds of the 2016 season have brought interesting conditions for all teams.

This week we were at home to Ormond and celebrated the 100th games of Andrew Beer and Nick Pascuzzi. While our opponents hadn't won a game this season, they had run a couple of the better teams to close margins, so we knew we were in for a close contest. The wet conditions didn't help our ball handling however the boys started the game well and managed to keep their noses in front for the entire day. While drive out of the middle and off half back from both Auzzie and Atu were instrumental in our win, the forwards kept up their end of the bargain with multiple goals to Kyle, Bobby, Jaxon, Jake and Marcus. In the end the boys ran out 22 point winners. It was great to see Zsolt at the game even though he has injured his knee and unlikely to play for the rest of the season – we wish him well in his recovery.

With all ladders being reset to zero, the fact that we have had 3 wins and a bye from our first four games means little for the season ahead. This week we are at home to Mordi Braeside and the team is keen to get the season 'proper' off to a winning start.

## **Pinewood Community Bank Under 17**

**Waverley Park Hawks 1.0.6 defeated by S Bedes Mentone 21.11 .137**

**Goal Kickers:** Matthew Jago

**Best Players:** Kreidl, Ilic, Tighelo, Wales, Long, Jago, Martin

**Coaches Award:** Brad Kreidl

We came up against a very skilful St Bedes Mentone Tigers team that I would presume will be promoted to A grade once re-grading is completed and while we were soundly beaten our effort can't be questioned.

Once again we got great drive out of our two rucks in Phil Ilic and James Tighelo but were soundly beaten from centre clearances which has been an

issue for most of our games.

All players tried hard against a classier opposition however Brad Kreidl stood out with a great four quarter effort that earned him the coaches award . We look forward to re-grading this week as we have been unlucky to have come up against two sides that we expect will be promoted to division one however I cannot fault the effort and enthusiasm that has been shown.





Congratulations Spencer Wieclaw on playing his 50<sup>th</sup> game last Sunday



Congratulations to Jackson McCluskey and Lachie Thompson who won the Under 12 Coaches' Awards



Congratulations to Ryan Shaw who won the Under 11 Gold Coaches' Award



Congratulations to Kynan Leitner who won the Under 15 Gold Coaches' Award in his first game for the club.



Our 2 Under 14 umpires, Michael Ferracane and Tom Raymond got some first-hand tips from "Razor" Ray Chamberlain at SMJFL Umpires training this week.



Our Under 13s had Peter Pullen from the SMJFL Umpires at training this week as part of Community Umpiring Round.



This week Andrew Dalwood and his team of physiotherapists from Waverley Park Physiotherapy Centre conducted a strapping course (shoulders, knees, ankles, wrists, etc) for our Under 13 to 17 trainers.

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In addition, WPPC are providing a \$10 rebate to the club for each new patient who register at Waverley Park Physiotherapy Centre in 2016. This applies to all members of the wider Waverley Park Hawk community (players, past players, family members, sponsors and supporters).

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