

Waverley Park Hawks Weekly Newsletter

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We were certainly reminded by Mother Nature that football is a winter sport. Rain falling all day Saturday and parts of the day on Sunday, made game day rather challenging. Seeing muddy grounds, slipping and sliding and gold on the Hawks jumper almost non-existent. Most jumpers were all covered in mud. I am sure the kids loved it, washing on the other hand not so sure.

Big thanks to all that attended the Annual Dinner Dance and a big thank you to everyone that organised it. Certainly a great night. Record numbers attended this year; 243 and what may also be a record amount raised (\$14.5K,) certainly helps the running of

our great club. Big thank you to all the sponsors and organisations that donated and for those that chased them up.

Raffle prize winners: Congratulations to Hayes Family who won 1st prize meat tray, Zapedowski who won the 2nd prize Bertocchi Ham (donated by Bertocchi) and Stasia Stevenson who won this week's player raffle.

15 July - Waverley Park Hawks Poker Nights - Adult only event. Last 2 have been won by the girls. Can they keep it going?

BEHAVIOUR – Currently we are ranked 16 out of 26 clubs, where 1 is the best. We are rated by the umpire/s in categories Players, Officials and Spectators. I know we can improve on this. Please be mindful about your comments and how you conduct yourself and remember that it is "ALL ABOUT THE KIDS".

Due to Queen's Birthday Long Weekend this weekend there will be no games or after match. Enjoy your long weekend.

I'll be heading away on holidays for a few weeks, so I have asked Danni and Shane to conduct things in my absence. Good luck to Danni trying to take the Microphone off Shane ③

Go Hawks!

Tony Ferracane

NEWS...

No After Match This Sunday

There is NO After Match this Sunday 12 June due to there being NO games this weekend for Queen's Birthday long weekend.

After Match and games resume on Sunday June 21 (the Round 9 fixture is later in this newsletter) and the Under16/17 age groups will be hosting After Match.

Training Jumpers



There are still ongoing delays in BLK supplying training jumpers and the club is doing everything we can to expedite the order. Currently, the club has not been able to get any firm date/commitment from BLK despite numerous requests. The club is having discussions with the SMJFL as to how to remedy the situation with BLK. We'll keep you advised.

Andrew Soligo Awarded Life Membership



At the club's recent Annual Dinner Dance, Life Membership was awarded to Andrew Soligo for service to the club.

For those of you who don't know Andrew and his family are the longest serving members of the club having been involved with since 2006. Andrew joined the committee in 2007 and was a member until 2011. During that time, he became Vice-President (2009-11) where he assisted fellow life members Paul Deegan and Tony March in their roles as President. In 2008, the club decided to run its presentation day onsite at the clubrooms – Andrew was instrumental in this process and organized presentation day from 2008 to 2012. Andrew has also been involved on match day taking on the trainers' role for his sons' teams every season from 2006 to 2015.

Andrew is eager to help in whatever way he can and epitomizes what is great about our club. He is a well-deserved recipient of Life Membership of the club.

Paul Deegan Award and Barry Whateley Trophy Winners



Also at the Annual Dinner Dance Simon Fisher was the recipient of the Paul Deegan Outstanding Service Award and Paul Shaw received the Barry Whateley Trophy.

The Paul Deegan Award is an "Oustanding Service Award" given to a member(s) that has provided outstanding service to the club over a number of years. Simon's contribution to the club includes:

- Coach 2010-2012 & 2015-2016
- Coaches Co-Coordinator 2014 2016
- Football Operations Member 2013-2016
 - Presentation Day Organiser 2014-2015
 - Committee Member 2014-2015



The Barry Whateley trophy is awarded to a member(s) of the club whose contribution for the year is considered to be the most significant to the club. Paul's contribution to the club in the past year has been:

- Team Manager
- Team Manager Co-Coordinator
- Committee Member
- Poker Night Organiser

Both make significant contributions to the successful running of our club and are well deserved recipients of their respective awards.

Dinner Dance Raised Over \$14,600



This year's Dinner Dance was a great success with a record of 243 people in attendance at the Mulgrave Country Club and over \$14,600 was raised for the club.

A special thank you to the organisers - Danni O'Neil, Michelle McCluskey, Margy White, Belinda Hayes and Kat Heath - for all their hard work in making the night such a success. Also a special thanks to those who donated raffle and auction items for the night.

An album of photos taken on the night is available online. Thanks to Lyn Moore and Tony Ferracane for taking the photos on the night.

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 <u>sponsorship@wphawks.org.au</u>

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 <u>media@wphawks.org.au</u> 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.

Banners for Milestone Games



If you have a milestone game coming up, the club can provide you with an easy and inexpensive way to create a run through banner.

The club has available for purchase, *Run Through Crepe Banners 2m x 2m in Brown and Gold*, which can be easily personalized with the players name and the number of games (50, 100, 150).

Cost is \$65 and they can be purchased through our merchandise co-ordinator, Lynda Ross at the Columbia Park canteen on match days or alternatively contact Lynda 0466 326 633 to make alternative arrnagements. Suggest that you purchase it at least a week in advance to allow time for adding letters/numbers to the banner.

All you need to do is prepare the lettering for the players name and number of games and affix this to the banner. Letter and number and instructions are available from the <u>club web site</u>.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

After Match Schedule 2016

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

Other Important Dates

July 12/13/14 and July 19/20/21 - Team Photos (more information available closer to dates)

Friday July 15 – Poker Night (fundraiser event for adults only!)

September 18 – Presentation Day

AROUND THE GROUND...

Round 9 Fixture Sunday June 19 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	Waverley Park Hawks vs Bentleigh	8.30 a.m.		
Under 9 Gold	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill			
McCluskey (Blue)				
Under 9 Brown	St Bedes/Mentone vs Waverley Park Hawks	10.00 a.m.		
Bonaddio (Orange)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill			
Under 9 Girls	St Peters vs Waverley Park Hawks	11.15 a.m.		
Vicic Round 8	Centenary Park Oval 2 Brady Road East Bentleigh Mel 78 B3			
Under 9 White	Waverley Park Hawks vs Murrumbeena	9.45 a.m.		
Mastromanno (Green)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	9.40 a.m.		
Bertocchi	Mordialloc Braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks			
Under 10 Gold	Walter Galt Reserve Oval 2 Victoria Street Mordialloc MEL 87 F8	1.45 p.m.		
Dellapreciate (White)				
Under 10 Brown	Murrumbeena vs Waverley Park Hawks	40.45		
Quinlan (Yellow)	Murrumbeena Park Oval 2 Kangaroo Road Murrumbeena MEL 69 B7	10.15 a.m.		
Under 11 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Kilda City	0.45 a.m		
Hickey (Div 5)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	8.45 a.m.		
AAV Tiling	Weverley Perk Heurice ve Feet Melvere			
Under 11 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Malvern	11.00 a.m.		
Froelich (Div 3)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill			
Under 12 Girls	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside			
Aitkin	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	10.15 a.m.		
Under 12	Murrumbenna vs Waverley Park Hawks	44.00		
Thompson (Div 3)	Murrumbeena Park Oval 1 Kangaroo Road Murrumbeena MEL 69 B7	11.30 a.m.		
Under 13 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Malvern			
Jago (Div 4)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	11.30 a.m.		
Under 13 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs Prahran	1.00 p.m.		
Fisher (Div 1)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill			
Skye Travel		12.30 p.m.		
Under 14 Brown	East Malvern vs Waverley Park Hawks			
Claxton (Div 4)	Darling Park – Basil Reserve Basil Street East Malvern MEL 60 A12			
Under 14 Gold	St Bedes/Mentone vs Waverley Park Hawks			
Thompson (Div 2)	Mentone Reserve Brindisi Street Mentone MEL 86 K7	11.00 a.m.		
Under 15 Girls	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks			
Davey (Div 2)	Jack Barker Oval Weatherall Road Cheltenham MEL 87	9.00 a.m.		
JB Commercial				
Under 15 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs SMD	2.30 p.m.		
Deegan (Div 4)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill			
Advanced Office Interiors				
Under 15 Brown	Mordialloc Braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks	1.15 p.m.		
Jenkins (Div 1)	Walter Galt Reserve Oval 1 Victoria Street Mordialloc MEL 87 F8	- 1		
Display the Game				
Under 16 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs Caulfield Bears	12.30 p.m.		
Palleschi (Div 4)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill			
RJ Ryan Partners				
Under 16 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Sandringham	2.30 p.m.		
Gervasoni (Div 1)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill			
Pinewood Community Bank				
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Under 17	Le Page Park Oval 1Cnr. Herald & Argus Streets Cheltenham MEL 78 B12	1.00 p.m.		

Round 8 Results Summary

Under 11 3.1.19 defeated by Mordialloc-Braeside 3.6.24 Under 11 Gold 5.9.39 defeated St Peters 3.5.23 Under 12 Girls 6.3.39 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 4.11.35 Under 12 10.7.67 defeated East Brighton Vampires 2.3.15 Under 13 Brown 6.2.38 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 2.4.16 Under 13 Gold 4.5.29 drew with Mordialloc Braeside 4.5.29 Under 14 Gold 4.8.32 defeated by Ajax 8.12.60 Under 14 Brown Hawks 2.17.29 defeated by Beaumaris 7.3.45 Under 15 Girls 4.15.39 defeated Cheltenham 1.1.7 Under 15 Brown 5.6.36 defeated by Highett-Cheltenham 16.17.113 Under 15 Gold 11.14.80 def AJAX 8.4.52 Under 16 Brown 15.11.101 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 2.5.17 Under 16 Gold 13.7.85 defeated Ormond 5.2.32

Under 17 5.1.31 defeated by St Dingley 17.17.119

Round 8 Match Reports

Under 9 Brown No report.

BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold

Coaches awards: Noah Barbis

Over we went to Port Melbourne on a very overcast day to take on the Colts. The rain held out just long enough for the boys to run onto the ground for their warm up. Then it started, not heavy but consistent all the way through until stopping about 10mins before the end of game time. Yannick was unfortunately not well and so couldn't play.

The boys started very well with our co-captain for the day Jonathan doing a great job in the ruck tapping it down to Josh, who was on fire and provided plenty of drive out of the centre. Both CJ and our other captain Mitchell continually repelled the oppositions defensive kick outs with strong possessions and driving kicks back into our forward line for much of the quarter. Angus was his usual bullocking self, ideally suited to the wet conditions and Noah Barbis got going early and was a consistent ball winner all day and deserving winner of the coaches award, especially under duress from a sore back.

The first half was mostly spent in our forward line with Zaki and Jack both going in hard and continually driving the ball forward, Hudson was scouting the packs getting kicks by keeping his feet, Jai took a great mark in only his second game and Gabriel was working hard to try and get us a major. Unlucky for us, with their extra man in defence although we had a number of shots, we couldn't quite get that goal.

The second half was a tight tussle with the ball going rebounding back and forth, Thomas took a great overhead mark in the wet and was a strong body all day. Will was his usual self around the packs picking up kicks and tackles and Ryan showed his skill on a number of occasions where outnumbered he managed to lock the ball down. Nash showed his strength despite his size with some ferocious tackling. Teague did a great job as our sweeper in defence before moving into the middle in the last guarter. Noah Traplin continued to defy his size and go in hard all day racking up possessions.

All in all the boys played a great game and we were all proud of the endeavour and effort they showed, they were just a little unlucky on a number of occasions. The boys are getting better and better every week and playing some good footy up against bigger and stronger opposition. Well done Hawks and go the gold!

Under 9 White

Coaches awards: Hayden Cashman & Harry Cochrane

The Under 9 Whites travelled to Cheltenham for another cold, drizzly and early Sunday morning. Our team started slowly and we were lucky that the opposition were inaccurate in front of goal in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the kids really got going and hit their straps. The next 3 quarters of football were the best that I have seen since we started. The kids are really grasping our game plan and the improvement shown is fantastic. Our team really dominated for the rest of the game and the song was deservedly sung loud and proud at the end of the game.

In a real team effort, every player stepped up and played their role. In particular, super improvement was shown by Isaac Bunney, Cameron Chapple and Hayden Cashman. It is really pleasing to see all of the kids have a go. Our usual suspects all played really strong games but the real improvement is coming from the first year kids. I feel very strongly that this group will develop into a handy team as time goes by.

We have the week off this week, but are really keen to get back into it and build on what we have achieved. Well Done Under 9 Whites !!

Under 9 Girls

No report

Under 10 Brown

Coaches award: Biraj Koirla

It was a muddy day at Lum reserve. The boys were ready to play in any weather no matter if it was rain hail or shine. Our captain for the day Ben participated in the coin toss and showed his fellow Hawkers which way they were kicking for the first quarter. Thanks to Nikolas and Lachlan from the under 10 Golds we had a full side. The Bentleigh Demons were the opposition and were worthy opponents. They were able to score the first goal, but some handy ruck work from Biraj allowed Lachlan and Raphael to deliver the ball down to the forward line, where Angus was hungry for the ball and was able to rack up the first goal for the Hawks. Jared made his debut and his presence was noted straight away by clocking up his first possession. At quarter time the boys were leading by a point and were ready for the second quarter.

With some help, William was able to score 2 goals in the second quarter. Isac did well and was able to snap a goal right before the siren. Oscar A helped out in the back line stopping Bentleigh from scoring. At half time the boys were still pumped up and ready for footy.

At the beginning of the third quarter Daniel, Thomas G, Josh and Neil did a great job with getting the centre clearances. Nikolas was able to pick up the ball and score two goals. Thayden was able to stop The Demons from scoring. At three quarter time we were leading. Heading into the last quarter, Gabriel was able to quickly get the ball out of packs. Thomas D, Eugine and Oscar G did a great job at trying to get the ball out of the backline. At the end of the game the boys held their heads up high and were proud of their efforts. They have made plenty of progress over the past weeks and are already looking forward to Round 9.

Bertocchi Under 10 Gold

Coaches' award: Nicholas Cusmano

This week we were back at Columbia for a home game, light rain was on hand to make it wet weather football. Captain for the day was Ethan who led the boys out. We were up against St Bedes Mentone who where a well drilled team. Our backs soon found themselves under the pump with the ball coming in over and over with Max, Zac, Luke, Daniel and Lachlan B fighting hard all quarter.

Second quarter saw the Golds break even with winning the contested ball to give our forwards a chance of scoring which in turned lead to Nicholas C kicking his first career goal which earned him the Coaches' Award. While our backs worked hard again to keep St Bedes from scoring with one of the best chase and tackles of the season by Cooper.

Second half was again in favour of St Bedes who kept on winning the ball in the middle putting pressure on our defence. We were second to the ball all day long and our manning up was way to lose. To the boys credit they kept on trying and fighting right to the end and were rewarded with kicking the last goal of the game. It was a hard fought game with St Bedes who kept their players in the same position giving them the advantage.

A few things to work on over the next couple of weeks but overall the boys have great determination to bounce back. The team spirit is fantastic and I feel the team is building into a very solid group who play for each other. Very proud of the boys who train hard, play hard !

Go Hawks!

Under 11 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 3.1.19 defeated by Mordialloc-Braeside 3.6.24 Goal Kickers: Zach T 2, Nick D 1 Best Players: Liam, Savio, Dylan, Charles, Lenny, Raff, Nick D, Paddy, Cammo, Zach Coaches Award: Josh and Raff Milestone: Patrick Schmitt 50 games

Sometimes a loss is a win - sounds weird I know but today was like a win for us! Only a few week ago we played these guys at home and they beat us by 10 goals. And for a time today it was looking like more of the same. By halfway through the first quarter they had kicked 2 goals and they had us on the ropes. It wasn't pretty! But then the mighty Waverley Park Hawks Under 11 Browns totally turned the game around. We started to get back to our normal style of footy. 2 and 3 efforts at every contest, lots of tacking when we didn't have the ball, giving the ball to a team mate in a better position, getting first to the ball, and putting loads of pressure on our opponents. It was fabulous to watch the Under 11 Browns control the game after quarter

time. Today's game demonstrates that if you make the effort, the rewards will come. We've turned a 10 goal loss into a 5 point loss in only a few weeks. Sensational effort from each and every player today - well done boys!

AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 5.9.39 defeated St Peters 3.5.23 Goal Kickers: Jacob S 2, Cam F, Mitch W, Evan P Best Players: Dan K, Evan P, Nathan B, Thomas S, Mitch W, Luke C, Harry S, Shilo Coaches Award: Nathan B, Luke C

We travelled to Bentleigh to take on St Peters on a wet and slippery day. After two losses the boys were fired up to get back on the winner's list. Dan led the way in the backline with some desperate play and commitment to making the contest. This was followed up with some great ball movement from Harry to Shilo to Damon who got the ball in forward. Luke and Ollie were able to combine to get it to Plugger for a goal to get us under way. Nathan and Thomas worked extremely hard in the backline to keep our opponents out while the mids got the ball forward again where Nick provided a contest and Cam roved the ball and snapped a nice goal. Two goals to none was the start we were looking for. The second quarter was a more dour affair as the rain continued. Evan, Mitch and Brody were in everything in the midfield while Max was solid at full back. Our opponents pegged one back on us to tighten things up at the break but every player was playing their part and providing a real contest at the ball.

The second half continued on with our defenders playing a great game. Alex cleared a lovely ball off half back to Harper in the midfield and onto Damon who, with a great shepherd from Nick, kicked into the forward line. Plugger got onto the loose ball and snapped truly. We continued to have our fair share of the ball and the forwards were able to lock the ball in where Mitch roved a nice goal. Two goals to none gave us a handy margin at three quarter time. The boys were asked for a huge effort in the last quarter as we knew the opposition would give it everything. The defenders were again working overtime with Harry providing some great attack at the ball and Harper and Xander cleaning up some loose balls. The mids were well led by Ryan who was at the bottom of plenty of packs. Cam earned a free kick at half forward and pumped the ball long where Evan roved a nice goal which put us well in control of the game. A really pleasing four quarter effort from all players and back to their usual attack at the football.

Under 12 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 6.3.39 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 4.11.35 Goal Kickers: Amber 5, Maddy 1 Best players: Charlotte, Swagta, Amber, Nunu Coaches award: Charlotte

I am very lucky to be associated with such a fine team. Yes the girls took top spot today and defeated the also undefeated Mordy Brae but what impresses me most about them is their enjoyment of the game. Our girls never ask the score, if we had of lost today they still would have had fun and wouldn't be in tears. This tells me we are focusing on the right things, fun and participation. The girls again played beautifully as a team, using their handball to share the ball and look for each other.

There were some inspirational performances that I must mention. Swagta played full back all day and dominated to save at least 6 goals, she worked so hard with her defensive teammates, time and time again they made courageous tackles. Kiara switched from forward to back at half time and took a brilliant mark running off half back in the wet to set up Amber for one of her 5 goals. Charlotte played the first half across centre half back and as usual dominated with 2nd and 3rd efforts, she then switched into the midfield for the 2nd half and continued her good work. Amber went from the midfield to centre half forward at half time and kicked all five of the teams 2nd half goals, a great effort considering all of the goals began with breaking 2-3 tackles first.

All of the girls contributed to an exciting and stirring win. They sang the song like a team that's really having a great time and I congratulate all of them. As all players have played all positions over the past 18 months it is really showing in their playing ability. Congratulations girls you were all brilliant today!!! How does it feel to be on top!

Thank you for being so great to coach!!!

Under 12

Waverley Park Hawks 10.7 – 67 defeated East Brighton 2.3 – 15

Goal Kickers: Rhys Dakin 3, Tommy Warner, Hunter Morgan and Harvey Emery 2, Jackson McCluskey 1 **Best Players:** Tommy Taborsky, Hunter Morgan, Enrique Soria, Rhys Dakin **Coaches Awards:** James Zapedowski and Ashley Pensa

After our big come from behind win against Caulfield last week I was very keen to see if the boys would be able to continue this game as they had finished the last. However, that seemed like it was going to be a massive challenge as we learned that we would start the game with only 16 on the field. Despite this and the miserable conditions that we faced as we headed back to Lum Reserve to take on the East Brighton Vampires, our boys could not have been more up to the challenge. Despite playing with 2 less that then opposition the first quarter went all our way. I told the boys at quarter time that it looked more like we had 20 and the opposition had 12 as they controlled the game. Rhys Dakin kicked 2 goals and Jackson McCluskey added another as we went into quarter time with a lead of 3.3 to zero.

We had three boys arrive for the remainder of the game and we just went from strength to strength. We had winners all over the field in a very complete team performance. Harvey Emery kicked 2 goals in the second quarter and Rhys added his third for the game and we held a 5 goal lead at half time. Another couple in the third quarter, both to Tommy Warner and we now had complete control of the game leading by 8 goals.

I was delighted in the last quarter when made a number of changes to the line-up and some boys got to play in positions that they haven't had a lot of

experience in. Kyle Medley got involved on the wing, Zac Nuroo continued his good form with a run in the middle and Ash Pensa showed how much he loves the contest with a strong quarter in the ruck. Hunter added two goals for the quarter and we would finish up with a 52 point win.

This was by far our best full team 4 quarter performance of the year and really gave a solid display of what the boys are capable of despite the challenges they faced.

Under 13 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 6.2.38 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 2.4.16 Goals Kickers: Buzza 2, Warner 2, Cusmano, Palleschi Best Players: Skandalis, Palleschi, Soligo, Black, Kolak Coaches awards: Team Effort

In wet, slippery conditions the U13 Brown headed for their next contest against Mordi Brae in what was going to be a tough, tight encounter.

Spiros and Josh K led us out as captains and from the first bounce set the example and wanted the ball more. The team was committed to the contest and we ran the ball forward through the effort of Spiros and the midfielders. Buzz was lively in the forward line kicking two early goals and by quarter time we had put on 4 goals which was a great start.

Numbers were down this week so we called on two handy replacements from the U12s in Tommy Warner and Hunter Morgan. Both committed themselves to the contest, went in hard and provided great pressure in the forward line. Tommy was rewarded for his efforts with two goals.

Mordi came hard in the second, scoring two goals but great defensive work from Josh, Cayden and Ethan held up Mordi plenty of times. Harrison was out there testing his ankle after his recent injury which was a great effort and shows the spirit / commitment to the team. Another week off and he should be fighting fit, ready to go.

A goal in the third and one in the last while keeping Mordi to 2 points was a fantastic effort. Luke and Josh again controlled the ruck and the contested work from Nick P, Spiros, Ethan, Jake and Wes gave us the advantage all day. Deakin provided great run when put on the wing as did Flynn and Charlie. The forwards in Cooper, Will, Hunter and Tommy provided forward pressure needed with Josh and Nick providing the contest in the air. A great game of footy by the whole team in tough conditions but another challenge which the boys have passed. A great start to the year but next game we take on the top side and we still have a bit to work on.

A week off to refresh and then another challenge. Good luck to our 3 players in interleague this long weekend in Ethan Plaza, Luke Gaudion and Jake Soligo.

Go Hawks!

Under 13 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 4.5.29 drew with Mordialloc Braeside 4.5.29 Goal Kickers: Glass 2, Faulkner, Yakub Best Players: Delahunty, King, Glass, Jameson Coaches Awards: Costa Skandalis, Christian Athans

After a fantastic win last week the boys were keen to get back out there and play another game of footy. This Sunday dished up wet and slippery conditions and we scored the first goal in what was going to be a low scoring game.

Henry was leading the way chasing and tackling any boy within 20 metres of him. Jason giving us run both forward and defensive while Jordan Cotsomitis was getting plenty of touches down back. 7 points up at half time and we were looking to open our lead even more in our 3rd quarter and we opened the door for them as we didn't work hard enough.

This was a great game of football and one sensed it was always going down to the wire. We managed to kick 2 goals in the final term to put our noses in front. With about 3 minutes to go I thought we had done enough but to Mordi-Brae's credit they managed a goal to tie it all up.

This was a great game of footy in real tough conditions but as always I knew the boys would give their all and the end result was probably a fitting one. Enjoy your week off on Sunday before we are back for another crack at it!!

Under 14 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 2.17.29 defeated by Beaumaris 7.3.45 Goal Kickers: J.Mucha, R.Veldman Best Players: D.McCusker, R.Veldman, M.Palmer, D.Skantzos, J.Franchi, S.Kilgower, J.Mucha Coaches Award: D.McCusker

Every point counts.....well nearly

We didn't know whether to laugh or cry! It was a bit like playing in a draw; that empty feeling of working hard and being so close but not getting the result. But one thing is for sure, the boys kept plugging away all game.

The ground at Lum was boggy and slippery – it was always going to be tough work moving around the ground, marks were going to be tough and the more the ball spent on the ground the greasier it would get.

We had the opposition covered in all areas and stats I reckon – even in scoring shots, but the total was not enough. The opposition coach at the end came and said it was the luckiest win (one they shouldn't have won, really).

We came out and worked hard from the first quarter, and we had most of the ball, and had 3 more scoring shots but trailed by 12 at the break. I could see the boys looked a bit disappointed that their efforts didn't show on the scoreboard. But they just needed to keep working hard.

The second quarter they continued on and we managed our first major, but allowed the opposition to kick 2 more majors (we kicked another 4 minors) So again we had more scoring shots but still trailed by 15 at the long break.

We talked about keeping the work rate up, even stepping it up more for the 3rd quarter. Ensuring that we pressure the opposition and not to let them get easy goals.

To the boys credit the opposition didn't kick a major – just the one behind – but we managed 6 scoring shots – all behinds. It was back to 10 points – just 2 kicks away from the lead.

The last quarter was poised, the boys were pumped, we were ready to run over the top of them.

The opposition came out and kicked an early goal, but we got one back. From there the pressure was on and the ball moved up and down the ground. Lots of hard work really, by both teams.

Whilst we didn't get the chocolates, we were close and the boys should take a lot away from that game.

They are working into full games and putting more effort in for most of the game.

All boys worked hard, we just need to come back next round, reset and work harder again. Well done

Under 14 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 4.8.32 defeated by Ajax 8.12.60

Goal Kickers: Perez, McDonnell, Harris, Savage

Best: Argus, Lyons, King, Bailey, Cheney, Perez, Cimino

On only what can be called a miserable day for football on a ground that was caked in mud by the time we played, the boys came up against a strong opposition. The lads were challenged to have a real crack for the entire game and that they did. No possessions were easy and with playing on a fairly small ground like Lum reserve, it was quite hard to find space to run. The game was quite even throughout, the difference being Ajax making the most of their opportunities. At times we had too many players clogging our forward line when the ball was there for a period and it's an ongoing issue to keep it open at times.

Overall, the effort was great, with everyone having a real crack.

Our fixture from round 4 to round 9 have us playing 4 of the 5 top teams so it has been a tough ride so far but we've stuck together well and hopefully string some wins later on...

Enjoy the week off...

Under 15 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 4.15.39 defeated Cheltenham 1.1.7 Goal Kickers: Jess, Beth, Laura, Mackenzie Coaches Award: Charlotte Durbridge

The Girls are on a roll! Last week the Under 15 Girls enjoyed their second win on the trot. It was another dogged performance from our girls as they tackled with intent and determination. Despite the wet and greasy conditions, the young Hawk Ladies rose to the challenge with excellent wet weather footy and some great skills in the conditions. Our opposition were every bit as determined and it was hard to believe that they hadn't kicked a goal for the season, let alone won a game. They achieved that aim against us and it was good to see such a happy bunch of Players, Coaches and supporters after scoring a single goal. It was truly good for footy.

That milestone didn't distract our girls one bit. It may have even sparked a few of our quieter girls into second gear.

We welcomed Dion into our team for her first game for the club. Dion seemed to fit in instantly and after an introduction consisting of a bruising tackle, she adapted quickly to what footy is all about. By games end, she was running straight at the ball and kicking us forward with conviction. Well done and welcome Dion. Our Coaches Award winner this week was Charlotte. You don't get many words from Charlotte, but you do get action. A break out game and well done Charlotte. At one stage, we had four possessions in a row, and they were all Charlotte's. Little Jess was a rock in defence and was a constant hurdle for the Cheltenham girls to combat, as well as elusive up forward at various stages, also notching up a couple of goals. We welcomed back Steph from injury and she took up exactly where she left off, doing a great job of keeping her opponent almost kickless and also went well up forward. Her twin in Laura also had a great game and wherever she went, made it a winning move. Laura even bagged a major to put the game beyond doubt. Despite also carrying an injury into the game, as well as sustaining another one this week, Beth was fantastic in her at times, lone role up forward. Beth created numerous opportunities for team mates to score and also slotted one through the big sticks herself. Charlie led a 'one girl tackling show' and proved that size can be deceiving and managed to impose her light frame on the heaviest of contests. True to form for Charlie, she came out on top each time.

Chloe continues to grow in a leadership role and again exhibited that element of her game and led from the front. Chloe's long, raking, left foot kick helped propel us forward on numerous occasions. Another one of our girls that lead from the front is Mackenzie. 'Macca' seemed right at home in the wet and played with a skill level that would have been at home on a dry ground. Macca even managed to centre the ball to the 'hot spot' twice in addition to kicking a goal herself. Caitlyn, off the back of her coaches Award from last week, continued her good form and put her body behind the ball and gathered some timely possessions through the middle as well as being cool in defence under pressure. Annie took on a few roles this week, including Ruck, CHF and CHB and excelled in all three. Annie lets nothing through the back line and really seems to relish the in close 'pressure cooker' of the midfield. Billie is getting back in the swing of footy and played a really good role both down back as well as on a wing. Billie is yet another quiet but damaging team member. Jess B was a welcome return from netball duties this week and was hungry for the contest. Jess B has a definite grit about her approach to sport and when she tackles you, you stay tackled. Maddie has some silky skills and a competitive side to match. Maddy's athleticism is a fantastic asset to the team and is another of our tackling machines. Anastasia was our Captain this week and took on the mantle with gusto. Stasia's

lovely nature hides a competitive side that was on show this week. She has great pace and skill and used them both to our collective advantage yet again this week.

We had a change in 'Runner' this week with our, recovering from injury, Tahlia doing a sterling job of passing on those all important messages and changes. It was a good learning for Tahlia and really nice to have her still involved.

Great work Girls and enjoy the week off.

Go Hawks and Go Girls!

Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 5.6.36 defeated by Highett-Cheltenham 16.17.113 Goal Kickers: Bingham 2, Black 1, Watson 1, Stellarto 1 Best Players: Chayce Black, Fraser Robertson, Lochlan Jenkins, Lachlan Boyle, Sean Watson, Jake Razgar, Zac Bingham, Jean-Luc Conte, Clay Emery Coaches' Award: Bingham

The team we faced this week was as good as we have played against this season. We got dealt a football lesson in how to attack the footy along with clean use of the ball. On our home ground the conditions were a tad slippery but still dry enough to play clean footy. We won the first center clearance of the game but that was about it for the day. The boys seemed to be flat as the opposition got off to a flying start and held a considerable lead at half time. The boys got their first spay for the year at half time and were asked to dig deep reflecting on how they could impact the game in second half. Well this seemed to work for first 10 minutes of the 3rd however we could not capitalize on the score board which was disappointing because the boys worked really hard. It was a matter of get something out of the game at 3 quarter time and we asked them to win the last quarter which to their credit we did. We need to turn up to the game with the correct attitude and be prepared for the first bounce. We let ourselves down this week with fumbling caused by lack of protection for the ball carrier (No shepherds) and tackle pressure was not to the level required of 1st division.

Thanks to the Golds Ben and Ben that helped us out with numbers much appreciated boys!!!!!

JB Commercial Under 15 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 11.14.80 defeated AJAX 8.4.52 Goal Kickers: Wensley 4, Jackson 2, Durant 2, Kokkinias, Noble, Raydan Best Players: Noble, Wensley, Fraser, Jackson, Stone, Kreidl Coaches' awards: Lachy Noble and Joel Wensley

Arriving at Lum Reserve and seeing the ground resemble a mud pit meant we were in for a tough game of footy. In the pouring rain, no one expected a 10 goal first quarter but that is exactly what happened with Ajax starting extremely well and our boys lucky to be within 9 points at the first break. The second quarter scoreline suited the conditions more with a lot of points being kicked and Ajax took a 1 goal lead into half time. It's fair to say we got a little arrogant and thought we had the game won before it was even played. Stoney and Hoges saved plenty of goals deep in the back line while Eric and Poodle were loving crashing into packs to win us the ball.

After a pretty even third quarter, we took a 4 point lead at three quarter time. The coaches challenged the boys to stand up and make sure we won the game and they responded. A full team effort saw Ajax held scoreless in the last and WPH run out 28 point winners and kept top spot on the ladder. Special mention to Lachy Noble and Joel Wensley who made the the conditions look easy. Their skills and decision making were first class all day and were deserving of the coaches awards!

Display the Game Under 16 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 15.11.101 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 2.5.17 Goal Kickers: J. O'Neill 3, P. Zogoulas 3, D. Tennent 2, B. Gravell 2, R. O'Hara, H. Dimopoulos, L. Gomatos, A. Palleschi, T. Mannix Best Players: K. Parisi, P. Zogoulas, D. Tennent, J. O'Neill, S. MacIsaac, B. Gravell Coaches' awards: K. Parisi, S. Wieclaw Milestone: Harris 100 games

On the weekend the boys produced a great performance for Harris' 100th game. A faultless game by everyone and arguably our best 4 quarter performance for the season.

We dominated the first quarter but were unable to produce it on the scoreboard but I was extremely happy with the pressure around the midfield and our ability to get our hands first to the ball. Our ruckmen were terrific all day giving our smaller blokes quality delivery to break into the forward line. During the week we went over a few new game plan structures and tactics and to their credit, the boys pulled it off very well.

The second quarter we blew Mordialloc out of the game and the boys continued the pressure that they showed us during the first quarter whilst putting it on the scoreboard. The last half we kept Mordialloc goal less which was extremely pleasing as the boys put their foot on the pedal and ensured we came away with a great win and nice percentage boost. Solid games from Pete Zogoulas and Declan Tennant was good to see while a breakout performance by Kristian Parisi showed us all what he is capable of, as he tore the game to shreds both offensively and defensively, hopefully giving us an indication of what's left to come for the rest of the year.

Looking forward to the week off and expecting us to bounce back bigger and better in a fortnight's time.

RJ Ryan Partners Under 16 Gold

No report.

Pinewood Community Bank Under 17

Waverley Park Hawks 5.1.31 defeated by Dingley 17.17.119 Goal Kickers: Long 2 Morgan 1 Martin 1 . Nathan 1 Best Players: Wales, Illic, Kanavos ,Long ,Martin, Kreidl Coaches Awards: Brendan Wales

We unfortunately once again went into the game undermanned and it showed as the game went on. We played well in patches but were unable to stop the pressure of the ball continually entering the Dingley forward line. Our backline stood up well under immense pressure and Brendan Wales at full back was our best player for the day. Once again our ruck were led well by Phil Ilic And JP was strong around the ball. We continued to battle hard all day and the whole team needs to be congratulated on the way they are fighting games out.

Thanks to Hayden, Jake and Ben who helped us out from the under 15s.

We look forward to a break this week and will continue to work on playing an attacking brand of football in our next game.

Gallery



Patrick Warr receives his 50 game milestone trophy with Anthony Froelich



Blake Argus receives his 50 game milestone trophy with Nick Thompson



Cam Froelich receives his 50 game milestone trophy with Anthony Froelich



Jackson McCluskey receives his 50 game milestone trophy with Nick Thompson



Patrick Schmitt receives his 50 game milestone trophy with Chris Hickey



Round 8 Coaches' Award winners



Dylan Schmitt receives his 50 game milestone trophy last week with Chris Hickey

This should have been in last week's edition of the newsletter, but somehow was replaced by a pic of the Under 9 Girls. Apologies Dylan!

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