

Waverley Park Hawks Weekly Newsletter

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FROM THE (VICE) PRESIDENT...



Well, yet another round has passed us by and we are now firmly into the depths of Winter. It's perhaps a good time to remind all of our players and families that we are somewhat limited for space, at times, at both of our playing and training venues, being Columbia Park and Lum Reserve. The club understands the nature and the attached difficulties that can arise from time to time, particularly at Lum Reserve. The club is currently working with Council in a bid to improve the conditions at both venues. We appreciate your understanding as we roster training times and venues as well as fixtures for games.

Over the next few weeks, a number of activities will be occurring through the various age groups. The mid-season Coaches meeting is being facilitated by Simon Fisher to take place shortly. Team photos are soon to be taken and the Executive and Committee will be conducting some sessions around planning for next year. It may seem a little odd to be doing so before we have even finished this

season, but that's exactly what we need to be doing now. Hence, those sessions being undertaken in the not too distant future. If you or anyone you know is thinking about engaging at a Committee level or an assisting role, please feel free to get them to contact Danni O'Neill, Lindsay Moore or myself at any time.

Last Sunday night saw the combined hosting by the Under 16 and Under 17 teams. They did a great job serving delicious burgers. Thanks to all of those families that assisted. It was also great to see the Under 17 team sponsor, the Pinewood Branch of the Bendigo Bank, represented by Mark Davenport (Branch Manager) and Robert Davies (Bank Board member and Ward Councilor). Please don't hesitate to contact Mark for all of your banking needs. We look forward to continuing, and enhancing, that relationship with ground signage and increased sponsorship next season.

This week we have the Under 10's looking after the 'After Match' and "Chicken Souvlakia" is on the menu. If they are anything like last year when this group catered, they are beautifully marinated in a traditional way, soft warm Pitta's and fresh lettuce and tomato. Absolutely delicious!

Remember, as evidenced last week, you need to be present to win the 'Players Draw'.

Good Luck to all of our teams this weekend and also to all of our Players that are involved in representative matches this weekend. Stay as warm and as injury free as you can kids.

See you all Sunday!

Shane McCluskey

NEWS....

After Match This Sunday – Hosted by Under 10 Brown & Gold



The Under 10s will be hosting this week's After Match and serving chicken souvlaki and sausages in bread.

The bar and canteen will be open from 5.30pm, with reports for all teams beginning at 6.15pm. Also don't forget the weekly prize draw – you have to be there to win it!

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.

The After Match roster for the remainder of the season is in the Dates for Your Diary section of the newsletter.

Team Photos



Team Photos will be taken at training in the first two weeks after school holidays at Columbia Park. Players must wear their full Waverley Park Hawks uniform with brown shorts – with no skins, bike shorts or t-shirts underneath.

Every player will be receiving an envelope from their team manager. Payment is by cash or cheque only and must be included in the envelope and returned to your team manager on or before your scheduled photo time. If you miss getting an envelope, please contact your team manager.

This season the team photos will again be taken by Pro Sport Photography which is operated by one of our parents and Under 13 Brown Team Manager, Melissa Rogers. Prices range from \$18 for a team photo through to \$35 for a collage pack.

Week 1	Week 2	
Tuesday 12 July	Tuesday 19 July	
4.30pm U9 Girls	5:00pm U9 Gold	
5:00pm U9 Brown	5:30pm U10 Gold	
5:30pm U9 White	6:00pm U10 Brown	
6:00pm U14 Brown	6:30pm U14 Gold	
Wednesday 13 July	Wednesday 20 July	
5:00pm U13 Brown	6:00pm U15 Brown	
5:30pm U13 Gold	6:30pm U15 Gold	
6:00pm U16 Brown		
Thursday 14 July	Thursday 21 July	
5:00pm U11 Brown	4:30pm U12 Girls	
5:30pm U11 Gold	5:00pm U15 Girls	
6:00pm U16 Gold	5:30pm U12 Brown	
6:30pm U17		

We Need Your Help to Lobby for Support to Upgrade Columbia Park Pavilion

Over the past 12 months the club has been working hard to secure funding for a new pavilion at Columbia Park. Local MP Daniel Andrews has kicked in with \$300,000, and may be able to provide more through other state government funding sources, and the City of Monash has indicated they will provide \$1.1 million.

Despite these commitments we are still short of the funds necessary for a total re-build to provide a modern facility for all our children.

The federal election is only a couple of weeks away. Julian Hill the ALP candidate has announced that if they win government they will provide additional money.

Unfortunately, we haven't received any commitments from the Liberal Party candidate, Helen Kroger. So we need to take some action.

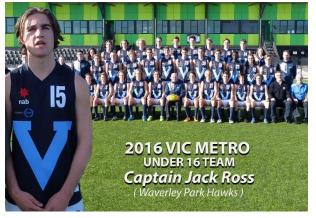
In the next few days, we ask all of you to send an email to Helen Kroger at <u>helen.kroger@vic.liberal.org.au</u> requesting support from a Liberal Federal Government for the re-development of Columbia Park.

Your email needs to only be a few sentences and should highlight the issues that resonate most with your experience at Waverley Park Hawks, here a few suggestions you might like to consider:

- I would like to request that you provide financial support to the Waverley Park Hawks club pavilion re-build.
- the clubrooms were built more than 40 years and are not suitable for our club
- females should be able to access clean and secure toilets
- the pavilion is unsuitable for 20 teams and more than 600 boys and girls accessing the ground each week for junior football matches and Auskick activities
- we want to encourage increased sporting participation for boys and girls, we need to provide them with appropriate facilities.
- the club has outgrown its existing facility
- the club is restricted in its capacity to organise fundraisers in the pavilion because of the poor kitchen, social and bathroom facilities

Please take 5 minutes to send an email; applying a lot of pressure quickly is our best chance to secure additional funding from a possible Liberal Federal Government.

Jack Ross (Under 16 Gold) to Captain Vic Metro



Jack Ross has been selected in and appointed captain of the Vic Metro squad for the forthcoming 2016 NAB AFL Under 16 Championships. He was presented with his Vic Metro jumper and announced as Captain after completion of the final trial games over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Jack has been with the Waverley Park Hawks since 2008 when he started as an Under 9 and currently plays in the Under 16 Div 1 (Gold) team (when school and representative football commitments allow!)

This is the first time that the Waverley Park Hawks has had the captain of an AFL Championships representative team at any age level. Everyone at the club congratulates Jack on his achievement and wish him well in the championships as well as his future football endeavors. We hope he enjoys the experience of leading

the Under 16 Vic Metro team.

The AFL Under 16 Championships commence this Sunday for Vic Metro with a game against Vic Country at Simonds Stadium and conclude with games against South Australia and Western Australia on the Gold Coast in early July (see http://www.afl.com.au/draft/u16s for schedule)

SMJFL Interleague Grand Finals - 6 Hawks Players in Action



The South Metro Stars Under 14 and Under 15 Boys teams have qualified for the AFL Victoria Metro Junior Championships Grand Finals against the Yarra Junction Junior Football League and the Eastern Football League respectively.

The Under 15 grand finals are this Saturday at Walker Park, Nunawading. We have five players representing the club - Josh Webb and Vincent Zagari in Division 2 and Chayce Black, Jack Neil and Fabian Stellato in Dvision 1. The Division 2 game is at 12.00pm, followed by the Division 1 game at 2.15pm.

The Under 14 grand finals are on Saturday 2 July at Trevor Barker Oval, Sandringham. We have Lochie Jenkins presenting the club in the Under 14 Division 1 team. The Division 2 game is at 12.00pm, followed by the Division 1 game at 2.15pm.

Good luck to the South Metro Stars and in particular the six boys representing our club.

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...

Poker Night Fundraiser



This year the club is holding a Poker Night Fundraiser which has been organized by Paul Shaw (Under 11 Gold Team Manager). It is on Friday 15 July at 7pm at Central Reserve (Corner Springvale & Waverley Rds, Glen Waverley). \$50 donation to enter with drinks at bar prices and \$10-\$50 re-buys on the night.

The night will be professionally run by Poker Deluxe, with all poker tables and gear supplied with \$2000 worth of prizes on the night. Whether you play poker or not (free lessons on the night), it will be great fun for all.

These nights only work if everyone gets behind it, with all money raised going to the club. Come with your fellow team members and please invite your friends, workmates or anyone else who may be interested in playing, remember the more players the more money raised for the club.

For more details or to book your tickets, simply contact Paul on 0421 634 850 or <u>paul.shaw@poolwerx.com.au.</u> Tickets can also be purchased online using PayPal or credit card via <u>http://www.jotformpro.com/wphawks/PokerNight</u>.

After Match Schedule 2016

Round	Date	Team Hosting	Menu
10	26/6/2016	Under 10s	Chicken Souvlaki
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	ТВА
Grand Finals	28/8/2016	TBC	ТВА

Other Important Dates

July 12/13/14 and July 19/20/21 - Team Photos

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

September 18 – Presentation Day



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for a fun social night of poker. It's for a great cause so brings your friends along and show your support!



When:

Friday 15th July @ 7pm Free 'learn to play'session on the night

Where: Mazenod Clubrooms - Cnr Springvale & Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley

*50 donation to play Texas Holdem with \$10 - \$50 rebuys on the night!

For more details or to book your tickets, Simply Contact:



Paul Shaw - 0421 634 850 paul.shaw@poolwerx.com.au



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AROUND THE GROUND...

Round 10 Fixture Sunday June 26 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 Murrumbeena		
Under 9 Gold	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	10.00 a.m.	
McCluskey (Blue)			
Under 9 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs Caulfield Bears	8.45 a.m.	
Bonaddio (Orange)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	0.45 a.m.	
Under 9 Girls	BYE		
Vicic Round 9	DIE		
Under 9 White	East Sandringham vs Waverley Park Hawks	9.00 a.m.	
Mastromanno (Green)	Chisholm Reserve Duncan Street Sandringham MEL 76 K8	9.00 a.m.	
Bertocchi	Weyerley Park Hawke ve Decumerie		
Under 10 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris	11.15 a.m.	
Dellapreciate (White)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill		
Under 10 Brown	Caulfield Bears vs Waverley Park Hawks	40.00	
Quinlan (Yellow)	Koornang Park Munro Avenue Carnegie MEL 68	10.00 a.m.	
Under 11 Brown	Cheltenham Panthers vs Waverley Park Hawks		
Hickey (Div 5)	Le Page Park Oval 2 Cnr. Herald & Argus Streets Cheltenham MEL 78 B12	8.45 a.m.	
AAV Tiling			
Under 11 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs Caulfield Bears	8.45 a.m.	
Froelich (Div 3)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill		
Under 12 Girls	East Malvern vs Waverley Park Hawks		
Aitkin	DW Lucas Oval 1 Moira Street East Malvern MEL 59 K11	12.00 noon	
Under 12	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside		
Thompson (Div 3)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	10.15 a.m	
Under 13 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs Ajax	11.45 a.m.	
Jago (Div 4)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill		
Under 13 Brown	East Sandringham vs Waverley Park Hawks		
Fisher (Div 1)	Chisholm Reserve Duncan Street Sandringham MEL 76 K8	2.15 p.m.	
Skye Travel			
Under 14 Brown	East Brighton Vampires vs Waverley Park Hawks	11.30 a.m	
Claxton (Div 4)	Hurlingham Park Oval 1 Nepean Highway East Brighton MEL 67 J10	11.50 a.m	
Under 14 Gold	Beachside Saints vs Waverley Park Hawks		
Thompson (Div 2)	Wattie Watson Oval Elwood Park Ormond Esplanade Elwood MEL 67 C5	11.35 a.m	
Under 15 Girls	St Kilda City vs Waverley Park Hawks	+	
Davey (Div 2)	Wattie Watson Oval Elwood Park Ormond Esplanade Elwood MEL 67 C5	12.00 p.m	
JB Commercial Under 15 Gold	BYE		
Deegan (Div 4)			
Advanced Office Interiors			
Under 15 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Malvern	12 20 5 ~	
Jenkins (Div 1)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	12.30 p.m	
Display the Game			
Under 16 Brown	Murrumbeena vs Waverley Park Hawks	1.00 p.m	
Palleschi (Div 4)	Murrumbeena Park Kangaroo Road Murrumbeena MEL 69 B7	1.00 p.m.	
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RJ Ryan Partners	Mordialloc Braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks	11.00	
Under 16 Gold	Walter Galt Reserve Oval 1 Vicotira Street Mordialloc MEL 87 F8	11.00 a.m	
Gervasoni (Div 1)			
Pinewood Community Bank	Waverley Park Hawks vs Ormond	2.30 p.m.	
Under 17	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill		
Long (Div 3)		1	

Round 9 Results Summary

Under 11 Brown 2.3.15 defeated by St Kilda City JFC 5.9.39

Under 11 Gold 9.7.61 defeated East Malvern 3.4.22

Under 12 Girls 12.3.75 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 1.0.06

Under 12 8.6.54 defeated Murrumbeena 7.8.50

Under 13 Brown 3.4.22 defeated by Prahran 7.4.46

Under 13 Gold 6.5.41 defeated East Malvern 2.1.13

Under 14 Gold 5.14.44 points defeated by St Bedes/Mentone Tigers 9.12.66

Under 14 Brown 3.2.20 defeated by Beaumaris 9.13.67

Under 15 Girls 2.2.14 defeated by Beaumaris 5.4.34

Under 15 Brown 12.11.83 defeated Mordialloc- Braeside 11.8.74

Under 15 Gold 16.12.108 defeated SMD 4.9.33

Under 16 Brown 11.22.88 defeated Caulfield Bears 8.3.51

Under 16 Gold 15.5.95 defeated East Sandringham 8.6.54

Under 17 2.4.16 defeated by Cheltenham Panthers 14.14.98

Round 9 Match Reports

Under 9 Brown

Coaches award: Sam Campbell

A good start to a 10:00am game. That was our only good start to the day, as the boys took a quarter to get their game going. With a slow start, the boys found their rhythm and made St Bedes/Mentone Tigers work harder for their next remaining goals. With their hard tackling and our great marks which proved to work after training last Tuesday. We congratulate Sam Campbell for taking a couple of courageous marks in the 3rd quarter which sparked our team. That great work earned him the coaches' award. We also congratulate our captains Luca Palermo and Joedan Davis for leading the team out to battle. We apologise for not writing the report in our last game. We congratulate Harry Haebich for taking out the coaches award a couple of weeks ago. We also congratulate our captains 5 games. GO WAVERLEY PARK HAWKS!!!!!!!!!!!

BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold

Coaches awards: William Hammond and Ryan Shaw

Round 9 and we are past the halfway mark of the season. The Golds have really developed, both individually and as a team. This week we hosted the Bentleigh Saints and it was a game played with fantastic spirit and sportsmanship. Thanks to Bentleigh for their willingness to ensure a competitive game.

From the outset it was clear that we were up against a group of well developed second year players, despite us having the advantage of extra numbers. But that wasn't going to dampen the spirits of the Golds. CJ was our midfield dynamo and being fleet of foot, he drove us forward on numerous occasions, with one passage of play resulting in Teage reading the play beautifully, dodging a few players, picking up the ball at full pace and slotting our first major for the day. Hudson was also a good ball mover through the middle with his ability to keep his feet in the contest and tackle hard. Angus, aka 'tractor', cut a path through the opposition regularly and seems to love the wet and slow grounds and created a number of forward moves. Nash was again the 'markologist' with some great grabs and long kicks. Zaki was incredibly elusive at both ends and seems to read the bounce of the ball excellently. He had a partner of the same ilk in William who has had an amazing fortnight of great play and was a deserving winner of one of the Awards this week. The other winner this week was Ryan who had probably his best game for the year and is developing as one of our key big men. Jai has fitted in beautifully and has been an added bonus with this smart play and long kicking.

Jonathan showed his versatility by getting possessions all over the ground and the boys are loving his leadership and enthusiasm. Gabriel is getting more involved each week and showing some good skills when he gets the opportunity. Noah T showed great pace to lose his tagger and as each week goes on, he displays how to go and get your own footy, along with Yannick who also is developing well into his footy and took a great mark. Noah B again showed his leadership and seniority in the team by being the link man through the forward line, often coming out on top during 'two on one' situations, great determination Noah B. Thomas took some good marks and passed accurately to team mates who made good position. Jack continues

to be a beacon of how to play junior footy and seems to be 'eating up' the physical element of the game. 'Mr.Trickey' Joshua had the opposition baffled with his ability to turn on a 10 cent piece and deliver the ball perfectly with his trusty left foot. We missed Mitchell this week through illness, but judging by training this week, he is ready to go again.

Go Hawks and Go Gold!

Under 9 White

Coaches awards: Vincent Parveris and Ollie White

Our team focus was on making sure that we got a good start and the boys really put on a show for the Mums and Dads watching in the first half of the game. The midfield got on top early with John Sidoropoulos and Isaac Styliano getting heaps of the ball. Our long kicking and hard tackling sent the ball deep into the forward line where Kaden Mastromanno slotted three goals and Jack Czosneck was very busy.

The big standout was the backline. Luke Corcoran and the backline team stopped goal after goal and were clearly dominant for the game.

After half time, the opposition kicked a couple of quick goals but we quickly returned to our on field dominance.

The big improvement in the team has come from the evenness of the contribution of all players. Everyone in the team has been doing their bit and playing their role in the team. There has been strong tackling, good pressure and intensity and an overall great enthusiasm for footy that is really pleasing.

Great effort Under 9 Whites!!

Under 9 Girls

Coaches' Award: Ebony

This week we came up against St Peters at their home ground. After the week's break, all the girls were very keen to get back out on the park. It was a tough week leading up to the game which saw two of our girls break bones, bringing the team tally to three. Both Eden and Hannah manage to break their arms along with Holly who is still nursing a fracture in her foot. This aside, the remaining five girls turned up ready to play.

Tahlia and Bella started in the middle and gave our forwards plenty of the ball. Both forwards managed to kick majors in the first with Ebony slotting 1 and her bigger sister Stasia kicking 2.

The second and third quarter went goal for goal in one of the best contest I've seen all year from two evenly matched sides. A real credit to our girls who didn't stop trying all day. Ebony, the smallest player on the field was throwing herself into every contest and managed to finish on the bottom of every pack. Shelby was also winning plenty after her extended break in Thailand.

The final quarter again produced some great footy from both teams. Bella played a pivotal role down back, clearing the footy on numerous occasions. Ebony and Tahlia work well together up forward and Stasia and Shelby dominated in the middle.

All in all, a wonderful performance by the girls. The only downside for this team so far, is that all the girls haven't been able to get on the park in the same game.

Keep up the good work Girls Go Hawks!

Under 10 Brown

Coaches Award - Edmund Hambridge

It was a later start than usual on Sunday. The boys ventured down to Murrumbeena Park for a 10:15am game against Murrumbeena. The conditions were very good and Joshua White was our captain for the day. Our regular Assistant Coach Adam White was multitasking and working with the Under 9's so the multitalented Adrian Choi stepped in and took on his role. Edmund Hambridge was making his debut with the Hawks and the rest of the team made him feel welcome.

The focus for the match was to get first to the ball and kick long. The boys got off to a flying start and were very competitive in the first quarter. Joshua White demonstrated excellent leadership skills and bagged the first goal within minutes. There was some fierce tackling around the ground by Gabriel aka The Fist of Fury and Oscar A, Eugene and Jared were strong in defence.

William and Rafael worked hard at getting the centre clearances and the birthday boy Daniel ran fast and applied pressure for the entire match. Thomas G and Thomas D showed their versatility by playing in various positions and Edmund was impressive in his first game and clocked up multiple possessions. Thayden, Neil, Angus and Oscar G helped keep the ball inside the midfield and Isac was effective in the ruck during the third quarter. Biraj had a stint in the forward line and was able to boot a massive goal and during the last quarter, Jazzy James busted through the packs to kick a ripper through the big sticks.

At the end of the match, the boys held their heads high and gave Murrumbeena a strong and physical contest.

The boys are improving each week and are becoming a stronger unit. I'm looking forward to seeing how they will play this weekend.

Go Hawks!

Bertocchi Under 10 Gold

Coaches awards- Ethan Chrisicos, Cooper Negrepontis

This week we were away at Mordialloc with a rare late afternoon game. Good conditions were on hand for what was to be a good battle. Captain for the day was Luke who lead the boys out.

First quarter was a strong contest by both teams, Ethan was in the ruck against a kid who was bigger and heavier and made a huge contest for us in middle, allowing Nikolas, Max and Tom to get the ball out. We had speed coming off the wings with Will and Lachlan B pushing the ball forward. Our backs held firm lead by Franki, Lachlan S, Daniel, Zac, Cooper and Angus only allowing one goal through. While our forwards Luke, Sam, Ed, Tanas and Dane worked hard to allow Lucas to take a huge mark in the goal square and score to make it all even.

Second and third quarters once again was an even contest with Tom and Cooper running tirelessly in the middle, while up forward Lachlan B slotted a nice rolling goal. We showed some fantastic pieces of play with effective combinations of handballs and kicks to only be one goal down coming into the final quarter.

Final quarter saw Mordialloc slowly get on top and kick a couple of goals but to the teams credit we pushed them right to the end and showed some great fight through the whole game. Great effort by all the boys and proud of the way we fought to the end.

Go Hawks!.

Under 11 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 2.3.15 defeated by St Kilda City JFC 5.9.39 Goal Kickers: Savio, Micah Best Players: Herbinator, Liam O'R, Plow, Lenny, Charles, Savio, Micah Coaches Award: The Herbinator, Plow

Great game down at Lum Reserve on Sunday morning. The scoreline probably doesn't look too flattering and some might say that if St Kilda City kicked accurately the game would have been a blow out, but we were pleased with how the boys played, particularly in the first half.

Our tackling was very good for 4 quarters and we were getting to the ball first which was pleasing. Unfortunately our pressure on the ball carrier wasn't great which meant that many of the St Kilda City forward moves resulted in scoring opportunities.

So we have plenty to work on over the coming weeks but we're pleased with the progress of the mighty Waverley Park Hawks under 11 Browns! Could I please ask that everyone gets to training on Thursdays and if you're son is not able to play, please let me know during the week.

AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 9.7.61 defeated East Malvern 3.4.22 Goal Kickers: Jacob S 3, Max A 2, Mitch W, Damon H, Nick D, Peter D Best Players: Shilo H, Cam F, Mitch W, Evan P, Peter D, Alex S Coaches Award: Evan P, Alex S

The Golds were at home at Columbia against a revitalised East Malvern unit. Our opponents got the early jump on us with a goal but we had plenty of the ball for the remainder of the first. The forwards worked hard to lock the ball in where Mitch swooped on a loose ball to convert a major. Cam was busy across half forward and delivering plenty of ball up forward where Peter provided a great centering ball to Jacob for his first for the day. Ryan made a saving mark at full back and some great link up play with Luke to Brady and onto Alex got us into the forward line again. Peter showed great awareness with his tap out of a pack to the advantage of Thomas who drove us forward again. Two goals to one at the end of the first. The second quarter had our defence under enormous pressure as the opposition came out firing. The midfield started to get going with Shilo at the bottom of most packs and Pat providing an option up forward. Josh started to get some opportunities at full forward but we couldn't quite convert. Two goals all at half time and we had a great game on our hands.

The midfield got us going in the third with a great clearance out of the middle from Pete to Cam to Pat who found Nick for the goal. Another forward entry found Damon who roved a nice goal. Nathan earned a free kick in the pocket and unselfishly centred the ball to the top of the square for Plugger to goal. Dan was repelling everything at half back and our three goals to none had us well in control at the break. The fourth quarter continued on the same way as our fresh legs from the bench really kicked in. The boys were asked for some more team orientated play and Harry and Nathan led the way with great shepherds. This allowed the ball to move forward where Max roved and snapped a nice goal. Brady E earned a free kick in the middle and pumped us forward again and found Evan who fought hard to lock the ball in. This allowed Max another snap at goal which he duly converted. The Hawks finished off strongly with another two goals and we ran out convincing winners against a much improved opponent.

Under 12 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 12.3.75 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 1.0.06 Goal Kickers: Amber 5, Kiara 2, Syafiera 1, Megan 1, Nayla 1, Olivia 1, Cadence 1. Best players: Megan, Kiara, Nayla, Ebony.

Well it was back to old fashioned 'covered in mud' footy today. It wasn't an easy match for the girls today because they were clearly playing an inferior side in terms of experience and ability. However we asked them to continue to do the things that have made them a strong team, chase, tackle, run, and look for your team mates, and they did this beautifully.

A highlight for me was how the girls kept their feet in the contest, they were all very conscious that if they fell over they were no longer useful to the team so they all made a super effort to remain upright and use the ball. Megan was again fantastic in the ruck and Nayla, unstoppable in the middle. Amber is getting used to kicking a bag of 5 goals and this is her 2nd week in a row doing so, all in one half.

What really stood out to me is how much all of the girls have improved.

Their determination to improve and play for their teammates is obvious and they are getting their rewards. All of the girls were rotated across all 3 areas of the ground and all did a great job in their positions.

I must mention the courage of Swagta to want to return after being poked in the eye and a special mention must go to Maddy who played nearly 3 quarters in the centre and dominated until receiving an accidental knock to the head late in the 3rd quarter.

Congratulations to the team on another great effort

Under 12

Waverley Park Hawks 8.6.54 defeated Murrumbeena 7.8.50

Goal Kickers: Enrique 2, Harvey, Lachlan Thompson, Tommy Warner, Martin, Jordan, Rhys 1 Best Players: Everyone Coaches Awards: Tommy Taborsky, Josh Lucchese

The under 12s yet again decided that their coach needed to lose a bit more hair last weekend with another heart stopping win over Murrumbeena. In what was a fiercely fought and incredibly well played game by both teams we were able to sneak out with a 4 point win after trailing at 3 quarter time.

Our boys started extremely strongly in the first quarter creating lots of opportunities that Murrumbeena were good enough to defend. James was playing well in the Ruck while Blake Argus and Jordan Librizzi were right on top through the middle and in defence. Murrumbeena managed to get a couple of quick goals and I knew we were in for a very tough battle all day. The boys continued to fight on and Rick converted a set shot at goal and Lachie Thompson crumbed in the goal square, sold some candy (as he may have mentioned 12 or 13 times throughout the afternoon) and snapped over his shoulder to have the scores even at 2.2 apiece.

The second quarter was another close affair with Jordan Librizzi continuing his great day to get on the score board with a goal. Rick was irrepressible in the ruck and around the ground with his repeat efforts a thing to behold. Josh Lucchese went into the middle and showed how courageous he is with his continued ability to get into the bottom of the packs and win the ball. Rhys Dakin kicked our second goal of the quarter from a tight angle and we took a slim 5 point advantage into half time.

Murrumbeena came out with all guns blazing in the third quarter and kicked three quick goals to take control of the game. Midway through the quarter we asked Tommy Warner to move from the forward line into the Ruck to see if he could provide some extra grunt in the middle and he did not let us down. We proceeded to get back on top in the clearances and swung the game somewhat back onto our terms. After a strong mark and goal to Harvey we went into the 3 quarter time break trailing 5.5.35 to 6.8.44.

As is becoming a habit this season, when asked for a special effort these boys delivered in spades. Rick went back into the ruck and continued his great game and Hunter, Tommy T and Traps helped take control in the middle. Goals to Martin, Rick and Tommy Warner helped us to get back in front and lead by 10 points before a Murrumbeena goal after the siren shortened the margin back to 4.

This was a game that had great contributions from every player on our team. Everyone who was out there played some part in helping us to come out on top and I could not have been a prouder coach when the bell rang. Particularly pleasing is the way that the boys continue to fight hard but fair and in general show great respect to the opposition and the umpire. They are really working well together and are improving every week as both a team and as individual players.

Under 13 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 3.4.22 defeated by Prahran 7.4.46 Goals Kickers: Fisher, Montano, Skandalis Best Players: Skandalis, Harris, Wes, Soligo, Tan-Son Coaches awards: Wes Wieclaw Suchomel

The U13 Browns faced their biggest test of the year against Prahran at Lum Reserve this week. On a muddy day Luke and Wes led us out. Unfortunately after a tough interleague last week Luke was out injured early but Wes stood up to lead the team by example.

The boys were second to the ball early and were not following basic instructions and Prahran used the ball better going up by 2 goals at half time. Spiros was fighting hard on the ball and took a strong mark for an early goal and Cooper roved well to score another. But at half time the score was 6 goals to 2. In these conditions it was a long way back. But to the boys' credit they fought out the second half and in what was a tight / tough contest, it was only a goal each after half time.

Our first loss but hopefully a good lesson for the team. A good game from Deakin and Anthony running off half back and some hard in and under work from Jake and Spiros. Ethan found some form in the ruck, while Wes was always in the contest, moving the ball forward and was rewarded with a coach's award for his effort and leadership.

Looking forward to next week! Go Hawks!

Under 13 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 6.5.41 defeated East Malvern 2.1.13 Goal Kickers: Delahunty 2, Addison, Adams, Cotsomitis, Jameson Best Players: Delahunty, Benedict, Athans, King Coaches Awards: Henry King, Daniel Plowman

After enjoying a week off last weekend the boys were hanging out for a game of footy this week.

We were unlucky to draw the game at Lum Reserve this week. On the bog heap 4 or 5 goals was going to win this game and we kicked 3 in the first half and were 7 points up. Great defence was making it hard to score for East Malvern.

Kobi, Gibbo, Nathan and Christian Athans were holding the back line together while Jason and Henry were pushing hard into the forward line. Zac & Matty seem to be playing like it was a dry footy with good skills.

20 points up at 3 quarter time I could sense they weren't going to give up and under great leadership from Daniel and Henry we ran out 28 point winners.

In a week where we had to get down and dirty to get the job done all 18 boys gave something for the team so when everyone is having a crack and trying their best this team just keeps on producing good footy.

Well done fellas!

Under 14 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 3.2.20 defeated by Beaumaris 9.13.67

Goal Kickers: J.Peake, J.Collins, R.Veldman Best Players: D.McCusker, R.Veldman, T.O'Neill, G.Vasser, J.Collins, J.Starvaggi, O.Mahon, J.Peake Coaches Award: T.O'Neill, O.Mahon

Perfect day for a game of footy.

We started with our usual pre-game preparations, warm up with some tackling work included, and talked about what we needed to do during the game. Whilst the majority of the game the boys were on the back foot from a scoreboard perspective, they kept working hard and fought out a tough game. It was also an entertaining game to watch.

We didn't trouble the scoreboard in the first quarter, but we came out firing in the second and kicked 2 quick goals, and we were on! We lost our way a little during that quarter which I put down to getting a penalty against us which I think threw the boys out a little. Sometimes we need to move on and not let it trouble us. We came in at halftime, and I believed we could still come back.

It was a slog of a 3rd quarter and we almost held the opposition goal-less, but they snuck one through late. We missed our chances as well, and only scored the one behind. But still the game wasn't lost, there was still time.....

We fought it out, and whilst we didn't come away with the win, the boys efforts couldn't be questioned. It was a real good team effort, with some great individual efforts as well. Like I say each week – there's always next week boys. We are on the improve and need to keep working at it.

Under 14 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 5.14.44 points defeated by St Bedes/Mentone Tigers 9.12.66 Goal Kickers: Argus 2, Thompson 1, Kirov 1 Best: King, Argus, Harris, Thompson, Dean, Perez

On the road again to Mentone against a team who had only lost 1 game against the top team. While the opposition was a lot bigger and stronger our lads never threw in the towel, and at times it looked like we were the higher team on the ladder.

The Golds started the game well but we struggled at the back end of the first and start of the second quarter and this period came back to hurt us later in the match. Having 18 players for most of the game, the effort was outstanding to finish as strong as we did, and who knows with a bit more accuracy in front of goal, we may have pinched the win.

We do however have to clean up our skill set, especially taking those uncontested marks, hitting our targets by foot and tackling with more intent. We have trained accordingly this week so see what happens Sunday.

Lachlan King was an outstanding this game playing 4 quality quarters while other players Cheney, Thompson, Long and company had their best games. Cheney even playing out the game with a broken finger.

It'll be interesting to see this week if the boys can start next week's game the way they finished this match...

And if we do, we'll win...that's the plan ...

Under 15 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 2.2.14 defeated by Beaumaris 5.4.34

Goal Kickers: J. Nguyen, L. Parisi

Under 15 Girls fronted up to an early game versus Beaumaris this Sunday, the numbers were good with 16 players and we were very happy to welcome Leah and Dion as new players to our team. The team had already faced up against Beaumaris this season and we were defeated very convincingly.

Leading into the game we continued a real focus on being very competitive in every contest, moving the ball with speed and ensuring we used our team mates to advantage, we also encouraged the girls to back themselves and show confidence in their ability. The commitment from every player was fantastic on the day and we really took the game up to Beaumaris eventually just falling short.

The team should be very encouraged by their efforts on the day and it was very pleasing to see every player contribute to the competitiveness of the team.

Keep up the focus girls and I am sure the next win will come very soon.

Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 12.11.83 defeated Mordialloc- Braeside 11.8.74

Goal Kickers: Sean Watson 2, Zach Fisher 2, Kya Gubatanga2, Chayce Black 1, Lochlan Jenkins 1, Vincent Zagari 1, Jake Razgar 1, M Tighello 1 Best Players: Chayce Black, Lachlan Boyle, Sean Watson, Vincent Zagari ,Zach Fisher, M Tighello, Lochlan Jenkins, Baily Thomson, Kya Gubatanga, Josh Webb

Mordi- Brea fully deserve to be playing first division footy. Although not registering any points have pushed sides and were obviously fired up to play hard tough footy.

In a game where both teams attacked the ball and every goal was hard earnt, the lead changed on no less than 6 occasions. It was clear who ever won was going to sing the song loud and proud. We started quarters slowly with the opposition kicking the first 2 goals after each break, however to our boys credit we managed to get on top late in the quarters. After working on ball slick ball movement at training the pre-game focus was 20 handball receives per quarter. We finished the game with 125 handball receives which is an amazing stat in junior footy. In the coaches opinion it was this as well as the boys desire to never give up that was the difference in the end.

Chayce Black was brilliant, his attack on the footy and scintillating ball use kept us in the game early. Tiggs didn't lose a ruck tap all day and was well supported by his fellow mid's Kya, Jenko, Fabian and Vincent who's marking around the ground was fantastic to watch. Webby used the ball with precision and Fish was in everything. The backs held firm Emo, Clay and Robbo but when desperation was required Boyle and Watto stood up, Watto also chimed in with 2 crucial goals in the last. Forwards continually hit up and Baily was superb meeting the footy at its highest point Chris, Mitch, Christian and Zak tried hard all day but when Jake took a brilliant overhead pack mark in the square late in the last the game was dusted.

GREAT TEAM EFFORT BOYS!!!!!!

JB Commercial Under 15 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 16.12.108 def South Melbourne 4.9.33

Goals: Wensley (3), Jackson (3), McDowell (2), Yakub (2), Kreidl, Raydan, Durant, Segal, Pond, Loughman **Best Players**: McDowell, Kreidl, Segal, Jackson, Yakub, Wensley, Caia **Coaches Awards**: Campbell McDowell, Ben Segal, Daniel Kreidl

Back at Lum Reserve once again, the coaches urged the boys at training to arrive with the intent be first in for the footy, and when we weren't, to tackle ferociously all day! Our aim was to put as much physical pressure on the South Melbourne as possible and make them second guess themselves when going to get the ball, and it worked wonders in the first half! We kicked 10 goals to 2 with Eric on fire early kicking a few goals, and goal sneak Campbell coming to life in the second kicking two goals!

We changed things up in the second half giving players a go in different positions and even managed to snag Ben Segal his first goal ever! Jamie, Daniel and Joel were great all game and really helped set up an important win! A fantastic effort with only 18 players during the game and we can now look forward to playing our biggest competition in Beaumaris in Round 11 after our bye!

Display the Game Under 16 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 11.22.88 def Caulfield Bears 8.3.51

Goal Kickers: H. Dimopoulos 4, W. Hayes 2, A. Palleschi 2, R. O"Hara, A. De Marco-Toro, A. Cappello Best Players: W. Hayes, D.Tennent, S. MacIsaac, A. Cappello, T. Mannix, A. De Marco-Toro Coaches Awards: D.Tennent, S. MacIsaac

One look at the score line and it almost sums it all up. Better accuracy in front of goal and we win by 15 goals.

However, to my delight, this was our best performance of the season by a mile (Goalkicking aside). The boys were able to really take their footy to a new level in terms of introducing all the things we have been practicing at training. The way we were moving the ball around, looking to open up the game and create opportunities from defence was far better than anything I have seen at this level.

The game itself had its ups and downs throughout but for the majority we were the better side and should have buried Caulfield a lot earlier. Our halfback line was terrific for the whole day, whilst our midfielders were producing terrific delivery and opportunities for our forwards.

It was a special day for one boy with Shaun "Macca" MacIsaac playing his 100th game. It just so happened that he was absolutely dominant throughout providing our midfielders with first possession and taking some contested marks around the ground.

The display we provided on Sunday has me looking forward to next week as we head to one of our rivals in Murrumbeena who have been in strong form. Hopefully with plenty of goalkicking practice during the week we can make the most of our opportunities and give them a run for their money!

RJ Ryan Partners Under 16 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 15.5.95 defeated East Sandringham 8.6.54 Goalkickers: Marrette 7 Gaspar 3 Pascuzzi 3 Gountras 1 Connolly 1 Best Players: Mariette Tellis Gaspar Pascuzzi Ter McGivern

We had a 2:30 encounter at home against our arch enemy East Sandy. We sat second on the ladder and they were third. Both sides had players missing to Vic Metro and we had 3 other players on school camp. Bottom line we encouraged one of our star players from last year -Happy Gilmour to fill in and we also managed to get Nick Cvetkovic to come and join us once again. So we had 20 players and they had 24.

What followed was amazing. Our boys kicked 11 goals to 3 at half time playing the best footy that this team has ever played! Marcus Mariette led and marked pin point passes that continually came to him and kicked 5 straight at the big break. Bull Tellis repelled every attack with dashing runs and precision left foot kicking. Jake Gaspar was dynamic with superb kicking on either foot and at ground level Nick P was in everything.

After half time East Sandy to their credit were able to match us but never looked like bridging the gap. Lachie McDonnell and Bobby McGivern joined the party after half time along with the dangerous Starsy Gountras and the game was over.

Everyone in the team did their bit and Shane and Steve finally know that their game plan when applied by EVERYONE can really work.

Even better news Happy had such a good time, we hope he'll play for the rest of the season.

Pinewood Community Bank Under 17

Waverley Park Hawks Hawks 2.4.16 defeated by Cheltenham 14.14.98

Goalkickers: James Deegan 1 Bradley Kriedl 1 **Best**: Nathan Decleaver, Chris Frencken, Jack Gallagher, Sean Nathan, Tom Webb and Matt Jago **Coaches awards**: Sean Nathan and Jack Gallagher

The boys headed into the game with only 16 players so it was always going to be a tough ask. To the boys credit they competed at every contest and didn't turn it up at any stage. We had a focus on honouring our teammates leads and not just kicking the ball long to Cheltenham's spare player and to their credit that's exactly what we did which ended in some really strong chains of play

Well done everyone and thanks to James Deegan for helping out.

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