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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Yep. I'm back from sunny hot days in the USA. Big thanks to Shane McCluskey, Danni O'Neill, Paul Shaw, and Lindsay Moore who like always, did a great job in my absence. If you are looking at booking a holiday, close or far, be sure to contact our sponsor Skye from Skye Travel. Skye will look after all our travel needs.

Glorious football conditions saw our U9 teams play their Lightning Carnival for season 2016. Thanks to coaches Alex Vicic (U9 Girls) Rob Bonnadio (U9 Brown), Mick Mastromanno (U9 White) and Shane McCluskey (U9 Gold) and all their support staff for their time and continued efforts given this year and the enjoyment they have brought to all our young U9 players and their families. Evidence of this was at Sunday's after match. Seeing the U9's on stage full of smiles and excitement was testimony to their year and the experience they experienced. I know they will miss footy over the summer season, but it will be back in 2017 before you know it.

Pavillion Update:

Exciting times are here, planning and discussions are taking place with council. We are at planning stage with a current budget of \$1.4m (\$1.1m Council & \$300k State). Current design is on display around our club rooms. Thank you to all that attended our member meeting and those who emailed questions. Will keep you all updated as things progress.

Milestone:

Milestones are always special, and certainly not a given. For the first time WPH experienced 50 Player "all girl games" milestones. Sunday's after match gave me the pleasure of congratulating U12 Girls – Charlotte Lorenz-Daniel and U15 Girls – Tahlia Rundel and Charlize Rundel. Considering SMJFL and Junior Football clubs are relatively new to the girls' footy, great to see the girls who basically were around when girls' footy started. Well done girls, an exceptional effort, congratulations.

Raffle prize winners:

Congratulations to Irvine Family who won 1st prize meat tray, Stasia from U9 Girls who won our special U9 Raffle and Joshua White who won this week's player raffle.

Thank-you to U14 Parent group who organised the after match; Chicken Skewers and Fried Rice. A great success, It certainly proves that we are a multi-cultural club, introducing different food from all around the world and members enjoying the variety week after week.

17 Sept – Winery Tour – This is a first time event at WPH. Get behind it, promises to be a great day. Any questions please contact Fiona Froelich or Michelle McCluskey.

Committee 2017 – Club has been blessed with committee members over the past years, always positive and doing what we all do for the kids. If you would like to become a committee member and be part of an exciting Junior Football Club, please let myself or any member of the committee know. No matter how much or little time you have, there is always help needed.

Good luck to our U10's who embark on their lighting carnival this weekend.

Go Hawks!

Tony Ferracane President

NEWS...

After Match This Sunday



The Under 14s are hosting After Match this week with soft tacos on the menu.

Coach of the Year Awards

At the end of each season the Oakleigh region, of which we are apart, hold their annual end of year function and announce Coach of the Year for Junior (U8 –U12) and Youth (u13 – U19) categories with broad guidelines listed below:

Junior (U8-U12): Primary School-aged children, 8-12 years. Introduce beginner footballers, develop team concepts, emphasise skill development through training and games.

Youth (U13-U19): Secondary School-aged children, 13-19 years. Develop player potential, enhance team skills and foster competitive spirit and desirable attitudes through training and match play.

The purpose of the awards

- 1. To recognise the significant contribution of coaches to the conduct and development of Australian Football in Victoria and in particular in the Oakleigh Region
- 2. To recognise the achievements of coaches who give quality service to the game in that they:
 - 2.1 Display strength of character in the role of coaching
 - 2.2 Foster enthusiasm for, interest in, and an excellent attitude to participation in football
 - 2.3 Give quality value to the goals and purposes of Club and League football.

As a club in this region, the Waverley Park Hawks, will nominate a coach in each category.

If you have had a great coach this season and would like us to nominate them, please send feedback to our Coaching Coordinator Simon Fisher via email : football@wphawks.org.au

When nominating your coach please take the following into consideration. Has your nominated coach:

- 1) Undertaken a significant coaching program or initiative at your club
- 2) Gone above and beyond with regard to their role as coach
- 3) Reflected the broad guidelines for the awards outlined above

Do You Want To Coach In 2017?



The club has commenced the process of appointing the coaching panel for 2017.

If you are interested in coaching one of the club's teams next season please complete the <u>2017 Coaching Application</u> Form.

The club's Coaching Co-ordinator, Simon Fisher (0409 219 981) would be more than happy to discuss your coaching aspirations if you require any additional information.

Initial Coaching applications close on Wednesday 7th September 2016.

It is club policy that all coaching positions at all age groups are reviewed annually. As such, all coaching positions will be reviewed and applicants interviewed at the end of this season and the successful candidates for 2017 will be appointed as soon as possible

Ladies End of Season Yarra Valley Winery Tour – Saturday September 17

This year there will be a Ladies End of Season Yarra Valley Winery Tour which is being organized by Fiona Froelich and Michelle McCluskey.

Saturday 17 September 2016 9:30AM – 5:00PM Pick up/drop off at Columbia Park Cost \$95 per head (includes bus/host, 2 course lunch & 3 wine tastings) Book online via https://form.jotform.com/wphawks/ladieswinerytour

Any queries contact Fiona 0409 944 466 or af_frols@optusnet.com.au

SMJFL Drug Education Seminar Presented by Victoria Police

SMJFL has combined forces with Bayside Senior Sergeant Shane Cashman to offer its members, friends and parents a valuable Drug Education Seminar.

The seminar is recommended for all players aged 15 and older and will feature guest speaker Gavin Crosisca (Collingwood FC, AFL Premiership player). The seminar is not just for players, with parents, coaches, team / club officials all encouraged and invited to attend as well.

The seminar is on Tuesday 16th August from 7pm at the Kingston Town Hall, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin

Please register your interest in attending via online form, https://form.jotform.com/SMJFL/drug-education-seminar

Social Media

Don't forget to follow to follow/like us on our social media accounts







and to download the mobile app (available for both iPhone and Android)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

After Match Schedule 2016

Round	Date	Team Hosting	Menu
15 & Under 10s Lightning carnival	7/8/2016	Under 14s	Soft tacos
Semi Finals	14/8/2016	TBC	TBAS
Preliminary/Grand Finals	21/8/2016	TBC	ТВА
Grand Finals	28/8/2016	TBC	ТВА

Other Important Dates

August 14 – Waverley Park Hawks hosting finals

September 8 – Under 17 Presentation Dinner

September 17 – Ladies Yarra Valley Wine Tour

September 18 – Presentation Day



Saturday, 17 September. 2016 9:30am - 5:00pm Pick Up/Drop Off - Columbia Park

Cost: \$95 per head (includes bus/host. 2 course lunch and 3 wine tastings)

RSUP/Online payment due by 2 SEP 2016 Any queries contact Jiona 0409 944 466 or Michelle 0414 300 800

Friends/Jamily welcome but numbers are limited so get in quick!







DRUG EDUCATION SEMINAR

Victoria Police, in partnership with the South Metro Junior Football League and Sober Living Housing presents a Drug Education Seminar focussing on ICE and Alcohol addiction.

> When: Tuesday 16th August, 2016 – from 7pm Where: Kingston Town Hall 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

Please join us to hear experts educating our youth and families on the effects of drug use in the community. This is a fantastic opportunity to assist our future leaders and guide them on a path to a healthy lifestyle. This seminar is recommended for young people aged 15-18 years and parents/guardians.

Speakers include Senior Sergeant Shane Cashman (Bayside Police Station), Belinda Walsh, Gavin Crosisca and other experts.

Belinda Walsh has served as the Director of Help International for 6 years, and has been working in the drug and alcohol field for the past 30 years. Belinda holds extensive experience in the public and private sectors, working in Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. Belinda does not believe that people have to "hit rock bottom" before they get help and is passionate about dispelling that myth through her work in drug and alcohol intervention. Having trained in three different models in the USA Belinda is a USA Board Certified Clinical Interventionist. Wanting to leave a legacy Belinda continues to educate families and the Community to intervene as early as possible no matter the crisis.

Gavin Crosisca, former AFL player, co-founder and Director of Sober Living Housing has a Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Other Drugs in addition to being a USA Board Certified Intervention Professional and, a registered trainer.

For more information about the seminar, please contact: Shane Cashman 8530 5100 email: shane.cashman@police.vic.gov.au

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY

https://form.jotform.com/SMJFL/drug-education-seminar







AROUND THE GROUND...

Round 15 Fixture Sunday August 7 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
Bertocchi Under 10 Gold	Lightning Carnival	
Dellapreciate (White)		
Under 10 Brown	Lightning Carnival	
Quinlan (Yellow)		
Under 11 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs Cheltenha, Panthers	8.30 a.m.
Hickey (Div 5)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	
AAV Tiling	A LAX Compte ve Meyerley Park Houke	
Under 11 Gold	AJAX Comets vs Waverley Park Hawks Princes Park Oval 4 Dover Street Caulfield South MEL 68 B6	9.00 a.m.
Froelich (Div 3)	Princes Park Oval 4 Dover Street Caulifield South MEL 68 B6	
Under 12 Girls	Waverley Park Hawks vs Cheltenham Panthers	10.00 a.m.
Aitkin	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	
Under 12	East Sandringham vs Waverley Park Hawks	
Thompson (Div 3)	Chisholm Reserve Duncan Street Sandringham MEL 76 K8	10.30 a.m.
Under 13 Gold	McKinnon Caulfield Bears vs Waverley Park Hawks	1.45 p.m.
Jago (Div 4)	Koornang Park Munro Avenue Carnegie MEL 68	
Under 13 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris	10.00 a.m.
Fisher (Div 1)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	
Skye Travel		
Under 14 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside	11.30 a.m.
Claxton (Div 4)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	
Under 14 Gold	Bentleigh vs Waverley Park Hawks	
Thompson (Div 2)	Bentleigh Reserve Arthur Street Bentleigh MEL 77 F1	9.00 a.m.
Under 15 Girls	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Kilda City	
Davey (Div 2)	Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	12.15 p.m.
JB Commercial		
Under 15 Gold	BYE	
Deegan (Div 4)	BIL	
Advanced Office Interiors		
Under 15 Brown	Highett Cheltenham vs Waverley Park Hawks	9.00 a.m.
Jenkins (Div 1)	Le Page Park Oval 1 Cnr. Herald & Argus Streets Cheltenham MEL 78 B12	5.00 a.m.
Display the Game		
Under 16 Brown	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside	1.20 p.m.
Palleschi (Div 4)	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	1.20 p.m.
RJ Ryan Partners		
Under 16 Gold	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside	210 pm
	Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	3.10 p.m.
Gervasoni (Div 1)		
Pinewood Community Bank	Ormond vs Waverley Park Hawks	4.00
Under 17	E.E. Gunn Reserve Oval 1 Malane Street Ormond MEL 68 E7	1.00 p.m.
Long (Div 3)		

Round 14 Results Summary

Under 11 Brown 3.1.19 defeated by St Kilda City JFC 8.8.56 Under 11 Gold 7.8.50 defeated Oakleigh 3.5.23 Under 12 Girls 28.14.182 defeated Brighton Vampires 0.0.0 Under 12 7.2.44 defeated South Melbourne 5.2.32 Under 13 Brown 8.4.52 def East Malvern 4.3.27 Under 13 Gold 4.5.29 defeated East Brighton 1.4.10 Under 14 Gold 11.3.69 defeated by South Melbourne 17.11.113 Under 14 Brown 5.9.39 defeated Ajax Jets 1.9.15 Under 15 Girls 1.5.11defeated by Beaumaris 4.5.29 Under 15 Brown 8.12.60 defeated by East Brighton 15.6.96 Under 15 Gold 15.16.106 def South Melbourne 5.3.33 Under 16 BYE Under 16 Gold 16.12.108 defeated Ormond 1.5.11

Under 17 Waverley Park Hawks 12.7.78 Defeated Cheltenham 7.10.52

Round 14 Match Reports

Under 9 Brown

Lightning Carnival

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Lightning Carnival

Well, talk about saving the best until last! On a beautiful sunny day, that's exactly what the Golds did this week. We journeyed down to King George Reserve to take on the 3 teams in our pool this year for the 2016 Lightning Carnival. We played Hampton, Highett and the last game being against Ashwood.

From the outset our boys seemed to be "on". Which is always a good way to start these big days. The boys really gave those of us viewing, something to behold and a display testament to the individual and collective development these boys have undergone during this season.

Teague started us off in fine style and showed the pace of a Gazelle and the determination of a Bull and had a blinder to finish the year. Ryan has had his best month in football thus far and has shown an amazing transformation and his smile is proof. Ryan provided us with some dash through the middle again this week. Nash continues to not only be the character of the group, but a smiling assassin when it comes to a crunching tackle and marked well yet again. Josh showed exactly why a second year at Under 9 level is a benefit and displayed great leadership in adversity and dazzled them with his trusty left boot. Mitch plays beyond his number of games and dodged more tackles than he has had hot lunches and took many telling grabs at both ends. Big Jack continues on his merry development way and when we needed him most, again he delivered and provided us with big booming kicks into the forward line to set us up. Noah T took a shine to running down opposition players from the first minute of the first game and then started running into space and passing 'lace out' to his Hawk team mates. The other Noah, of the 'B' variety, was determined to leave his mark, and despite some doubt on the boundary line, took it upon himself to take the bulk of the ruck work and never lost a tap out in a performance some AFL players would have been happy with. Yannick made his return from a short layoff and went well fresh. He provided us with some sensational marking contests and had a hunger for the contest and seemed to thrive on making it hard for the opposition to get past him. Hudson was a man possessed this

week and carried out instructions perfectly with the "see ball, get ball" mentality. Hudson at one stage had three kicks before anyone else touched the ball.

Angus, aka 'tractor', worked his way through packs at will and left the opposition teams in no doubt he wasn't to be trifled with. Jonathan carried his excitement at being named in the midfield into the game and was everywhere the ball was. Jonathan took a good grab and also rucked with authority in a great display. Zaki had his nimble boots on and evaded every tackle that came his way, got balanced up into space and booted the ball deep into attack lots of times. Harley was the master of second and third efforts with admirable grit and determination. He followed up his own ball at one stage and very nearly marked his own kick he was that fast! CJ had his best day for the year and seemed to bob up all over the ground either kicking the ball forward or stopping his opponent in his tracks and was very fleet of foot. William, while built more like a rover than a ruck man, marked all over the place in a 'Buddy like' display that had the crowd enthralled and was pin point accurate when passing to our Hawk boys. After barely leaving his sick bed, Thomas was the beneficiary of one of those passes and took yet another great mark and in the nick of time, goaled from a difficult angle to seal the deal for the Hawks in our first win for the season. Fittingly, a fantastic celebration and rousing rendition of the Club Theme Song followed in what was a fantastic way to finish a great year and fitting reward for a group of boys who have weathered considerable adversity, during what is for many of them, their first season.

Unfortunately, illness got the better of two of our boys in Gabriel and Jai this week, who couldn't take their place in the team on the day. Both boys were sadly missed, but judging by the ever present smile on Jai's face at training and game day, coupled with Gabriel's hugging of opposition players at game's end and his obvious enthusiasm during the week, I think it is safe to say that we will see those boys back to enjoy another year of footy next season.

Go Hawks and Go Gold!

Under 9 White

Lightning Carnival

The Under 9 White's had a great day out at the Lightning Carnival. The weather was perfect and the day was extremely well organised. The small ground really suited our tackling and pressure game and the dry football allowed our skills to be on display.

Our games were against Cheltenham, St Kilda and Bentleigh and I am pleased to report that our boys would have been comfortable winners in all three games had scoring been taking place.

Our boys were jumping with enthusiasm from the start and hit the ground running. Many of our boys had their best games of footy for the year. It all clicked for Jett Durbridge, Cam Chapple, Charlie Lord, Hayden Cashman, Zach White and Vinnie Parveris who all clicked into top gear early. For all of these boys, their improvement from the start of the year until the end of the year is enormous and it made all of the difference to the team's performance.

Logan Coutts, Jack Csozneck, John Sidoropoulos, Luke Corcoran and Isaac Styliano all played to their usual high standards and were the bedrock of the team. Kaden Mastromanno, Pranav Misra and Levi Tonkin did some great work in tight contests and had some really useful possessions and tackles that either saved certain goals or setup goals for their team mates.

Ollie White, Harry Cochrane and Sam King applied some awesome tackling pressure and without these kids doing the hard things, our team would be nowhere near as good as we can be.

It was great to see all of the things we have practised and focussed on all year all come together in one afternoon.

It was an all out team pressure performance where every player contributed and contributed all day.

As this is our last match report for the year, it is important to acknowledge all of the hard work put in by the parents week in week out. Special thanks to Petra Tonkin (Team Manager), Glenn Csozneck (Assistant Coach/Umpire/Runner), Bec Coutts (Trainer), Matt Styliano (Water Carrier/Runner), Jayde Kewming (Runner), Ryan Chapple (Umpire), Troy Cashman (Goal Umpire) and Andrew Tonkin for filling in wherever needed. Thank you also to all of the parents who have filled in for jobs such as Canteen, Time Keeper, Umpire Escort and all of the other jobs that have need filling every week.

The kids are very lucky to have such involved and engaged parents to support them every week in the cold and miserable weather!

Under 9 Girls

Lightning Carnival

This week the under 9 girls participated in the Lightning premiership which was played at Toorak park. With the help of three new members to the team (Sari, Tahlia and Leah) taking the numbers to 10, we were able to take the field as one without the opposition team offering players to even up the numbers.

The first game saw us take on St Peters who were probably the best team all year. Playing on a slightly bigger ground than normal, the girls took the fight right up to the opposition in what was a franatic first half of footy. new players Sari, Tahlia and Leah all looked like seasoned veterans and had a big impact on the game. Stasia played I'm the middle as did Bella, both having big quarters and finding plenty of the ball.

The second half saw Holly move into the middle. After more than six weeks out with injury, she managed to resume where she left off and fight hard for the footy. Ebony and Tahlia T also worked extremely hard in what was a fierce contest through the middle of the ground with neither team entering their forward halves on many occasions.

Considering our girls played their first game of football together as a team, it was a tremendous effort and all the girls should be really proud! The second game had us play Ormond. We have played a number of really close games against Ormond this year and this one was no different. Shellby, along with Sari and Leah went into the middle and manage to win most of the 50/50 contests. On the odd occasion when the ball managed to travel into our defensive 50, Bella and both Tahlia's managed to clear the zone and push the ball back to the middle. Up forward we had Stasia along with Hannah who did a great job under enormous pressure.

The second half was much the same and a real arm wrestle. Enormous effort all across the field when after playing two games, one after the other the girls would have been forgiven for being tired. On this Sunny Sunday afternoon it was the Hawks girls who shone the brightest. A great effort, not only on this day but throughout the entire season. Your commitment to footy and love of playing the game makes coaching a breeze and a pleasure. Hopefully all of the girls will return in season 2017 in the under 10s including the new girls who only got a small taste of what it was all about! Well done girls.

Go Hawks.

Under 10 Brown

Coaches Awards – Benjamin Wickham, Jared Lim, James Montano, Daniel Kaveh

The Under 10 Browns played St. Kilda City in their last home and away match for the season at Lum Reserve. The ground was very muddy and some adjustments needed to be made to prevent the players from having a mud wrestling match. Our captain for the day was Isac Quinlan and he motivated the team at every opportunity. Nikolas Christodoulou and Lucas Dellarciprete from the Under 10 Golds kindly donated their skills and helped fill the team to a full side.

It was a slow start for the Hawks but at quarter time they reassessed their strategies and came out firing in the second quarter keeping the opposition goalless.

Gabriel had a sensational game and booted his first career goal from the flank, which prompted a new nickname Superboot! William Rice also showed his skills and kicked two cracking goals. Handy work in the midfield helped create these scoring opportunities. Max Addison joined the Hawks once again and was a huge asset all over the ground. Thomas G and Edmund laid some tough tackles in the backline and so did Oscar G. Nikolas, Biraj, James, Isac, Angus and Joshua got in amongst the packs and helped push the ball forward at every given chance. In the second half, the Hawks fought hard and Eugene, Jared, Daniel and Neil utilised their quick handball skills and kicked long. Benjamin, Thomas D, Oscar A were strong in defense and showed determination.

At the end of the game, the Under 10 Brown Waverley Park Hawks held their heads high and shook hands with St.Kilda City. It was a competitive match and the boys demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. They have learnt an enormous amount this season and are now ready to shine in what will be their last ever Lightning Carnival. 1-2-3-Go Hawks!!!

Bertocchi Under 10 Gold

Coaches' Award: Luke Hall

Our final home game for the season at Lum this week and we were up against a strong Mordialloc team. Captain for the day was Lucas who lead the boys out. Our boys started really well and had great intensity at the football. We controlled most of the play in the first quarter but our inaccuracy in front of goals kept the contest even. It was another solid performance from the U10 golds with great tackling, chasing and being really competitive all game. Luke scored a long range goal to earn himself the coaches award. The boys fought the game right to the end playing some good football but just couldn't get the goal they needed to get over the line.

Looking forward to the final challenge for the year at the lighting carnival this weekend.

Thanks to the under 10 Browns for helping out and Nick for being the runner.

Go Hawks!

Under 11 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 3.1.19 defeated by St Kilda City JFC 8.8.56 Goal Kickers: Liam M 2, Lenny 1 Best Players: Great team effort! Coaches Award: Every single player deserved a medal!

We went into this game knowing that St Kilda City had kicked 17 goals last week and they're sitting nicely on top of our division ladder. So it was super important that our boys played to the best of their ability. Asking young fellas to bring their 'A' game to a match in St Kilda at 8.30 on a Sunday morning is usually a tough ask, but the boys came to play!

The first quarter was a ripper with the Hawks putting loads of pressure on the Saints. This forced many turnovers and from that we were able to move the ball forward. We were able to convert 2 goals in the first quarter which was a great effort against the division leaders.

The Hawks had a bit of a brain fade in the second quarter though. We allowed them to kick 5 goals to nothing which really put us behind the 8 ball for the rest of the game. It could have turned into a landslide but the Hawks fought back hard after half time. We regained our ability to get to the contest first, pick up the ball, and give it to a team mate in a better position. And when we didn't have possession we were tackling hard and putting a stack of pressure on the Saints. If you took the second quarter brain fade out of the picture, it was essentially 3 goals apiece for the game, and against the top side for the season this was a great effort from all the boys. Well done! We take on the Cheltenham Panthers in our last game for the season at Columbia Park this Sunday. Go Hawks!

AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 7.8.50 defeated Oakleigh 3.5.23

Goal Kickers: Nick D, Harry S, Spencer S, Mitch W, Damon H, Cam F, Evan P Best Players: Harper V, Harry S, Mitch W, Dan K, Evan P, Luke C, Ryan S Coaches Award: Spencer S, Pat W

We had the early start at home against Oakleigh. Max started us off well in the middle with a fine tackle and long ball into the forward line where Nick roved a nice goal. Peter then combined well with Thomas and Harper who both took nice marks to get us another forward entry. Alex and Josh were working hard in the midfield and Josh made a nice tackle and moved the ball onto Brady E. This resulted in a ball up in the forward 50 and Harry rucked well and took the ball out of the air and snapped truly. Luke was attacking well in the backline and repelled several forward entries by our opponents. A great start with 2.3 to 1.1 at the break. The boys continued on in the second quarter and dominated in the midfield with Harper having a stellar game in the ruck. He found his way forward and with a nice shepherd from Cam was able to centre the ball where Spencer ran on and kicked a nice goal. Mitch was in the play at CHF and snapped a nice goal. Shilo was working his way into the game and took a nice defensive mark while Sam and Jacob were working hard in the midfield. We added two goals for the quarter while keeping Oakleigh scoreless.

The third quarter evened out as our opponents threw everything at us. Dan was at his defensive best and laid several strong tackles. Brody found some space at half forward and attacked with a great run and bounce and long ball into the forward line where Damon roved a nice goal. Mitch made a nice clearance from the centre and found Luke who found Cam on the run and slotted a nice goal from about 40 out on the bounce. Two goals to one had us well on top. Ollie started us off well in the last with a nice clearance and Evan created something out of nothing at half forward. His eyes only approach at the footy kept working it forward where he was able to gain possession and snap truly for a goal. But our opponents never gave up and had the majority of play in the last quarter. Our backline was under pressure and Xander made several fine tackles while Ryan took some nice defensive marks. We were outscored and outplayed in the last quarter and we have several areas to work on if we want to compete with the top teams in the comp.

Under 12 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 28.14.182 defeated Brighton Vampires 0.0.0 Goal Kickers: Maddy 12, Kiara 4, Swagta 2, Nunu 2, Amber 2, Olivia 2, Charlotte 2, Nicole 1, Ellie, 1 Best players: Charlotte, Nicole, Ebony, Maddy Coaches' award: Charlotte Milestone: Charlotte 50 games

Today we were very lucky to witness Charlotte's 50th game; what an effort, and what a player. This is Charlotte's 4th year of footy and she has developed into a determined, focused and very skilful player. Charlotte played a fantastic game in the middle and even went forward to kick 2 goals. There were many others highlights today as the girls got back to having fun with their footy. Maddy kicked an incredible 12 goals. Nicole, Nunu and Swagta took their game to the next level and also bagged goals each. Olivia took some great marks and Ebony's reaction when she marked and passed to a teammate who then goaled was priceless.

The girls have had a very tough couple of weeks and it was great just to see them really loving playing again.

What an incredible display of teamwork and accurate kicking.

Thanks for the entertainment girls, you all rock!

Under 12

Waverley Park Hawks 7.2.44 defeated South Melbourne 5.2.32 Goal Kickers: Tommy W 4, Tommy T, Zac and James 1 Best players: Too many to mention Coaches' awards: Martin Jones and Rick Soria

After suffering our first loss in a couple of months last week against Bentleigh, the under 12s were very keen to bounce back this weekend when we hosted South Melbourne at Columbia Park. We had played the third and first teams over the last two weeks and any thought that the boys might have gotten complacent against a lower ranked opponent where guickly dispelled as the boys recorded a good win.

We learned on arrival that South would play with 15 for the day, so all rotations went out the door and Dan and I spent the rest of the day frantically trying to figure out who had already been off and who was due to come off for the next quarter.

The boys were dominant in the first quarter with Rick leading the way in the ruck and Tommy Taborsky doing as he pleased at full forward. With an early mark and goal Tommy's pre-game goal kicking nerves were quickly put to bed as he sent one over the goal umpires hat from long range. Further goals to James and Zac from the goal square and we were well in control. If anything the 3 goals to zero scoreline flattered South Melbourne as our boys were right on top all over the ground.

The second quarter was a more even affair with South Melbourne coming out firing. To our boys credit they did not let up and continued to show the fight that we have become accustomed to. 2 Goals to Tommy Warner saw the scoring level for that quarter and we went into the half time break with a 5.2-32 to 2.0-12 lead.

A further two goals to the irrepressible Tommy Warner in the third quarter saw us stretch our lead to 26 points and be well in control of the game.

As I walked away from the huddle at 3 quarter time I looked around me and saw a handful of our best players walking to the bench with me. It was at this time that I suddenly realised that all the rotations that we had done on the fly throughout the game had been fairly short sighted and that the boys on the field were in for a hell of a fight in the last quarter. That is exactly what South Melbourne delivered as they clawed their way back into the game and had the run of the play throughout. However, as if I should have ever doubted my boys, despite facing a strong fight back from a team with their tails in the air, the boys matched the intensity every step of the way and fought with all they had to limit the damage. Special mentions go to Rick who fought manfully in the ruck and Kobi Watts who worked his backside off in defence to repel many attacks. Despite the scare we were able to hang on and finish with a 2 goal win.

Under 13 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 8.4.52 def East Malvern 4.3.27 Goal Kickers: Pearce 2, Palleschi 2, Buzza, Soligo, Montano, Plaza

Best Players: Soligo, Plaza, Cassar, Pearce, Gubatanga Coaches' Awards: Noah Gubatanga, Ethan Plaza, Will Pearce

After a week off the U13 Browns travelled to East Malvern, chasing one more win to assure them of a finals spot.

Harrison and Flynn led the boys to a tough contest out on a big ground with plenty of running required all day. We welcomed Hunter and Tommy from the U12s due to a State Volleyball tournament which saw a couple of players out for the day. A good solid start saw us kick a few goals in the first term with a great running goal from Ethan to set us on our way.

The second saw us dominate the middle, with great ruckwork from Luke and the onballers feeding off his taps and getting a run into the forward line. When goals are needed you can always reply on Buzz and Will to snap truly and that's what they did in the second. A 4 goal lead at half time and the boys were playing well.

The 3rd and 4th were good hard running even contests. Harrison was holding down the backline and Flynn was providing options and run on the wing with Jake & Cayden running the ball out of the backline. East Malvern pushed hard in the last but a great team effort secured another good win.

Great work from Noah in the backline, tight and desperate for the ball and a goal saving tackle saw him win the coaches award. Will Pearce was finding space and the goals in a fantastic game and Ethan Plaza was using his run and strength to dominate the middle. Both boys deserved a coaches award also this week.

Thanks to Josh for making the effort to get to the game from Volleyball, great to see Luke back after injury and thanks again to the U12s for helping out.

One round to go and then a chance at finals. Well Done. Go hawks!

Under 13 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 4.5.29 defeated East Brighton 1.4.10

Goal Kickers: Raymond 2, Nathan Jago 1, Rhys Dakin **Best Players**: Delahunty, Athans, Gibbon, Addison **Coaches' Award:** Jason Yakub

With 2 weeks maybe left in our season the boys needed to win both games to make finals, well this week we ticked off box 1 with a win against East Brighton.

It was only 2 weeks ago we played East Brighton and went down by 3 points so we were all determined for a win today. In a real tight 1st half we were 8 points up at ½ time, getting plenty of run out of everybody and hard work seemed to be the difference in the two sides. All the boys pushed hard to get to the contest and help their mates out.

Brodie and Simon worked the rucks well, Zac getting back to help out the back men and Jordan Gibbon holding tight in defence.

We welcomed in Nathan Jago and Rhys Dakin who both helped us out with a goal each so thanks fellas. Holding the opposition scoreless in the 2nd half and kicking 1 goal 1 we ended up winning by 19 points.

This was really one of our best team efforts all year. Keep up the good work boys and let's see how we go next week!!

Under 14 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 5.9.39 defeated Ajax Jets 1.9.15

Goal Kickers: M.Mortaruolo 3, T.Morgan, D.McCusker Best Players: D.McCusker, O.Mahon, J.Collins, M.Cappuccino, J.Mucha, G.Vasser, J.Starvaggi, T.O'Neill, B.Marsicano Coaches' Awards: M.Mortaruolo, B.Marsicano

Round 13 saw us travel to play Ajax. The ground doesn't have fond memories as it was one we last played at in the previous season and lost by a solitary point.

But that was not our focus.

We went back to footy basics. Discussed the basics of the game and kept our plan simple – pressure footy, first hands, and move the ball forward at all costs and lots of communication.

Our first qtr was very tight without a single goal kicked in the 1st qtr. We peppered the goals, but didn't get a major with the scores at the end of the 1st 0.1.1 to our 0.5.5

It was a tight and scrappy contest with lots of pressure and contested footy. You could see that Ajax had come to play.

Second qtr was very tight again with Ajax only able to get the 1 behind whilst we scored 2 majors to but a (slight) buffer on by half time.

We spoke in the rooms about stepping up the pressure and getting more run and carry into the game – trying to break it open. It was ours to lose as we'd easily defeated Ajax in our prior meeting earlier in the year.

However the boys just needed to focus, and be harder at the contest.

The theme continued with tight contested footy and the boys continued to work hard at ensuring Ajax didn't get many chances. Another low scoring affair saw Ajax kick their first major and we kicked 1.2

Ajax were forcing us to bomb it in to our fed line which made our forwards work harder to clear the ball for a shot.

We came out in the last and Ajax threw everything at us. We were under siege for a good chunk of the last quarter and lost Ronin and Ferra to injury. With our back line pressure we ensured they didn't kick a major but they did kick 7 behinds to our 2.2. But some of those Ajax behinds were our boys rushing it through to re-gain possession.

The result could have been different if Ajax had of scored a few more majors during the game.

But our boys stayed resilient and kept the pressure on with some great individual efforts.

We now face our last home and away season next week.

Well done boys

Under 14 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 11.3.69 defeated by South Melbourne 17.11.113

Goal Kickers: McDonnell 4, Argus 2, Kirov 2, Lyons, Thompson, Sullivan **Best players**: McDonnell, Bailey, Cimino, Dean, Argus, Savage, Kirov, Perez **Milestones**: Austin Dean and Jordan McDonnell 100 games

Our last game at home against the top team and again with only 17 available players...sounds like Groundhog Day. It's been a frustrating year regarding numbers and it's an area that the club needs to address for next season.

The lads worked their butts off without no rest and at times looked the better team, but fatigue combined with costly turnovers made the task even harder. Sth Melbourne are a very good football team for Div 2 and their first touch, ball pick up and spread is an area we can learn from.

Our ball use can be a mystery at times. At times it'll be reckless and loose and next it's accurate and precise.

McDonnell played a stellar of a game kicking 4 goals and with help from Perez, Argus and Cimimo, we stayed in the game. All the boys can be content with their efforts.

Congratulations to Austin Dean and Jordan McDonnell on playing 100 games with the Waverly Hawks.

Next week is our last game against Bentleigh.

Let's finish the year on a high with a win...

Under 15 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 1.5.11defeated by Beaumaris 4.5.29 Goal Kickers: Laura Coaches' awards: Leah and Chloe

The Under 15 Girls were this week greeted with a positively balmy, sunny day at the picturesque Lum Reserve. An ideal day to celebrate the fantastic milestone achievement for both the Rundle girls, in Charlize and Tahlia, of their 50th Games. In anyones language, to reach 50 games at junior level is a great credit to both girls. Unfortunately, we couldn't manage a win for the girls but they both played good games to mark the day.

The Girls started well under the initial expert eye of Michael Parisi and held the opposition out for as long as possible. Dion started like a house on fire through the midfield and has developed a hard and competitive edge to her game and gained a number of possessions. Caitlyn carried out the instructions to a tee in "see ball, get ball" and showed the girls how to gain the ball quickly and get it on your boot. Billie had a great game and took a magnificent 'specky' and provided us with some great aerial contests and was hard at the contest all day. Stacia took on a number of roles for the day and was not only tight in defence, but created a lot of our forward thrusts to keep us in the game. Leah also managed to take a 'Hanger' in the middle of the ground and kicked long to another waiting Hawk team mate. Leah has really developed well, picked up the game quickly and made herself an absolute monty for one of the Coaches Awards for the day. Maddie was again staunch in defence with strong overhead marks and is building nicely to a break out game comes finals time. Beth made the transition form defence into attack with significant vigour. Beth used her pace to not only run down opponents with some great tackles, but also to run into some open space for the 'switch' and successfully drove us into attack.

Laura was our power forward for the day and displayed her customary sure hands in that role, also having a few pings at goal in the process and even managing to jag our only goal for the day. Jess N had the ball on a string and her ability to win 'one on one' contests continues to amaze. Jess N was a little unlucky not to grab a goal or two. Mackenzie joined the hard working back line and repelled many a challenge from a skilful opposition. Mackenzie showed great determination, as usual, and her skill level is always high. Jess B made a cameo appearance due to other commitments but despite her limited game time, Jess B marked and kicked well and made her presence felt. The first of our 'Milestone Girls' in Tahlia, was swung from an action starved forward post to the last line of defence where again, Tahlia showed great versatility in being able to out point numerous opponents and use her booming kick to advantage. The other 'Milestone Girl' in Charlie covered more ground than the early settlers and ran down numerous opponents in some great tackles. Charlie is rapidly becoming the live wire on baller and will be even better when the good grounds are about.

Despite battling illness, Annie defied the odds and played a pivotal role in locking the ball in our forward line, enabling numerous attempts at goal for team mates and with a little more open space, Annie would have kicked a goal or two herself. Steph was hard as a rock in tight and used the physical

side of her game to advantage, resulting in us winning the ball when it mattered most. Steph is also getting her hands on the ball with some good marking too. Chloe clearly had her best game for the year and seems to be peaking at the right time of the year. Chloe is realising her important leadership role as well as her valued presence around the ground and was the second of our Award winners for the day. Charlotte was incredible. Charlotte was pushed pillar to post in terms of positions to play and spots on the ground to cover and made a number of important sacrifices, indicative if her team first approach. Charlotte has great skill and compliments her resilience beautifully.

With one home and away game to go before finals, we hope to get all girls on the park during this week at both training and Sunday. The girls continue to impress and I am sure we will give a few teams some nervous moments for the rest of the year.

Go Hawks and Go Girls!

Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 8.12.60 defeated by East Brighton 15.6.96

Goal Kickers: Zac fisher 2, Vincent Zagari 2, Sean Watson 2, Fabian Stellato 1, Josh Webb 1.

Best Players: Kya Gubatanga, Fabian Stellato, Jack Neil, Vincent Zagari, Sean Watson, Josh Webb, Zac Fisher, Chayce Black Coaches' Award: Josh Webb

After a good start from the Hawks and in particular Watto with 2 opportunistic goals largely created by forward pressure from Webby and the rest of the forwards, however East Brighton managed to wrestle the lead at quarter time by only a few points.

The second quarter was a ding dong battle and for the most part I thought we played well with forwards locking the ball in our forward half, Fabian controlling the back line and Kya setting up in good position to repel forward advances from the opposition. However there were some positions on the ground where Brighton were clearly on top and this was costing us on the scoreboard. 10 points in arears at the main change.

The premiership quarter was bit disappointing for the coaching staff as our structures seamed to break down and Brighton opened up our backline with hard ball gets and run and carry 20 points at 3 quarter time.

Well we put it on the boys and asked for all-out attack in the last which almost payed dividends as we had the first 6 scoring shots but could only manage 2 goals 4 to get us within 4 points of the lead. Missed opportunities can cost games and this was the case as Brighton took advantage and kicked away with the win.

This team has talent but do lack a dose of footy smarts and as mentioned to the players after the game we have a tendency to fade out in portions of the game and need to stay in the game longer hopefully this will come with time playing our great game.

Frustrating result but was some really good passages of play just not enough of them.

JB Commercial Under 15 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 15.16.106 def South Melbourne 5.3.33 Goal Kickers: Wensley 4, Jackson 4, Beck 2, Noble, Pond, Durant, Leitner, McDowell Best Players: Raydan, Wensley, Noble, Liu, Kokkinias Coaches' award: Greg Liu

The Golds took on South Melbourne at Columbia on a great afternoon for footy! Playing a possible finals opponent, we were keen to come out firing and crutch their spirits early in the game but it didn't exactly work out that way. South Melbourne were harder and tougher at the footy for the first half and deserved to be in front but somehow we took an 11 point lead into the main break. Zane was the shining light in the first half making things look easy with his super speed running off half back and involving himself in everything.

After a bit of a rev up at half time and singling a few players out who needed to lift, we came out a completely different team in the second half piling 10 goals on to South Melbournes 1 and running out 73 point winners. A convincing win in the end and now holds us in good stead heading into the bye next week. With the ladder set heading into the last round, the boys will be raring to go the week after to play in the Semi Final against main rival Beaumaris for a spot in the Grand Final! Looking forward to an exciting few weeks for the Golds and hopefully a very successful finals campaign!!

Display the Game Under 16 Brown

Bye - no report.

RJ Ryan Partners Under 16 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 16.12.108 defeated Ormond 1.5.11 Goal Kickers: M. Mariette 7, J.Gasper 5, K.Viccars 2, A.Beer 1, Atu 1 Best Players: L.McDonnell, J.Gasper, M.Mariette, N.Pascuzzi, A.Tellis, Coaches Awards: Team effort

What a difference a week makes. Perfect footy conditions greeted us on Sunday for our away game against arch rivals East Sandringham at Boss James Reserve. We went into the game knowing that a win would secure us top spot while at the same time knocking East Sandringham out of the finals race.

As a result of East Sandy playing for their season, we expected a tight, physical contest however while the physicality was on show, our boys managed to play one of the best games of the season, dominating the scoreboard from the opening bounce. Lead by our midfield, we had a high percentage of the play in our forward line in the first quarter to lead by 5 goals at quarter time. While the second quarter was a more dower struggle, we still managed to out score our opponents to lead by 27 points at half time.

There was more of the same after half time. Mona and Troy were giving us first use of the ball out of the ruck and with Lachie M, Bobby, Kyle, Francis

and Pooch on top in the clearance work and Sully and Beery pinpointing passes to our key forwards in Marcus (7) and Jake (5), we put the game out of reach in the third quarter to lead by 65 points at 3 quarter time. The message was the same for the last quarter – run the ball where possible but ensure our defence and pressure remain a priority. Special mention must be given to our "back 8", Cal, Gregor, Happy, Matt, Coops, Atu, Aussie and Strongy, who kept last year's runners-up to 1 goal for the game as we ran out 97 point winners,

Next week is the last game of the season before finals. We have done a lot of hard work so far and have set ourselves up for a tilt at the big one. As the draw would have it, we play Mordy Brae in the last game of the home and away season and again the following we in the first week of finals. Let's finish the season off in the right fashion and go into the finals on a good night.

Pinewood Community Bank Under 17

Waverley Park Hawks 12.7.78 Defeated Cheltenham 7.10.52 Goalkickers: Webb 3, Tighello 2, Tilyard 2, D Kredil 2, Payne, B Kredil, Long Best players: Payne, Decleva, Illic, ,Kreidl,Frenken, Webb,Nathan Coaches' Award: Chris Frenken Milestones: Jack Gallagher 50 games and Brendan Wales 100 games

We celebrated two milestones with Jack Gallagher playing his 50th and Brendan Wales his 100 game.

We had played Cheltenham twice earlier in the year with one win and one loss so we were confident if we played our best football we would be in with a great chance of winning.

While they got the first goal we continued to attack the football hard and had a nice lead at both quarter and half time even though they kicked three goals late into the half.

We took great advantage of the ruck dominance we received from Phil Ilic and James Tighello and the team continued to capitalised on getting first use of the ball.

A lapse before half time saw them get back into the contest and while we had a twenty point lead at 3 quarter time, two early goals in the last quarter saw us come away with a strong win.

This really was reward for the hard work the boys have put in over the year and was a great way to celebrate the two milestones.

Thanks to Jack and Daniel who helped us out from the under 15 s and both boys showed plenty of courage in the way they attacked the ball.

We look forward to finishing the season off with another strong performance this week.

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