

# Waverley Park Hawks Weekly Newsletter



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#### FROM THE (VICE) PRESIDENT...



Hi everyone.

Well Paul is away so this week the president's message is coming from me!

I hope everyone enjoyed their football in Round 9. Congratulations to our milestone recipients and to all of our coaches' award winners, and the OCG teamwork winners.

The Dinner Dance was held last Friday night at the Mulgrave Country Club. We are so pleased to let you know that we raised approximately \$12,000 for the club. Thank you so much to everyone that attended

and supported this important annual fundraiser. I hope all of the auction, raffle and prize draw winners enjoy their prizes! I want to personally thank Michelle McCluskey, Belinda Hayes and Kat Heath for their tireless efforts in organising this night with me. It is a big task requiring hours of work and they are a joy to work with! Thanks ladies!

The Dinner Dance is also an opportunity that the club takes to give its annual awards.

**Paul Rice - Barry Whately Perpetual Trophy.** This is awarded to the player, member or team whose contribution for the year has been most significant to the club. Congratulations Paul and thank you so much for all of your hard work.

**Tony Ferracane - Paul Deegan Award.** This is an "Outstanding Service Award" and is given to a player or official that has provided outstanding service to our club over a number of years. Tony has been at the club for several years and has performed many roles, most notably as president in 2015 & 2016, and has been a driving force behind the new clubrooms that we will soon be seeing come to fruition. Congratulations Tony!

We also had two life membership awarded at the Dinner Dance.

Lynda & David Ross were awarded life membership as recognition of many, many years of hard work and dedication to our club. I can't begin to list the countless things they have done and continue to do even though their son no longer plays with WPH. A very well deserved and well-earned life membership! Congratulations Lynda and David, and thank you so much for your service to our club!

I was very proud to also have been awarded life membership on Friday night. Due to my surprise and unpreparedness, I neglected on the night to thank the club for providing me with such an honour. I also should have thanked my family and all of my fellow committee members, and supporters of the club for giving me such purpose over the years to really help make this club great.

I also want to take this opportunity to say that it is so important that we, as a community, continue to provide a safe, inclusive and fun environment for our kids to play junior footy, and that this cannot happen without the support of all of the parents. It is a huge task to get 20 teams on the field each week, and we are fortunate to have dedicated committee members, coaches, team managers and support staff, as well as people who do unrecognised jobs week in and week out to give our kids the opportunity to play the game they love. However, there are too many tasks for too few people. I encourage everyone to please consider helping out in any way they can to share the load. There are so many tasks that you may not realise are required, and many of them will not take up too much of your time. There are exciting times to come at WPH so please think about what you can do to help, it is so rewarding to make however small a difference — I promise!!

Thanks to our Under 10 teams for the fantastic After Match catering last Sunday! What a feast with Risotto and Spaghetti Bolognese – I can personally say it was delicious! It's great to see so many different things on offer each week and everyone

putting so much effort into their After Match duties.

This Sunday the under 17's are ready for After Match, please try to get there and support the night. On the menu will be pulled pork rolls – yum!!

We had a winner in the players draw last week – congratulations Josh White!! The draw will be happening again this week but remember you have to be there on the night when your name is called to win!

Monday night was the first session of MATCHday consulting and Nick Thompson gives a summary later in the newsletter. All reports are that this is fantastic opportunity for anyone who is currently coaching, thinking about it in the future, or just wanting to gain some insight from an expert in his field.

To finish – good luck to all our teams for Round 10. I hope you all enjoy your footy and have a great day!

Go Hawks!!

Danni O'Neill







#### **NEWS...**

#### After Match This Sunday—Pulled Pork Rolls—Hosted by Under 17 team

This week's After Match is hosted by our Under 17 team with pulled pork rolls on the menu

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

After Match is always a fun night and 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 children can have a kick of the footy with their mates under the lights whilst parents can enjoy socialising.

Please note: the club will turn off the ground lights during the presentations and all players must return to the club rooms. No players are to remain on the ground whilst the lights are off.

#### Coach Education and Development – MATCHday Consulting

What a privilege it was for those that attended Monday night's seminar with Rick Irwin of MATCHday Consulting. The club have engaged Rick and his team to roll out their coaching and club development program next year and on Monday we got a little insight into what we should expect.

The focus for the night was to give us a taste of what the full program will entail and to hear Rick's overall philosophy on coaching and influencing young lives. Those that were there will be happy to tell you about how much they got out of the

night and are no doubt excited to experience the full program next year.

Rick brings with him a wealth of experience in coaching and teaching as well as a very generous enthusiasm to share his knowledge and insight.

We have a follow up session on the 24th of July at Columbia Park kicking off at 7pm. This session will be hands on and on the training track where we will learn how to teach the basic skills of the game (don't worry we've been assured that we won't need to be all that athletic to participate).

Everyone that has an interest in coaching, teaching or just being a positive influence in a young person's life (yes that's right, I've pretty much covered everyone there), should make sure they get down to the session. You can bet on having a few light bulb moments that will improve the way you approach your coaching in the future.

Our children are very fortunate to be involved at our great club at a time when the executive have decided to invest considerable resources into the continued development of our coaches and administrators. Let's make sure we take advantage of it and make it even better!

**Nick Thompson** 





#### Reminder: Under 16 Player Survey

As you are aware, the SMJFL is in the process of considering the viability of replacing the current Under 17 competition with an Under 18 competition in 2018.

A reminder, that as part of this process they would like to get feedback from current Under 16 boys. The survey can be reached via the following link: <a href="http://smjfl.com.au/u16-player-survey/">http://smjfl.com.au/u16-player-survey/</a>

Any player completing this survey by COB Friday 30 June will go into the draw to win a signed Melbourne or St Kilda jumper (winners choice!).

#### Social Media and Team App









#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

#### Coach Education and Development – Session 2 July 24th

This is the second Coach Education session presented by MATCHday consulting aimed at mentoring and developing our coaches across all age groups. The night will consist of 2 × 1hr hands on practical sessions, "How to teach basic skills" and "How to teach effective kicking"

When: Monday 24th July at 7:00PM

Where: Columbia Park

The sessions will be run by Rick Irwin and his team of qualified and experienced coaching trainers who have been involved in numerous AFL run programs and have vast experience in training and developing coaches/players at all levels. Many other junior clubs in both the SMJFL and other leagues have used his services with great reports regarding development and building great club culture.

Saturday July 1	AFL Victoria Metro Junior Championships (Interleague) Grand Finals				
Sunday July 2	Round 10 After Match hosted by Under 17s				
Sunday July 9	NO MATCHES – School Holidays				
Sunday July 16	Round 11				
Sunday July 23	Round 12				
Monday July 24	Coach Education - How to teach basic skills and How to teach effective kicking				
Friday 28 July	Poker Night Fundraiser				
Sunday 30 July	Round 13				
Sunday 6 August	Under 8 & 9 Lightning Carnivals Under 10-17 Round 14				
Sunday 13 August	Under 10 Lightning Carnivals Under 11-17 Round 15				
Sunday 20 August	Under 11-17 Semi Finals				
Sunday 27 August	Under 11-13 Grand Finals Under 14-17 Preliminary Finals				
Sunday 3 September	Under 14-17 Grand Finals				
Wednesday 13 September	Under 17 Presentation Dinner				
Sunday September 17	Annual Presentation Day				

### **AROUND THE GROUND...**

#### Round 10 Fixture Sunday July 2 – 2017

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	
Fercon Property Group Under 8 (Warr, Red)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	8:30am	
Mount Waverley Dental Under 9 Gold (Hammond, Green)	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks Banksia Reserve, Oak St, Beaumaris	9:55am	
Under 9 Brown (Maestromano, Red)	Cheltenham vs Waverley Park Hawks Le Page Park Oval 2 – Crn Herald & Argus St, Cheltenham	8:45am	
AAV Tiling Under 10 Girls (Vicic, Grey)	Brighton Beach vs Waverley Park Hawks  Brighton Beach Oval, South Rd Brighton	12.00pm	
Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under10 Brown (Bonaddio, Yellow)	Mordialloc Braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks Walter Galt Reserve – Oval 2, Victoria St, Mordialloc	10.50am	
Upkeep Plumbing Under 10 Gold (Irvine, Purple)	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Bedes Mentone Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	10:00am	
Mount Waverley Dental Under 11 Brown (Quinlan, Div 6)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Murrumbeena Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	11.15am	
Skye Travel Under 11 Gold (Dell'arciprete, Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Oakleigh Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	12:45pm	
Under 12 Gold (Storan, Div 3)	Caulfield Bears vs Waverley Park Hawks Koornang Park, Munroe Avenue, Carnegie	10:30am	
Under 12 Brown (Blacker, Div 6)	East Brighton vs Waverley Park Hawks Moorabbin West, Widdop Cresent Moorabbin, Hampton East	11:20am	
Under 12 Girls (Harrison, Div 1)	Cheltenham vs Waverley Park Hawks Le Page Park Oval 2 – Crn Herald & Argus St, Cheltenham	11:15am	
Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 13 (Thompson, Div 2)	East Sandringham vs Waverley Park Hawks Chisolm Reserve, Duncan St, Sandringham	11.45am	
Under 14 Girls (McLean, Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Malvern Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	9:40am	
Under 14 Brown (Palleschi, Div 1)	East Brighton vs Waverley Park Hawks Hurlingham Park – Oval , Nepean Highway, East Brighton	11.45am	
Under 14 Gold (Addison, Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	11:05am	
Chesterfield Farm Under 15 (Mahon, Div 4)	Cheltenham vs Waverley Park Hawks Le Page Park Oval 1 – Crn Herald & Argus St, Cheltenham	10:30am	
Under 16 Girls (Spicer, Div 2)	Oakleigh vs Waverley Park Hawks W.A. Scammell Reserve, Guest Rd, Oakleigh South	12.30pm	
Under 16 Brown (Bingham, Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.	1:00pm	
Under 16 Gold (Fraser, Div 3)	Oakleigh vs Waverley Park Hawks W.A. Scammell Reserve, Guest Rd, Oakleigh South	10:30am	
Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 17 (Morgan, Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Sandy Rovers Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	3:00pm	

#### **Round 9 Results Summary**

Under 11 Brown 2.3.15 defeated by Caulfield Bears 6.9.45

Under 11 Gold 4.2.26 defeated by Beaumaris 8.11.59

Under 12 Girls 1.0.6 defeated by East Brighton Vampires 18.9.117

Under 12 Brown 11.9.75 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 4.1.25

Under 12 Gold 9.8.62 defeated St Kilda 4.6.30

Under 13 4.3-27 defeated by St Bedes/Mentone 7.8-50

Under 14 Girls 1.6.12 defeated by Port Melbourne Colts 4.10.34

Under 14 Brown 11.10.76 defeated Prahran 2.5.17

Under 14 Gold 4.1.25 defeated by Oakleigh 21.24.150

Under 15 9.13.67 defeated AJAX Jets 3.9.35

Under 16 Girls 9.6.60 defeated Bentleigh Demons 4.2.26

Under 16 Brown 8.5.53 defeated by Northvale 9.11.65

Under 16 Gold 16.11.107 defeated South Melbourne 6.7.43

Under 17 12.10.82 defeated Caulfield 6.9.45

#### **Round 9 Match Reports**

#### **Fercon Property Group Under 8**

Coach: Chris Warr

Coaches' award: Andrew, Zach

Teamwork award: Charlie

The under 8s played away at a windy Cheltenham. We started off kicking into the wind and the opposition had us on the back foot from the start. Kael and Zach were working hard with fierce tackling and pressure. Cooper made a great spoil and tackle to stop an opposition goal. Andrew was working really hard on manning up and tackling in the backline.

In the second quarter, we had the wind but were struggling to stop the bigger opponents. Charlie made a fantastic desperate tackle and earned a free kick. Darcy tackled hard and gave out a great handball to get the ball going our way.

In the third quarter Zach continued with great desperation and was under every pack. Sathil was working hard to get the ball forward. Brodie had a great quarter and sold plenty of candy through the middle.

In the last we needed a big lift and Jayden came to the party with his bid for goal of the year. He stormed through the forward line like Dustin Martin leaving about 10 players in his wake as he kicked an absolute ripper. We finished the game off really strongly and the boys really earned their lolly snakes after a tough physical game.

Go Hawks

**Under 9 Brown** 

Coach: Mick Mastromanno

Coaches' award: Logan Coutts

OCG Awards: Levi Tonkin and Damien Edwards

Our families were able to sleep in a little on Sunday morning with an 11 a.m. start and the extra sleep certainly helped our kids. There was a feeling of determination to play good footy from the very start and our kids made sure that they got off

to a flying start.

We again had a kid kick his first goal in football being Isaac Bunney. Well done and congratulations Isaac. Logan Coutts was determined from the start and showed lots of effort culminating in his Coaches Award. Jett Durbridge played his last game of the season and made sure he left nothing out there with probably his best game of football that I have seen. Harry Cochrane also goaled for the first time. Cam Chapple was a multiple goal kicker and Levi Tonkin was in danger of contracting leather poisoning with the amount of times that he got the ball. Hayden Cashman was again strong and along with Kaden Mastromanno, held up the backline. Cooper Pearson was strong in the forward line along with Zach White. Charlie Lord was a midfield general and stopped lots of forward thrusts by the opposition.

Our focus of manning across the ground paid dividends and the constant pressure and tackling by Isaac, Sam, Ollie, Damian and Ezekiel made it really hard for the opposition. Continuous improvement from Elias, Tim Kindler and Tim Bigger are helping to make our team well rounded and strong across the ground.

While the match wasn't scored, our team would have been well in front had scores been kept. Well Done Under 9 Brown.

#### **Mount Waverley Dental Under 9 Gold**

Coach: Ryan Hammond

Coaches' awards: Lucas Buckley

**OCG Award:** Christopher Negrepontis (CJ)

Back at Lum with an early start we came up against Mordie-Brae on a cold Sunday morning.

Again this week the boys were switched on right from the start, which is something we spoke about at training and so it's good to see they have all been listening. The boys got off to a great start with the wind behind them, it was good to have Lewis back this week and his work in the middle was telling with us getting it out of the centre on a number of occasions. Sam continued is good form from last week and also managed a couple of touches in the midfield and Ben was his usual self with some good ball pick up and nice long kick to our advantage. The boys in the forward line worked hard and it took a little while for them to adjust to the carry of the ball, but when they did, Oliver, one of our captains for the day popped up with a couple of "captains" goals and Ashton, our other captain was unlucky not to get his own "captains" goal on the board also after some hard work in the square. Kel-El earned himself a free kick with some with a great tackle but unfortunately just missed, but the boys were playing well.

The second quarter saw the back line under pressure as the opposition had the wind, but they stood up really well. I was most impressed with the boys all leading out to the side we spoke about every time we had a kick in. This part of their play is starting to become consistent and as a result we are getting it out of our backline more regularly. Lucas was back after a few weeks away, and showed why we have missed him, he used his height and strong kicking to get us out of defence on a

number of occasions and certainly earned his coaches award. Kaden was great for us in the backline with his long kick outs and Charlies tackles and attack on the ball was fantastic. Back in the midfield, Ethan was under the pack and last up with

ball, exactly what we needed to lock it in our half.

and at the end of the quarter. It was a really close contest and a good game.

In the third quarter we kicked with the wind and midfield was again working well to get us forward. Leonardo, showed his courage and went in hard to ensure we kept the ball and Jai showed that he could also have an impact in the Midfield taking a great mark. Gabriel showed his continued improvement and willingness to barge through a pack to get a kick. Hayden used his speed and strength to take the ball out of the pack and kick it long into our forward line where CJ had the ball on a string, on a number of occasions he had a bounce and kicked long goals and finished off with 3, he was a worthy winner of the OCG award, which he earned through his consistency. Ryan always seems to be in the right spot was also unlucky not to score

It was always going to be tough going into the last with a strong breeze against us, but the backline held firm. Josh ran onto a loose ball and kicked out of defence and William spoilt a couple of attempts at goal then followed up to clear. In the end though the stronger breeze prevailed,

Another very competitive gave with a lot of improvement shown. The boys are starting to pick up some strategies with the kick outs and leading into space and their improvement has been evident. Another great effort and we are not far away at all.

Go Hawks and Go Gold!

#### **AAV Tiling Under 10 Girls**

Coach: Alex Vicic

Captains: Daisy and Lexi

OCG Award winner: Tahlia

Coaches' award winner: Bella

Sundays game had us lined up to play Ormond at Columbia, being only our second visit to Columbia this year, excitement was high. With a early start on this fresh Sunday, the energy levels while crowding around the heater in the change rooms seamed promising! Ormond have always been strong in the girls' competition, especially in our age group, so we knew we had our work cut out for the day.

While the start didn't quite translate as per pre-game discussion, the effort and determination was evident. Let's be honest, the Ormond girls got off to a flyer and at quarter time we found ourselves a little overwhelmed by the size and skill level of the Ormond girls. Not for the first time this year, we found ourselves up against girls that were bigger, stronger and clearly older than our playing list. With the girls feeling a little flat after the first quarter, we asked the girls to display the fight and hunger for the ball that they have shown all year, and to their credit, displayed that for the rest of the game to the surprise of our opponent!

Our girls came out and took it right up to Ormond, negating their ball use with ferocious tackling and constantly being first to the ball. Tahlia was instrumental in her attack and made several desperate tackles. Hannah was another who lifted after the break and played a blinder from then on. Eden was another whom tried on a number of occasions to take on the opposing midfield on her own and managed to do so. Blanca always led her direct opponent to the ball as did most of the girls. Lexi grew in confidence as the game went on and finished strongly. Suzie finally got her chance in the midfield and at times had the ball on a string as only she can. Bella clearly showed the benefits of filling in with the boys 10s team as she does and

continues to improve and turn it on when required, she played a ripper. Ebony is another who playes with the boys 10s team

and always gives 100 per cent. She can always be found on the bottom of the packs no matter how big her opponents are.

As always, Daisy played another solid game and continues to show her value to our team. Piper was also welcomed back

after missing a week and continues to develop as a player.

All in all, the effort shown by this group on Sunday was nothing short of awesome. We may not have come away with a win,

although you were all winners in my eyes and that of the parent group. Great effort girls, continue to go about it the way

you are and the rest will take care of itself.

Go Hawks

Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 10 Brown

Coach: Rob Bonaddio

Coaches award: Corey Lewis and Jonathan Rathbon

A midday start and a cold one to go with it! The boys had their slowest start to the season to date. With 24 points to zero,

it wasn't looking good on the score board. We had all coaches on board to set our game plan, and so we started to fight

back with a vengeance!! In the next three quarters we kept Oakleigh scoreless, and throughout the rest of the game we

kicked the next 7 goals. What a great effort by the boys!! Congratulations to our captains, Sebastian Mirenda and Jonathan

Rathbone, who led us out to a cold and winter game. Congratulations to Corey Lewis and Jonathan Rathbone for receiving

the coaches award, and both playing an outstanding game. We will see you all next week, aiming for SIX IN A ROW!! GO

WAVERLEY PARK HAWKS UNDER 10 BROWN!!!!!!!!

**Upkeep Plumbing Under 10 Gold** 

Coach: Denis Irvine

Coaches Award: John Sidiropoulos

We ventured down to Beaumaris with an undermanned squad of 16, and due to scheduling, began the game with only 14

players, which our bigger opponents took full advantage of scoring 6 goals in the first quarter.

We tightened up our contests in the second quarter with captain John Sidiropoulos leading from the front with daring and

dash. We battled on manfully against a bigger, well-oiled opponent. Some great efforts from Jack Emerson, Noah Barbis

and Angus Hayes kept us competitive, with resilient defence from Luke Cochrane and Izac Stylianou. Whilst up forward,

Bella Appelman, Josh Leftley and Ebony Stevenson provided great pressure and weren't shy in getting at the foot of the

packs.

We are looking to constantly improve our performances, and whilst coming up against stronger and bigger opponents we

are developing our skills and working hard to GET THE PILL.

Go Hawks

**Mount Waverley Dental Under 11 Brown** 

Waverley Park Hawks 2.3.15 defeated by Caulfield Bears 6.9.45

Coach: Damien Quinlan

Goal Kickers: Max Addison 1, Nick Fisher 1

Coaches' Award: Angus Cassidy

**OCG Umpire Award:** Thomas Downs

Round 9 was an eventful one for the U11 Browns, firstly with the 100<sup>th</sup> games milestone celebrations of Max Addison and

secondly the team welcomed star new recruit Steve La Bruna to his first game.

The team were fired up for Max's big day and were inspired by some words from Max before the game.

It was never going to be an easy game against the Caulfield Bears and we needed to be switched on from the start. The Bears

came "out swinging" but our Hawks were up for the battle.

From the start it was a tough, scrappy game with a lot of stoppages and it was difficult for either team to get a clean

possession and free movement down the ground.

Before the game, the instructions to the boys were to apply defensive pressure and to be first to the ball to win the contest.

The boys tried really hard to do this and leading by example were Raf, Nick, Josh, Oscar G and Angus.

In the second half we started winning more of the centre clearances and more penetration up forward but the Bears' defense

was strong.

Max led by example throughout the game but inspired the team in the last quarter with a fantastic captain's goal that closed

the Bear's winning margin and kept us in contention.

Getting a score was difficult for both teams and as a result it was a low scoring game. The Bears however were able to keep

their intense pressure up for the entire game and managed to score a couple when it was needed and to decide the game.

Thomas Giles again showed growing confidence in winning the hard-balls and Gus exemplified great effort by running all

game, so their Coaches Awards were well-deserved

Congratulations also to Thomas Downs who was recognised with the OCG award for his continued efforts each week to

tackle, spoil and get in the packs to get the ball.

It was a great effort by the boys against tough competition. Well done.

**Skye Travel Under 11 Gold** 

Waverley Park Hawks 4.2.26 defeated by Beaumaris 8.11.59

Coach: Mark Dellarciprete

Goal Kickers: Cooper 2, Tom 2

Best Players: m, Cooper, Nicholas M, Nikolas C, Brandon, Jacob

Coaches' Award: Jesse Daniel, Cooper Negrepontis

This week a 1.45 game at Lum Reserve was change from our early starts. Up against Beaumaris it was going to be a fierce

contest. We had the wind in the first quarter and plenty of the ball but again struggled to score. Unfortunately, we let the

opposition score a goal into the wind and by half time it was 4 goals to none.

At the halftime break the boys re grouped had some oranges and came out a different team. A few changes that we made

and the wind factor, we were unstoppable. Jacob was winning the ball in the middle and kick started our comeback. Tom

and Cooper took advantage of the ball coming in quickly to the forward line and kicked 2 goals each, while down back Brandon laid a big tackle. Going into the last quarter we were only behind by 2 points. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold Beaumaris kicking into the wind and they finished all over us. Congratulations to our captains Ethan and Abel for leading our team out for a hard fought effort.

Go Hawks!

#### **Under 12 Girls**

#### Waverley Park Hawks 1.0.6 defeated by East Brighton Vampires 18.9.117

**Coach:** Chloe Harrison Goal Kickers: Stasia

Coaches' awards: Sophie and Nicole

Another cold morning down at Lum for our girls this week as they came up against a taller well drilled East Brighton team. Our girls brought a positive attitude, strong voice and tackle pressure. Our midfield and backline worked hard all day, but our teamwork and persistence paid off in the third quarter when Stasia was able to capitalise on a strong team push forward and kick a fantastic goal.

Strong efforts by all the girls was pleasing to see, they all kept their heads up all day and continued to run and tackle, and use their voice including; Jacinta, Angelina, Ebony, Liana, Sunelli, Stasia, Ellie, Tahlia, Ashlea, Stasia and Shelby

Coaches awards were for Sophie (medal) and Nicole (Certificate)

Sophie with her marking and kicking played a breakout game

Nicole's work in the backline and middle of the ground was also strong throughout the day

Well done girls!

#### **Under 12 Brown**

#### Waverley Park Hawks 11.9.75 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 4.1.25

Coach: Noel Blacker

Goal Kickers: Jack Iverson 3, Zach 2, Dylan S 1, Ben 1, Josh1, Paddy 1, Ollie 1, Nick Fisher 1

Best Players: Jack I, Reece, Harry, Dylan S, Ollie, Andrew (Plow), Dylan C, Liam, Savio, Zach

Coaches' Award: Jonathon and Paddy

The boys had to head out for an early game starting at 8.30 am against Mordialloc Braeside who had also not lost a game. We were really looking forward to the challenge and the boys showed this by playing a high standard of football to have a

handy lead of sixty points by half time and keep Mordialloc Braeside scoreless in the first half.

This was another fantastic team effort again to win by a 50 point margin and show the opposition what a skillful team of players we have (this was mentioned to me by the opposition coach at the end of the game), and how they always work together to win the contested ball and move the ball on quickly to further put pressure on the opposition.

I would like to make a special mention with regard to Jonathon (he has been working really hard at practice on improving his marking and kicking skills), who took a really good mark in the forward line under pressure but unfortunately wasn't able to convert it into a goal; there is always the next game Jonathon to get that elusive first goal and I am sure that your teammates will help you accomplish that before the season ends.

The players and coaching staff would also like to sincerely thank Nick Fisher U 11's (thanks for kicking that great goal under pressure and adding to the scoreboard) and from the U 10's George van Rest and Harry Haebich who filled in and did a magnificent job in helping us have a great win over Mordialloc Braeside, thanks guys. Go Hawks!!!!!

A cold windy day grated us at Elwood for our match against St Kilda and with the opposition winning the toss we started into

**Under 12 Gold** 

Waverley Park Hawks 9.8.62 defeated St Kilda 4.6.30

Coach: Jason Storan

Goal kickers: Daniel K 2, Harry S 2, Brady E 1, Campbell F 1, Damon H 1, Specer S 1, Mitchell W 1

Best Players: Shilo H, Patrick W, Mitchell W, Harry S, Jacob S

Coaches Awards: Jacob S, Daniel K

the wind. So far, our starts this year have been slow, in some cases a crawl, so the boys were asked to put in an effort in this match to start well, kicking into a strong wind they did just that. They were at the ball and supporting each other well, Dan was attacking the ball and was rewarded with a goal, there was some great support from Brady P, Mitch was putting in great efforts all over and Jacob was running straight at the ball and winning it. There were a few good shepherds from Peter and Spence, with all this allowing us to hold the Saints to 2 points while we managed 1 straight. The second quarter we had the wind I was keen to see if the effort could be sustained, but unfortunately it dropped off, even with the strong wind and some attacking footy by Pat, Mitch and Harry we struggled to convert. This quarter we were second to the ball and unwilling to bring it back into the middle to attack. We still managed to win the quarter and went into the break up by 7 points The second half was a tough affair, the Saints had the momentum and were now kicking with the wind, they took advantage of this and were kicking long and locking it into their forward line, we were struggling to get the ball past the middle for most of this quarter. It took a few individual efforts and some great leading up and accurate kicking by the boys before we could register any goals. Shilo was working hard, Mitch was up and about again this quarter and thanks to Jacobs great marking and reading of the play we were able to limit their scoring. The Saints won the quarter kicking 3 goals 4, to our 2 goals 1, meaning were were going into the last 2 points down. So, after a quick dressing down of the boys at the break asking them to get out there and support their team mates and give it everything for the quarter, they responded in spades. All the boys were at the ball, shepherding, tackling and talking to each other whenever it was near, they were really working as a team and it showed. We outclassed the Saints in the last, tough contests from Damon, Xander attacking the ball, the defensive line working hard to keep the ball out and a great hand pass late from Andreas to set up Spencer for a goal were a highlight of the quarter. Another great game where the boys worked hard for each other and had a good result.

Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 13
Waverley Park Hawks 4.3-27 defeated by St Bedes/Mentone 7.8-50

**Coach:** Nick Thompson

Goal Kickers: J Zapedowski 2, T Warner and Harvey Emery 1

Best Players: Taborsky, Warner, Morgan, Rice, McCusker, Dakin

Coaches' Awards: Will Daniels and Lachlan Rice

The under 13s had a hard fought clash with St Bedes/Mentone on the weekend at our home ground of Columbia Park.

While we didn't get the chocolates in the end it was great to watch the continued improvement of our boys again. Even better this week was that we felt like we were in the game pretty much all day which would have been a welcome change for the boys after a number of tough losses this year.

Tommy Taborsky was outstanding from siren to siren displaying his customary run and class all day. Justin McCusker jumped into the ruck in the second quarter and continued his amazing improvement this year and James Zapedowski also shone in the second quarter with 2 great goals.

A strong wind and interesting centre bounce location meant that the car park end was definitely the scoring end for the day. We were into it in the first quarter and did a great job defending to keep the visitors to 3 goals. The second quarter was all our way as we went into half time a goal up.

It was great to see the boys fight so hard in the third quarter against the wind to minimise and damage from the opposition and be well within striking distance for the last quarter. Unfortunately despite our continued improvement we were unable to keep up in the last quarter and St Bedes ran away with a 4 goal win.

It wasn't our day today on the score board but the continued improvement of our young players is as satisfying to watch as any win and I look forward to it going on for the rest of the year.

#### **Under 14 Girls**

#### Waverley Park Hawks 3.4.22 defeated by Mordialloc Braeside 9.4.58

Coach: Bradley McLean

Goals Kickers: Cadence 1

Best Players: Madeleine H, Cadence, Amber, Charlotte, Ella

Coaches award: Karley

We headed to Port Melbourne for our round 9 clash. It was a very tight game from the start with very low scores to half time. The girls did a great job in the back line with Ella playing in full back and Charlotte providing a lot of run off half back. Caitlin and Olivia played great games and continue to improve, Tori and Megan were great on the wings all day. It is always very hard to compete with teams that have 5 to 6 players on the bench when we don't have any but the girls just keep on going.

Madeleine played her 50th game and was outstanding all day. Well done!!!!

Not the result we wanted but everyone played well and did their job for the team and that's what matters most.

Bring on round 10

GO HAWKS!!!

#### **Under 14 Brown**

#### Waverly Park Hawks 11.10.76 defeated Prahran 2.5.17

**Coach:** Francis Palleschi

Goal Kickers: H. Morgan 5, C. Cochrane 5, S. Skandalis 2, E. Plaza, C. Black, J. Kolak, N. Buzza

Best Players: C. Cochrane, J. Soligo, C. Black, D. Harris, S. Skandalis, B. Cowie

Coaches' awards: C. Black

At the beginning of the day I told the boys this was our chance to make a statement against a team that has struggled, but

still been competitive throughout the season. We were celebrating Jake Soligo's 100th game as we hoped to get our sixth win of the season. Unintentionally, we also celebrated Hunter Morgan's 100th game as he and Tom Warner filled in for the day to help us out. Both boys were terrific, fitting in seamlessly with Hunter kicking a fantastic 5 goals in an age group and division above their normal grade.

Unfortunately for us the boys did not get the best start as we drew level at quarter time and find ourselves 23 points down late in the second quarter. A goal just before the siren had us a disappointing 17 points down at half time. Throughout the first half very few stood up, but Cayden put in a terrific half setting up much of our best play and kicking a goal himself. I felt that the main issue was work rate, and after half time the boys really lifted in that area and it showed. After giving a rev up to the boys at half time, Connor took it upon himself to kick start our resurgence by playing a terrific third quarter and in the end finishing with 5 goals. From the third quarter on wards we were amazing. Our defence was terrific all day, with Deakin shifting down there last week and continuing to provide run as well as defensive pressure when the ball hits the ground. Bryson, Nick, Wes and Alex were also very solid as we kept St Kilda scoreless for the entire second half. Our midfielders stepped up a gear and worked hard both ways not giving St Kilda an inch for the rest of the game.

In what is quite an amazing stat, we kicked 13.9 to 0.0 as the boys took every chance they were given and really put their foot down. This was just the performance we needed to give the boys some confidence heading into our clash with East Brighton next week as we look to take our biggest scalp of the year. Congratulation to Jake and Hunter on a terrific 100 games, as well as Tommy for filing in for us.

#### **Under 14 Gold**

Waverley Park Hawks 4.1.25 defeated by Oakleigh 21.24.150

Coach: Mark Addison

**NO REPORT** 

#### **Chesterfield Farm Under 15**

Waverley Park Hawks 9.13.67 defeated AJAX Jets 3.9.35

Coach: Brendan Mahon

Goal Kickers: A. Saliba 5, M. Mortaruolo 2, J. Lyons, J. Collins

Coaches' Awards: Julian Daisley Starvaggi, Tristan O'Neill and Jake Collins

OCG Award: Daniel McCusker

Today the hunter became the hunted. We have been jumping out of the blocks in first quarters and establishing a buffer, but not this round. Ajax are a proud club and as expected were ready for the contest. They were first to the ball, physical with their bodies and ran in support for each other on the SMJFL Team Work Round. Ajax were wasteful in front of goals and this cost them a quarter time lead, as we kicked two late goals courtesy of Andrew Saliba who kicked 5 on the day. At quarter time we spoke about respect in football and how the game will punish teams lacking respect to any participant. In this case I did not think we had paid due respect to Ajax and were lucky not to be behind at the first change.

The team responded in the second quarter and established a half time lead in cold weather. However, in the third quarter our overall appetite for the contest was again lacking, with some boys leaving others in team to do the heavy lifting. This is

unlike our team this season with a solid contribution usually from all. The team was not pleased with its brand of football and took it upon themselves to lift the tempo in the last quarter.

We welcomed Julian Daisley Starvaggi back from injury and he played his usual tough football in new positions. The mid field looked dangerous all day but lost their opponents at times. Jake Collins and Tristan O'Neill played their best games of the season. Jake looked dangerous up forward and Tristan set the standard in desperation and creative play from the back line. Sean was again solid in defence and was trying out his non preferred left foot. Jordan Lyons played clever football and showed courage taking a heavy hit. Marcus Cappuccino played the game on the wing in the absence of James Mucha in the U16 and got a lot of the ball.

In the next couple of rounds we play teams that structure up well and transition the ball well. We will need a focused team effort with a brave attack upon the ball and lots of run. We will need to collectively hunt the ball in the air and on the ground, and hunt and pressure the opposition to shut down their transition game. We will work on our fitness, contested ball work, defensive set ups, set plays as well as physical and mental toughness in preparation for these two exciting challenges. We as a team have to become more comfortable using our collective voices to constantly encourage and inspire each other.

#### **Under 16 Girls**

#### Waverly Park Hawks 9.6.60 defeated Bentleigh Demons 4.2.26

Coach: Charles Spicer

Goal Kickers: Amelia 3, Steph 2, Mackenzie 2, Laura, Charlotte

Best Players: Steph, Jess B, Jess N, Alyssa, Zoe, Charlotte, Amelia

Coaches' award: Steph

The girls received their new jumpers today and looked a million dollars. A big thanks to the club for organising them, as the girls were all very excited to get them. The girls' sparkling new jumpers were only outshone by their exceptional play today and from the outset, we were on. Kicking into a stiff breeze and running uphill at Lum, the girls remembered to work the angles, run hard and play accountable footy. Jess N, Charlotte and Anastasia were putting plenty of time into Bentleigh's star player, ensuring she had very little impact all day, whilst each of them were able to run and create as they teamed up so well. Jess B was controlling the ruck and was the dominant physical presence around the ground all day. We quickly worked the ball forward and Steph kicked her first for the day and we looked as good as we have all season. Bentleigh was able to get a late goal back against the run of play, but it was clear we were in this game.

With the wind at our backs in the second quarter, we dominated play. Winning the centre clearances allowed us to keep the ball in our forward half for 90% of the quarter, with Zoe playing out of her skin and winning a contest against two opponents on the half forward line and quickly moving the ball to Charlotte who marked and goaled. Macca added another running off the wing and Amelia also chimed in and with Caitlyn, Ellie, & Maddie impassable in defence, we jumped out to a 3 goal lead at the long break.

We knew Bentleigh would come at us in the third quarter and so it was. Our girls maintained their intensity with Britney, Annie & Cassy winning hard balls and doing their best to repel Bentleigh's surge. After giving up a couple of goals, we were again able to show some resilience and get the game back on terms. Alyssa was putting the clamps on Bentleigh's speedster and was able to break away from contest after contest and the team was really beginning to work the angles and close up

Bentleigh's space when we didn't have the footy. Charlotte, playing her last game for the year made a spectacular run down the half forward boundary line in fromt of the WP faithful, but just missed what would have been goal of the year from the pocket. Mel put her head over the ball and won a free kick in the forward line and then Amelia capitalised with her second goal to send us into the last change with a 14 point lead.

Kicking to the scoring end, the girls came out firing, desperate to reverse our loss to Bentleigh earlier in the season. They were not to be denied, dominating the last quarter as Steph and Macca kicked their second each and Laura also got on the scoreboard after winning a free kick. Soon after Macca took a courageous and spectacular mark running with the flight of the ball and with the ball again being pumped forward, Amelia snuck in for her third goal of the afternoon and the girls capped off their best game of the season. It was a brilliant display of team work and there's no doubt that the girls are really coming together as a unit, with the camaraderie growing with every game.



#### **Under 16 Brown**

Waverley Park Hawks 8.5.53 defeated by Northvale 9.11.65

Coach: Ian Bingham

Goal Kickers: V. Zagari 3, F. Stellato 2, M. Butera 1, J. Neil 1, B. Thompson 1

Best Players: J. Dubois-Conte, J. Kokkinias, L. Boyle, Z. Fisher, F. Robertson

Coaches' Award: Johnathon and Zach F

While we didn't get the result we were after, and our teamwork has dropped away over the last couple of weeks. Some individual performances were very pleasing.

Jean-Luc was great down back in the first half, moved into the middle in the second half and gave us some much-needed pressure at the contests.

Lachlan was solid at full back against a taller and heavier opponent and continues to grow as a key defender. Zach F and Johno also worked hard all day. While Bailey and Casey also had much better games this week.

This week's focus will be getting back to the basic and executing our game plan.

#### **Under 16 Gold**

#### Waverley Park Hawks 16.11.107 defeated South Melbourne 6.7.43

Coach: Greg Fraser

Goal Kickers: H. Emerson and L. Perez 3, C. Cheney, L. Noble and C. Thompson 2, S. Watson, K. Harris, L. King and P. Long 1.

Best Players: H. Emerson, L. Perez, L. Noble, C. Thompson and L. Fraser

Coaches Awards: T Skeggs, L Fraser

OCG Award: J Mucha

A very exciting day for the boys with their first win for the year. After a slow start the boys played a great 2nd and 3rd quarter to kick clear. With nobody on the bench we ran out of steam a little in the last quarter but it was an impressive effort from a team that have deserved this result for weeks. Go Hawks!!

Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 17 Waverley Park Hawks 12.10.82 defeated Caulfield 6.9.45

Coach: Jackson Morgan

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