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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Hi to all,

Congratulations to all our Under 8 and 9 teams who finished off their seasons last Sunday with their lightning premierships in somewhat trying conditions. I would like to thank Ryan Hammond, Mick Mastramanno and Chris Warr for putting their hands up to coach this year. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who helped during the year. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their season and we look forward to seeing you all at the presentation day and of course in the 2018 season.

This week the Under 10 boys and girls conclude their seasons with their lightning carnivals. Good luck and we hope to catch up at After Match this Sunday and hear how you all went.

This week is the final week for some teams at the club and others their last game before finals. Whatever the situation, please go out and enjoy your footy and remember to always play in the right spirit (the WPH way!!).

This week's After Match will be hosted by the under 16's, let's get some big numbers there for some to celebrate their final games this year. Players draw will be on again, remember you must be there on the night when your name is read out.

With the end of the season approaching, it is a timely reminder that all players, officials and supporters off the WPH remember the SMJFL's play FAIR policy. As finals approach, games can become quite willing and competitive, so please try to remember (parents, officials and players) "it's all about our kids", having a kick and most importantly having fun!!

That's all from me this week. Once again enjoy the footy and good luck to our Under 10 boys and girls in their lightning carnivals this weekend!

GO HAWKS!!

Paul Shaw

NEWS...

After Match This Sunday—Roast Beef Rolls

This week's After Match is hosted by the Under 16 age group with roast beef rolls with gravy and coleslaw on the menu.

We'll be celebrating the end of the Under 10 seasons and hope to hear all about their Lightning Carnivals—all Under 10 players will receive a free hotdog and drink at After Match this Sunday.

Also, don't forget the weekly player prize draw and the weekly raffle. The bar and canteen will be open from 5.30pm, with reports for all teams beginning at 6.15pm.

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.

Coaching Feedback

As we near the end of the 2017 season the Waverley Park Hawks have started planning for 2018.

We would like to get your feedback on our current coaches.

This will help us with appointments and the development of our coaches in 2018. It also gives us information to enable us

to take the opportunity to nominate some of our coaches for this year's 'Coach of the Year' awards in our region.

So, if you have had a great coach in 2017 or have feedback on the year we would love to hear from you via

<https://www.jotform.com/wphawks/2017-wph-coaching-feedback>.

Do you want to coach in 2018?

If you are interested in coaching one of the club's teams next season please complete the [2018 Coaching Application 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.

Coaching applications close on Wednesday 6th September. Once applications have closed the club will undertake an interview process to find the best candidate to fill our coaching positions.

It is club policy that all coaching positions are reviewed annually. As such all coaching positions will be reviewed at the end of this season and the successful candidates for 2018 will be appointed as soon as possible.

Club Hosting Finals at Columbia Park—Volunteers Required

The club will host matches at Columbia Park in the first two weeks of the finals on August 20 and 27. It is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the club within the league as well as to generate additional funds through canteen sales—the club will raise close to \$5000 but needs all our club members to get involved and help out on the 2 days.

We will need people to help with ground setup and pack up, serving in the canteen and cooking on the bbq.

We're using SignUp.com to organise and co-ordinate our volunteers for the 2 days we are hosting finals—all roles have been broken down into 1-hour shifts. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to the club's invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/RkoutwA>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. Sign up! Choose your preferred shift/time - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Sunday 13 August	Round 15; Under 10 Mixed/10 Girls Lightning Carnival After Match hosted by Under 16s—Roast Beef Rolls
Sunday 20 August	Under 11-17 Semi Finals Finals hosted at Columbia Park
Sunday 27 August	Under 11-13 Grand Finals; Under 14-17 Preliminary Finals Preliminary finals hosted at Columbia Park
Sunday 3 September	Under 14-17 Grand Finals
Wednesday 13 September	Under 17 Presentation Dinner
Sunday 17 September	Annual Presentation Day
Wednesday 25 October	Annual General Meeting

AROUND THE GROUND...

Round 15 Fixture Sunday August 13 – 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
AAV Tiling Under 10 Girls (Vicic, Grey)	Lightning Carnival <i>Highett Reserve, Turner Rd, Highett</i>	3.15pm
Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under10 Brown (Bonaddio, Yellow)	Lightning Carnival <i>King George Reserve, East Boundary Rd, Bentleigh East</i>	12.30pm
Upkeep Plumbing Under 10 Gold (Irvine, Purple)	Lightening Carnival <i>King George Reserve, East Boundary Rd, Bentleigh East</i>	9:00am
Mount Waverley Dental Under 11 Brown (Quinlan, Div 6)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Bentleigh <i>Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill</i>	10.15am
Skye Travel Under 11 Gold (Dell'arciprete, Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Brighton <i>Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.</i>	8:45am
Under 12 Gold (Storan, Div 3)	Mordialloc braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Walter Galt Reserve – Oval 1, Victoria St, Mordialloc.</i>	7:00pm (Friday)
Under 12 Brown (Blacker, Div 6)	BYE	
Under 12 Girls (Harrison, Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordi Braeside <i>Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill</i>	9:00am
Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 13 (Thompson, Div 2)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Prahran <i>Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.</i>	10.15am
Under 14 Girls (McLean, Div 1)	Mordialloc braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Walter Galt Reserve – Oval 1, Victoria St, Mordialloc.</i>	8:30am
Under 14 Brown (Palleschi, Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Malvern <i>Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.</i>	1.10pm
Under 14 Gold (Addison, Div 3)	Murrumbeena vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Murrumbeena Park – Oval 1, Kangaroo Rd, Murrumbeena</i>	1:00pm
Chesterfield Farm Under 15 (Mahon, Div 4)	BYE	
Under 16 Girls (Spicer, Div 2)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Hampton Rovers <i>Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.</i>	11.40am
Under 16 Brown (Bingham, Div 1)	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Banksia Reserve, Oak St, Beaumaris.</i>	12:00pm
Under 16 Gold (Fraser, Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Oakleigh <i>Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill.</i>	3:00pm
Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 17 (Morgan, Div 3)	Ormond vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>EE Gunn Reserve, Malane St, Ormond.</i>	3:00pm

Round 14 Results Summary

Under 11 Brown 11.16.82 defeated Cheltenham JFC Green 2.2.14

Under 11 Gold 1.1.7 defeated by Mordialloc 5.11.41

Under 12 Girls 3.3.21 defeated by Prahran 3.9.27

Under 12 Brown 3.6.24 defeated Beaumaris 1.3.9

Under 12 Gold 8.16.60 defeated Murrumbeena 2.3.15

Under 13 4.2.26 defeated by Beaumaris 11.13.79

Under 14 Girls 1.1.7 defeated by East Brighton Vampires 10.2.62

Under 14 Brown 10.6.68 defeated Port/South Melbourne 2.3.15

Under 14 Gold 5.16.46 defeated East Malvern 3.5.23

Under 15 3.6.24 defeated by Mordialloc Braeside 4.11.35

Under 16 Girls 2.1.13 defeated by East Brighton 3.2.20

Under 16 Brown 9.7.61 defeated by Northvale 11.6.72

Under 16 Gold 27.17.155 defeated South Melbourne 1.0.6

Under 17 7.8.50 defeated by Murrumbeena 9.5.59

Round 14 Match Reports

Fercon Property Group Under 8

Coach: Chris Warr

Last Piece award: Noah C, Max

The under 8s played their lightning premiership at JL Murphy Reserve in Port Melbourne. The weather gods weren't with us at the start as they tried to turn it into a literal lightning premiership. We warmed up in the rain and the boys were nice and wet and cold for the first game. Thankfully that was the end of the rain and the sun even came out later on.

We started off against Port Melbourne Colts in a really tough game. Noah T got us on the board with a courageous mark in front of goal. Charlie laid a great tackle to earn himself a free kick. Zach was in and under every pack and was tackling strongly along with Brodie. Max attacked the ball very hard and racked up the possessions, he was great all day.

In the second game we played St Peters and the boys really started to find their feet. Ben roved the ball beautifully in the forward line and was able to snap his first goal. The ball spent most of the half in our forward line thanks to great pressure from Max, Cooper and in particular Zach. Zach was able to get a few shots on goal before he finally was rewarded with his first goal as well. Noah C had a fantastic half in the middle, some great tackling and good work to get the ball going our way. In the second half we were challenged but managed to stay ahead thanks to some great tackling from Kael and Henry. Jayden finished them off with a great running goal.

In the third game we played South Melbourne and the boys from both teams were looking tired. The game had head clashes and falcons and footies into the guts but the boys kept their focus and played it out well. Ryan worked really hard in the backline to clear it several times. Andrew did a few beautiful ruck taps and made several tackles in the middle to stop the opposition going forward. Darcy got a few nice touches in the forward line and was able to drive the ball towards goal with

some long kicking.

A great day and great effort by the boys. And getting to sing the song a couple of times was a great reward for all the effort.

Under 9 Brown

Coach: Andrew Tonkin (filling in for Mick Mastromanno)

Lightning Carnival review

We headed to King George reserve in Bentleigh to looming black clouds and the likelihood of rain, lots of rain!

Well rain it did even before the start of play and throughout the game. It was so cold it felt like it was going to snow.

We played Ormond Blue in the first round. With the weather against us and the boys freezing they did a great job to keep the ball moving and out run the opposition.

We warmed up ready to play round 2 only to find out that the other team had forfeited (must have watched how well we played our first game)

The rounds were changed and the boys faced Mordy Braeside.

With persistence our boys kept working the mid field as hard as they could for a rebound game, the ball only going through the big sticks once for the opposition giving them the result.

The day was capped off for the boys with awesome cupcakes made by Bec and lolly bags organised by Petra. They went down a treat!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their help over the past three weeks.

Mount Waverley Dental Under 9 Gold

Coach: Ryan Hammond

Coaches' awards: The whole team, parents and families for sticking it out.

Lightning carnival round this week and the weather could not have been more different to last week. It was wet and cold and very windy and as a result of the wind there were no marquees and very little shelter.

We came up against Cheltenham in the first game and we ran out just as the heavy rain started. The boys though didn't let it phase them too much and started really well. Joedan continued where he left off last week and was great through the middle, Oliver was using his long kicking to our advantage and pumping it forward and Ryan was all on his own on a number of occasions to find the ball. Sam, seemed to be enjoying the wet weather and was quick to put the ball on his foot to get it out of the pack. We had the wind in the first half and were a little unlucky not to score with a ball over the back to Ashton, who in the right position, got an unlucky bounce. The boys did very well and were looking good. The second half was into the wind, but the mids managed to get us out of the middle a couple of times and send us forward, where CJ was on fire and kicked two great goals on the run. Logan, was a rock in defence and seemed to always be in the right spot. In the end it was a very close game and hard to tell which way it went. The boys' effort was awesome considering they could all wring out their jumpers come games end they were so wet.

After some warming up utilising whatever they could, hot chocolates, hot dogs, dim sims, mum and dads jackets, the boys had to show how tough they were and go out again. This time up against Bentleigh. Again the boys started really well with Ben controlling the middle as he has all year, a great effort considering a very sore hand, Levi was showing his strength and

keeping his feet to keep the ball going our way and Leonardo found some space to run onto the ball and get us forward. Ethan was great up forward and took a great mark and followed up with a nice long kick. In the second half against the wind the back line stood up really well. Kel-El was great in defence and picked it up and rang it out on a couple of times and Lucas came to life and played his best game for the day with some hard ball gets and long kicks. Again a very close game and one in which I think we may have just about got over the line.

It was at this point we discovered that there had been a few teams pull the pin and go home as they could handle the weather. Just shows how tough all the WPH U9 boys are, they had the worst of the conditions but toughed it out and soldiered on. The last game was up against Highett who were all very big boys. By this time the Sun was out but I think the boys, many of whom had played 3 games already were running out of steam especially up against the bigger opposition. They battled on well though and with the help of Jai in the middle with a lot of grunt through the midfield assisted by Oliver W we did manage to get it forward a couple of times. Josh showed his courage to back back and take a great chest mark then kick perfectly onto a team mate's chest. The midfield battled on strongly and on one occasion, William took a mark from a ball coming in from the midfield, he played on had a bounce and passed to Charlie who took a great mark. Went back on a touch angle and slotted it. Great play all round and showed the improvement. Gabriel seemed to be everywhere and his marking and attack on the ball has come a long way, he was also helped out by Harry, who loved to get the ball and go, a good asset to have. Lewis in the meantime was given the Job on one of the bigger boys, as he had been all day and did a magnificent job to shut them down. Tough last game, but great effort.

Hats off to the boys who showed their commitment and courage to continue on after their first game when others didn't. I was really proud of how they all handled themselves and continued to give their all in such tough conditions. Well done boys and thanks for a great season. Hopefully we see you all again next year and don't forget to bring along some more mates. Go Hawks and Go Gold!

AAV Tiling Under 10 Girls

Coach: Alex Vicic

Coaches' award: Hannah

Last Piece voucher: Lexi

On a wet and windy Sunday, we ventured down to Ormond's home turf for our last home and away game of the year. After previous outing against Ormond, we knew we had a challenge on our hands.

As per most, our tackling from the onset was awesome. All the girls showed great courage and attack at the contest and didn't let the size of the Ormond team get to them. With only the lightning premiership left for this season, I'm sure all the friendships that have been formed throughout the season will last for a long time to come.

I wish the girls every success on Sunday and hope that our best footy has been saved for the last Sunday of the season.

Go Hawks.s

Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 10 Brown

Coach: Rob Bonaddio

Coaches award: Levi Pitsas

An early, frosty and windy start for the game. On a personal note, it was my last game as coach for the season, and what a memorable game it was! It was a four quarter team effort by everyone. In the all previous games they have played together, they seemed to have perfected the game plan on this game. It was such an honour to watch by all. We were three team mates down, but we fought hard, and we produced a great win to end the season. Most of our St Leonard boys will not be able to play in the lightening premierships next weekend, due to communion commitments. However, I wish all the remaining players all the best on the day. Congratulations to our captains, Max Le Grand, and Samuel Canizzo, for leading the WPH's out to the last game. Congratulations to Levi Pitsas for receiving the coach's award for an outstanding game, and year.

Coach Out!

Upkeep Plumbing Under 10 Gold

Coach: Denis Irvine

Coaches Award: Daisy Robinson & Josh Leftley

Overcast conditions greeted us at the William Street Reserve and Captain Cameron Biggs was unable to secure the winning of the toss and first use of the breeze. Our defence worked hard and only conceded 3 goals to our solitary behind. Our first use of the breeze saw goals to John Sidiropoulos and Coaches Award winner Josh Leftley and gave us some confidence for the second half. Our second half saw us sustain a few injuries to key players and the long season was starting to take its toll as we failed to capitalise on the great work of Daisy Robinson down back.

We are looking forward to this weeks' Lightning Carnival and the opportunity to finish the season on a high note.

Thanks to all the parent helpers who make my job so much easier.

Go Hawks

Mount Waverley Dental Under 11 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 11.16.82 defeated Cheltenham JFC Green 2.2.14

Coach: Damien Quinlan

Goal Kickers: William Rice 6, Blraj Koirala 2, Isac Quinlan 1, Eugene Skandalis 1, Thayden Trinh 1

Coaches' Award: Isac Quinlan

Last Piece award: Eugen Skandalis

It was an early start for the Under 11 Browns on Sunday morning. Thankfully the wind had died off and the rain was out of sight. The boys were up against the Cheltenham JFC Green Team and with a place in the finals up for grabs, The Hawks knew that they had to win the game convincingly. Isac Quinlan was celebrating his 50th game and he wanted to make sure it was a victorious one. He took the honours and captained the side and led his team mates through his milestone banner. He won the toss and elected to kick with the wind. The boys didn't hesitate and took full advantage of the breeze and booted three goals and six behinds in the first quarter. Some inaccurate kicking did have an impact on their overall score, however, the opposition were left scoreless for the entire quarter. The boys knew that they were going to be challenged with kicking

against the wind in the second quarter and the backline had to tighten up. Cheltenham Green kicked their first goal for the match and the Hawks had four scoring shots at goal but only one converted through for 6 points.

At halftime the boys were leading by 27 points and their mission was to add another five goals to the scoreboard in the third quarter. With help from Eugene Skandalis, Biraj Koirala, Max Addison and Nicholas Fischer, William Rice turned up the heat and kicked multiple goals in the third term. The Hawks had stretched their lead to 61 points by three quarter time. Their aim for the last quarter was to stay in front and to continue their momentum. Thayden Trinh and Biraj Koirala made sure of that and added two more goals to the tally. The final result saw the Under 11 Browns victorious by 68 points. It was a great team effort and a good percentage booster for the boys which catapulted them into third place on the ladder. They now have one more game left for the home and away season and it is a game that they must win if they want to keep their finals chances alive! Go Hawks!

Skye Travel Under 11 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 1.1.7 defeated by Mordialloc 5.11.41

Coach: Mark Dellarciprete

Goal Kickers: Franki 1

Best Players:

Coaches' Award: Franki Kromidellis

Milestone: 50 games Nicholas Madunic

A cold and wet day was on hand for the afternoon match with mordialloc. Two plays down and another two players only at 50 percent, it was going to be tough ask. We had a slow start and the game plan didn't come together as we had expected. None the less the effort of all the kids never ended. They fought right until the final siren. Congratulations to our Captains Nikolas C and Nicholas M who lead strongly from the front. See you all next Sunday for our final game!

Go Hawks!

Under 12 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 3.3.21 defeated by Prahran 3.9.27

Coach: Chloe Harrison

Goal Kickers: Sienna, Olivia, Ellie

Coaches' awards: Olivia, Sunelli

As the season draws to a close, Sunday mornings have become a whole lot easier to wake up to knowing that the season is nearly over, Sunday was no different. We knew there was only 2 games left, so why not enjoy them and kick some goals. But today we did so much more than that. The girls provided the most entertaining and enjoyable game of the season. There were smiles all around as the girls played some of the best football they have played. It was like watching a new team, everything was flowing perfectly but somehow we weren't getting the scoreboard rewards. Now although we didn't win the game I can speak for everyone watching the game in saying it was one of the best games to watch. Now some of the passages of play weren't pretty but these girls are born entertainers. The game almost became a 2 woman show with Ellie and Ebony putting on a comedy act every time they got the ball. Ellie got the ball, ran bounced and did all sorts, flattening her opposition.

Ebony was the culprit to a fend offs to her opponent. Every goal provided a cheer from the crowd because you could see how much fun the girls were having. Olivia's goal was no different, she said she was going to kick a goal at the start of the game and she delivered. Sunelli also delivered a fantastic game proving vital in our defence. One more game girls, lets make it a win and finish on a high, GO HAWKS!

Under 12 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 3.6.24 defeated Beaumaris 1.3.9

Coach: Noel Blacker

Goal kickers: Jack I 2, Zach 1

Best Players: Dylan S, Liam, Reece, Lenny, Ollie, Jack I, Zach

Coaches Awards: Cammo, Ben and Safwan

The boys had to head down to Beaumaris for an early game starting at 9.00 am on a cold Sunday morning. Considering we had beaten Beaumaris by more than 10 goals the last time we met, Beaumaris this time were prepared for us and really took the game up to us by shutting down our high scoring forward line by playing a very disciplined brand of football of continually flooding our forward half and thereby preventing us from scoring regularly as we did against them previously when we last played.

Our boys have never been subjected to this type of game plan before but credit to our boys who were able to withstand this constant pressure and finally break away and score a hard fought win against Beaumaris and thus maintain their fantastic record of 9 wins in a row with no losses in the home and away games and thereby finish on top of the ladder, ready for their first finals in two weeks' time.

I'm sure all the parents involved would be very proud of all the boys (as we the coaching staff are), in achieving this amazing accomplishment of being able to win 14 games consecutively and do the things that were asked of them by the coach week in and week out necessary to achieve this goal. Well done boys and let's train hard and get ready for the finals in a couple of weeks. Go Hawks!!!!!!

Under 12 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 8.16.60 defeated Murrumbeena 2.3.15

Coach: Jason Storan

Goal kickers: Jacob S 2, Peter D 1, Brady E 1, Ronan M 1, Brady P 1, Harry S 1, Patrick W 1

Best Players: Campbell F, Mitchell W, Harry S, Evan P, Xander M

Coaches Awards: Campbell F

Second last round and we were out to cement our place at second on the ladder, standing in our way was Murrumbeena, whose last win was against us in round 5. We won the toss and Nick and Evan chose to kick with the breeze, this worked to our advantage and we got off to great start. Campbell was in everything again this week, with some great support from Evan, while our back line was standing tall and rebounding everything. Dan was great in defence again running straight at the ball, not giving an inch, Ryan was working hard, with a great kick to Campbell open in the middle who spotted Harper out wide and with a long run from Harper into the forward line the ball ended up with a nice mark from Brady P to put our 3rd goal on the board. The second quarter was

even better, with Murrumbeena now kicking with the wind the boys defended well. Damo was contesting against multiple opponents, Andreas was hard at the ball, Luke kept putting in multiple efforts, Pat was leading up the ground providing targets and Campbell again getting his hands dirty with Mitch working hard to clear the ball from the contest. We went into the half 6.3 to 1 goal.

In the premiership quarter Murrumbeena came out hard and attacked at every opportunity, everyone had to work overtime to keep the ball out of their forward line, but they were kicking long with the wind and running hard. Andreas and Nick were laying solid tackles, Nick was putting in another great defensive effort and Xander was showing how to compete, taking on multiple opposition to win the ball. Poor disposal cost us on the score board as we were off target and managed to kick 1 goal 6 for the quarter. This put us in a great position for the last quarter, so the call went out to everyone to get Ronan, our last goalless player for the year, a goal this quarter. Ronan was injured which hampered his ability to move but the boys managed to get him the ball in the first minute, unfortunately it wasn't to be. Some hard work around the ground by Shilo, Nick, Pat, Campbell, Damo and Thomas helped the boys keep getting the ball towards Ronan, but the goal was just not happening. With less than a minute to go it looked like we were going to fail in our quest, then up stepped Harry with a Dusty Martin like run from half way down the wing, don't arguing several opponents on the way to deliver the ball with a nice kick to Ronan 10m out from goal. A nice finishing kick and Ronan had his goal. This was another good team effort with every boy playing their role and helping the team, and it was good to see them support Ronan and get a team goal. Now for next week where we get to play under lights on Friday night down at Mordillo Braeside.

Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 13

Waverley Park Hawks 4.2.26 defeated by Beaumaris 11.13.79

Coach: Nick Thompson

Goal kickers: T Warner 4

Best Players: Warner, Soria, Taborsky, Dakin, Traplin, Jago, Watts

Coaches awards: Costello and Soria

The under 13s hosted ladder leaders Beaumaris on the weekend in what was sure to be an extremely difficult task. After going down by some 130 points earlier in the year it was going to be interesting to see how far we had come since round 6. While the scoreboard again was not all that flattering as we went down by 53 points, it was a fantastic improvement on the last attempt. Our boys battled with everything they had for the entire day and spent lots of time in attacking positions. However, Beaumaris' outstanding defending across the field made scoring very difficult. Conversely when they got onto a break out of the defensive end of the ground they moved the ball with such precision and team work that their scores seemed to come much easier.

In the two previous games we played against them this year there really wasn't a contest. They did as they pleased from start to finish. However, it was extremely pleasing to see that that was certainly not the case this time around. I won't single out individual performances or give play by play on this one, as it was clearly a great team effort and one we should all be proud of.

A big thanks to Candy Man O'Rourke and Reece Anderson of the under 12s for yet again making up our numbers.

Looking forward to playing host to Prahran next week in what will be the last game of a pretty difficult year for our boys.

Under 14 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 1.1.7 defeated East Brighton Vampires 10.2.62

Coach: Bradley McLean

Goals Kickers: Amber

Best Players: Charlotte, Madilyn, Megan, Amber, Shelby

Coaches award: Olivia

Round 14 saw the girls take on the Vampires. Although we were right down on numbers the girls still went in full of confidence and played a great game of football.

Olivia continued to grow as a footballer and keeps on getting better each week and seems to be enjoying her football. Amber was strong again through the midfield working very well with Charlotte and Shelby.

Caitlin B was fantastic again this week playing across half back as was Nayla who played a ripper of a game.

One of the best things about coaching this team is watching them have fun together and how happy they are when they do something special and parents pat them on the back as they come in to a huddle during the breaks and let them know just how proud they are of them.

I want to once again thank all the parents for helping out each week and a special thank you to Kiara and Maddie H for helping with the team this week.

GO HAWKS!!!

Under 14 Brown

Waverly Park Hawks 10.6.68 defeated Port/South Melbourne 2.3.15

Coach: Francis Palleschi

Goal Kickers: N. Palleschi 3, W. Wieclaw 2, E. Plaza, S. Skandalis, T. Warner, C. Fisher, H.

Best Players: A. Markovitch, M. Battista, D. Harris, W. Wieclaw, S. Skandalis, B. Cowie

Coaches' awards: A. Markovitch, B. Cowie

On Sunday the boys were faced with their most important game of the season. Win and we make finals. Lose and we could face elimination after sitting in the top 4 for the majority of the season. An added incentive for the weekend was Ethan Plaza's 100th game in which the boys were keen to get up and give him a win.

Understanding the importance of this game, the boys set out for a good warm up and looked mentally switched on as the ball was thrown up. With the wind blowing hard, and the rain beginning to pour, we did well to dominate the first half of the first quarter, but unfortunately just could not impact the scoreboard. At quarter time the conditions got worse, but our football got better. In the space of 5 minutes, Nicholas kicked 2 quick goals back to back to end the half and left us with a 19 point lead.

The third quarter was a tight contest with us kicking 2 goals to their 1, but it was a quarter in which our defence stood out. Alex and Deakin were exceptional off half back all day, attacking the ball hard and winning crucial, goal saving one on ones. This set us up for a big last quarter, with the rain holding off and our midfielders now firmly on top of their opponents. A 4

goal last quarter sealed the game, with captain for the day Wes standing up to kick 2 terrific goals, whilst Spiros and Michael worked hard to set up a couple goals each with their strong body work through the middle.

After a terrific performance, we were able to seal a spot in the finals and get back on the winners list. The boys played some terrific football and set themselves a benchmark of the quality they need to bring when we head into our first final in two weeks time. For now, we turn our attention to East Malvern in the last game of the year and hopefully put in another strong effort to lead us into the finals on the back of a couple good wins.

Under 14 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 5.16.46 defeated East Malvern 3.5.23

Coach: Mark Addison

Goal Kickers: Willem Saltwell 2, Dylan Quadara-Boersch 1, Matthew Jameson 1, Jordan Messina 1

Best Players: W. Saltwell, L. Timmer, B. Addison, N. Gubatanga, J. Messina, J. Yakub

Coaches' awards: L. Timmer & B. Addison

The boys ventured out to Waverley Oval as they prepared for their clash against the bottom placed East Malvern. Ladder places were irrelevant however as the heavens opened up, ensuring that the game would be a hard fought scrap from start to end. Prior to the game the boys had some unexpected celebrity exposure when a photographer from the Herald Sun took a few snaps of the boys in action with assistant Coach "Joffa" Corfe which ended up in the paper the next day. After the minor distraction, it was time to get cracking, & true to form as we have found most games this season, the boys were slow out of the blocks & found themselves 2 goals down in a game where goals were always going to be hard to come by. By the end of the 1st quarter the boys eventually found a goal, but our opposition also managed to jag another meaning we went into the break still down by a few goals.

The 2nd quarter is where the boys hit their straps, & if not for some errant kicking, would of found ourselves well ahead at the main break. As it turns out we lead by 9 points & knew there was plenty to be done if we were going to be a chance for back to back wins. Thankfully the boys did keep up the pressure on their opposition & in the end East Malvern did not score another goal after ¼ time which was a real testament to our boy's endeavour to keep things tight to get the job done. The final winning margin of 23 points was promising but the boys knew that it could have been more comfortable if our kicking boots were on.

A break-out game for Willem who kicked his first goals for the club since coming over early in the season. His ruck work was fantastic & constantly drove the team forward in very trying conditions. Liam T also gave a four quarter effort with plenty of defensive pressure & some great marks when the ball was like a cake of soap. The mids in Noah, Matt, Ben & Jason were also tireless all day & to be fair, it was just an all-round solid team effort across the board.

Congratulations to Liam T & Brodie who were awarded the coaches medals with some great individual performances.

Our last game of the home & away season sees the boys travel out to Murrumbeena in what could prove to be a finals deciding game to finish in 4th.

It's been a great season boys, but let's not stop now & see if we can dig deep to keep our season alive for at least one more week.

GO HAWKS!!

Chesterfield Farm Under 15

Waverley Park Hawks 3.6.24 defeated by Mordialloc Braeside 4.11.35

Coach: Brendan Mahon

Goal Kickers: M. Palmer, M. Mortaruolo, R. Veldman

Coaches' Awards: Michael Ferracane

This week's match was a 'dead rubber' effectively for our team, but the boys were keen to end the home and away season with a win. I think we were on our way to a win before the game was called off.

The boys played really well against the wind in the first quarter. The defence was resolute and committed. The desperation was personified by Ben Heller, Tristan O'Neill and George Vassar down back. Some of the link play and skill in the first quarter by our boys was impressive. The team was able to transition the ball through a committed opposition.

The loss of Ben Heller to injury in the second quarter, was a big loss, as he was the dominant player on the ground. This was further compounded with the loss of Leigh Marshall and Michael Ferracane to injury. The courage of these three players was inspirational and demonstrates the commitment the team has to each other. Andrew Saliba was also 'winged' in the second, in an action that resulted in the opposition receiving a yellow card.

The team refocused at half time, to solely give thought to their next opportunity to impact the play, and not to cloud their heads with matters outside their control. We once again controlled the play against the wind in the first half of the third quarter, but were not able to convert our opportunities in difficult conditions. The opposition played better wet weather football late in the third quarter to take the lead.

As the weather deteriorated, the opposition tactics that were evident in the second quarter re-emerged and unfortunately the game was abandoned. I was so proud of the team's skill courage and discipline. Circumstances worked against the team in this match and that happens sometimes in football. However, we have demonstrated in the last month that we have the skill, courage, discipline, and most importantly team spirit and character to beat any of our opponents. We will use the next two weeks to prepare for the finals that the boys set themselves to make at the beginning of the season. Go Hawks!

Under 16 Girls

Waverly Park Hawks 2.1.13 defeated by East Brighton 3.2.20

Coach: Charles Spicer

Goal Kickers: Macca, Jess N

Best Players: Jess N, Alyssa, Anastasia, Britney, Lea, Beth

Coaches' award: Lea & Britney

Last Piece award: Jess B

Whilst it initially looked like we were in for a wet day at the office, the weather came good for the U16 girls and we enjoyed a sunny afternoon of footy, despite the cold conditions. This game was a huge event in the context of the season, with our girls needing to win to secure a finals berth or alternately, need to rely on other results next week. Unfortunately it wasn't meant to be and we went down to a bigger bodied East Brighton squad that played the conditions very well on the day.

The first quarter was a very tight affair, with EB looking to lock the ball into stoppage after stoppage whilst we were trying

to get the ball to our outside runners, which has been the plan all year. When we were first to the ball, our mantra of picking the ball up and using clean hands was thwarted by toe poke after toe poke, followed by more congestion. Maddie was having a great first quarter and repelled countless attacks, along with the support of Lea who was putting her body on the line at every contest. After a goalless first stanza, we knew it was going to be a hard grind, with East Brighton already having played out three draws this season.

We stuck to our guns and tried to play attacking footy, but our willingness to take on the game saw us turn the ball over at our half forward line mid-way through the second, which led to EB being able to rebound and eventually kick the first goal of the game out the back. With both Cassy and Jess B struggling with injury, Chloe went into the ruck and was doing a great job contesting against a much larger and taller opponent. We replied to our opponents first goal with our first of the day through Macca, which came off the back of some quick clearance work from our midfield. Victoria was running hard and cracking in, ensuring we had good numbers at the contest and Anastasia was locking down one of their key midfielders brilliantly.

In the third term the grind continued, with East Brighton players creating a loose defender. Whilst we continued to push and try to run the ball forward, we just couldn't get the ball in a position to convert, despite strong efforts from Laura, Steph and Annie. With the bench again looking like a casualty ward due to our girls relentless courage and attack on the footy, Beth went into the middle and was having an impact, using her footy smarts to identify who was doing the damage and instructing her team mates (and the coach) who to look out for. Despite again holding the ball in our forward half for much of the quarter, East Brighton were again able to rebound to sneak ahead at the final break.

Needing to kick two goals in the last to have any chance, our girls threw caution to the wind. Zoe was again in and under the packs feeding the runners, Alyssa was starting to break free and move the ball forward and Ebony was controlling the back half with Ellie and looking to counter attack wherever possible. Before long Jess N slotted a goal and were within a point and were up and about. Both sides were really pushing now and although it looked like Caitlyn, who was still running strong, was about to get onto the end of a contested ball clearance, she was set upon by multiple opponents and East Brighton was able to move the ball the length of the field before Britney and the defensive unit stopped their momentum. Out of that stoppage saw East Brighton get a quick kick away that fell into the arms of their forward, who converted to sink us on the day.

Despite the disappointment that the team obviously felt, we still have one more chance to make the finals and need to put the loss behind us and focus on what we can control this week against Hampton.

Under 16 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 9.7.61 defeated by Northvale 11.6.72

Coach: Ian Bingham

Goal Kickers: Z. Fisher 4, C. Black 1, M. Butera 1, D. Kreidl 1, F. Stellato 1, V. Zagari 1

Best Players: Z. Fisher, L. Boyle, J. McCallum, C. Kopec, Z. Bingham

Coaches' Award: Chris Kopec

It was a really disappointing effort this week. We let Northvale drag us back to their level and we undid all the good work of the previous 3 weeks.

I know it's a cliché but footy is played 90% in the head, and we were out played again by Northvale.

Zach F worked hard all day and excellent in front of goal. Chris lead well at CHF in the first half and defensively in the second half was very good. Lachlan and Jackson were sold in defence and Zach B battled hard in the ruck all day.

Under 16 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 27.17.155 defeated by South Melbourne 1.0.6

Coach: Greg Fraser

Goal Kickers: S.Watson 6, L.King 4, J.Yakub 2, L.Noble 2, C.Cheney 2, H.Emerson, L.Fraser, K.Harris, J.Savage, L.Durant, M.Moore and L.Perez all scored a goal each

Best Players: This was truly a team effort with every single player down to 19 contributing

Coaches' Award: A. Bailey and C. McDowell

After a tough week recovering from the match vs Highett I could not be prouder of the boys against South Melbourne. From the first bounce they placed their heads over the ball and moved the ball as a team showing the skills I have known they had from week one of the season. Every player contributed to the win and most importantly the comradery amongst the boys was the best I have seen all season. Every player to a man wanted to see their mates score a goal or just supported them when they made a great play including Trent's don't argue. Next week is effectively our first elimination final and I am sure the boys are more than up to the task.

Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 17

Round 13 Report

Waverley Park Hawks 18.19.127 defeated Ajax Jets 3.3.21

Coach: Jackson Morgan

Goal Kickers: Bradie Morgan 5, James Long 4, Tom Webb 3, Alexander Palleschi 2, Angelo Cappello 1, Adrian Toro 1, Harris Dimopoulos 1, James O'Neill 1, Brendan Wales 1

Best Players: Bradie Morgan, James Long, Will Hayes, Brendan Wales, Alexander Palleschi, Angelo Cappello, Tom Webb, Bradley Kreidl

Coaches' Award:

Sunday saw our boys host Ajax at home. Coming off the back of a disappointing loss, and with the finals soon approaching, a win was a must.

We started well, our focus on our-marking and our-muscling our opponents proved successful as we controlled the game in the air, and managed to lock the ball in our forward fifty quite comfortably.

Holding steady for most of the game, save a short 3rd quarter lapse, our boys managed to keep a descent lead and finish strong, securing the win and a nice percentage boost to hold us in second position on the ladder, well done boys.

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