



Waverley Park Hawks Weekly Newsletter



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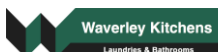
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NEWS...

Grand Final After Match This Sunday—Hamburgers and/or Pizza

There will be a Grand Final After Match this Sunday with hamburgers and/or pizza on the menu. We have 3 teams playing this weekend with two of those teams in Grand Finals – Under 11 Brown and Under 12 Brown and the Under 17s vying for a place in their Grand Final. We're hoping to be able to celebrate 2 teams winning premierships and the Under 17s securing a grand finals spot!

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.

Nick Thompson Announced as Coaching Co-ordinator

The club would officially like to welcome aboard Nick Thompson as the club's new Coaching Co-ordinator, replacing Simon Fisher who is stepping down from the role at the end of the season.

Nick this season coached the Under 13s and successfully saw the same group win the Under 12 premiership in 2016. He comes on board with a huge amount of enthusiasm and a hands-on approach. Nick is currently leading the charge conducting interviews with perspective coaches for next season along with the rest of the football operations team. If you are interested in coaching please ensure to have your application in before the 6th of September.

We would also like to take this opportunity to send a big thank you to our outgoing co-ordinator, Simon Fisher. Simon has done a power of work in this role over many seasons and will continue to work alongside Nick in the football operations department to ensure a smooth transition. Thank you, Simon, for the many years of dedication and time you have given the Hawks community in your role as coaching co-ordinator—your knowledge and experience in this role has been a major asset to the club!

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](#).

Simon Fisher (0409 219 981) or Nick Thompson (0407 774 554) 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.

Finals Fever Again at Columbia Park This Week—The Club Needs Your Help

The club will once again have finals matches at Columbia Park this weekend hosting the Under 14/15/16/17 Div 3

Preliminary Finals which includes our Under 17s game against Mordialloc-Braeside at 3:00PM.

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.

Volunteers are needed for various roles (BBQ and canteen) this Sunday. Please take this as an opportunity to put something back into your Club. Donating just one hour of your time will be greatly appreciated and is extremely important in ensuring that the day is run in the best way possible.

We are using SignUp.com to organise and co-ordinate our volunteers—all roles have been broken down into 1-hour shifts. Simply click this link to go to the club's invitation page: <http://signup.com/go/RkoutwA> and sign up today.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

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...

Finals Week 2 Fixture Sunday August 27 – 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
Mount Waverley Dental Under 11 Brown (Quinlan, Div 6)	Murrumbeena v Waverley Park Hawks <i>King George Reserve – Oval 2, East Boundary Rd, Bentleigh</i>	9:00AM
Under 12 Brown (Blacker, Div 6)	Waverley Park Hawks v Mordialloc Braeside <i>Essex Heights Reserve, Outlook Rd, Mt Waverley</i>	9:00AM
Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 17 (Morgan, Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks v Mordialloc Braeside <i>Columbia Park, Columbia Dve, Wheelers Hill</i>	3:00PM

Finals Week 1 Results Summary

Under 11 Brown 7.5.47 defeated St Kilda City 3.13.31

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Finals Week 1 Match Reports

Mount Waverley Dental Under 11 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 7.5.47 defeated St Kilda City 3.13.31

Coach: Damien Quinlan

Goal Kickers: James Montano 3, Nicholas Fisher 1, Patrick Klonis 1, Isac Quinlan 1, William Rice 1

It was a fresh but sunny morning on Sunday and the Waverley Park Hawks came out in full force to take on St.Kilda City. It was a do or die situation with the winner gaining entry into the Grand Final. The Hawks meant business and were ready for battle. Their warm up session was active and the boys were focused on trying their best. They had faced the Saints twice throughout the season and were defeated both times. However, the Hawks were going into the game as the underdogs and knew they had a chance of grabbing a victory. The captain for the day was Biraj Koirala and he won the toss and chose the kicking end.

After listening to Eye of the Tiger in the change rooms, the boys ran out onto the ground pumped full of adrenaline and smelling like deep heat. The instructions were to get on the scoreboard early and stay in front. The midfield consisted of Biraj Koirala, Max Addison, Nicholas Fisher and Isac Quinlan. They were assisted with Thomas Giles and Angus Cassidy on the wings. When the centre bounce took place the boys didn't waste any time and got the centre clearances and drove the ball down to the forward line. It was just the start they needed, scoring 2.3 in the first quarter to the Saints 2 points. James Montano, Thayden Trinh and Patrick Klonis were strong on the forward flank and Gabriel Choi and Jared Lim were effective in the pockets. Will Rice was consistent and booted the first goal of the match at full forward.

The Hawks were instructed at training during the week to focus on accuracy and kicking straight and that's what they did in the second quarter. Although the Saints kicked 2.3 and out scored the boys, the Hawks kicked two goals straight which kept them in front at halftime by 10 points. However, they knew that the job wasn't over yet and they had to keep in front and continue to score. In the third quarter the backline really stood up and defended their positions. Benjamin Wickham was excellent in defence and Eugene Skandalis, Oscar Gallagher and Joshua White were extremely important at keeping the ball out of the Saints' scoring zone. Thomas Downs, William Tan-Son, Oscar Azemat and Steven La Bruna assisted with defending and tagging their opponents. This allowed the Hawks to keep the ball in their scoring zone and they kicked 3.2 to the Saints 4 points. At three quarter time the Hawks were leading by 26 points but they knew that the game would not be won until they heard the final siren.

In the last quarter the Hawks stayed strong and played really good defensive football. The Saints kicked 10 points and were crawling their way back into the game but time was not on their side. The final siren rang and the Hawks won by 16 points which cemented

them into the Grand Final! The boys showed great courage and determination and deserved the win. They now face Murrumbidgee in the Grand Final on Sunday at King George Reserve in Bently at 9am. They have what it takes to go all the way as long as they stick to the rules. First to the ball! Man up! Spread out! Kick long! Talk to each other and Never Give Up!

All the best for Sunday Under 11 Browns.

Go Hawks!!!

Under 12 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 15.13.103 defeated East Brighton Vampires Mount 1.0.6

Coach: Noel Blacker

Goal kickers: Jack I 3, Zach 3, Harry 3, Herbie 2, Max 1, Dylan S 1, Ben 1, Paddy 1

Best Players: Jack I, Zach, Ollie, Dylan S, Harry, Lenny, Reece, Plow, Paddy, Liam, Savio

What another sensational game of football and most importantly a team effort by all the boys to win this semi-final by such an emphatic margin and head into a grand final next Sunday. The scene was set within the first minute of the game when our strong midfield quickly got the ball out of the centre square and drove it into our forward line and Zach was able to capitalise with a snap and score our first goal in such a short space of time, the boys were switched on and had come to play an excellent and skill full brand of football.

This was another great effort by the all the boys but the main job still needs to be done next week when they play off for the Grand Final against an accomplished opponent Mordialloc Braeside. Go Hawks!!!!

Under 12 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 2.7.19 defeated by East Malvern 9.11.65

Coach: Jason Storan

Goal kickers: Harper V 2

Best Players: Peter D, Shilo H, Harry S, Mitchell W, Spencer S

Coaches Awards: Peter D

An early game this week having to travel to Cheltenham to play our final, we were up against East Malvern who we knew had stormed home the last few weeks of the season. Last time we played them they were down to 17 players, this time we faced the full team. Our boys started slowly like most games this year and East Malvern went up a few goals, however our boys fought back and managed to even out the contest. It was a tough match, both sides were going in hard for the ball and not giving an inch. By the end of the first we were down by 15, but it was looking like it was turning our way. The second quarter started much better and we managed to get a bit of a roll on with Harper kicking two for us, this had the East Malvern boys dropping their heads a bit, but they fought back and managed to keep the margin on us going into Half time. The effort was there from the boys but we just couldn't get the game on our terms.

I asked the boys to lift at half time, to start spreading the ball around and to ensure there were no easy kicks, and to their credit they did respond and gave it a red hot go, but the ball was not bouncing our way today and as hard as the boys tried, we just couldn't get it into our forward line enough. East Malvern made the most of their chances and stretched their lead out to over 30 points. So for the last quarter it was just give it everything and

show them how we know how to play, but again as hard as the boys tried the ball just wouldn't stay in our forward line enough to score. Everyone played their hearts out, but it just wasn't to be today. East Malvern out played us in this game and we tried our best but came up short. The boys have been wonderful this year and they didn't go out without giving it their best shot, but like they say, there is always next year.

"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success.

You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world,
but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

'Babe Ruth'

Under 14 Brown

Waverly Park Hawks 9.11.65 defeated by East Sandringham 10.7.67

Coach: Francis Palleschi

Goal Kickers: J. Soligo 2, N. Buzza 2, S. Skandalis, E. Hele, W. Wieclaw, C. Cochrane, E. Plaza

Best Players: J. Soligo, S. Skandalis, L. Gaudion, N. Buzza, J. Kolak

A bitter pill to swallow. A really devastating way to end our season on Sunday, and it was clear to see the impact it had on the boys.

We had worked so hard to get into the position we were, and our only hurdle was to overcome a team that we hadn't had the chance to beat this season. We started the game off very well, missing a couple of opportunities early, but then hitting the scoreboard in the second term, thanks to some good work from Buzza, and a strong presence through the middle from Jake and Spiros. Late in the third quarter we faced an uphill battle with one of our boys sent off, leaving us with 17 players for the near entirety of the last term. To the boys credit, they battled hard and tried their absolute most to stop the onslaught from their opponents, but the extra number and some tiring legs proved too much as Sandringham raced away to kick 3 unanswered goals and run out 2 point victors.

It has been a great season, full of ups and downs, but for the most part it has been a real growing curve for the boys. There are many things we can take out of this year, and I hope they will bounce back bigger and better for it.

Chesterfield Farm Under 15

Waverley Park Hawks 7.3.45 defeated by Mordialloc Braeside 12.10.87

Coach: Brendan Mahon

Goal Kickers: M. Mortaruolo 3, J. Franchi, J. Collins, J. Lyons, M. Lucas

Best Players J Collins, J Franchi, B Heller, S Howells, B Lipenski, J Lyons, M Lucas, T Morgan, M Mortaruolo, J Mucha

Coach's Award: Jarrod Franchi

Last Piece: Brandon Lipenski

What an exciting week. This group of boys playing their first finals match. We trained Tuesday and Thursday with excellent numbers and intensity. It was cold and wet yet it did not dampen enthusiasm. The aim of making finals from the beginning of the year had been met, but the boys had now lifted their expectations.

However, in the last minute of training, Mitchell Palmer and Max Lucas had a sickening head clash in pouring rain. Training ended with the coaches attending to our two injured gun mid fielders. It was heart breaking for Mitch not being able to play. But his presence on game day did lift the team's spirits.

Sunday arrived and venue was Princess Park Caulfield, the home of the mighty AJAX. The opponent was Mordialloc Braeside, a team that we had played well against in recent matches. However, events in our recent encounter raised discussions about sportsmanship and fair play.

Being a final we were able to play our entire list of players. This is a credit to the Club and its selection policies, and a fair reward for all the players that had contributed to the team success throughout the season.

The team started well in spring like weather, and established an early lead. Jake Collins was taking marks in the forward line and converted a great goal to lift the team's spirit. Matthew Mortaruolo looked dangerous again at full forward kicking three goals.

Mordialloc Braeside kicked a late goal in the first quarter and in the second against the run of play. Some of our players were getting caught out of position when attacking with Mordialloc Braeside holding one or two players back from congested packs. We addressed this as a team but our enthusiasm to attack kept catching players out of position. In the third quarter we lost the contest ball battle and turned the ball over due to the pressure applied by the opposition. Our game plan was being used against us.

Mordialloc Braeside were eliminated in the first week of finals last season and had learnt from the experience. They played high pressure finals football for longer than we could sustain and were the better team on the day. Their run and thoughtful positioning was the difference on the day.

I challenged the team at three quarter time to focus on our strengths that had served us so well throughout the season. I was impressed with the response. Our contested ball work, tackling and pressure in the final quarter was impressive. Jarrod Franchi was a standout in the last quarter.

Looking back, we were limited in our preparation with illness and injury to many players. I think this played a significant role on the day.

Despite the loss, we had a fantastic season. Many teams commented on our discipline, pressure, organisation and team spirit. Thank you to Hugh, Chris, Andrew, Marty, Tony and Travis for the support that enables the boys to play the game they enjoy. Thank you to the parents that assisted throughout the season. It was a privilege to coach such a fine team of young men. I am proud of each player's development and performances. With this final experience I am confident that hard work in the future will be rewarded with greater successes.

Under 16 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 3.3.21 defeated by Highett/Cheltenham 18.17.125

Coach: Ian Bingham

Goal Kickers: J. Barker 1, C. Kopec 1, F. Stellato 1

Best Players: F. Stellato, J. Webb, C. Black, J. Neil, F. Robertson

Finals footy steps up to another level, and we need everyone at their absolute best to be competitive and give CHOGS a run. Unfortunately, things didn't go our way and with a few boys carrying niggling injuries we just weren't up to the level required. Josh and Chayce tried hard all day in the midfield. Fabian, Jack N and Fraser had tuff days down back but never gave up. Thank you to all the boys for their efforts throughout the season.

Under 16 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 4.4.28 defeated by Beaumaris 11.19.85

Coach: Greg Fraser

NO REPORT.

Waverley Kitchens, Laundries & Bathrooms Under 17

Waverley Park Hawks 8.7.55 defeated by East Sandringham 8.10.58

Coach: Jackson Morgan

Goal Kickers: Bradie Morgan 3, James O'Neill 2, Brendan Wales 2, Nicholas Priddle 1

Best Players: Will Hayes, Tom Webb, Brendan Wales, Adrian De Marco Toro, Harris Dimopoulos, James Long, Andrew Beer

Last Sunday saw our boys compete in the first final for 2017. With East Sandringham our competitors and a 9am start, we were in for an interesting game.

The last few games we have played gave us some good points of improvement, things like numbers around the ball and utilising "hardball" handballs to steer clear of trouble. With this at the forefront of our preparation and the previous success we have had against Sandy, we were confident.

The game was well fought on both sides, with Sandy holding a lead for most of the game. Although we dominated a majority of the possession, we could not convert this into score.

Remaining frustratingly behind on the scoreboard, even though we were "winning" on the ground, it was difficult to try and build the momentum needed to take the lead. Sandy were capable at turning quick play into quick scores and did not need much of the ball to do damage on that front.

The final term saw us start a few goals behind but with the determination our boys had shown all game, we still had hope. Working hard for the entire quarter, and with a final dash of 3 goals in the last 5 minutes, we had brought their lead back to 3 points. Unfortunately, there was not enough time for us to steal the game and we succumbed to a 3 point loss.

Luckily, we have the second chance and get to play again this week in the decider.

It was hard to fault our boys on their efforts on Sunday, but clearly our lack of ability to score was a serious contributing factor in our loss.

We go for one final roll of the dice this weekend, let's hope we snag the win and get the chance to play in the biggest game of the year.

Go Hawks!

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All Waverley Park Hawks playing squad members will receive a 10% discount on any physio treatment at Waverley Park Physiotherapy Centre (WPCC) in 2017.

In addition, WPPC are providing a \$10 rebate to the club for each new patient who register at Waverley Park Physiotherapy Centre in 2017. This applies to all members of the wider Waverley Park Hawk community (players, past players, family members, sponsors and supporters).

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Pinewood Community Bank Branch are providing a rebate to the club for each new account and/or loan opened by a member of the Waverley Park Hawks community:

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BOOKINGS: Via website. Closes October 10

DATES: October 15 to December 3, 2017

AGE GROUP: 2008 to 2005

COST: \$475.00 Payment Plan Available



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