



## ALL LOCKED EVEN IN FIRST HIT OUT

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY MORELAND ZEBRAS WOMEN TEAM V TRUGANINA HORNETS

Last night our women team travelled to the Western Suburbs to play in its first practice game of the year against Truganina Hornets.

The girls have been in training since December last year and without a doubt the girls could not wait to get into a game situation. The game was played with 3 quarters.

Whistle blows and football commences for the women's team for 2015. We witnessed the first 10-15 mins in which the Zebras seemed to be under pressure against the wind. It did take some time for the girls to get used to the conditions, however it wasn't long before they got the ball moving around into the Zebras attacking half after some a great display from Truganina.

The highlight in this period came from Goal Keeper Jess Morris pulling off two great saves to keep the Zebras in the game. The only real attempt on goal came from a free kick that came into the box resulting in a volley attempt that saw the ball hit the Bar for the Zebras.

15 mins on and the Zebras crawled their way back into the game controlling the tempo of the game. With a mixture of experience and youth the Zebras started to lift in confidence and took that into the second quarter with some solid build ups to goal with opportunities presenting themselves, with shots on goal just off target. The defence was marshalled well by Celeste Gallina and the midfield general in Hannah Delorenzis.

5 mins in saw the Zebras take the lead through a penalty converted by Celeste after a good build up towards goal which saw the opposition miss time a tackle in the penalty area.

From this point the Zebras had their mojo in total control but just couldn't seem to extend the lead. Pauline Xerri had some good chances in front of goal after some great runs but just couldn't find the net. As usual when a team seems to be in control, a goal pops up at the other end, on the counter attack. The home team have levelled the score and it was game on. A goal does wonders and Truganina lifted the tempo and back in control. The Zebras were saved by the whistle as the second quarter finished.

The third quarter saw an even contest with both teams attacking but both defences holding out and finished with no change to the score line. **Truganina Hornets 1 – Moreland Zebras 1**

With a blend of experience and youth the Zebras Women's team did well in its first practice game. With the introduction of some new faces and the ladies determination to reach the top will see this group flourish.

Keep up the good work ladies.

Moreland Zebras would like to thank Truganina Hornets for their hospitality and wish them all the best in the 2015 season.

