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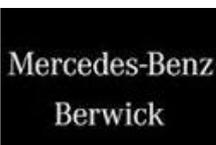
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FROM THE (VICE) PRESIDENT...



It was a nice change to have some sunshine on Sunday even though the wind was a bit cold. It was a great day for watching our Waverley Park Hawks in action.

Last week we held the Annual Waverley Park Hawks Poker Night at Central Reserve. A massive thank you to Paul Shaw for all of his efforts in organising this night, which he has done for the last three years. Whilst numbers were down on previous years, we still managed to raise almost \$3,000 for the club which is an amazing result! Thank you to everyone who attended for your support.

Our last after match was a busy one – it was fantastic to see so many there and a big congratulations to the Under 11 age group for their efforts on the night - they sold out of Grill'd burgers!!! Thanks also to the Hickey family for their donations of the burgers and the Peluso family for their donation of the salad stuff – they are always a big hit! Please support the businesses that support us – if you're in St Kilda, make sure you drop into Grill'd on Acland Street for a delicious burger. We also had lots of milestones to celebrate and we congratulate all of our milestone players again on their achievements. The meat raffle was won by the Sims Family and the player raffle also went off with a very excited Oliver White the happy winner! Remember that you need to be at after match to win the player raffle! This week's after match will be hosted by the Under 12's and we have a Hawks first with the "Winter Warmers" on the menu. There will be lots to choose from with traditional Curried Sausages and Rice, Chilli and Rice, Pumpkin Soup and Sausages in bread. Yum!

Team photos are all done for the year. Thank you to Melissa Rogers from Pro Sport Photography (and Under 13 Brown Team Manager). This is a massive job every year and we thank all of the Team Managers and their helpers for their organisation of their teams for photos. I always love seeing my boys' footy photos and I'm sure they will all be great.

A reminder too, that the club will be looking for volunteers on August 14th to help with hosting finals at Columbia Reserve. We will need help with ground set up, operating the canteen, selling footy records and cleaning the rooms during the day. If we can get as many people as possible it need only be for a couple of hours each, so please consider helping out.

Good luck to all teams for Sunday – there is not much of the season left so I hope you all enjoy your footy this weekend.

Go Hawks!

Danielle O'Neill

NEWS...

After Match This Sunday



The Under 12s are hosting After Match this week with some choices for Winter Warmers. There will be lots to choose from with traditional Curried Sausages and Rice, Chilli and Rice, Pumpkin Soup and Sausages in bread. Yum!

Social Media

The club has become more active in the social media space in the off season and is looking for content from each of our teams particularly for our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Please feel free to e-mail photos/videos from your matches to media@wphawks.org.au or post directly to our Facebook page.



The club also has it's own mobile app for both iPhone and Android phones which includes club news, results, ladders, fixtures, team information, grounds, events and more. Download it from the App Store or Google Play.



For those of you who had the app last season a reminder that you will need to update your Team information so that you can receive notifications relating to a specific team. To update your settings, navigate to the Settings page via the More tab. Press the Edit Information button. Update your Team, Second Team and Third Team information as appropriate and press the Submit button.

Banners for Milestone Games



If you have a milestone game coming up, the club can provide you with an easy and inexpensive way to create a run through banner.

The club has available for purchase, *Run Through Crepe Banners 2m x 2m in Brown and Gold*, which can be easily personalized with the players name and the number of games (50, 100, 150).

Cost is \$65 and they can be purchased through our merchandise co-ordinator, Lynda Ross at the Columbia Park canteen on match days or alternatively contact Lynda 0466 326 633 to make alternative arrangements. Suggest that you purchase it at least a week in advance to allow time for adding letters/numbers to the banner.

All you need to do is prepare the lettering for the players name and number of games and affix this to the banner. Letter and number and instructions are available from the [club web site](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

After Match Schedule 2016

Round	Date	Team Hosting	Menu
13	24/7/2016	Under 12s	Winter Warmers
14 & Under 9 Lightning carnival	31/7/2016	Under 13s	TBA
15 & Under 10s Lightning carnival	7/8/2016	Under 14s	TBA
Semi Finals	14/8/2016	TBC	TBAS
Preliminary/Grand Finals	21/8/2016	TBC	TBA
Grand Finals	28/8/2016	TBC	TBA

Other Important Dates

August 14 – Waverley Park Hawks hosting finals

September 18 – Presentation Day

AROUND THE GROUND...

Round 13 Fixture Sunday July 24 2016

ALL PLAYERS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE RELEVANT GROUND – 45 Minutes

PRIOR TO START OF GAME OR OTHERWISE AT COACH'S INSTRUCTION.

Home Teams (first named team): Brown Shorts Away Teams: White Shorts

Team	Match Details	Time
BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold McCluskey (Blue)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Hampton Rovers Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	9.00 a.m.
Under 9 Brown Bonaddio (Orange)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Malvern Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	11.30 a.m.
Under 9 Girls Vicic Round 12	BYE	
Under 9 White Mastromanno (Green)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Cheltenham Panthers Lum Reserve Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill	10.15 a.m.
Bertocchi Under 10 Gold Dellapreciate (White)	St Bedes Mentone vs Waverley Park Hawks Southern Road Reserve Southern Road Mentone MEL 87 E6	8.45 a.m.
Under 10 Brown Quinlan (Yellow)	BYE	
Under 11 Brown Hickey (Div 5)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	8.30 a.m.
AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold Froelich (Div 3)	Mordialloc Braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks Walter Galt Reserve Oval 1 Victoria Street Mordialloc MEL 87 F8	9.00 a.m.
Under 12 Girls Aitkin	Mordialloc Braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks Gerry Green Reserve Nepean Highway Parkdale MEL 87 E8	9.45 a.m.
Under 12 Thompson (Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Bentleigh Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	10.00 a.m.
Under 13 Gold Jago (Div 4)	Port/South Melbourne vs Waverley Park Hawks Albert Park – Oval 9 Aughtie Drive Albert Park MEL 2K J12	10.00 a.m.
Under 13 Brown Fisher (Div 1)	BYE	
Skye Travel Under 14 Brown Claxton (Div 4)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Caulfield Bears Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	11.30 a.m.
Under 14 Gold Thompson (Div 2)	Prahran vs Waverley Park Hawks Toorak Park Orrong Road Armadale MEL 2M G12	1.00 p.m.
Under 15 Girls Davey (Div 2)	Cheltenham Panthers vs Waverley Park Hawks Le Page Park Oval 2 Cnr. Herald & Argus Streets Cheltenham MEL 78 B12	11.30 a.m.
JB Commercial Under 15 Gold Deegan (Div 4)	AJAX Jets vs Waverley Park Hawks Princes Park Oval 1 Beech Street Caulfield South MEL 68 B6	9.40 a.m.
Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown Jenkins (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Sandringham/Hampton Rovers Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	1.20 p.m.
Display the Game Under 16 Brown Palleschi (Div 4)	East Sandringham vs Waverley Park Hawks Peterson Reserve Peterson Street Highett MEL 77 B8	1.30 p.m.
RJ Ryan Partners Under 16 Gold Gervasoni (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Ormond Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	3.10 p.m.
Pinewood Community Bank Under 17 Long (Div 3)	Dingley vs Waverley Park Hawks Souter Reserve Marcus Road Dingley MEL 88 G6	12.30 p.m.

Round 12 Results Summary

Under 11 Brown 0.1.1 defeated by Beaumaris 7.9.51

Under 11 Gold 6.7.43 defeated East Brighton Vampires 5.5.35

Under 12 Girls 5.4.34 defeated Prahran 3.1.19

Under 12 9.8.62 defeated East Malvern 8.6.54

Under 13 Brown 6.10.46 defeated Beachside 3.7.25

Under 13 Gold 9.13.67 defeated Beaumaris 2.1.13

Under 14 Gold 14.14.98 defeated Ormond 7.10.52

Under 14 Brown 15.16.106 defeated Ormond 4.5.29

Under 15 Girls 14.7.91 defeated Bentleigh 3.4.22

Under 15 Brown 3.1.19 defeated by Beaumaris 16.12.108

Under 15 Gold 18.17.125 defeated Highett/Cheltenham 5.11.41

Under 16 Brown 4.7.31 defeated by Beaumaris Sharks 6.13.49

Under 16 Gold 9.9.63 defeated St Kilda City 5.10.40

Under 17 7.10 .52 defeated by St Bedes Mentone 8. 9 .57

Round 12 Match Reports

Under 9 Brown

Coaches' awards: Ben Seeger and Isaac Petrelis

It was a great start to the day, 10.45am start and not a cloud in the sky. The sun was shining, we were all looking forward to the game, as the Under 9 Browns had two byes in a row. A big challenge this week as we were up against Beaumaris for the third time. As a team, we knew what we were up against, as they are a tough opponent. It was a slow start for WPH, but they found their way, showing how far we have come, as we started to win the ball all around the ground. There was strong tacking and great ball work around the ground. We congratulate our captains today, Ryder Morgan, and Harry Haebich for leading the team out. To our coach's awards, we congratulate Ben Seeger and Isaac Petrelis for an outstanding game. Train hard play hard !!!! GO WPH!!!!!!

BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold

Coaches' award: Jai Poole

On a perfect day for football we went to McKinnon to play against St. Paul's. The first thing we noticed was the size of the ground, it was huge which meant plenty of space and lots of running for the boys, both of which they handled really well.

The boys started well and their pressure was fantastic, with Nash once again showing the way with a bone crunching tackle which spilt the ball free. CJ had listened to the key points and was in hard getting his own ball and kicking long into the forward line. The back line held up strongly with our coaches award winner Jai keeping his feet and racking up possessions early. It was good to have Josh back and he showed plenty of poise and run out of the back line. Noah T stuck close to his man and fought hard to win the ball at every opportunity.

The second quarter the boys really came out strong and had a great quarter, they were a little unlucky on a number of occasions not to get a score on the board. With the drive out of the middle provided by our co-captain Harley, Zaki was his ever dangerous self, running hard and regularly getting the ball out on his own through his pace. Gabriel attacked the ball with vigour and has improved out of sight and Hudson was going in hard to get the ball and kick it forward. The back line was magnificent and managed to stop St. Paul's for the quarter. Mitchell showed his leadership qualities down back and took a great overhead mark and also won the opposition's coaches award for his strong performance. He had plenty of help down back with Angus stripping the opposition of the ball and following up with a strong kick out of defence. Back in the midfield, Ryan was following on from his great training effort and chased the ball with intent, knocked it up to himself then kicked long into the forward line.

The wind came up a bit at half time and unfortunately for the boys, it was blowing the opposition's way. This made it tough for the backline but Thomas was showing his co-captain leadership skills, repelling a barrage of balls which included some very unlucky bounces, but he was a rock in tough conditions. William showed courage with his head over the ball, drew a free kick and then put his kick onto the chest of a team mate.

The last quarter couldn't come quick enough with the wind our way and the boys certainly made the most of it. Jonathan showed his ruck prowess

tapping it down to Teage who rode some tackles before looking for a teammate and giving it off nicely. Noah Barbis worked tirelessly in the midfield and showed his determination with some great forward entries. All the boys' efforts finally paid off after a number of shots on goal, Jack showed his class and slotted a ripper on the run - just reward for all the hard work. We missed Yannick again this week, hopefully we will see him soon. I'm sure you'll all agree that the boys have all improved remarkably throughout the season and especially in the last few weeks after coming back from the holiday break. They have been playing some really good footy up against some bigger more experienced kids a lot of the time. Go Hawks and Go Gold!

Under 9 White

The Under 9 Whites travelled to the wide open spaces of McKinnon Reserve to take on St Pauls McKinnon for another early start. Due to some illness and as the season wears on, we were down to 16 kids. Our opposition was stacked with some very big kids who were definitely in their second year of Under 9's footy. Coupled with an oversized oval, our boys would have been forgiven if they had failed to perform.

Despite being undermanned and undersized, our players showed plenty of grit and determination to match it with the opposition. Our players tackled, harassed and pressured boys who were much bigger and more experienced than them and St Pauls were given a big shock by the improvement in our side. I was very proud of the boys efforts and the improvement week to week across the board is really pleasing for the coaches and parents to see.

Again, it was an even performance right across the board. Some big improvement from Zac White, Cam Chapple, Oliver White, Isaac Bunney, Charlie Lord and Harry Cochrane is underway and this bodes well for their second year in Under 9's next year. Jack Czosneck, Luke Corcoran, Izac Syliano, John Sidoropoulos and others go up to Under 10's next year and they will be the backbone of a very formidable side.

Great work Under 9 Whites

Under 9 Girls

Coaches award: Hannah

Another encouraging effort from the girls this week against St Peters. Once again the girls went into the game down on personnel. With a few girls still unavailable due to injury, St. Peter's kindly offered three of their girls to even up the teams.

Much like every other week, the Hawks girls turned up giving 100 per cent to every contest and showed great team work throughout the entire game. Many passages of play involved a number of hand passes and fantastic effort trying to get the ball forward at every opportunity. Stasia managed to play a large amount of the game in the midfield and showed her usual dash. Hannah played one of her best games for the year with some great tackles as well as some penetrating kicks into the forward line earning her the coaches award for the week. Bella and Tahlia were also effective through the midfield and forward as was Ebony. Shelby also manages to kick numerous goals in the second half showing she hasn't forgotten where the goals are. This week's game was our last game of home and away footy before we play the Lightning Carnival in a couple of week. As coach, I would just like to say how much fun and enjoyment I have had throughout the season. I truly hope the girls involved have also enjoyed the season and continue to play the game they obviously love for many years to come!

Hope all the under 9s girls are looking forward to finishing the season off on a high and completing what I believe was a really encouraging season of girls footy.

Go Girls! Go Hawks!

Under 10 Brown

Coaches' awards: Eugene Skandalis

The Under 10 Browns ventured down to Mordialloc on Sunday to take on Mordy at their home ground. Our captain for the day was The Fist of Fury aka Gabriel Choi. He got the Hawks off to a good start and had the team kicking with the wind in the last quarter. For the first time this season we had a full side of 19 players and it was great to see all of the boys together in action.

After returning from a three week break, Jared Lim didn't waste any time and was able to kick his first career goal. This gave the boys some inspiration and during the match, Angus and William also booted a goal each. There were some close scoring opportunities for Benjamin and Isac which added extra excitement to the game.

Strong performances by Biraj, James, Rafael, Thayden and Joshua helped limit the opposition from scoring. Throughout the game, Thomas G, Daniel, Edmund, Neil, Oscar A and Thomas D participated well and were competitive around the ground. Oscar G was strong in defence and used his strength to gain possessions. Eugene once again demonstrated his fancy footwork and showed us all how to kick with his left and right foot. The game was a close one and the boys' determination and enthusiasm made us all proud. This weekend the Under 10 Browns have a bye so we hope they enjoy the rest and return fighting fit for the next adventure.

Bertocchi Under 10 Gold

Coaches' Award: Ed Beck

This week we were back at Lum Reserve with the sun shining and perfect conditions for football. We were up against Dingley who were determined to play hard aggressive football against us. Captain for the day was Max who lead the team brilliantly from centre half back. We jumped Dingley early with a quick entry to our forward line and Cooper took advantage and scored the first goal.

We followed this up with another goal to Ethan, while down back we controlled the play with some great manning up by Lachlan S, Tanas, Daniel, Ed and Max.

After quarter time it was even contest with both teams running hard, we were one player down with Tom receiving a head knock but the boys stuck to the game plan. Sam dominated in the ruck giving first use to Nikolas, while Ed was everywhere in and under the packs getting the football out for us to earn himself the coaches award. Zac was full forward causing havoc while Daniel cleared the ball over and over from our defence. Meanwhile Nicholas, Dane, Lachlan B, Luke and Lucas applied pressure all over the ground. It was great to see the boys hang on in the last quarter to record another win. We were tested but stood up when it counted great effort by all the boys.

Go Hawks!

Under 11 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 0.1.1 defeated by Beaumaris 7.9.51

Goal Kickers: Nil

Best Players: Plow, Herbie, Liam O'R, Sav, Nick D, Liam M, Cammo

Coaches Award: Liam M, Cammo

A nice early start for the boys last Sunday and it's fair to say that it took us a little while to wake up. Beaumaris had a couple of goals on the board before we started to get involved in the contest. From a skill perspective the two teams were reasonably well matched. The big difference was the urgency with which the Beaumaris boys played. Their pressure on our ball carrier was huge, their off the ball running was stronger than ours and they were very disciplined at getting numbers 25 metres behind the ball. So when we moved the ball towards our forward line, they had players waiting to receive the ball. Our guys were not able to defend this very well and as a consequence, Beaumaris were able to win possession and move the ball forward into a scoring opportunity. At times you have to recognise that your opponent is more developed and this is certainly the case with Beaumaris. They're a very good team. Well done to our boys - we live to fight another day! See you at training on Thursday.

AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 6.7.43 defeated East Brighton Vampires 5.5.35

Goal Kickers: Jacob S, Damon H, Josh C, Harper V, Peter D, Brady P

Best Players: Josh C, Shilo H, Peter D, Evan P, Cam F, Brady P, Harry S

Coaches Award: Josh C, Brady P

We hosted East Brighton at the lovely sunny Lum Reserve. The boys started with the aid of a slight breeze and Spencer got us forward to Damon who found Plugger for a set shot conversion. Dan and Harry were working hard in defence and laid some great tackles and bumps. Cam was busy in the midfield and getting some good clearances out where Max took a nice mark and kicked a long ball into the forward line. Damon ran and roved a nice goal. But the opposition were equal to the challenge and our 2.3 had us just in front to 2.0. The wind picked up slightly in the second quarter and we struggled to move the ball forward with any purpose. The Vamps had majority of the possession and our backline was constantly under pressure. Shilo worked overtime and was competing for everything and Ryan laid some great tackles. But we were being outplayed and were outscored 2.3 to 0 for the quarter. This left us with a lot of work in the second half.

The young Hawks were asked for a big lift and duly came out fired up. Brody worked hard in the forward line to lock the ball in where Josh was able to rove a loose ball and snap a nice goal to get us going. Harper was having an influence in the ruck and took a good mark from a kick in. With the aid of the wind he was able to slot a long goal home and the boys were up and about. Peter was in everything in the midfield and took a nice mark at half forward. He was also able to slot a long goal home which gave us a slender lead at the break, 5.7 to 4.3. Mitch started us off well in the last quarter with a fine tackle and found Harry in the middle of the ground. Some nice ball movement found Brady P who found Ollie. His quick play on kept us moving forward and some great run and gutsy mark found Brady P in the goal square. This valuable goal into the wind gave us some breathing space. The opposition kept surging but our last line of defence with Thomas and Brady E stood up well. The midfield all worked tirelessly and Evan played a great quarter as loose man in defence. We just scraped over the line and a valuable lesson was learnt about respecting our opponents no matter where they are on the ladder!

Under 12 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 5.4.34 defeated Prahran 3.1.19

Goal Kickers: Maddy 3, Kiara 1, Bellami 1.

Best players: Cadence, Kiara, Bellami, Ellie, Karley

Coaches' award: Ellie

The girls have had a big 24 hours and I hope they get some well earned rest. The entire team got together at the Roos v Power match last night with their extended families, all courtesy of the North Melbourne FC. The Kangas reserved the first four rows of an entire bay for the girls' team and a great night was had by all.

Unfortunately, the girls didn't have such an easy time today. We incurred many injuries and sore players as the opposition played the game very roughly. It became so rough that we almost called the match off. However as usual our girls demonstrated their true character and found enough to win. After only scoring a point into a howling wind in the first quarter and Cadence and friends holding them to just one goal we excelled in the 2nd quarter. We kicked 3 goals 2, to zero and never looked back. Even though Prahran put on 2 goals in the 3rd with the wind, we matched them in the final quarter with 2 straight.

Maddy was brilliant with her set shots bagging another 3 today, that's about 15 goals in the last 3 matches. Kiara kicked a beautiful goal on the run and Bellami snagged one by playing in her designated position, deep forward, getting the loose ball over the top and turning to snap truly. Welcome back from injury Bellami, a goal in each return match.

There were so many courageous performances. Charlotte was kicked in the finger but found the courage to come back on, Nicole was brilliant with her tackling and again came back on after being slung to the ground in a dangerous tackle. Jacinta played out the game with a nasty deep blister and Amber set the forwards up with her last quarter in the middle, carrying many injuries from hard knocks.

All of the girls should be very proud of their achievements and win lose or draw from now on they have already achieved so much. Each week they are coming up against teams that are determined to beat them and they always stick to their guns and play their game, fairly and with determination. No we are not the biggest with players ranging in age from 8-12, and no we are not the most skilled with most girls very new to the game, but they are the most courageous and that's what we love about them.

It wasn't as much fun for them today but they really enjoyed the song.

Thank you for another great effort girls. You make your parents very proud.

Under 12

Waverley Park Hawks 9.8.62 defeated East Malvern 8.6.54

Goal Kickers: Tommy Warner 6, Nathan Jago 2, Harvey Emery 1

Best players: Everyone

Coaches' award: Kobi Watts and Harvey Emery

The under 12s travelled to Stanley Grose Oval this weekend to take on East Malvern who is one of the only two teams that have beaten us this year. We were really shown up the last time we played them going down by 33 points so we knew we would need to be at our best to get the chocolates this time around. Our best is what I asked for and that is certainly what these young warriors delivered. On a very small oval with a howling breeze to one end, we were able to come out on top with another narrow win.

Kicking into the wind in the first quarter put us on the back foot however the boys fought hard to limit any damage by East Malvern. While they kicked 3 goals to our nil it was our endeavour and intensity that kept the margin within reach. We were able to create a few opportunities against the flow and almost capitalized with two shots at goal being touched on the line. Despite fighting hard we came into the quarter time huddle down 3.2. 20 to just the 2 points.

The second quarter saw us with a great comeback kicking 4 goals to their 2 and bringing the margin into just the one goal. It would have been easy for the boys to drop their heads if they only focused on the scoreboard however, through their determination and courage they were able to bring the game right back towards level terms. We went into the half time break trailing 5.4.34 to 4.4.28.

We spoke at length at half time about how important it was to really hang in there when going against what was now a gale forced wind. It was in this quarter where I thought we really shone and made sure that East Malvern was within reach for an attack in the final quarter. Despite the very difficult conditions all the boys contributed to ensure that the opposition didn't kick away. East Malvern kicked 3 goals to our 2 as we trailed 8.5.53 to 6.5.41.

The 3 quarter time huddle was fantastic with the boys listening intently and really revving themselves up for a final tilt at taking the lead. I knew that they were switched right on and that we had a strong chance of bringing it home. Sure enough as is becoming habit, when asked to dig deep the boys delivered once again with two early goals to take the lead and then some fantastic team and individual efforts to ensure that we hung on until the end. We clung on to a 2 point lead from around midway through the last quarter that was extended by a goal after the siren.

Coaches awards went to Kobi Watts who played his best game for the year and really showed us how good he can be with some fantastic run and long kicking out of defence and a few fantastic efforts to halve or win a contest when caught out of position. Also to Harvey Emery who is well known for his great marking ability however, what really impresses is his willingness to continually butter up with second and third efforts when the ball hits the ground.

A special mention goes to Tommy Warner who at the ripe old age of 12 has achieved the remarkable feat of kicking his 100th career goal in Hawks colours. This is a milestone that few players manage to achieve throughout an entire career let alone before they have finished their under 12 season. Well done Tommy!

And of course well done to all the boys who each played a part throughout the day and could all have easily had their names woven into the above paragraphs. However, that would have detracted from what was an outstanding team effort that we are all very proud of and a great way to warm up towards next week's top of the table clash with the undefeated Bentleigh.

Under 13 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 6.10.46 defeated Beachside 3.7.25

Goals Kickers: Cassar, Cusmano, Palleschi, Peake, Pearce, Soligo

Best Players: Boyle, Skandalis, Plaza, Soligo, Cassar

Coaches' Awards: Flynn Cassar, Nick Palleschi

In another crunch game, a battle for second spot, U13 Brown travelled out to play Beachside on a sunny, blue sky afternoon. But when we arrived we were greeted with a seaside gale favouring one end of the ground. Tough conditions for all and to add to this we went into the game with only 18

players.

Cayden and Josh B led us out as captains and defended hard in the first quarter with Beachside winning the toss and going with the wind. Josh was working well in the ruck, Spiros was getting his hands on the ball and the backline was standing strong with Cayden, Josh K, Wes, Deakin, Harrison and Anthony. At half time we were two points down and the contest was on.

Flynn was getting busy on wing and up forward as was Nick M. Nick P was presenting well and providing a great contest. The third quarter was tough with Beachside peppering the goals with the wind and kicking two goals five. While it looked like no goals were going to be scored against the wind, some great work and running from our midfield got the ball forward and with Josh C in front he took a good mark and slotted a goal just on 3 quarter time.

Going into the last quarter we were 7 points down but had the wind. The boys wanted to win and you could see it in their commitment and want for the contest. It started with Ethan in the middle attacking the footy and kicking it in long and our captains in Josh and Cayden were providing the ball to our forwards. It seemed like the opposition put their whole team in the backline and for a short time we could only score points with a high snap from Nick Montano landing on the top of the goalpost. Some work in close from Will and Buzz and good hands from Cooper and Jake provided ball to the runners today. We finally were rewarded with some great goals from Flynn, Charlie and Will that put the result beyond doubt. Jake was strong all day and with a great mark from a kick out he slotted home the final goal to complete a great win.

Harrison was happily standing on his own in the backline watching the game unfold but when the opposition did get it up there, he happily ran away took 3 bounces and put the ball forward again. A great reward for the effort this team has put in which now puts us second on the ladder.

Flynn stood up today and played one of his best games. He was lively early with great work in the packs and up forward and when we needed a goal he snapped truly in the last and he received a coaches award for his efforts. Nick P has provided a great contest and hardness around the ball all year and today was no different. His lead up work and efforts around goal helped the team to a great win and he was also received a coaches award.

A bye this week to rest up and prepare for our last two games which if we win we see us play finals.

Go Hawks!

Under 13 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 9.13.67 defeated Beaumaris 2.1.13

Goal Kickers: Addison 3, Glass 2, Yakub, Raymond, Benedict, Athans

Best Players: Glass, Yakub, Raymond, Addison

Coaches' Awards: Brad Jago, Jordan Gibbon

In one of the rare times we had a Columbia home game on a beautiful but chilly morning we found ourselves battling Beaumaris.

We opened up with a 4 goal 1st term and we were into our work early. Brodie was dominating out of the middle and everyone seemed to be getting touches. 'The use and share the footy' tactic was working well.

36 points up at half time and I had the luxury to change the team around a bit. Jordan Gibbon went forward as did Kobi and Nathan. It was pleasing to see the boys kick goals that don't normally get a chance to with Christian Athans and Kobi getting one goal each. Brad and Jordan Gibbon were captains on the day and they lead the club song along with Liam Raymond who played his 50th game.

It was a real team effort today which saw us win by 54 points. After a couple of close games over the last few weeks it was good to be back on the winners list and with 3 games to go and the season is drawing to an end. Keep enjoying your footy, training hard and we'll wait to see what happens!

Go Hawks!!

Under 14 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 15.16.106 defeated Ormond 4.5.29

Goal Kickers: M. Mortaruolo 6, D. Stantzios 2, J.Collins 1, T. Morgan 1, J. Starvaggi 1, J. Peake 1, B. Marsicano 1, O. Mahon 1, S. Howells 1

Best Players: J Mucha, M. Mortaruolo, B Heller, M. Cappuccino, M. Palmer, D. Stantzios, J. Starvaggi

Coaches' Awards: M. Cappuccino, M. Palmer

Many players in the team are playing their sixth season for the Waverley Park Hawks. Last week was the first time they have played in back to back wins. Well this week it was three in a row and the team has much to be proud of. The sun was out for the game and the ground was in great condition. We kicked with a strong wind in the first quarter and jumped to an early lead.

In the second quarter Ormond had the wind and kicked their game tally of four goals. We worked hard into the wind and scored two goals early in the second quarter.

In the third quarter we aimed to setup and unsalable lead with the wind.

We started the last quarter with a six goal lead and a mindset that the game was still 'up for grabs'. The boys shot out of the blocks with two quick goals that took the wind out of Ormond's sails. We kicked 5 unanswered goals to record a 77 point victory despite having 18 players vs 20.

The game was played in good spirit with the parents being proud of a great team effort. All players contributed to the result with many having a personal best game.

Ben Heller was our captain today and led by example. James Mucha was outstanding on the wing and Matt Mortaruolo kicked 6 majors in a dominant display. The coach's award went to Marcus Cappuccino and Mitch Palmer who had standout performances.

The Brown team is enjoying their football and working well as a team. Their success demonstrates the value of belief and hard work.

Under 14 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 14.14.98 defeated Ormond 7.10.52

Goal Kickers: Long 2, Bailey 2, Thompson, King, Raymond, Dean, McDonnell, Hall, Perez, Argus, Saliba, Kirov

Best: Dean, Harris, King, Raymond, Saliba, Bailey, Hall, Long

Coaches' awards: Angus Baily, Kyle Harris

Home game against Ormond JFC on a great Winter's day with plenty to play for. The Golds were going for our 3rd straight win and the lads were up for the challenge. The game was a tight affair for the first half with the ball moving up and down the ground constantly, with both teams having their fair share of the football.

We were breaking down badly at half forward and we were guilty of being selfish at times by not working as a team. We ignored simple handballs or shepherding for a teammate, little elements that contribute to being a successful team.

However, it was pleasing after halftime the boys played their teammates into the game by using the first option and run the ball a lot more. When doing this, our voices became louder and we moved in numbers. The boys should be proud of their second half and the spread of goal kickers is extremely encouraging. Angus Bailey had the rare opportunity of playing forward and kicked a couple of 6 pointers which we heard about after the game. Dean was super in the middle alongside Harris and King.

Our next game is against Prahran, a team just above us on the ladder. We have struggled against all teams above us this season, so we'll need every player contributing. It would be great if we could get plenty of parents in the rooms before the game and around the lads at each break to help motivate the group...

Under 15 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 14.7.91 defeated Bentleigh 3.4.22

Coaches' awards: Beth, Steph and Annie

Well, it was an early start for our girls being first cab off the rank at 8.45. It was a beautifully sunny day, albeit a little crisp for our girls liking. To their credit, they embraced the experience and jumped out of the blocks early. Our girls quickly stamped some authority on the game and gained the ascendancy by the end of the first quarter. Whilst our opposition was a little less experienced and quite a bit younger generally, they tried hard all day and were a credit to themselves, as well as their club.

We took the opportunity to expose the girls to different positions on the ground than what they have been playing in recently, as well as some set plays that we have touched on at training at different times. The girls all adapted beautifully and not only seemed to enjoy the change, they were even reluctant to move from their new posts in some instances. We set ourselves a few goals and aims for the day and asked for some leadership specifics from a few of the girls as well. Our faith was well founded and the girls carried out the instructions to a "T" and relished the challenge. There were 'switches', 'demanding of the ball', 'rewarded' and 'unrewarded' running and lots of encouraging talk. The girls are really gelling well and clearly enjoy each others company and camaraderie.

It was fantastic to see an amazing spread of 9 different goal kickers for the day. A true reflection of real team work and involvement. Congratulations to Beth, Steph and Annie for being the very deserving recipients of this week's awards.

Importantly, the most pleasing aspect to this game was the way our girls made the experience enjoyable for the opposition as well. No team likes to be beaten soundly and sometimes without scoring. To that end, our girls ensured that although the scoreboard showed quite a discrepancy, our opposition wasn't going to be going home empty handed. They respectfully, and in a sportsmanlike manner, ensured the opposition were able to score a goal or two and get significant benefit from the game. Well done girls. We were all very appreciative and proud of the character you all displayed.

As the season draws nearer to finals, our girls have a bit of a focus on making sure we are there when they begin. So far, we are well placed to do so, so we all hope the girls stay focussed and maintain their high enjoyment factor until that occurs.

Go Hawks and Go Girls!

Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 3.1.19 defeated by Beaumaris 16.12.108

Goal Kickers: Zach Fisher 1, Chayce Black 1, M Tighello 1

Best Players: Jack Neil, Chayce Black, Lachlan Boyle, Jean-Luc Conte, M Tighello, Vincent Zagari, Fabian Stellarto

Coaches Awards: Jean-Luc Conte

We came to this game hoping to go one better than last time we met the ladder leaders only losing by 1 point and possibly come away with the

chocolates.

Instead we got a good old fashioned lesson in how to play team footy. With the way the opposition were switching the play and creating opportunities for the ball carrier through chains of slick handballs.

In the 1st half we managed to play well in patches however, mostly due to the oppositions skill in moving the ball along with creating space on the huge ground that we played on, our lack of ability to put pressure and close up space was letting us down.

Our second half was a lot better. We managed to prevent the switch, attacked the ball and got our running game happening.

With that the boys' confidence was lifting and we finished off well.

Jack Neil was inspirational all day with Chayce also working hard. Jean-Luc and Boyle had great second halves with their defensive skills on show. Tigg's tackles were also eye catching.

It takes a complete team effort to compete against the best and we had a lot of players far from their best.

Although well beaten the boys acquitted themselves well and I'm sure will learn a lot from playing the best in our league.

JB Commercial Under 15 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 18.17.125 defeated Highett/Cheltenham 5.11.41

Goal Kickers: Beck 9, Wensley 4, Pond 2, Segal, Noble, Burgess

Best Players: Beck, Fraser, Pond, Jono, Wensley, Loughman

Milestone: Dom 50 games

Back at Columbia for a first time in a few weeks and the boys certainly turned up to play. It was an important game for us to really bury a team with a full 4 quarter effort and the result really showed that. A particular effort from Dom in his 50th game for the club with a true test of character playing through injury in the 4th quarter. One of the hardest working and resilient players in our team which he gives 110 per cent each and every game and round 12 was no exception!

Ben Beck played a cracker kicking 9 goals! He presented well all day and was able to kick them from anywhere whether that's crumbing a contest or taking a strong contested grab.

Lachie Fraser and Jaime Yakub both played solid games in different roles in the midfield where they both created and linked up well when going inside 50.

Overall a solid team performance and hoping this momentum continues to build heading into finals

Display the Game Under 16 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 4.7.31 defeated by Beaumaris Sharks 6.13.49

Goal Kickers: A. Palleschi 2, J. O'Neill, A. De Marco-Toro

Best Players: W. Hayes, T. Mannix, K. Parisi, A. Palleschi, A. Cappello, S.

The best way to describe Sunday's game was a battle of two halves. We started terrifically, playing our best football of the year. Effort, intensity, desire, these are the characteristics we displayed, outplaying Beaumaris in nearly every facet of the game. A couple of early goals from Alexander, coupled with desperate tackles all around the ground from the likes of Declan, Savvass and Kristian giving us some breathing room going into half time.

Unfortunately for us, that was the end of it. Remaining goaleless for the entire second half, Beaumaris kicked away, reducing our 3 goal lead in a matter of minutes after the break, ultimately ending in 3 goal loss of our own. I am not quite sure what happened to the boys after half time but we were a shadow of the team that played in the opening half and performances like that cost you.

I must mention Will Hayes, Tom Mannix, and Kristian Parisi, for providing constant effort and desire for a whole four quarters, doing everything they could to get us over the line, but football is a team game and unfortunately we did not have 18 players out there giving it their all. We move on to next week, against East Sandringham in a battle for second spot on the ladder. The stakes could not be higher, and hopefully the boys rock up with a better attitude than they had for that second half last week.

RJ Ryan Partners Under 16 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 9.9.63 defeated St Kilda City 5.10.40

Goal Kickers: J. Ross 3, K. Viccars 2, J. Gasper 2, A. Beer 1, N. Pascuzzi 1

Best Players: L. McDonnell, J. Gasper, J. Strongman, A. Tellis

Coaches Awards: Team effort

Back to windy Wattie Watson Reserve for our Round 12 game against St Kilda City. It's tight at the top of the ladder so today's game was important – a win against last year's premiers and we separate ourselves from the pack, a loss and we are back with everyone else fighting for a finals berth.

After winning the toss and kicking with the aid of a 3-4 goal wind, the boys started the game with a thirst for the contest, running hard and supporting

each other. Whilst it was difficult judging the wind, the boys managed to kick 3 goals for the quarter to lead by 18 points at the first change. Coming into the huddle, Shane challenged the boys to keep running, keep supporting and ensure we didn't let the opposition back into the game. Lead by our defensive '6' and Lachie McDonnell playing a 7th defensive man, we were able to hold the opposition scoreless with the wind, while scoring 3 goals ourselves into the wind to lead by 36 points at the main break.

We expected St Kilda to hit back hard in the second half and they did, kicking the first 2 goals of the 3rd quarter. Our guys reacted in the right way continually attacking with the wind and set up a match winning lead at the 3 quarter time break. In the end we outscored our opposition in the third quarter and while they got the better of us in the last quarter with the wind, we managed to win the game by 23 points to consolidate top spot for another week.

The hard work continues next week playing Ormond (3rd) at home. With three more games to season's end, we need to keep our eyes on the ball to ensure a successful end of the regular season and subsequent finals campaign.

Pinewood Community Bank Under 17

Waverley Park Hawks 7.10 .52 defeated by St Bedes Mentone 8. 9 .57

Goalkickers: Tilyard 2 , Balch 2 ,Morgan 1 , Payne 1 , Webb 1

Best players: Decleva, Tighello, Tilyard ,Frenken, Wales, Morgan, Payne

Coaches Awards: Riley Payne

Milestones: Tommy Webb 100 games

We welcomed some of our more experienced players back this week and celebrated the 100 game milestone of Tom Webb.

We started well and despite some inaccurate kicking were still well in the game at half time despite being 20 points down

The boys had a fantastic second half and were unlucky to just fall short of a win against a team that easily beat us earlier in the year.

That is now 2 games at home that we have lost by less than a goal however, the boys are showing some great team spirit and determination.

If we continue with the same spirit I am hopeful we will finish off the season with some additional wins.

A great team performance all round with special thanks to Billy Bolch who helped us out from the under 16 and kicked 2 goals.

Congratulations again to Tommy on his 100 games and he celebrated the milestone with a typical hard at the ball game.

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