

HILLTOP SOCCER CLUB THE KOOKABURRA SQUAWK



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Welcome to the August Edition of the Kookaburra Squawk Newsletter. As rain and bad weather continues to play havoc with our season, we thank our members for their continued patience as the club does everything it can in working closely with the HSA as we navigate through the remaining rounds of the season. In this issue of the Squawk we recap the wonderful effort of our Under 11's in making it all the way to the Michael Sant Cup final out at Bundanoon, which included a thrilling penalty shoot-out in the semi-final. We share with our readers a photo gallery of some of our HTSC players from the AAM and AAW grades (when it wasn't actually raining!) and profile one of our youngest Kookaburra's, William Little, from our Under 6 Green team.

HILL TOP HARRY TALKS THE WEATHER WITH AAM 1ST GRADE



“Hey Boys
Mid Season
Trip Away?”

“No Harry,
HSA approved
Equipment for
The finals”



OUTSTANDING REGISTRATION FEES

It is very disappointing to report that a large number of members are in arrears with regard to repayment of registration fees, with a select number having failed to make an initial deposit. Hill Top Soccer Club is the only club in the HSA that goes the extra yard for it's members in making repayment options available (all other clubs require payment up-front / in-full or will not register a player) however, it is clear a number of players are not adhering to the goodwill arrangements HTSC has put in place. Should you be in the category of being behind with your 2015 registration fees, please make immediate arrangements to fix this as a priority. The club is very reluctant to go down the path of mandating full / up front payment, however, will seriously consider adopting that approach in 2016 should current practices continue. The Club thanks those members who have either paid their 2015 registration fees in full, or continue to honor their agreed payment arrangements.

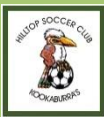


WELCOME LUCAS WILLIAM MOORE

The Club is thrilled to welcome the arrival of another baby boy to its future playing ranks. Mitchell Moore (AAM Reserve Grade) & his wife Rachel (former AAW Premier) welcomed Lucas William Moore into the world on the 11th June 2015, weighing in at 8.0 lbs and measuring 51 cm. From all reports received baby Lucas is doing very well, and already in training for the 2020 (Under 6's) season!



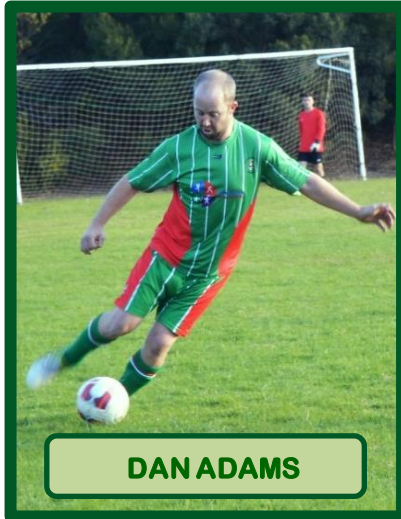
UNDER 10's A PICTURE OF CONCENTRATION AT HALF TIME Vs YERRINBOOL IN ROUND 3



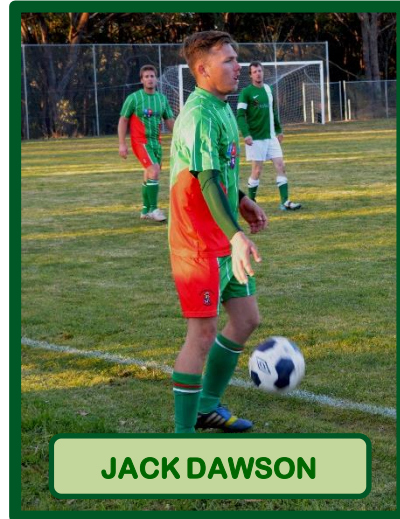
RECENT ACTION FROM HILL TOP SOCCER CLUB AAM AND AAW PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES



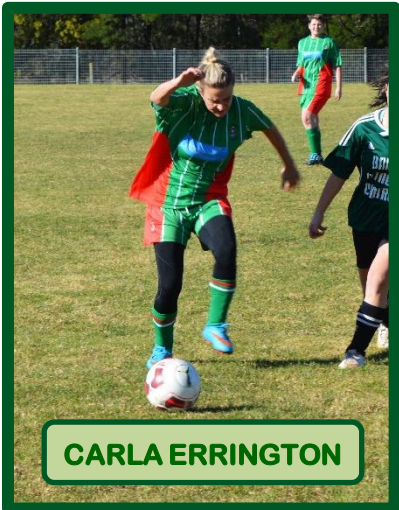
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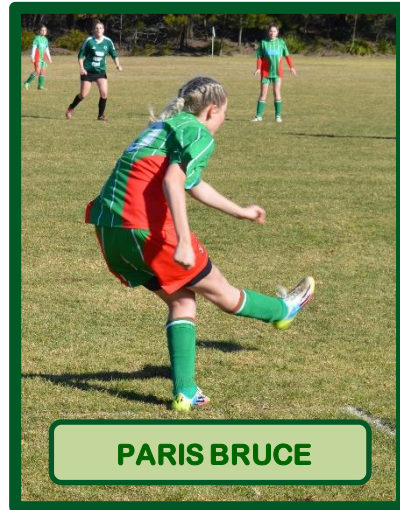
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2015 UNDER 11's MICHAEL SANT CUP HILL TOP MAKE IT TO THE CUP FINAL



An outstanding effort by Hill Top's Under 11's in the annual Michael Sant Cup held at Bundanoon saw our team of young heroes make it all the way to the cup final. We recap on a wonderful day for the team and their proud coach Scott McKeown out at Ferndale Reserve



POOL B RECAP: Hill Top were drawn in Pool B along with Moss Vale, and Mittagong, and kicked off their Cup day playing Moss Vale. Two 15 minute halves with corners deciding any drawn games applied in the pool games, so it was important the 11's got off to a good start. A strong performance throughout the first half saw Hill Top controlling the game and well ahead on corners, however, it wasn't until the opening minutes of the second half that the Kookaburra's first goal came, with a beautiful pass from Finn Malone seeing Brody Gilkes thunder a great strike between the very narrow goals. Hill Top's solid mid-field and strong defence kept the Moss Vale attack quiet for the remainder of the match in closing out an impressive 1-0 victory. Hill Top then had the opportunity to take a break, watching Mittagong play against their previous opponent Moss Vale, in a game that saw Mittagong prevail 2-1, meaning the winner of the final Pool game between Hill Top and Mittagong would progress to the semi-finals. Hill Top were forced to grimly defend their goal in the first 10 minutes of the deciding game, with a number of close calls seeing the teams head to half time locked at nil-all, however, Hill Top being well behind on corners. The 11's began the second half in great style, going very close on a number of occasions before Hayden Willebrand scored an excellent goal following a crisp pass from Luke Johnson. The 11's stayed on the front foot for the rest of the match, booking their spot in the semi-finals with a 1-0 victory.



DEFENDING IN GAME #3 Vs MITTAGONG



HAYDEN WILLEBRAND ON THE ATTACK

Michael Sant Cup - Pool B Final Results

Game #1 Hill Top Kookaburra's 1 (Brody Gilkes) Defeated Moss Vale Thistle 0

Game #2 Mittagong Lions Yellow 2 Defeated Moss Vale Thistle Red 1

Game #3 Hill Top Kookaburra's 1 (Hayden Willebrand) Defeated Mittagong Lions 0

Hill Top Kookaburra's Progress to Semi-Finals with 2-0 Record

SEMI FINAL RECAP: In a game befitting its status as a sudden-death Cup semi-final, a gripping game between Hill Top and the Pool D 'Lucky Lottery' semi-final winner Robertson Rovers saw a nil-all full time score result in extra time being played before a penalty shoot-out ultimately decide the semi-final. Hill Top had the better scoring opportunities during regulation time, with a Hayden Willebrand mid-range volley rebound agonizingly back off the cross-bar in the first half, before a magnificent length of the field combination passing effort between Shelby Malone and Hayden result in the Robertson 'Keeper making a great save denying the Kookaburra's moments before the end of regulation time. Unlike regular Mini-Roo games where 'Sheep-Stations' are not actually on the line, the two teams continued their epic battle in 2 five-minute periods of extra time, which still saw both teams locked at 0-0 after 40 minutes. In a concept largely foreign to children playing in this age-group, both teams

were briefed regarding the requirements of the impending penalty shoot-out, which required each team to take 5 alternating spot kicks to decide who would progress through to the grand final. Hill Top put forward Finn & Shelby Malone, Brody Gilkes, Luke Johnson, and Hayden Willebrand, as its penalty shooters, with Goalkeeper David Napper entrusted with the job of keeping the Robertson strikers shots away from the back of the net. Early groans of anguish saw Hill Top's first shot spray wide, however, consecutive successful strikes by the 11's strikers, interspersed with key saves by David saw Hill Top hit the lead as the shoot-out approached its conclusion. When Brody Gilkes slammed home the 4th consecutive successful strike for the Kookaburra's (winning the shoot-out 4-3) pandemonium broke out, requiring coach Scott McKeown to settle his troops enthusiasm so they could focus their energies on the impending Cup Final against the Bowral Bandicoots



DAVID NAPPER IN THE SHOOT OUT

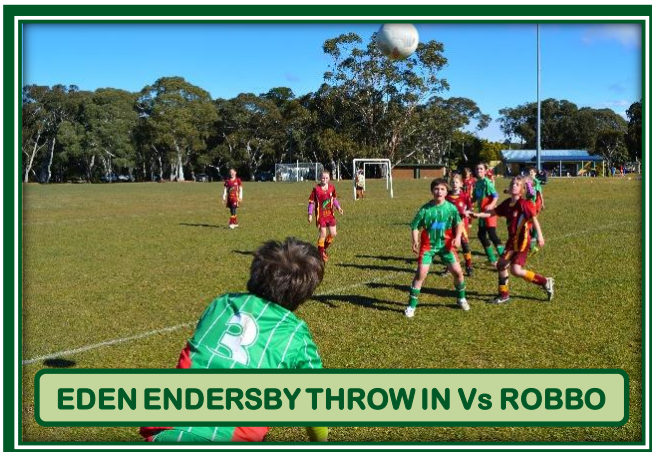


BRODY GILKES PUTS IN THE WINNER

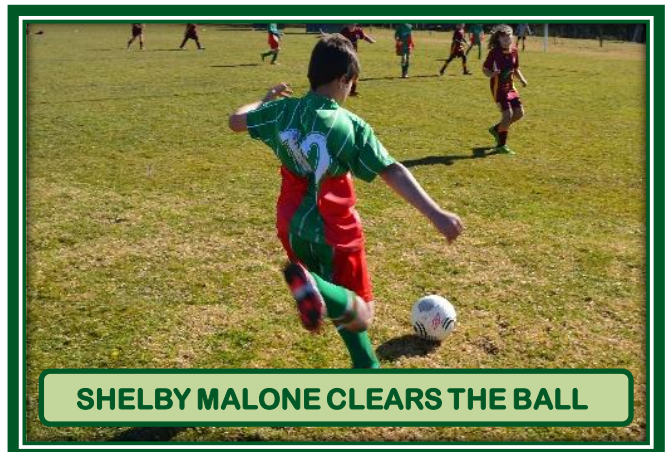
Michael Sant Cup - Semi-Final #1 - Hill Top Vs Robertson Rovers

Hill Top 0 Drew With Robertson 0 – Progressed to Cup Final 4-3 on Penalties

Hill Top Penalties – Hayden Willebrand, Luke Johnson, Finn Malone, Brody Gilkes



EDEN ENDERSBY THROW IN Vs ROBBO



SHELBY MALONE CLEARS THE BALL

CUP FINAL RECAP: Thirteen very tired HTSC Under 11's prepared themselves to take on the might of Bowral in the Michael Sant Cup Final, with Bowral having an extended rest period whilst Hill Top competed through extra time & penalties in their semi-final. Hill Top started the game knowing they were up against the benchmark team in the Under 11's (having had a rough encounter 3 weeks earlier against the Bandicoots in a regular season mini-roo game) however, never took a backward step in the opening stages, with both Breanna Martin and Eden Endersby playing strong games. Midway through the first half fatigue started to take its toll on the 11's with 2 quick Bowral goals coming moments before the halftime break. Hill Top continued to hold their own against Bowral throughout the second half, defending with great courage in repelling numerous Bowral attacking raids. Shortly after Bowral registered their third goal, a Hayden Willebrand strike brought up Hill Top's only goal of the final, a goal which was later confirmed as the only goal Bowral had conceded during the entire tournament. Despite Bowral bringing up a late 4th goal, the Kookaburra's stuck it out bravely right through to the full-time whistle, with Bradley Malcolm, Brooke McKeown, & Cameron Piccles all contributing excellent 2nd half performances. Despite the scoreboard, all 13 players were truly HTSC heroes!



ANOTHER CORNER – THE 11's DEFENDED BRAVELY THROUGHOUT THE CUP FINAL

Michael Sant Cup - Final - Hill Top Kookaburras Vs Bowral Bandicoots Bowral Bandicoots 4 Defeated Hill Top Kookaburras 1 (Hayden Willebrand)



On behalf of the entire Hill Top Soccer Club, congratulations to our Under 11's for their magnificent performance in the Michael Sant Cup. You made your club, your coach, and your parents all very, very proud. Well done to you all.



KOOKABURRA'S PLAYER PROFILE

WILLIAM LITTLE – UNDER 6's GREEN



FAVORITE PART OF PLAYING SOCCER?

Scoring Goals!

YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

Thunderbirds & Ninja Turtles

WHO IS YOUR FUNNIEST TEAM MATE?

Aaron

I GET IN TROUBLE OFF MUM & DAD FOR?

Not Listening!

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

Snakes ...

WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU LIKE?

Motorbike Riding..

IF YOU BECOME FAMOUS

WHAT WOULD IT BE FOR?

Playing Soccer

**FAVOURITE FOOD MUM OR DAD
MAKES FOR DINNER ..**

Noodles

WHAT FOOD DO YOU NOT LIKE?

Soup!

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD
A MILLION DOLLARS?**

Buy mum and dad a new house

**WHEN YOU ARE PLAYING SOCCER
DOES ANYTHING MAKE YOU ANGRY?**

When the other team gets more goals!

**WHATS THE SILLIEST THING
YOU HAVE EVER DONE?**

Crashed my head into the kitchen bench!

**IF YOU COULD BE AN ANIMAL FOR
ONE DAY, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE?**

A Cheetah, because they are fast!





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