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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



The season is fast nearing an end. We had a huge turn out on Sunday night with milestones a plenty and 18 kg's of souvlaki to get through!

A huge thank you to the Under 13 age group for their continued support with both teams extremely well represented.

Our storage facility and score board is well underway and started to take shape – the big screen is only weeks away.

Good luck to our mighty Under 9 teams with the lightning carnival this weekend. Give it your all – we can't wait to hear all about it on Sunday night!!

We are hoping to see as people as possible at the Poker Night on Friday night – see you there!

Go Hawks!

Matt Webb

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NEWS...

Round 13 After Match–Meatball Subs



The Under 14 & 15 age groups will be hosting the Round 13 After Match with meatball subs and hamburgers on the menu. Come and celebrate the end of season for our Under 9s and see how they went with Lightning Carnival. Also don't forget the weekly prize draw for a Full Size Leather Sherrin. At the club rooms from 5.30pm on Sunday.

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Columbia to Host SMJFL Finals



The club will host the semi-finals of the Under 12 East/West Divisions in the first week of SMJFL finals on August 10. It is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the club within the league as well as to generate significant additional funds through canteen and food stall sales on the day.

We will require a large number of volunteers on the day to assist with all the duties required of the host club. We will need volunteers to help with ground setup, operating the canteen and additional food stalls, the sale of footy records, a scoreboard attendant, a ground manager and the cleaning of rooms throughout the day.

All teams will be expected to assist except for those that are competing in finals at other venues. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks.

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Longtime Club Sponsor, Airstream Café Provides Vouchers



Airstream Café, who have been a sponsor of the club for the last 7 years have provided 3 vouchers to each of our club's teams for this weekend's round. These vouchers valued at a total of \$675 are over and above their annual sponsorship commitment.

The vouchers for the Under 9 – 12 teams are a Free Kids Meal Deal whilst the voucher for the older age groups is a \$15 gift voucher. The vouchers will be awarded by the coach of each team this weekend. For those teams not playing this weekend they will be awarded in Round 14.

The club thanks Alf Costa for his generosity and continued support of our club.

Airstream Café, 285-287 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley.

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Scoreboard Progress—Painter Required Urgently



Work still continues on the new scoreboard and storage facility with the brick work now completed and rendered. The fixing of the roof is scheduled for Friday, and installation of the electronic scoreboard is planned for this coming Monday.

Prior to the scoreboard being installed, the steel framework needs to be painted. If there are any painters in the club that would be able to assist please call Damian Pearce on 0411 554 509.

All going well we will be able to showcase the new electronic scoreboard when hosting the Under 12 finals on August 10.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Friday July 25	Poker Night Fundraiser @ Central Reserve
July 26/27	Round 13; After Match hosted by Under 14/15s
Saturday 26 July	Under 11 Girls Lightning Carnival
Sunday 27 July	Under 9 Lightning Carnival
Sunday 3 August	Under 10 Lightning Carnival
Sunday 10 August	Under 11-Under 17 Semi Finals
Sunday August 10	Under 12 East/West/North semi-finals at Columbia Reserve
Sunday 17 August	Under 11- 13 Grand Finals; Under 14-17 Preliminary Finals
Sunday 24 August	Under 14-17 Grand Finals
Sunday September 14	Presentation Day at Columbia Reserve

Poker Night Fundraiser



The Poker Night Fundraiser is on this Friday 25 July at 7pm at Central Reserve (Corner Springvale & Waverley Rds, Glen Waverley). \$50 donation to enter with drinks at bar prices and \$10-\$50 re-buys on the night.

The night will be professionally run by Poker Deluxe, with all poker tables and gear supplied with \$2000 worth of prizes on the night. Whether you play poker or not (free lessons on the night), it will be great fun for all.

These nights only work if everyone gets behind it, with all money raised going to the club. Come with your fellow team members and please invite your friends, workmates or anyone else who may be interested in playing, remember the more players the more money raised for the club.

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AROUND THE GROUND...

Round 13 Fixture Saturday July 26/Sunday July 27

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
Under 11 Girls Kohne	U11 Girls Lightning Carnival <i>Moorleigh Reserve, Bignell Rd , Bentleigh. MEL 78</i>	1.30pm (Sat)
Under 9 Gold Vicic (South)	U9 Lightning Carnival <i>JL Murphy Reserve - 430 Plummer St, Port Melbourne</i>	9:30am
Under 9 Brown Foale (Blue)	U9 Lightning Carnival <i>JL Murphy Reserve - 430 Plummer St, Port Melbourne</i>	12.30pm
Thompson Security Under10 Gold McCluskey(Silver)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Dingley <i>Columbia Reserve, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11</i>	8.45am
Aussie Events & Amusements Under 10 Brown Rouse (West)	St Peters vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Centenary Park – Oval 2, Brady Road, East Bentleigh. MEL 78 B3</i>	9.00am
Gunn Electrics Under 11 Brown Dean (East)	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Pauls <i>Columbia Reserve, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11.</i>	10.00am
Under 11 Gold Jago (Blue)	Murrumbeena vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Murrumbeena Park, Kangaroo Rd, Murrumbeena. MEL 69 B7</i>	11.30am
Under 12 Gold Hall (South)	Murrumbeena vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Murrumbeena Park, Kangaroo Rd, Murrumbeena. MEL 69 B7</i>	2:30pm
Action Aluminium Under 12 Brown Sullivan (North)	Waverley Park Hawks vs South Melb <i>Columbia Reserve, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11.</i>	11:30am
JB Commercial Under 13 Gold Stone (Div 4)	BYE	
Markese Hair &Make Up Under 13 Brown Boyle (Div 2)	Brighton Beach vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Brighton Beach Oval, South Rd, Brighton. 76 D4</i>	1.15pm
Victorian Motor Traders Under 13 Girls Wood (Div 2)	Bayswater vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Marie Wallace Park No 2 Oval, Mountain Highway, Bayswater. MEL 64 F3</i>	2.15pm
Melbourne Metro Refrigeration Under 14 Gold McDonnell (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs. St Kilda City <i>Columbia Reserve, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11</i>	1.00pm
Austart Air Starters Under 14 Brown O'Neil (Div 5)	East Sandringham vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Chisholm Reserve, Duncan St, Sandringham. MEL 76 K8</i>	9.00am
Kings Transport Under 15 D'Angelo (Div 4)	Hampton vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Boss James Reserve, David St , Hampton. MEL 77 A7</i>	2.00pm
Malvern Framing Gallery Under 16 Girls Deegan	Mordialloc Braeside vs Waverley Park Hawks <i>Parkdale Secondary College, Warren Rd, Mordialloc.</i>	9.30am
Pearce Building Services Under 16 Pearce (Div 2)	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Bedes <i>Columbia Reserve, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11</i>	3.00pm
RJ Ryan Partners Under 17 March (Div 2)	BYE	

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Round 9 Match Reports

Under 9 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 4.4.28 Defeated East Malvern 2.7.19

Goal Kickers: Andrew Plowman 2, Nicholas Fisher 1, Sam Stone 1

Best Players: Andrew Plowman, Reece Anderson, Liam O'Rourke, Jacob Ware-Drakeford, Patrick Schmitt, James Montano

Coaches Awards: Orlando Perri, Cameron Foale

Captains: Anton Kanavos, Christian Galluccio

Round 12 signaled the end of the regular season for the Under 9 Browns, & the boys desperately wanted to finish on a high note. We played East Malvern, at Lum Reserve for the second time this year, last time they beat us by about 3 goals after a third quarter lapse & our boys were determined to atone for the previous defeat.

The ground was showing signs of a long wet winter, it was very boggy & when we arrived at 8am it was blanketed in fog, luckily it lifted before the game got underway & considering the conditions the game flowed relatively freely.

From the onset the Hawks were switched on, we attacked the football hard, manned up tight in defense & played good quality football all across the ground. The first quarter was a good tight contest with both teams throwing themselves at the footy, however we managed to take a slender lead in at the first change thanks to a great long kick by Nicholas Fisher. But it really was the second quarter where we exploded out of the blocks & dominated all over the ground, everyone contributed in what was one of our best quarters of football for the year. Every East Malvern attack was thwarted by strong defensive play & we rebounded out of the backline with purpose, Andrew Plowman kicked a nice snap from out of a pack around centre half forward & Sam Stone sharked one off the back of the pack in the goal square to give us a solid half time lead.

Expecting a tough second half, the boys came out in the 3rd quarter & continued running hard, we move the football well by hand & foot & tackled hard, through the middle Cam Foale got involved & Herbie Fischbacher was finding space, down back we executed our kick outs well giving us good ball use

& setting up entries into our forward zone & when Andrew Plowman dobed a monster from long range, the boys had a real sniff of a home ground victory. In the last stanza, East Malvern threw everything at us & we were under pressure, Patrick Schmitt presented well, Lenny Hickey worked tirelessly, Anton Kanavos got involved & Orlando Perri showed good courage putting his head over the football, despite an East Malvern goal in the last quarter we hung on to win by 9 points. Interesting that we kicked the exact same score when we played them the first time, the big difference this time was we restricted them to only 9 scoring shots v last time they had 16 scoring shots, this is extremely pleasing for the coaching staff as we have focused a lot on defensive pressure & playing hard tight football. The boys are now looking forward to the lightning carnival next week in Port Melbourne, it really is the highlight of the calendar for the juniors & a great way to finish off the season. Go Hawks!

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Under 9 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 2.2.14 Defeated by South Melbourne 10.5.65

Goal Kickers: Patt Warr and Jacob Sims

Best Players:

Coaches Awards:

Captains:

The team travelled to Albert Park to play the last home and away game for the season. After a bad experience on our last trip to the same ground, the boys looked great in the warm up and were extremely confident not to end up with the same result.

From the first bounce we knew we had a challenge on our hands. Sth Melbourne are a really strong and evenly spread team. It's fair to say the first quarter didn't go our way except from some individual brilliance from Patty Warr bagging our only score for the quarter.

The second quarter went much the same way although we started to show signs of what this Hawks team can do.

To our boys' credit, in the third and final terms, the Hawks played a much more aggressive brand of footy and kept Sth Melbourne to only 2 goals in the third and out scored them in the final term which was really pleasing.

With our first game of the lightning premiership up against the same team, I do believe we have the talent and ability to push teams of this standard and am extremely excited about the challenge we have in front of us this weekend.

We have been and will continue to be a great football side and believe the entire team should be really proud of their achievements to date. Each and every player in the team has contributed throughout the year. Hopefully everybody approaches the day with the confidence we have seen all season and enjoys the day to cap off another great season by the under 9 Golds.

Well done to both Nath B and Harry Sherwin on the coaches awards. Both played good great games and have come a long way!

Well done to all the under 9s on a really impressive season of football.

Go Hawks.

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Aussie Events & Amusements Under 10 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 12.9.81 Defeated Brighton Vampires 2.3.15 (The drought is over)

Goal Kickers: Tommy W - 6, Liam - 2 A.J - 1, Harvey - 1, Rhys -1

Best Players: The whole team

Coaches Awards: Tommy Kaprillis

Captains: William Daniels and Xander

This week the guys travelled to Brighton to take on the Brighton Vampires and it was a beautiful Sunny Winter's Day. Thanks to Coop and Liam for helping out this week, and swelling our numbers to 15.

The captains led the boys out and it was straight into the warm up drills and it was immediately clear that all the boys were ready to go this week.

The game started and our midfielders, led by Tommy W, Tommy K and Blayke were onto the ball and driving it forward. Once again short in numbers in the forward line the boys worked really hard but we could only manage minor scores. The back line was repelling everything Giuliano, Jack, Lochie, and Harvey were everywhere. Jack was leading the defence at full back directing kick ins to targets to get the ball moving forward. Finally a major to A.J. quickly followed by a goal to Tommy W. Quarter Time.

At quarter time we talked about our team play and using handball as an option rather than kicking all the time. The second quarter the boys took this to heart using chains of handballs to move the ball, the teamwork was great to watch Tommy W moved forward and was on the end of some great delivery. Xander and Rhys were working really hard to create options. Blayke, Tommy K and Harvey were fantastic again, tackling everyone with the ball, and stopping the Brighton team. In defence Jack, Lochie and A.J were at everything. Giuliano was playing a fantastic game tackling and collecting possessions. Half time.

The third quarter went the way of the first two, again the Hawks were ferocious at the ball Zach and Liam D had moved to the forward line and were doing everything to keep the ball in the forward line and Liam was rewarded with two quick goals. Blayke and Giuliano continued their hard work and

were rewarded with a lot of possession. Will D was in amongst the play trying to help push the ball forward. Lochie was working hard with unrewarded running but was making space for other players and Liam O'Rourke was gathering possessions and helping to move the ball forward. Three quarter time.

Waverley Park continued their efforts in the last quarter and Tommy W again got on the end of some great team work to kick three goals. Tommy W had a great day. Rhys continued his hard work and was rewarded with a goal. Lochie tried to take the mark of the year but just couldn't hang on to it.

A great team effort guys, we finally got over the line, a great result for all the hard work.

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Thompson Security Under 10 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 1.1.7 Defeated by Ajax 10.14.74

Goal Kickers: Morgan 1
Best Players: Team Effort
Coaches Awards: Lachlan Thompson
Captains: Hunter Morgan

A great football lesson learned.

This week the Under 10 Gold's did a swap with the Brown's and took on the benchmark team in Ajax.

After quite a successful season thus far, the boys knew from the outset that this was going to be our toughest test to date. Ajax is a very strong team and across the board, they are very well developed. They tried extremely hard, firstly to stem the flow of constant forays forward by Ajax, then to try to get the ball moving our way. It proved quite the assignment and our boys quickly learned that all footy games aren't easy.

Ash led from the front with some gut busting efforts in defence and did his best to hold it together down back. He worked extremely hard and never gave up. In partnership was Kobi, who played a real leaders game when we needed it most. Kobi took some great defensive marks and provided great run. After overcoming some illness, Rhys again attacked the contest and a little more luck would have seen him increase his already impressive tally of 1%'s. Lachy started in attack and when moved to defence, showed what it is to play tight and provide positive run. Josh was thrown all around the ground and adapted really well to each task and again shows promise as a link up footballer. Justin too had to contend with a number of tasks and seemed to excel in the defensive role and took some telling grabs.

In a welcome return after a week off, Jordan was a shining light, particularly in the first half. He covered a lot of ground and worked both ends to gain possessions and continually stop the opposition attacks. Brayden came in to his own once he moved to the middle where the action was and was 'in and under' regularly. Thomas lacked supply up forward, but once moved up the ground, started finding the ball and getting his hands on some key marks. Big Mitchy started well and when given the job of being our target forward, grew in the role and showed again his strength in the contest. Joseph got better as the game went along and gained his own ball, as supply wasn't flowing regularly. Nathan had a blinder and not only took some saving marks on the last line of defence, but he ran the ball out of the back line with aggressive attack on the ball and a gritty determination. Jake, in his last game for the season, showed a real will to get to the contest and tackled well. It will be pleasing to monitor his progression next season.

Hunter again worked his heart out and battled manfully against an opposition that was hard tackling on the ball carrier. Hunter took a great overhead mark after 'presenting' well at Centre Half Forward, and then slotted our only major for the day. Traps had to fill a number of holes this week and really adapted like a pro. He again tackled well through the middle and also tried his best to produce something special up forward and had a hand in our only goal.

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Gunn Electrics Under 11 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 7.11.53 Defeated Prahan 0.0.00

Goal Kickers: Ryan Dean 2, Josh Kolak 2, Zac Delahunty, Matt Jameson 1 & Flynn Cassar
Best Players: Josh Boyle, Dimitri Giannakadakous, Zac Delahunty, Jack Geshev, Cayden Black & Dylan Kilgower
Coaches Awards: Dylan Kilgower & Zac Delahunty
Captains: Maxx Utano
Milestones: Nathan Buzza, Josh Cusmano & Jack Geshev – 50 games

Well obviously the hard training session during the week paid dividends this week as the boys were sensational and hard at the footy from the first to last siren.

With three boys celebrating their 50 game milestones this week it was important for us to put up a better showing so they could celebrate their big day. What we got was a great performance that we hadn't seen for a few weeks. Boys attacking the footy, shepherding for their team mates, smothering kicks and manning up. A great first quarter saw us kick four goals to no score. Ryan kicked 2 opening quarter goals with his second from just inside 50 after he kicked around his body.

In the second quarter we almost spent the whole quarter in our forward 50 but errant kicking saw us kick 7 behinds. We still kept the opposition scoreless. Dimi tackled well all quarter and Nicholas scooped up a loose ball one handed and fired off a handball.

We dominated again in the third quarter kicking 3 goals to nil. Josh K cleared the ball well from the centre and Josh Boyle took two bounces through

the middle of the ground before getting a handball off to Flynn who ran into an open goal. Dylan took a great contested mark and then passed off to a team mate.

Another dominant quarter saw us only kick 4 goals and the boys managed to keep the opposition scoreless for the entire game. It was such a pleasing effort from the coaching staff's perspective because it showed the boys had been working hard at training and their persistence has paid off.

Congratulations to Nathan, Josh Cusmano & Jack on their 50 games.

GO HAWKS!

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Under 11 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 3.2.20 Defeated by St Peters 8.7.55

Goal Kickers: Madilyn - 3

Best Players: Mackenzie, Madeleine, Jordan, Madilyn Emma and Charlotte

Coaches Awards: Mackenzie

Captains: Emma

This week we travelled to DW Lucas to play St Peters for the 3rd time this year.

We played a very good team game against a very strong side. Sadly St Peters had a bit too much experience for us; however the improvement throughout the year within our team is what we like at the moment. When we played St Peters in Round 2 we had an 11 goal loss, Round 7 a 8 goal loss and today a 6 goal loss and able to keep St Peter goalless in the last quarter which was a great team effort! We have our players starting to run past for hand balls, lay tackles, talk to team mates and backing up - all the little things we are doing at training are coming to game days. Well done to all!

Mackenzie again played an excellent game for our team; she has a great ability to be able to find the ball and she knows what to do with it! Her skill level continues to improve with long kicks now hitting targets, wonderful overhead marks and able to work our younger players into a game. Well done on a great game and season!

The parent group was once again excellent; we are very lucky to have an interested group who are not afraid to get in and help out! We are very well guided by our Team Manager Dianna who keeps us all on track! Thanks to the entire parent group who have put their hands up to help out throughout the year! Well done on a great year, lets finish it off with a good turn out and show of support to the team on Saturday! Thank you for all your help!

- Go Hawks!

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Under 11 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 17.14.116 Defeated Brighton Beach 0.0.0

Goal Kickers: Brad Jago (2), Jordan Davis (1), Christian Vormwald, Harrison Rogers (2), Ethan Plaza (4), Jordan Gibbon, Bryson Cowie (2), Deakin Harris, Nicholas Montano (3)

Best Players: Jordan Davis, Harrison Rogers, Ethan Plaza

Coaches Awards:

Captains:

This week we had 3 boys play 50 games, congratulations goes out to Ethan Plaza, Jordan Davis and Harrison Rogers who all kicked a goal for us today.

This was our biggest win for the season with the boys kicking 17 goals by 8 different goal kickers which was pleasing to see.

Everybody had a run on the ball with lots of rotations throughout the game. We need to front up with our minds on the job for a big game next week before we charge into the finals. Go Hawks!!

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Under 12 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 5.4.34 Defeated by Highett 10.7.67

Goal Kickers: Jordan McDonnell 3, Trent Thomas 1, Connor Cheney 1

Best Players: Cooper Thompson, Jake Collins, Jordan McDonnell, Dale Argus, Lachlan Ivankovic, Harrison Lorenz-Daniel

Coaches Awards: Jake Collins, Cooper Thompson

Captains:

Milestones: Daniel Skantzios 50th, James Mucha 50th

We came up against a team that beat us comprehensively in Round 5, and again had our measure in Round 12 beating us by 33 points. Highett contested hard and were first to the ball which meant we continually gave away free kicks, and easy possession by being second. Overall our performance was not at the standard of the previous 5 weeks of footy, we had a number of players down which left the work load to too few.

We showed glimpses of brilliance during the game, our quick precise ball movement finished with some inspiring goals and we had patches of momentum that showed we can match the good sides, we just need to address our attack on the ball and maintain a sustained effort.

Jordan McDonnell made the most of minimal opportunities kicking 3 goals, Harrison Lorenz-Daniel did well competing in the ruck against a well drilled side, Lachlan Ivankovic worked tirelessly all day, Cooper Thompson presented well and Jake Collins produced his best effort of the year.

It would have been fitting to have a win for our two fifty gamers but it wasn't to be. At training we will address our attack on the ball and try and finish the season off on a high over the next few weeks.

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Markese Hair & Make-Up Under 13 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 4.3.27 Defeated Hampton 3.4.22

Goal Kickers: Chayce Black, Mitch Kohne, Jack Neil, Lochie Jenkins

Best Players: Jack Neil, Riley Shaw, Chayce Black, Lochie Noble, Fraser Robertson, Anthony Galluchio, Christian Cardaci

Coaches Awards:

Golden Hawk: Hayden Emerson

Captains: Lochie Noble & Chris Noone

In another close game for the Browns, our boys' great composure and never give in attitude saw us come out victorious again against a good opposition. This was another top of the table clash which it lived up to and while being a low scoring affair, was still a very satisfying and strong performance by the Browns, particularly with some of our key players out today. Defensively the boys were really good, in particular the backline in repelling most forward entries in the first half. Nobes really stepped up and had his best game for the year and was ably supported by Cardach and Emmo as always. Once again Emmo took out the Golden Hawk with a diving save to smother a ball off the boot preventing a certain goal for the opposition. Inspirational stuff for the team! The half back line of Robbo, Shawry and Galluch also were very disciplined and played smart to cover for each other and not let the opposition any space or time. In a very tight contest in the middle, Jack and Chayce were again dominant and helped drive the ball forward. However on a muddy heavy ground, scoring was difficult in must be said. We lost the lead narrowly by the end of the third and when the opposition got an early goal, things looked dire. However like we have all year, the Browns refused to give it up and stepped up their efforts to score by hitting in hard at the contest and controlling the wall across the middle. Eventually persistence paid off and Jenko and Blacky sealed a memorable victory at the finish with some great pressure goal kicking.

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JB Commercial Under 13 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 6.8.44 Defeated by Caulfield Bears 8.5.53

Goal Kickers: Webby 2, Joel, JJ, Dylan, Brodie

Best Players: Johnno, Webby, JJ, Poodle, Brodie, Mezza

Coaches Awards: Lucas Durant

Captains: Lucas Durant and Jack Stone

Golden Hawk: Johnathon Kokkinias

Milestones: Lucas Durant 50 games

Two weeks in a row at home saw us up against top of the ladder Caulfield Bears. After a good training session during the week we went into the game confident we could mix it with the Bears.

Two quick goals in the first quarter saw us off to a great start, unfortunately Caulfield hit back with 2 late goals and from that point it was a tight contest right down to the dying minutes. Even though we didn't come away with the victory I think it was probably the boys' best game, or at least one of their best. As the season has gone on they have really gelled together as a team and have been playing some very good football. A shame there isn't a couple of extra games in the season as I think they could have been a real chance to give the finals a shake.

Johnno continued his good form and is certainly going to give the B & F a shake. He has been playing in the ruck for the last few games and has been a dominant player, attack on the ball and when 'resting' in the backline has been repelling attacks from the half backline.

Josh again gave another consistent performance scoring a couple of typical rover type goals and continues to tackle the biggest players on the ground.

Joel continued on from last week's game presenting and being a target up forward and was unlucky not to have had a couple more goals.

Lucas Durant notched up 50 games and also picked up players award. His football this year has just improved out of sight and is consistently in the best players and is relishing his opportunities on the ball.

With a bye this week one game left against the old foe Northvale, let's finish of the season with a good game and hit the ground running and show them that they are lucky were not playing finals this year.

Really proud of how the boys played and fought it out right to the end.

Well done boys.

Under 13 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 2.2.14 Defeated by Ferntree Gully 14.9.93

Goal Kickers: Chloe L, Jess

Best Players: Mackenzie, Kiana, Emma, Rhiannon

Coaches Awards: Mackenzie

Captains: Rhiannon

Today Ferntree Gully ventured down to us at Lum Reserve. The girls came ready to play which was good to see but unfortunately Ferntree Gully were just too strong and a very well developed team. The girls tried hard all day with Mackenzie playing her best game, she attacked the ball, read the play well, was taking marks and kicking long. Kiana and Rhiannon were forces to be reckoned with in the backline laying great tackles, working hard to get the ball out and put great pressure on their opponents. Emma played a fantastic game leading well in the forward line and her 2nd and 3rd efforts to get to the ball were great. All the girls put in fantastic efforts today. They worked well as a team, looking for each other and running in packs.

Thanks to all the parents who helped out today. I couldn't have done it without your help!

Thanks again to Emma, Mackenzie and Jordan from U/11 for helping out with U/13 with numbers.

Also a big thanks to Kiana's brother Luke for umpiring the game as the league umpire didn't show up.

Hopefully with a bit of luck next week we will have a win!

Go Hawks!

Melbourne Metro Refrigeration Under 14 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 10.12.72 Defeated Beaumaris 7.12.54

Goal Kickers: Andrew Beer 3, Lachlan McDonnell 2, Jackson Dean 1, David Tokatliyan 1, Brayden Victor 1, Declan Tennent 1, Adam Gilmore 1

Best Players: Outstanding team effort

Coaches Awards: Jackson Dean, Lachlan Gomas

With finals out of the equation, our team aim for the remainder of the season was to be the best of the rest. Playing last year's Premiers' Beaumaris, a win would almost assure us of finishing the season in fifth spot despite two games still remaining. When we played Beaumaris earlier in the year, five minutes of terrible football cost us the victory. The boys knew that if we switched on and were ready to play then a victory was more than capable.

After 10 minutes into the first quarter it seemed that the boys were asleep during the pre-game speech as everything we wanted them to do, they weren't. It looked like a hiding was on the cards. When quizzed by our runner what did I want him to do, a strange thought entered my head. I thought of the legendary Chicago Bulls and LA Laker coach, Phil Jackson who rarely called time out's when he side was in trouble preferring to let the players work out the problems themselves. I told him to do nothing. Let the players work it out.

It seemed to work (who am I to argue with the coaching philosophies of an 11 time NBA Championship coach) with the boys steadying the flow and wrestling control back in our favour to be trailing by only 5 points at ¼ time.

We reiterated what was required and that if we adhere to our game plan and structures then we would be likely winners. The boys continued the momentum and we went into ½ time a goal down. A couple of costly errors cost us the lead and we knew if we cut the mistakes from our game we would have been in front. The third quarter was a real arm wrestle with a cracking game of footy unfolding between two very committed teams. We went into ¾ time with a 5 point lead.

The players were told kick the first two goals and we would break their resistance. From there we could then manage the clock and get numbers behind the ball. Those plans came undone when Beaumaris kicked the first goal of the last quarter. This was now our moment of truth and the boys responded magnificently kicking the next three goals and applying pressure like the famed Collingwood boxed press of 2010.

The win was one to savour and a great reward for the boys' commitment and courage to do what was required. It would be unfair to name a "best six" players list as every player on the ground made significant contributions at significant moments in the game. It was a truly great team effort. Several players played their best game of the year.

With two games left, we play two sides that are looking to finish top two. Our aim now is to be party poopers and win at least one of the two to spoil those sides chances of finishing top two.

Sitting in fifth spot, it has been a remarkable effort from our playing group this year to be now "the best of the rest".

Austart Air Starters Under 14 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 6.10.46 Defeated Murrumbeena 6.9.45

Goal Kickers: A. Palleschi 2, J. Cincotta , T. Edwards , W. Hayes , R. Kilgower

Best Players: Classic whole team effort

Coaches Awards: Macca & Matty Cappello

Captains: Alexander Palleschi and Joey Cincotta

The maths was simple for the boys today, if you want to play finals it's a must win game.

The theme was "find a way to win", find that extra 10% and do whatever it takes to get the team over the line.

Muhammad Ali once said, "Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them-a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill, and the will to win. But the will to win must be stronger than the skill." The stage was set for an epic battle on a ground that was more crappy turf mud than grass!

Murrumbeena were sitting second bottom but their results showed they had pushed all the top sides to within 10 points and we needed to show some respect if we were going to get over the line.

It was a hard fought battle and low scoring affair all day with the Hawks taking a single goal lead into each quarter break.

Big Max Wellington was outstanding in the ruck today backed up by Macca and Ryan Kilgower in a game plan that saw Max hang back from the forward line and dominate around the ground.

Murrumbeena were relentless and to their credit pushed hard all day in a bruising encounter.

Last quarter one goal up the Hawks needed to find something extra to hold on, Murrumbeena kicked the first goal and it was game on, a point followed and we were suddenly staring down the barrel of a loss.

Murrumbeena scored again and we were in Dire Straits!

Enter Will Hayes the "Sultan of Swing", who simply refused to loose. Will was inspirational as he found what good players do and that is an extra 10%. This lifted all the boys and suddenly the famous Hawks passion was back.

Joey Cincotta had a shot on goal from a pocket under enormous pressure and put in straight through the middle and put the Hawks back in front.

Our defenders rallied when it really counted and nothing was getting past centre half back with the big Rhino and fantastic Broadie sweeping across half back as a loose man and Kristian Parisi laying his famous bone crunching tackles.

"It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get back up again" and that what the all Hawks did today when they slipped behind in the last quarter, which for me is most rewarding.

A win is a win and as we said before the game, good teams find a way to win under the toughest of conditions which is exactly what we did!

Well done boys, we will train the house down this week and get ready to show East Sandy "it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog" that counts!

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Kings Transport Under 15

Waverley Park Hawks 11.9.75 Defeated Ormond 9.10.64

Goal Kickers: Bradie Morgan 3, Jonathan Kyriakoullakis 2, Jack Peacock 2, Lincoln Cramer 2, Shaan Fazal 1 and Max Turner 1

Best Players: Jack Gallagher, Chris Frencken, Jorge - Paul, Lincoln Cramer, Jonathan Kyriakoullakis, Brandon Sturzaker, Scott Donaldson, Bradie Morgan & Lochie Martin

Coaches Awards: Lincoln Cramer & Jorge-Paul

Welcome back to Max Turner after his trip to China. Today we played a very solid four quarters of football. The game was tight from the outset and the boys' endeavour for the ball was never in question. Some strong centre clearance work by Chris and Brandon was topped off by some big goals from our twin towers, Bradie and Jack P with the cream on the cake being supplied by Lincoln and Jonathan with some very handy work around goal. Once again a very strong defensive end led by Jack G, Cameron and JP withheld a number of challenges thrown at them throughout the day by a very aggressive Ormond side. With a couple of our boys now getting a few games under their belts after their trips away, the signs are good as we find the right balance of attack and defence. Great TEAM effort today. It was encouraging to see a number of selfless acts today where the team was definitely put before the individual.

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Malvern Framing Gallery Under 16 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 3.10.28 Defeated St Peters 1.3.9

Goal Kickers: Rebekah Watson (3)

Best Players: Kellie Ainsworth, Mikayla Bucella, Kimberley Watson, Rebekah Watson, Hannah Janes, Tanya Greco, Alicia McKertish, Aimee

Callanan, Abbey Goullett, Liana Calombaris
Coaches Awards: Kellie Ainsworth, Mikayla Bucella
Captains: Aimee Callanan, Liana Calombaris

Another fantastic effort from our Under 16 Girls as they took on third placed St Peters. A win would guarantee us a Final's spot. The girls came out firing to open up a three goal lead at quarter time. From then on it was an arm wrestle as St Peters threw everything at us. We were able to withstand the onslaught and record a three goal win. Very proud of this playing group. The improvement has been enormous over the last twelve months and we are now competitive with every team in the competition.

Well done girls.

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Pearce Building Services Under 16

Waverley Park Hawks 2.13.25 Defeated by South Melbourne 10.10.70

Goal Kickers: Al Bailey, Joe Gallucio
Best Players: Luke, Lachie, Al, Alex, Dean, Chris
Coaches Awards: Luke Beteramia, Lachie Hogan

Round 12 again saw us take on the ladder leaders in our division, Sth Melbourne.

We arrived at the ground with high hopes of a competitive showing after competing well in difficult conditions just 2 rounds ago. Round 12 saw a still sunny day with the game to be played at Albert Park.

The first term saw Sth jump out of the blocks well and put us under immediate pressure. We were taking it up to them but their forward run from the stoppages was again proving a problem with too many of our boys standing and spectating as the ball left their immediate area. Sth continued to pepper their forward line and create many opportunities but as the quarter wore on, we began to produce some good passages of play and we managed to hit the scoreboard ourselves. It was unfortunate that an error in the time keeper's box allowed an extra 30 seconds or so of play in which Sth managed to kick a goal as we had started to exert some real pressure on our opponents.

The second term saw this trend continue as the boys totally dominated proceedings. We were relentless in our attack on the ball and when needed on the man. We kicked 1 goal 9 behinds with Sth Melbourne adding just 2 behinds and struggling to get the ball past the centre. If only we could have been more composed in front of goal and exerted some scoreboard pressure. We had more than matched the ladder leaders in all departments, perhaps playing our most competitive brand of footy for the season. The test would now be to sustain this effort for the remainder of the game. What would make this even harder to achieve was that we received a yellow card which meant a quarter of footy with only 17 players on the field.

The third quarter saw Sth Melbourne respond as we knew they would. They regained the ascendancy and ran hard for each other stretching our resolve. We continued with the pressure and our attack on the footy was unquestionable but we struggled to get into scoring positions. We then suffered another huge setback with a number of players questioning umpire's decisions. The lack of discipline saw another player sent off this time for the remainder of the match. We now had to play the ladder leaders with 16 men for nearly a quarter and only 17 for the rest of the game. When will we learn to get a better feel for the game and those that are in control?

Needless to say, this had an effect on our ability to compete and despite all players continuing to play at a high intensity we found ourselves slipping behind on the score board. The last term saw the return of our team to 17 onfield players and once more we continued to have a great output from all. It was pleasing to see many go into different roles than what they are used to and equip themselves well. The boys were asked to compete until the end and they did this with aplomb!

It seems that it has been a season of what- ifs and Round 12 was no exception. Again we had played with great spirit and our opponents no doubt knew that they had been in a contest. In the end it was disappointing that the scoreboard didn't represent the effort that had been brought to the table. The positive is that we have shown that we can more than compete with the best in this division and that most players continue to show a willingness to improve themselves. I must say that I am enjoying the ride and am looking forward to seeing what we can bring to the table next week.

Go Hawks!

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RJ Ryan Partners Under 17

Waverley Park Hawks 10.6.66 Defeated by Dingley 13.0.88

Goal Kickers: Sam 4, Jacko 2, Troy 1, Mitch 1, Tom
Best Players: Zac, Jacko, Jacob, Jeremy, Locky, Ash, Will, Mitch, Sam
Coaches Awards: Gavin Sturzaker

Finally we were able to get 18 on the ground to start the game which has been a rarity for the past month, we started the game with good ball movement to an open forward line where Sam was able to mark the ball and convert with 4 1st half goals. Unfortunately he took on the point post and demolished it, completely dislodging it out of the ground, but after we replaced the post he couldn't take any further part of the game after hurting his shoulder. The second half with 17 on the ground, was full of bravery and effort, with the game still pretty tight. We just couldn't sustain the pressure as Dingley kicked away in the last 10 minutes when we were out on our feet. Again we were fantastic with our desire and our ability to compete and I cannot be disappointed with the effort from everyone of these boys.



Round 12 Coaches Award winners



Under 13 Gold with coach, Simon Stone



Under 13 Brown with coach, John Boyle



Lucas Durant receives his 50 game trophy from coach, Simon Stone



Zane Rayden receives his 50 game trophy from coach, John Boyle



Nathan Buzza (50 games) with coach, Greg Dean

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Josh Cusmano (50 games) with coach, Greg Dean



Jack Geshev (50 games) with coach, Greg Dean



Jordan Davis (50 games) with coach, Rob Jago



Harrison Rogers (50 games) with coach, Rob Jago



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