

## Hazelbrook Soccer Club – Match Reports – Round 16

**Under 6 Bears (6) v Hazelbrook Zebras (4).** The Bears faced one of their toughest opponents this week in a close and exciting game. The Bears held off the stampede with excellent defence under pressure early in the first half when the Zebras had most of the possession. Matteen Mashal was pivotal in defence and attack scoring 2 goals. Ben Nixon was all over the pitch defending, attacking and scoring one goal. Lucinda Godwin played an integral part in the game, always in the action and helping to set up a goal. Adrien Gleeson was equally pivotal and scored a goal in the second half. Rohan Fraser had a great game with two narrow misses at goal and great defence throughout the match. Tom Gawthorne continued his goal scoring run with one goal. Go the Bears!

**U6 Alligators 11 V U6 BMGS 1:** A cold start to the morning with only 3 players a side proved to be a good omen for the Alligators. They started off strong and quickly scored their first goal. James Murray had a fantastic run up the center of the field and scored his second goal with a total of 5 for the day. Nicholas Fletcher played a great defensive game and scored a great goal in the first half by being in the right position on the field. Gus Ward had a terrific game playing the ball down the line and scored a total of 5 goals for the day which was a huge effort. The whole team is playing better and better each week grasping the team spirit and improving their skills through dedicated training.

**U9Div 2 Hazelbrook 2 Penrith RSL 2** Hazelbrook managed a two all draw against a very skillful Penrith RSL, who only had nine players. Kiesha positioned herself well throughout the game which contributed to her scoring two goals. Jack had a very strong game, displaying some fancy footwork and his sensational header, lead to Kiesha's second goal. Luke recovered well from a knee injury to demonstrate his fine running with the ball skills. Tom's super boot in defence was complemented by Caelan's excellent defensive work, well done team.

**U12G 1 v Cranebrook 1:** An under strength Hawks put on a fantastic display against a dogged opposition. The ten Hawkettes played with skill, pulse, determination and joy. A big thanks to Monique Verhoeven and Kate-Lynn Doyle who did a great job sharing the keepers gloves. Holly Jeffery, Mara-May Sanders and Tayla Fasano marshalled the defensive troops with guile and the timing of their interceptions and tackles was a real feature. The midfield of Zoe Maynard, Isabella Fantin and Lily Bresnahan ran themselves to a standstill, with Kate-Lynn and Monique's support. The attacking duo of Sam Pronger, whose pace and dribbling skills, in combination with Lucy Noble's deft passes and close control, furrowed many a Cranebrook brow. Great goal to Lily, whose transfer request to Sydney may well have to go to arbitration. Great game by both teams.