

Hazelbrook Soccer Club – Match Reports – Round 16

U6 Zebras: Fast and furious were the Under 6 Zebras in their latest match against the Wentworth Falls Zebras. The team attacked the ball every chance they got and managed to come away with the win 6-2. Indy scored 3 goals and went home with the player of the week trophy with Kane, Matt and Sam also scoring a goal each. Tom, Tori and Tyler tackled terrifically and the teams defence was superb. The whole team can be very happy with a well deserved win.

U7 Cougars (1) Vs Wentworth Falls Foxes (2): With the temperature down in the single figures and a wind to match, all spent time warming up before the event. Both sides played open games with a multitude of shots at each end. Foxes struck first with a goal midway through the first half. The Cougars then got caught in a tight skirmish in front of their goal resulting in an own goal. In the 2nd Liam Howard used his front positioning to capitalise on a long pass to the front on the edge of the field, which he turned on and stuck hard to get an amazing goal from a fine angle. Austin Bellany and Brendon Baker made many close shots from the front, Sean Haring kept the ball at the Foxes end with big kicks - one saving a certain goal, Lloyd Goodlet rushed the opposition in defence and kept the pressure on, Noah Hammond harried the centre and kicked the ball into the goal mouth in attack repeatedly, and Benjamin Roberts was able to move quickly from defence to attack with his new haircut! Cougars POTD Liam Howard.

U8 Jaguars (1) v Wentworth Falls Stingrays (1): The Jaguars had a great game, and played enthusiastically in the slippery conditions. Jerome Dowling was tremendous in defence, some spectacular saves by the birthday-boy. Joshua Hancott was on fire! He made many, many tackles & used fancy footwork to break through the Stingrays' defence. A strong kick from Zachariah Hammond on the wing had the opposition scrambling in defence and resulted in a superb long-range goal. Jamie Davis & Lewis Stonebridge held their positions well & displayed great tackling skills. Owen White worked hard in defence & attack, and his strong kicks from the sideline created goal opportunities for his team. Douglas Carlino made some great saves & still found time to take some shots at goal. Aiden Wass positioned himself well, & attacked the Stingrays' goal again & again in the 2nd half with many near misses. P.O.M. – Joshua Hancott. Most Improved – Aiden Wass. Reporter: Zachariah Hammond.

U8 Hawks (9) v Raccoons (2): The teams were keen for a game after the holiday break. Energy levels were up as the ball was blasted around the field. Coach Simon suggested that this was the best whole team position-based game for the season. All players equally supported each other and shared ball time well - even sharing a player, Callum, with the opposition. Goal scoring results were Karl (2), Adam (2), Patrick (2), Timothy (1), Motassem (1) and Liam (1). Star Player, Motassem Eldirani, was seen to be enthusiastic throughout the match. A very friendly and fun game.

U8 Iguanas v Wentworth Falls Jaguars: A game characterised by strong defense by the Iguanas. Harry, Kellie, Sebastian and Zac all defended very well. Josh and Brenton provided great support to enable several goals being scored and Callum didn't stop in mid-field. Congratulations to Lachlan for his first goal of the season.

U9Div4: The warm breeze of summer seemed to touch the pitch at Cranebrook today, lulling the mountain boys to sleep in the first half (5-0) and setting them on fire in the second (1-1). Great result considering the quality of the opposition, and the fact that just 8 kids made the trip down the hill! The first half will soon be forgotten, but in the second backs Liam Della-Costa, Caleb Foss and Jonah Oliver were just fantastic, setting a great off-side trap, running hard, supporting each other's tackles well, and playing positive ball forward. Further up field Jeremy "lone mid-fielder" Storrie was a force of nature, winning repeated possession and passing off calmly to the waiting forwards. POM Will Tanner had some magic touches at advanced mid-field cum defensive forward (!) to propel the mercurial Peter Jaworski (1) and Nathan "all in" James (almost 2) goalward, with Connor Tufrey outstanding in goal. Cool.

U12 Girls Hazelbrook 1 v Glenmore Park 0: Part of a Glenmore Park weekend double header, the final whistle brought a collective sigh of relief as this one could have easily gotten away. "Issy" Fantin used an old billiards trick to canon her shot off a defenders knee for the decisive goal. Kaylee Shipp and Holly Jeffrey constantly threatened going forward and were strong defensively too. Nerissa Watkins made numerous timely tackles and used the ball intelligently. And Kate-Lynn Doyle's surging runs had the pedometer spinning madly. Well done all!

Hazelbrook U12G Div 2 0 v Glenmore Park 0: Their second clash in 24 hours was far more willing, but the goals proved elusive. The girls probed and pressured, yet Glenmore Park were resolute. Mara-May Sanders and Tayla Fasano controlled their opponents, and instigated many a counter attack. Lily Bresnahan's constant smile reflected her enjoyment with her game at present. Lucy Noble and Zoe Maynard pushed and questioned the opposite defense with skill and imagination. Even Jasmine Murdoch's innovative free-style dance routine in goals during the second half couldn't inspire that winning goal. Great effort girls.