

## Hazelbrook Soccer Club – Match Reports – Round 19

**U/ 6 Bears (12) v Wentworth Falls Emus (4).** The bears were ravaged by the bear flu, and could only field two players. In a show of wonderful sportsmanship, the Wentworth Falls Emus provided players. The “Bears for a Day” were fantastic and scored 3 goals, whilst Ben Nixon scored 3 and Tom Gawthorne 6. A great time was had by all, and a wonderful lesson learnt about the importance of being a good sport. Well done to all!

**U/6 Zebras 4 v Emus 2:** An exciting game between two evenly matched sides, with both teams showing outstanding development since the start of the year. For the Zebras, Kane Bastock once again kicked two goals in another excellent performance with Matthew Macken and Indy Cairns also kicking a goal each. Thomas Szentkuti took home the player of the week trophy, for great work all over the ground, and Samuel Macken was solid in defence. Well done Zebras!

**U9Div4 5 v St Mary’s 3 :**A replay of the previous game with St Mary's band club, but this time the tables were turned in that they, rather than we were short handed. Hazelbrook opened the scoring, with a joint effort by Peter and Nathan (a first perhaps ?) but St Mary's struck back quickly and the game see-sawed until Jeremy put away another penalty. By half time it was 3-1 in Hazo's favour and although Band club scored first in the second half, Callum from the U8 Iguanas put the result beyond doubt five minutes before full time with a run and a strike that topped off a lively and classy contribution. Special thanks to him and to his team mate Kelly (who was also great and came very close to scoring) for their contributions, to the whole team for puttin' in, and to POM Cameron Recknell for his dogged clearances and tackles at defensive midfield

**U11/2 Hazelbrook 3 v Bligh Park 0.** A measure of the improvement in the team is that their last loss back in June was to Bligh Park, with the score line reversed; since then Hawks have compiled 6 wins and 2 draws. Patience was the order of the day as a dominant first half produced few chances and no goals. Zac Opdam's chasing was rewarded when his clever shot took a deflection for the opener, then Antonio

Beretsos showed his usual determination to break through for a second. Lucas Opdam displayed fantastic anticipation and clinical finishing to complete the scoring. The Hawks' defence did not allow Bligh Park a clear shot on goal throughout, with strong work by Shane Wenc at left back in the second half a feature. Liam Branley was enterprising on the right wing and Ben Gethin-Damon was, as ever, creative on the left.

**U12G Div 2 Hazelbrook 1 v Blaxland 0:** A game the young Hawkettes dominated and would have won easily if not for the great keeping from the Blaxland goalie. Nerissa Watkins and Zoe Satara were assured and commanding in goals. The defensive unit of Mara-May Sanders, Isabella Satara and Tayla Fasano snuffed out any promising attacks that the opposition mounted. The midfield of Monique Verhoeven, Lily Bresnahan, Zoe Maynard and Kate-Lynn Doyle will have slept well after the toil, effort and class they displayed. And the understanding and passing displayed by Sam, Lucy and Holly begs the question - were they separated at birth? A stunning finish by Monique provided a deserved winner. Another great effort from all.

**AAL Div 5 2 v St. Joesphs 2:** The Hawks were unlucky not to end up with a win in the penultimate game of the season. Down 0 -1 at half time, the Hawks fought back in the second half with two goals to Chelsea Gawthorne, and looked set for victory when St Josephs hit back with the equaliser. Great games to Sophie Dalton, Emma Schofield, and Emily Gilmore-Walsh. The Hawks are eager to see out the season with a big performance against Glosodia next week.