

## Hazelbrook Soccer Club – Match Reports 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July

**U5 Alligators (4) BMGS (1).** Great return to the beautiful game by the 'Gators this week. Solid keeping by Jess in the first half conceding only 1 goal and performing a few great saves. Good play by Jared and 4 first half goals to Aidan gave a good lead at the break. Positive attack by Dillon down the flanks kept the game in opposition territory. Despite about 5 shots on target in the 2nd half by Sasha (Winning him POTM), excellent keeping by BMGS kept the 2nd half scoreless.

**U6 Bears (13) v's Wentworth Falls (2)** - missing a few players the bears played some great football with exceptional passing. Leon was a goal scoring machine along with Cameron who scored a hat trick. Mitchell, Lily and Lucas all passed and supported each other well. Player of the week with two great goals was Lachlan Murray.

**U7 Sharks(4) V B.M.G.S. Jaguars(0)** Great goals were scored, terrific tackles were made and an exuberant Hazelbrook team celebrated ... the Sharks were in fantastic form today keeping the Jaguars scoreless. Josh Hancott and Owen White played well in support putting in some well placed kicks which led to great goals by team-mates. Lewis Stonebridge, Zachariah Hammond and Jerome Dowling displayed ever improving ball skills as they weaved their way around defensive players making important breaks. Jake Horninge, Rowan Carr, Jerome Dowling & Aiden Wass scored a goal a piece. Overall, an exciting fast paced game, well done boys!

**U/7 Bears (7) vs Blaxland Lions (0).** "Hooray - finally a soccer game!" This sentiment was reflected by the boys throughout their play. The Lions tirelessly fought the Bears in an effort to quell their drive to win. Once again, Motassem Eldirani displayed his natural goalie ability with many outstanding saves from strong shots at goal by the Lions' striker. Sam Walker was a player to watch this week. With no fear, he went in for the attack. His ability to free and pass the ball resulted in Adam Bosch scoring four magnificent goals. It was breathtaking to see the ball fly over the heads of the players to be pocketed in goal. Another valued team member, with a passion for the sport, was Timothy Camilleri. His fancy footwork and skill to nudge the ball past his opponents saw him score three goals and earn him POTM. Callum Branley, Ethan Clarke and Patrick Mundy had a fabulous game. Ball passing skills learnt in training were utilised to get the ball up field. Reflex saves by goal keeper Patrick kept the Lions scoreless. Finally, huge thanks to Glenbrook for the use of their mini field.

**U7 Tigers vs Alligators.** A great game was had by all players, with goals scored by Ryan, Jett, and Liam, and Connor J also scored his very first goal! While the Alligators scored 2 goals in quick succession in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the Tigers proved too strong, with Wilbur and Connor L demonstrating a great effort also, to help the team to its final score of 6-2.

**U8 Bears 0 v Springwood Tigers 8** An under strengthened Bears outfit tackled the talented and skills Tigers. The score line didn't reflect the excellent effort and attitude of the Bears. Haylee Jones and Rory Wilson saved numerous scorching shots while in goals. Patrick Noble, Tom Doyle-Byrne and Ali Mehmet-Decent defended attack after attack. Eli Maynard, Dylan Frullani and Martha Aubrey marshalled the midfield tirelessly, demonstrating they had lost none of their fitness or enthusiasm in the wet. Jackson Decker was a constant threat up front with his dribbling and ball control. Julian Maguire never stopped and did a games worth of work in the half that he played. Proud of you kids!

**U8 Alligators 4 vs. BMGS 2** With players away on both sides it was vital that everyone play at their best and, after a few seconds to catch up on holiday news, so it was. William Tanner and Rohen Gash both had good halves in goal and on the field, giving good ball security, reading play well, and going after the ball bravely. Thomas McMahon (1) and player of the match Matthew Scott (3) were excellent as striker and sweeper alternately, revolutionising our line up, and special thanks must go to Nathan James for contributing so brilliantly to the forward play. Aryn Bond commanded an underpopulated midfield well, and provided useful ball to the front, while Jaya Ponsford and Zac Francis showed that goods skills and positional play are two halves of the same coin. Hip hooray.

**U9.2 (1) vs Blue Mountains (0)** After weeks of wet weather the Hawks were back with vigour, albeit with most noses running faster than feet. Watertight keeping from Lucas Opdam, and Thomas Stewart's stoic defence maintained a clean sheet. A potent strike from Braidie Smith outside the box brought the game's solitary goal. Alex Fauchon and Tom Bosman in midfield demonstrated flare and panache in their footwork to confound the opposition. This victory consolidates Hazelbrook's top of the ladder standing.

**Hazelbrook 0 vs Blue Mountains 3** After the long rain enforced break, the girls had every right to be a little rusty, however that wasn't the case. The teamwork and cohesion was first class. Coach Kondek's tactical ploy of dressing a Hawk in Beagle clothing, almost worked until the ref eventually gave Buster his marching orders. Wonderful keeping skills and courage displayed by both Jasmine Murdoch and Nerissa Walkins. Lauren Boothroyd was strong in defense and provided a launching pad for the creative midfield flare of Ana-Luz Pastore and Isabella Fantin to feed off. Lucy Noble and Sam Pronger were a constant threat in attack with their probing runs, balls skills and high level of understanding. Another great effort girls!

**U11/1 1 :Springwood 2** First game back after the rains the team started out very positively with strong running attacks but alas, no goals. The game settled down into a good mid-field struggle with all from the Hawks contributing. The second half started much as the first with the defence proving once again to be very strong with Harry keeping goal very well. A moment of misfortune and Springwood sprung a quick attack ending in a goal. Minutes later Springwood luckily scoring in a goal mouth scramble with the scoreline flattering them. The Hawks showing their 'never say die' attitude, culminating with a good team goal polished off by Tenzin. A strong team effort will all involved. Well done Hawkies!

**13.6 4 v Warradale 3.** First game for a while with a patched up team. A big thank you to Izaak Collier, Jasmine Howlett and Ralph Blazey from the 12.7's. After a lightning start with three unanswered goals the game looked won, but a very determined Warradale came back and nearly stole a draw. Players of the week were Izaak, Jasmine, Ralph, Chris Tucker(First goal) and Jordan Gilliland. Welcome back to soccer!

**U16G1 1 v Band Club 1** A terrific game back after the long break seen a surprising Hazelbrook hawks come out firing and wanting to win. The Hawks perform well and dominated the second half and were in fact unlucky not to win. Some great work in defence and midfield by Lucinda Guzman also great tight marking and midfield work by Kate Meehan and Jessica Tattersall. A special mention to Jade Cole just back from a knee injury who perform well. Finally the best goal of season scored by Emily Wheeler would have done the Matilda's proud.