

Hazelbrook Soccer Club – Match Reports Round 11

U6 Cougars (1) Vs Springwood (1) - Having such a long time away from soccer due to the shocking weather the Cougars looked rusty in the first half and went to the break 1 goal down. The second half started better as the Cougars hit their straps and started to pressure Springwood, the Cougars had a few shots which went astray. Good goal keeping and a huge clearing kick by Djed Curtis set up the Cougars goal scoring opportunity for Brendon Baker. All Cougars players are playing well and we hope all that are sick are able to shake off the effects of the flu so the Cougars can keep on their winning way.

Another great game from our little Sharks who were playing against the Hazelbrook Tigers. They were "one man down" so we offered to share and everyone got in there and had a great game. Liam, Benjamin S. and Adam all scored a goal each. Oscar and Benjamin N. worked hard at keeping the other team on their toes with some good defensive work. Matthias was the Tigers' goalie and did a great job against his own team mates. The score was 3-0 at full time; another convincing win by the Sharks.

U6 Bears (8) vs. Wentworth falls (0) - Player of the week went to Lucas Girardi who scored an exceptional goal and was brave as keeper in the second half in freezing conditions. Joshua, Lachlan, Mitchell and Lily showed great skill and patience as we were held to 2 nil at half time. Leon and Zac defended and passed well which assisted in a great second half effort.

U7 Sharks (0) V Wentworth Falls Tigers (2) A great game unfolded as the Sharks & the Tigers met again today. Both teams played with great enthusiasm & tremendous energy. The sharks played well in defense and in attack, exhibiting wonderful tackling & passing skills. There were countless attempts at goal from all of the Sharks, with the closest shaves off the boots of Jake Horning & Owen White. Spectacular saves in goal by Jerome Dowling & Rowan Carr thwarted all but two of the Tigers attempts at goal. Fans watched fantastic blocks & passes by Lewis Stonebridge & Josh Hancott, with some goal saving tackles from Zachariah Hammond & Aiden Wass, Great game boys!

U7 Bears (7) vs Springwood Kites (1). The spectators were treated to a classic team play game. Both the Bears and the Kites passed the ball utilising the entire field and all players. Adam Bosch scored four goals. One from an awesome run the length of the field. Although Timothy Camilleri scored two goals, he and Ethan Clarke were stars as goalies, putting their bodies in the path of the ball to block goals. Motassem Eldirani looked comfortable in defense while Sam Walker darted around in attack. Callum Branley's huge grin blinded the field as he scored a brilliant goal. Finally, the most outstanding player, keen to kick the ball into a scoring position, was Patrick Mundy. His grandparents proudly watched his display of ball passing skills to support all team members. He was awarded POTM.

In a cold and drizzly morning match, a somewhat depleted Hazelbrook **U8 Alligators** side (1) played Wentworth Falls Bears (6) in a good contest at Pitt Park. Despite adequate depth, we played with insufficient width to get around this side, whose talented players made the most of their chances. Neat work at the back by player of the match Lauren Burgess, who won the ball and consistently turned it out to the sidelines in difficult circumstances, and good vision also from Zac, who managed to find some space despite constant pressure. Cruching tackles by Keyarah Glass-Loughrey saw off some bigger opposition players, while Lachlan Weymouth, Matthew Scott and Nathan James played aggressively and skillfully at the front. Finally a special thanks go to Liam for his great contribution despite getting up so early to make the game from Sydney, and to Karl Gethin-Damon, whose excellent work at the back (1st half) and front (2nd half) belied the fact that he was playing up from U7's.

U11/4's 3 v Henry Lawson 0 This week saw the top of the table clash which lived up to expectation. The hawks were fantastic all over the field. Coen Degroot opened the scoring 10 mins into the match after some brilliant build up play through midfield. Our defenders were barely threatened and when they were managed to get the ball well out of danger. Ht 1-0. Hayley Brown scored twice in the second half to secure the 3-0 scoreline. The hawks haven't conceded a goal in 5 matches and are in great form.

11-12G Div 3 0 vs Band Club 1 With only 9 players, a great effort from all the team in this very tight match. The supporters on the sideline certainly got their moneys worth! A fantastic defensive effort lead by super goalie, Jasmine Murdoch, and supported strongly by our back line of Bella Chidlow, Tayla Fasano and Lauren Boothroyd. Monique Verhoeven and Zoe Maynard often turned defense into attack with many through balls and excellent passing. Keep up the great work team.

U11/1 1 v Glenmore Park 2 A game of two halves. The first half saw Hazelbrook running uphill metaphorically and literally. Hazelbrook showed some good glimpses of team soccer punctuated by some great individual skills. Glenmore Park taking advantage of a mistake from the normally strong defence culminating in a goal. The second half saw a reinvigorated Hazelbrook take the game to Glenmore Park with strong probing runs from Caleb, Leighton, Annanda, Ryan, Dominic, Nick W and Tenzin worrying the defense everytime Hazelbrook attacked. A second goal came against the run of play with an unlucky Harry just being pipped to the post. The defense with Ben, Eamon, Jared, Jack and Nick D proving very hard to beat after they picked and nullified the long ball tactics. Hazelbrook's almost legendary 'never say die' attitude scoring a good team goal punctuated by Leighton following another blazing run. The pressure mounting on Glenmore as the Hawks turned the screws with the Kerfuffle Kid sending a screamer just over and wide. A good game and a great second half. Well done Hawbies!

U12 Girls Div 2 (0) v Band Club (2). The final score doesn't reflect the wonderful effort and enthusiasm of the team in their first game back after 6 weeks. Jessica Lee and Kaylee Shipp worked hard against a determined opposition, setting the ball up well. Kate-Lynn Doyle persevered in her attempts at goal, while the defense line showed great courage in keeping the ball out at the other end. Goalie Rachel Tretheway saved a couple of 'sure things', well supported all game by Madeleine Dennis and a very focused Carly Sanford. Well done girls.

13.6 Hawks 1 V 2 Henry Lawson. A tight game that could have gone either way. A great team goal by Jonathan Oakes saw the Hawks lead the game until the final 5 minutes. Two great goals by Henry Lawson was enough for them to snatch victory. Players of the week were Jonathan and Hamish Sparks. Another great team effort.

U16G 1 V 2 St Clair. A highly committed team of ten played an outstanding game against a very physical team. Thank you to Sam O'Tool and Georgia King from the 14's for their assistance on the day. Despite the result not going our way, we believe you were winners on the day. With more players available the result could have been different. Tegan Haberman's defence and Emily Wheeler's attack was a feature of the game. Great goal to Maddison Pitt. Top performance girls.

U16G1 0 Richmond 7 A very smart Richmond outfit showed the Hawks a few lessons today. The girls started on the back foot with 9 players for 20 minutes but put up gallant effort, and for most of the game were competitive but score line didn't show it. Full marks to Jessica-Rae Weule who put a good effort in goals to the Richmond onslaught. Some tuff work in defence by Lucinda Guzman, Sophie Dalton, Tegan Haberman and Kate Meehan help reduce the deficit.