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Healesville Football Netball Club

Vs. Monbulk

Round 17 – Saturday 14th August, 2010

Mission Statement

Healesville Football & Netball Club (HFNC) exists to provide an environment where the youth and community of Healesville can fulfill their sporting and recreational dreams.

The HFNC endeavours to operate in a successful manner, while promoting family values of friendship, honesty, fearlessness, loyalty, respect and support for all members past and present.

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Presidents Report

I would personally like to welcome the following people to the ground today:

- President of Monbulk David Sands and his team of players and supporters, and
- Our little mascots from the Healesville Junior Football Club, who will run onto the ground with our Under 18's, Reserves and Seniors teams today:

It is hard to believe that this is our last home game for the season and within two weeks the finals will be upon us. As this is the last newsletter for the season there are quite a few people that need to be thanked for all their hard work in helping run this club.

Thank you to the following:

My executive committee:

Felix Fraraccio – the man of many talents – not only my Vice Pressie, but also Footy Manager, Seconds coach and general get about. Your help this year is very much appreciated.

Kerry Goding – our own Mother Theresa – this woman always has the answers to questions that I need and is a great promotional tool for our club – you may have noticed that her face is always in the local paper. We love you Kez!!!

Ian Milgate – Treasurer extraordinaire – Not one cent gets past this man!! Thank you for all you have done this year in making the club a financial success!!

The General Committee – Beck Smith, Beck Collins, Baz Goding, Pete Mathieson, Jodi Wilkinson, Janelle Merrett, Michelle Barclay and Julie Milgate. Without people like you all the club would cease to exist.

Our coaching staff – Frank, Vince, Flicka, Nuge, Thomas, Kathy and Bianca – Thank you all for your time and commitment each week.

Team support staff – Trainers, Team Managers, Time Keepers, and Boundary Umpires etc – Could we take the field or court each week without you!! I think not – Thank you guys for your tireless efforts.

Pete Mathieson and Tojo Nolan – Two of our life members that work tirelessly behind the scenes weekly.

To all the ladies and gents that help out each home game – from the canteen helpers to bar and booth staff.

And finally to all our players, supporters and sponsors – Without you our Saturdays would be very BORING!!!!!!!!!!!!

I wish all six teams, coaches and officials the best of luck today.

GO BLOODS!!!!

CLUB FUNCTION NEXT SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST @ The Rooms

Steak & Schnitzels from 7pm, \$10 per meal **Reverse Shuffle** from 8pm, \$50 per song (only 45 available)

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We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Flicka & Tojo who both underwent minor surgery during the week.

Football Reports

FRANK LESIPUTTY – SENIORS REPORT

This week we play our last home game for the year, how time flies, it's very disappointing to not be in the finals this year, the ifs, buts and maybes don't really matter, what matters is we need to keep striving to improve not only on field but as a whole club, This can only be achieved if we are all committed to staying together as a group and working harder than ever in 2011 to make sure we are back in the top 5 where we belong. It's great to see our u18s on top and going into the finals full of self belief and confidence, also I am very pleased at how many u18s we have played in the seniors this year, this will also no doubt hold us in good stead for next year. Today will be a great challenge against Monbulk who just piped us last time, let's have a great day and 6 great wins. CHEERS FRANK LESIPUTTY - GO BLOODS

Football Reports (continued)

FELIX FRARACCIO & DAVID NUGENT - RESERVES REPORT

Round 15 vs. Wandin - As we have been saying for the last 6 weeks, the effort of the core group has been great with little reward. Their persistence has paid off with a great win against Wandin at home. We welcomed back Shannon Tweedie kicking six goals with Mooney Collins having a day out, Schockers kicking five and even Beazer released from the back pocket kicked two. Others to play well were Darmo, Gizzy Mills with Sledge and Chance cleaning up everything at half back along with the ever reliable Chris Lower as usual. It was great to see the boys sharing the ball.

Round 16 vs. Mt Evelyn - Top side, Mt Evelyn at Mt Evelyn was a real challenge for the boys, as we went in with a few boys crook and one interchange. Led by Darmo, who kept putting his head over the ball all day, inspired the rest of the team to play for the jumper, a term we often hear as this game was one of those times where pride in your jumper got us over the line for one of our best wins of the year. It was a great team effort but special mention must also go to Tommy Campbell, Chance, Shockers, Gizzy and Chrissy Lower who played the last quarter with a broken wrist while Dart kicked an inspirational goal in the third quarter with a torn hamstring. Hopefully we can finish off the season with wins against Monbulk and Silvan.
Flick & Nuge

THOMAS CHANDLER - UNDER 18's

Round 15 v Wandin - In what was a very one sided match where Wandin only had 12 players to start the match, to ensure we had a game we needed 2 Healesville players to play for Wandin each quarter. All up there were 9 players who unselfishly played for Wandin, they being, Lindsay Rowe, Tanner Larkin, Jake Chandler, Scott Berner, Trent Krikas, Flynn Hartland, Tim Swoboda, Jack Young and Rhyse Culwick. Well done guys.

Our general play was very good and the fact we were willing to use a player in better position by using first option was a feature. Our attack on the contest was quite good, and our ability to also play defensively in this type of game was also good. Whilst we had a big win in this game it is important to remember that you still need to show respect to the opposition, as it would be just as easy to not turn up and we miss out on a game when you are struggling for numbers, and it is credit to the Wandin footy club to continue to all they can to get games of footy for their junior players.

Round 16 vs. Mt Evelyn - The game started in a very physical manner and the ball had to be won in close. The team that was committed to winning the contested ball looked as though they would do quite well. Our guys played some really good footy early but were not getting the score on the board, the good thing though was we maintained this type of play and persisted until we got some reward for effort. We were winning plenty of the ball but we also what was pleasing was our ability to make our tackles stick and force turnovers consistently and then run to create play.

Our ability to play to instruction and to try to implement some of the things we have been working on at training was pleasing and as the game went on some of these things really started to work for us and the guys got to see some real benefit from it. Our work rate when we didn't have the ball was good and our willingness to block and shepherd etc was somewhere near where it will need to be in the coming weeks. Let's keep working on the one percenters and the use of first option, because when we do this we play a lot better, overall a good team effort.

This week will be the last for the year with our mascots from the Under 11's and it has been great to have the guys come down to each home game and be a part of the way we go about things. I hope the boys have got a bit out of it as I and the players have really enjoyed it. Let's hope this is something we can build on next year. Good luck to all 6 teams this week and lets see if we can get a win in all grades for our last home game.

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Netball Reports

KATHY BROWN – A GRADE

Round 15 vs. Wandin - A lot was learnt from A grades second clash with Wandin. Slow starts has not be our problem this season but unfortunately in a game where we couldn't allow Wandin to get on top we started slow and went into the second quarter playing catch up. We let Wandin's defenders force us to make too many mistakes. Showing patches of brilliance but not being able to maintain it as Wandin did, Lou and her girls slowly let their 3rd placed opposition run away with a 39-28 goal win.

Round 16 vs. Mt Evelyn - 'Someone has to beat them, it might as well be us' I remember saying about the undefeated Mt Evelyn girls. I must relay a comment I heard from one of their supporters stating 'that's the most I have seen our girls pushed.' Although the score line wasn't as we had desired, a great game was witnessed last week. Last time we met Mt Evelyn we were disappointed not to have played 'our game' but this time around was different. Everyone put in a fantastic effort. Laura, Cat, Bianca and Brooke all influenced many turn overs in defense and gained possession though valuable rebounds. Mt Evelyn's mid court defense was strong but it was pleasing to see us being smart and on most occasions move the ball through well to our goalers. Louise fed great and shot beautifully and Kylie very cleverly held smarter and stronger as the game went on. The final score of 23-44 did not illustrate what we gained from this game to take with us into finals.

A Grade's run to the finals.... If 6th placed Warby beat undefeated Mt Evelyn and 4th placed Monbulk in the next two rounds and we lose to Monbulk today we'll be out of finals contention.....if not we play Monbulk again in an Elimination final at Alexandra on Saturday 28th of August.

BIANCA FEATHERSTONE – B GRADE

Round 15 saw us taking on the ladder leaders in Wandin, in what was some very average weather for netball the girls started great; forcing Wandin into many turnovers in the first quarter, unfortunately they weren't rewarded as both our goalers struggled to convert. This didn't deter any of the girls as they continued to work hard in defense and attack. Eventually they went down by only 9 which was the closest game of the day. A fantastic effort by all to stick with and push the ladder leaders. The following week was again another tough assignment travelling to Mt. Evelyn. They are a very strong netball club in all sections and came out firing against our girls. We tried our best but due to injuries and illness we had to play a few girls out of position at times which proved to be too much of an ask against such a quality side. The score line unfortunately didn't show how competitive the girls were. This week we're home for our last game against Monbulk, I'm hoping all the girls across all the sections can put everything together from the year and all go out on a high. GO BLOODS!!

KATHY BROWN – C GRADE

Round 15 v.s. Wandin - C grade had dropped to 6th on the ladder and knew every game counted if they wanted to climb into 5th position and play finals. We were very happy to have Kate back after a broken arm, particularly as Louise was out with a sprained ankle, and she started her come back well being thrown straight into the mix in GD. Chels had to fight the urge to run being confined to GK. With a few different combinations being tried across the court, the top of the ladder Wandin girls were too strong. Although our girls fought hard, the game continued to slip away from them. The final score was Healesville 13 to Wandin 26.

Round 16 v Mt Evelyn - Mt Evelyn are such a strong force in the YVNDNFNL and our C's needed a win to stay in finals contention. We started well turning the ball over all over the court but unfortunately our goalers had trouble converting on the score board in the 1st quarter. We started the 2nd one goal behind but our second was our weakest quarter when our pass choice let us down and only allowed us two shots at goal. The girls came out much stronger in the 3rd and gathered their own momentum and were rewarded by much better movement of the ball into the goal ring. Going into the last 10 minutes 12 goals down Lucy's girls did not give up winning the last quarter 7-4.

C Grades Road to Finals....If we beat Monbulk today and 8th placed Warby beat them next week Monbulk and Healesville will end the season on the same points fighting for 5th position and a play in the finals. Unfortunately Monbulks' percentage is currently higher than Healesvilles' so it is most unlikely our C girls will be given the opportunity to still be playing in September.

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