



# HAWK TALK

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**WEEKLY WRAP UP**  
Every Sunday!

**HAWKS LUNCHEON**  
24th August 2012

**BENNY ELIAS SHIELD**  
25th August 2012

**ICCC GRAND FINALS**  
2nd September 2012

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8th September 2012

**PRESENTATION DAY**  
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## LAST HOORAH FOR HAWKS SPONSORS



**Peter Mortimer** kitted out by **SUBWAY**

the hill with prime view over the oval and judging by the photos....a great afternoon was had by all.

Special thanks to Gameday Sponsor **Subway, Macquarie Centre** who not only provided delicious sandwiches for the afternoon but also gave the Club vouchers to give to the kids voted Man of the Match during the day. Your contribution was greatly appreciated.

And most of all, many thanks to the wonderful organisation's that have supported the Hawks all year. It goes without saying that your contribution is greatly

appreciated by the Club, the parents and most of all - our kids.

Seeing them run around the paddock in your logos proudly displayed is really a sight to see.

We hope to have you back again next year.



**Rob Saba, Colour My World Children's Centre; Brett Baxter, CIGWELD.**

## Hawks Commence Finals Campaigns

It was a mixed round for the senior boys in the first round of the finals.

For our U14s a gut-wrenching defeat saw them bow out of the competition literally in the final minutes of the game.

Our Mighty U16s however delivered a crushing defeat in their semi-final and will proceed to the preliminary final which will separate the men from the boys.

In the junior ranks, the U12 Reds put in a huge effort to

come up with a win which also takes them into the semi-finals after finishing third on the ladder.

And last but not least the U10s face their nemesis this weekend in a semi-final showdown after finishing second on the ladder.

The Hawks started the season with 7 teams and three United teams playing competitive football. To finish the season with four of those teams heading into the finals is a fantastic effort and a testament to the Club, coaches and trainers.

For every team with finals on this weekend we wish you the very best of luck and we look forward to hearing the results at the Sunday Wrap Up.

AND good luck to our minis who play in the Benny Elias shield this weekend. Play hard, play fair and above all, enjoy a great day of footy!

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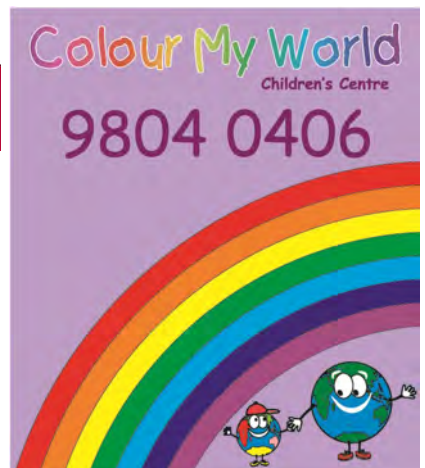


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The Mighty U6 Whites.

## U6 Whites Farewell TG Millner

This week saw the mighty U6 Whites with a final home game at TG Millner.

The day started with the Whites cheering on the Reds, at the end of the Reds' game the Whites players formed two lines for the Reds to run through as they clapped them off the field.

As the Whites were ready to take the field to face the Leichhardt Wanderers (Whites) the Reds repaid the favour, clapping and cheering on the Whites.

In front of our usual vocal die hard supporters, our captain for the day **Brandon Thomas** decided to receive the ball from the kick off. **Elijah** scored our first try of the day side stepping several Wanderers players along the way. The Wanderers soon followed suit by scoring their first try, but **Isaac** soon showed them his skills by

scoring a try soon after.

From there the Hawks continuously crossed the line with **Brandon, Levi** and **Samuel** all scoring. **Patrick, Brock** and **Lachlan** made some great breaks only to either fall short of the line or be pushed out the sideline.

As usual Brandon was a tackling machine, taking on any Wanderer player that came his way. The Whites played their hearts out for the final game of the season and bid farewell to TG on a high note.

'**Player of the Match**' was Isaac for his great attacking and defending work.

At the end of the game the Whites' parents formed a tunnel for the players to run through as they cheered the boys for a great played game.

We also had a little presentation of our own awarding **Patrick Toms** with a trophy for "**The Most Improved**"



and **Elijah Chahine** with a trophy for "**Player of the Year**".

Try Scorers: **Isaac Biondi**(4), **Elijah Chahine**(4), **Samuel Bell**(3), **Levi Locantro**(1), and **Brandon Thomas**(1)

Thank you to the **Robinson's** for supplying the team with oranges this week. A big thankyou to the Locantro's for the fantastic gift of the t-shirt with my little Hawks players names on the back.

Also a big thankyou to the entire U6 White families for the gift of the Manly Jersey. It has been a pleasure coaching the Whites and I will miss you all during the off season.

See you all at training on Thursday for the Benny Elias Shield.

**Alex Robinson, Coach**

## U6 Reds - Have a Grandfinal!

Eighteen rounds of exciting footy and the **COXS ROAD MALL Red-Hot-Super-Sixes** have earned their spot in the **GRAND FINALS** in September. This shameless boasting is mixed with feelings for a couple of other coaches.

Buzz has been an inspiration with great coaching advice and the 11s proudly stayed true to the spirit of the game.

Ernie has been a great friend of the **Super-Sixes**, suggesting training drills and tips for better on-field management – the 14s provided a tremendously exciting match.

But from **COXS ROAD MALL** we don't notice whether our opponents score any tries at all, so *Three Cheers* for us!

And *Three Cheers* for Enfield Federals - for a great game, for playing in the true spirit of mini-league and for being a well matched team (they even

had a player named Alexandra).

Thanks to Richard Kinder for standing in as on-field coach. For the last game we decided to give the older players a bit of a blast by playing whoever reached the ruck first.

They did not disappoint and played great attacking footy. **Alex** and **Jack** alternated at dummy to provide quick ball. **Jack, Cruz Ivan, Maxx** and **Alex** worked the ball up through our sets. **Cruz** and **Maxx** deserved to score but Federals had a strong defence.

Our defence was good except when called for marginally high tackles that allowed Enfield a '*tap and four again*'.

Like last week our heroes paid attention, spread out, ran up together and sometimes tackled-in-twos. **Alan, James** and **Coby** supported the older boys making sure the



tackled player stayed held and were not scared by that size 10 Federal.

Keeping things organised was **Alan** who may be our best Captain. Special thanks to **Ivan** for all the chockie cakes. A huge red **THANK YOU** to our sponsors at **COXS ROAD MALL** and to all the parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and neighbours.

Without you it doesn't happen.

Tries: **Ivan** (2), **Jack** (3), **Alex** (2)

Captain: **Alan**, Most Valued Players: **James** (3) **Jack**, **Alex** (2) **Alan, Cruz, Coby, Ivan, Maxx** (1)

**Richard Copnall, Coach**

# U7s - Finish the Season Much Stronger



**A text-book tackle from Macie watched on by Jack.**

The final game of the season was up against possibly the strongest team in the comp, The Strathfield Raiders and we had two of our big boys out, Thomas and Hugh, but that didn't put off their team mates - they went in strong for their final match of the year.

Luckily we had two fine players from the Under 6's help us out, Max and Ivan. Our boys started and finished this game in a very determined fashion. They were on fire!

Strathfield didn't give us an inch,

and made our boys work hard, and they did with great persistence, pushing and dodging their defence where they could.

At times we really made up some ground and it wasn't long before Tyran got so close to the line and just forced that ball across the line!

Our defence was pretty good, but Strathfield were a polished team, and although we held them back many times, they did manage to cross the line for a try on a few occasions. Far less times than our last meeting though!!

Tyler played an outstanding game, his defence was tireless, and after many attempts, he too went in to score a try for the team.

Macey came up with some

amazing runs, running with little fear, even though he had a bit of a knock, he was up again. Josh and Patrick were in the thick of it, with some terrific tackles, and try saving ones as well - They have really gained so much confidence towards the end of the season.

Blake was tackling well - and really did well to take out the opposition with an excellent tug around his ankles - stopped them in their tracks heading for the tryline!

And Jack was solid as a rock in our defence, and keeping the opposition at bay.

Congratulations team on a sterling effort - it gave us all goosebumps seeing you play as well as you did!

**Melissa Cooke, Manager**

## U8 Reds Play Concord Burwood and Holy Cross!



A forfeit in the U8 ranks saw one team of enthusiastic kids without a game to play.

Not an issue, a quick discussion at the desk resulted in everyone getting to play 15 minute halves against each team and all kids went home happy.

Our U8 Hawks took on Concord Burwood in the first game and after a deep kick-off from Cameron we started to see what a team of champions our boys are.

There was great tackling from Finn putting players out the side. Awesome charges by Nathan who continues to develop week on week. Metres chewed up by Tony every time he had the ball.

A breakaway by the opposition was soon put to an end by Bronson. Charlie A was consistently quick out of the line, keen to make tackles and tackling machine Charlie M was not far behind him.

Tough tackling by Charlie M resulted in a knock on. Cameron

floated a pass to Tony who ran us down the field before doing a brilliant offload to Jai who pelted down the sideline but was pulled own inches from the line.

Backwards, forwards, try to them, try to us and so the game went. Rory threw himself into the game and was all over the field, Cameron pulled off the perfect dummy, Tyson hit the field in his usual blaze of glory pulling down players left, right and centre.

The end result, a great game all round.

Our second half was against Holy Cross a very well-drilled team and arguably the best team in the U8 competition. Our boys knew this and their game lifted visibly to the challenge.

Holy Cross managed to kick the ball dead and force a goal line drop-out. Our first this year.

Holy Cross broke away but were chased down by Nathan with Rory coming in to close the tackle. Holy

Cross scored a couple of tries but we fought back and put Tyson over the line.

And we held on from there. We saw terrific charges by Finn; quick tap replays by Bronson; great runs and offloads by Nathan; try-saving tackling by Charlie M; brilliant defence by Ryan; Luke was superb all-round; Tony brilliant all over; Tyson a genius in defence and attack; Charlie A putting pressure on the attack with his quick charges; Rory also quick out of the line; Jai punching well above his weight; Finn formidable with the ball in his hands; and Cameron making the no.7 jersey his own.

We couldn't have asked for more. It was a great end to the season. Thanks boys.

**Narelle Randell, Manager**

## U10s Head into the Finals



It takes three to stop Aiden Smith in a Man of the Match performance.

The game couldn't have started better. We received the kick-off, solid running by Joel, Josh and Lachlan before a big surge by Luke gave us our first try. Conversion successful.

We looked like we were on fire! But despite the bungle, Shamrocks were on fire too and the kick restart saw the ball land deep into our half and we never really moved from there.

A flat kick on the fifth and suddenly we were defending deep in our own half too!

Our defence is not strong off the line and it wasn't long before a hole appeared and Shamrocks scored a soft try.

Boys make it your mission - keep the ball in the opposition's half at all costs!

The next play didn't instil much confidence with a penalty to Shamrocks for being in front of the kicker and another soft try to the bad guys.

Thankfully we then started playing. A Shamrocks knock-on, ball back to us and the recently returned Riley started to put in some muscle and James some speed.

There were some great charges by Josh, Max was doing great in first receiver and Regan was eating up metres.

The half time bell rang and a quick-thinking grubber by James was scooped up by Joel for a try in the corner. Conversion successful and we went into half-time 12-12.

The writer didn't see much of the second half due to U8 manager duties but she thinks



it went like this.

Shamrocks try, Shamrocks try, Hawks try. Game over and a loss, 24-18.

My apologies to the kids who invariably played a terrific second half but from what I heard around the sideline, we still need to focus on tackling and not letting the opposition past the 50m line.

Make this your mission for next week! The last thing you need is a charging Malakai getting a sniff of the line!!

Tries: Luke, Joel, James

Conversions: James and Regan

Men of the Match: Aiden Smith and Riley Price

**Narelle Randell, Mother and Avid Fan**



Girl of the Match  
Josie Bee in action.

## U11s Finish Season Holding Heads High

In our final game for the season this past Sunday our Under 11 Dream Team played on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Five Dock Park, but unfortunately went down to Five Dock by a score of 12-24.

It's been a great big learning experience for our Dream Team this season after advancing into Division 1, but the writer takes her hat off and gives a standing ovation to each and every player on our team for a great season, each and every one of you put your all in every game week in, week out! Hold your heads high Hawks, we're all so very proud of you!!!

Woman-of-the-match this

week was our gorgeous belle-of-the-footy-ball **Josie** scoring a try in fantastic style to end her fabulous career with the Dream Team.

Unfortunately our **Josie** will be giving her style and prowess to the under 11's again next year, which is a great loss to our team, but a big win for next year's under 11's.

Thank you for the past six years **Josie**, you've been a pleasure to watch, we'll miss you, but the writer happily endeavours to get to the under 11's matches next year to cheer on our beautiful blond tigress!

What more can you say about our **Ollie**, and how good of a try was that one this past



Sunday??

Week in, week out, every single game you'll always see something special from this boy in his runs, his tackles, his knowledge of the game and great sportsmanship. Well done this season **Ollie**, it's an absolute pleasure to have you on this team!

Same thing can be said for our cheeky **Jack** who throws his heart and body on the line every week to come up with some great stuff, cheers to you Jacky-boy the tackling machine!

And just on a separate note,

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**Much - loved Coach Buzz will be missed in 2013.**

been a pleasure for this writer to watch.

He went down on Sunday and

one of our boys and girl is not well, so three cheers for a speedy recovery to you **Hugh**, you've had a great season as well!

The writer, and on behalf of all the parents of our Under 11 Dream Team, and our sponsor Southern Cross Switchboards, would like to thank **Coach Michael Bee** for giving his all and everything to our kids over the past six years. **Michael "Buzz"** plans to have next season off and take a well-earned break from coaching, and the writer has even more inside information that our beautiful manageress **Caroline Bee** will be keeping Buzz busy with some major renovations to the homestead!

Thank you Buzz for your skills, wisdom, patience, wit and all you've done for our kids...you'll be missed! Thank you as well to the beautiful **Caroline Bee** for her exemplary manageress skills, friendship, and the writer will miss our comparison of "wobbling" stories on Sunday mornings.

To our **Two Robs** thank you for a wonderful season and for your usual tireless efforts (and of course patience) with our kids! Other thanks to our wonderful hard-working committee we have at North Ryde who support all our kids, we don't know where we'd be without all these people who volunteer their time for our club! A final thank you to Scott Mayo's under 10's who provided us players throughout the season when they were needed.

Best of luck to our Hawks teams advancing to the semi-finals this next weekend, go the HAWKS and hope to see you at the Grand Finals!! Best of luck to our 6's, 7's and 8's mini teams at the Benny Elias Shield, go get 'em kids!

Signing off for the 2012 season, the writer bids you adieu.

**HAWKS HAWKS  
MIGHTY HAWKS!**

**Heidi Ryan, Mother and Avid Fan**

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the writer has gained some noteworthy inside information that head honcho of the Arcus family, **Steve**, will be resurrecting his athletics career on a dare in an upcoming Ryde Pentathlon sometime soon? Methinks he might have been challenged by the "Slink"????

Our ever-loving Captain **Steve** drags entire lines of any team, doesn't matter who they are, up and down the field much to the delight of the writer, there really isn't a prettier sight than that, now is there...and he's just one of the nicest kids you'll ever meet with such a great attitude towards "team" and "sportsmanship", we just love this guy!

**Cooper**, the writer watches you every week with great interest; you have great runs, great tackles, and such a switched-on kid as well with a great understanding of rugby league. As the Great RR says, this kid looks like a rugby league player and has the great skills to match, this boy has talent and will be a kid to watch.....well done **Cooper**, keep up the great work!

**Max**, you really are something else. **Max** tackles anything that moves and lands them on their backside, doesn't matter big or small, our little **Maxy** covers it all!

**Daniel** has been a force to be reckoned with game after game this season and showing great speed and tackling manoeuvres he has proven himself a very consistent and strong competitor.

Coming forward in leaps and bounds the last couple of weeks would be our little tower of terror, **David**, whose efforts and improvements on the field have

got straight back up again and by the next play had the opposition on their backsides, this would have been one of the writer's favourite plays of the game, thanks for that **David**, great work!

My favourite little halfback **Ronnie** has had a great season this year, especially his thinking game and getting the ball into the right position on the field. His kicking game is well and truly improving, well done to my little man.

**Ronnie** is also letting the cat out of the bag by telling everyone how his Great RR father practises his chair of honour weekly wrap-up speeches on a chair in the mirror at home????

**Mitchell** has been a great enforcer for the team this year with a lot of effort being made breaking down the opposition line, **Mitchell's** come a long way this year, well done **Mitchell!** **Tom** made some great plays and tackles and in spite of injury this young guy has a lot of get-up-and-go in him, well done **Tom!**

Hats off to our duo of double trouble **Nick** and **Lachie!** Unfortunately our **Nick** had to bow out of the season early with a broken wrist after a great start in Division 1, but the writer hopes **Nick** will be back in full swing when our illustrious team moves up to the 12's next season and **Nick** will be making up for lost time with his ferocious runs and tackles!

**Lachie** has had a great season and has shown great improvement in his runs and tackles. Always nice to see the happy, smiling faces of our Marquis boys!

**Hugh** was missing in action for our last game and the writer certainly hopes **Hugh** is feeling better, we don't like to hear when

## U12 North Ryde 28 Def Holy Cross 6

The day was spectacular, we should have been getting ready for the beach not a game of football!

The coach was a little nervous before kick-off. The Hawks didn't seem ready to play the last round game for this season.

It was the last chance to iron out any bugs before the semi-finals and Holy Cross would be ready to end their season in a positive fashion.

My fears were however put to rest early with a try coming out of the first set, a great bustling run from **Jett Allen** through the middle of the park.

Now close to 100% fit, it was a real confidence booster for Jett just at the right time of the year. Great backing up by **Zac Murray** but Jett showed everyone he still has the legs to run half the length and went all the way to the line.

Again the Hawks were left short this week and with the 12 Whites and the 11's playing away at the same time we needed to go with plan 'C' just to field the bare 13 (the Super Ref is claiming credit for plan 'C').

Fresh from his pre-match table top routine I was entrusted with the Price's youngest. I assured Dad that I would hide him away out of trouble and he would just make up the numbers to help us out?

Unfortunately or fortunately depending how you look at it, I forgot to tell the team this plan . . . From the kick-off young **Joel Price** was given the first hit up to introduce him to the 12/1 competition.

This obviously settled any nerves he might have had, enough for him to score the first of his two tries just short of the ten minute mark. Joel was at the right end of a great back line move with great passing through-out and a fabulous last ball from Eddie.

**Eddie Frankish** with two for the game scored a wonderful length of the field try, showing not only his speed but his quick thinking along with his beautiful right angle step.

Again with young Pricey's involvement, Joel put defensive pressure on his opposite number that forced a dropped ball which Eddie scooped up like a hot breakfast and took the ball the distance to score under the posts.

The boys played a fantastic first half in the heat with no reserves going to half time 22 – nil up. The second stanza was a little tougher, however I was very proud of all the boys' efforts on Sunday, particularly in only allowing Holy Cross to score once in the game.

Not to be outdone by his little brother, **Adam Price** had another great defensive game. Zac kicked well and showed great support in general play. In fact the entire team ran well and defended admirably. The highlight for me though was definitely the passing.

I touched last week on the boys improved defence and also the fact that we are really starting to play as a team. I believe that if you could turn back the clock, there were 3 tries on Sunday that we wouldn't have scored maybe a



month or two ago? The Hawks really are passing the football well and learning to take the right options. **It is fantastic to see all the boys playing as a team.**

Commiserations to the 14's who played there last game of the year on Sunday after a great season 2012, qualifying for the semi-finals and commiserations also to all those teams who didn't qualify for the semi-finals this season.

Big thanks to Dennis Fenton and Michael Bee and the 11's and the 12 Whites for all their help during the season.

Good luck to all the Hawks playing in the semi-finals this week . . .

Thanks again to Joel for helping us out this week. Great game mate! Well done!!

Match day Captain: Zac Murray

Man of the Match: Zac Murray

Tries: Jett Allen, Joel Price x 2, Eddie Frankish x 2

Conversions: Anthony El-Koura, Jack Beale, Billy Flynn, Eddie Frankish.

**Dave Murray, Coach**

*Captain's Report on page 9.*



Captains Note:

*It was a late start down at TG Millner we were all confident we could win and we were talking about trying new stuff in this so called training session to a lot of the boys. We started well with Joel having the first hit up gaining 10 metres with about 3 people on his back then we couldn't break their defence and then we found their weak spot and tried to target it as most a possible.*

*Finally we got it and gave it to Jett who found a gap and ran straight through it and ran 50 metres to score with lots of support and options in hand. Then we spread it out wide to the wing and on to Joel's chest and he just had a clear space to score a good try out though the hands in the corner.*

*Then HC had the ball on our 20 metre line and Joel smashed this big kid and he knocked it back and Eddie picked the ball up and ran the rest of the field. After about 50 penalties we finally got over from a tap run from Joel making 10 good yards getting us closer to the line and from Zac a cut out ball to Shan who gave a quick ball to Eddie who scored in the corner.*

*Then it was half time and we went off happy, we had done most of the stuff the coach had told us to do so we were happy. Then we kicked off, it was a Crap kick by me but on the 3<sup>rd</sup> tackle we rushed up on the attack and forced an error. Then a couple of sets later we didn't wrap the ball up and we went to tackle him but he reached out and scored it was 22-6.*

*For 5 minutes nothing happened but with 30 seconds on the clock I put in a left foot kick and chased and luckily I had support and I used it and gave it out wide through a couple of hands and to Joel who scored his second try. The 12 Reds had a good season but now we need to put more effort in and concentrate more at training. I would like to thank our trainers for helping out on game day and dad for coaching the team in 2012. Thank you to Joel Price for filling in to help us.*

*Zac Murray*

# U16 Hawks Win 40-10

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WHAT A TIME TO SHOW YOUR TRUE ABILITY???

As I have said all year these boys have the ability. Today they showed it.

The boys were absolutely brilliant, 30-4 at half time says it all.

Any one of the eighteen could have been man of the match.

I am so proud of them.

A big thank you to Liam Roach for helping Cossie and ourselves out with the trainer

duties today.

Liam works tirelessly for the Hawks and again he has helped out when we needed him.

Cossie and Liam make a very formidable pair, so Butchy and Mohammed better watch out.

Sensational goal kicking Thommo.

Next week we start again against Earlwood, more than likely at Kogarah Jubilee.

Come out and give them your

support.

Just believe boys, you will be right.

Tries: Josh (3, Ben, Matt S, Matt T, Alex

Goals: Matt T (6 rom 7)

Man of the Match: Jesse Bell

**Sommo, Coach**

# Bundy Cup: United Finish Strong

Burwood North Ryde United went down in an entertaining game against St. Johns last Sunday at TG Milner.

United had their typical slow start to the match as they conceded two early tries before they even got their hands on the ball.

From then on there were many tries and big hits and in the end unfortunately, like the last four weeks before this one, United ran out of time as they valiantly tried to run their opponents score down.

It was great to see that

United had the twin towers Francis Tuigamala and Tazele Naiyaravaro playing for them.

Both were lent to them from Balmain Ryde Eastwood and both didn't let anybody down as they had powerful games.

Our own Joe Flint was again best on ground for his never say die display and young half Matt Mulcahy showed again that he will definitely be a player to watch in the future.

Only one week to go as United play the competition favourites the Wentworthville Magpies [next Sunday](#) at

Ringrose Park. Can United cause an upset? I Hope so!

St. Johns 42 defeated Burwood North Ryde United 30.

Tries – Matt Mulcahy 2, Joe Flint, Francis Tuigamala, Luke Williams, Tazele Naiyaravaro

Goals – Nathan Scarano 3

Dally M Points:

Joe Flint 3

Matt Mulcahy 2

Joe Uluibau 1

**Aaron Zammit, Coach**

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**Burwood North Ryde United on the attack.**

# U14 Semi-Final v Penshurst Lost 20-16

“The absolute highs and lows of rugby league”

May I start out by saying that as a coach and father I am gutted, embarrassed & humiliated by what happened at Sunday’s game.

I take full responsibility and apologise again to the entire Roch family for Tyson not taking the field.

It was a mistake but such a mistake is inexcusable and will possibly be the catalyst to bring down the curtain on my coaching career.



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Penshurst scoring first to see us down 14-6, but in true Hawks spirit we continued to fight and defend our line. With 12 minutes to go Robbie scored under the posts to bring us to 14-12.

At this point we found another gear and continued to put pressure on Penshurst and time after time we just could land the killer blow but with just over three minutes to go and after some slick

Josh Taylor pummels a Penshurst attacker

passing Robbie stormed over in the corner to have us up 16-14 with three minutes on the clock.

Penshurst kicked off and the bounce of the rugby league ball dealt us a cruel blow, the ball

bounced like a Shane Warne leg break, then it bounced forward then left again and into touch the result was a scrum with a Penshurst feed.

We defended like never before, we put our bodies on the line, it came down to the fifth tackle, but an old fashion dive over from dummy half brought our season to a heart breaking end. The Highs and Lows of Rugby League all in three minutes!

I could not have been prouder of the entire team, losing Tom and Josh to injury inspired the team and to come back from ten points behind to within a whisker of winning is a tribute to the team.

The M.O.M for this game was to me a special one, Dyllan Stevens played his heart out gave 100% all year, time and again he put his body on the line in defence and ran hard in attack and had his best game all year.

Can I firstly thank ALL the players on a great year, while it took the team some time to gel, you played

great football and made the SEMI FINALS don’t forget that!

And I hope moving forward into U15’s you can build on the team spirit and mateship that you have gained this season and play in the Hawks Under 15’s which is a big year for any Hawks Under 15 team. I enjoyed the challenge of coaching a group of young men and in the end I hope they’ve learnt something about Rugby League, as I know all players skills and knowledge has improved over the year.

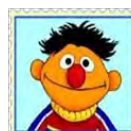
I would also like to thank those who have helped me out throughout the year, coaching, training or managing the side: Ross Allen, Bruce Taylor, Liam Roch, Geoff Bowman, Glenn Hillier.

It takes a team to run and train a squad of 20 players and I thank Ross, Bruce, Liam, Geoff and Glenn for their assistance. Can I thank all the parents, relatives and friends for your support of the team.

Throughout the year I tried to be as fair as I could and give all players a suitable amount of game time and adhere to the Code of Conduct (Coach) and while my ability, knowledge and attitude has been questioned via email (not in person) I put passion and effort into ensuring all the players have a great year and come away with better skills and confidence to play the Greatest Game of All.

Finally, can I thank Glenn and the entire Hawks Committee for the season and to Narelle for her production of the HAWK Talk and dealing with my match reports and other related reports.....Susie are ya with me!

Thanks.



Ernie, Coach

Coming into this semi final I had a good feeling, we had played well in the last two games, trained well, so everything looked good for the Semi Final.

From the opening kickoff we defended well but one could sense the talk wasn’t there and we looked flat. But I was encouraged when from our second scrum we put on a play that we’d practised and it came off and Kobe scored under the posts (Zac converted).

Our lack of talk and intensity, and silly penalties saw Penshurst scored two tries in the first half and we went to halftime down 10-6 and very much still in the game.

Halftime saw us lose Tom with a shoulder injury, which saw a big re-shuffle, and probably led to me making the massive mistake I made.

The game plan for the second half was simple go up the middle early then work to the edges at their 5/8.

The second half didn’t start the



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