



ROUND 13
Sunday 24 July 2022



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Presidents Report

Unfortunately, the return of wet weather directly impacted the number of games played this weekend. Whilst some were able to get on, many grounds across Sydney were again forced to close meaning another weekend of lost football. Those games that did go ahead we played in some epic conditions and for anyone following our facebook page, you would have seen some wonderful [muddy player pics](#). It's not lost on us how frustrating it's been with another season impacted by lost game time.

Shout out to Lukas Kholhagen for jumping in to umpire an u13s game that was shifted to Mike Kenny due to a field closure and no umpire. Not originally scheduled to umpire this one, Lukas took a phone call and was at the ground within 15mins to get the game done.

Swans Academy Assessment Trials

The Swans academy has announced details of their 2022 assessment trials for Youth Boys born in 2010/2011/2012 and Youth Girls born in 2008/2009/2010/2011. Please note that there are eligibility restrictions based on your home local government area. Details of this can be found on the links below.

[Youth Boys registration link](#)

[Youth Girls registration link](#)

Round 14 – 31 July 2022

This Sunday is our 2nd last home round and there are 13 games + Auskick scheduled, so a big day at the Kennel. It'll be great to see many of you there.

Round 14	31 July 2022
Round 15	7 August 2022
Round 16	14 August 2022

Duty roster for Rd 14 games at MKO:

home team	away team	playing surface	game time	Field	Setup	Canteen
Westbrook Blue U9	Hornsby-Berowra	Mike Kenny Top Oval	8:00AM	Far end	3 people 715-8am	
Westbrook Bulldogs Red U12-3	Willoughby Wildcats Gold U12-3	Mike Kenny Top Oval	9:00AM	Far end		2 people 8-9am
Westbrook Bulldogs U11 Red Div 3	Pittwater Tigers U11 Div 3	Mike Kenny Top Oval	9:00AM	Carpark		2 people 8-9am
Westbrook Bulldogs Blue U12-2	Balgowlah Suns U12-2	Mike Kenny Top Oval	10:15AM	Far end		2 people 9-1015am
Westbrook/Hornsby Berowra U13 Div 2	Canada Bay Cannons U13-2	Mike Kenny Top Oval	11:40AM	Full		2people 1030-1140am
Westbrook Bulldogs U14 Div 2	Canada Bay Cannons U14 Div 2	Mike Kenny Top Oval	1:00PM	Full		2 people 12-1pm
Westbrook/Hornsby Berowra U17 Div 1	Macarthur Magpies U17 Div 1	Mike Kenny Top Oval	2:30PM	Full	field pack-up	1 person 115-230pm
Westbrook Red U8	Westbrook U8	Mike Kenny Bottom Oval	8:00AM	B2B		
Westbrook Blue U8	Hornsby-Berowra Blue U8	Mike Kenny Bottom Oval	8:00AM	B2B		
Westbrook Blue U10	Hornsby-Berowra U10	Mike Kenny Bottom Oval	8:00AM	Far end		3 people 715-8am
Auskick	Auskick	Mike Kenny Bottom Oval	9:00AM	Carpark		
North West Lightning U16YG Div 3	East Sydney Bulldogs U16YG Red Div 3	Mike Kenny Bottom Oval	10:00AM	Full		
Pennant Hills 12-3	Pittwater Tigers 12-3	Mike Kenny Bottom Oval	12:00PM	Far end		

Finals

AFLSJ Finals will be played across 3 weekends with the format shown below.

Westbrook has been allocated games for week 1, Semi-finals week.



Sunday 21 August	Semi-Finals
Sunday 28 August	Preliminary Finals
Sunday 4 September	Grand Finals

Many of our teams remain in finals contention going into the last 3 rounds.

Play Cricket with West-Pennant Hills

Our friends at WPHCC have registrations opening for the 2022/23 season. Further details are shown below



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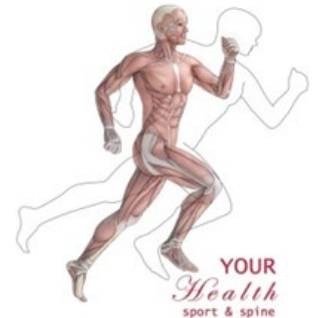
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MATCH REPORTS

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Westbrook u8 Reds vs Hornsby Blues

The U8 whites ventured up to Rofe park to take on the Hornsby blues. It was a very soggy field that greeted us, what we could see of it through the fog, with more than a few players and supporters arriving in their gumboots (smart). Being the white team had its advantages for the supporters - they could actually see the Pups out on the field. However the first half was very much an Eagles affair. With an extra player and the more experienced team they moved the ball quickly and kicked plenty of goals. The second half was a different affair with Hornsby moving some players over to the other Bulldogs v Eagles U8 game and a far more even game was played out.

It was a notable game for the Whites who have had plenty of young Pups join across the season with new recruit Rishi playing his first game and young pup Leon joining in for the second half. It's great to see so many Pups keen to play games and develop at such a young age and next year the U8s will have plenty of ready made players from the extra games this season.

Whilst the Whites looked a little more brown by the end of the game the pearly white smiles were still the best part of the morning for the coach. The resilience and effort this group showed to wrestle back the game and make sure they enjoyed themselves is fantastic. Everyone got involved, looked to move the ball by hand and foot and celebrated goals with their teammates like they were Jamie Elliott* on the weekend.

Special thanks to the families for braving the fog, rain and mud... and for laundry tubs, napsan and stain removal tutorials on YouTube.

Bring on the Reds v Whites this weekend! Woof Woof!
Coach Tim

Westbrook u9 Blue vs Lane Cove Cats – Blackman Park

Westbrook u10 vs Lane Cove Cats – Blackman Park

Westbrook u11 (0.1-1) vs Balgowlah Suns (3.3-21)

With wet weather threatening to put another round under pressure it was with great pleasure that we could inform the group that the return trip out to Balgowlah was on. To say the track was heavy would have been an understatement and we tried to educate the team on a different style of football to suit the conditions. The Blue Dogs fielded a team of 17 with 4 boys being out. The Suns fielded 14 on the field so we had 3 on the sideline to manage.

Given the state of the ground, the concept of an open running game was abandoned and both teams settled in to a hard slog to win some domination. Both teams knowing that any goals were going to be gold in the conditions. The first quarter resulted in a very even period with the Suns kicking a goal to edge ahead. The second quarter saw something very similar with no added scores via either team before the main break. The third quarter saw the Suns turn on the pressure and gain some ascendancy, kicking two further goals and 2 behinds to take a handy lead into the fourth quarter. Massive credit to the dogs who in the final quarter never gave in and managed to kick a behind against no score to the Suns and dominated the final turn. Credit to the dogs in the last quarter keeping the opposition scoreless.

This week the main aim for the team was quick handballs out of the contest. To be fair given the conditions and the flooding of the contest by multiple players the game was very scrappy and very difficult to work on building skill levels. We never gave up, we still have plenty to work on, and we still have plenty of improvement in us.

Best on Ground: Andre, Jax and Flynn

Finger Bun Award: Andre

Report By: Manager Matt

Westbrook u12-2 (4.8-32) vs Balgowlah Suns (6.5-41) – Balgowlah Oval

The Westbrook U12 Div 2 team played their Round 13 game against Balgowlah Suns on a very heavy & muddy Balgowlah Oval. With these teams being two of three vying for the final two spots in the top four, this was an important game for both teams as a win would go a long way in ensuring they qualified for finals.

In our previous two encounters, there had not been a lot separating the two teams. Whilst each team plays with a different game-style, the Suns opting for a long kicking and marking strategy whilst our specialty is being able to run and surge the ball forward, and we were in for a tough encounter against an evenly matched opponent.

The game was a fiercely contested affair. With the play largely congested due to the heavy conditions, both teams showed strong intent for the contest and went hard at the ball from the opening bounce. By half time, with both teams having 5 scoring shots apiece, Balgowlah held a slender lead of only 10 points due to their improved accuracy, scoring 3 goals to 1.

With the game on the line, our Bulldogs came out in the third quarter with increased intensity. Our teamwork went to the next level, led by an increase in the one-percenters, such as shepherding, handballing out of packs, determined running and 2nd efforts, not to mention a lift in overall communication. In this quarter we held Balgowlah scoreless while piling on 3 goals 3 ourselves to go into the last quarter with an 11-point lead.

Unfortunately, the last quarter saw Balgowlah respond. With all players tiring due to the muddy condition, Balgowlah long kicking game and ability to take significant territory meant we were unable to hold on to the end and went down by a mere 9 points.

Whilst on this occasion we did not come away with the win, there were still a lot of positives we could take out of the game. In difficult conditions, all the players gave 100% for all four quarters, which is all a coach could ask for. The determination and courage the boys showed in their fightback in the third quarter was admirable.

A nuance in the draw sees us play Balgowlah again in round 14. So, this week we will suit up again, back our game plan and look to even the ledger.... this time on our home deck.

¼ by ¼: Q1 1.3 v 2.1, Q2 0.1 v 1.1, Q3 3.3 v 0.0, Q4 0.1 v 3.3, FINAL 4.8-32 v 6.5-41.

Goals: Cory Mardling, Darcy Gason, Hayden Greenwood, Josh North

Best: Cory Mardling, Charlie Andrews, Darcy Gason, Samuel Lean-Fore, Adam Saddick, Campbell Gason, Ryan Dinsmore

Report by: Peter Gason (coach)



Before



After



Westbrook u12-3 (1.1-7) vs Pittwater Tigers (67) – North Narrabeen Reserve

Westbrook u13-2 (9.16-66) vs East Sydney (1.0-6) – Greenway Park

Westbrook u14 vs Moor Park Tigers - Abandoned

Westbrook / Hornsby u15-2 - Bye

Westbrook / Hornsby u17-1 (9.7-61) vs Manly (2.3-15) – Weldon Oval

The week started with the news that Buck was done for the season due to a snapped collar bone, so Sad mate but we are here for you. Then with the forecasted rain a plan B was put into place due to the non drainage capability of The Bombers runway. Friday came and The Mud pit was confirmed Open, even after the Manly Senior club ploughing it for spuds on the Saturday.

Turning up to the swamp in preparation for the days mud cleansing bath, it brought back memories of the early 90's and a mind jolting reminder that we did in fact sign up to play a winter sport, and the Manly council had decided to make all our little boys dreams come true. Mud Mud Mud!!!

Although the Bombers top end had been stolen by The senior clubs sense of entitlement we knew that if we didn't fire our Scud missiles early another win could escape us much like the Westies from the week before. A win would mean a game clear in third and a loss would drop us down to 6th and a battle to realise our seasons mission.

The Air raid siren announced the beginning of the dog fight and although we slung shot out of the gates with a major and a minor, the bombers shot back like a Russian MiG with 2 direct hits to the fuselage, the dogs dug in and struck back with another major and a minor to refuel at the quagmire at the first break with a 2 point lead. Slushing back out for the second and it looked like the Bombers had forgotten to fill there munition magazines while The WB17 Eagles had filled their 50 cal guns to the hilt and started the second with a volley of fire, with an eagle eye it seemed The Dogs were the only team with the ability to see the mud caked pill and by the main break we had slid away to a 14 point lead as the Bombers could only manage a piddly 1 point quarter.

After the main break The WB17's had dispensed with the Tungsten tipped 50 Cal rounds and replaced them with 6 sidewinders per wing, again the B52's were no match for the more *manoeuvrable* WB17's, The bulldog claimed 2 more kill shots and 3 wing clips while the Manly WW11 biplanes were only able to get one of the hand grenade dropped, unfortunately it was stuck in the mud and didn't detonate.

The last witnessed the boys in the black and red run out with their kamikaze kites but they were no match for the now upgraded WB17's with a cache of Sam's, AAM's and harpoon missiles. Nothing was held back in the

last and by the end of the fight it looked more like a squadron of unmanned Drones had been sent back to the American Civil war fighting the Norths balloon fleet.

As the final air raid siren bellowed, The mud seemed to fall off the Dogs while The bombers weren't identifiable under their sewage scented mixture of grey water, dirt and sand.

With 3 games left in the season proper, our goal shouldn't be forgotten, and no quarter given.

Stay Focused!!!

¼ by ¼: 2.2 - 2.0 2.1 - 0.1 2.3 - 0.1 3.1 - 0.1

Goals: McNeil, Pat 2 goal 1 each to NUC, Damo, Cam E, Drew, Squid

Best: The Washing machines and soaking buckets

Report by: Jeff Coach







North West Lightning YG u10 vs Pittwater Tigers

**North West Lightning YG12 Blue vs Willoughby/Mosman -
Abandoned**

North West Lightning YG14 (8.8-56) vs Macquarie (8.3-51)

North West Lightning YG16-3 (3.4-22) vs Maroubra Saints (0.0-0)

North West Lightning YG16-1 vs St Ives - Abandoned

North West Lightning YG18 - Abandoned
