

Dribble

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Match Reports...

Mixed U8/2 v Nunawading Kangas 3
Lost 28 - 7

Coach: Jarrod Long
Team Manager: Sandro Beltrami

We played the same team that beat us by 9 points in the first round, I put the challenge to the boys before the game to see how much we had improved, unfortunately it was not our day and the opposition were the more committed team and we could not keep up with their fleet of runners. What we can take out of the game is to learn from how the opposition played as a team and passed the ball to a player in better position.

We had plenty of shots on goal and we are not far away from putting these shots in the basket, we will practise on defence and goal scoring over the next few weeks at training. Keep up the good work boys and a win is just around the corner.

Goal scorers for the week were Cooper, Kyan and Sam.



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Match Reports...

Boys U10/2 v Nunawading Kangas 1
Lost 17 - 19

Coach: Shannon Evans
Team Manager: Carolyn Fisher

The team was 3 members down this week with Josh and Brayden unwell and Noah with a knee injury so that left 5 players for the game. Luckily an under 8's team played before us so Shannon recruited Lochie to step up to "the big league" and fill in as a sub.

In the first half the boys struggled to find their rhythm and none of their shots would drop. The score was at 4-4 at half time. The second half saw the boys come out with more aggression and Harry took the lead in showing the team how to put a score on the board.

With 13 minutes to go the Magic took a 12-7 lead but a fight back quickly followed by the Kangas as they refused to give in. The Magic also refused to give up and when Lochie scored the crowd went crazy (he's very proud of his first ever "goal in under 10's A grade" as he will tell any who will listen!)

Unfortunately the boys exhaustion started to show towards the end and they couldn't quite pull off a win but they came close and played well.

Go Magic!

Girls U12/2 v Waverley 1
Draw 16 - 16

Coach: Andrew Wade
Team Manager: Anthea Mitchell

Playing for first time in B grade the girls did fantastically. From the start, the girls were disadvantaged with only 5 players against 8 in opposition.

Ella was great at sticking to the opposition players, jumping and using her height advantage to obtain the ball. Sarah scoring 12 points was in excellent form and her accuracy shows dedicated practice at the goal ring, in addition her speed getting the ball down the court to the goal ring, rebounding and blocking of the opposition were an advantage. Sophie exhibited once again her great running and weaving skills, scoring 2 points of her own while maintaining pressure at all times on the opposition. Olivia, also scoring 2 points was excellent at rebounding the ball and blocking the other team. Kathleen, our youngest and most inexperienced player showed promise sticking to the other team and attempting to get the ball down the court on several occasions.

Unfortunately Waverley stepped up the pressure when the girls were losing steam at the end of a hard match. Overall though, the girls can be very proud of Saturday's effort and we look forward to an exciting season.

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Match Reports....

Boys Under 12/6 Vs Waverley 4
Lost 14 - 34

Coach: Rohan Patterson
Team Manager: Nicola Baker

Well a wake up to u12 for the team this week. We have gone up a section and it was a learning curve to say the least.

Waverley were a very tall, much older looking and physical team and we had to play a different game to what we had been use to. Fouls were high for us as well as the injuries, as Waverley used their bodies and could draw the fouls easily and Magic unfortunately bounced off them.

Frustration got the better of them at times and they have to learn to direct their frustrations rather than giving into them however I am sure they will learn quickly.

Final score 14 - 34

Girls Under 14/1 Vs Huntingtower Heat 2
Won 21 - 9

Coach: Diane Greenwood
Team Manager: Nicola Baker

The girls played another great game this week against Huntingtower Heat 2 at Nunawading.

Huntingtower got a quick 6 point start but the girls defended brilliantly and took control of the game to win 21-9.

Everyone in the team scored and Amy Morrow played a terrific game despite hurting her back in the first half, she came on in the second half and even though she was meant to take it easy and not run, she couldn't help herself and gave her all.

Zoe Barnard returned after 4 weeks off travelling in USA - you would never have known she was away she played a great game. All the girls were red-faced and tired but did a great job and had big smiles after another win.

Well done.



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Match Reports...

**Girls Under 14/2 Vs Huntingtower Heat 3
Lost 34 - 14**

**Coach: Shannon Evans
Team Manager: Michelle Swift**

The Girls were always going to be challenged this week against the Heat with Pheobe away, but when we found out Abbey couldn't make it and then Alicia going AWOL again, leaving us with only 4 players, the challenge quickly turned in to a struggle.

Luckily, Taylor's little sister Camryn came to the rescue and done an awesome job considering she was up against girls that were twice her size.

The first half saw the girls do really well to keep up against a more experienced and well rested Heat, and with Caitlin, who's growing in skill and confidence more and more every week, bringing the ball up and Chloe with her consistent fearless and intimidating drives at the hoop, it looked like we were going to be ok.

By halftime, we were only a couple of points down and still well in the game.

At halftime I told the girls that, if we wanted to stay in the game, we would have to try to slow things down a bit which meant more passing and less running and when the girls went back out, this tactic seemed to be working. It didn't take long for our opponents to catch onto this though, and after a timeout, the Heat came out firing and proceeded to run the girls ragged.

Taylor, my little point guard, put in another fantastic effort at both ends and although Shayne still needs to fire up a bit and use her height in defence, she showed us that she can definitely shoot with a couple of quick hand, nothin' but net shots from the top of the paint.

Try as the girls might, having no subs and only the short timeouts their only chance of having a rest starting to take its toll, the Heat ran away with it in the end with a 34 – 14 win.

Great effort girls and all things considering, I couldn't have asked for more!

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