

THE WANDERER

Official newsletter of Hurlstone Park Wanderers FC

HPW CELEBRATES OUR 2020 TEAMS

We want to say congratulations to all our teams. There are some teams that we know ended up with a tough season especially with the re-draw to 8 team comps that meant some teams were unexpectedly bumped up a division.

There are others that are completely new and have had to use season 2020 to come together as a team.

And there are some that played it out in the middle of the ladder, with some important wins, some tough losses, but holding their heads up high.

There were a couple of teams that will take away that one important win, or that first goal for a new player, or that player who went from not being sure to really loving the game.

These are our victories as well, and every one of them is to be celebrated!

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CHAMPIONS



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Mary Cunningham (Coach) Roshan Sahukar (Manager)

Players:

Mary, Vero, Jodie, Edel, Denise, Mel, Claudia, Angela, Suze, Lisa, Bianca, Marloes, Cath, Anna, Alicia, Kirsty, Cate, Sandra, Rosada, Rosh

2020 in a nutshell:

Seasoned Hurlo players Mary and Vero pulled this shiny new team together in 2020, recruiting many of us at the school gates. While a handful of us are experienced soccer players, most are absolute beginners – though collectively we've spent many seasons supporting our kids from the sidelines. Despite frequent injuries, COVID tests every time we sneezed and a truly impressive amount of physiotherapy, we were thrilled to win four games during our first ever season and have emerged a team of irrepressible soccer-playing fanatics. In the process we've had a lot of laughs, made new friends and rediscovered the joy of team sport. We are hooked!



Kobie Howe(Coach)
Robbie Dummett (Manager)
Alan Lambert (Manager)
Jenny Keeley (Manager)

Players:

Joanne, Ekta, Holly, Stephanie, Jennifer, Laura, Betty, Leonie, Katrina, Jenny, Nicole, Robbie, Fiona, Mary, Adi, Emily, Carmel, Caroline

2020 in a nutshell:

They say football is a game of 2 halves, and for us it was a story of two halves of the season, losing all 6 games in Division 1, before winning all 6 games when back in the familar surrounds of Division 2.Match highlights included being playing with 9 players and being trounced 11-0 by Abbotsford but not throwing in the towel and scoring with 2 minutes to go (the ref cruelly denied our appeal to make it last goal wins); holding the eventual runners-up in Div 1 to 2-0; being involved in the first Hurlo derby under the new lights at Ewen, Holly's 30 yard screamer to beat Balmain, Carmel's 4 goal second half rampage against Marrickville (she scored so many some people lost count); a cracking game 3-2 win against a previously undefeated Leichhardt side in round 13; and in her final appearance Robbie coming out of goals in the second half of the last game of the season & scoring twice. We played some really nice football in the backhalf of the season and the development of our inexperienced players was fantastic. However, what I will remember most is the fun & laighs we had along the way. Thanks to everyone who was involved in getting the season organised.



Sharon Lys Owens (Coach)
Niki Mortimer (Manager)

Players:

Niki, Jakki, Sinead, Glenda, Junko, Rosalie, Marion, Linda, Fiona, Katrina (team captain), Susannah, Wan, Mary, Jess, Naomi, Sally, Jo

2020 in a nutshell:

With the prospect of not playing at all this year, we all realised how much we love our football and want to play. And how much we love our team culture which is about always learning, never being afraid to try something new and supporting every player.

We had more people to training than any past year. The quality of our attack and spatial awareness across the park really improved and the defense integrated new players into its structure to provide the bedrock of our play. Our t-shirts are everywhere from hanging in the pool room to the work wardrobe. I've worn mine to work zoom meetings with pride. Big shout out to all HPW volunteers who made this year happen.

Thank you!



Steven Sentas (Coach),
Dario Ishiyama (Assistance Coach)
Dushan Cooray (Manager)

Players:

Xavier, Julien, Taj, Lewis, Nuttaputt, Tom, Joel, Eddy, Marcus, Arlo, Sebastian, Finn

2020 in a nutshell:

After cruising in Div2 for the first part of the season, mid season saw the team propelled into a much more challenging Div1.

Undeniable highlights were 3 glorious wins in Div1, wonderful team spirit, and those yummy snakes that Steve provided post match!

Under 11 Division 2



Team Officials:

Danny Phillips (Coach) Mara Ochoa (Manager)

Players:

Dara, Kobe, Liam, Cooper, Isaac, Phoenix, Nathan, Joshua, Arkamani, Ahed & Matthew

2020 in a nutshell:

This year we were excited to welcome 3 new players and their families to the team 11/2.

They have helped make us a stronger team.

All the players were over the moon to be able to play in 2020, and can't wait for the 2021 season to begin!



Chris Robinson (Coach)
James Swinburn (Manager)

Players:

Cassandra, Samantha, Isabella, Ivy, Angelique, Natasha, Zara, Georgia, Alice, Lisa, Lara, Olivia, Olivia, Daniela, Zoe (absent: Kris)

2020 in a nutshell:

The 12 Girls 1 were the draw specialists of the division accumulating 9 in our 13 contests, 8 of which were scoreless!

This displayed the tight contests we had every week.

All 16 girls improved in their initial season on the full pitch and represented Hurlo with pride..



Jose Diaz (Coach)
Benython Oldfield (Coach
David Lee Jnr (Manager)
David Lee Snr (Manager)

Players:

Elliott, Alex, Finn, Miles, Pax, Chester, Luke, William, Zane, Roman, Dante, Rachid, Joshua, Wilfred, James, Callum

2020 in a nutshell:

It was a development season, with many players coming up a few divisions or playing up a year... but we achieved our goal of knitting together as one team that improved over the season and even came away with a few wins!

The highlight were the couple of screamer goals we scored on the last day of the season...

Pity the season ended just as we were getting our second wind;)



Guy Hanna (Coach) Jane Nice (Manager)

Players:

Daniel, William, Samuel, Luka, Anthony, Lachlan, Ben C, Luke, Finn, Liam, Eryk, Benjamin, Ben O, Jasper

2020 in a nutshell:

A new team for 2020 under the guidance of a new coach, Guy.

Although it was a challenging season for the boys, it was really remarkable to see how they progressed over the course of the season - how they worked together as a well oiled machine to achieve some great results and enjoy their football.



Neil MacKellar (Coach) Louise Roberts (Manager) Rosalie Viney (Manager)

Players:

Heather, Naomi, Maeve, Bronte, Ariel, Isabella, Alexandra, Jay, Stella, Ella, Fenella, Belinda, Lucy, Isabel, Tollie

2020 in a nutshell:

The 2020 season in a nutshell for WIL 2 was like winning 10-0 against our rivals in our last game.

Covid-19 tried to stop us but we hit back with one of our best seasons yet.

What a way to celebrate Neil MacKellar's 15th consecutive year as our coach!



Mary Cunningham (Coach)
David Frith (Manager)

Players:

Amelie, Audrey, Ciara, Ellie, Isabella, Kiarrah, Kiki, Lizzie, Sienna

2020 in a nutshell:

A great group of girls, lots of first time players, a lot of improvement throughout the season and a few great wins!

And too many games against Balmain!

We will be wearing our 2020 shirts in NSW for Travelling Hurlo competition camping

Looking forward to next season!



Gerard Murphy (Coach) Tracey Bevan (Manager)

Players:

Cerys, Amy, Eloise, Majella, Maeve, Amelia, Lucie, Erika, Maya, Tilly, Sally, Beatrice, Ella, Sienna

2020 in a nutshell:

The team worked well together with a mix of new and not so new players.

Great commitment and enthusiasm shown by all.



Bjorn Jonsson (Coach)
Milton Liolios (Coach)
Graham Macvean (Manager)

Players:

Leo, Xavier, George, Ayden, Peter, William, Barnaby, Cameron, Archibald, Harrison, Nathan, Rowan

2020 in a nutshell:

This year, Hurlstone Park U10 Division 4, had a wonderful season. The boys loved being able to continue playing and they developed their skills, passion and friendships along the way.

The most inspirational part of being involved in the team was to see the boys unify as team, based on their friendship and support for each other.

When their unity was strong they were unbeatable!



Mark Slocum (Coach)
Glen Thomson (Coach)
Angela Nicolaou (Manager)

Players:

Amelia, Rachel, Annanya, Ruby, Sophie, Olivia, Tabara, Victoria, Katherine, Charlotte, Raine, Tilly, Georgia, Evelina, Leyla

2020 in a nutshell:

Always grateful for the season, the team took a few games to warm up their kicking boots, but finished very strongly with a string of 5 wins.

Season highlights were debut goals for a couple of long serving players, and a well developed team ability in passing and play making.

Under 13 Division 5



Team Officials:

Nelson Araya (Coach) Marika Kontellis (Manager)

Players:

Nick, Charlie N, Charlie H, Raf, Alex, Bruno, Zac, Lachie, Zecca, Byron, Harper

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Dave Tratak (Coach) Jo (Coach) Robin Hawkes (Manager)

Players:

Aimee P, Bibi S, Brooke S, Dins W, Emma P, Eva N, Isabella, A, Joanna D, Karen P (C), Karin A, Kellie P, Nat A, Nicola H, Rachael O, Venetia M

2020 in a nutshell:

For the 7th season in a row the mighty (is it just us that thinks this?) "Dave's Dees" took to the football fields of the inner west to contest Division 1 of the Over 30 Women's competition. It would seem the O30 competition keeps getting stronger and stronger.

Dave's Dees on the other hand... well, we just get wiser! And older.

And maybe even a fraction slower.

While the results didn't all go our way this season, we were happy to take the fields at all (this was not looking likely in March!). As Covid restrictions eased it was great to see our ready band of supporters return to the sidelines.

The women's game continues to grow and we always encourage our friends to take up competitive soccer - it keeps us healthy (body and mind), helps breakdown age and gender stereotypes for our children, and gives us a gang of talented and amazing team mates with whom to share not just the highlights and lowlights of each 90 minutes of football each season, but many things beyond.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet, train and play



Tim "Kayhill" Kay - aka The Gaffa

Players:

Banksy, Diesel, Digger, Chucky, Karlos, Stevie B, Major, AT, Dags, Welsh, Bestie, JR, Furious, Nazzy B, Jimmy, Kenny, Totti, Chief, Chopper (not their real names)

Captain: Tricky

2020 in a nutshell:

When it finally got going 2020 was vintage Nomads.

Scored some goals, copped at least one flogging, finished in the 4, drank some beer.

Already talking about 2021!



Paul Keating (Coach)

Marin Sardelic (Manager)

Players:

Paul, Ken, Ian, David, Timshel, Robano, Jim, Chris, Amauri, Stevie, Nathan, Tim, Ned, Brendan, Tony, Dave, Ben, Blair, Tom, Nick

2020 in a nutshell:

A great fun year of football considering all that occurred this year. We had fun pre, during and post games and the season. We may have come third in the ladder, but football was the winner.

So happy to also donate to a number of Charities this year including: Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Mr Perfect, MS Australia, Do it for Cancer, John Moriarty Football, The Kids Cancer Projects, Movember, Worlds Greats Shave, Give Directly, DT38, Reagan Milstein Foundation and Mr P FC, Una Fazza. If anyone would like to find out more or also donate, please email hurlers@bigpond.com



Leif Mcmurry (Coaches) Ned Walker (Manager)

Players:

Scott, Brendan, Leon, Graham, Mark, Harrison, Phillip, Gene, Anthony, David, Anthony, Terry, David, Karl, Michael, Tye



Tim Collins (Manager)
Ben Phillips (Manager)

Players:

Damo, Watto, Dan, Ed, Giles, Graeme, Hugh, Jason, John, Lucian, Matt, Mel, Rod, Tim, Ben, Nick, Nathan, Steve

2020 in a nutshell:

It was good just to get out on the park.

We improved over the season, with nearly all second round results being better than the first, and we always enjoyed each other's company.

Looking forward to playing together again next year in a more suitable grade!



Team Officials:

Andy Dale (Manager)

Players:

Colin, George, Mark, Taoyong, Tony, Victor, Ivon, Paul K, Peter, Cristian, Edivaldo, Eamon, Stephen, Michael, Anthony, Paul D



Warwick Moss (Manager)
Christopher Dunstan (Manager)
John Chudleigh (Manager)

Players:

Peter, Jon, Jud, Michael, Tobias, Den, Vito, Makomo, Glenn, Rodrigo, David M, David B, Phong, Paul, Albert, Torsten, Troy



Team Officials:

John Napier (Manager)

Players:

King, Selvaraj, Nelson, Julian, Bass, Nick, Chris M, Norbert, Chris H, Geoff, Micha, David, Stephen, Cornel, Andy, Cameron, Ismail, Taner, Keith, Stacey



Karin Azzam (Coach)
Rachael Ottoway (Coach)
Tracey Young (Manager)
Dean Bell (Manager)

Players:

Sally-Ann, Eleanor, Ella C, Kiki, Ruby, Cindy, Jordan, Mae, Ella P, Elsie, Eliza, Elin, Denina, Lydia, Claudia, Eva, Rowan, Sienna

2020 in a nutshell:

It was a tough year for this team as they didn't manage to get a win but each week their fantastic coach Karin encouraged them to improve on their play.

The girls played hard each week and continued to support each other.



Ani, Anna, Antigoni, Charlotte, Elise, Gaby, Hayley, Maddy, Maeve, Mariana, Sienna, Victoria, Zoe

2020 in a nutshell:

The U14G/2s had a fast start to the year, winning our first three, then we had a bit of a dip, dropping our next two, and then we came home like a train to win our last eight matches and the title. Most of the team had been together for a few years so we were familiar with each other. We have always been a team that likes to pass and keep hold of the ball, and that helped make our attack the best in our division. But after the two losses we had in the middle of the season we adopted a "no excuses" mantra, meaning instead of complaining about things out of our control, we focused on the things we could control, which was our attitude to training and playing, and how we responded to situations in a game. We worked harder at training and we had a great teamwork ethos. The team's success in the second half of the season reflected all that.



Cody, Alexander, Benjamin S, Toby, Thomas, Jordan, Michael, Andrew, James, Isaac, Benjamin I, Joel, Jaidyn

2020 in a nutshell:

Delighted to get back to football, the HPW 15/3s were pumped for another season playing with their Hurlo mates. The team showed strong commitment to training, improving their fitness and skills throughout the year. The boys maintained an exceptional defence all season, conceding only 10 goals. And special thanks to Jasper, Will and Lachlan from the 15/4s team for filling in throughout the season to help cover injuries and absences. It was definitely a Club effort!



Ben, Charlie H, Charlie S, Daniel C, Daniel G, Diyon, Finley, Jack, John, Kaemon, Luke, Nicholas, Oscar, Sam, Sidney, Will, John (Team Captain)

2020 in a nutshell:

The U16/3s had a fantastic season, winning 13 of 14 matches and the premiership, after falling just short in 2019. With Coach Phil's mantra of "play to feet" ringing in our ears, and a great attitude to training, we played a quick passing, possession style of football which kept our opponents under constant pressure. We finished the year as the highest scoring team with the tightest defence. Our defenders were so hard to beat, our midfield was tireless and the forwards were clinical. It was a true team effort, we had a 16-player squad and everyone contributed.



Tobias, Lewis, Jack H, James, Louis, Thomas, Jack S, Beau, Sean, Jaeden, Thomas M, Declan, Bodie, Mitch, Robert, Jack B, Dimitri, Timothy

2020 in a nutshell:



Owen, Andrew, George H, George K, Jack, Kyle, Aron, James, Ali, Nadim, John Paul, Mitchell, Simon, Huon, Anthony, Thomas

2020 in a nutshell:

The 2020 season will be remembered for many reasons. It will go down as one of the more enjoyable seasons as several hard fought matches culminated in the team winning the premiership.

Highlights of the season included, Anthony Khoury's outrageous goal from halfway, the 0-0 draw against Punchbowl with 10 men, and the 7-1 romping of Strathfield on the final day of the season to secure the title. Thanks to all the boys for a memorable season.

Can't wait to go again in 2021