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## WHEATMEN MATCH REPORT

### Under 6s

It was a cooler start to the morning as the Under 6 Wheatmen took to the field early for their second home game. Playing two Toowoomba Bears Under 6 teams was no problem for Mr McLean's chargers. They were superior in skill, speed and endurance. Many of the players were disappointed they couldn't line up again but instead settled for watching Bears play one another. Many thanks to Mr Stephens who assisted on the sideline for both halves. Thank you also to Mr Zillman who has assisted with training in the last week. Looking forward to consolidating our development again this Wednesday and another hit out Saturday.

*Liz Carter, Team Manager*

### Under 8s

The Under 8s took on a strong Toowoomba Bears outfit on Saturday in our first taste of winter conditions. The boys trained really well during the week working strongly on our rucking, mauling and support play which filtered through into the game. Coming up against a classy Bears outfit our boys held their own, putting on some strong tackles and running the ball extremely well. The Toowoomba team showed some serious pace with the ball but to the young Wheatmen's credit, they never gave up chasing hard in defence. With the ball we were able to show some great skills of our own and with a little more work around our support play and passing game, the boys will improve immensely with the reward being more tries. I am happy with our efforts and the energy in the early part of the season, along with our continual hard work at training which will no doubt be a huge benefit for us in future games. The mighty Under 8s have a lot of improvement but they are a very talented group of kids and I am excited of what the rest of the season hold for this team.

*Tobin Cherry, Coach*

### Under 9s

Round 4 kicked off with a very wintery home game for the Under 9s Wheatmen side, hoping to improve on a mixed performance in round 3. The Bears travelled from Toowoomba hoping to take home bragging rights and put in a dominant performance against us. From the time the game started it was clear the home side were more committed to their tackles and cleaning out the rucks than the previous week. It was a big improvement on effort and discipline from the side which looked to be communicating a lot better with each other, which pleased coach Damon Stirling. The Bears put in a big effort throughout the game but our boys and girls were beating them to each contest time and time again. Great performances were put in by the whole team but a couple of runs from George Morgan, Harry Burton and Luke and Ryan Elder put the team on the front foot and got them going over the advantage line. Defensive efforts by Emmy Crothers, Jake Griffiths, Archie Baker and Jackson Green helped stifle the attack of the Bears. Coach Stirling said "he was pleased with the big improvement from the previous week. We have a side full of great players, but being a great player doesn't make a great team. If we work as a team each and every week we can beat any team in our area. A great team will beat a great player any day of the week". A shout out goes to Archie Smart who had his 9th birthday on game day.

*Heath Sinclair, Team Manager*