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Round 1

The wait was over for over 450 AJAX junior footballers as Round 1 kicked off in bright sunny conditions. For many young players, this was their first match of competitive footy and from all accounts they had a wonderful day and loved the experience. Across the club, we had some very impressive results. Also, a big congratulations to a number of players on achieving personal career milestones. And finally, well done to **Toby Sheezel** and **Nico Taranto** on being selected in the SMJFL Under 15 Interleague squad. Read on for Round 1 match results and some around the ground photos.

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Congratulations to Adiel Savitz who played his first ever game this week. Playing for the U13 Jets his first 2 touches were goals and they were also the first two goals of the match. An incredible effort and a great reward for a player who is new to footy but has taken it seriously. He has worked hard in the pre-season to be 'match ready' with lots of extra personal running and skill sessions. Savo....what more could we ask! Another player also in his first ever game this week was team teammate Raph Eppel. Raph had a hand in setting up Savo's first goal and was a great 4 quarter contributor. Go JACKAS!!!



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RESULTS

U8 Rockets

Great first up effort from the Under 8 Rockets. From the first bounce, we played like a team, with a very even contribution from everyone. A feature of our game was the great tackling – led by Bradley Majman and Josh Factor. Asher Kave and Leo Gelfand continually found the ball and demonstrated some silky skills. Our backs defended really well with Zac Feldman saving a certain goal in the second quarter and Jordan Suss providing lots of dash.

Some great efforts in the forward line by our captains for the day Archie Kalb and Lucas Hyams resulted in goals. Well done to all the boys. We are set up for a great year !

U8 Stars

The Under 8 Stars got off to an exciting start to the 2017 season with a strong performance against Prahran at Toorak Park. From the start of the first quarter the team ran hard, worked as a team and enjoyed a beautiful Melbourne morning. Captain Eden Klass led the team well throughout the day, including through a special Round 1 banner to commemorate the start to 24 budding football careers. Teamwork was the highlight and the overall performance sets the scene for a very exciting season.

U9 Rockets

Over the last few weeks, the U9 Rockets have been training hard, working on their skills and set out to improve with every session. It is amazing to see the improvement and growth of the boys since last year. With another preseason under their belt, our boys were raring to get out there and play the opening match against the East Sandi Zebras. It was a fantastic morning for football and Peterson Reserve was in pristine condition. With a huge crowd of supporters making the journey to watch the opening round, the Rockets were pumped and couldn't wait to start. The game was played at a ferocious pace and our boys' intensity, attack on the ball and their tackling pressure was a joy to watch. Although outsized by a few of the Zebras, they did not take a backward step and fought hard every quarter. This year's recruits were excellent and all the boys sung the song post-match with gusto. Overall it was a great opening match. We are looking forward to working hard as a team, to improve each week and most importantly have fun.

U9 Stars

Finally after a long and vigorous preseason, our boys were ready for the game. The months of planning, the skill sessions, the match reviews, the fitness regime, it was time to see how our boys would perform. The coaches are amazed and thrilled by the unbelievable skill improvement, the ferocious tackling, and the great team work our boys displayed this match, and it is only round 1. Overall it was a great first up match for all the boys, we will get better as the season goes on.



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U10 Rockets

What a fantastic start to the season from the U10 Rockets. In what was a really even contest all day our boys gave 100% at every contest. They should all be very proud of their determination. We had a host of new players, mixed in with U9 Jets and Comets from 2016 and the way they performed together as a team was extremely impressive led by the captains Nathan and Kovi. Super teamwork!

At training we have been focusing on improving skills and the improvement was fairly obvious across the ground. We saw some great kicks, brave marks and some really sharp handballs. The tackling and chasing pressure was immense from everyone.

A few individual highlights included Jake Simmons goal that kicked off our season, Nico's gut running to set up Hugo's first goal, Ethan's dash and endeavour, Jason and Gabe taking brave marks in defence, Dylan Swart and Giddy playing career best games and Samuel's sensational third quarter where he got leather poisoning. Thank you to Bailey Rothfield for his help with the magnetic board and his support of his teammates despite his injury.

We will look to improve each week but the coaches couldn't be prouder of the boys in our first game. Well done to all the parents for their support and help thus far.

U10 Stars

That was a fantastic first game by all the boys. Every single player tried their hearts out and did their best. This team has showed heaps of talent and it's going to be a very exciting year together.

U11 Comets

Ajax 11.13 (79) def Brighton Beach 0.0 (0)

Goals: Casper 2, Fell 2, Baring, Benzur, Chrapot, Edwards, Nussbaum, Rozenes, Sormann

Best: Fell, Gunn, Jacobs, Newett, Rosens, Rozenes

Today, a long hard summer of preseason training paid off for the Comets. A polished display that was nothing short of a spectacular 4 quarter effort, where every player adhered to the team rules, and structures. From early on it was clear that the Comets were the classier side. The Comets were able to run, spread and hit leading targets with ease. The midfield linked well driving the ball into the forward 50 continuously and then worked hard to lock it in. Early goals to Nussbaum, and then a great snap from Fell heled us jump to a handy quarter time lead. In the second term we continued the pressure and banged on 3 more majors. With Chrapot proving great target up forward. By the half time break the 5 goal lead was unassailable. The boys did not sit back on their laurels, instead over the next half they piled on another 6 goals, and kept the opposition goalless.

What a great start to the season, no doubt the competition will get tougher as we get into the season proper, and we eagerly await the challenge.



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U11 Jets

Ashwood 10.8 (68) def Ajax 2.1 (13)

Goals: Aladjem, Gross

Best: Cohen, Gross, Pacanowski, Shostak, Segal, Weller

The U11 Jets had a very competitive opening around against a competent Ashwood who were very organised on field from a positional point of view and also had a number of players with excellent disposal skills. But the Jets applied fantastic pressure all day in humid conditions. The tackling, chasing, smothering & harassing was something to be very proud of and Benji Cohen led the way in this area using his pace. Against much taller ruckmen, Juzi Gross was really smart with his use of his body at ball ups and gave us first use of the ball for a lot of the day. His effort to ruck most of the day was sensational and our onballers are really looking forward to his service in the middle and around the ground this year. Led by our captain Jesse Weller, the Jets gave their best all day in trying to win loose ball first and then share the ball with a teammate in good position or kick long. But we blazed away though sometimes without looking so we will be working on our kicking to position during the week. We will also need to work on our defensive positioning in the backline so the opposition don't get easy goals from loose ball. But overall, a terrific effort first up from the Jets. We have a lot to look forward to in 2017 and we were really proud of the boys today in a tough Round 1 encounter.

U12 Comets

Ajax 17.24 (126) def St Pauls McKinnon 0.0 (0)

Goals: Faigen 6, Graham 3, Nirens 3, Marabel-Whitburn 2, Greenberg, Segman, Smorgon

Best: Faigen, Graham, Nirens, Pike, Smorgon

Plenty to like about this start to the season. Tough work in contests by the midfield, linking up with forwards who worked hard and unselfishly around the goals. Backs who never once lost focus against tall and able opposition and who never allowed them even one point. But it was the overall effort, by the entire team and over the full 4 quarters, that made the coaches and the many supporters of this group proudest today. Keep working hard Comets - there are many challenges ahead, and lots of potential too.

U12 Jets

East Malvern JFC 14.11 (95) def Ajax 6.4 (40)

Goals: Goldfarb 2, Sigeoker 2, Harris, Schenk

Best: Appel, Green, Jacobs, Schenk, Sigeoker

Coming up against a quality opposition, the team started slowly and were unable to stop the quick ball movement into our backline. To the credit of the boys, they fought their way back into the match, linking up nicely by foot through the middle. Plenty of positives to build on for next week and throughout the season.



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U13 Comets

Ajax 5.10 (40) def Hampton Rovers 4.6 (30)

Goals: H.Sheezel 3, Carrick, Chrapot

Best: Chrapot, Eliau, Rothfield, H.Sheezel, Spicer

Season 2017 started nicely for the U13 Comets with a solid 10 point win over last season's Division 2 Premiers, Hampton Rovers. Led by Captain Harry Sheezel, AJAX was quick out of the blocks and kicked a number of unanswered goals to go into the half-time break 31-9. The second half was a lot tougher with inaccurate kicking and a string of points but the boys dug in deep to hold on for a good Round 1 victory.

With new coaches Jake Lew & Alex Wollan and a different game plan, the boys were introduced to frequent player rotations and must learn to adapt and develop accordingly.

A big congratulations to Oscar Kaye who was great in defence in his 50th game for the club!

Next week is the grand final rematch against St.Paul's McKinnon where AJAX will be looking for sweet revenge.

U13 Jets

Ajax 7.9 (51) def Mordialloc Braeside 5.4 (34)

Goals: Maidenberg 3, Savitz 2, Alford, Biran

Best: Alford, Davis, Herman, Maidenberg, Thurston

Finally the season has started, and even then we had to wait until 2.15 for it to really get underway. But gee it was a gorgeous day and well worth the wait. What a great win! First game of the year against last year's Grand Finalists and we were on top from the first minute.

It was a GREAT team effort. We truly had 20 contributors out there today. We were really impressed with the number of selfless efforts, passes and shepherds that were made. It really stood out. We asked the boys to play on and share it and they did every chance they had. We also asked for a hard and committed contest and that is what they delivered.

There is PLENTY of room for improvement. We are going to have to focus more on structure, delivering the ball inside 50m, not letting them break through the middle into an open backline and following team rules.

Overall an AWESOME match and one the boys can be proud of.

U14 Comets

St Peters 23.18 (156) def Ajax 7.1 (43)

Goals: Spark 3, Efron, Kanat, Kavallero, Rosenbaum

Best: Bergman, Kanat, Rajch, Rosenbaum, Spark

After a very encouraging preseason and fantastic attitude amongst the playing group, it was really disappointing for everyone to start the season with such a heavy loss. We have full belief in the playing group and know that with hard work and commitment we will have a very positive season.



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U14 Jets

Murrumbeena 9.9 (69) def Ajax 1.2 (8)

Goals: Maman

Best: Berman, Katz, Maman, Rostkier, Tobias

The boys were excited for Round 1 and after a long preseason were keen to put their best foot forward. We started well with great attack at the ball but a stronger, taller opposition was making it very difficult to stay in touch at quarter time. The opposition kicked away in the second quarter with skill and strength. Unfortunately, the game was abandoned in the third quarter due a player injury. Thankfully, all is ok and now look forward to Round 2.

U15 Comets

Ajax 14.7 (91) def Oakleigh 12.10 (82)

Goals: Weeden 7, Grodski 2, Rawack 2, Deane, Mills, Zuker

Best: Grodski, Herskope, Micmacher, Taranto, Weeden

First and foremost we want to thank Toby Kanat and Josh Rosenbaum for helping us out today and playing with us after having just completed their own game. Both boys really contributed to the victory and looked very comfortable out there. Toby and Josh, thanks boys so much and good luck for the rest of the season.

It really was one of the best wins we have been associated with. To come from behind and hang in there all day, and then hit the lead and win the game shows great character, determination and a will to win. Our theme this year is "Get out of your comfort zone" and the boys certainly did that to grind out such a win. At 4 goals down the boys could easily have surrendered and Oakleigh could have run all over us. Add to that Toby Sheezel injuring his elbow, and not taking any further part in the game, and this just makes this win even more special. We want to acknowledge the efforts of Jack Herskope who went into the midfield in Toby's absence and did an amazing job, winning plenty of contested ball.

Jacky Boy, you showed a really cool head in the heat of battle. Great leadership and well done.

Our first gamers in Dylan, Elijah and Amir all had terrific games. To be able to add these boys to our team is a real bonus for us. They all offer something different and are going to be fantastic assets.

Dylan kept on presenting and we were so pleased for him when he slotted one through. It was great to see the boys get around him after his goal. Elijah seems to know where the ball is going all the time, getting himself in the right position consistently and finishing off with very clean disposal. Amir will be a headache for opposition backmen, as he too is very smart and a good user of the ball. Giving that ball off to Toby when he could have slotted it himself shows a lot about his character and attitude. To the new boys, welcome aboard.

To Lucas Weeden, mate that was an incredibly good game you played today. As much as we applaud you for your 7 goals, it was also the pressure you applied in the forward line that caught our eye. We are so happy that you are with us again this year and we will continue to work to make you a more all round, excellent footballer. Head down for you now and start to focus on next week. Well done today - a brilliant game!!

So as we conclude round 1 we look to next week. We must continue to 'get out of our comfort zone' and continue practicing the things we do at training. This will make us a better team and will help develop our boys into better footballers.

We, as coaches, are seriously proud of each and every boy's efforts today. They showed unbelievable character and leadership.



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U15 Jets

Mordialloc Braeside 11.14 (80) def Ajax 9.3 (57)

Goals: Davis 3, Gladstone 2, S. Morris, Robinson, Rosen, Anidam

Best: Davis, Rosen, Port, Givoni, Gladstone, S. Morris

It was a perfect day for footy and the boys were all very excited to play their first game of the season and for some boys their first game ever. It was fantastic to see the boys continue to respond to the opposition's attack and to continue fighting the game out till the end. Sam Rosen was outstanding for his first game back in a long time with his endeavour and skill on show, and he was supported by high flying forward Zac Davis and debutant Tom Govoni.

There were some fantastic individual efforts, but the most pleasing thing was seeing all the boys work really together and for each other. It was also great to see some of the boys who put in long pre-seasons see some reward such as big Charlie Gladstone who has been working hard on his kicking to finish with two goals and Josh Kessell who was a rock down back and through the midfield.

Whilst not the result we wanted, to finish the game kicking four goals in a row says a lot about the group's character and shows what we have to look forward to this season.

U16 Comets

East Sandringham 14.14 (98) def Ajax 4.1 (25)

Goals: Sharp 3, Robenstone

Best: Bloom, Cowan, Krongold, Nirens, Sharp

Whilst we should never be happy with a loss, let alone a loss by 12 goals, today was a very positive experience. Our attack on the ball in the first quarter was so good that we matched the opposition with inside 50's in the first quarter and a half and our effort was exceptional.

The consistent run and spread by East Sandy wore us down and we were only able to deliver such passages of play in small doses. We can and will improve and get better for the run.

Congratulations to ALL of you for putting in an effort that you should be proud of.

It was pleasing to hear parents say that they were proud with the effort and courage shown today.

Please don't rest on this. Let's make sure we all train hard and get better because the challenge next week is even greater. We must convert our inside 50's and provide greater run and more options in attack.

Well done to the Cowan and Nirens who I thought were our most consistent and damaging players today. Max's attack on the ball and the man was second to none on the ground and set the tone for the match for the whole group. It was inspiring stuff.

They were well supported by Krongold, Sharp, Bryer and Schwartz and Richie in the ruck was great until he had to leave at 3/4 time.

Szuster showed us that he can play forward or back and is fitter than last year as is Goldberg.



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U17 Comets

St Peters 12.12 (84) def Ajax 10.6 (66)

Goals: Hymans 4, Gold 2, Cohen, Shapiro, Williams, Wise

Best: Cohen, Gold, Hendel, Nirens, Smart

With much anticipation we went into the 1st round confident the team has done enough preseason — but we didn't count on the opposition being hungrier. In the first quarter, St Peters were first to the ball and went into the break well on top — we didn't follow the game plan practiced. In the second and third quarters we rallied and played much better football but were always coming from behind on the scoreboard. In the last term we got to within 4 points playing disciplined game plan footy, then cramping hit the team and St Peters ran over us with 15 fit bodies left to finish the game

U17 Jets

East Sandringham 12.17 (89) def Ajax 3.4 (22)

Goals: Gutnick, Mochkin, Tovel

Best: Brott, Briggs, Tovel, Slonim, Gross

The score did not reflect the hard work of the Ajax U17 Jets in their 1st game of the season. The team had no reserves and many new players this year. but played hard all day. There were some patches of great football which is a sign of better games ahead.



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