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Round 6

Winter has hit and with that has come some hot footy. Our U8s, U9s and U10s have had some exciting games with some impressive performances. The U11 Comets' season keeps rolling on, the U12 Comets had their first win in the highly competitive top division, the U14 Jets got the job done, and our U17 Comets had a huge win.

This week's player profile is of U13 Comets player, and part time comedian, **Remy Spicer**.

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Player Profile Remy Spicer – U13 Comets

Interview by Rod Nirens



RN: Career highlight?

RS: Hearing the ice-cream truck whilst kicking a goal - what a mixture!

RN: Best thing about playing at Ajax?

RS: Eating sausages after the game.

RN: Which AFL player do you model yourself on?

RS: BT

RN: Favourite movie?

RS: Barbie

RN: Favourite food?

RS: Cauliflower

RN: What do you like to do when not playing footy?

RS: Practising my scuba diving skills.

RN: Do you have a particular pre game routine?

RS: I usually try to stick a Big Mac in the big old stomach before a game.

RN: Is there something strange or quirky about you that we may not know?

RS: I'm a clown.



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U8 Rockets

Led out by our captains Remy Krasnostein and Jordan Suss, our boys came up against their toughest test yet. Hampton Rovers were skilful and hard running but the U8 Rockets demonstrated they know how to defend against strong opposition. The tackling pressure was a standout of the match with some really strong efforts from Kalb, Brad Majman and Hyams. In tricky conditions, the boys followed instructions well, kicking the ball deep into the defensive pockets and Cooper Majman saved a certain goal by “staying home” on the last line of defence. Smorgon and Lakman ran hard all day getting to the contest and pushing the ball forward. Krasnostein played on beautifully whenever he got the ball and kicked the ball into our dangerous forward line numerous times. The U8 Rockets will learn a lot from this game, particularly about running hard all day and kicking the ball long to our advantage. Well done boys, great effort against very good opposition.

U8 Stars

The U8 Stars had an early start again this week, up against St Kilda JFC at Princes Park. The kids turned up with perfect hair and smiles for a pre-game photo session. Once that was done it was straight into game-mode, with co-captains Josh Levy and Jax Siegel urging their team mates to go for the ball, kick to team mates, tackle hard and enjoy themselves. After a slow first quarter the momentum shifted in the second quarter with JJ finding some space in the forward line and then again in the third quarter after Dean Banky produced a season highlight by thumping a zig zag goal from near the fifty metre line. It remained close throughout, but the team stuck to structures and key goals were saved by players patrolling the defensive goal line. All up a great team effort and well done to all the kids who continue to improve and play with great spirit.

U9 Rockets

After weeks of perfect conditions, winter finally caught up to the U9 Rockets as they had a wet and windy day to contend with. Our loyal supporters braved the conditions to show their support and they were treated to a great spectacle. The coaches fired up the boys to tackle hard, to share the ball and make space, to play smart and give the opposition no easy possessions and our Rockets did not disappoint. They continually fought for possession and then moved the ball forward in waves creating multiple entries into our forward half. The way they move the ball with quick hands to the outside runners and then kick to the lead is fantastic to watch. Our team was well led by our captains, Nicholas & Matthew Rothschild and the game was played with great spirit and sportsmanship. It is a privilege to be present when our Rockets belt out the Ajax song with great pride. They make us all proud. Go Mighty U9 Rockets.

U9 Stars

Today, the U9 Stars were all about character. In what was a tough game against tough opposition our players stood tall with many playing their best games to date. The team battled through the mud to the very end, and importantly, there was some outstanding team work. The scene was set by Toby who delivered some inspirational words prior to the game. Drawing everyone's attention to indigenous round, he sent his team into battle with a positive and encouraging mindset. Well done Toby! Also A great effort against a really good side in really poor (muddy) conditions. Individually and as a team we are getting better every single week. Well done.



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U10 Rockets

The boys turned up to the club this morning looking good. Plenty of product in the hair, a few push ups and arm curls before they arrived. I'm not sure but it looked like a few of them had also got a spray tan for the photo. The photo was taken and off we all went to St Paul's McKinnon for our round 6 clash. The focus this week was on the things we did to get us back into the game last week. The hard running, hard tackling side - not the shloofers that turned up in the first quarter. That had to start at the pregame warm up with Paul and today was much better. Our captains, Jacob and Leo, lost the toss but we got to kick with the wind nevertheless. They kicked the first goal but our concentration was good, we saw some great efforts from Kovi, Bailey Rothfield and Hugo in the middle and then a switch of Nico and Hugo caught St Pauls off guard and Hugo managed to snare a goal late in the quarter. The second quarter was against a strong wind and we asked the boys to run and carry the ball. The oranges tasted especially good after the hard work during the first half. We asked the boys to kick long with the wind and get it down to our skilful forward line. The wind picked up again and for the final quarter we had to really stick to our plans. The defenders had to stay on their man, the midfielders had to run extra hard and the forwards job was to keep the ball in the forward line. The forwards did exactly what was asked of them and the first half of the last quarter was played in our forward line. We were very proud of the boys today, getting the job done after a big morning with photos.

U10 Stars

Proud of the boys for yet another strong performance. In cold, windy, wet and muddy conditions, our focus was on our attack on the footy. Pregame we asked each player to tell us both an individual and team goal. Most players mentioned tackling and attack in the contest to get the footy. This was a great attitude to have and it was executed brilliantly during the game. Offensively, even with a slippery ball, we were still composed with ball in hand and managed to look sideways for free players to hit up instead of bombing it long and turning it over. Even contribution across the board, and overall very pleasing to see the progress of the team since round 1. Keep it up boys!



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U11 Comets

Ajax 2.12 (24) def Benteigh 2.0 (12)

Goals: Haeata, Schwarz

Best: Casper, Isaacs, Newett, Rozenes, Sormann

With the excitement of playing our first game on the big oval you all new that this wasn't going to be the only challenge for the day. Facing Benteigh who have come up from second division and shown lots of potential meant you all had to be on your game from the start. In the first quarter Benteigh kicked an early goal and showed us why they are so highly rated. They were tall, moved the ball nicely and with intensity. Despite this, you applied constant pressure and created several opportunities up forward but just struggled to get a goal on the board. The second quarter was played with high intensity and extreme physicality and Benteigh maintained extra men in the backline to try and halt the constant forward movement by you all. Despite a few injuries, you all kept running for each other, tackling hard and looking for options. The only area you were struggling, was on the scoreboard where kicking points seemed easy but goals near impossible.

At half time, the coaches asked you to step up the pressure and make sure you played in front of your man. There was a sense that we were not being rewarded for our effort and you needed to lift to another level if you wanted to win. And that you did, in the third quarter you applied constant pressure and the ball spent 90% of the time in our forward line. Benteigh had no response to the effort that was applied by you all. When the final quarter started we had to do something different. The coaches decided to leave the forward line open by playing 4 players across the half forward line and with the addition space, you made the most of it. Our relentless pressure eventually broke through and then the goals starting coming and so did a great win. Today, you showed that if you come ready to play, commit to each other and have that belief, you can do anything as a team. Great teams rise to another level when the going gets tough and today you played like a great team so well done. It was a well deserved victory. Looking forward to seeing you bring those efforts and attitudes for the rest of the year.

U11 Jets

Oakleigh JFC 4.7 (31) def Ajax 2.5 (17)

Goals: Apel, Werdiger

Best: Best: Lewin, Farkas, Apel, Weller, Werdiger

The U11 Jets had a good day today at home against an always competitive Beaumaris. Kicking against a strong wind the Jets held the opposition in the first quarter by outnumbering at contests and forcing repeated ball ups to soak up precious time on the clock. It was a low scoring game and the Jets showed tremendous discipline all day by committing to outnumber the opposition at contests, focusing on winning the ball and keeping shape in positions across the ground. The Jets were unlucky to concede late goals near the breaks when the opposition just got away from them. Bailey Lewin continues to be a class above across half back while Zalman Werdiger was dangerous all day across half forward kicking his first goal for the club. Ari Farkas had the ball on a string at half forward and single handedly kept the Jets in the game in the 3rd and 4th quarters particularly. Coming off surgery only 10 days ago, James Appel showed enormous courage and commitment to his club playing a huge role on the full back line saving countless goals in the first half and then igniting the Jets by kicking a goal in the last to send shockwaves through the Beaumaris coaches box late in the game. Jesse Weller showed great leadership again all day playing on ball and half back for the majority and never stopped running and competing for the Jets. All up a good day for the Jets as we continue to learn new match play situations.



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U12 Comets

Ajax 6.11(44) def St Bedes Mentone 2.0 (12)

Goals: Faigen, Greenberg, Marabel-Whitburn, Michelson, Nirens, Smorgon

Best: Faigen, Graham, Pike, Segman, Zielinski

Not content with recent promotion to Division 1, the U12 Comets notched up their first win in this division and they did it on Oval 1 in front of an appreciative home crowd. It doesn't get much better than this! But the win wasn't always assured and in the first quarter when things were tight and someone needed to show the way, up stepped Zielinski, Smorgon and Ossip. Others followed suit, with the midfield getting on top and the forwards then locking it down. The backs pressed up but were always accountable and fearless. Inspirational efforts sprang up all over the ground, from Mitsel, Okun, Greenberg, Joseph, Marabel-Whitburn, Segman and a chorus of others who heeded the call to give maximum effort, make contests and support teammates. Indeed, it was the most complete game of the season, and every player contributed in an important way to help secure the win. Well done Comets - your coaches and supporters were proud of you all today. The Comets should now set their sights high going forward.

U12 Jets

S Peters FC 15.22 (112) def Ajax 1.1 (7)

Goals: Harris

Best: Carracher, Gaspar, Harris, Schenk, Sigeoker

It was another tough day as we came up against a tall and skilful opposition. Despite an improved effort towards accountability, missed tackles again proved. A bit more composure was needed with the ball in hand, as the team too often kicked long without looking at their options. We will continue to work on our defensive game, as when we have the ball we look competitive.

U13 Comets

St.Kilda City 3.11 (29) def Ajax 3.4 (22)

Goals: H Sheezel 2, Herman

Best: Kaye, H.Sheezel, Spicer, Weller, Wrobel

After paying tribute to the indigenous people of our country, the U13 Comets had an absorbing tussle with undefeated St Kilda City at the Peanut Farm. Although undermanned through injuries incurred before and during the game and a send off early in the final term, the boys fought bravely, learned a few lessons and went down by 7 points in a great game of football.

The first lesson for the team was the need for all players to be switched on and ready to play from the start. The Saints got the jump on Ajax early with two goals in the first five minutes both as a result of easy goals from over the back of a pack. They won the game having to score only one more goal for the rest of the game. From then on however, the teams were evenly matched with the home side having the edge in the marking and delivery but the team play and strong tackling of Ajax kept it in the game. In the end it was a tough ask to expect playing one short in a tight final term, but the players can look forward to the return game later in the season with some confidence.



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U13 Jets

Ashwood 7.7 (49) def Ajax 1.4 (10)

Goals: Mooseek

Best: Levin, Peleg, Rose, Shaw, Zuker

U14 Comets

Dingley JFC 11.12 (78) def Ajax 5.7 (37)

Goals: Rosenbaum 2, Efron, Kanat, Nissen

Best: Glick, Kanat, Kavallero, Nissen, Ostilly

Once again we are disappointed to lose another game, but we are very encouraged with the effort and intensity the players are bringing each week. Some of the footy was very impressive today, including a coast to coast goal with a classy finish by Toby Kanat. A key focus was to start well. After finally kicking the first goal this week, a lapse in the second half of the first quarter saw Dingley pile on 4 quick goals which proved to be very costly. We battled hard in the second quarter but failed to capitalise on our opportunities kicking 1.4 despite having much of the play and went in 29 points down at half time. Our 3rd quarter was easily our best out scoring Dingley by 5 points and leaving us down by only 4 goals at 3/4 time. Our midfielders led by Kanat and Nissen were providing a lot of drive and Toby Glick, Yoni Bergman and Matt Peker were defending strongly and kept Dingley to only 1 goal. Unfortunately, the last quarter opened up a bit and the margin blew out to 41 points with 3 early goals to Dingley. Our boys fought the remainder of the game out and we are positive if we continue to put the work in and show that effort we are not far away from a win. Keep your heads up.

U14 Jets

Ajax 8. 6 (54) def East Malvern 4.6 (30)

Goals: Mond 3, Baron 2, Barsheshet, Katz, Rostkier

Best: Barshehset, Goldberg, Mond, Rostkier, Tobias

Another early game and the boys got to the ground half asleep, cold and uninspired but they were far from that when they got on the ground. The boys made a commitment before the game that it would be a team effort and everyone will be part of the effort and contribute to the team's goal of winning our first game for the season. Well what can I say it was exactly that a team effort. Starting with Vice Captain for the day "Ozzie" Oren Tobias who was in everything when the ball went down back and led from the front and set the tone for the day. Brodie Mond was into everything and looked like he had the ball on a string and was well backed up and supplied by Jeremy Goldberg who was in and under every pack. Also our Captain Ari Barsheshet was hard at the ball and penetrating with his long kicks to advantage of our forwards led by Jimmie Baron and Aden Katz. It was great for new comers Eli Segman, Mendie Gestener, Shay Chabat, Maxy Kol to finally sing the Ajax team song and enjoy team success which is what it is all about. Looking forward to next week and the season ahead as our journey starts from here.....



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U15 Comets

Oakleigh 10.9 (69) def Ajax 9.5 (59)

Goals: Weeden 4, Deane 2, Micmacher 2, Fibishenko

Best: Grodski, Micmacher, Taranto, Waislitz, Weeden

Let's start by saying we are extremely proud of the boys efforts today. Despite going down by 10 points we fought it out to the end and showed tremendous grit and determination for certainly 3 of the 4 quarters. Yes we had a lead by 22 points at half time, but unfortunately Oakleigh's better players got on top in that important 3rd quarter and they were able to hold on in the end. Our cause certainly wasn't helped with the unfortunate late withdrawal of Jack Herskope and the injury to our key ruckman Tahl Marabel-Whitburn with a head knock which prevented him from coming back on to the field after quarter time.

There are so many positives to take away from the game today. We thought Jarrod Waislitz's second quarter in particular was outstanding. His run out of defence with his beautiful long kicks set up 3 of our goals in a brilliant second term. We have had Jarrod earmarked for a back pocket this year and today he showed he is able to play that role with great impact and effect and we thought it was a terrific effort. Well done Jarrod - do it again next week. Our set up in defence was extremely solid for most of the day with Nic Taranto and Nick Zuker double teaming probably the best forward in the competition. They did really well for most part, and Nico's run out of defence created so much drive for us. Whether Nico plays on ball or in defence, we are getting extremely consistent performances from our joint skipper this year. Nico's flexibility is a real bonus for us and he is on target for a super year. Keep up the great work and good luck for Wednesday's interleague game. Nick Zuker's first half was very impressive and his attack on the ball was first rate. We are pleased with his want and desire to be playing Comets and we look forward to seeing him grow into a reliable player for us this year. Nick also provides options for us whether he plays down back or goes forward. Keep working hard Nick and you will continue to improve. We also want to thank Harry Sheezel and Brad Lowe for helping us out today. Both boys showed great poise and balance and are earmarked for very successful footy careers. Thanks boys, we really loved having you in the team today. It is fair to say we have had a pretty tough start to the year with an extended injury list. We are hoping to get players back gradually and we feel with the effort the boys showed today and some players returning we will get on the winners list very soon.

U15 Jets

East Brighton Vampires 8.11 (59) def Ajax 3.4 (22)

Goals: Davis 2, Slomoi

Best: Davis, Franks, Gelfand, Kessell, Morris, Port

It was a game of two halves today. A very strong emphasis was put on ensuring that we started strongly but it was to no avail as East Brighton built a handy lead early on. The defenders worked hard all day constantly fighting against multiple opposition players. However, in the second half with changed conditions and a new attitude we began to even up the play.

It began in the middle with Zac Weller and Miles Gelfand working hard to chase harass and win the ball. They were supported by the bulking work done by Aaron Welis and the run and carry of Kivi Franks. In what was a surprising play of the day the smallest player on the field, Avi, managed to lay a great tackle on the opposition's biggest player inspiring all his teammates and coaches. It was very encouraging to see our defenders and midfielders, Ash Morris, Lochie Port, Josh Kessell, Yosef, Miles and others always looking to switch the ball and really start to look like a team. Benji Goldberg's physicality at the man and at the ball was also a highlight in the second half. The second, third and fourth efforts showed by Charlie Gladstone and Zac Davis including two very good forward half tackles resulted in goals and was a great reward for continued hard work and determination. The boys have shown so far that they can compete but we can't just be satisfied and content with competing and need to get better in all areas in order to win.



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U16 Comets

Ormond JFC 8.13 (61) def Ajax 6.5 (41)

Goals: Siegel 3, Chrapot, Gordon, Guttmann

Best: Bryer, Cowan, Jacobs, Nirens, Sharp

A much more competitive effort saw the boys take it right up to Ormond for most of the game. A lapse in the latter part of the second quarter and the early part of the third resulted in Ormond kicking away to a 32 point lead. Ajax fought back hard in the final term, but it wasn't quite enough to close the gap. The team is really starting to gel and can confidently look forward to a strong showing in Division 2.

U17 Comets

Ajax 23.12 (150) def East Malvern 5.2 (32)

Goals: Lincoln 5, Michelson 5, Hymans 3, Efron 2, Spicer 2, Zielinski, Gold, La Sala, Levi-Weitzman, Roth, Shapiro

Best: Hendel, Nirens, Roth, Spicer, Zielinski

For the second week in a row we played a team coming down from Division 1 - we still had to bring our "A" game to prove a point to the opposition. What we didn't expect was a depleted East Malvern who let us do what we liked. The emphasis and challenge was on maintaining our game plan, adapting to the changing conditions and not getting too ahead of ourselves. Whilst the win was significant it was against a far lesser opposition. This coming week's top of the table clash will show us all exactly where the Comets are in our division this year. Anything less than our best will NOT do!

U17 Jets

Hawks 13.10 (88) def Ajax 1.7 (13)

Goals: Slonim

Best: Goldberger, David, Braverman, Gross, Rosenberg

The U17 Jets started much harder and fitter this week. The first half was a fierce contest, and the game could have gone either way. Much improved tackling by the Jets saw their opponents held to a low score. Unfortunately, the last quarter saw the opposition run away, but there was much from the first 3 quarters for the Jets to work from.



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