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## Round 10

Despite near freezing conditions, and many away for holidays, we had some pretty good Round 10 results. A huge thank you to a number of players for helping out other teams this week. Enjoy the holidays....make sure you are all keeping fit and come back ready for a strong finish towards the end of the season.

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**U12 Comets got the job done against South Melbourne**



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Toby Grodski - U12 Comets







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Max Harris - U12 Jets





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Zac Davis - U15 Jets





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Leetai Anidam - U15 Jets





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## Results

### U8 Rockets

The U8 Rockets were led out by our captains, Miselowski and Lakman against the Dingley Dingoes and were greeted by a frost covered ground on the coldest morning of the year. The boys came up against great opposition who were skilful and ran hard all game. Proudly, our boys never gave up and played right until the final siren. They managed to control some parts of the game without getting reward for effort on the scoreboard. Brad Majman was ferocious at the ball all day with a great tackling display and Hyams stopped many opposition attacks. Kalb had some great runs through the middle and Miselowski, Gillis and Duband had their best games for the year showing real improvement with some nice touches. The boys will learn a lot from this week's game and look forward to coming back refreshed after the school holiday break.

### U8 Stars

It was a freezing start for the U8 Stars who braved one degree temperatures and frosted grass for the early start. Captains for the weekend were Luka and Bradley who wanted everyone to look for teammates and try their hardest. The team responded and got off to a great start against a strong Vampires team in the first half. Highlights included strong running across the board, and Joel Krause getting his first goal and generally causing trouble for the opposition defenders. The Vampires did warm up in the second half with a number of strong players, making it increasingly difficult for our mid-fielders and putting our defenders under pressure. Despite strong efforts, such as Eden Klass backing into a big pack, the team simply wasn't able to break free at any stage. We have a few weeks break between games for the players to refresh and prepare for the remainder of the season and build toward the Lightning Cup. Enjoy the break!

### U9 Rockets

A sun that shone down on one of the coldest mornings recorded in Melbourne this year, the U9 clash of Ajax vs South Melbourne Districts was all about TEAM. Given the school holidays, the U9 Rockets were depleted until the U9 Stars put up their hand and responded to the call to arms. The Stars have already played in alpine conditions, provided 6 recruits to assist the Rockets. A huge thanks to Adin, Gabriel, James, Jonty, Taj and Toby. The boys toiled tirelessly throughout the morning. There were great efforts in each quarter, including strong marking, great stoppage work, intercept marks and hunting in packs. Of note was the defensive pressure of a number of the boys. It was a tough morning for the Rockets and the team will have learnt a great deal from this game. The team was led by Jesse Felman and Toby Slutzkin who both offered great quarter time speeches to motivate the troops. The game was played with great spirit and sportsmanship and thanks to our opponents for being accommodating on the day.

Enjoy your holidays boys, it is well deserved. We look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks. Go Rockets.

### U9 Stars

WINTER IS COMING...St-st-till t-t-t-trying to th-ththaw out from th-this m-m-m-morning. It may have been the coldest July morning in 24 years (officially -2.5 degrees), but the Stars turned up the heat with a scorching performance against Mordialloc Braeside. It was a tough and exciting contest against a quality team that went down to the final siren. It is no stretch to describe today's match as a classic with a finish that we will all be talking for years to come. What makes this performance even more impressive was the number of obstacles that the Stars had to overcome, namely:

1. Waking up super early (it was still dark outside!),
2. Freezing cold conditions (did I mention it was -2.5 degrees?),
3. Having many team mates away on holidays, and
4. With no players on the bench.

So, how did they do it? Team work and determination. It was a fantastic collective effort with every single player doing his part and more. The coaches were full of praise for their troops and were quick to reiterate what they have always said - "train well, play well". Just imagine how good the Stars will be once all their players are back after the holidays. Well done boys and enjoy the week off.





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### U10 Rockets

Our round 10 game against the East Brighton Vampires was the season's most memorable. We reminded the kids today that we could not be caught shloofing again and let the Vampires get off to a fast start. Our captains Avi and Toby won the toss and decided to kick with the wind. What we witnessed was arguably our best quarter of football for the year. The Vampires could only manage one forward entry - which was cut off from a well-judged Kagan mark. Our midfield group dominated, let by an extremely hard working Hugo, Nathan and Ethan. Bailey R was holding marks and up forward Jason and Mini were starring. However, the quarter of football we saw from Nico was quite outstanding. The second and third quarters were the polar opposites. Our midfield couldn't get the ball out of the middle and our tackling pressure, which was so good in the first quarter, completely dropped off. Nico continued his outstanding game and Hugo was tenacious whenever the ball was in his zone. Unfortunately we just had too many boys that weren't switched on - perhaps they were already thinking about singing the song. At three quarter time we asked if anyone wasn't up for the fight. We didn't think it was too big a gap and drew on the boys feelings after our great comeback last time we played the Vampires. Gaspar and Brott were looking very dangerous up forward while Lakman was putting on a clinic - the Vampires couldn't get near him. The midfield were continuously pumping the ball forward through Krasnostein, Mini and Nico. The boys will learn from those two quarters in the middle where they dropped off. These experiences are fantastic as they are allowing the boys to draw on them as they continue learning and growing as footballers. A final mention again to Nico - perhaps it was because his dad was Assistant Coach today - as his performance was quite outstanding. The Vampires coach said after the game "that #3 was unbelievable. We tried 4 or 5 different players on him to stop his run but no-one could get close". Well done Nico. Hopefully the boys have a good break and take a footy wherever they are spending the holidays.

### U10 Stars

A fantastic performance today by the U10 Stars. With 9 of the team being away on school holidays the boys showed a lot of grit, tenacity & heart running out the game & leaving nothing left in the tank. We came out of the blocks firing on 8 cylinders & that is how it remained for the entire game. A truly inspiring effort by the entire team. Special thanks to Ari, Gabe & Jonah for filling in today. It was great to see the team get around the boys & make them feel so welcome! Enjoy the school holiday break & let's come back firing in the lead up to the lightning premiership!

### U11 Comets

East Brighton 6.6 (42) def Ajax 2.8 (20)

Goals: Haeata, Jacobs

Best: Gunn, Haeata, Nussbaum, Sormann, Suss, Wrobel

With the regular coaches away and down on numbers, it was always going to be a hard day's outing against the Vampires. The positive signs for the day was that every player tried and contributed.

Unfortunately, not everyone could keep it up for the full 4 quarters. It was a learning curve to be under so much pressure - the opposition out-marked and outran our boys, and tackled hard.

They were clearly prepared and were at close to full strength. Stand outs for the day - tremendous effort in the backline by Baily Nussbaum, Ramel Chrapot found some strength and form rushing out of the backline as well. Charlie Klein was also close to his best form. We look forward to a well-earned break and the team can come back to full strength and finish off the season better than ever.





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### U11 Jets

Murrumbeena 10.10 (70) def Ajax 2.4 (16)

Goals: Aladjem, Segal

Best: Aladjem, Belfer, Gross, Kranz, Paneth

On a cold winter's day with the temperature gauge nudging 3 degrees the Ajax boys were looking to get a win at home against Murrumbeena. We had 5 regulars who had already escaped the winter cold. In the first quarter the boys were on and went in to quarter time with scores level after a great snap from Sunny Aladjem. Juzi Gross was marshalling the troops to build the wall as we kept repelling Murrumbeena and sending the ball back in to our forward line. In the 2nd and 3rd quarters it looked like a few of our boys went on holidays early as Murrumbeena kicked 8 goals straight. Despite repeated efforts to our boys to man up there were too many loose opposition players. To the boys' credit we never gave up. We ran out the last quarter and for the last 10 minutes played contested footy and created plenty of forward entries to go in to the holiday period with our heads held high.

### U12 Comets

Ajax 13.13 (91) def South Melbourne 3.4 (22)

Goals: Nirens 4, Cohen 2, Marabel-Whitburn, 2, Pike 2, Faigen, Feder, Kister

Best: Faigen, Graham, Nathan, Nirens, Pike

A home game on Oval 1 against a depleted opposition saw the U12 Comets prevail easily in beautiful sunny but cold conditions. The win was never in doubt, with the midfield brigade getting on top early and the forwards locking it in up front. The backs, when called upon, were solid and accountable, with Smithson leading the way as always and Grodski providing his trademark dash off half back in his milestone 50th game. But the early effort was not being matched with patience and care with the ball going forward and so goals proved elusive. All that changed in the second half, with Nirens leading the way in his best game for the season so far, at one stage taking 4 bounces and delivering lace out to a teammate in the goal square. Michelson and Becker presented strongly and with sure hands all day, as did Marabel-Whitburn who shows more and more each game. Cohen showed his usual good balance and pace and kicked two goals in his 50th game. Indeed, every single player stepped up and made a telling contribution when called upon at some moment into the game. The floodgates had opened and the Comets enjoyed a big win. Well done Comets. Enjoy the break, but do work on your skills and fitness during the holidays, through practice with family and friends. We want to carry this form and momentum through for the remainder of the season.

### U12 Jets

Ajax 7.6 (48) def East Malvern 6.10 (46)

Goals: Goldfarb 2, Jacobs 2, Appel, Gasper, Worth

Best: Appel, Black, Gaspar, Green, Roff

The Jets put in an outstanding effort to pull off a remarkable comeback victory against East Malvern, a side who we had lost to twice already earlier in the season. The boys were lucky to hold a small lead at half time, with East Malvern's inaccuracy and the efforts of Nadav, Jared and Charlie in the backline being influential. The opposition went harder at the contest in the 3rd quarter, and a lack of communication by the Jets saw the home side take an 8 point lead going into the final break. Despite an early goal to East Malvern in the last quarter, the midfield group of Lior, Elliot, Raphi and captain Ayden put in a huge effort to regain the lead twice and secure a memorable victory in Max Harris and Raphi's 50th games. The boys will enjoy their break and will come back excited to continue the momentum into the second half of the season.





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### U13 Comets

Ajax 6.9 (45) def Hampton Rovers 2.5 (17)

Goals: H.Sheezel 4, Siegel, Zohar

Best: Chrapot, Green, Herman, H.Sheezel, Wasbutzki

It was a cold and brisk but sunny morning that greeted the U13 Comets at Bluff Road, Hampton and the team relished the conditions and enjoyed the day. They came out firing booting three early goals and maintained that ascendancy for the rest of the game. The midfield dominated possession giving the teammates first use at the stoppages while the forwards kept the ball in attack through the use of great pressure. When Hampton pushed their case in the second quarter, the defence stood firm and held out the opposition with great tackling and desperation. Thanks to the four boys who came in from the Jets to cover team injuries and absences due to the school break. You all fitted in so well and acquitted yourselves fantastically.

Our next up game in a fortnight's time will be a vital clash against our 2016 rivals St Pauls McKinnon. In a season where the battle for a top four spot is close, this match could well be season defining for the U13 Comets.

### U13 Jets

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### U14 Comets

Bentleigh 13.12 (90) def Ajax 6.8 (44)

Goals: Rajch 2, Baron, Efron, Kras, Spark

Best: Davis, Kanat, Rajch, Shostak, Tobias

While the result looks disappointing at face value, the scoreboard does not reflect the effort today under very trying circumstances. After coming into the game with only 17 players and a number of players under injury clouds, we started the game strongly using the wind to be leading by 22 points at quarter time. Rajch and Kanat were providing plenty of drive from the middle and our open forward line looked dangerous. The second quarter saw Bentleigh hit back hard using the wind well to lead by 5 points at half time. Our 3rd quarter was always going to be pivotal in the contest and our inability to score proved costly. Both teams added 1 goal each with Bentleigh holding a narrow 4 point at 3 quarter time. Our last quarter was really disappointing with Bentleigh kicking 6.8 to our measly 2 points and running out 46 point winners. This was a really bad way to end after we fought out the first 3 quarters so well, but not liking to use excuses the lack of rotations and injuries really took its toll. Enjoy the week off, we will regroup after the break and continue to work on improving and playing like we did in the 1st quarter.

### U14 Jets

East Brighton 13.12 (90) def Ajax 6.8 (44)

Goals: Katz 2, Israel 2, Braby 2, Rostkier, Mond

Best: Braby, Hershan, Israel, Mattatia, Rostkier





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### U15 Comets

Won by forfeit

### U15 Jets

East Sandringham Rovers 13.13 (91) def Ajax 2.3 (15)

Goals: Engel, Zaks

Best: Kessell, Meyerowitz, Slomoi, Weller, Zaks

### U16 Comets

East Sandringham Rovers 11.5 (71) def Ajax 4.6 (30)

Goals: Nirens 2, Sharp, Siegel

Best: Bryer, Jacobs, Machlin, Nirens, Sharp

On a beautiful day, with school holidays upon us and key players missing, the U16s came up against East Sandringham who were able to include the Vic Metro U16 ruckman in their team this week as a 'fill in'. The team fell behind early and struggled to bridge the gap all day, but there were passages of play that showed that at times the team can play good football. No piece of play was better than when Sammy Guttmann smothered an opponent's kick in the back pocket, then gathered the ball himself and took off down the far wing taking two or three bounces with the opposition chasing hard before hitting a leading team mate on the chest with a good pass deep in the forward line. Machlin battled his heart out early in the ruck giving away nearly 20 cm in height, Bryer and Nirens worked tirelessly on the ball, Sharp showed breakaway speed and good touch on a wing and up forward, whilst Jacobs was always looking to switch play from the back half and was constructive all day. Thanks to our U15 fill ins, Micmacher and Herskope, and ex-players Southwick and Pudel who have helped the team out the last few weeks.

### U17 Comets

South Melbourne 11.14 (80) defeated Ajax 9.10 (64)

Goals: Hymans 2, Gross, Michelson, Nirens, Sassone, Smart, Wise, Zielinski

Best: Antman, Hymans, LaSala, Smart, Wise

In what was a clutch match for the U17s against a lower team on the ladder and with half the squad either away or injured - the 17 Jets put their hands up to play - and made a great contribution against what was a challenging match for all that played. The difference in standard was clear from the start with South Melbourne jumping us from the start. A tweak of the game plan at quarter time after being 5 goals down got us back into the game. Man on man was the call with accountability and discipline required. Brad Antman played his best game of the year, Gid Wise & Jesse Janko coming back from injury to make great contributions, with Reuvi Krammer, Sass, Yisroel & Zac G doing their best. Shlomy ran hard but lacked fitness and Brandon O and Briggsy tried hard. Campbell stood up when it counted, Smarty & 2 Tru tried to drag the team across the line themselves. We lost the battle and the war in the end! We will reset the bar and expectation for the rest of this season. Whilst injury and absentee has not helped and won't be used as an excuse, all we want from now on is a 4 quarter contribution for those that run out to represent - win, lose or draw. We all want to win - but winning is not only done on the scoreboard! A lesson even an older coach like me needed to remember.

### U17 Jets

Lost by forfeit





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