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Round 11

Round 11 was a mixed bag with a number of teams still missing players yet to return from holidays. The U11 Comets returned to winning form, the U13 Jets claimed a convincing win, and the U16 Comets put on a great show in front of a packed Princes Park crowd.

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U16 Comets celebrating their win against Bentleigh



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St Kilda FC Next Generation Academy

Some of our boys with their Academy coach Nick Dal Santo. Their most recent session included crafting their advanced kicking skills and discussing sports nutrition.

Nick Dal Santo, Sam Jacobs, Brad Nirens, Jason Nirens





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How many Ajax parents do you recognise?





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Results

U8 Rockets

The U8 Rockets were led out by our captains Raleigh and Smorgon against St Peters in cold, blustery conditions at our home ground. The boys were eager from the first bounce after having a week off over the school holidays. The focus for the week was on playing good team defence and being smart when we moved the ball forward by kicking the ball to players leading into space. There were some great efforts in the midfield with Kalb, Zohar, Edelstein and Szwarc ferocious at the ball. Gelfand floated around the packs taking some great marks and Hyams tried hard all day running straight at the ball. Up forward, Miselowski was dangerous creating a few chances and was unlucky not to kick a goal and Rosenberg put his body on the line in a tough contest that ended up in a great goal to Smorgon. In a brilliant solo effort, Maxy Oliver dived to save a certain goal on last line of defence. The blustery conditions proved very tricky and it was St Peters who seemed to adjust to the conditions better and put the score on the board. We're proud of the boys efforts and look forward to having a full team back next week.

U8 Stars

It was another fresh morning after a week off for the U8 Stars who played away against the St Kilda JFC. The team was led out by Captain's Jack and Zabi, who revved up the team and took them through the warm up. Kane urged everyone to tackle and run hard, and look for teammates with the ball. The effort was definitely there today, particularly with tackling which we probably set a team record - Eden, Jake, Guy and Oren all getting in on the action. Jax was switched on and had his best game for the year. Ty was a general across the game with both defensive and offensive efforts and a few of the kids played on after injuries and big hits. Unfortunately, we couldn't get enough space (credit to the opposition there) or convert on the scoreboard. With two weeks remaining, we will work on attacking the ball and moving it quickly up the ground, in preparation for the Lightning Cup

U9 Stars

Today's conditions are what playing football is all about, a strong cold breeze blowing across the ground, and all the brave parents and coaches sipping hot coffee, wearing multiple layers of clothes, beanie's and thick jackets. It was as if the game was being played at Arctic Park rather than Albert Park. There was more whinging about the wind chill factor and snow from the parents than there was from the players (wearing only shorts and sleeveless jumpers). Well done to all for their efforts today. Today's game was played in very hard conditions. Both coaches thought that all players really put in a great team effort. Great determination from all players to be first to the ball and tackle hard was rewarded. We are seeing so much improvement from all players, and if we can train hard we will keep improving.

U10 Rockets

The boys faced St Paul's McKinnon this week at home after having a good game against them in Round 6. The boys kicked with the wind in the first quarter and despite having most of the ball they just couldn't find the goals. The second quarter required some hard work into the win and the defenders had to man up. Despite letting them score with the wind we all thought we could work our way back into the contest with a big 3rd quarter with the howling gale blowing across the ground toward the Dover St end. Mini got us on the board with our first goal but we just couldn't get enough shots on goal and didn't manage to get the two flags into the goal umpires hand again. The last quarter saw our opposition pile on goals with the wind. Hopefully the boys watched their opposition and saw how well they played together as a team and followed their game plan. Wednesday night will be cold and potentially wet – perfect weather for footy training. We will aim to teach the boys a bit more about positioning, working hard, tackling pressure and have some fun at the same time.



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U10 Stars

Boys, another good game today. Mordialloc really challenged us which made out to be a tight battle for most of the game. However, in the last quarter we showed a lot of determination to outscore them lock it in our forward line for most of the quarter. As the weeks go on hopefully we can keep building into the lightning premiership and playing better and better footy every week. Well done today but still looking for that 4 quarter effort! And lock it in our forward line. See you boys Wednesday.

U11 Comets

Ajax 7.5 (47) def South Melbourne 1.2 (8)

Goals: Chrapot 2, Haeata 2, Casper, Edwards, Rozenes

Best: Gunn, Hart, Klein, Mohr, Newett, Schwarz

After a few weeks of on and off training it can be hard to get back into the swing of things. Ben and I started the day talking about where we have come this year and planning where we are going. We took advice from Mark Williams about how to overcome some of the challenges we have faced recently and set in motion a big second half of the season. Then the game started. We all knew the wind was going to make it a tough game and despite getting jumped by an early goal you fought hard under tough conditions and had a small lead at quarter time. The quarter time advice was to do what we do best which is run with the ball when appropriate and otherwise move it quickly by foot. The response from the boys was sensational and as a result we kicked several goals into the wind. As the wind and chill picked up, so did our skills and the second half of the game was great to see the boys putting instruction into practice and really bring back some of the great footy we saw in the first half of the season. Ben and I were wrapped with the performance and look forward to continuing to build not only a skilful team but also a smart team.

U11 Jets

East Brighton 5.6 (36) def Ajax 4.8 (32)

Goals: Kranz 2, Belfer, Rabin

Best: Rosenberger, Kranz, Gottlieb, Pacanowski, Weller

A sensational effort today from the U11 Jets especially given we only had 18 players. Several of the boys worked really hard in the holidays privately and at club training and it really paid benefits today against the East Brighton Vampires. The boys were really disciplined and courageous with their defensive work all day and we were able to sustain the pressure for almost the whole game today which is a major breakthrough for the Jets. Eli Paca and Arin Rabin were particularly effective on the Vampires' best 2 players and helped to reduce their influence while also picking up plenty of possessions themselves and giving us lots of drive. Zac Harris was sensational at CHB and completely shut his man out of the game in a brilliant defensive effort. Our skipper Juzi Gross was his usual brilliant self as he rucked tirelessly all day and never stopped running and competing. Oli Kranz kicked 2 up forward and looked dangerous all day and midfielders Weller, Gottlieb & Shostak never stopped running all day. But it was Lachie Rosenberger who had a breakout game today because of his fierce attack on the ball, strong marking and long, direct kicking. Lachie has worked so hard on his game this year and he is getting great results for his team. Congratulations Lachie on your best on ground performance today. Today really was a great team effort by all of the boys and had the game gone another 2 minutes we would have got the points. The boys should be very proud of their efforts today and we still have a lot to play for and look forward to in our last 3 games of 2017. Go Jackas.



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U12 Comets

East Brighton 11.8 (74) def Ajax 1.2 (8)

Goals: Becker

Best: Faigen, Kister, Michelson, Smithson, Zielinski

It was a tough day at the office for the U12 Comets. Missing some key players and coming off the holiday break, there was some rustiness and lack of composure against a strong opposition, with the result that most of the play was in our back half and under duress. So it was pleasing to see the good effort that was put in by many, with special mentions to Michelson, Smithson and Kister for their roles down back, and for Faigen in the midfield. Everyone was heartened to see Zielinski return to the side after injury, and she tackled well and sent us forward when playing in the midfield in the first half. But it was just not the Comets' day today. The focus must now turn to next week's game, when the team is restored to full strength and will have a chance to return our best form.

U12 Jets

St Peters 12.14 (86) def Ajax 2.1 (13)

Goals: Goldfarb, Grodski

Best: Appel, Goldfarb, Green, Grodski, Harris

It was always going to be a tough task coming up against the undefeated St Peters side. Ajax held their own for the first 3 quarters of the match, on the back of a fierce tackling performance led by Raphi and Ayden in the middle. Forwards Max, Jude, Asher and Jack made the most of their limited chances to ensure the team remained a chance for victory heading into the last quarter. It was a disappointing finish to the match for the team, as the opposition found the scoreboard too easily, with the final margin not reflecting the performance of the team. There are still plenty of positives to take from the match, including a significantly improved losing margin compared to the previous time the two sides met.

U13 Comets

St. Paul's McKinnon 10.10 (70) def Ajax 3.4 (22)

Goals: Green, Lowe, H. Sheezel

Best: Chrapot, Davis, Herman, C. Sheezel, H. Sheezel

The U13 Comets congregated for their home game at sunrise for an 8.15am start on a cold mid-July morning at the end of the school holidays. They started off well enough with a goal in the opening minute of play but after that they completely switched off and played as if their minds were frozen still in holiday mode. The result was a thrashing at the hands of a team they beat when they met earlier in the season. Too few players were prepared to throw their bodies into the contest and when they did get the footy, there was very little thought given to the way they disposed of it. Instead of creating opportunities through running and carrying the ball and switching play (which the opposition was looking to do at all times) the Comets were static and far too predictable making it easy for St Pauls to win possession and create attack after attack. A fortnight ago we previewed this game against last year's premiers by saying it might be a season defining game for the U13 Comets and this could now well be the case. The boys need to get themselves together, train hard and turn up next week against Mordialloc-Braeside in a positive frame of mind if they want to play finals football.



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U13 Jets

Ajax 9.7 (61) def East Brighton 2.0 (12)

Goals: Gaddie 2, Schauder 2, Star 2, Alford, A. Fell, B. Shaw

Best: Alford, Gaddie, Schauder, B. Shaw, Star

A wonderful effort today. The wind and the opposition were determined to make it scrappy but we did not stop. Down a truckload of players, coming off the double bye, a 3pm game, a few late shows, an away game on a small oval we've never played on before and kicking into the wind in the first quarter, had all the hallmarks for a 'dropped winnable game'. To our delight, from the first bounce the boys came out attacking. Kicking into a two goal wind we controlled play and for the most part did not flood our forward line. As a result we were able to maintain excellent forward pressure and kicked 2 goals to nil. With the wind in the second again we maintained our structure and kept the pressure on and managed 2 goals to nil. At half time the challenge was to share the ball as much as possible, bring each other into it and generate run. It was great to watch numerous chains of handpasses through the middle. Also players taking a mark and giving off a handpass as one or two players swarmed past. That is REAL footy!!! The other thing that was great was how the backline has started to self-organise, to make sure that the right players are picking up the right opponents and working out when to be a kick behind or play or up at the contest. It was a solid hard effort out there today and all the boys should be proud.

U14 Comets

St Bedes/Mentone 14.19 (103) def Ajax 4.11 (35)

Goals: Jacobs 2, Rosenbaum, Shostak

Best: Antman, Davis, Ehrlich, Kanat, Rajch

After losing the toss and kicking against a strong wind, we really struggled to control St.Bedes who dominated the 1st quarter and led by 33 points at quarter time. Fortunately, they weren't able to convert all their opportunities kicking 5.9 which kept us still in the game. Our 2nd quarter with the wind, we managed to stem St.Bedes scoring but unfortunately could not manage to impact the scoreboard enough ourselves. A crunching tackle by Jamie Rajch and Toby Kanat's hard work around the ball lifted the team, but despite the advantage with the breeze we were still out scored by 1 goal and trailed by 39 points at half time. Our 3rd quarter against the wind was better than our 1st with a much more defensive mindset by the team. Jesse Ehrlich was working extremely hard in defence but some individual brilliance by St.Bedes saw them add a further 4.6 to our solitary 1 point, leaving us with a 68 point deficit at 3 quarter time. After a rather disappointing 3 quarters, we asked the boys to salvage something out of the last quarter and they responded well with a strong effort. Unfortunately, bad kicking and a lot of missed opportunities did not reward our effort on the scoreboard. We managed to kick 2.7 to St Bedes 3.1 leaving the margin at a 68 point loss. We will move on from this game quickly and focus on the commitment that has made us competitive in most of our games this year.

U14 Jets

Caulfield 10.11 (71) def Ajax 9.8 (62)

Goals: Israel 2, Katz 2, N. Hershan, Kol, Baron, Olcha, Mond

Best: Chabat, Katz, Klooger, Felbel, Israel

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U15 Jets

St. Paul's McKinnon 9.6 (60) def Ajax 2.3 (15)

Goals: Davis, Lewin

Best: Braverman, Gelfand, Givoni, Goldberg, Kessell, Weller

U16 Comets

Ajax 10.13 (73) def Bentleigh 7.8 (50)

Goals: Chrapot 3, Siegel 3, Jacobs, Levy, Micmacher, Sharp

Best: Bryer, Chrapot, Jacobs, Nirens, Sharp

With 8 regular players missing on holiday or representing Australia at the Maccabi games, the U16s were up against it playing an in form and top 4 team in Bentleigh this week. But the team had some great inclusions for the game, including 3 U15 Comets players (Taranto, Micmacher and Rawack) who were up to the challenge, plus the key inclusion – coach Ant Elbaum's lucky old jeans that were back for their first game of the season.

With the help of the lucky jeans, the team won the toss and kicked with the wind and had 2 goals on the board in the first 5 minutes. The defence was rock solid with Machlin taking 3 telling marks at CHB in the first quarter alone, and if not for some wayward kicking for goal the team could have sealed the game by the first break.

Against the wind in the second quarter the boys outscored Bentleigh to set up a 4 goal lead at half time with good drive coming from Sharp and Nirens, and Levy scoring his first goal for the Comets.

The third quarter saw the U16s kick away with the wind – Chrapot playing his best game of the season kicked his 3rd and Siegel, who was accurate in front of goals with his rock solid set shot technique also kicked his 3rd.

Taranto was also providing great run from defense to help create forward opportunities.

With a 44 point buffer going into the last, and with the wind picking up, the coaches loaded up the backline and whilst challenged, the players managed to steady and hold on for their second win of the season and keep their season alive. The players will be excited to have most of the team back next week, as they come up against their arch rivals St Peters for a massive match for both clubs.

U17 Comets

Beaumaris 10.2 (62) def Ajax 7.15 (57)

Goals: Gross 3, Hendel, Michelson, Shapiro, Spicer

Best: Danby, Gross, Levi-Weismann, Smart, Spicer

In what was supposed to be a match we could win with or without key players the Comets didn't account for the opposition turning up for a competitive match of football. Once Beaumaris got a "sniff" it was down hill from there. Losing Zilla early didn't help with only 18 players available for 3 quarters, then Matty getting a corked calf, placed a HUGE amount of pressure on us leaving us with effectively 17 1/2 players. The fact is that with the 18 players we had, we still had the class to win that match but in the end couldn't go with a significantly more determined opposition, whose decision making was better than ours under pressure. With finals off the table now and the top 3 teams in the competition ahead of us the bar will be re-set - win, lose or draw. KPIs will be put in place so the only team that can beat us from now on will be ourselves by not meeting the KPIs.

U17 Jets

Caulfield 15.12 (102) def Ajax 4.5 (29)

Goals: Briggs, Brott, Goldberger, Wajsbort

Best: Braverman, Briggs, Brott, Davis, Procel

The U17 Jets found themselves in a tough competitive game. Although a good effort was put in by all, the opposition kicked away with the wind in the last term.



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