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Finals Week 2

A massive mazel tov to our all conquering U11 Comets on winning the Division 1 premiership flag. With scores tied at the final siren, the game went into overtime. The Comets kicked two goals to nil in extra time securing the flag. What an amazing result.

We are looking forward to celebrating their win at presentation night on Sunday 10th September.

Well done on a incredible season.

Our U11 Comets celebrating their Premiership win





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Around the grounds

U11 Comets





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Results

U11 Comets – DIVISION ONE PREMIERS

Ajax: 8.1 (49) def St Kilda City 4.13 (37)

Goals: Schwarz 3, Flinkier, Hart, Haeata, Jacobs, Sormann

Best: Whole team effort

What a ball-tearer of a match!

There is no doubt that finals always throw up unusual results. The grand final stands on its own, and is always hotly contested no matter where the two teams finished at the end of the home and away season. This was no exception.

After a lot of excitement, training, hard work and a stirring rendition of the national anthem, the under 11 grand final was underway. The first quarter saw the comets get off to a great start, and one might have been excused for thinking that the game was going to follow in the same fashion as the three earlier in the year against the saints. Our mids were on top, Sormann, Rozenes, Baring, Fell and Mohr were giving first use of the ball to our forwards and it was not long before we had a couple of majors on the board with Oli kicking the first for the day. The pairs forward set up, was working with Schwartz, Heata, Flinkier, Hart, Nuss and Jacobs' creativity giving us early scoreboard pressure. However, it did not take long for the opposition to claw their way back into the match and if not for some wasted shots they may have been in front.

The start of the second quarter saw the comets come under increasing fire from St Kilda, who with the aid of the wind, put our backline under enormous pressure. St Kilda built the wall and kept kicking the ball deep into their forward line. However, the work from our back six was sensational, Isaacs, Casper, Newitt, Benzur, Klein and Wrobel, managed to keep the game evenly poised going into the break.

At half-time Dean and I asked the boys to settle down, take some time and think about what needed to be done in the second half. With the wind behind us the instructions were to kick the ball long, lower the eyes and look for targets. Once again, we got off to a reasonable start with an early goal. When the time came everybody stepped up, as was seen by efforts from Epstein, Chrapot, Rosens and Edwards. Despite the hard work the comets were unable to really capitalize with the wind, and in the end St Kilda were able to score late in the quarter against the flow of play.

So we headed into the three quarter time break with a slender lead, we needed to score goals in the last if we were going to triumph.

Dean and I pleaded with the boys that the last 15 minutes of the season required gut running, and a commitment to each other to give everything you had. We decided that full attack was the only option. In the last quarter, St Kilda City had most of the play. Our backline was incredible, led by Isaacs and Casper and well-supported by Suss, Wrobel, Newitt and Glance, they repelled attacks time and time again.

With a minute and a half to play the comets were down by one goal and the game looked lost. One last thrust into our forward line, the ball ended with a St Kilda City player who went to kick long, that kick, was smothered by Rozenes and spilled into the waiting arms of Schwartz who calmly slotted the goal to tie the game up. With seconds to go as the ball was rolling towards their goal, it took a bounce reminiscent of Collingwood v Saints 2010. The same result ensued, only for us it led to extra time.

Two halves of 5 minutes each, no coaches on the ground, no instructions to the kids. This was something that we had not planned for.... The first 5 minutes the comets were kicking into the wind. Let me say it was 5 of the gutsiest minutes ever. The boys played as if their lives depended on it, and we managed to keep them scoreless. At the change of ends we had 5 minutes with the wind, scores still level. Our boys stepped up and played an attacking brand of football which might have been our best. Schwartz bobbed up again to slot one, and when Mimeran popped one over the top to Hart in the goal square, the game was ours. You could hear "the who are we, where are we" as the final seconds rang out.

Well done boys, see you all next year.



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