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Round 3

A mixed bag this round with a number of upset results. The U11 Stars, U12 Rockets, U12 Jets, U15 Comets and U17 Comets all remain undefeated. Good luck to all teams in the final game of the grading period. Let's push for some big wins.

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U8 Rockets

Game 2 (Round 3) for the Rockets, saw the team's debut at home. And while the 8.45 kick-off might have caused some consternation when the draw was revealed, the fact that it took most of the parents less than 5 minutes to drive from their actual homes probably numbed the pain slightly. It was another glorious morning, with the sun warming the hearts and skinny legs, although there wasn't a great opportunity for the latter, because it was the team's first look at change rooms and they weren't about to let the time inside go to waste. When they finally emerged it was a committed unit ready to put what they had learned on the training track to good use; namely manning (or womaning as the case may be) up. This had been the focus in the lead-up and it was lovely to see the players checking for their opponent's jumper number and then telling each other who they had. As it turned out, it was perhaps not needed in the same way as last week, as the Rockets got their hands to the ball first, used it impressively and by the game's end should have felt incredibly happy and proud of how they are developing. Back to the rooms for a hearty rendition of the song - following an impromptu dress rehearsal pre-game - and then the junior football (and senior) reward, a hot dog post-match. Go Rockets

U8 Stars

On a beautiful and sunny Sunday morning the Stars came out to play. With an infectious desire to chase the footy, and bring each other into the game, the U8 Stars took flight against the Prahran JFC.! In only their third game the boys looked like real veterans, breaking the lines and switching the ball around. Early play was inspired by the James-Wurzel twins who captained the team today with aplomb. Their Baron-Schneider type pre match address woke the Stars up and inspired a bear-hug tackle from the coach pre toss of the coin. Across the 4 quarters, the backline held firm and the mids and forwards worked hard to ensure we hit the scoreboard regularly. The opposition were tough - they were always going to be with multiple sons of AFL legends playing against them, but the Stars more than held their own. One can almost see many of the young Stars running out for the main senior Jacka's side in the years to come.

U9 Rockets

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U9 Stars

The Stars hosted Prahran today at home. The two Josh's led the team out and urged them to play hard and to play like their favourite players. The team responded with a strong start in a tight game. The whole day was one of high pressure and lots of players around the contest. The Stars were up to the task and able to play some great team footy during the day. The highlight for the coaches was the tackling efforts and hard ball gets. Dylan set the benchmark for tackling early, Jake harassed well, Levi bought his A-game, Joel Krause was everywhere, JJ bombed a long goal after a hard ball get by Lex, Nadav was in and under as always, Ethan snagged another sausage roll, Zac O provided plenty of drive and Oren repelled numerous attacks. We did get a bit loose in the last quarter in terms of manning up when the opposition has the ball, so we will work on that at training this week. All up another good game for the Stars and pleasing to see the group continue to improve.



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U10 Rockets

This week's game was against St Peters FC and by the size of many of the boys in this team, it looked like it was going to be a tough encounter but with the way the U10 Rockets have been playing and training this year, we all know we can match it with any team. From the opening bounce, St Peters FC were introduced to U10 Rockets trademark brand of football. Hard, contested footy where our boys continually win the hard ball and boot long to an open forward line and we were again rewarded with multiple goals. There were some quality players on the other team yet they were continually harassed and pressured which created turn over after turn over. We were undersized in many of the key positions, but the U10 Rockets played with discipline, focus and rarely allowed the opposition any easy marks and either brought the ball to the ground or out positioned their opponent to take the mark. It was a fantastic game of football enjoyed by all. This U10 Rockets team has really gelled and it's a privilege to see how they play for one another. They hunt the ball in packs, run hard to help each other or make space and play team football. They wear the jumper with great pride and sing the team song with passion. Looking forward to watching the U10 Rockets continuing to learn, improve, grow and most importantly have fun.

Go U10 Rockets..... Go Ajax...



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U10 Stars

The Stars headed back to the scene of one of their triumphs from 2017, King George Reserve in Bentleigh, where they played the lightning carnival. The opposition today was strong and given that the Demons scored a goal within the first 20 seconds of the match, it looked like it could be a difficult match for the boys. However, the coaches swiftly moved Ethan Millman onto Bentleigh's prime mover in the middle and the momentum swung in favour of the Stars as he wore the no.18 down and the quarter progressed. The boys then took charge across the ground, and were led by Ari Younger in the middle. The famous number 4 dominated the midfield, both on the ground and in the air, pumping the ball forward and giving numerous opportunities to those in the forward line. Ari was best on the ground at quarter time. Meanwhile, Taj Gross also took control across the middle, bombing a huge bouncing goal and the other opportunities were gobbled up in the forward half by Adin Boymal and then ultimately Jonty goaled just before the quarter-time siren. In the second quarter, the football department's off-season recruiting strategy of identifying young Jewish left-footers began to bear fruit. The coaches have supplemented the talented squad with some quality left-sided players. The Ajax U10 Stars have brought in two exceptional raking left-footers: Ari Gordon and Gabe Paluch. Even James Rotstein's left foot kicking made a welcome return from injury today and the three of them combined for a number of great centre clearances, thanks to superb tap work from Ollie Rose in the ruck and plays that ultimately landed in Rotstein's arms at centre half forward. Taj was also not to be left out, having already played a super first quarter, he goaled again, this time through a sublime left-foot banana. Clever coaching Jeffa! In the third quarter, Jarrah Borowski dominated across the backline, even getting a free kick from the reluctant umpire at one stage. Regardless, the big number 2 stamped his authority on the central corridor, repelling many Bentleigh thrusts and combining with the determined midfielders to keep resisting Bentleigh and pressing forward all the while. In the final quarter, Bentleigh got a couple of early goals but the defence stood firm and the game reached parity as the quarter progressed. Jonty also decided that he would give Bentleigh a piece of his mind when he was faced with a 1 on 3 high ball bombing into the forward line. He promptly attacked the marking contest, left the Bentleigh defenders splayed across the turf, ran around their stupefied defensive efforts and dobed a brilliant goal from distance. The boys continued to have shots at goal through the quarter, also highlighted by a powerful mark and shot on goal by Eden Castelan, who capped off a fine game of straight unrelenting attack, a profile that the coach has burned into all of the boys over the offseason. All up a fantastic effort by the boys against quality opposition. Apologies for those not mentioned this week, efforts will be made to mention the full squad in weeks to come, but there is no doubt that the evenness of the side is becoming one of its strengths. The improvement in skills and determination across all lines in the side is self-evident. Great work by the coaches and the whole team. Great support from everyone who came to watch today.



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U11 Rockets

Ajax 11.6 (72) def Bentleigh 6.7 (43)

Goals: Lakman 3 Cohen, Krasnostein, Rothfield 2, Apelbaum, Gunn

Best: Cohen, Gasper, Gunn, Krasnostein, Lakman, Rothfield

When the fixture for the first 4 weeks of the season came out, every player and parent had circled the Bentleigh game as one to get excited about. Last year we saw some exciting, tough and controversial games against the Bentleigh side including a narrow loss on the lightning premiership that gave them the title. There is no doubt every member of the Rockets were seeking some redemption.

The focus for this week was trusting your teammates. Use them and play as a team of 24 rather than 24 individuals. The first quarter was very tight and Bentleigh certainly were delivering our first big challenge of the season by going into quarter time with a 2 point lead. Gunn took a nomination for mark of the year with a huge grab and played an incredible first term. He was well assisted by a number of his teammates including Swiatlo, Krasnostein and Ickowicz. Lakman and Gunn were our goal scorers.

The coaches were excited to see how the boys might respond and to say they were fantastic is probably an understatement. The second term saw us keep Bentleigh to 3 points while we managed to kick 5 goals 3 behinds. Gunn, Lakman and Krasnostein were outstanding and they were well supported by Levy, Rubin and Werdiger. Cohen once again showed how damaging he can be on the half back line by continually intercepting the opposition attacks and pumping the ball forward. The highlight was seeing Hugo running into an open goal and rather than adding to his tally, he handpassed it to Apelbaum who kicked his first goal of the season. Krasnostein still managed two for the quarter, as did Lakman – who continues his incredible run of goal kicking.

The third quarter saw Bentleigh kicking to the scoring end and they managed to outscore us by 1 goal. Rothfield came into the game in the third quarter and kicked a couple of goals that were against the run of play and ensured we could hold onto our handy lead. With Jethro, Hugo and Samuel on the bench others had to stand up and everyone played their part. Gaspar was sensational with a number of fantastic efforts, Levy, Lakman, Goldwasser, Mooseek and Rubin were a wall in defense and Cohen and Kagan were helping Liam in the middle. Mehl provided a good presence at Centre Half Forward and his long kicking helped our forwards find scoring opportunities.

The last quarter saw us outscore the opposition by 7 points and give us a 29 point victory. Mehl was good in the ruck while Naphtali continued his great 'team first' game by tagging #3 for Bentleigh. The two Dylans and Fink managed to keep moving the ball forward allowing the forward group some scoring opportunities. It was Nathan Cohen who took those opportunities and turned them into goals with two fantastic goals much to the enjoyment of this week's team runner. It was particularly impressive from Nathan after being severely winded earlier in the game. It was great to see Felbel and Althaus get amongst some possessions up forward and help the team.



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U11 Stars

Ajax 12.17 (89) def Prahran 2.1 (13)

Goals: Pitt 4, Alford 2, Greenberg 2, Zukerman 2, Borsky, Micmacher

Best: Greenberg, Janover, Katz, Pitt, Zukerman

After a strong training session this week, the U11s carried the new training methods into today's game in a smooth transition. The focus was to share the ball around so all players had the opportunity to get involved and display their fine skills. With consecutive home games, we began the first quarter with another fast start booting the first 3 goals 5 behinds to nil, with our midfield sending the ball to the forwards creating many opportunities. The ball was locked in our forward zone and the opposition was unable to get the ball to the other end. The second quarter was another dominant display kicking 5 goals 5 behinds. The tackling was ferocious and this created many options for the runners to send the ball up forward. The second half was another fine display of hard tackling and fast running. Great play came from defence set up by Noah Klein, Manny Micmacher, Asher Moalem and Matthew Reichenberg. We held the opposition to only 2 goals for the game. Other notable contributions also came from Ethan Greenberg, Raph Schwartz and Woody Weissman. As Jonah said at ¾ time...there's nothing else to say. It was a wonderful team effort today and we all know we can develop further this season and continue on to get better and better. By the way, we also kicked our highest score of the season (so far!) kicking 12 goals with too many behinds...17! Well done to our captains today James Degen and Zev Taubman.

U12 Comets

Ajax 9.11 (65) def St Peters 1.3 (9)

Goals: Haeata 2, Balter, Flinkier, Hart, Mimeran, Nussbaum, Schwarz, Sormann

Best: Edwards, Hart, Mimeran, Nussbaum, Sormann, Suss

The Comets had been licking their wounds all week, after a four goal loss, and were expected to bounce back hard this week. The boys did not let us down putting in a polished performance on the scoreboard to run away easy winners. We spent a great deal of time during the week working on contested football, both around the ground and particularly in the air. It was great to see their commitment to the contest which was the shining light throughout the game. In the first half, Sormann was everywhere, working both ways as a polished midfielder. Hart and Edwards up forward were presenting at every opportunity, and both put in great games. A number of players put their bodies on the line, time and time again. Adi Suss, Moss and Hesky were courageous in the backline, and helped repel multiple attacks. In the third quarter we got caught kicking the ball to the dead side of the ground which made the game quite congested and we were unable to spread and switch. However, a slight adjustment and in the last quarter we started to run to space which opened up the game and allowed us to put on some score board pressure. Nussbaum centred one to Schwartz, who goaled. Balter snapped truly, and Mimeran kicked one to close out a great win. The competition has got a lot tougher, and the boys are going to have to work like they did today to be a competitive outfit. It is the complete effort of the WHOLE team and each boy playing a role that will lead to on field success.



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U12 Jets

Ajax 9.6 (60) def Oakleigh 3.7 (25)

Goals: Chrapot 2, Aladjem, Gelbart, Gottlieb, Houseman, Rheuben, Rockman, Segal

Best: Cohen, Gottlieb, Gross, Kranz, Rockman, Segal

The U12 Jets played Oakleigh away today at a ground that haunted us last season due to the size and shape of the ground. The Jets have come a long way in 1 year and the ground looked a lot smaller this year because of increased running ability. The Jets jumped out of the blocks again today with a 3 goal start but scoring from that point on was harder as Oakleigh really lifted their run and carry creating loose men across half forward. The Jets' tackling also looked below par as the Oakleigh mids sliced through our mids and defence with ease. But the Jets lifted at ¾ time as captain Gottlieb, Kranz and Rockman cut loose in the midfield to drive the Jets forward time and time again. Segal was unstoppable in the midfield and also converted a crucial goal late in the game to seal the win for the Jets. Cohen was courageous all day and his ground ball winning ability was a lesson to all running players while Rheuben, Paneth and Farkas had immediate impact coming into the side for the first time this year. So, another good win for the Jets with the plan to work on our tackling and manning up in defence a priority for this week at training. Well done to the Jets and Go Jackas.

U13 Comets

Hampton Rovers 6.13 (49) def Ajax 3.3 (21)

Goals: Pike 2, Smorgon

Best: Faigen, Grodski, Kister, Nathan, Pike

An early game and some tired faces told the story of the match for the Comets, who hung in there but never really got going on a beautiful morning away to Hampton Rovers. The midfield lacked their usual dominance and composure which made for plenty of action for the backs. Kister and Grodski stood tall down there, as did Marabel-Whitburn and Michelson. Joseph presented well when used more centrally at centre half forward, and there was good tackling and endeavour shown generally. But the composure with the ball was missing today against a well organised side who simply used it better. A later game next week against strong opposition will provide a stern test but also an immediate opportunity for the Comets to train well during the week and return to their very best form.



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U13 Jets

St Bedes Mentone 7.7 (49) def Ajax 1.3 (9)

Goals: Goldfarb

Best: Carracher, Dahan, Green, Harris, Schenk

Today was a frustrating result and a bit of a reality check for our team. We got off to a poor start and despite a good stand in the 2nd quarter, struggled to work our way back in to the game. Considering how competitive we were for spells of the game, there is no doubt that we could be competitive with a team like St Bedes, on a good day, particularly if we continue to improve and grow as a group. As we said in our post game wrap up, we moved away from our game style too often today and it cost us. The positive side is that cohesion between our players will only grow with time. We've now played just 2 games of a long season, if we continue to grow and learn how to play our AJAX brand of footy, we will be a much better team by the end of this season. Despite today's disappointment, we will work hard on Wednesday to set up a bounce back, in our upcoming game against Murrumbena.

U14 Girls

Waverley Park 13.2 (80) def Ajax 0.4 (4)

Best: Y Alford, Baron, L Herszfeld, M Herszfeld, Slade

The girls faces their toughest opponent to date, with the Waverly Park Hawks having many girls well into their 4th year of football. Whilst facing an uphill battle all day, AJAX improved throughout the game and limited the Hawks to only 7 points in the last quarter.

The girls fought hard and continue to learn more each week in particular from the more experienced teams. There was no shortage of endeavour across the board, and Carlia Slade was amongst the best in her first game for the season. Strong performances by the Herzfeld girls, Yael Alford and Mina Baron were noted despite the tough opposition.

U14 Comets

East Malvern 4.12 (36) def Ajax 4.4 (28)

Goals: H Sheezel 3, Wasbutzki

Best: Herman, Kaye, Lowe, H Sheezel, Spicer

In perfect football conditions, the U14 Comets took on East Malvern JFC in a high-quality and sometimes bruising affair at Darling Reserve. The first quarter saw East Malvern take advantage of cleaner ball use inside their forward 50 translating to a two-goal margin at the quarter time break. Ajax fought back with a two-goal to nil second quarter with the on-ballers asserting their dominance at centre clearances, the forwards making better use of forward entries and the backline stoic under pressure. The third quarter saw both teams begin to show the effects of a tough contest in the heat with turnovers and missed tackles proving costly for both sides in a low scoring affair with East Malvern's sizeable height advantage beginning to prove a challenge for the Ajax players and coaches. Taking an 11-point deficit into the last quarter Ajax battled valiantly to bridge the gap ultimately falling short by a narrow 8-point margin but showing the gap between the two sides is almost non-existent with the difference on the day coming down to skills execution under pressure – a challenge to look forward to the next time these two teams meet.



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U14 Jets

Ajax 12.4 (76) def St Paul's 8.2 (50)

Goals: Jotkowitz 3, Alford 2, Mooseek 2, Barazani, Bierenkrant, Biran, Jaffe, Rose

Best: Alford, Gaddie, Jotkowitz, Shaw, Sunshine

What a day... It was a slow start and St Paul's seemed to control around the packs for the first half with us running second to the ball. At half time were down 3 goals to 6 and the challenge was thrown over. Be in front, guard the back of the pack and play on/switch. And boy what a response. We came flying home to kick 9 goals to 2 in the second half for an AWESOME come from behind win. The big men, Gabe and Saul provided lift, grunt and a highlight reel that we'll never tire of watching. They were ably supported up front by the Moose who slotted 2 and Rosey. There was Bizza who kicked his first ever goal using the outside of his foot. Then what about Ezra, first game, first kick straight through the big ones! Down back Callum, Behm and Lachie were the towers of terror. Reeling in everything, providing springboard forward and just holding the whole team up, especially in the first half. In the guts after a slower start the trio of Ben, Luke and Sabe started to win the football and gave first use to a dangerous forward line. Who together with Tatzi smashing through lifted the game to a whole new level. By the end of the match we were really finding the confidence to share the ball and run with it. This was a real team effort with everybody having a valuable contribution!!! So exciting to be a part of it.

U15 Comets

Ajax 17.20 (122) def East Brighton 1.5 (11)

Goals: Ostilly 4, Kanat 3, Flinkier 2, Shostak 2, Carp, Ehrlich, Jacobs, Kavallero, Nissen, Rajch

Best: Carp, Ehrlich, Kanat, Ostilly, Spark

U15 Jets

Ormond 12.13 (85) def Ajax 3.4 (22)

Goals: Atzman, Dzienciol, Rostkier

Best: Braby, Felbel, Klooger, Reitberger, Rostkier

We asked the boys to commit to the process this week and work hard as a group to lift our performance and this is what was delivered in the first half. All 23 players contributed to a competitive performance lead by captains Coby Felbel and Dylan Hershan and vice-captain Dion Klooger. Jake Schwarz was on fire early and newcomer Harley Reitberger was hard at the contest. Unfortunately that is where it ended and after a couple of injuries and a undisciplined act that led to one of our players being sent off things turned and Ormond took control of the game. After the game the commitment of the group was called into question and we asked for everyone to go away and think about the season so far and what they want to achieve going forward. We have absolute belief in this group of boys that if all 25 on our list commits to play and to the team rules and standards set at the start of the season we will be successful.



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U16 Comets

Bentleigh 16.9 (105) def Ajax 5.7 (37)

Goals: Sheezel 2, Freeman, Marabel-Whitburn, Yaffe

Best: Carp, Chrapot, Marabel-Whitburn, Schauder, Sheezel, Smorgon

Up against a bigger and stronger opposition was a challenging task. The first quarter got away from us quickly with Bentleigh scoring the first 5 goals of the game in quick succession. Whilst the balance of the game was also in our opponents' favour it is important to point out that AJAX continued to compete hard for the entire game. Every player got something positive out of the game and there were a number of inspirational 2nd and 3rd efforts, big tackles, strong marks and backing up of teammates. Despite a stronger opposition, AJAX still attacked each contest with vigour, each player maintained their focus on the ball throughout the game and, at times, used it well. This game was all about the learning journey towards continual improvement and we will ready ourselves for another battle with Bentleigh later in the season.

U17 Comets

Ajax 19.15 (129) def Murrumbeena 3.4 (22)

Goals: Gold 6, Michelson 4, Cowan 3, Zielinski 2, Antman, Schwartz, Siegel, Smart

Best: Efron, Gold, Michelson, Schwartz, Smart

In another dominant display, the U17 Comets had a 107 point win against Murrumbeena JFC. It was a slowish start compared to the first two rounds, and a fluky wind led to some inaccurate kicking for goal early in the game; however, the boys remained focused. The pressure they applied led to turnovers which they capitalised on fully. There were winners all over the ground and, once again, the support and team play was a real highlight. As has become the pattern this season, the players' flexibility was on display, with many players tried and succeeding in multiple positions.

A 12 goal to 1 second half reflected the team's commitment and work rate in playing the game to the final siren without moving into cruise control.

The game ended on a sombre note. One of the opposition player's mother had passed away the night before. To our team's great credit, they waited and applauded the player as he left the ground before exiting themselves. It was an emotional moment for all who were there. The players are to be commended for the respectful manner in which they conducted themselves in the wake of this sad event.



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