



THE WRAP

Round 5

Happy Round 5 Mothers Day. A number of teams struggled to continue their early season form. However, the U11 Rockets, U14 Comets and U17 Comets did have impressive wins. The U14 Girls came agonisingly close losing by just 2 points. Their first win is just around the corner. The girls team feature in an article on the league's site: <http://smjfl.com.au/ajax-shares-excitement-over-first-junior-girls-team/>

Be sure to check out the club's [website](#) for our leading goalkickers and upcoming [milestones](#).

Bradley Shostak celebrating 50 games



Instagram

@AJAX_JFC

THE WRAP

Around the grounds





THE WRAP

Around the grounds



THE WRAP

Around the grounds





THE WRAP

Around the grounds



THE WRAP

Around the grounds





THE WRAP

Around the grounds



THE WRAP

Around the grounds





THE WRAP

Results

U8 Rockets

Being new to this 'kid playing footy' caper, there was some mirth when we were informed there would be a re-grading of the division after 4 rounds. Seriously, in under 8s? Yes, seriously, and so we learned this week that there had been a reshuffle and we were now slated to play against different sides. However, despite us thinking we had slayed the vampires last weekend, it seems we only doused them and like their cousins, the gremlins, this had caused them to multiply as we now have two East Brighton teams in the competition. Having said that, we were drawn to play St Pauls McKinnon this week, the first time we have had an opponent not from the eastern part of their suburb. They were new to our league, which meant our forward scouts had not yet been able to see them in action and report back on game style. Little did this faze the Rockets as they suited up in black shorts and took all before them. In fact, it was a goal feast, although that was merely the end result of a superb team performance with desperation and desire on every line. The team are clearly gelling beautifully, although the coaches are bamboozled as to the reason for this, noting the muted response and odd hand in the air in response to the coach's impassioned pre-game question, who's listening to me? The day's highlight however was the new record set by one of our opposition players for most cartwheels recorded during a game. Congrats to her and the StPM club.

U8 Stars

The Stars and their mums couldn't wait for the chance to take on St Bedes Mentone. I mean, who wouldn't want to be in Mentone at 7.45am on mother's day? On a beautiful Sunday early morning, the Stars, as always got away to perfect start. 3 Star goals put immediate score board pressure on the home team. Onlookers weren't surprised by this start. The stirring speeches made by team captains Tal and Ami showed leadership and a level of commitment that all the boys knew they had to follow. Additionally, the pre match, half time and post-match addresses made by some of our mothers left the boys hearts feeling warm and fuzzy all over, even if their bodies weren't feeling that same level of warmth. It was a hard slog. Ebbs and flows were apparent throughout the game, as the Stars tried their best to stop one particular St Bedes forward (who would give Dusty a run for his money). We were all so proud in the way that the Stars stuck to their guns to eventually limit his influence. Just like the first quarter, the Stars bolted home again kicking multiple goals in the final quarter, reinforcing belief in the boys of their own abilities. The team continues to attack the ball with vigor and their skills as well show improvement week on week. The Stars boys have come so far with new names popping up each week impressing the coaching panel with their progress. Onwards and upwards boys.



THE WRAP

Results

U9 Rockets

The U9 Rockets were in enemy territory this week against the Oakleigh Chargers. Led out by our captains Ami and Sacks, the boys were keen to "do it for their mums" on Mother's day. Right from the start, it was clear the boys were switched on and the first quarter was full of pressure from both sides. Remy and Sacks laid tackle after tackle and Gelfand was steady as always in defence. Oliver stopped a certain goal by taking on 3 Oakleigh players and drove the ball long out of the danger zone. In the 2nd and 3rd quarters, it all came together for the Rockets. Smorgon and Kave were unstoppable around the ball and a real highlight was the way the boys started to link up together as a team. Numerous times the ball moved through the zones without the ball touching the ground through great handballs, accurate kicking and solid marks. In a beautiful piece of play, Miselowski marked in the centre and found Oliver, who in turn got the ball to Kave who then passed beautifully to Feldman out of the goal square on a lead. It rained goals with Rosenberg, Kalb, Suss, Smorgon and Szwarc all hitting the scoreboard and Sher also got reward for great effort with a clever goal - his first for the year. The Rockets' pressure and linking teamwork was so impressive all day, however, in a great lesson for the boys, Oakleigh never gave up and outscored the Rockets in the last quarter. The coaches were so proud of the boys' effort and development but reinforced that great teams learn to play 4 quarters of footy. The boys celebrated a great team effort with their mums by all singing the song together.

U9 Stars

The Stars took on Prahran FC at home today - with the boys super excited for an early Sunday morning start given the combination of it being a home game, with the sun shining and a special celebration for Mother's Day. The Banky boys have earned their captaincy with some exceptional footy this year, but their season highlight is now a stirring pre-match motivational speech, in perfect rhyme delivered in perfect time, shared line by line. The key theme was to honour your mothers with the effort, and all 24 players responded. The team has been working on manning up whenever the opposition has the ball for a few weeks. Last week we did this for three quarters, but today was one better with the team showing fantastic concentration and determination to match up on the opposition, and tackle hard for the full four quarter. This caused a lot of turnovers and kicks under pressure by the opposition, and makes us a very tough team to score against. When we had the ball the team showed a lot of dare to run and break free. The opportunities came through perseverance in what was a great outcome for the Group. It is difficult to single players out from a great team effort but a special mention to Jordan who is becoming a tackling machine and to Nadav who was absolutely everywhere today after a late call up. Mostly though the coaches are thrilled to see the accountable brand of football the kids are playing as a group, and their willingness to perform special roles when asked.



THE WRAP

Results

U10 Rockets

After days of wild wind, driving rain and frigid temperatures, we awoke to sunshine and clear skies as Melbourne gave us the perfect conditions to enjoy the Mother's Day Round. Parking was at a premium as the official crowd record was smashed with everyone wanting to see, for themselves, this exceptional young team the entire community is raving about. For the second time this year, the opponent was our fierce rival Prahran and we knew it was going to be a hard-fought challenge. From the opening bounce, both sides hunted the ball and tackled hard. This was a game of hard contested footy where very few players found the open space. There were a few dropped marks and skill errors due to the pressure being applied but what we did get was repeat efforts. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, the multiple efforts from the u10 Rockets to win the ball. They simply wanted it more. They don't just blindly kick as far as they can but look to find the open player by hand or foot. This game was a low scoring grind compared to the previous free flowing encounter and what separated the two teams was the u10 Rockets having a greater desire to win the hard ball, to perform the 1%ers, to keep the ball moving forward and to never stop chasing. It was a fantastic game of football enjoyed by all and was capped off by the mothers joining the boys and singing a rousing rendition of the club song. Go Rockets, Go Ajax

U10 Stars

Clear blue skies and a bright shining sun made for a fantastic backdrop today for the annual Mother's Day clash between the Jackers and Port Melbourne. It was fantastic to really see all the boys getting into it, clearly excited to be playing in the presence of their inspiring and amazing mothers who (as usual) were left to run the show today. Shout outs to the mums for doing an outstanding job and showing the dads how it should be done. With so much talent and skill on display amongst the mother group, it was almost hard to focus on the boys who really played an excellent game of football. Boys you played with grace and panache, the skills on display today were clearly testament to the high intensity training you have been doing with your mothers in preparation for this week's game. Jeffa and Grossy, please take note for next time. Well done boys, another great game. You are all a credit to your brilliant mothers (and fathers). Happy Mother's day!



THE WRAP

Results

U11 Rockets

Ajax 12.10 (82) def East Sandringham 3.2 (20)

Goals: Lakman 3, Levy, Mehl 2, Cohen, Ickowicz, Kagan, Krasnostein, Swiatlo

Best: Cohen, Gaspar, Krasnostein, Lakman, Rothfield, Mehl

The U11 Rockets started Round 5 by moving up to Yellow Division (Div. 2) and facing the former club of West Coast Eagles and Carlton great Chris Judd, East Sandringham Zebras. Mothers Day has always been a great event in the calendar for this team and this year we asked the mums to volunteer for some of the jobs. Helen Apelbaum took on the role as Umpire Escort and Naomi Swart volunteered to be boundary umpire. The first quarter saw a lot of attacking football and a number of behinds, fortunately mother nature had put on a lovely morning so our backline wasn't too cold as the ball kept going from the midfield to the forward line. Lakman, Rubin and Levy missed chances before a centring kick was put into the goal square and Dylan Swart brought the ball to ground for Kagan to snap through a very good goal. We took in a 11-0 quarter time lead. The second term saw us kicking with a slight breeze and with it came 5 goals straight. Our backline was superb keeping the Zebras scoreless. Some individual highlights were 2 cracking marks from Rubin, Apelbaum repelling a number of attacks, Sormann working hard to get back and Werdiger doing a number of strong plays including setting up a goal from defence. Samuel, Hugo, Nathan and Lakman all scored goals in the second quarter and allowed us to enter half time with a 35-0 lead. In the third quarter we looked to continue to apply the immense pressure that the Rockets had been showing in the first half. Our boys were going in harder than a bubba going in for a mothers day kiss. Goals from Swiatlo and Lakman took our lead out further before Mehl kicked 2.2 in what was an outstanding quarter for the big man. He had two thumping kicks for goal with one just touched but a follow up shot bouncing through for a sensational bomb. Krasnostein had been everywhere and he along with Cohen were dominating the midfield and half back. Toward the end of the third quarter the Zebras finally got on the scoreboard with a goal giving us a huge 69-6 lead. The last quarter we asked for a big effort from our boys. We knew the Zebras wanted to win the quarter and we wanted to continue the dominance. Whilst the Zebras finally won the quarter by a solitary point we showed a lot of fight, especially with key playmakers Krasnostein, Lakman, Mehl and Cohen spending much of the quarter on the bench. Ethan slotted through his third early and then a great snap from Levy saw us finish the game 62 point winners.



THE WRAP

Results

U11 Stars

Beaumaris 6.4 (40) def Ajax 5.4 (34)

Goals: Alford 2, Factor Micmacher, Moalem

Best: Alford, Janover, Katz, Marabel-Whitburn, Micmacher, Pitt

This week we came up against an opposition from division two, Beaumaris. With the ladder resetting this was a chance to get a head start on the rest of the competition. Three things were said before the game to the boys. They were, tackle hard, run in waves and be effective in our disposal (hit targets). These three things have been our strengths over the past four weeks and our performance is directly related to how well those things are executed. Unfortunately today we did not play a full four quarters worth of football and at times we were let down in what we consider our strengths. I'm really looking forward to when we face Beaumaris later in the season and they get to know a completely new and improved Ajax side. This week is a new week and let's prepare for a win next Sunday.

U12 Comets

Brighton Beach 6.2 (38) def Ajax 4.7 (31)

Goals: Mohr 2, Jacobs, Mimeran

Best: Casper, Epstein, Mohr, Newett, Rozenes, Wrobel

A cold early start was the beginning of a classic tight game in which both sides struggled to score, 4 points to nothing in the opening quarter. Great ruck work by Mohr and Hart was putting the ball in the hands of our key runners. With great run and carry by Baring, Epstein, Rozenes, Klein, Sormann and Flinkier - the team was consistently delivering the ball in to our forward line, with the play largely staying in our forward half. However, we couldn't capitalise – scoring too many behinds. Brighton managed to take advantage of a few break out plays kicking the ball over the top of our defence and running in to kick 5 goals straight by three quarter time to our 4 goals 7 behinds. Casper, Newett, Wrobel, Moss and Isaacs were strong in defence all day taking solid marks and delivering some quick rebounds - but in the end Brighton Beach managed to break through again in the final quarter and ran out 7 point winners.



THE WRAP

Results

U12 Jets

Murrumbeena 8.13 (61) def Ajax 2.5 (17)

Goals: Aladjem, Rheuben

Best: Aladjem, Chrapot, Farkas, Gottlieb, Lewin

The U12 Jets – promoted to a higher division during the week - faced their biggest test of the season today against the undefeated Murrumbeena at their home ground. The strong wind to one end was going to be a telling factor in the game and surprisingly after losing the toss, Ajax had the first use of the 2-3 goal breeze. The Jets were on the attack from the first clearance as Rockman sent them forward but despite the attacking and positive start, the Jackas were unable to convert enough opportunities due to a bit of stray shooting for goal. When Murrumbeena attacked with the wind, they were able to convert their opportunities a little easier and their general field kicking to position across the ground was the main difference between the 2 sides. Today the Jets learnt the difference between attacking with the wind and defending into it and overall did a very good job against a quality opposition. Celebrating the milestone 50th games for both Paneth and Shostak was a highlight with both boys again putting in strong performances. JJ and Brad have both been important cogs in our team for several years and we can always rely on them to be tough in a contest.

U13 Comets

Ashwood 8.10 (58) def Ajax 2.4 (16)

Goals: Faigen, Greenberg

Best: Faigen, Graham, Kister, Nathan, Nirens

The U13 Comets put in a brave effort again today, a terrific first half where we had plenty of ball and great run kept us in the game in a tight contest to half time. We lost Nick Pike to injury before quarter time which didn't help. Unfortunately the opposition proved too strong and ran over us in the second half but we could still hold our heads up, great efforts from the back line led by Becker, Levy, Okun and Michelson and the midfield of Graham, Nathan, Nirens, Kister and Faigen worked tirelessly. Plenty to learn from our Division 1 opponents and today it was about pressure and making the most out of forward entries.

U13 Jets

Waverley Park 10.5 (65) def Ajax 3.6 (24)

Goals: Gaspar, Goldfarb, Worth

Best: Dahan, Green, Hershan, Lindell, Worth

We played a very good team in the Waverley Park today and even though we were beaten the boys showed great spirit. There were patches of the game where the Jets competed on even terms and scoring shots came in rapid succession but unfortunately we were unable to sustain it for the entire game. It was a good learning experience for the boys and I think despite the loss there were encouraging signs both as a team and for many individually.



THE WRAP

Results

U14 Girls

East Malvern 3.2 (20) def Ajax 2.6 (18)

Goals: Klooger, Baring

Best: Y Alford, Amira, Baring, Belfer, Cohen, Klooger, Kausman

For the first time this season the Jackets had more scoring shots than the opposition, pressing hard all day and unlucky to fall just short of their first win. The girls led into the major break up by 9 points, following goals from Klooger and new recruit Allegra Baring. Facing a strong wind in the 3rd quarter, Ajax held to be within 4 points at the final break, and fought all the way to the final siren. Strong performances were on display again from the on-ballers (Werdiger, Klooger, Amira) with strong support from Kausman, Alford and, Baring and Cohen. All the team contributed including the 5 new girls who have entered the expanded squad over the past 2 weeks including S Efron, Kascser, Slominsky, Baring and Pincus.

U14 Comets

Ajax 13.8 (86) def St Peters 5.6 (36)

Goals: C Sheezel 3, H Sheezel 3, Chrapot 2, Herman 2, Light, Potash, Siegel

Best: Chrapot, Herman, C Sheezel, H Sheezel, Spicer

With grading done and dusted and premiership points now at stake, Round 5 saw the Comets take on St Peters at the very Mother's Day friendly hour of 1:30pm at Centenary Park Oval. After injuries reduced the Comets starting squad to only 18 players, it would take a big effort to beat an opponent whose list includes two of the best U14 players in the competition. Matters weren't helped when one of our players was felled by a head injury 5 minutes into the game reducing the Comets to 17 players for most of the match. But as they say in football, class finds a way and the Comets never looked like losing from the opening bounce. The midfield asserted themselves straight off the bat with some clean clearance work giving our small forwards an early opportunity to get on the scoreboard. Harder at the contest and quicker across the paddock, the Comets showed what the combination of desire and ability can do when tested. With tired legs beginning to take effect, a couple of turnovers late in the game translated to easy scoring opportunities for St Peters but with the cue already in the rack, it had little effect on the result. Another big thank you to Saul Alford and Natan Fell who made it to the game but due to a technicality, couldn't take the field.



THE WRAP

Results

U14 Jets

Hampton 6.10 (46) def Ajax 4.4 (28)

Goals: Biran, Edwards, Gunn, Shaw

Best: Edwards, Fell, Gaddie, Shaw, Sunshine

Today was a frustrating game. We started well, which had been a big weakness. However we did not really capitalise on our chances in the first, but the game was well balanced. In the second, kicking with the wind, we seemed a little sluggish and Hampton got their running game going. The third, we fought it hard, however some great defending from their CHB set up a series of forward forays for them and they surged in front. The fourth we lifted. There was a real sense of urgency about our game and we managed to kick a few goals and put the game in the balance. However Hampton finished strongly for a deserved win. Our best was good enough, however that needs to be a 4 quarter effort against good teams.

U15 Comets

Bentleigh 9.11 (65) def Ajax 6.3 (39)

Goals: Jacobs 2, Efron, Flinkier, Israel, Spark

Best: Bergman, Efron, Mitsel, Peker, Shostak

U15 Jets

Caulfield 10.12 (72) def Ajax 9.7 (61)

Goals: Atzmon, Dzienciol, Felbel, Katz, Mattatia

Best: Felbel, Goldberg, Maman, Reitberger, Rostkier

After a great win last week against a top side in the competition the boys came out firing, focused and committed in the first quarter. Before the game we called on everyone to contribute and commit to a 4 quarter effort but unfortunately coming up against the bottom team who were winless for the past 4 weeks this was where it ended. Apart from some great efforts from Harley Reitberger and skipper Coby Felbel whom bobbed up with 4 goals this was where it ended for the group. This was a season defining moment where the boys hopefully have realised that you can not win footy games without the entire team focused and committed to putting in the effort. We believe in the group that we can be successful but it needs to come with effort and hopefully this will come in the coming weeks.



THE WRAP

Results

U16 Comets

Bentleigh 14.11 (95) def Ajax 5.5 (35)

Goals: Sheezel 2, Gelfand, Grodski, New

Best: Brick, Carp, Feldman, Herskope, Sheezel

U17 Comets

Ajax 13.16 (94) def Beaumaris 7.5 (47)

Goals: Gold 4, Krongold 2, Michelson 2, Oberklaid 2, Lincoln, Siegel, Zielinski

Best: Gold, Krongold, Lincoln, Michelson, Zielinski

The question leading into this this week's match was about how the U17s would respond in their first game in Division 1. The answer was an emphatic "Really bloody well". The change in pace and intensity was obvious from the first bounce of the ball, but the AJAX boys didn't miss a beat. Their attack on the ball led to many scoring opportunities and only some wayward kicking prevented the Jackas from going into the quarter and half time breaks with a bigger lead.

Beaumaris were missing several key players to TAC Cup responsibilities with the Sandringham Dragons, but that should take nothing away from the impressive manner in which AJAX overran their much fancied opposition. Corey Zielinski played a masterful game – marking everything in sight and exhibiting great skills by hand and foot. Benji Krongold racked up possessions all over the ground, setting up goals and kicking a couple himself in a dominant 4-quarter effort. Riley Michelson used his sublime skills, kicking an absolute boomer from beyond the 50 metre arc and providing a strong target up forward. The "O-Man", Brandon Oberklaid kicked a couple of hard won goals and Kai Gold added another 4 to his tally with another impressive display at Full Forward. The ever reliable and consistent Matt Lincoln was in and under and Brandon "Effie" Efron continues to impress down back. There were winners all over the ground as the boys look forward to their next game under lights next Monday night at Mordialloc-Braeside.

Unfortunately, the game was overshadowed by yet another serious knee injury to yet another Nirens. This time, last year's joint U16s B&F, Jason Nirens went down in the dying minutes of the game, just like his older brother, Brad the week before. It's hard to believe, but both Brad and Jason have suffered season-ending ACL injuries in consecutive weeks. I can't believe I'm saying this again a week later, but I know we all wish Jase and Brad well for their surgeries and we look forward to seeing them back on the track in the not too distant future. These injuries will heal and they will be back better than ever, but spare a thought for their parents Rod and Kim having to see their boys go down two weeks in a row.



AJAX FC

THE WRAP

Major Club Sponsor

teskacarson

Club Sponsors



GLASS



Victor Smorgon

Charitable Fund