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Footy was back on Sunday.

With a record 630 registered kids including about 80 girls, there were smiles all round.

This year the Club has 27 teams, which includes three girl's teams. Our Club has never been so strong. AJAX is such an important part of the lives of many families in our community and Princes Park was buzzing with excitement the whole of Sunday. Special mention to Izzy Milchman who kicked 10 goals 9 behinds in a dominant display for the U12 girls.

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## Around the Grounds





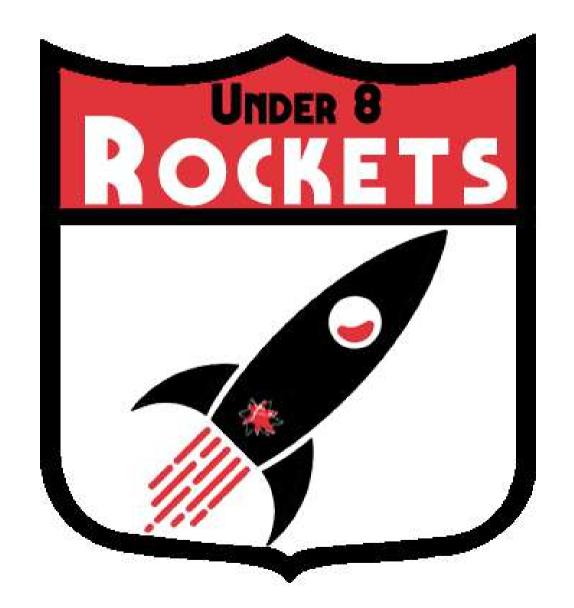
Congratulations to the Ritterman (aka Daniher) brothers for all four playing together on the same day.

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### **U8 Rockets Match Report**





Coach: Jason Ritterman Andrew Jackson

So keen were the team to get their season underway that stories of boys with boots on before sunrise were commonplace... For those that didn't sleep in them that is. And get their season underway they did, with two high quality matches as part of the 'Carnival of Footy' on Charleston Park. A free flowing first up match against the Knights saw the boys working together to transition the ball well from defence, through midfield to give our forwards loads of scoring opportunity which they took full advantage of. The second game against old rivals Mordi-Braeside was a more contested, grinding affair. What both games demonstrated was there's lots to look forward to this season for the Rockets and that the pre-season work on a flexible game plan is already showing signs of coming to fruition.

All in all a terrific start - long may the positive energy (and sunny mid-morning games...) last.



#### **U8 Stars Match Report**





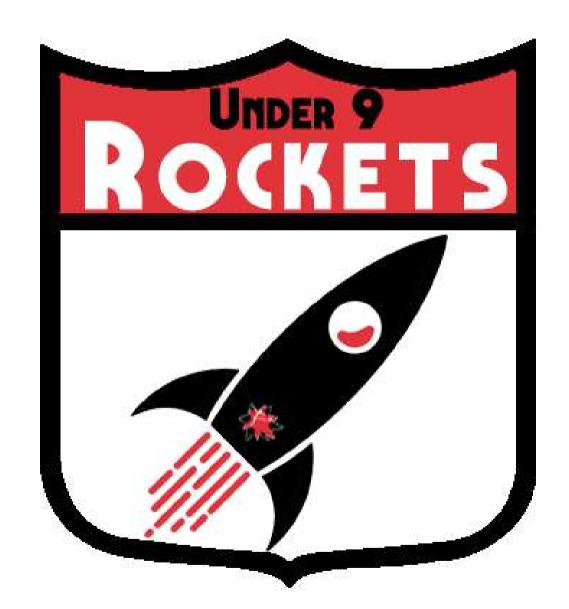
A mild Sunday morning was the best way to ease the U8 Stars into their first ever competitive football game. Facing not just one but two games of football in their first outing, the Carnival of Football at Centenary Park certainly had a festive vibe with parents, grandparents and siblings all eagerly straddling the boundary line to cheer on this new team. The team continued to try their best all game and the smiles after the games told the story. This was fun. This was footy. Here we go! The team song was sung with gusto - even if some of us are still learning the words - and we look forward to playing in our second match next week. The Stars learnt a lot about themselves on this auspicious day - and we look forward to watching them grow, together, as a team over the season.

Coach: Steve Ajzenman Ben Erlich



#### **U9 Rockets Match Report**





The Rockets stormed out of the blocks and opened their 2023 campaign with a gritty, hard-fought contest against a quality opponent. Each and every player stood up and committed themselves to the contest when needed and eventually wore the opposition down with their ferocious attack on the football and opponent. Our two skippers led from the front; Felman continues to grow as a footballer after a big pre-season, while Adler found plenty of the football as usual and impacted with every possession. Sochen had a terrific debut game which included a goal, while Bude and Chester also found themselves in the thick of the action in their debut games. Sutton got his hands on the footy, which was great to see. Schwartz and Friedman were both menaces in the midfield, chasing down everything in sight and winning plenty of possessions. Kagan blitzed them out of the guts and from stoppages with his explosive play. Ong showed plenty of dash around the ground, while Granek racked up touches and was strong around the contest. Slade-Jacobson found his sweet spot at CHB, cutting off numerous opposition attacks. Appel made the crowd cringe on more than one occasion with his bone-crunching tackles, while Lewski and Wiser finished off some good team play with a few classy goals.

Coach: Ari Lewski Jarrod Kagan



### **U9 Sharks Match Report**





Coach: David Gelbart Adrian Godlewicz

Given the massive responsibility of hosting the the first home game of the season for the club at 800am vs Murrumbeena, the Ajax Under 9 Sharks pulled back the curtain at Princess Park Oval 4 with a BANG!!! Four new players ran out for the Sharks today and all 4 were brilliant from the start and had impact all day. Well done and welcome to Jonah, Cohen, Harvey Davidson, Jack Gabizon & Matt Kaplan. Led out superbly by our first captain of the season, Zac Rosenberg, the sharks hunted early with Josh Godlewicz taking no time to hit the scoreboard. Goals flowed steadily all day from that point onwards and the Sharks learnt quickly to share their feed around to teammates in more dangerous positions. Fantastic passing and linking play was a feature all day and it was great to see Harvey Davidson register his first goal for the club. Ruckman Onas was superb feeding other sharks all day and Kotlyar was a fortress at full back as nothing got past. Overall a brilliant start to the season for the Sharks with every single player doing their bit for the Jackas.



### **U9 Stars Match Report**





Coach: Adam Joffe Simon Krampel

The AJAX Stars lit up Princes Park for Round 1 of the season, taking on Prahran JFC in a hard-fought affair. Captains Jacob Azoulay and Ollie Dickman set the tone with inspiring instructions, before leading their teammates though the banner and onto the hallowed turf. From the very first bounce, the Jackas were switched on with Levin, Ollie and Rath controlling the Midfield. A see-sawing turf tussle ensued but just as Prahran threatened, Michaels went back with the flight of the ball to take a courageous mark to wrestle back momentum. Silverman and Azoulay proved impenetrable at the back throught the match. Krampel, Janover & Joffe moved onto the ball in the second, breaking the game open to provide Buch, Isaacs and Jankie strong attacking opportunities. Trainer Mandy was called on to check Huddo for altitude sickness after his speccy, while Grosberg, Blum and Israel all impressed on debut! Levy pushed forward in the second half where his silky skills brought Borowski and Besser into the game as the Stars asserted control over the contest. Buch's kamikaze attack on the footy, Isaac's strong contested forward-line mark, Krampel's hard ball gets and Ollie's bravery were other notable highlights in a terrific opening encounter! Celebrated with Ryder performing a flip for every goal scored, the Stars sang the Jackas song with the same strong spirit in which they attacked the entire match! What a ripping start to the season!



#### **U10 Rockets Match Report**





Coach: Marty Dodge Osher Klein The U10 Rockets kicked off their 2023 season with a home game against Beaumaris. The excitement of the first game showed with the full squad available for the game. Captains Beggs and Nathan shared some inspiring words to get the team hyped up and ready for battle. After a slow start, the Rockets worked their way into the game. It was great to have six debutants for the team and one of those in Pitt put his name in the record books by kicking the first goal of the season in the second quarter. Miller was strong in defence playing as the last defender and repelled many attacks with Hoppe demonstrating his work rate and skill in the midfield. In the third quarter, Eckstein took control of the midfield by playing a kick behind the play showing great dash. Lipskier, Goldberg and Eckstein all kicked goals in the second half finishing off the great work by the forwards and midfield to lock the ball in attack. It was a fantastic team effort by every player. Go Rockets.



### **U10 Sharks Match Report**





Coach: Elliot Swart
Danny Gunn

The AJAX Under 10 Sharks made a start, With new players ready to play their part. Jasper, Ravid, Ari S, and Gabe, Were awesome with their attack on the footy stage. The first quarter was really tough, But then our defense became more gruff. For much of the next three quarters, we held our own, With eyes for the footy and teamwork shown. Our attack was great, but we need to concentrate, At training, we'll work to improve and elevate. Our opposition showed handball and overlap run, Skills we'll learn and add to our fun. Practice

do, the better we become, We can't wait for round two, it's going to be fun!

your kicking, marking, and handball skill, Go to the park whenever you will. The more we



#### **U10 Stars Match Report**





The Stars started 2023 off with a fantastic display in Round 1 against Beaumaris. With teamwork and pressure a big focus this pre season, we couldn't have started with better intent. The improvement across the group, even since last season, was really evident today. We requested at least one brave Anzac Day effort from each player, we were blown away by the endeavour all across the field. We had 2 Ajax debutants in Bella Chazan and Max Grinberg and another debut for the Stars in Cody Nowoweiski. The Stars won't find it this easy every week, but it was great to see the team enjoying themselves out there and sharing the goals around. The team goals that were created by pressure, tackling and selfless passing from team mates were really special. These acts lay the foundation for a great team environment this season. Everyone is looking forward to the season ahead. Go Stars.

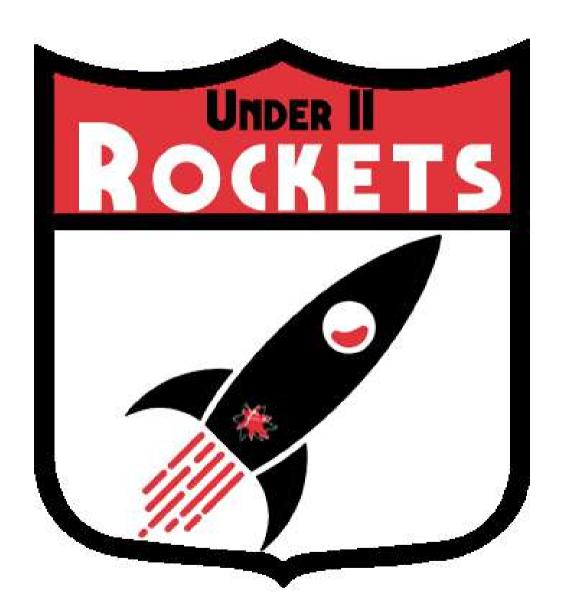
Coach: Noah Borensztajn Rod Snider



#### **U11 Rockets Match Report**



U11 Rockets 4.2.26 def East Malvern 3.5.23 Best: BUDE, GOLDMAN, GRANT, ROCHMAN, SHERR, WAJSMAN



Coach: Mark Lipshutz Evan Goldman Inspired by spine-tingling pre-game speeches from captains Burman and Bell, the U11 Rockets kicked off their season with a nail-biting three point win over East Malvern at home. Despite conceding two early goals, the team didn't panic and hit back late in the first quarter when Bude slotted a beautiful goal from the boundary. The team showed great discipline to force repeat stoppages in the dying minutes before East Malvern got one last kick forward. With the game on the line, Grant stood tall to take a huge contested mark and ensure the Rockets held on for a memorable win. The boys showed real maturity and resilience throughout the game and the attitude and effort of all the players was fantastic.



#### **U11 Sharks Match Report**



U11 Sharks 5.4.34 lost to East Brighton 10.7.67 Best: DAVIS, DICKMAN, LEWSKI, NORTON, OREN, PACK



Coach: Benji Schwartz Joel Queit It was great to be back playing footy in perfect conditions at Princes Park. Unfortunately, we were up against a very good East Brighton side who out bodied us at the contests and scored every time they went forward. Jake Davis was exceptional up forward, taking big marks and tried his best all day, but didn't have enough options in front of him. Lior Oren was outstanding cleaning up at half back and kicking goals when going forward. Benji Norton was unstoppable once he was able to get a run on and kicked excellent goals. Lewis Dickman ran all day and special mention must be made of a number of kids who played their first game of footy today especially Charlie Pack and Zelli Gordon who looked like seasoned professionals.



#### **U11 Stars Match Report**



U11 Stars 13.14.92 def Waverley Park 0.1.1 Best: ADELIST, AKKERMAN, FISCHL, JANOVER, PAGE, SHEEZEL



The Stars may have been undermanned but they were not to be outgunned. Ungar was selected Captain this week for his toughness and commitment and set the example, as the Stars channelled the ANZAC spirit. Over the day, 9 goal scorers got in on the action. It wasn't just the number of forward entries, but rather it was the way the Stars shared the ball and ran which was cause for celebration. After 3 years of modified rules and no scores, we can finally say with pride - We won! Well done boys on an all-round team effort. Enjoy the great start to season.

Coach: Marty Page Brad Akkerman



### **U12 Comets Match Report**



U12 Comets 12.7.79 def South Melbourne 1.4.10 Best: Raleigh, Cooper, Oliver, Gauvin, Goldstat-Joffe, Greenberg



Coach: Dean Mohr Josh Goldstat

Congratulations to the Ajax Under 12 Comets on a great start to the 2023 football season. From the first bounce, all players were excited full of energy and ready to put into practice everything they had learnt over the last two months in preseason. The endeavours in the first quarter were exceptional, from the backline who held their position, to the midfield who hunted the ball and the forwards who were the polish. As the game went on the coaches asked the boys to hold their structure, share the ball at the right time and focus on making good decisions with the ball in their hand. They implemented it perfectly. It was a great start to the season. Lots of standout moments lots of great tackles, but most importantly, the kids had fun and looked like they enjoyed every bit of it, setting themselves up for a great season ahead.



### **U12 Girls Comets Match Report**



U12 Girls Comets 21.12.138 def East Brighton 1.0.6 Best: GOLSHEVSKY, HOPPE, KATZ, KOLLINER, MILCHMAN, NAPHTALI



Coach: Josh Hoppe Steven Katz The girls were very excited to start the season in perfect conditions. It was a dominant display from our girls from the opening bounce. The midfield of Katz, Hoppe, Golshevsky and Naphtali dominated and gave the forwards lots of looks. Milchman was everywhere up forward and Susman slotted through two first quarter goals. Kolliner was superb in her first game back and Lewinsohn continued her great form from last year. A ferocious start by our girls today.



#### **U12 Rockets Match Report**



U12 Rockets 5.6.36 def Highett St.Pauls 3.5.23 Best: APPEL, KOL, LOWE, NEW, RALEIGH, WAIL



Coach: Cory Felbel Lachlan Hershan

The entire coaching staff and supporters were very proud of their efforts, and the victory was well-deserved. While our boys can be proud of their performance and victory over Highett, there are still areas that need improvement. Moving forward, the team will focus on our contested work and gaining better field position by moving the ball forward efficiently. We will work with the players to fine-tune their skills and decision making to ensure they are wellprepared for future matches. The team will also work on their communication especially under pressure. There is no doubt that the players have the potential to continue to grow and develop, and with hard work and dedication, they will be able to build on their early success and achieve even greater results in the future. Go Jackas!



#### **U12 Stars Match Report**



U12 Stars 5.3.33 lost to East Malvern 6.3.39
Best: AJZENMAN, DRESDEN, MITTELMAN, ROITMAN, STEINHARDT, SZENTAL



For their first match of 2023 an undermanned U12 Stars took on a full strength East Malvern Baxter. With no bench, on-field injuries and at times being a player down, the boys dug deep across four quarters ultimately falling agonisingly short by a solitary kick. But the result was irrelevant as The Stars overcame significant adversary to underscore their abundant talent, heart and growing maturity. The boys quickly established a smooth linking style of play that proved ferocious at the clinches - a brand of footy that will trouble many teams in 2023. Standout players included midfield bulls Max Steinhardt, Saul Szental, Levi Roitman, ruckman Nate Dresden and the silky Ollie Mittleman. They were ably supported by the non-stop run of Levi Grundmann, Dylan Small and Jamie Ajzenman. With 5 individual goal kickers every player excelled across the ground. From the coaches' perspective the match was an "absolute win" regardless of the scoreboard. The team will take a lot of confidence out of the game knowing that with a full list The Stars will not just be making up numbers in 2023.

Coach: Adam Steinhardt

Eden Rose



### **U13 Comets Match Report**



U13 Comets 5.3.33 lost to Oakleigh 8.10.58 Best: ALTER, BALBIN, CHRAPOT, HERBST, ROSENBERG, WROBEL



The excitement was evident as the Comets arrived at Princess Park to play Round 1 against Oakleigh in front of a home crowd. Preseason was focused but now behind us, it was game day. The Comets have been working hard on connecting as a team with emphasis on being tough, loud and energetic. Each and every one of the Comets turned up today and made their presence felt. The first half was a fierce contest. The opposition were a bigger side but that didn't stop us from competing with pace and precision. Our kicking was more accurate, we chased hard, laid plenty of tackles and brought the ball to ground to remain in the game. It wasn't our day but the Comets demonstrated they have grown as a team since last season and have what it takes to be competitive this season.

Coach: Matthew Lincoln
Dion Appel



#### **U13 Jets Match Report**



U13 Jets 4.5.29 def Prahran 4.3.27
Best: FAJERMAN, FLEISZIG, GESTETNER, GOLDBERG, JACKSON, SNOW



It was a thrilling contest with our boys kicking the last few scores to come out 2 point victors. The boys showed effort all day and worked hard for each other throughout.

Coach: David Feldman Joshua Kessell



#### **U14 Comets Match Report**



U14 Comets 15.9.99 def Dingley 5.4.34
Best: NORISKIN, OLIVER, RACHMANI, ROSENBERG, SLONIM, SMORGON



The Under 14 Comets began season 2023 with a strong performance at home against Dingley. Going into the game we put a strong emphasis on our ability to win the contested ball and get it outside to our runners. We were challenged early but it was great to see us respond in the way we did after quarter time. Some really good signs early and still a lot of improvement to come. Looking forward to next week.

Coach: Heath Judd Bryce Judd



### **U14 Girls Comets Match Report**



U14 Girls Rockets 16.13.109 def Prahran 1.1.7 Best: FRIDMAN, ICKOWICZ, JOTKOWITZ, LEWIS, PAGE, WEINGART



Coach: Lori Gunn Yael Alford On a beautiful sunny afternoon, it was great to be back at Princes Park for our first game of 2023. Led by this week's captains, Swart and Kramer, all 19 girls worked tirelessly, tackled hard and fought until the final siren. Ickowicz and Page, were dominant throughout the midfield and forward, kicking a bag of goals each. Jotkowitz and J Lewis, battled hard in the ruck and took some outstanding grabs. Stub and L Lewis kept our backline strong, only allowing our opposition to kick 1 goal for the day. While Meadows and Fridman, ran hard and didn't stop all game. Special shout out to 4 girls who played their first game for AJAX. The girls enjoyed singing the song together, it was a great way to start the season. Go Jackettes!



### **U14 Rockets Match Report**



U14 Rockets 5.12.42 def Beaumaris 0.7.7 Best: BLOOM, GETZ, GUTNICK, HYAMS, KLINGER, SHER



Coach: Gabriel Dukes Matan Slonim

The perfect conditions for round 1 at home with a great crowd were evident from the moment the team stepped onto the field. The early goal from Josh Gillis was just what the team needed to settle any nerves and build momentum. The opposition were clearly taken aback by the speed and intensity of the team's play, and struggled to get a foothold in the game. The midfield dominated with the team's co-captain, Oliver Klinger exceptional in his leadership role, driving the ball forward together with Lucas Hyams. The backline, led by Noah Sher, was resolute in defense, with Sher making several crucial interceptions to prevent the opposition from scoring. All the new players in the team made valuable contributions, fitting seamlessly into the team and playing their part in a dominant team performance. It was really a great start to the season!



#### **U14 Stars Match Report**



U14 Stars 2.9.21 lost to East Brighton 4.0.24 Best: EDELSTEIN, FIXLER, KATZ, KOLLINER, SIEGEL, SUSS



With the Premiership and Bar Mitzvah hangovers behind us, and after a long preseason, the Stars were excited to get the season underway in Div 4. The midfield started strongly driving the ball forward, but some missed chances saw the vampires score on the turnover with 2 quick goals. The Stars peppered the goals in the 2nd, dominating the quarter but missed some difficult shots on goal. The Vampires once again converted in the 3rd, while the stars let some chances slip to put scoreboard pressure on the opposition. Ultimately the Stars couldn't find the the centre of the giant goal posts at Elsternwick Park, going down in a thriller by 3 points despite outplaying the opposition around the ground. Still plenty of positives and learnings from the game that will help the Stars improve throughout the season.

Coach: Bronson Ritterman Kane Siegel



### **U15 Comets Match Report**



U15 Comets 10.6.66 lost to Bentleigh Highett 10.15.75 Best: BURSZTYN, COHEN, GROSS, ISRAEL, MOHR, PITT



Coach: Mark Levin
Adam Levin

Coaches asked for collective effort from all for the season ahead, for the team to be consistently in a position to challenge for victory each week. Against the physically bigger and stronger opposition, Ajax U15 Comets played as we have trained all pre-season, with fast ball movement by hand. Worked really well and Comets were rewarded on the scoreboard with a 5 goal lead late in the Q2. MIDs were proactive around stoppages, FWDs were manic but still maintained structure, and Backs defended as a defensive unit all game. The opposition finally got going in Q3 and took control of the midfield and their F50, to even up the scoreboard for a frantic Q4. Q4 was score for score, but in the end Comets just fell short in a game that could have gone either way. Team are proud of their efforts, with the belief in the team's ability to compete and be successful in Div 2, well and truly alive. Well done to the entire Comets team today, players, coaches and assisting staff. Looking forward to season ahead with much success to come. Believe Comets.



### **U15 Jets Match Report**





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Coach: Samuel Jacobs Adam Trayer



## **U16 Comets Match Report**





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Coach: Brad Atholwood Corey Schwartz



### **U16 Girls Comets Match Report**



U16 Girls Comets 9.10.64 def Cheltenham 5.3.33
Best: COHEN, GOLDBERG, GRUNDMANN, HERMANN, PELEG, ZUCHOWSKI



In the bright sunshine, the Ajax girls began their 2023 campaign away against Cheltenham with lots of energy and positivity. Captain Georgia Zuchowski set the tone with her clearance work, strong hands and dashing runs, while Stella Grundmann got her hands all over the ball with her hard running being rewarded with an early goal. The girls shared the ball well and used their quick hands to setup a 2 goal lead at the first break. Tahlia Hermann showed her class and composure finishing with 4 great goals helping to setup a 6 goal lead at half-time. A hard finishing Cheltenham was balanced out by the unwavering determination of The Ajax girls to win the one-on-one contests, help their team mates and keep taking the game on. A great example of how Team Success is built on the countless individual efforts that the whole team displayed today, and should be very proud

Coach: Philip Goldberg

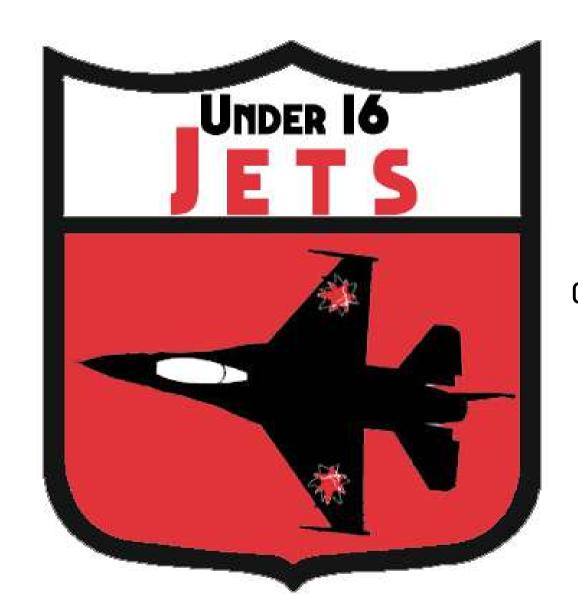
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#### **U16 Jets Match Report**



U16 Jets 14.18.102 def Murrumbeena 6.4.40 Best: FELMAN, LEWIS, LIFSZYC, LOWINGER, MUSHIN, NAPHTALI



As our season began the boys came out firing. Naphtali leading the boys out as the skippa with Robin and Apelbaum right behind him as our vices, the boys wanted to start the season on a high. Our backline was strong all day led by Owide at Full Back and Yehuda at Centre Half Back barely letting them hit the scoreboard all day with only 10 scoring shots in comparison to our incredible 32 scoring shots, helping us finish with 14 goals and 18 behinds giving us an incredible score of 102, and a 62 point smashing!

Coach: Joshua Rosenbaum Jamie Mooseek



#### **U17 Comets Match Report**



U17 Comets 8.11.59 def Waverley Park 8.10.58 Best: FELL, HARRIS, KRONGOLD, MEYEROWITZ, MICHELSON, NUSSBAUM



Round 1 started with a bang. 3.10pm at Princes Park it doesn't get better. It was an evenly fought contest throughout the whole game, after a slow first half we managed to kick away in the 3rd and really display the way we can play with an attacking brand of footy and taking on the game. A nervy last quarter found us up by 2 points with a kick for the opposition after the siren. All in all a good win, a lot to work on and bring on Round 2!

Coach: Adam Ossip Maor Chrapot





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