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Round 15

Round 15 completes the home and away series for 2018. Congratulations to all our teams doing their best each week representing the club and community with distinction. The following teams are playing finals this Sunday:

U11 Rockets

9.00am vs Beaumaris at Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne

U12 Comets

10.30am vs South Melbourne at Highett Reserve

U13 Jets

9.00am vs East Sandringham at Highett Reserve

U14 Girls

3.00pm vs St Paul's McKinnon at Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne

U17 Comets

12.30pm vs Northvale at Boss James Reserve, Hampton

Be sure to check the league site for any late scheduling changes.

Brandon Oberklaid celebrating his 100th game



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Around the grounds





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AJAX Junior Football Club Presentation Evening

Sunday 16th September,
2018

The Committee of the AJFC are delighted to invite you to
the 2018 Presentation Evening

This will be a great opportunity to celebrate a successful
season for the AJAX Junior Football Club and recognise
the players

DATE: Sunday 16th September, 2018
VENUE: National Theatre, Cnr Carlisle & Barkly Sts, St. Kilda
TIME: 3:45 pm for a prompt 4.00 pm start
(finishing by 5.30 pm)

We hope you can join us



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Results

U11 Rockets

Ajax 9.8 (62) def St Pauls McKinnon 5.2 (32)

Goals Lakman 4, Brott, Gunn, Kagan, Krasnostein, Simmons

Best: Gunn, Ickowicz, Krasnostein, Lakman, Levy, Simmons

Our last Home and Away again before the finals begin. A solid win was required to ensure we secured the minor premiership an momentum into next week's game. We ticked the box with a win, mainly due to a fantastic, with the wind first quarter, where we kicked 6 goals to none. From then on it was a physically tough and competitive game, with the side kicking with the wind winning the quarter. Our second quarter was a very challenging quarter. The boys learnt a lot about adjusting to kicking with the wind and then defending against it. Understanding the flight of the ball and putting themselves in best position to contest a difficult to read ball. Plenty of work still to be done in this area. The boys settled well in the 3rd quarter and worked very hard to maintain possession and keep the ball in our forward line. Apart from 1 lapse we did a great job. The last quarter was a very physical quarter, with St Pauls more interested in the man then the ball. To our boys credit they focused on the job at hand and their intensity at the ball. Although a little battered we finished the game off well and sung the song proudly at the end.

U11 Stars

Hampton 7.5 (50) def Ajax 1.4 (10)

Goals: Alford

Best: Alford, Janover, Micmacher, Swarcz, Zukerman

U12 Comets

Ajax 15.10 (100) def St Kilda City 1.4 (10)

Goals: Rozenes 5, Haeata 4, Casper, Flinkier, Hart, Isaacs, Jacobs, Sormann

Best: Casper, Haeata, Mohr, Rozenes, Sormann, Wrobel

Today was game 4 of the challenge we set the boys. Coming off the biggest win of the year it was important for the boys to remain focused on the task. Knowing the finals were in our sights we had to win and ensure that we gave ourselves every chance – but more importantly – that we finished off our year feeling good and with the knowledge that when we set our mind to it, anything is possible. From the opening bounce, the boys were switched on playing selfless footy. They ran hard, ran in numbers, shared and looked as classy as they ever have. Despite some incredible individual performances, it really was a team performance that enabled the boys to kick several goals and open the opposition right up. The quarter time address was full of praise and all the boys needed was a few clear instructions and to remind them that we had 3 quarters left to play and to keep their foot on the pedal. And that they did..... They were unrelenting in the way they played and by the half time break the question wasn't whether they would win but rather by how much. The second half was full of incredible moments where the team connected and played free running football to totally outclass the opposition. Ben and I are extremely proud of the playing group for the way they have approached the second half of the season and after an agonising wait today I am proud to announce that we made it and it's finals time.



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Results

U12 Jets

Beaumaris 8.7 (55) def Ajax 4.2 (26)

Goals: Aladjem, Gottlieb, Gross, Segal

Best: Farkas, Gottlieb, Pacanowski, Paneth, Reuben, Segal

In the final game for the year the Jets were looking to go out on a high and the day began well with the first 2 goals into the wind. On massive ground in Beaumaris, the Jets had their work cut out in the midfield and as usual, Pacanowski and Gottlieb led the way with great support from Paneth in the centre. Segal was inspirational with a solo effort in running around the man on the mark at half forward, playing on and kicking deep into the forward line resulting in a goal to a teammate. Farkas provided great run on a wing all day and Gelbart kept cracking into the mud and packs to extract the ball for other runners and carriers. Reuben was sensational again across half back defending and the repelling with run and dash. Houseman finished the game well and had the ball on a string picking up a stack of loose and contested ball deep in defence. A disappointing end to a good season with a lot of work still to be done on kicking skills and fitness for the Jets in 2019.

U13 Comets

East Sandringham 14.10 (94) def Ajax 2.2 (14)

Goals: Becker, Feder

Best: Feder, Joseph, Kister, Smithson, Zielinski

A lack of focus in the first quarter was addressed in the second, when the Comets took the contest up to East Sandringham and more than matched them for the quarter. The second half saw glimpses of our best, with Feder weaving and goaling, Smithson, Kister and Grodski holding up when under siege down back, and Joseph and Becker presenting strongly, to name just a few. But in the end a bigger opposition with more to play for proved their worth. It's been a long and tough season for the Comets in Division 1. To the Comets' immense credit, there has always been great effort and spirit shown by this group, which is what has made the team such a pleasure to coach and support this season.

U13 Jets

Ajax 7.2 (44) def Murrumbeena 4.4 (28)

Goals: Roff 3, Goldfarb 2, Cohen, Gasper

Best: Dahan, Gasper, Green, Harris, Roff

Whilst we made it harder than it had to be, today we secured our place as minor premiers! We lacked focus early on and were lucky to be within a goal at half time. However, following some harsh words, the boys responded well and brought home the win with a strong second half performance, with the victory sealed by a couple of late goals from Roff, to add to his, season high, final tally of 3 goals. Now the focus turns to finals footy, where this group is truly capable of achieving anything!



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U14 Comets

St Kilda City 8.7 (55) def Ajax 4.6 (30)

Goals: Aladjem, Light, Potash, H Sheezel

Best: Aladjem, Lowe, Potash, Schauder, H Sheezel

Perfect football conditions greeted the Comets for their final match of the season against St Kilda City at home. Wanting to close out the regular season with a win, the Comets, led by captains Sheezel, Light and Lowe came out firing with an early goal to Potash setting the right tone. But as was often the case this season, despite being the equal or better of their opponent in most facets of the game, the Comets struggled to put pressure on where it counted most ie. the scoreboard and when it counted most ie. early. The backline performed reliably as it has all year, with Wrobel, Kaye, Zohar, and Siegel rebounding strongly out of defence and linking up with the midfield of Alter, Schauder, Herman and Chrapot who often showed their opponents a clean pair of heels with their run and carry across the middle. The forward line battled bravely but often found themselves undermanned, undersized or out-of-position making scoring difficult and allowing St Kilda to clear the ball easily out of the backline. Despite remaining within a couple of straight kicks for most of the match, in the end, St Kilda showed that the difference between the best and the rest in Division 1 often comes down to one good quarter of football with another last quarter blow-out distorting how evenly matched this Comets team is with the competition leaders. Whilst 2018 could be classified as a season of “what might’ve been”, what can’t be disputed is that under the superb tutelage of head coach Steve Zayler - ably supported by assistants Levin and Spicer – this Comets team has developed into a mature, cohesive and disciplined unit that will be challenging the best teams in the competition in the years to come. Thanks to all parents, grandparents and players for a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding Season 2018.

U14 Girls

Ajax 4.3 (27) def East Malvern 0.3 (3)

Goals: C Efron, Kacser, Klooger, Slonimsky

Best: Amira, Efron, M Herszfeld, Klooger, Slonimsky, Werdiger

The Jackettes faced a faster and more determined opposition than in the past couple of games, but fought hard to finish the first quarter up by a goal. With some heavy running and tackling on display by the midfielders, the backs were also asked to step up and did so admirably repelling many pushes forward by the opposition in second and third quarter, and again managed to keep the opposition goalless throughout the game. The forwards were able to find a goal each quarter to finish with a convincing margin 27-3 by games end. A great way to finish the team’s first home and away season, finishing in second position and heading into finals in good form for the entire second half of the season. Good luck for the final girls – go in hard and give it a red hot crack!



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Results

U14 Jets

Hihett/Cheltenham 6.8 (44) def Ajax 2.4 (16)

Goals: Peleg 2

Best: Alford, Gaddie, Jotkowitz, Peleg, Sable

Today we were up against the second placed team who had lost once this year (to the top placed team) and have a % of 350. We lost by 12 goals to this team last time... it was a tough assignment. This week we won the toss (2nd time this year!) of course with perfect weather and barely a breath of wind, it made no difference which way we kicked – well done Jack! The boys were instructed to play out the year as hard as they could. Coming off the back of 3 weeks of GREAT footy. Instructed to, attack the footy, tackle to the ground and have fun! Each playing doing what they loved the most out there on the field. Also the flanks and wings were given special instructions about manning up in transition, as that is where we were really burned by them last time. What a FABULOUS effort it was. Again, like last week, there were no real stars, just a really good consistent team 4 quarter effort. Rosey held the full back line together magnificently. He fought, worked hard and thumped the footy miles long! There was desperation from Savo and Ezra. Across half back Behm and Callum were providing both resistance and drive. It's been a genuine pleasure to watch how these two have developed as both footballers and leaders this year. Raph and Zac Margis playing as tough as ever. Judah led the charge together with Sabe off the wing. Judah's work rate was phenomenal and Sabe's class came to fore with a gorgeous goal in the last! In the guts Saul played and ran hard against a flotilla of big men. Tatzi, Jack and Luke, worked, marked ran, tackled and provided the grunt we were after. Tatzi clearing a path and delivering it long, Jack taking contested marks all day and winning ground ball and Luke with hard run and a touch of class. Up forward Gabe was always dangerous and took a number of towering marks, including across half back and then working hard up into the middle. He also provided drive when in the ruck, a really great all round performance. Wally presented as a target up forward with his strong hands, always looking dangerous and also worked to the front when in the backline. Jasper was a key player in a number of our chains of handballs and kicks, Moose was swarming all over the fwd line. Yoav was a live wire and rebounding the ball back into the forward line and a key part of our running play. Bizza took some great marks up forward and finished the match holding down CHB against some of the best CHFs in the comp!!! A huge effort, especially given he was battling with a sprained thumb. Coby was working very hard in both directions and finding the footy until he was put out of the game. Thankfully it meant he got to the hotdogs early!!! Whilst we did not get the points we worked hard all day and really put up a huge fight against a seriously classy opponent. I could not have asked for more from the boys today. Well done!



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Results

U15 Comets

Ajax 12.9 (81) def Highett/St Pauls 4.5 (29)

Goals: Israel 2, Barsheshet, Bergman, Carp, Davis, Efron, Ehrlich, Flinkier, Jacobs, Nissen, Rosenbaum

Best: Carp, Ehrlich, Kanat, Mitsel, Ostilly

U15 Jets

Caulfield 15.11 (101) def Ajax 1.4 (10)

Goals: Atzmon

Best: Braby, Dzienciol, Mond, Reitberger, Schwarz

U16 Comets

St Peters 18.12 (120) def Ajax 5.10 (40)

Goals: Chrapot 2, Micmacher, Schauder, Zuker

Best: Brick, Chrapot, Deane, Freeman, Herskope, Micmacher

The final game for the season presented us with a realistic opportunity to finish the season on a high note. We entered the game on a positive note and with a strong message from the coaches to focus on second efforts throughout the game. Despite playing into a strong wind in the first quarter, the boys applied themselves and believed the four goal gap was gettable in the second quarter. This proved to be their best 20 minutes of the game and led by an outstanding game from Riley in the backline, there were some terrific passages of play and excellent teamwork, leading to the boys being down by only 8 points at half time. After a strong early start by AJAX in the third term, St Peters found another gear and unfortunately dominated the rest of the game. A disappointing end to a tough season in division one but nevertheless the message from the coaches was that every player in the team showed improvement throughout the season and should be proud of their efforts under difficult circumstances.



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U17 Comets

Beaumaris 11.10 (76) def. Ajax 8.7 (55)

Goals: Efron 2, Gold 2, Michelson 2, Krongold, Spicer

Best: Efron, Krongold, Michelson, Nankin, Ossip

Playing against arguably the strongest side in the SMJFL, the U17's made up for their lacklustre game last week with an impressive display in the final match of the home & away season. Despite the fact that all spots in the 4 were finalised before the game, both sides were highly competitive across 4 quarters. Beaumaris are a highly skilled and disciplined unit that have won Division 1 Grand Finals in each of the 5 preceding seasons. They had the ascendancy early, but AJAX rebounded kicking 5 goals to 4 in the second half. Captain Benji Krongold was outstanding, applying pressure at every contest, winning possessions and finding teammates with pinpoint accuracy. Up against the premier Ruckman in the competition, Brandon 'birthday boy' Efron played a clever game against his much taller opponent. Adam Ossip was finding space all over the ground, using his pace to great advantage while Ryley Michelson's skills and massive boot were on display throughout the game. The ever-reliable Hayden Nankin took it right up to his "Sandy Dragons" opponent, never giving him an inch despite a big height difference. The most impressive aspect of the game was the competitiveness that every AJAX player brought to every contest. They will need to bring the same attitude and spirit when they take on 4th place, Northvale in next week's Elimination Final.



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