



GIJFC Weekly Newsletter

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From the President

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to a new season of football. The Glen Iris Junior Football Club have over 400 players this year with 18 teams registered in the YJFL which makes us one of the largest community based junior clubs in the country. We are committed to providing all players with an opportunity to play football with equal game time to enhance the development and improvement of football skills and to promote attitudes of good sportsmanship, fair play and enjoyment.



Many hours of hard work has been put into the planning for this year. The backbone of the club are the many volunteers who give up many hours throughout the year. In particular the committee, the coaches, the team managers and trainers. Each of us have different commitments and therefore our ability to give our time differs from person to person and family to family. Any contribution no matter how small will go along way to ensure the club continues to be an enjoyable place to be a part of.

HAPPY HOUR – This SUNDAY – 5pm – 7pm (Hosted by the Under 11's) – Come down to Righetti to catch up with friends and family – BBQ for Parents and Players – Player Give away's by coaches – Major Raffle – Beer, Wine, Soft Drink – Its Our first major Function for the year and goes along way to help support the club – so come along after your game and enjoy , We will be auctioning off an Outdoor Heater, so come along prepared to bid.

Glen Iris Junior Football Club to receive Sherrins to the value of \$1000

thanks to Nick Gill's NAB Supergoal

Glen Iris Junior Football Club will receive 12 brand new Sherrin footballs thanks to the NAB Supergoal Nick Gill kicked in the Geelong v Adelaide NAB Cup match.

The NAB grassroots initiative will see footballs donated to an AFL player's nominated junior club when they kick a NAB Supergoal - a goal kicked from outside the 50m line - during the 2009 NAB Cup campaign. The monster kick not only adds nine points to the scoreboard, but ensures that a junior club will receive 12 Sherrins.



Nick was recruited to the Adelaide Football Club in selection 64 in the 2006 NAB AFL Draft.

Nick said he was pleased that his junior club was benefiting from his performance at the elite level.

“Junior footy at the grassroots level is the foundation of the game - it’s where you learn to play the game and develop a love for the sport. I think its great NAB is helping local clubs, I’m sure the footballs will be put to good use,” he said.

NAB has donated \$119,000 to junior football clubs around the country over the past three years. While cash has previously been donated, in 2009 NAB has moved towards practical resources by providing the much needed footballs to junior clubs.

Trainers

Official Trainer: It is compulsory that every team have one Level (1) First Aid Accredited Trainer

The role of the Trainer is to attend to players that are injured or in need of medical attention. The Trainer may deliver a drink to the players. The Trainer must leave the playing field immediately after. Trainers are not permitted to deliver messages. We need every team – to have a Level 1 First Aid accredited Trainer. If you wish to help or already have a Level (1) First Aid accreditation please let your Team Manager know.

The Next Course is on Saturday May 2nd –Pls email or phone your Team Manager for registration.

The Club will cover all costs.

Sponsors

Thanks Again to Pulse Pharmacy and Bennison MacKinnon our Platinum Sponsors who have signed up for the next 5 years both fantastic supporters of the Gladiators and to Label Makers Group our silver sponsor and our Sporting Partners Re-Creation and Rebel Sport as well as our Team Sponsors (see Sponsors page – Still teams available) for their commitment to our junior football club.

I hope everyone is aware just how vital these contributions are. These Sponsorships assist the club with providing players, members and residents of Stonnington with new and improved facilities at TH King/Righetti and for the day to day operations of running the club – ground use, umpires, insurance, association costs, maintenance, storage, etc. Junior Sporting Clubs rely on the help and support from the local business community and in return our sponsors rely on the help and support of our members.

Go Gladiators

David Hooper

President

Glen Iris Junior Football Club



GLEN IRIS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

START OF SEASON DRINKS

@ THE MALVERN HOTEL

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Under 9 Hanger

The Gladiators Under 9 (H) took on Richmond Tigers at Citizen Park in Round 1. The Gladiators played well as a team with all players having fun, getting involved in the action and contributing to a great team effort. It was pleasing to see everyone staying in their positions which meant that whenever the ball came out the Gladiators were set up to gather the ball and send it back into attack.

We used the ball well with lots of good handball to team mates and some excellent passing to players in the open. Charlie Wilson and Ned Hummerston received the Round 1 Coach's Awards for excellent efforts in their first 'proper' games of football. Well done to all players and thanks to the parents for their support—see you all next Sunday 26th April at 11:30 AM at Ferrie Oval when we taken on Camberwell 3.

Under 9 Vine

Dear Parents

Well, it was a great opening game for the U9 Vines with a good win over Ashburton!! Final score was 37 to 8. After a blistering first quarter (the boys told me we kicked 3.1 in the first quarter!), it was a great contest. Our boys certainly didn't lack enthusiasm. As coach Nick mentioned after the game, the positive difference in the team since two weeks ago was amazing, and we're certainly looking forward to the rest of the season with the boys continuing to improve, work together as a team and most of all, continue to have good fun playing footy.

Just a couple of reminders and additional notes if I may:

- - Water bottles and mouthguards. I noticed many boys did not have bottles on gameday. I will try to get some team bottles if we can, but in any-case, please ensure you bring mouthguards and water bottles to both training and match day!!
- - Gameday duties. Many thanks for those who helped on Sunday. Was a little dis-organised (first time for all!) today but I am sure we will have it sorted by next home game!
- - While it seems U9 this season does not require boundary umpers and is less "official", it still good to work with our central ump (thanks Paul C... great job) and highlight which side gets the kick when it goes out of bounds. Given this, I will still ask we have boundary umpers and work with Paul to officiate home games.
- - For those rostered ground marshall, your job is easy but important. Before start of game, please do a walk/scan of the ground and ensure there is no rubbish, needles or other items we want removed from playing surface.
- - Thanks to Jennifer E who bought Oranges/lolliies for the kids. Those rostered on this going forward please bring the oranges to the team huddle at half time like we did Sunday.... the boys reckoned they needed the energy kick! J

I am sure there is more, but thanks for all the support for the team. I know my son loved the cheers from the crowd in his first "real" game of footy. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Roster for next 3 weeks is below

Cheers

Scott

Under 9 Newton

UNDER (9) Newton's

Round 1

April 19 2009

Glen Iris N 0.0 1.1 2.2 5.4 (34)

Surrey Park B 2.2 3.2 4.3 6.3 (39)

A wonderful start to the season with a very determined effort by our boys. (The season did though start a little later for some than others. Coach Monty, welcome to Sunday mornings.) We played great football that belied the fact that this was the first match for most of the team.

Round 1 was a great contest between two very even sides with Surrey Park's tall backline successfully defending our many forward advances. The team was magnificently captained by Charlie Nadenbousch who provided great leadership. Eddie M. had a great game controlling the centre bounce, running all day and kicking 2 goals. We kept the ball moving with dashing play from Nashie, Tuddy (1 goal) and Hugo Mc.

The silky skills of Murch, Jamie and Marksie (1 goal) provided constant drive through the centre of the paddock. Charlie B. and Jack A. (1 goal) inspired the side with crucial tackles and great endeavour. Unselfish efforts from Nick O., Brownie, Jack M., Tom and Rex set up many opportunities. Sam must have sore hands after taking so many great grabs and Will demonstrated brilliantly that much thought and patience is required before kicking the ball to a teammate.

Well done boys, a magnificent effort – only 5 sleeps to Sunday

Under 9 Gnatt

Glen Iris Under9 Gnatts v Ashy Redbacks at ferrie Oval

You could sense the anticipation in the air. The boys had a great level of excitement. It was round 1 and they were ready. Will Clark was nominated Captain for the day and lead with winning the toss. With the previous weeks of training done, the improvement was sensational.

It was a beautiful day for football and the boys knew it. Each center bounce we cleared it beautifully and the talk amongst the boys was high. They all wanted it and they made sure they were heard. Ashy Redbacks couldn't get much of the ball in the first half. The Gladiators were there and wanted to control the play all over the ground.

Many boys showed there skills through the game and we finished with everyone getting a kick and a change of position.

Well Done. Final Score – We don't score but we won by 73 points !!

Under 10 Gnatt

Well its a great start to the season with our first win, but it shows us that Yarra League competition is not to be taken lightly. The final score 5.5 35 to 5.2 32.

Well done Harry Bede 2 goals, Mikey McPherson 2 goals and 1 goal to Freddie Osborn. With captain Ned Irving winning the toss it was hard fast footy all day. Harry Slobom, Harry Bede and Ned Irving presented themselves every quarter with lightning pace.

Well done Adam Collinson in the back line to save many possible scoring shots. Liam Honour, Jono Grimwade, Luke Nicolls, Sam Osborn, Charlie Dahlenburg and Eleas Kalfas all ran hard and tackled without fear to cause many turnovers in our favour. Harry Long, Stephan Lawrance and Emon Roderick all used their height and positions skilfully. Sam Bessell, Rupert Baxter, Will Shirlock, Tom Deighton, Mikey McPherson and Sam Hooper were so important in the last quarter to get us over the line for a tight win.

A great first effort boys, I'm so proud of you all.

Looking forward to a challenging season

Cheers coach Kim.

Under 10 Hanger

The Hangers got the season off to the best possible start with an emphatic win over Fitzroy at Righetti on Sunday morning.

A number of really pleasing things came out of the game. There were positive contributions from every player, we combined very well as a team and we followed team rules to a 'T'.

The boys will be able to use the win to reinforce that when we move the ball fast and play as a team we will be a very formidable combination.

We were brilliantly captained by first gamer Matthew Randels who won the toss and gave us first use of the slight breeze.

In the first quarter we had our brains switched on from the start. We moved the ball with speed and accuracy. The highlight of the first quarter and possibly the season was Will Koren's 4 goals. We continued on our good works in the second and third quarters. It was very pleasing to see that we didn't let up in the last quarter and kept our concentration and commitment right to the end.

Our forwards were fantastic, led by Will Koren with 4, Angus Nunn 4, Charlie Bryan 3 and James McNabb had a very impressive debut with 2 Goals. Our skipper Matthew Randels kicked a terrific goal in the second quarter & E-man was a tower of strength with one goal. Josh really worked his way into the game and was unlucky not to get a couple of goals in the last quarter.

centre bounces and gave the Hangers first use of the ball. Sam Woolley was everywhere and picked up a ton of possessions. Nick and Alex provided fantastic drive from the middle. Hugo L was constantly providing options and combined with a number of excellent handballs. James C showed that he has improved immeasurably since last year and was tenacious. Connor another debutant showed that he will be a very good player for the rest of the season with strong hands.

The back line was led by our General, Charlie Coleman, who took a number of telling marks and drove the ball forward with his big left foot kicks. Nelson played like a terrier, our four foot tank Ofek was tremendous especially in the last quarter. Gabi and Tom provided drive and Gus had a tremendous start to the year with a number of strong contested marks and by running straight and hard. Daniel our third debutant was excellent both in defence and later on, on the ball.

Well done boys, a great start and something to build on for the rest of the year.

Next week the forwards will go to the backline, the centres will go to the forward line and the defenders will go to the centre line.

Special mention to the boys who spent time on the bench who took their turn very well.

Final Score Glen Iris H 15 - 12 - 102 defeated Fitzroy 2 1 - 0 - 6

Under 10 Newton

Under 10 Newton Match Report – Round 1 - 19th April 2009

Gladiators vs. Warrandyte at TH King Oval

What a great start to the season, playing Warrandyte at Home. With 5 players away due to holidays and only 2 interchange players on the bench, the boys played at maximum pace all match. Great conditions for a fast open game, and that's what we played.

From the opening bounce we attacked – following our pre-match strategy, the key was to utilise our fast midfield and get the ball to our forward line and keep applying pressure. Robbie was magnificent in the ruck, winning over 80% of the ball with good clean punches. Will Colliver, Angus Tighe and Max Curtis took control of the centre clearance, directing play with good handballs and fast kicking.

The forward line and half forward group applied great pressure – Ryan at CHF and Charlie (JK) and Charlie B. keeping their defences under pressure all day. James Skeene and Josh Copeland also scrapped well for the ball and basically dominated the Warrandyte backmen.

With Joe Griffiths at centre half back we had a strong tall group through the centre and had at least 2 good tall jumpers at each ruck, sometimes 3. It also meant we could rest Robbie and interchange the ruck with Ryan and Joe, who both performed equally well.

The back line did not have a lot of work, conceding only 2 goals - and displayed great defence. Will and Tom Ormiston both played well in their first match for Gladiators, so welcome to our new guys. Will was injured in the third quarter and played on but had to retire. Alec was again excellent in our kick outs from fullback, with Guy and Charlie Burgess backing him up well.

Our speedy wings – Lachie and Nick – working with a dominant centre line meant we kept the ball in the opposition 50. Max was dominant in the centre, and combined with Robbie's great ruck work allowed Angus and Will to roam and do what ruck rover and rovers do well. A key factor we did not execute so well was our work off the ball – the shepherd work and positional play at times showed we need to work on that at training. Multiple goal kickers were Nick 3, Max 2, Angus 2, Robbie 2 and seven boys each kicked a goal – so a great team effort. Final score – 110 (16.14) to 12 (2.0).

Overall a great start and everyone had plenty of touches. **REMINDER**

Training – Friday 24th 4pm, mouthguards required.

Round 2 – St Damian's R, 10.00 am at Garvey Oval Bundoora. Melways Ref. 10 A10

Please be there by 9.30 am kitted up ready to go! White shorts. Please note rostered off players – and if anyone can't make it please call Mark or myself. Also note Happy Hour with BBQ and BBQ and mini-golf this Sunday at Righetti at 4pm.

Under 11 Newton

Match played at Righetti April 19th at 11.30am

Weather conditions - perfect football weather.

Crowd - Large and expectant

Competition - The Mighty St.Mary's

It was my first game back as a coach and I got lucky, a fantastic group of parents who are ready to help out at any duty. A bunch of young men who know each other well and look after each other and encourage each other. However with all that going for us, we were taking on St Mary's who traditionally provide very strong competition.

We had the full 24 players and that meant that every player got a quarter to rest on the bench during the game but otherwise had three quarters on the ground. I am not going to individualise in this match report but I am very pleased to report that on the day every boy contributed to the success of the team. In order to succeed and grow as a team we need everyone to contribute so that there are no areas where other teams can exploit us and on Sunday the strength all over the ground was clear and we did not have to rely on any particular boy to get us across the line.

It will not always be like this and we will have stiffer challenges ahead but the team work and constructive hand ball and string of passing that took place on the day was a real pleasure to watch. The small things like the smother and shepherding was really important and some of our smaller players laid some great tackles. Our backline was almost impenetrable and our rucks dominated play and our on ballers used that dominance to control the ball out of the centre and around the ball ups.

Our forwards fought to keep the ball in their area and the result I think reflected pretty fairly the dominance we had in the game. I will list the goalkickers but remember these goals were the result of the hard work of team mates further down the ground. It is team success and not individual success that we want through this season.

A special thank you to Richard Loveridge for a fantastic job as a last minute umpire - when the opposition is getting beaten and they have nothing but compliments for the umpire that says it all. Also a special thank you to Kelly for all her unrewarded work as team manager. We play the undefeated Hawthorn Citizens at their home ground at 1.00pm this Sunday and we will see how we go in our second match of the season. See everyone at training this Friday at Righetti from 5pm to 6pm.

Score - Glen Iris 9.17.71 to St.Mary's 1.0.6

Goalkickers - Heals 2, Barnie 2, Jonno 2 Shates 1, Ben 1, The Blowfly 1.

Peter Vine

Under 11 Gnatt

It was a tough match against the reigning premiers of gold division last year. Our boys put up a valiant effort against a team that was well organised and drilled. We can take a lot from this game to determine where we are as a team and what is now required going forward. Rohan and I will be focusing on the structure of our team with a number of plans depending on the ability of our opposition. We are looking forward to putting this structure in place in the coming weeks.

Most notable performers this week were Sam Guest as strong as always on the ball and in key positions, well done Sam. Austin Harding, excellent in his first up performance for our team, hard at it, a great effort! Jack Martin strong in defence. Ned Stewart throwing his body in as usual. Alex Brooke, a fantastic effort as back up ruck-man and Toby Warwick hard at it in defence and on the ball.

Goals: Angus McPherson 2, Sam Guest 1, Willem James 1, all great goals!

Well done boys for your first up effort. Let's get a win on the board this week!

Under 11 Hanger

UNDER 11 Glen Iris -Hangers

ROUND 1

Glen Iris 10-12-72 def St Marys (k 1-2-12)

Goals: J Maloney 2, S Mourney 2, P Kerr 2, S Hermann 1, D Clearihan 1, P McMillian 1, J Aujard

Best Players: A Celleni, P Kerr, G Velik, P McMillian, J Aujard, R Rando, J Maloney, S Mourney,

Great start to the season against St Mary's played on very hard and dusty oval out at Greensborough.

With limited preparation the boys all played well, providing great team work and enthusiasm that bought home a comfortable win. This week we play at home against a tougher opposition so let's all get to training and put in another tremendous effort.

Special Mentions:

John M first gamer with two great goals

Harry and Rupert strength in the game

Aidan great team play as skipper

Dan's form in the backline

Sam H dodge in the play

Mark B great skills

Happy Hour 5-7pm at Righetti is this week with the U11's on duty so therefore all Parents will be assigned a job...David will send out rosters

Thanks

Coach Paul

Under 12 Gnatt

UNDER 12 Pearson Trueman & Associates (G) Gnatts

ROUND 1

Glen Iris 12.14.86 def Greythorn 2.1.13

Goals: Lindholm 3, Secomb 2, Kelly 2, Bernardi 1, Kerr 1, Lividas 1, Starkins 1, Phillips 1.

Best: Randall, Stathmore, Hooper, Kerr, Lindholm, Jacobson,

Great start to the season against last year's brown division Grand final winners. We controlled the centre bounces with Strathers, Harvey, Tommy Kerr and Jack Giles giving our forwards first use of the ball. The forward line were playing in front – with Oine, Will Kelly, Patty and Lindy dominating – Ed Randall playing the small forward role brilliantly – setting up three of our first 5 goals. The backline led by Jimmy Ford and Ben Nicholls were fantastic with Alex, Charlie, Starko and a fine debut by Nic Jacobson keeping the ball out. Henry Secomb – kicked some nice goals in the second half. Bailey and Jack Murphy kept running all day on the wings – while some tough work around the stoppages by Bananas and Benny Deighton enabled us to record an easy win. We head out to St Mary's on Sunday – last years Runners up – which will be a harder contest.

Special Thanks to Jack Giles (skipper for the day) who is now back in Dubai

Under 12 Hanger

Match Report:

Hawthorn Citizens U12 - 8:12:60 defeated Glen Iris Gladiators U12H - 3:5:23.

Goals came from Luke Sexton Q1, Mitch Bulte Q2 and Tim Woolley Q3

Coaches Report:

Dear Players and Families,

Our first match represented a great opportunity to assess our skill levels, tactics and desire to win the ball. We learned a lot about ourselves and the quality of competition in the Yarra Junior Football League, going down to the Hawthorn Citizens 8:12:60 to Gladiators 3:5:23.

The Hawthorn Citizens were hard at the ball, talked, encouraged each other and demonstrated a high level of skills. They marked well all over the ground, kicked and hand-passed accurately and moved the ball well out of defence, down the ground and in attack.

We had some very good performers including Patrick Simkiss, Luke Sexton, Bradley Jacka, Josh Boeme, Mitchell Bulte, James Nolan and Jack Colquhoun. These players all demonstrated a desire to get to the ball first and gave 100% all day. Well done!

We know what we have to build on from here - the first step in this process starts this Friday at training! I look forward to seeing you all then.

Thanks to Timbo for the help and support during my first match as coach. Tim will look after the team this Sunday and I'll be back on deck the following week. Thanks also to the parents for their encouragement and support.

Cheers

Craig

Under 12 Newton

COACHES REPORT FOR UNDER 12 (N)

Glen Iris (N) 2-2-14 lost to Parkside 6-7-43

First of all, a huge welcome to all our new players for 2009 joining the Under 12 (N)'s in the Yarra Valley league.

With expectations high for a good showing in our first game, the score at the end of the game was disappointing for all players. However, there were positives which we can take into next week to demonstrate that we are a better team than last week's result showed.

The game commenced with the ball transferring from each team's half forward lines. Strong defense led by Osc Kewley at full back, ably supported by Olly, Ethan and Bucky, repelled many an attack. Up the ground Will Mc, Remy and Chowy were winning plenty of the ball and pumping into our forward line. Both sides found it difficult to maintain the ball within their forward lines and at the end of the quarter no side had kicked a goal. Parkside led 0.3 – 3 to Glen Iris 0.1 -1.

The second quarter ended pretty much the same as the first quarter with both sides still struggling to get on top. Score at half time Parkside 1.4 – 11 to Glen Iris 1.1 – 7. We weren't playing particularly well but being only 4 points down, there was still a significant amount of optimism.

In the second half desperation was shown by Tommy O, Jimmy Maginess and Nick Biggins (2 goals for the match) to attempt to get on top of Parkside, but Parkside's fitness started to come to the forefront. Our team started chasing tails and this resulted in 5 goals to Parkside in the second half to our 2. The game ended with a win to Parkside, 6.7 – 43 to Glen Iris 2.2 – 14..

Valuable lessons to be learnt from the game:

- Backmen need to man-up and be aware of their opponent at all times
- Wingmen need to transition from the forward line and backline to support their team mates in defence
- Small forwards need to lock the ball in our forward line to ensure that we are optimizing our changes to score.

Look at kicking the ball longer and deeper into our forward line.

Positives were:

- Attack on the football was excellent
- Ruck work and stoppages improved as the game wore on.
- Marking overhead was solid.

Willingness to support team mates

Training will be at normal time of 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Friday.

Next week's game is against Canterbury at Gordon Barnard Reserve at 11.30am on Sunday.

Stephen Godfrey

Under 13 Gnatt

The U13 Gnatts headed to Ashburton for the first game of the season . We had heard that Ashy were going to be quite strong this year and that proved correct . We were probably a bit rusty as we have really only just had a few training sessions and some guys haven't even played with one another yet .

However we started well and managed to kick the first 3 goals of the game – Mack Rivett kicked 2 and Gussy Borthwick the other – we were playing well and everyone was contributing . Ed Vickers-Willis was dominant in the ruck and continued on to be one of our best on the day – great start for Ed at a new club . Gus Borthwick laid the biggest tackle I can remember in the first quarter and we went into the first break comfortable leaders

The 2nd quarter was tight and our backline led by Tommy Amad, James Tivendale ,Sam Greenhough , Howard Webb and Jock Harkness held firm and at half time I thought we had control of the game even though it was tight on the scoreboard

Again another tight quarter in the 3rd with Andy Lambert kicking a much needed goal and guys like Benny Hays , Michael Krywyn , Papa and Sandy Mcfarlane giving us their all – scores were tied up virtually at ¾ time and the last quarter was going to be a dog fight

We were kicking into the breeze but we started well when James Tivendale converted on the run – however that was the last strike for us and Ashy ran over us in the last 5-10mins

I think we tried hard but were very rusty and the game will do us the world of good – we all need to get to training and work on getting to know how we all play

Ashy will be a good side and I'm sure we will get our chance to even up the score later in the year

Great effort guys and see u Wed

Under 13 Newton

Glen Iris u13's Brown

Glen Iris 4.4.28 def by Park Orchards R 11.7.73

We travelled out to Park Orchards for our first game of the season and found we had 14 players to represent Glen Iris as a result of injuries and unavailability. All 14 boys displayed strong work ethic having to play on a big ground alongside teammates that they were in some cases playing with for the first time. We tried to play the boys in their preferred positions at times during the match to gain an understanding of where they may be best suited buy the most pleasing effort was when we asked for a 5 goal last quarter which resulted in 3 goals and showed there will be plenty of spirit in this Team in 09

This week we play Kew 2 at 1.00 at T.H. King Oval so please arrive no later than 12.30

Craig

Under 13 Hanger

Our first game for the 2009 season was played against Bulleen in glorious conditions at Righetti. It was fantastic to see nearly all of the boys (and parents) from last season back again. Welcome also to our two new recruits Alex Silva and Nick Lockwood who both played excellent games.

I don't know what happened over summer but the first quarter was some of the best football I have seen from you boys. The team work, handball and foot passing was terrific and gave us a handy lead at quarter time. Paul Colman kicked two great goals followed by others to Nick Blaich and Tom Will. Ted Murchie, The Will boys, Banjo and Tommy G were great up forward.

The second quarter was also great. The back line lead by Asher, Anthony, Alex Silva, Ted Risby, Nick Edwards and Eddy Koren were tight and effective. Their was great work here by Tom Church and Willo on the wings whose tackling was great to see. Louis kicked a brilliant goal as well.

The third saw three outstanding goals kicked. One to Ed Koren who went forward and starred, one to Jack Will and the last a ripper to Nick Lockwood. Michael Phillips tried hard up forward against some big opponents.

At three quarter time we were 38 points in front and I asked the boys to extend to 50 which is exactly what happened. Goals in the last by Ted Murchie and another to Ed Koren finished off a great day. I must also make mention of our great on ball division of Charlie Koren, Louis Randles and Matt Clearihan who were just sensational all day.

Boys it was a great win highlighted by some great teamwork and ball skills. Lets keep it up and see how far we can go!

See you next week Cheers Mick and Matt

Under 14 Gnatt

A great start to the season saw us knock off last year's premiers. The step up to u14's proved to be significant with longer kicking and more physical contests as shown with 3 of our players (Massey, Reddish and JD Hayes) out with concussion for next round. (They are all okay)

We handled the pressure and contests well especially after half time, where perhaps our extra preparation started to pay off. The Hayes boys and Aharfi's run off the half back line was exactly what we needed, especially whilst Tom Havers and Ben Strathmore followed instructions to remain a target in the middle and then penetrated our forward line with strong run and long kicks.

Special mention to Tom McNamara who gradually worked over the top of their best player who eventually became frustrated. It showed Tom's persistence to this task eventually paid off until he was getting his own possessions. Another good performer was Massey, who got the ball from the bottom of packs out to those who had made the effort to run to the contest. Callum Wilson was needed this week in defence and did a fine job, negating his player and starting attacks from the full backline. With this attacking style he will be used up the ground to feed our forwards.

A welcome return to footy from Maginness, who has had an extended lay off. It was good to see some of his silky skills again. Hamish MacMillan also did well on his debut. Both are effective players as they look composed and are thinking before delivering the ball.

I appreciate the patience some boys had whilst on the interchange. While I endeavoured to get every boy atleast 3 quarters of footy, some boys only had 2 and half quarters, which should not happen often but with 6 on the bench it becomes difficult.

Lastly, I thought our skills let us down on occasion: some poor field and goal kicking led to too many turn-overs. Players at this time of the year obviously need to spend extra time on their skills, but we also need to work on protecting the player with the ball to give him a couple more seconds to compose himself and deliver accurately. **Do not call for the ball if you are covered or in a poor position**, this only serves to panic / confuse your team mate with the ball.

Make sure you get to training Wednesday from 6 until 7. Come earlier for skill practise.

Thanks to all the parents for efforts with duties. It was a last minute call up, but with Brian Arundel's huge help it was covered.

Well done

SR

Under 15 Gnatt

Glen Iris Under 15 V Ashburton @ Ashburton

After much anticipation, the Gladiators rolled down to Ashburton to take on the Toffee Apples in what was going to set a tone for what we all hoped was going to be a more successful year than 08. Having lost a star midfielder and motivator, Sammy Guss with a broken ankle, the boys were super keen to put a smile on his face after a week laid up in bed in the Hospital.

In perfect conditions and high spirits, the season had begun in a flurry, centre clearance, two slick handballs, long kick, great crumb and goal. I just wish I could tell you James Lawson and myself were at the helm of this fast and hard hitting opening 5 minutes!

Ashburton had come to play and came out fired up, got their hands on the footy and lifted the eyes and got the footy on to forwards that were ready to pounce.

It wasn't until this 5 minute onslaught had slowed did I get to see the Gladiator boys kick in to their stride and start showing what they were about.

Leading the way was Nick Mclardy whose hard work in 1% area and ferocity at the ball, freed up the runners of Newton, Cellini and Hayes.

Sammy Neil started getting busy, Henry Nevile was dynamic in his approach to the ball and player. Michael Smith was winning everything in the ruck and the on ballers were reaping the rewards.

The Boys in the Gold and Blue were away.

First quarter break, the boys re assessed and focused on the game plan, and the fundamentals of football. "Do the hard stuff, and the rest will look after itself"

I could happily note down the minutes of the game and all the things that made this such a big victory, but for the sake of not getting ahead of ourselves, I'll mention my personal highlights of the day. So long as we know the opposition was not as well complimented as ourselves, and we must take it week by week and not look towards anything but the goals we set for each other each week.

- Ned Walmsley's 10 goals were everything a big first game crowd loves, but as coaches, the things that weren't as "personally rewarding" were the moments that stand out. Ned blocked with his big frame, and made way for runners, he was fantastic with his use of handball back to feed running half forwards, and most impressive was his forward line pressure. Great day in anyone's books.

- Newly appointed skipper Jordan Cellini showed what a class act he was, with poise and polish. But again, it was on the coaches wing, that a 3rd, 4th and 5th effort resulting in a turn over and GI goal that put the smile on this scribes dial.

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- Daniel Strangwood, with the opportunity to defend showed me he was willing to have a crack at anything. Firstly putting head and shoulders over the ball and causing a stoppage after Ashy looked to be running goal ward. Backing up the courageous act, he backed into a 3 deep pack of players on the last line to take a terrific mark. Had it been an AFL grand final... Leo Barry would've been knocked off his mantle.

-Michael Smith was sensational in the ruck all day, even around the ground the big fella was getting it done. Showing the attributes of a true modern ruckman, skillful, aware, mobile and super fit. A fantastic recruit for the blue and gold. He was well backed up by "The Beez", Will Beasley, proved a great role player, full back, full forward and part time ruckman, getting it done all over the ground Will was great.

-Midg and Beaton showed there is plenty on the way when we see big grounds, both super skilled and quick, we look forward to big things.

-Chesty looked as though he was a kid in a candy store, in and under, flying for marks, tackling and a great give and go in the last quarter to set Sammy Neil and Ned up for a goal.

And last but not least on the memory bank was Nick McLardy, at the ball and at the man, there was not a player on the ground who matched his hardiness, and the rewards for hard work payed off, with Nick finding plenty of footy and using it well. Showed real signs of his older brother who is remembered by many as one of GI's best of recent times.

All in all it was a good win, but with lots of room for improvement, we look forward to seeing how the boys in the blue and gold follow up their good work in the coming weeks.

Final Scores: Glen Iris 22.17.149 def Ashburton 8.3.51

Goal kickers: Walmsley 10 Baillieu Midgley 2 Nevile 2 Beaton 2 McLardy 2 Beasley 1 Neil 1

Better players in no order: Roberts, Cellini, Stewart, Smith, McLardy, Walmsley, Newton, Neil

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