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Glen Iris
GLADIATORS



Weekly Update



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From the President

Well done to our 17 sides and 400 players who ran out for the last time this season in the worst conditions of the winter. Most of the U9's and U10's games only lasted until half time as the ball froze mid air as players retreated to the warmth of the family car.

Our U11 Blues & U14 Gold's both needed to win to sneak into the finals, unfortunately this was not to be and both sides just missed out. We do have two sides in the finals the 11 Gold's and U12 Gold's and all at Glen Iris wish both teams well. While the Waverley U11's, U12's, and U13's will play in a Lightning Premiership.

I'd like to thank all the Coaches and Team Managers for their support and efforts throughout the year and to all the parents for helping week in /week out. Special Thanks to Kate Elliot who has run the Canteen and Sandy Lindholm for her efforts around the Club and Michelle Ioannidis outstanding contribution putting together the weekly newsletter. Thanks again to Alastair Hamer club secretary and Dino Cellini our Treasurer for all their help and to Leighton Warwick and David Hays our WJFA and YFJL delegates.

We are fortunate to have a group of loyal sponsors being: Bennison Mackinnon, Crazy John's, Pulse Pharmacy, K2 Asset Management, Label Makers Group, CB Richard Ellis and all our Team sponsors Hyde Park Wines, Blue Swan Clothing, Amcor, Blackrock Investment Management, Warwick Fabrics, Leasing Consulting, EMIT Environmental Brokers, Pearson Trueman & Associates, FH Prager, Bluefish Productions, Boofhead Haircare, The Big Group, polarity Consultants, Virgin, Shoppers Advantage, Pearl Equipment Finance and K2 Asset Management (team sponsor as well). We sincerely thank all for your terrific support to the Gladiators – your contributions are greatly appreciated.

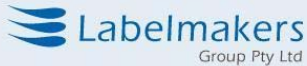
When news of the AFL Victoria Review of Junior Football in the Region is announced we will notify every one of the recommendations. We are committed to providing a safe and friendly environment where kids can learn and play football with their team mates.

Look forward to seeing everyone at Righetti for the Presentation Day on Fathers Day Sunday 7th of September.

Yours In Football
David Hooper



K2 ASSET MANAGEMENT



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Hyde Park Wine Under 9 Blues

For the U9's, Sunday was the last game of the season as there are no finals for this age group. The last round is always tinged with sadness. For the boys it is the end of playing footy for about 7 months. For the parents it is perhaps the loss of the thrill of watching their son do something they just love every Sunday morning, until of course the summer sports take footy's honoured place. For the U9 Blues, Sunday was also an opportunity to capture the team on DVD so that the good times can be remembered fondly in future times. Of course, Mother Nature had to have her own say in the proceedings on Sunday morning! With the temperature hovering around 7 degrees and the rain falling from the sky with constant ease. This presented challenges for the video crew, players and spectators alike and despite some hope from clearing skies just before the game, by the time the ump raised the ball at 09:00am, the heavens had opened up again.

After recent form and given the wet and heavy ball, one would have expected a tough and ugly slog and a low scoring game. Nothing could have been further from the truth. Coach Sutho must have struck a cord with the boys in the pre-match address, identifying to them that, for some, this was their last game as an Under 9. Whatever it was that inspired the team in their season finale, they boys certainly put together a match of four quarters of really tremendous football! Yes – FOUR QUARTERS. Yes, it was wet. Yes, it was very cold. And yes, some boys needed to come off and warm up occasionally. But they never lost focus throughout the game. As a parent, it was so uplifting to see our boys put everything together the way they did. And as team manager, it was doubly satisfying, as I know it was for the coaching staff as well, because all season this is what the hours of training is there to achieve.

There were great efforts all over the ground. Angus Tighe opened the scoring in the first quarter and then followed up with a second goal early in the second through determined attack on the ball – something he has done all season. Then William Pascoe took over the “staring” role taking numerous marks up at full forward and kicking 3 for the 2nd quarter. We were winning the ball in the centre from our solid ruck / rover combos with Ryan Higgins, Nick Bartlett, Will Colliver and Harry Molnar all contributing to some good possession which kept the ball moving towards the opposition's goals. Daniel Allen-Lyons and Nick Andrianakos were also “in and under”, locking the ball up or getting it out of tight situations. Will Sutho played one of his best games all year. By half time, we had established a decent lead: 5.9 (39) to Ashburton's 1.3 (9).

In the second half, James Skene was moved onto the ball and Jordan Doelling had a turn in the ruck. This combo, along with Nick Bartlett just dominated the centre bounces. And despite a “slow” 3rd quarter, Tommy Natrass decided it was his turn to pop up on the forward line with two goals in towards the end of the quarter. At 3-quarter time the game was over as we lead 7.13 (55) to 1.3 (9). The last quarter brought the best out in the boys. We continued to attack the ball in groups and supported each other, kicking long and taking some great chest marks in the wet. We looked for open players and made sure the ball was put to our advantage on the wings or through the forward line, where Tommy was lurking. He picked up a mighty 4 goals for the quarter – for a total of 6 on the day – a fantastic effort. And Will Colliver popped up with two of his own. In the end the siren just stopped us from reaching the magical ton. The boys were cold and exhausted – but they sang the team song with so much spirit and joy – having not only overcome the opposition, but the also elements and their own perceived limitations.

And I am sure that every one of the boys is already looking forward to when that magical time in 2009 comes around and they can once again pull on their boots and run around every Sunday morning playing their absolute best for the mighty Glen Iris Gladiators!!!

Goals: Tommy Natrass (6), William Pascoe (3), Will Colliver (2), Angus Tighe (2)

Hyde Park Wine U9 Blues 13.16 (94) defeated Ashburton Black 3.3 (21)



Amcor Australasia Under 9 Browns

What a great day to be anywhere but outside.

It took probably the worst conditions and the last day of the season for the Browns to play their best football. Our half of football on Sunday against a quality team was easily the best football we have played all year.

In what was undoubtedly the worst conditions the boys and parents had ever or hopefully will ever experience. The boys were magnificent. They obeyed every instruction to the letter and simply outclassed a very high quality opposition. One of many passages that stood-out was Max big kick to E-man, handball to Harry kicked to Nick & goal. The ball moved from one end of the ground to the other with out the opposition touching the ball.

At half time it was agreed that the conditions were atrocious and that to continue to play was not in the best interests of the boys who had performed very well but were feeling the effects of the weather.

When the game was abandoned the scores were Glen Iris Brown 4 – 11 – 35 & East Malvern Blue 3 – 3 – 21.

Well done boys you can all be very proud of your efforts.

Oscar ran straight at the ball on a number of occasions, Charlie B was a force both back and forward, Gaby did some wonderful things, Max was outstanding and played the roving HBF to a tee. James Cumberlidge was tough all day & Hugo ran straight ahead.

Sam was magnificent, E-man and Lachie took the battle up to Isaac very well and came out on top. Angus and Tom took a couple of great marks, Fergus and Will were fantastic. Harry was back to his midseason best form, Alex came very close to kicking a couple of goals. Nick and Ofek were terriers.

Gus made a couple of great runs from the backline, Nelson played his best game, Finn burrowed in very hard and James McDonald tried his hardest.

Well done guys what a great way to finish a season.

Well done boys on a great season and thank-you for being so positive all year, you can be very proud about what you have achieved, every single one of you has improved beyond belief. Next year some of you will be leaders in the under 9's and others will be stepping up to under 10's.

Thank-you to Team Manager Rod and all the parents for their support and commitment throughout the season.

See you all at the presentation.

Leon

Goalkickers – H De Nicolo, N Watson Munro, S Woolley. Our apologies to the other goal kicker who wasn't able to be seen in the conditions & then the paperwork disintegrated!



Blue Swan Clothing Under 9 Golds

Glen Iris Blue Swan Under 9 Golds

Rain Hail Snow

The boys were fired up to finish off a memorable season. Even with the Miserable weather confronting the players.

After an even first quarter where both sides kicked a goal – the gold's put the game beyond doubt in the second quarter kicking four goals to none with some excellent wet weather football.

The game was called off at half time due to the adverse weather.

We had 8 players that played 2 quarters and 16 players that played one.

A great season to remain undefeated – congratulations to all the players

And thank you to everyone that helped during the season especially the Team Managers Sam Osborn and Rob Grimwade and also to our Trainer Emma Grimwade and our Runners Kym McPherson and Lang Nicholls.

See you all on Presentation night September 7th

Best: Harry Amad, Rupert Baxter, Harry Bede, Sam Bessel, Will Clark, Rex Clausen, Leonardo Curtis, Charlie Dahlenberg, Tom Deighton, Jonno Grimwade, Liam Honour, Sam Hooper, Teddy Illingworth, Ned Irving, Louis Le Deux, Harry Long, Tom Loveridge, Charlie Loveridge, Hugo McGlashan, Mikey McPherson, Will Nicholls, Freddie Osborn, Eamon Roderick, Harry Slobom, Ben Wilmoth, Duncan McKenzie, Rex Hooper.

Goals Tom Loveridge 1, Mikey McPherson 1, Tom Deighton 1, Liam Honour 1, Ned Irving .

Glen Iris 5.8.38 defeated Ashburton Green 1.2.8



No report received

Leasing Consultants Under 10 Browns

BLACKROCK **BlackRock Under 10 Blues**

No report received

WARWICK **Warwick Under 10 Gold**

No report received



Pearson Trueman Under 11 Blues

Match Report: Mount Waverley Hawks (14.11.95) Defeated the Pearson Trueman & Associates Under 11 Blue (4.4.28)

Coach's Report:

The day was to promise so much but unfortunately the weather gave us nothing except numb fingers and hands; the scoreboard was the only other hot thing on the ground; and except for a fantastic opposition, we would have won the game!

We have all played sport and have all faced uphill battles but the Pearson Trueman & Associates Under 11 Blues should hold their heads up very high in completing a fantastic year of football and rising to challenges, non greater than the ground on Sunday.

I wish to give you all the biggest pat on the back because you boys actually finished the game and never really gave up, in a day of sport where other games were called off due to the conditions. Anyway enough of the game and well done on all finishing the season.

This year has been a strange season for us all, beating top sides and losing to sides below us, throughout the season. I must congratulate the same 15 players that have turned up to training consistently, rain hail or shine.

To the boys, I can see that you have improved each week, in some way shape or form, which has been great to see.

For me the only regret is that we have to wait another 6 months until it starts all over again. To all the Parents, thanks for supporting your child throughout the year, they have loved the support you have given them, hopefully you as parents can continue on and kick the football with them until the season starts again next year.

To everybody that has helped throughout the year and for those that have doubled up on duties, both Nolsie and I thank you very much and to both, my wife Tracey and Nolsie's wife Susie, thank you for allowing us both to do something we love doing. To Kate, Peter and to Darren, thank you as well for your tireless time and effort that all of you do each and every week.

To our sponsors in Suzanne, Adam, and Max Pearson, thank you once again for your support; it didn't turn out the way we all would have expected but football is a cruel game sometimes! And thanks also to the silent person Sandy Lindholm, always making sure that our canteen is full of hot food for a talented footballer and our kids on training nights and on match days, and for everything else she does around the club and for the teams. Let's also thank Stephen Davis for the fantastic photo shots each week - they have been a highlight of all the boy's games. Well played everybody, Congratulations and that's it for the year - see you all on Presentation Day on Fathers Day.

Cheers

Timbo and Nolsie.

Goals: 2 – Lindholm 1 – Annois, Pearson



Trojan Under 11 Brown

Although we lost team, each and everyone of you are to be very proud of your game today in the awful wet conditions at TH King.

We achieved what we set out to in the first quarter and we were on the scoreboard first. We were 1st to the ball and backed ourselves in the wet. We were unfortunate not to have scored more in the trying conditions. Scores were level at 1/4 time.

Again we started the 2nd quarter with the same intensity and lead by 2 points at halftime.

Through fantastic commitment from every player we won the 3rd qtr and lead at 3/4 time.

Fitzroy finals campaign was on the line and they came out in the last qtr very desperate. They jumped us early and got a easy goal early in the qtr. Once again with no bench for fresh legs to come on the ground we simply got over run in the last 7 minutes when they kicked another goal to win the game.

Considering the terrible wet conditions we have to say we were very proud of you all as this was the best team game you have played this season.

Thank you all for a great season and we look forward to seeing you all back season.

1. Jackson "Jacko" Green. 1st year player. Jacko has had a fantastic season of junior footy who rucked very well & provided alot a spark up forward resulting in goals and goal assists.
2. Tom Monahan - Herzog. Played up forward & back and tried hard all season resulting in great teamwork
3. James Fernside. Another great season for James whether up back, forward or in the ruck. Created many team options and always held his position and made it difficult for all his opponents
4. Angus Farrar. Mainly played up forward providing many options and scoring assists
5. Michael "Buckey" Buckthorpe. Buckey had a solid year up forward or stopping the opposition on the back line
6. Tom Kerr. Another sensational year for Tom who has gone up a notch this year with his football smarts, great team work and simply the way he can read the play.
7. Sam Godfrey. A good season up forward and get goals with his sneaky plays.
8. Amy Arundel. Solid season playing from the wing to the forward line. Great tackles & shepherding.
9. Tom Oliver. Another 1st year player who had a great season. Played all over the ground and never stopped running, tackling and was often at the bottom of the packs
10. Harrison Davis. Unlucky season with a broken finger and sickness. Only played a couple of games but made his presence felt every time he went for the ball.
11. Will " Macca" McIlraith. Another fantastic season. Reads the play well and was a integral part of the mid field scoring many goals whilst creating many options for the team
12. Mitch Kanat. A great season. His never give up attitude was reflected in the way he played. Fantastic tackles and always made it tough for his opponent to get the ball
13. Ethan McArthur. An other great year. Mr. Reliable at CHB. A rugged tough defender who loves making it hard for his opponents
14. James " Jimma " Maginness. What a great season. Terrific job down back or up forward. A creative player who gave us many options around the ground.
15. Will Honan. Another player who had a great season. Did great job in ruck, back or forward. Would often take great marks and long accurate kicks.
16. Oliver Landos. Had a good season in the back or forward. Good team work
17. Jack " Dogga" Kneale. Our roaming forward who gave us good options. Kept running in the midfield delivering to the forwards

17. Max Kelly. His game improved with every game he played. Great running, tackling, kicking and handballs. Great work in midfield, back or up forward.
18. Harry McNamara. A good solid season. Whether he played wing, back, midfield or forward we knew he would give his all and never give up. Often on the bottom of the packs, desperate for the ball
19. Joseph Aharfi. A good solid season. Played midfield, back and forward. A great running tackling player who provides many options wherever he plays.
20. Remy Interligi. Another 1st year player. His season improved with every game. A tough defender who didn't give anything away without a contest. Up forward he was as dependable as down back.
21. Henry Starkens. Another 1st year player. Played mainly up forward and gave many options with his leading, long kicking and strong marking. Scored his goals from good solid play and created many goal assists.
22. Have fun until we next team up together on the footy field.

Justin & Stephen



Emit Under 11 Golds

GLADIATORS lose tough battle against St Mary's by 18 pts in finals warm up .

The Glen Iris Gladiators Under 11 Golds lost their battle against the St Marys football side on the weekend. The scoreline of St Marys 6-8=44 def Glen Iris 4 – 2 =26 told just how close these two sides were.

The game was the milestone matches for Ed Randall, Jack Murphy and Oscar Kewley who were all playing their 50th games.

Both of these teams had already qualified for the finals, so both sides were trying to gain the edge over the other in a hotly contested battle. With the ground a mudheap, it was going to boil down to what side had enough players who were prepared to go in and get the ball.

The game opened up with a finals like build up and the pressure was enormous. Goals were hard to get for both sides during the first half. When Will Kelly, Pat Phillips and then James Hardwick kicked goals late in the second quarter, the Golds were only 8 points down at half time. The third quarter was one of the best for the season with pressure being applied to St Marys causing them to panic and turn the ball over. When Oscar Kewley kicked a goal late in the quarter, the Golds went into $\frac{3}{4}$ time only 2 points down.

An injury to our key CHF in Pat Phillips saw him leave the ground and the coaching staff had to reorganise the side. The last quarter needed all players to cover the absence of Pat but unfortunately too many players sat back this quarter hoping others would do it. St Marys kicked the only 2 goals of the quarter and they ran out winners by 18 points.

The big message the coaching staff tried to instill into the players was that for us to win against teams that grade their players then every one of our 22 players that take the field must contribute during the game. That may mean a tackle, a shepherd, a knock on at the bottom of the pack. You don't have to kick 6 goals to be a match winner, but if everyone does the little things then the Golds will be hard to stop.

Next week sees us playing the first semi final against Kew. Lets go out there as a team and show them just how Gladiators play.

Training Wed and Friday.

See you there

Pete, Brad and Don



Boofheads Under 12 Golds

ROUND 16

Glen Iris Gold 2.5 (17) defeated St. Mary's 1.8 (14)

Co-captains – Mack Rivett and Hugo Hall; 50 games – Ed Aujard

A TOTAL TEAM VICTORY!!

Our last round of the season saw us take on the unbeaten league leaders, St. Mary's on a sodden T.H. King Oval.

When we last played the St. Mary's full forward kicked 5 goals, so a shrewd tactic was initiated. With our usual ruckman Julian Beard unable to carry out those duties because of a sore knee he was given the task of shutting the St. Mary's FF out of the game – and didn't he do it well!! His opponent took 1 mark and kicked 1 point. It was the best individual defense role of the season.

There was a quiet (for 11/12 year olds!!) air of confidence hanging in the rooms. The game plan concentrated on 2 core actions – fast movement and tackling. Each player was given the job of applying at least 1 tackle each in the first quarter. Mack (great snap for a goal), Ed, Ant, Gus and Julian were superb, with great support from Jock, Webby, Sam and Gordon. Tommy's ruck work was terrific – we were on!!

The second quarter in our last 3 games has been our worst, but that ended this week. In spite of a St. Mary's goal and taking the lead we stuck to our plan. The efforts of the whole team were excellent, with Ed and Sandy in particular blitzing them!!

Lachie moved into the ruck in the third quarter to give Tommy a break and continued the good work, James Regan and Louis worked their way into the game, but again it was a TTE – total team effort. Quick movement saw the ball hit James Blair-Holt's chest who then goaled to put us in front by 4 points.

Last quarter and again, each boy was asked to apply at least 1 tackle each. We lost Julian early (broken finger) but Jock took over keeping the St. Mary's FF under control, which he did. Everybody worked hard and for each other to score a great TEAM VICTORY.

WELL DONE – NOW FOR THE FINALS!!

This week we come up against Ivanhoe in the 1st Semi-Final (who lost to 2nd placed Fitzroy), and if our guys play like they did against St. Mary's they will be hard to stop. They proved to themselves what can be achieved through consistency and intensity.

Practice reverts back to Friday at T.H. King from 4.45pm to 6.00pm, and I expect everyone to be there!!

1ST SEMI-FINAL: At Greythorn Park (Melways 46 G4) – 12.30pm start. We are the home team so BLUE SHORTS, and please be at the ground no later than 11.45am.

GO GLADIATORS!!



Polarity Consultants Under 12 Greens

The Greens played Camberwell 2 at a freezing Lynden Park on Sunday.

We started the game very well attacking for the first 10 minutes which resulted in a goal to Banjo. Unfortunately that was our only major score as Camberwell played a very strong game in the shocking conditions. Our boys as usual tried hard but were over run by a side who finished second on the ladder.

Congratulations to Nick Blaich who played his 50th game on Sunday.

Well boys that is the end of a season that showed huge improvement from the start to the finish. Although we won only 2 games we lost 6 games by less than a goal and were competitive in nearly all the games. I hope you have enjoyed the season and had some fun which is what junior football is all about! It was a pleasure to coach you all you are a great bunch of boys. Also thank you to a fantastic group of parents whose help and support throughout the year made everything run smoothly. I hope to see you all back next year.

See you at presentation day on September 7th at 6pm at Righetti club rooms

Cheers Mick

GO Gladiators!



The Big Group Under 12 Browns

No report received



Bluefish Productions Under 12 Blues

No report received



Shopper's Advantage Under 13 Blues

No report received



Virgin Under 13 Golds

Yarra Team Match Report

Glen Iris vs. Kew Rovers

Ed and I were delighted when we got the call up to coach the Yarra team. We thought it would be a great experience and grasped the opportunity with both hands. Although disappointed to not be coaching our usual great bunch of kids (The Waverley team) we knew that they had finals to look forward to and we'd coach them for the next couple of weeks. So we were off to Kew with a new game plan in mind and ready to give the boys the best opportunity in winning the game as possible. Getting out of the car was by far the hardest feat of the day – muddy, wet, cold and miserable were some of the words that came to mind but by the look of the boys when we got there, it didn't seem to bother them. They were skidding through the mud having a great time and all ready for a big game. It was Benny Strathmore's 50th game and as Benny is one of the most talkative and respected figures in the team, the players didn't want to let the big fella down. After a bit of a chat about the weather conditions that the players would have to handle on the day it was straight into a warm up. By the look of it, the players were all keen and welcoming to the weather conditions and just wanted to get out onto the field. Finally...after a few snaps of the camera (very important photos of the team and the banner) we run out onto the ground and lined up and awaited the siren. Not surprisingly Kew played exceptionally well in the first quarter and took it up to the gladiators. At the quarter time huddle the boys were well aware that they had a game on their hands and would have to put in a mighty effort to manufacture a win in wet conditions. Gladiators replied with true spirit and fought back to be slightly ahead at half time, this was helped by James Spielvogel tagging their dominate player that wore number 1. Also, Calum Wilson, running off the half backline gave us a great running and attacking option and Thomas Klemens on the wing running tirelessly and always doing the team things. The whole team was able to lift in the 2nd quarter and our endeavour and pressure, as a result, continued right throughout the game. Although it was close towards the end, this highlighted the fact that everyone put in their best efforts to stop a powerful Kew side beating us on the day. Well done to everybody that was a part of the win! See you all at training if you can make it and to the Waverley boys and Yarra boys that were lucky enough to qualify; let's fire up for a great final series.



K2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

K2 Asset Management Under 14 Green

No report received



Pearl Equipment Finance Under 14 Golds

No report received

Gladiator's Calendar

Sunday	August 17th	FINALS
Sunday	August 24th	Finals
Tuesday	August 26th	YJFL Presentation BBQ Afternoon/Night
Sunday	August 31st	Grand Finals
Sunday	September 7th	GJFC PRESENTATION DAY at Righetti
Tuesday	September 9th	YJFL delegates Meeting
Tuesday	September 16th	WJFA Presidents & Secretaries Meeting
Wednesday	November 12th	WJFA AGM
Sunday	November 30th	YJFL AGM