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From the President

Good to see plenty of players attend training last week in the middle of the holidays on a wet and windy winter's night. A few Team Managers and Coaches received the call "Is Training still on". Of course it's still on – It's Football - a winter Sport and as a Kid – playing in the Mud and Rain with your mates was a lot of Fun. Not much Fun for Mum & Dad when you jump in the car to go home – so always try and get a lift with a mate.

Congratulations to Will Maginness as the U12 Schoolboy Victorian Captain and team mate JD Hayes as they take on the other states at the Schoolboy Championships in Sydney this weekend.

It's in 2 WEEKS.

Saturday 4th August – Our Major Function – A Night out for the Parents. Tickets \$75 each – At the Cherry Tree Hotel. Live Band Bridgetown with our very own Under 9 Mum – Bridget Warwick as the Lead Singer. Themed Designed Rooms – Sponsors Showbags – FOOD, FOOD and MORE FINGER FOOD – Beer, Wine, Soft Drink inclusive. Should be a great night – Come along, Support the Club and surprise yourself. Make Cheques payable to GIJFC – and bring to Training on Wednesday, Friday or Match Day Sunday – Give to your Coach, Team Manager, Jan or Sandy Lindholm,

Yours in Football

David Hooper



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CBRE Richard Ellis Under 9 Golds

East Malvern White 7.5..47 Def Glen Iris CBRE U9 4.6.30

The Best Team Effort all year – with 14 players available we ran onto the track with 2 East Malvern players – Will and Tom – who ended up as our Forwards for the whole game. The way every member of the Golds applied themselves and attacked the ball was fantastic to see. Ned Stewart and Lachie Brown had great individual games- taking control of the midfield and putting the brakes on there opposing East Malvern Players, I was very impressed with Will Hocking, Dakota Fletcher (who had a special tagging role) ,Harry Lovelock who is playing the best footy of his career and Tom Deighton who came into the midfield. Liam Honour, Will Koren and Matthew Pacella were in and under and showed typical determination. Alec Oldis, Gus Walmsley and our captain for the day Will Pascoe were fantastic in defense and Jack Martin a Rock at Centre half Back. Sam Hooper took a great grab and kicked a Goal. Overall the Best the side has played all year. Great Team football and a delight to watch.

Best: Lachie Brown, Ned Stewart, Will Hocking, Tom Deighton, Harry Lovelock, Jack Martin, Sam Hooper, Dakota Fletcher, Liam Honour, Alec Oldis, Gus Walmsley, Will Koren, Will Pascoe and Matthew Pacella.

Goals: Ned Stewart 2, Will Hocking 1, Sam Hooper 1.

BLACKROCK BlackRock Investment Management Under 9 Browns

Seb Reed was our captain this week and despite losing the toss and kicking to the Clubhouse end we opened up the game at a frenetic pace and resulted in goals to Ed Faulkner and Sam Barnett saw us lead by 13 points at quarter time. East Malvern responded well in the second quarter and despite kicking inaccurately (1.5) we still led by 2 points at the half. Good players in the first half were the three Sam's - Johnston, Woolley and Barnett supported by Ed Faulkner in Ruck, Harry Healey and Henry Marcel.

In the second half we threw Seb Reed into the ruck and Tom Shatin up forward which resulted in one more goal to Sam B, but the endeavour and enthusiasm couldn't be faulted as all boys threw themselves into the contest. We weren't sure if the 8 point lead could be maintained in the last quarter and on cue the East Malvern team came back hard and eventually overran the boys by 12 points.

Overall it was a terrific team effort and despite the result, the boys can hang their heads high

Final Scores: East Malvern Red 4.8.32 def Glen Iris Gladiators 3.2.20

Best players: Sam Johnston, Sam Woolley, Ed Faulkner, Sam Barnett, Seb Reed, Henry Marcel and Ned Lindholm.

WARWICK **Warwick Fabrics Under 9 Blues**

Glen Iris Blue **3** **12** **30** def **Ashburton Green** **0** **3** **3**

Well it was tough conditions on the Ashy main oval this week with the boys putting in a fantastic effort. It seemed that the boggy conditions brought our usual free movers back to the field but what impressed the coach was that they stuck to the task and did all the hard things.

Aidan Cellini did not have his kicking boot on early but more than delivered in the second half with three great goals. Toby Warwick was acting captain for the day and performed as such with a Glenn Archer like performance around the ground: marking, kicking and tackling. Tom Cameron was rock solid and ever reliable as usual with strong dependable marking and long kicking in the wet. Pat Kerr gave us his usual run around the ground and Al Graham changed onto the ball with great vigour.

Then there were our usual hard at it, in and under players, Tommy Nattrass and the Beaton brothers again impressed on this front, and Angus McLennan was all heart with his effort in general. One thing we want to focus on is that we can be strong at the contests but we must not niggle behind play or dispute an umpire's decision. These two things are **not on** and the coaching staff will not tolerate it going forward. Parents please pass this message onto the boys and it will again be discussed at training on Friday night. In addition, when tackling we must focus on tackling around the middle of the opposing player, not above the shoulders or below the waist. It is also important to not fall into the back of your opponent. This will also be a focus point at training.

Well done to all for a great effort this week. See you all at training Friday and the round robin on Sunday.



Don Small Goods Under 9 Greens

No report received



EMIT Environmental Brokers Under 10 Golds

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Trojan Under 10 Blues

We played ashy blacks and got a great start to the game by kicking the first 2 goals. We tackled hard and ran all game in windy, sunny conditions. It was a very close game with great skills shown by all players. Half way thru the last quarter the scores were level after ashy kicked a goal. They were then able to score another quick goal out of the centre. This was followed by another couple of points before we mounted a spirited challenge.

Down by 8 points with 4 minutes to go we scored a goal from a great centre clearance. Now 2 points down with 3 minutes to go. Another great centre clearance, our forward line was flooded with almost all the ashy players which made scoring very hard. After a few ball ups and hold ups we kept advancing closer to our goal line but simply ran out of time and lost by 2 points.



Pearson Trueman & Associates Under 10 Browns

Match Report Round 10: The Mount Waverley Falcons (3.0.18) Under 10 were defeated by The Pearson Trueman & Associates Under 10 Brown (6.12.48).

Coach's Report:

What a fantastic effort from all the team. As explained on the day to all players and parents, the Falcons have been struggling for numbers and we provided two players each quarter. A special mention must be made to these guys. Richie, Oscar, Wisey, Paddy, Mitch, Big Sam, Jimmy and Luke. You all played sensationally for the other side and Paddy even added to his goal tally by kicking a goal for them, (not quite what we wanted). Mitch tagged Paddy which was wonderful to watch, Big Sam took on Big Tom which I think was really a draw, and Wisey was given the goal of trying to run with the ball and bounce five times before our boys got him. He got to three numerous times and played sensationally, (for ours and their side).

Mark, Timbo and my main focus of the game, was to allow players who haven't kicked goals yet, finally score one. We had the four players loaded up in the goal square and bombarded them with chances. These guys had the opportunities because the rest of the team, AND I DO MEAN the whole team worked together shepherding, passing, and handballing for a common goal. Boys anything is possible if you remember that.

Tom Mona was an inspired Man. He made the ball his own and kicked one beautifully through the big sticks. He was so inspired that for the rest of the game he amassed the most possessions for the game in the forward line. Angus then had his chance and came through like a trooper. He slotted another goal and the whole team came running to congratulate him. Angus then duly reported to me that he'd kicked his goal and was happy to return to the backline. Meanwhile Harrison had been very unlucky not to kick two that bounced the wrong way. He finally kicked one that sailed straight over the top of his dad who was the goal umpire, (Thank goodness he had his glasses on!! Does he wear them???)

We came to the last quarter and Luke Bryan was the last man standing. Numerous times Wisey, Paddy, Jimmy, Chris, Lachie, Lukie S, big Tom, Max, Oscar, Tom A, Richie, Tim W, instead of kicking a very, very easy goal, deliberately looked for Luke in the goal square. He played very well and was finally rewarded a free directly in front. Luke, with thirty players around him he just missed in true Richo fashion but he held his head up high and kept trying. The goal will come, Luke "Richo" Bryan with no pressure, and it will probably be a game sealer.

In the end we did win the game, BUT every goal starts further down the field, when the boy on the ground in the pack, handballs out to a teammate, who runs, bounces and kicks towards another teammate who kicks into the forward line and another teammate finally kicks the goal. Question? Who's goal is it really? Answer: The team's goal.

The most pleasing aspect of the game was everybody's commitment to playing a TEAM game, and looking after your mates!!!

Mark, I, and especially your Parents, were all very proud of your efforts. Today you all took a giant step forward.

Boys, get ready for the big grudge match against the Blues, do your stretches at home in front of the TV and please try to be early on Sunday for a warm up (8:15-8:20am). It will be very cold at that time in the morning.

Cheers Dave and Nolsie.

Goals:

2 – James Wiseman

1 – Harrison Davis, Angus Farrar, Thomas Monahan-Herzog, Luke Sexton, Patrick Simkiss



The Big Group Under 11 Golds

A cold, dull, chilly day, greeted the U 11 Gold's who were playing in what is turning into familiar conditions at Righetti. Prior to the match Rob spoke to all of the players and spelt out his expectations of them for the day. A general message to all was his request to "Do your best".

We took on a very determined St Mary's in what was a rematch of the first round. We felt that our speed would be an asset however the boggy conditions didn't allow us to take advantage of our pace. Led by our captain for the day James Blair-Holt, we started the match well and controlled the first quarter however didn't make enough of our opportunities.

Max was giving us first use of the ball out of the centre with some great work in the ruck and well supported by the players in the centre including Gus and Ant. The mud & water didn't bother either player who revelled in the conditions.

Our back line was solid again constantly repelling the St Mary's attack with some great work by Fraser who always does something useful with the ball and Louis who used his strength to advantage with several clearing plays and long kicks.

The boys tried hard to match it with St Mary's but unfortunately they were too strong on the day. It's games like this that makes you appreciate what an encouraging coach Rob is and how much the boys all enjoy their footy under him.

Gold U 11's (11) def by St Mary's (31)



The Promotions Factory Under 11 Greens

HOME GAME PLAYED AT RIGHETTI AGAINST CANTERBURY R @ 10.00AM

RESULT: GLEN IRIS 2 : 5 : 17 TO CANTERBURY R 4 : 3 : 27

What a slog!

Fresh back from the holidays, the boys were confronted by a strong Canterbury side, (who defeated us very easily in the first round) and a home ground that provided absolutely no advantage to either side, as it is currently a quagmire. It seems an awfully long time ago that the season was delayed, and we had to train on the hockey fields due to the grounds being too dry!

With only seventeen players on each team, due to illness and some boys still being away, the game was always going to be a war of attrition, and survival of the fittest. While the final result did not go our way, I could not be prouder of how the boys never gave up. Every contest was keenly fought, and with just a touch of luck the result could have been reversed. Congratulations to the Canterbury defence, who absorbed enormous pressure, stopping many of our attacks right on the last line.

A small moral victory was ours though, in that we actually had more scoring shots, 7 to 6, however goals are the aim of the game! Best players in a tremendous team effort were Will Penny who was absolutely sensational with his desire for the ball, Jock Harkness, as always tireless in the ruck, James Tissot in his season debut, and James Pacella and Sam Griffith for strong work in defence and attack respectively.

As we draw nearer to seasons end, I want to thank Nick & David for their support, and all parents who help out on game days. Let's all finish the season with a bang!!



Polarity Consultants Under 11 Blues

POLARITY

BLUES 6 7 (43) ASHY GREENS 3 5 (23)

The last time we played Ashy Greens we came away winning by 15 goals so it was with plenty of confidence that we went into Sundays game. However various factors contributed to a hard dour slog; Pinewood was waterlogged, we were one short, only four lads turned up to training, Ashy played two extra men in the backline, Ashy like other teams used us as a measuring stick and some of our lads were rubbing their eyes and yawning on the field.

The old football saying 'that wet weather football brings teams closer together' was true to form on this particular day. But good teams win these matches and we are a very good team. Our lads played well below par and winning these 'slogfeasts' is a credit to the makeup of our side. Ashy Greens were fired up and focused to beat us and they played the game with great intensity and vigour but at the end of the day it was class that won the game. Our lads must become aware that being undefeated meant that we worked hard along the way and the hard work must continue if we are to stay undefeated.

GOALS: Beard 2, J Will, Rivett, Aujard, Blaich

BEST: All those players that got a early nights sleep



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The Gladiators were still on holiday when they took on the Balwyn Tigers and they played like they would have preferred to be somewhere else rather than playing footy. Not many positives could come out of such a game and probably best that we move on from that game and focus on the rest of season with a full side ready to run out and follow the coach's instructions.

Ed Langdon had a stand out game and did not let his high standards drop at any time. Will Stewart, Lachie Gibson and Jack Slobom were also great contributors and Ed Daniell and Hector Clark got stuck into the mud and fought hard for the ball.

Next week everyone needs to commit themselves to getting the ball and never give up no matter the score. In every game this season we have shown that we are as good as the opposition so let's show them what we're made of!

GO Gladiators!

Some stuff to remember:

- Wet weather football is different and more difficult than dry weather;
- Chest marking is not as easy as it looks in wet weather. Need to practice this as much as possible;
- When we kick long, look for targets up forward;
- Never give up.



Starship Under 12 Blues

STARSHIP

Report for the U12 Blues:

On a cold wet and windy Pinewood Reserve we returned from two weeks holiday to play the East Malvern Blues. The game was tight for the majority of the game with tackling on both sides reducing opportunities to clear the packs and create a fast game. The skills of the East Malvern Blues were a little sharper than ours which led to a greater possession and scoring opportunities but it was only in the last quarter they were able to widen the gap that produced their final winning margin. It was great to see every player trying their best to win the hard ball or prevent the opposition from taking control. Will McFarlane, Tom McNamara, Ben Aharfi, Christopher Richards and George Wood played well all around the ground all day and were assisted well by Jason Elliot who applied several tackles in the style he's renowned for and Ed Stopp work tirelessly at the bottom of the packs and scored numerous possessions. Although a win was our goal we showed the opposition we are a force to be reckoned since our first encounter and will challenge them if we meet again in the finals.

Final Scores: East Malvern Blues 8 9 57 def. Glen Iris Blues 5 3 33



The Presidential Card Under 12 Browns

Canterbury proved too strong in surprisingly good conditions last Sunday.

A slow start was costly as after quarter time scores were fairly evenly matched. We managed to claw our way back into the contest by playing strong contested football.

Back home to Righetti this week and we should be better for the experience.



K2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

KR Asset Management Under 13 Gold

Gladiators 2.5.17 defeated Hawthorn Citz. 0.5.5

Well done on the weekend, we are back on the winning list.

Due to the conditions there was certainly no spectacular marks or big long kicks for goal, the win was a good old fashioned slog out in the mud.

It was a very low scoring game, but again I was very proud of the entire team in the way that we fought out the game to the final siren.

I would like to acknowledge a great game by Max Wills who is really getting back to his confident best form. I thought Mark Schure was solid as always and put on some tackles at very critical times. Will Doble saved us several times while at full back and really backed himself. Oscar was one of the few players on the ground who was able to get free and keep the ball moving, and was very important driver. Matty Roberts and Jordan were again at the bottom of every pack, and I thought James Midgley won every tap out when he moved into the ruck. Ned attacked the ball harder this week than any other time I have seen, and was unlucky on several occasions not being awarded free kicks but just kept at it.

I won't go through the whole team, but I don't think there was a single player that when required didn't put their body on the line, so well done boys.

I think the game on the weekend will be a good example of our games for the rest of the season, so be prepared for wet, muddy conditions for our last few matches.

To have a winning run home, it's going to be critical for our forwards to be in front on **every occasion** and our back-men to be within arms length of their opponent at every given moment.

It was not a great day for skills in the mud but we have to keep on working on our foot and hand skills at training to keep on developing as a team. So let's rip into a short, sharp training session tonight and let's look forward to another big effort against McLeod who we beat at the start of the year.



Melbourne Finance Under 13 Blues

Glen Iris Blue 19.26.140 defeated Waverley Park Hawks 5.3.33

Coach's Match Review

A solid game saw us well clear of the Hawks this week. Especially in the first half, our game went to plan with skilful switches of play by Lidgett and Sloan. This opened the game up for our runners like Hamer, Moorey and Macca on the wings who could quickly deliver into our forward line. James Stewart and Max were starring which gave us good clearance from the packs. Langers, Rupert and Ed James were dangerous up forward with Rupert leading well and Ed timing his runs to swoop on the packs perfectly. It was great to see the effective use of handball to boys in the clear before the kick. Sam Broomham delivered three in the first quarter! A very big game this week, so let's see everyone at training Friday night. Well done!!

Manager's Report

It was good to see so many players coming back this week as we start to head for September. It was also fun to take training on Friday night in the bog at Righetti while Steve rested his mind & body down the coast (maybe in preparation for stage 2 of this year's campaign?)! A word of warning though - we are (**all**) going to have to show some extra commitment over the coming weeks if the team has any desire to go one better this year. Ashburton, Prahran & of course East Malvern are all snapping at our heels now and another loss could see us tumble from our perch on top of the ladder. With another "Melbourne Grammar Long Weekend" looming on the first weekend of the finals (19 August) we must have some advance commitment for a full team for all finals.

Now is the time to step up - we can win a premiership this year, but we won't if we are at less than full strength! Most will remember the last 2 years - this season our team have a mission - let's all get on with it.

Weekly Tip

A handball to a player running forward & wide is a great attacking / positive move. A handball to a player behind the pack who is facing forward and ready to move or deliver is also positive. A handball from a player who is moving forward to a player who is stationary (even facing the wrong way) is a wasted attacking opportunity. Do not handball to stationary players forward of the play unless you are in trouble. Do not handball to players standing very close to you (this is just giving responsibility to someone else). Receivers must be wide & on the move. Handball, then be prepared to run & shepherd & protect the receiver.

One other point – a wasted kick for goal is inexcusable & undoes so much good work up field - make every opportunity count & kick strongly for goal – we waste too many scoring opportunities – look at the score above!



Virgin Under 14 Brown

No report received



Norton Gledhill Under 15 Green

Under 15 Green – Sunday 15th July – 3.00pm at Righetti vs Richmond

A lovely day for football but unfortunately the condition of Righetti oval made it impossible to play any sort of co-ordinated skillful football. The boys were on fire to start with and kicked the opening two goals both terrific snaps from Andy Cameron and while Richmond came back rappers kicked a third for the quarter and we went in at quarter time all square.

Richmond then started to play terrific football and while our boys fought bravely the Richmond team finally got on top and went in at half time with a six goal to three score line. While we were beaten comfortably in the end the boys never stopped trying and I was very proud of the way they fought out the game to the very end. We have three games to play and we still lie 4th on the ladder and we will see how we go against the 2nd top side this Sunday.

Goal Scorers – Andy 2, Rappers 1.

Best Players – Leo, Fergus, Andy, Fabbers, Michael,

Score - Glen Iris 3-4-22 vs Richmond 12-15-87



Dorval Under 15 Golds

No report received

Colts - Glen Iris Sharks

Scores : ASHBURTON 3-8-26 def. by GI SHARKS 11-11-77

The Glen Iris Sharks began with the aid of a slight breeze and the match quickly settled into a fast play-on game with fairly good skills despite the wet and boggy conditions. Ashburton consistently won the centre clearances and took control through the mid-field, but the Sharks' back line held strong, and the team was displaying excellent teamwork both in defence and all over the ground.

This helped the Sharks control the game despite losing in the mid-field and to pile on a consistent 3 goals each quarter until $\frac{3}{4}$ -time. By contrast, Ashburton could not capitalise on its dominance through the mid-field and at centre clearances, and could manage only one goal during the same period of the game (in the 2nd quarter).

Winning more of the individual contests around the ground, combined with repeated strong clearances out of defence and some creative teamwork and forward play in attack, enabled the Sharks to score consistently throughout the game in spite of the poor conditions due to the wet weather.

A spirited effort by Ashburton held the Sharks to just 2 goals in the last quarter, in a fairly even quarter score-wise. The result, however, was inevitable, with the Sharks winning by 51 points at the final bell. Nevertheless, the large difference in the scoreline did not reflect the actuality of a high standard and entertaining game, strongly contested throughout in very ordinary conditions.

Credit goes to both teams for a fine and competitive contest to finish the week-end.

Results from Round 10

Under 11 Green	2-5-17	Def By	Canterbury R	4-2-26
Balwyn	12-8-80	Def	Under 11 Brown	0-1-1
Under 11 Gold	1-3-9	Def By	St Marys B	4-7-31
Under 11 Blue	6-7-43	D	Ashburton Green	3-5-23
Canterbury R	6-2-38	Def	Under 12 Brown	2-4-16
East Malvern Blue	8-9-57	D	Under 12 Blue	5-3-33
Under 13 Blue	19-26-140	D	Wav Park Hawks	5-3-33
Under 13 Gold	2-7-19	Def	HawCit1	0-5-5
St Damians	12-14-86	Def	Under 14 Brown	3-3-21
Under 15 Green	3-4-22	Def By	Richmond	12-15-87
Park Orchards	12-7-79	Def	Under 15 Gold	8-5-53
Ashburton	3-8-26	Def By	Colts	11-11-77
Canterbury R	6-2-38	Def	Glen Iris	2-4-16

Fixture for Round 11

Under 9 Round Robin at Pinewood – please go to www.wifa.org.au for details

Under 10 Gold	v	East Malvern Blue	Righetti Oval	10.30	Home
Under 10 Brown	v	Under 10 Blue	Righetti Oval	9.00	Home
St Marys W	v	Under 11 Green	at Greensbough P	11:30 am	20K1
Under 11 Brown	v	Kew A	at Righetti Oval	10:00 am	Home
Warrandyte	v	Under 11 Gold	at Warrandyte Res	11:30 am	35C1
Clayton	v	Under 11 Blue	Keeley Park	10.30	79D5
Under 12 Brown	v	Beverley Hills R	at Righetti Oval	11:30 am	Home
Ashburton Green	v	Under 12 Blue	Burwood Reserve	12.30	60G7
East Malvern Blue	v	Under 13 Blue	Keeley Park***	2.30	79D5
Macleod	v	Under 13 Gold	at Winsor Park	3:00 pm	20D6
Under 14 Brown	v	Balwyn	at Righetti Oval	1:00 pm	Home
SFX Whorse Colts	v	Under 15 Green	at Springfield Pk	1:30 am	47F7
Under 15 Gold	v	St Marys B	at Righetti Oval	3:00 pm	Home
Colts	v	Hawthorn Citizens	at Lynden Park	3:00 pm	60E4

Gladiator's Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 No Training	7
8 Inter- league	9	10	11	12	13 Training	14
15 Round 10	16	17	18	19	20 Training	21
22 Round 11	23	24	25	26	27 Training	28
29 Round 12	30	31				

Upcoming Events

August 4th - 20th Anniversary Celebration