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### From the President

What a Week for the Gladiators –  
Congratulations to the Players, Coaches and Supporters of our TWO winning Yarra Sides

A great effort by the Colts especially to Ian and Carol Seed who without their efforts the side would not have existed – The Glen Iris players joined forces with the Camberwell Sharks and a team was born. Well done to the players and to the coach Danny Staffieri and to the Team Manager Ross Gilmore – During the pre match address – one player wanted to say something to the squad – he told his team mates about an illness that he suffers from “Schizophrenia” and how some day’s it has been so hard just to get out of bed but playing footy with his mates had given him so much joy and happiness and how much playing for this Team has meant to him. A Fantastic effort by all the players and we wish them all the best in the Future. Matthew Seed awarded the best on ground medal.

The U15’s were rewarded with Back to Back premierships in the Gold division of Yarra –and we all know how tough the Yarra Gold division is - A great achievement by all the boys and to Ben Carboni and Glenn Parker for all the hard work behind the scenes . Thank you to Marianne McMillan the Team Manager and to Wayne Parker and Peter Vine who have supported and helped most of the boys since the Under 9’s. Bas Woodard awarded the best on ground medal. A great effort by one of our best Gladiator sides of all time.

All our Waverley sides have made the Grand Final. Congratulations to the U11’s on a thrilling 3 point victory and to the U12’s who are playing their best football together at the right time of the season.  
Good Luck to all 3 sides on Sunday.

Go Gladiators!

9 am Glen Iris Blue V East Malvern Blue.  
11am Glen Iris Blue V Ashburton  
3 pm Glen Iris Blue V East Malvern  
All games at Pinewood – All supporters Welcome.



**PRESENTATION DAY** - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 4.30pm

East Malvern RSL (off Winton Rd, East Malvern).

- 4.30 pm – 5pm Arrive – Refreshments for parents in RSL –  
Activities & Food /Drink for players on oval.
- 6pm - Presentations in the Function Room of the RSL
- 6.30pm- Individual Team Presentations and Awards at  
Selected areas around the RSL.
- 7pm - 730pm - Home – [More Details to follow Next Week.](#)

The WJFA held the League Best & Fairest Awards last night, Congratulations to Mac Rivett from the U11's who won the award with 24 votes and to Ned Walmsley and James Stewart who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U13's. Well done Boys on a great season.

<u>U11 Blue</u>			
<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<a href="#">Rivett</a>	Mac	Glen Iris	<u>24</u>
<a href="#">Beard</a>	Julian	Glen Iris	<u>11</u>
<a href="#">Hayes</a>	Ben	Glen Iris	<u>5</u>
<a href="#">Clement</a>	Ed	Glen Iris	<u>4</u>
<a href="#">Aujard</a>	Ed	Glen Iris	<u>3</u>

<u>U12 Blue</u>			
<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<a href="#">Arceri</a>	Patrick	Ashburton Red	<u>30</u>
<a href="#">McFarlane</a>	<a href="#">Will</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>12</u>
<a href="#">Roubin</a>	Harrison	Glen Iris	<u>9</u>
<a href="#">Stopp</a>	Hamish	Glen Iris	<u>6</u>
<a href="#">Pearson</a>	<a href="#">Harley</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>5</u>
<a href="#">Atkins</a>	<a href="#">Charles</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>4</u>
<a href="#">Wilson</a>	Callum	Glen Iris	<u>3</u>
<a href="#">McNamara</a>	<a href="#">Tom</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>2</u>
<a href="#">Elliot</a>	Jason	Glen Iris	<u>1</u>
<a href="#">Lidget</a>	<a href="#">Tom</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>1</u>

<u>U13 Blue</u>			
<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<a href="#">Jordon</a>	<a href="#">Thomas</a>	<a href="#">Ashburton Green</a>	<u>30</u>
<a href="#">Walmsley</a>	Ned	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>26</u>
<a href="#">Stewart</a>	<a href="#">James</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>24</u>
<a href="#">Gibson</a>	Max	Glen Iris	<u>7</u>
<a href="#">Newton</a>	<a href="#">Mitch</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>5</u>
<a href="#">Lidgett</a>	<a href="#">Jack</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>3</u>
Langdon	Tom	Glen Iris	<u>3</u>
<a href="#">McLardy</a>	<a href="#">Nick</a>	<a href="#">Glen Iris</a>	<u>1</u>

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Yours in Football

David Hooper



## Polarity Consultants Under 11 Blues

**POLARITY**

BLUES 6 11 (47) def ASHBURTON REDS 6 8 (44)

When any team wins by 3 points we all know that the result could have gone either way, considering there is only one kick that separated victory from defeat. However in reality the Blues were the better team on the day for we had more scoring shots and we had more of the play. The Blues have the utmost respect for Ashy Reds, as we knew we were in for one tough hard game and that they would be worthy opponents, which the score indicates. Ashy Reds are coached by the U11 inter-league coach so a few of our lads were familiar with him and vice-versa which added to the great spirit that the game was played in. His words to our lads after the game were welcomed and invaluable as no doubt were Haysie's to their lads.

In perfect conditions at Pinewood the first quarter saw both teams give their best yet the Blues missed some golden opportunities to put a couple of goals on the board. At the first break it was Ashy that had the only goal due to a short lapse in concentration by the Blues.

The second quarter belonged to Ashy as they came hard at us and dominated the first ten minutes, which resulted in two goals. Yet the last ten minutes the Blues held sway and negated Ashy Reds intensity at the ball. As the boys walked off the ground the Ashy Reds received a rapturous applause from their supporters whilst our boys received positive and valuable feedback.

The third quarter saw the Blues grind away at Ashy by playing the type of footy that is expected of finals to set up an enthralling last quarter. The three quarter time speech by Haysie focussed on the things we did to get back into the game and that each individual by doing his particular set task enhances the overall task of winning.

The last quarter was one of those nail-biters with the Blues hitting the front with a perfect set shot from our centre half forward. The halfway mark saw us 3 points up with the pressure from Ashy mounting. A quick snap from the pack and the Blues were 9 points up with the Blues players nearly suffocating the goal kicker. Ashy were not done with yet and replied with quick goal at the 18 minute mark. As the ball fumbled its way around the Ashy forward line for the last two minutes our backline and on-ballers plus our loose man in defence were as tenacious and determined as ever to keep us 3 points up until the siren.

GOALS: Clearihan 2, J Will, T Will, Beard, Rivett

BEST: All the players wearing the mighty Gladiators jumper.



## Starship Under 12 Blues

### STARSHIP

"Finishing second on the ladder and with two out of two wins in our previous encounters, East Malvern Blues had every reason to believe that they would win Sundays game and be on their way to a grand final. But we had different ideas!!

Before the game I pointed how important it was going to be to get a good start and put double in the Blues players minds. Well that's exactly what you did, with two early goals in the quarter and control of play for the first 10 minutes or so. However to the Blues credit, they fought back late in the quarter to bring the margin back to within a couple of points.

From then on the game became a tug of war, with neither team able to get a break on the other. Goals were hard to score and the intensity of tackling from both sides was truly worthy of finals footy. Again, like the previous week, we were able to stick to the task to keep the pressure up to end up dominating play in the last quarter.

It was too hard to single out individuals, such was the evenness of effort from everyone.

If nothing else, our performance over the last few weeks should highlight how well we can play when everyone on the ground contributes. It is the evenness of our team and the relentless pressure we apply, that makes us a real chance to go all the way this year."

**FINAL SCORES: Glen Iris Blues 8 12 60 defeated East Malvern Blues 4 14 38**



## Melbourne Finance Under 13 Blues

No game played—straight through to Grand Final 2nd September

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## Dorval Under 15 Golds

Under 15 Section 1 Grand Final – Sunday 26th August– 2.45pm at Preston City Oval vs Beverly Hills

A beautiful sunny day for football but the wind going straight down to the southern goals. This was the a match between the two teams that finished first and second on the ladder only 2pct point apart. So the two best teams in the highest

Section in the Yarra League were pitted against each other. A match with a total of 14 Inter League representatives and a majority of boys who were training with TAC sides. A large crowd and a huge build up. Glen Iris won the toss and kicked with the wind in the first quarter.

The game started at a frenetic pace but it was Beverly Hills who settled better and they scored the first goal into a fierce wind and things looked bad for GI. The boys fought valiantly and some great marking had the boys shooting for goal but they had left their goal scoring boots at home and at the end of the first quarter it was GI 2-6-18 to BH 1-0-6. Halfway through the quarter GI los Tyson Bradshaw one of the teams starts and forward focus all year when he was slammed into the ground and left the ground on a stretcher and spent an overnight stay in hospital with concussion but happily is alright now.

A waste of the strong wind and then the second quarter saw BH play much better with the wind and pile on 4 quick goals and lead 5-3-33 to 2-6-18 half way through the quarter but then GI started to realize this was not going to be easy and they would have to work for everything. GI started to work hard and prevented any more scoring by BH but could not find the goals scoring two behinds into the wind so at half time BH 5-3-33 to GI 2-8-20.

There was real concern in the GI rooms as they had been challenged and it was not known if the boys could respond. The start of the third quarter had the boys on fire but it was a disaster with all their good play being wasted by inaccurate kicking and the first 5 scoring shots were behinds so at one stage the score was BH 5-3-33 to GI 2-13-25. It looked as though the GI boys would have to catch up by scoring behinds and time was running out and BH had the wind in the last quarter. Then they finally got their kicking boots on and scored 5 goals and a further 4 behinds to nothing from BH so the score at three quarter time was – BH 5-3-33 to GI 7-17-59.

So at the start of the final quarter it was about even money with the wind even stronger and in the first 30 seconds there was a free kick to BH about 40mtrs out , kick it and it was on miss it and GI would still have a chance. BH just missed and then kicked another behind so the margin was exactly 4 goals with about 20 minutes left to play. It was nail biting but then we saw the mighty GI the side that had won the Premiership in Under 14 Gold and previously In Under 13 Brown play the sort of football that has made them the yard stick for the whole competition over the last three years. BH did not score again and GI scored 1-1 into the wind and ended up comfortable winners – GI 8-18-66 to BH 5-5-35.

Best Players – All of the boys, however special mention to Bas Woodard who won Man of the Match award from the Umpires.

Goal Scorers – Not sure.

Best Coach – Ben Carboni + Glen Parker



## Colts - Glen Iris Sharks

**GLEN IRIS SHARKS v MACLEOD**

**Sunday 26 August, 2007 Played at Bulleen Park**

**Scores : GI SHARKS 13-11-89 def MACLEOD 4-3-27**

For the third match running (previously in the last round of the season and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-final), the Sharks played Macleod, this time in the Grand Final. It was far and away the best game of the three the Sharks had played.

The intensity in this game was far higher from both teams, especially the Sharks. Macleod often cleared well from the back line with effective teamwork, but could not withstand the **Shark Attack** all day! Frequent long and accurate kicks into an open Sharks forward line proved to be the difference over the day, allowing opportunistic Sharks' forwards to pounce and goal consistently throughout the course of the game.

Macleod won many of the individual contests around the ground, but just could not score against the super-tight Sharks defence, and very strong backing up and teamwork out of the back line. The Sharks constantly denied Macleod on the scoreboard all day, restricting our opponents to a fairly mean score for the game.

It was a great victory for the Sharks, who ran out winners by 62 points. Whilst this margin appeared very comfortable on the scoreboard, the game seemed to be a strong and competitive contest throughout, and mostly had the appearance of being closer than the scoreboard indicated. It was a very good win in a good, well-fought game.

The Sharks all really played for each other as they had all season – it has been a trademark of their game. But in the wind-up of the season, with the players all together for the last time as a team, this trademark was especially obvious. A team that had just got off the ground at the beginning of the season, from disparate origins, and had gradually developed a special harmony as they played week by week, grew to develop a special bond amongst each other on the field as a strongly unified outfit. This really showed on Sunday, as they played together, and for each other, for the last time.

The Grand Final and Premiership is the culmination of an extremely good year for the Colts' group – players and parents included. A most happy and harmonious year for all, with everyone prepared to play their part on and off the field, parents and players alike, was a great satisfaction for both clubs.

Our great thanks go to Danny, as coach, who was a fantastic inspiration and unifying force all season, and a huge factor in the success of the team. Special thanks go also to Ross as Team Manager, very ably backed up by Carole, and Tony for being our permanent runner, and also the girls (and Stewart) for being our constant trainer assistance on match days.

It was a true team effort which brought due rewards. **WELL DONE SHARKS !!**



The victorious Colts after their 62 point win over Macleod on Sunday 26th August 2007

## Results from Yarra League Grand Finals

Colts	13-11-89	Def	Macleod 1	4-3-27
Under 15 Gold	8-18-66	Def	BevHilR	5-5-35

## Results from Waverley League Semi Finals

U11-1	Under 11 Blue	6.11 = 47	Def	Ashburton Red	6.8 = 44
U12-1	Under 12 Blue	8.12 = 60	Def	East Malvern Blue	4.14 = 38

## Fixture for Waverley League Grand Finals

### PINEWOOD RESERVE (Melway 70G4)

Under 11-1	East Malvern White	V	Under 11 Blue	9.00 am
Under 12-1	Ashburton Green	V	Under 12 Blue	11.00 am
Under 13-1	Under 13 Blue	V	East Malvern Blue	3.00 pm

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## Upcoming Events

2nd September - Father's Day

2nd September - WAVERLEY LEAGUE GRAND FINALS

9th September - Presentation Day

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