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Glen Iris

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Weekly Update

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From the President

Finally we have bounced the ball and Round 1 has been completed. Once again I'd like to thank the Coaches and Team Managers for the Time, Effort & Support they provide to the club and the players.

As you know Jan Gnatt has been ill and was admitted to Epworth Hospital over the last few days – he is now on the mend and back at home, we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him in the club rooms as soon as possible.

The April Happy Hour was a success – and I'd like to thank Andrew Macmillan from Bennison Mackinnon Carmichael and Rohan Aujard from Pulse Pharmacy for sponsoring the night and to all the parents from the Under 13's, 14's and 15's who helped out. A special mention to Sandy Lindholm and Tony Carroll who were there from start to finish. Brett, Howard, Wayne, Lisa, Lou, Susie, Kelli the list goes on - your help was a major reason the night went so well. Also to the Players who were so polite and courteous to all the parents and the two young girls who helped sell the raffle tickets – Well done to all.

On to the Football – we had over 80 new players pull on a Gladiator jumper for the first time last weekend. Truly a memorable experience for all. Remember it's all about having fun, gaining experience, enjoying the contest, respecting your opponents and behaving in a responsible manner that exemplifies the type of person you are and the type of club we are. Well done to all the players and I hope you all have a terrific season and enjoy this great game.

Carol Seed has been instrumental in getting a Colts side up and running this year - an unbelievable effort – we are called the Glen Iris Sharks and train at 6pm Tuesday Nights at Lynden Park – The Coach is Danny Staffieri - deanstaf@bigpond.net.au Well Done - Carol and Danny.

We have 19 Teams this year and it has been difficult to allocate times for teams at training - The Under 13 Golds have decided to train on Wednesday's from 5 to 6pm – At this stage the other 17 sides will train on a Friday. Wednesdays are available.

Under 9's 10's & 11's – 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Under 12's and U13's Blue – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Under 14's and Under 15's – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Good Luck this weekend – and Enjoy

Yours in Football
David Hooper



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Warwick Fabric Under 9 Blues

The coaching panel is extremely happy with the start to the season with two first up wins on the fun (wet) day. In the first game we were quite comfortable winning 22 to 8 against East Malvern Blue. The second game was a tighter tussle finally getting over the line against Ashburton Black 19 to 16.

We have an interesting mix of experienced and fresh talent in our line up. Notables on the day were Nick Sutho in the ruck, Pat Kerr and Al Graham across the back line, some zip in the middle from Will Colliver and Hugo Wilson, and Toby Warwick finishing with two goals from the half forward line.

Well done to all on a great start to the season!

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CBRE Under 9 Golds

The first game for many of our new recruits - Rupert Baxter, Lachlan Brown, Tom Deighton, Will Hocking, Liam Honour, Ned Irving, Will Koren, Jack Martin, Michael McPherson, Louis Nash, Alec Oldis, Nic and Dan Reynolds, Sam Sitch, Will Pascoe & Ben Wilmoth a great start to your Football careers.

A wet and windy day saw our team the Gold's just go down by a couple of points in each game. A great team effort led by Harry Atkins, Sam Guest, Sam Hooper, Harry Lovelock, Angus McPherson, Ned Stewart & Gus Walmsley. Well done team, a great effort – we have a few things to work on at training – staying in front of your man, going in and getting the ball and looking for each other when we get the ball.

Under 9 Browns

The message for the boys today before the game was to 1. Stay on your opponent, remembering his number and 2. to kick to space especially in the back line.

The first game was against East Malvern Whites, a team that had ten players returning from last year and their skills certainly showed us up early. It was a tremendous learning curve to play against a team that was bigger and faster and despite us losing, the entire team learnt a great deal. The following boys showed great endeavour in the first half, including Sam Woolley, Seb Reed, Edward Faulkner, Sam Johnston, Gus Lachal, Darcy O'Shannassy and Ned Lindholm.

In the second game against the Waverley Hawks, the entire team learnt what team football is all about and continued to run to space, share the ball and kick long into the forward line which resulted in four goals to nil in fifteen minutes which was very exciting. Sam Barnett took over in the ruck and with good support from Fred Oldfield and Tom Shatin the Browns were continually in attack, where goals were kicked by Sam B - 2, Seb Reed and Charles Coleman. Other efforts I would like to recognise were Hugo Llewelyn's charge up the field, Tom McDonald's marking at CHF, Charlie Westacott's last quarter in the ruck, Henry Marcel's running and continually putting the ball into the forward line and James McGlashan's efforts at the ball. In the final quarter, the Hawks came back and a sealing goal by Charles Coleman saw us get up by 7 points.

The boys were naturally very excited and sang the song with great gusto.

We will follow the same theme over the next two weeks and continually give every boy a go in all positions on the field.

I would like to thank my Team Manager, Martine Oldfield for her fantastic support during the week and on Sunday and to all those officials who helped out was much appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Go the Browns!!



Don Small Goods Under 9 Green

U9 greens opening match was greeted with much excitement on Sunday morning with Coach Paul Hermann failing to sleep at all on Saturday night due to late minute position changes and nerves about the weather

All players had a very memorable first game for the season successfully winning one game, drawing another and managing to get wet and muddy. Considering the wet conditions there were many skilled passages of play and team work with all boys very excited with the idea of being able to tackle at last and both East Malvern Black and Ashburton knew about it!



Trojan Tools Under 10 Blue

Well at last we are playing footy for season 2007. What more could we ask for? RAIN & more RAIN!! Although it was only light rain in the first half, the heavens' opened in the second half.

It was our first game together and the whole team was fired up. East Malvern had played a couple of pre season practises matches and jumped us at the start and they went into ¼ time 8 points up.

We then went on to win the 2nd, 3rd & 4th quarters and with 4 minutes to go hit the front. East Malvern then got a lucky break with a wayward kick rolling many meters thru for a goal!

With 2 minutes to go we were 5 points down. The team showed fantastic determination and did everything that we asked from them, they kept attacking.

With 10 secs remaining a goal was kicked at our end only to be advised by the umpire it was touched.

We went down by 4 points

We are all very proud of the team and hopefully they will get the win they so deserve this Sunday.

Emit Markets Under 10 Gold

Gladiators start year in devastating form

The under 10 gold team started the year as a team determined to stamp their authority on the competition with a 64 to 1 thumping of Prahran on the weekend.

The game started in pouring rain but it did not stop the Gladiators from playing exciting football. The engine room of Harvey Hooper and Jack Giles set the tone for the day by constantly winning the ball out of the middle and giving their forwards every chance to kick a big score. Lachlan Strathmore was outstanding in the ruck by winning every contest and giving Bailey Topper an armchair ride when Bailey was in the middle.

Ed Randall and captain for the day Charlie Howcroft were outstanding on the wings and on the open spaces of Prahran Oval they ran riot and constantly put the ball into attack.

The backline were magnificent in only allowing Prahran to score 1 point for the match. Ben Nicholls and Patrick Phillips were the generals of the defence and made sure that the backline of Will Bernardi, Jack Murphy, Max Barnham and Ben Deighton played in front of their opponents and attacked the ball when it was in their area. Well done boys!!

To kick a score of 64 points in the wet was outstanding. The big Fev in Andreas Livadaras was a key target up forward all day and took numerous marks and kicked multiple goals as a full forward. Hugo Chow in his first game kicked a great goal and his days as a Gladiator are under way. Anthony Rizakis, James Harwick, Alexander Kofler-Rogers and Andrew Tsaconas played great games and were always a danger for the Prahran backmen to mind.

Will Kelly and James Ford capped off a dominating display by playing outstanding wet weather football. Both players kicked multiple goals and their skills in the wet were a pleasure to watch.

Great game boys and good luck on Sunday

Under 10 Brown

Result: Glen Iris Brown 24.16.159 to Clayton 1.0.6

What a fantastic result, winning our first game, but remember that not all the teams we play will struggle with getting enough players, and we will really have to concentrate on staying in the backline and marking a player. Just because you are playing in the backline doesn't mean that you are not a part of the team, in actual fact the backline is the reason why we win games, because you rebound the ball back into our forward line and we can then kick a goal, so the good work starts from the backline, and it is then up to the forward line to complete the good work that the backline has started.

Congratulations to Tom Lind, Jack Col, and Sam Bulter in the ruck, and between James Nolan, Mitch Bulte, James Wiseman and Max Pearson the ball was moved fast and quickly out of the centre. A Captain's game was played by both Max and James Ross, and well as the four boys who played in the Clayton Colours, namely Harrison, James, Ritchie and Oscar.

On the forward line, Luke, Patrick, Tom Annois, Chris Davis, Angus, Sam Matthews, James Ross, Luke Bryan, Tom Mona, and Oscar all chipped in beautifully to have a hand in numerous goals, and to all the backline, congratulations because the ball didn't get past the centre.

Congratulations to you all and lets remember that we play East Malvern next week, and we will have to play like we did again to beat these boys, so handpass, talk, and back each other up with shepherding. Don't forget to bring your footballs to training on Friday this week.

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The Big Group Under 11 Gold

As the St Mary's coach said to us after this week's game, "Welcome to the Yarra League". Our first big test in the new competition against one of last year's grand-finalists showed us two things: firstly, that we can count on being very competitive this year; and secondly that there are a lot of aspects of our game that we can work on that will get us up to the higher level of performance that this competition will demand.

On the positive side, our skills were easily a match for St Mary's in this game, in fact I think we out-played them in the skills department for most of the day. We had clear winners in several positions, particularly in the ruck (Charlie Koren and Max Mellor), clearing the ball out of the centre (Gordon Carter and Gus Borthwick), as well as in key defensive positions (Paul Colman, James Regan, Louis James and Hugo Hall). It was great to see such strong tackling and chasing from Ant Ioannidis and Nick Waddell as well, setting the standard for everyone.

Things that we need to work on include lifting our intensity in close contests, and getting used to making quick decisions when pressure is applied to us. This will no doubt improve as we get more matches under our belts. Our shepherding was really good this week, but there was not enough talking to our teammates – it was very quiet out there! We also need to improve our game strategy – St Mary's was better organised than us on the ground and gave us a lesson in how to lock the ball into the forward line, kick to players running into space and shut down play in the last line of defence. We were a little loose in defence at times, giving our opponents a one or two-step head start to too many contests, and we got absolutely killed in the overhead marking department. The good news is that these are all things we can work on at training and will definitely improve over the coming weeks as we regain our match fitness.

All in all I came away from today's game convinced that we have a very exciting season to look forward to. We will certainly learn a lot from competing at this level and everyone will come out of the season a much better footballer than when they went in. And with the talent we have in this team, you never know what we might be able to achieve!

We have decided to run with a two-captain system this year, which should give everyone a turn. Congratulations to our captains for this week, Ted Risbey and Sandy McFarlane who both played their lead roles with distinction. Next week's captains will be Ed Koren and James Otto.

Result St Marys B 8-6-54 def Glen Iris Gold 4-6-30



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It was the start to a season that no-one could predict. After months of drought, the heavens opened right on time and proceeded to drown everyone and everything in sight.

The U11 Browns were not unhappy though, they were just glad to be out on the ground kicking the footy and having fun with their mates. Kew Rovers proved to be a good opposition and with some slightly better wet weather tactics they got lucky with a few soccerred goals. The Gladiators got lots of the ball and many times looked to be the dominant side but the scoreboard just wouldn't reflect the effort put in by the boys. As the ground dried out in the second half the boys showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with as the season progresses.

Mitch and Lachie Horne did whatever they could to create opportunities for their teammates around them and both had a great start to the year. Will Stewart slotted the valiant Gladiators only goal and showed that we have a bit of talent to play with on the forward line. It was exciting to watch Connor Schomburgk in his first footy game ever – he worked really hard and showed that he is going to be a real asset as the season progresses. Rupert Reed in his first game with the Gladiators also showed that he has a good season in front of him. .

Well done to Jack Slobom on his captaincy for the day – wearing his favorite number 3 he worked tirelessly under the packs and got plenty of kicks. Chris Kirton and Will Ramsden kept the opposition busy with some hard tackling and clever football and Ed Langdon and David Holyoake showed a bit of dash through the centre of the ground.

All in all it was a great start to the season and Ed Hardy is to be congratulated on his debut coaching effort. Only about 700 to go before he catches Kevin Sheedy. A big thanks to Julian Daniell (Ed's big brother) for running the boundary in conditions which made him resemble a drowned rat.

Final Score: Gladiators 1-4-10 to Kew Rovers 6-6-42

Goal Scorers. Will Stewart (Father did well as interchange steward too.)

Best Players. (in no particular order, other than alphabetical) David Holyoake, Lachlan Horne, Mitchell Horne, Chris Kirton, Edward Langdon, Will Ramsden, Connor Schomburgk, Jack Slobom.

Polarity Consultants Under 11 Blue

Glen Iris Blues	2.6	4.8	5.8	6.11	(47)
East Malvern Blues	1.0	2.1	5.3	6.5	(41)

If all our games are going to be like this one parents will be hitting the hip flask more often than not. What a heart stopper, with East Malvern having a kick 15 metres out directly in front after the siren to level the scores. The East Malvern player found the waterlogged leather footy a bit too heavy and couldn't make the distance much to our lads delight. We had control of the first half by being first to the ball and having all the run. At half time we were confident that our form would continue yet the second half saw East Malvern become the team that was more desperate for the ball, which enabled them to make it a closely fought game. Our boys are to be congratulated for the win especially with the less than ideal pre-season with no practice match, the East Malvern lads had two practice matches under their belt.

Goals: Rivett 2, Aujard, Church, Szabo, J Will

Best Players: Rivett, Hays, Beard, Aujard, Phillips, Greenhough

Under 11 Green

No report submitted



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Starship Under 12 Blue

An early start, wet conditions, combined with no match practice was probable the reason for our slow start. East Malvern's first quarter set up the game for them, out scoring us by around 6 goals. While our boys started to get into the game during the second quarter, it was obvious from the boundary line that the difference between the two teams was that East Malvern was harder at the ball than us.

At half time we were staring down the barrel of an 8 goal deficit and things were starting to look ugly!

Following some serious soul searching and words of encouragement from Calum and the other boys in the leadership group, we regrouped and came out a lot harder in the third quarter, and so did the rain!

It was tough going and to the boys credit we started winning the hard ball. Due to the conditions, goals were hard to come by, so our improved effort wasn't reflected on the scoreboard, but we certainly won the quarter.

The rain then stopped and so could have we with the scoreboard still showing a 7 goal deficit. But that wasn't on anyone's agenda! Six goals to one in the last quarter showed that this group has real fighting spirit and was a quarter of football that will give us confidence for the east of the season. Well done for not giving up and fighting out the whole game.



The Presidential Card Under 12 Brown

No report submitted

Under 13 Gold

With a confident Bench of 6 players, the team entered the 2007 season with an away game at Hawthorn

Sam Guss captained the side, and the boys opened an impressive start in the first few seconds of the first bounce with a goal. Welcomed overnight rains, the first in many months, softened the ground which was welcomed for our first outing.

Keeping the home side to just 1 point at qtr time our team played in front, went for the ball with 100% intensity and seem 'switched on' right from the start. Walls were built to keep the ball in our front line and the defence stopped at first attempt and push from the opposing side.

Only allowing the team in the second half another point till half time allowed coach to use the interchange bench and 'test' new players & allow him to place players in new positions.

Impressive 1st match plays by so many including; Oscar, Tom B-H, Tom B, Jordan, and a huge amount of ruckwork by Mitch. Overall the team played well, however Hawthorn made more effort in the second half as we took our foot off the pedal, and at times forgot our basic playing rules.

Final score ; Glen Iris 12.8.80 def. Hawthorn Citz. 2.4.16



Melbourne Finance Under 13 Blue

After a slow start, we soon remembered our patterns of play that we developed last year. The result was a more effective movement of the ball, starting with Josh, Max, James Morrison & James Stewart in the middle. They worked out a speedy method to clear the ball quickly to forwards like Mitch, Jonathan & Ned who led & marked strongly or fed off the ball to the goalsneak, Tom.

Our backline, with Henry & Sam Brand playing well, switched the ball out of defence which opened up the play on the opposite side of the ground letting James Moore & Jack run into open space. One thing we will definitely have to work on though is to resist the temptation for backline & centreline players to crowd the forward line - our key forwards need open space & this means quick goals! Overall a great result considering our reduced preparation. T

hanks to the new players whose input was invaluable in their first games. Well done James Moore, Sam Broomham, Jonathan Chesterfield & Alex Hamer (no.2) and we will certainly welcome Olivia May & Ben Fowler next week for their first appearance with the MIGHTY GLEN IRIS UNDER 13 BLUES.

Under 14 Gold

Sundays match against St Mary's was always going to be a hard game. After a good display of pressure in the opening five minutes by our boys, St Mary's more developed players took hold of the game and ran away comfortable winners. Although well behind at three quarter time the boys fought back in the last quarter, with our only goal scorer Will Carroll slotting one through in the dying moments. A solid performance from the midfield saw Wills, Long, Doyle, Daish and Tandler all have good games and they were supported by a strong backline, lead by Lachie Seed and Robbie McMillan. Hopefully some good lessons were learnt in regards to what it takes to compete against quality opposition. It has also been rumoured that some of the St Mary's boys have been selected to play for Melbourne this week.



Under 15 Gold

No report submitted

Under 15 Blue

Under 15 Blues – Sunday 29th April – 1.00pm at Bulleen vs St .Marys

Lots of rain in the morning but clear skies for our first match of the season. We were unaware of what to expect when the boys took the field and it was tough and close to start with but then our boys started to take control out of the centre and also around the game. It was a pleasure to see the team work and string of handballs that helped get the ball moving, it was as if they had been playing together for weeks.

We dominated the game from the beginning and using our bench were able to keep the onballers fresh. The first quarter finished four goals to one with Tom Hardham contributing two of them and ably supported by Jimmy Shatin and Alex Bitmead and the service from further up the ground was terrific with Sid Jones and Fergus Tremaine combining well on ball and Will McCann in everything.

Tom Hurley was a dominant force in the ruck and the opposition seemed intimidated and with big John Burr at CHF providing a marking target and Tom Rapke also dominating it was one way traffic. Jackson Strangward and Alex Chesterfield as well as Mac Webster were dominating their opponents and pushing the ball to the forwards and linking handballs, it was great to watch, Captain Nick Alexopoulos was at his best and scored a fantastic goal from a long way out on the run, Sammy Batters was doing a great job and Luke Glen was in everything.

Leo Theodore at CHB was a rock and tough as nails and with Tom Lovelock next to him they were impassable. Will Boyd was a sensation taking great marks and being involved in everything as was Macca who played on ball and everywhere and with his speed absolutely killed them and Andy Cameron battling a badly injured shoulder all day was incredible. Best on Ground Matt Robinson had a "special" day.

Score - Glen Iris 12-11-83 def St Mary's 4-6-30

Colts

No report submitted

Results from Round 1

Round 1

Glen Iris Sharks (Colts Sec 3)	Def	Fitzroy	17-14-116 to 3-2-20
U 15 Gold	Def	Park Orchards	14-15-99 to 2-4-16
U15 Blue	Def	St Mary's 2	12-11-83 to 4-6-30
U 14 Gold	Def by	St Mary's B	1-0-6 to 26-13-169
U 13 Gold	Def	Hawthorn Citz	12-8-80 to 2-4-16
U 13 Blue	Def	Mt Waverley Falcons	22-19-151 to 5-3-33
U 12 Brown	Def	Canterbury	6-2-47 to 1-4-10
U 11 Blue	Def	East Malvern Blue	6-11-47 to 6-5-41
U 11 Gold	Def by	St Mary's B	4-6-30 to 8-6-54
U 11 Brown	Def by	Kew Rovers B	1-4-10 to 6-6-42
U 11 Green	Def by	Canterbury	2-2-14 to 6-9-45

Fixture for Round 2

9.00am	Prahran White	v	Under 9 Blue	Toorak Park
9.00am	Under 9 Brown	v	Clayton	Righetti Oval
10.30am	Under 9 Gold	v	East Malvern Red	Righetti Oval
BYE	Under 9 Green			
12.30pm	Under 10 Gold	v	Ashburton Green	Righetti Oval
12.30pm	Ashburton Red	v	Under 10 Blue	Keeley Park ***
2.30pm	Under 10 Brown	v	East Malvern Blue	Righetti Oval
10.00am	Under 11 Green	v	Fitzroy 2	Righetti Oval
10.00am	Kew A	v	Under 11 Brown	Vic Pk
10.30am	Prahran	v	Under 11 Blue	Toorak Park
11.30am	Under 11 Gold	v	Warrandyte	Righetti Oval
10.30am	Under 12 Blue	v	Ashburton Green	Pinewood
11.30am	Beverley Hills	v	Under 12 Brown	Burleigh Drive
12.30pm	Under 13 Blue	v	Ashburton Green	Pinewood
1.00pm	Under 13 Gold	v	Macleod	Righetti Oval
11.00am	Fitzroy 1	v	Under 14 Gold	Peterson Oval
1.00pm	St Marys B	v	Under 15 Gold	Whatmough Pk
3.00pm	Under 15 Blue	v	Banyule M	Righetti Oval
3.00pm	Glen Iris Sharks	v	Kew	Lynden Pk

Gladiator's Calendar

▶ *May 2007*

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 AFCA Level 1 Coaching Course (9-12 year olds) Oakleigh RSL	3	4 Training at Righetti	5
6 Round 2	7	8	9	10	11 Training at Righetti	12
13 Round 3	14	15	16	17	18 Training at Righetti	19
20 Round 4	21 AFCA Level 1 Coaching Course (13-19 year olds) Oakleigh RSL	22	23 Presidents and Secretaries Meeting with WJFA	24	25 Training at Righetti	26
27 Round 5 HAPPY HOUR	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Events

- May 27 - Happy Hour at Righetti - Under 12's to host
- June 4 - AFCA Level 1 Coaching Course (9-12 year olds) Oakleigh RSL
- June 24 - Happy Hour at Righetti - Under 11's to host
- July 29 - Happy Hour at Righetti
- August - 20th Anniversary Celebration (flyer attached)

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