



NEWSLETTER SEASON 2011

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Dear PJFC Members,

Well done on a exciting first week of matches for season 2011.

The club will be closed for the next two weeks, so have an enjoyable holiday and happy Easter.

Under 10 players are still required for our teams. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact Madeline O'Connor.

Charlotte Limb
Newsletter Coordinator

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Club had mixed fortunes in Round 1 with 7 wins and 7 losses. Some matches were very close and all were keenly contested in great spirit.

First Aid

It would be a good idea for all teams to take a small esky (available at Bunnings) containing ice (from service stations). Often ice is not available at "away" games or our canteen and it is the most used item in First Aid. Icepacks do not get as cold and therefore are not as effective. Calico bank bags are ideal for packing the ice into as they protect the skin. A couple of rolls of compression bandages should be thrown in too to secure the ice pack to the leg etc.

Those who attended the recent First Aid course were advised that all First Aid Kits should contain the following things to help treat some of the more common injuries:

1. Fractures & breaks - Sling, foil blanket
2. Sprain/Strain - Ice, compression bandage
3. Cuts - gauze, saline, steri-strips, vaseline, betadine (swabs can be bought in sachets - packs of 100), bandages
4. Bleeding - blood tape, gauze
5. Lost teeth - sterile plastic sample container, milk (from canteen)
6. Eye injury - saline, eye pad
7. Blood nose - hand towel in a dark colour so the kids don't get alarmed by the colour of the blood

Also - Plastic gloves, scissors, 'Layerdahl' CPR mask and disposable plastic tweezers should be included.

Team Managers and trainers should remind Parents to have available at all matches:

- Personal asthma pumps of players who require ventolin
- Personal epipens of players who suffer from allergies
- Seriously injured children should be taken off the ground and treated on the bench where the First Aid Kit is kept

For all matches at Toorak Park and Como, the Club will have in attendance a level 2 trained first aid officer. We encourage trainers to introduce themselves to the first aid officer before the start of a match and to work together to ensure injuries are treated in the most effective manner.

Ambulance Access

In the unlikely event that an ambulance is required, access will be through a gate on the corner of Orrong Road and Fulton Street. The key to the gate will be kept on a hook in the Club storage cupboard. All Team Managers and Trainers should familiarise themselves with the location of the key, which we ask that you return after use.

Please be assured safety is a priority at the Prahran Junior Football Club.

I hope you all have a safe and restful Easter.

Regards
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PJFC FOOTBALL CLUB SONG

**Here come the Prahran boys
Here come the Blues.
We won't be beaten – we hate to lose.
We will beat them one and all,
The bigger they are the harder they fall.
Whether the odds be great or be small
Gallant Prahran will win overall.
You can hear the crowd all roaring
COME ON THE MIGHTY BLUES!!!**

UNIFORMS

PJFC playing uniform requirements:

- PJFC Playing jumper,
- PJFC shorts
(blue for home & white for away games),
- PJFC socks,
- Football boots
- Mouth guard.

Costs are as follows:

- * PJFC blue shorts (for home games) - \$20
- * PJFC white shorts (for away games) - \$20
- * Royal blue socks - \$10

All items (aside from football boots and mouth guards) are available for sale at the clubrooms. This year, players also have the option of purchasing uniform via an order form.



Match day jumpers are provided by the club at no charge. Please note that playing jumpers remain the property of the club and must be returned at the end of the season.

FOOTY BOOTS & MOUTHGUARDS

These must be purchased separately by parents.

Our policy is strictly 'no mouthguard, no train or play'. Mouthguards must be worn at ALL training sessions & games. Any child without a mouthguard on game days will not be allowed on the field.

GENERAL NEWS

INVITATION

You are invited to help celebrate 125 years of Prahran Football Club. Kevin Sheedy will toast 125 years of the Prahran Football Club on a night to remember.

Time: 16 April 2011 at 7pm

Place: Lux Pavilion, Toorak Park, Orrong Rd, Armadale

Cost: \$40 pre paid or \$50 at the door

RSVP is essential as places are limited.

Contact pfsclub@bigpond.net.au or **Tim Habel** on 0414 286 771.

FOOTBALL BOOTS – AFTER TRAINING

A reminder that the clubrooms are a football boot free zone. Please remove boots before entering the Club on Friday nights.

GAME FIXTURES

View game fixtures on the MSJFL website at www.msjfl.com.au. Team Managers will also communicate fixtures and any changes prior to each match.

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Professional run through banners are available from for your child's next football milestone. Call

TEAM BAR AND BBQ DATES

Team responsibilities for the Bar and BBQ.	
DATE	TEAM ON DUTY
FRIDAY 15 APRIL: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	CLUB CLOSED. NO TRAINING
FRIDAY 22 APRIL: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	CLUB CLOSED. NO TRAINING
FRIDAY 29 APRIL:	U11 BLUE
FRIDAY 6 MAY:	U11 RED
FRIDAY 13 MAY:	U10 BLACK
FRIDAY 20 MAY:	U10 BLUE
FRIDAY 27 MAY:	U10 RED
FRIDAY 3 JUNE:	U9 BLACK
FRIDAY 10 JUNE: QUEENS B'DAY WEEKEND	CLUB CLOSED. NO TRAINING
FRIDAY 17 JUNE:	U9 BLUE
FRIDAY 24 JUNE:	U9 RED
FRIDAY 1 JULY:	U12
FRIDAY 8 JULY: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	CLUB CLOSED. NO TRAINING
FRIDAY 15 JULY:	U11 BLACK
FRIDAY 22 JULY:	U11 BLUE
FRIDAY 29 JULY: (Note - last week U9 training).	U11 RED
FRIDAY 5 AUGUST: (Note - last week U10 training).	U10 BLUE
FRIDAY 12 AUGUST: (finals dependent)	TBA
FRIDAY 19 AUGUST: (finals dependent)	TBA
FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER:	U13 and U12

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PARENTAL BEHAVIOUR

The PJFC has adopted the following Parents' Code of Conduct:

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not coerce them.
3. Provide a positive focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than on winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
5. Remember that children learn best by example.
6. Appreciate good performances and skills shown by all players from home and opposition teams.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from on and off-field activities.
8. Respect officials' and umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every child regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Show appreciation and be courteous to PJFC coaches, officials, team managers, administrators and fellow parents. Without them your child could not participate.

Peter Lupson
Vice President

ROUND 1 MATCH REPORTS 10 April 2011

UNDER 9 BLACK

Prahran Black 0.-0.-0
St. Kilda City Black 11.-2.-68

Best: Lucas Liakakos, Will McMurrick, Taylan Berberoglu, Arthur Rush, Thomas Whelan, Harry Cooper

Game Summary

Sunday morning brought with it perfect conditions for football; clear sky, a dry ground and Toorak Park looking absolutely magnificent.

This was the first real match for many of the boys and unfortunately we came up against an exceptionally well drilled St. Kilda City Blacks. The first half saw the St. Kilda City Blacks pile on 7 goals and 2 behinds whilst we struggled to come to terms with the pace of the game and had very few scoring opportunities.

After a stirring speech from Coach Chris at half time the boys really lifted in the second half restricting the opposition to 4 goals and 0 behinds. In the dying minutes of the game we had the ball inside 25 but sadly were beaten by the siren and finished scoreless for the game.

What Worked Well

The boys never gave up, maintained a positive attitude throughout the game and had fun.

Tip of the Week

Run hard at the ball and don't wait for the ball to come to you!

UNDER 9 BLUE

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Captains:

Michael Frangos (26) & Luke O'Brien (21)

Scores:

Prahran Blue 6.-11.-47

Beaumaris Hammerheads 2.-1.-13

Better Players:

Josh Dainty, Sam Macaw, Louis Dalglish,
Alexander McGuire, Chris Long, Will Purdie, Will
Richards, Simon Tarrant

Goal Kickers:

2 goals – William Purdie

1 goal – Josh Dainty, Xander McGuire, Luke
O'Brien, Tex Freeman

Many thanks to the following parents for their official assistance:

Ray Skinner, Rob Nicholls, Mark Richards, Campbell
Dixon, Jeanine Purdie, Mark Mackinnon, Peter
Findlay, Mark Freeman and Toulou Frangos

1st Quarter

The start of a new season always brings great
expectations and the boys from Under 9 Prahran
Blues came out firing in the first quarter of football
for the year. The ball spent most of the quarter in
our forward line leaving the backline with little to
do.

The game started with some great pressure and
tackling from Louis which resulted in a minor score.
This was immediately followed by some superb
play from Will Purdie delivering the ball to Luke
O'Brien who casually slotted the goal and the
Blues were away! Back in the middle we saw some
great ruck work from Sam Macaw who delicately
palmed the ball off to Josh Dainty who began his
great quarter with a kick into attack. A strong mark
from Henry at centre half back repelled one of the
few attacks from the opposition. A nice centering
kick from Xander resulted in a goal to Josh who
continued to dominate the quarter. The highlight
of the quarter was a passage of play that saw the
ball move quickly and cleanly from Will Richards to
Louis to Xander and finally to Will Purdie who
kicked a goal. A final attack from Beaumaris was
again repelled with a nice mark to Brett.

Score at ¼ time: Prahran 3.-2.-20
Beaumaris 0.-0.-0

2nd Quarter

The second quarter started with the half back line
standing strong with some great marks by Sam
McLellan and Will Richards. Prahran then
responded with a push forward that saw the ball

move quickly from Will Purdie to Sami who showed
great skill to move the ball on to Edward Findlay
then onto Xander for a goal – great play again
boys! Louis started to take control around the
packs and Chris was finding plenty of the footy.
Anthony grabbed a nice mark but just missed the
goal. Sam Macaw also started to accumulate
many possessions and Xander was working well
across half forward. The quarter ended with
another push forward and a goal to Will Purdie, his
second of the match. Once again the ball spent
most of the time in our forward line for the quarter
with a dominant display enabling the team to
build a handy lead.

Score at half time: Prahran 5.-6.-36
Beaumaris 0.-1.-1

3rd Quarter

The boys continued with great pressure in the third
quarter. In was a great quarter for Simon Tarrant
who gathered many possessions including one that
resulted in a nice mark to Ned, who was working
into the game. Chris Long was controlling the
middle and Sam Macaw and Josh were playing
well. TB showed us some fancy footwork on the
wing with a great side step and dodge to keep the
ball moving forward. Sam McLellan did some
strong work across half back to stop one of the few
Beaumaris attacks. Goals were harder to come by
but we had plenty of the footy and scored 5 points
to hold a large lead going into the last quarter.

Score at ¾ time: Prahran 5.-11.-41
Beaumaris 0.-1.-1

4th Quarter

A good mark from Sam started the quarter but
Beaumaris controlled the footy early and kicked 2
quick goals to give them some hope of getting
back into the game. The Prahran boys responded
to the challenge with some good play from Will
Richards out of the centre and TB was hard at the
ball. Prahran then took back control of the game
and the ball spent more time in our forward line.
With one these forward moves the ball ended up
in our goal square and Tex was able to take
control of the football and kick a nice goal to put
the match beyond question. Louis took a couple of
nice marks to finish off a great game for Prahran
under 9 Blues.

Mark Freeman

UNDER 9 RED



Captains

Liam Thornton & Ashley Barber

Scores

Prahran Reds 4.-4.-28

Dingley Gold 2.-2.-14

Goal Kickers

1 goal – Julian Baloukeserlis, Bailey Dann, Ashley Barber, Declan Albrecht

First Quarter

The season got underway on a beautiful autumn morning at Como Park against Dingley Gold. Liam Thornton got the first big knock-out for the season and got the ball moving our way in a good omen for things to come.

All the boys were keen and committed and forced the ball constantly in our direction. After some scrambling deep in our forward line, Julian Baloukeserlis snapped a great first goal of the year to the cheers of the Prahran faithful!!

Once again from the centre, we kept forcing it forward thanks to great efforts by Alexander Hird and Charlie Sinclair. After desperate work by our onballers and forward line, Bailey Dann snapped a goal out of the pack to put Prahran 2 goals up.

We kept dominating play in this first quarter. Mose Rabe took a great mark to complete his hard working quarter. The siren blew to finish a great first term of the season for Prahran Reds to be leading 2.2 to no score.

Second Quarter

We started the second quarter as we played the first, with constant pressure pushing the ball our way. The combination of Scott Beilby in the ruck and Mose, Alex Hird, Charlie and Bailey on the ball was working well. Fred Batzias took a great mark in the forward line and just missed the goal. Prahran's pressure kept the ball in our forward line and Ashley Barber kicked a great goal.

Dingley Gold then fought back, applying pressure to our backline. Thomas Langford was repelling attacks and standing tall as was Harry Robenstone playing well in defence.

Dingley Gold eventually got a goal to start a fight back. Late in the quarter, Scott Beilby took some great marks and launched some huge kicks deep

into our forward line and we scrambled a few points before half time to lead 3.4 to 1.0.

Third Quarter

Things tightened up in the third quarter with Dingley Gold playing some committed football. Max Willoughby – Gough took a fine mark early in the term to set the tone. It was a tight, low scoring quarter with our backline put under pressure. Time and again Tige Ryan and Kipling Edmonds repelled attacks to keep Dingley out.

Dingley's hard work paid off eventually to kick a goal to tighten things up. Overall our whole team kept it together considering that most of the quarter was spent in Dingley's forward line. Three quarter time score was 3.4 to 2.2.

Fourth Quarter

Our coach James Hird asked for a big last quarter. The boys were having fun and were full of enthusiasm. A great positive attitude like this was always going to hold us in good stead for the final term. Our onballers provided strength around the packs to keep forcing the ball into our forward line. We dominated the final quarter with a great team effort. Tige Ryan and Mose Rabe took great marks. Both Harry W and Harry R played well as did Alexander Appleton.

After relentless pressure by our boys, Declan Albrecht found himself in the open and slotted the winning goal. The final margin was 14 points. Fantastic first win of the season.

Jason Dann

UNDER 10 BLACK

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Prahran Black 8.-15.-63
South Melbourne White 1.-0.-6

Captain: Harrison Reilly
Goal Kickers: Harry 3, Jack 2, Charlie B 1,
Hamish 1 & Bailey 1

Well I must say that the coach had a few nerves about the start of a new season and I am sure the boys were a little nervous and excited about getting onto the park for the first time. This year sees allot of new rules that will take allot of getting used to however I was really proud of the way the boys played. For the bulk of the team it is their second year as a unit and it was great to see the way they played as a team which produced a number of super goals. All the boys are to be commended on the way they approached the game which was played in a really good spirit ... well done!!

Luckily for us the match was played in sunshine which enabled the boys to handle the ball cleanly and allowed for many forward entries which kept the scoreboard ticking over however we probably need to have a few more shots at goal at our next training session.

Richie started the season where he left off from last year and gave Charlie B, Jasper, Jamie, Bailey, Harry and James first use of the ball and was dominant around the ground. Jamie and Charlie racked up their usual number of positions however what really pleased me was the number of hard ball gets they both had ... inspirational stuff boy's. Charlie B has clearly been practicing his goal kicking with a fantastic "banana" from a very tough position. Harry played between half back and rover and gave us plenty of possession ... he also kicked three handy goals ... super stuff.

The forwards did a great job all day which enabled the ball to stay in our half as well as peppering the goals which was great to see. Hamish is clearly still in cricket mode with a great off break that resulted in a superb goal as well as a number of strong marks. Jack saw allot of action though clearly he has taken a leaf out of "Buddies" goal kicking book by having seven shots at goals for two majors ... that said his passes to Bailey and Harry that resulted in goals was great to see. Well done Jack!! Our small forwards (Texas, Josh L, Finn N, Finley, Charlie G and Liam) placed South Melbourne under enormous pressure with their forward press (was going to mention Pagans Paddock however

didn't think the boys would know what that was) that saw numerous turn over's that resulted in goals ... great stuff guys.

The ball didn't get down into our backline often but when it did our boys (Will, Josh P, Carlo, Harrison & Finn V) did a great job by working together to drive it back to our goals. Harrison played really well for his first game and he will be a real asset to our team!!

We now have a two week break so look after yourselves and see you soon!

UNDER 10 BLUE

Prahran Blue **6.-3.-39**
Hampton **6.-12.-48**

Captains:

Monte Kellett (10) & Thomas Spargo (36)

Better Players:

Ned Cooper, Simon Finnegan, Nicholas Hoare,
Max Marriner, Jack Pattison, Lucas Pike, Ed Royle.

Goal Kickers:

3 goals: Simon Finnegan

1 goal: Nicholas Hoare, Max Marriner, Tom Spargo.

First Quarter

There was a buzz around the ground as the Prahran boys assembled for their first footy game for 2011. Yes, it was great to be back!

It was a slow start to the game for Prahran, who were jumped by the Hampton team playing on their home ground. Coach Kellett was heard to mutter 'wake up boys' under his breath, and they did.

Lucas Pike stemmed the early goals to Hampton with some sterling defensive work, repeatedly repelling and kicking long out of defence.

Lochie Dowd as always was a rock at centre-half-back and Will Grimwade was busy around the wing.

Prahran were set alight by a fantastic snap by Max Marriner, for his first goal. Tom Spargo chipped in with a captain's goal and the scores were level at quarter time.

Second Quarter

The second quarter commenced with Tristan McPhee and Oscar Sarafian marking everything in defence.

A great piece of play saw Ned Cooper kick to Travis Harrison, who passed to Simon Finnegan then on to Nick Hoare, who was looking dangerous in the forward line.

A goal to Simon Finnegan saw the Blues go into the half time break trailing by only 16 points.

Third Quarter

The third quarter was a close affair with Alex Psalidas shining, ably assisted by Rory O'Connor and Edward Royle.

Monte Kellett's ruck work was exceptional with Monte repeatedly thumping the ball to the Blues

advantage.

A highlight of this quarter were some fantastic goals – one from Nick Hoare and two from Simon Finnegan.

At three quarter time the scores were level and it was anybody's game. Thanks to Karen Royle for plying the boys with kilos of reptilian confectionery and providing them with the energy to excel.

Fourth Quarter

Pat Wilson, in his first game for the club, was fantastic in defence and Tom MacKinnon and Nick Mitchell were also outstanding.

Both teams struggled to kick goals in the final term. The Blues ran out of legs, with the sole goal for the quarter to Hampton, sealing the affair.

We will be better for the run.
Michael O'Connor

UNDER 10 RED



Challenge

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Prahran Red **20.-12.-132**
St Bedes **0.-0.-0**

Some introductory thoughts – the Prahran Reds Under 10 football team is very well coached, well drilled and likely to have a successful season. Improvements in some players are already quite apparent.

Although a little invidious to single out some, the following already presents itself to the keen observer.

Jackson Catalano is quick on his feet and good below the knees and a powerful up forward presence. Tom Hird and Max Sinclair continue to be ball magnets. Ben Solomon running free on a wing will probably sneak forward and kick goals all season. Fedele DeCampo is a rock across half back and an outstandingly composed kick. The falls – Jesse Castan, James Montague and Jackson Catalano – will win the first tap more often than not. Hird, Sinclair and Ollie Burke will collectively suffer from leather poisoning by the end of the season. New players Marc Italiano, George Torney and, our new number one, Yor Ajak, will each be important contributors.

Jack Catanach kicked 10 by three quarter time. In fact, by three quarter time, he kicked 10 straight. Number nine was a left footed banana running the wrong way. He was best on ground on Sunday. Merely to save space, the report will now focus on the other team members.

First quarter

After an even first 4 or 5 minutes, the smaller players for the Prahran Reds worked into the play immediately. Sinclair and Hird got lots and lots of touches, Montague feeding off to each. Italiano kicked a marvellous goal, and Wood's was even better. Tom Sennitt and Castan out-bustled opponents and shot the ball forward.

At quarter time, the score was 5-3-33 to zero.

Second quarter

Catalano increasingly knocked up possessions in the forward half, and late in the quarter kicked a quality goal. Sennitt was strong in marking, and obtained further possessions. De Campo worked into the game, and with quality disposals. Alvarez marked strongly, as did Jack Dawson and as did Burke. Hird racked up ever more possessions.

[To note: as identified above, there has been no specific reference to the 4 goals Jack Catanach

kicked this quarter – those goals are subsumed under the separate heading above].

At half time, the Prahran Reds led 10-4-64 to zero.

Third quarter

Sinclair was everywhere. Yor moved the ball forward, as did Stewart, and Tawney had multiple possessions, feeding off to his new team mates. Alvarez and Sinclair were busy up forward. Hird and Solomon continued to move the ball forward, and quickly. The falls, Sennitt and Dawson, marked and kicked forward. Yor and Wood had quality possessions.

[As above, no further mention is to be made of Catanach's 4 goals for the quarter].

Fourth quarter

Sinclair and Hird continued getting everything. Castan was strong up forward. De Campo had multiple and high quality touches. Sennitt remained strong. Sharing it around, each of Castan, Solomon and Vas kicked goals.

The final siren rang. The team song was sung with gusto.

UNDER 11 BLACK



Prahran Black 5.-3.-33
Brighton Beach 4.-3.-27

Goals: Alex Knesaurek (3) James Gray (1) Nick Perkins (1)

Better Players: Alex Knesaurek, Ellison Guss, Harry Tighe, Jonty Lupson, Nick Perkins, Will Backwell and Will Hornor.

Coaches Award: Ellison Guss

Best Player as awarded by the away team coaches: Alex Knesaurek

At the opening siren, both parents and kids alike were excited to commence the 2011 Under 11 footy season. We, the only Canadian family on the team, feel privileged that once again we've been bestowed the privilege of writing the match report. Please excuse us if a few ice hockey phrases slip into this addition.

After the bounce, Prahran opened the game with a point and looked ready for action. Brighton then responded with two quick points taking an early lead.

The first quarter saw Alex score a goal but yet again Brighton gained the momentum scoring a goal followed up by a behind. After the first quarter Prahran was down by one point.

Strong words by coach Jonathan encouraged the kids to win the contest and increase tackles.

The second quarter of the game remained close with a goal by Nick Perkins leaving the game tied at half time.

With Ellison Guss and Harry Tighe showing great effort, Prahran started to take a comfortable lead with James Gray scoring a goal and Alex following up with his second of the contest.

The fourth quarter saw Brighton play with a never quit attitude and start to rally back closing the margin. With Prahran's strong and aggressive back line, we managed to hold on and secure the win for our home opener.

Robert Knesaurek

UNDER 11 BLUE



Prahran Blue 3.-11.-29
Waverley Hawks 6.-3.-39

Goals: Jackson, Rowbottom, Hayes
Best: Rowbottom, Hayes, Wells, Mercuri, Jackson, Hallam

On a cold and windy morning Prahran fielded a team of 19 players. The wind favoured one end of the ground. Thankfully, Prahran won the toss and were aided by the wind. The boys were very dominant in all areas except putting it on the scoreboard.

The dominance was highlighted by the wall which was kept in place with efforts from Sam Mercuri and Spencer Wells continually rebounding the ball back into the forward line. However not putting scoreboard pressure on resulted in Waverley Hawks getting easy goals towards the end of the half, leaving Prahran with a deficit of 5 points going into the half time break.

The wind picked up in the second half however we continued to maintain much of the play, though when Waverley got it in their forward line they were more efficient and got a couple of goals up. The Blues were frequently marking the ball in the forward line, however scoring shots continued to fall short of the goal line with many rushed behinds.

At three quarter time we were still in the running, though Waverley's deep bench of at least 4 players was looking ominous.

The last quarter began with 2 quick goals from the opposition. Prahran held strong with resolute defence but unfortunately we were overrun by the extra numbers.

Positives: Dominance through the midfield, with the ball continually getting driven into the forward 50. Another major positive was the impressive fitness of the boys considering it was round one. Having in effect four less players, the boys were able to keep up with the opposition.

Areas for improvement: The biggest improvement area by far is goal kicking, 11 behinds really hurt us in the end but it isn't all doom and gloom. With some self belief, more confidence and practice this can be easily fixed. The signs are terrific for the season ahead.

Will Russell and Roy Wiedemeyer

UNDER 11 RED



Prahran Red **8.-3.-51**
Ajax Jets **1.-1.-7**

The coaching and management staff were the same as last year but there were lots of "undecideds" as the team lined up for their first game against Ajax. The weather was undecided as storm threatened. A year's growth - would the team perform to their previous high standards? Last year, Ajax had proven a very worthy opponent; would they come through the off-season stronger and better than our team? How would new players (James Handolias, Dylan Ida, James Nyanjok, Blake Nasser, Sophia Rothfield, Nathan Breeze and Hugo Bartels (Jock Mitchell will join us for the next game) fare? Would the extra skills training sessions pay off? As the team did its final pre-game stretches, these were the questions on everyone's lips.

Ajax had the best of the centre ball up but then Richie Bassett marked and kicked to James McMurrick who marked. Then, a midfield mess. Harry Molnar made the first big tackle of the game. But Ajax were tackling too. A long series of ball ups, then Cooper Eastick clears and Jack Royle takes it into the 50. James Lavelle is all bustle. Chris Gregory kicks back. Some early season nerves start to show. Then, a series of moves into our 50, then Oscar Faulkner manages to kick across the face, and through for a behind! The first point for the season! Ajax then takes the ball back downfield, and Ned Kelliher kicks overhead in defence. Joe McGuire kicks to Jack Royle, who kicks strongly through the midfield. Then, James L kicks through the first goal of the season! Well done. More ball ups round out the first quarter but neither team is on top.

At the quarter time break, Coach Chris speaks of the "need for hunger". From the centre ball up, Ajax is in first. Hugo Miller is playing hard in defence. James L takes forward on the wing then, later, picks up and hand balls to James McMurrick who kicks across goal into touch. Our defenders are having a busy early quarter: Dylan Ida, Richie Bassett, Ned Kelliher, Ben Kolotsos and James Handolias. Blake Nasser is at the ball. Harry Molnar charges down an Ajax kick and Hugo Miller does some good work in shepherding the ball. Sophia Rothfield is at the ball and Tom Hird makes a solid tackle. Then, James L kicks to James M who kicks a

good goal! The old pair again! Tom Hird manages a behind. Ned K takes from the ruck, forward to James Nyanjok. James N is at the tap and takes forward, but then Ajax manages a behind and soon, Ajax marks in front of goal and slots through for 6 points. To round out the quarter, James L breaks clear and James M manages a long run forward.

Well, how will the team fare in the "premiership quarter"? From the centre ball up, Ajax is through but James L picks up, runs and then shortly afterwards repeats the exercise, kicks to Harry Molnar deep forward. James Handolias manages a strong tackle. Harry Molnar is in the thick of it, through to Tim Brend and then, a goal to Harry! Luke Territt after a big pre-season was throwing himself hard at the ball feeding it out to his teammates. From the ball up, Dylan Ida is contesting, Hugo Miller is showing aggression in defence. The ball clears to James H, James M and Dylan Ida helping and James M manages a strong mark. James L, Harry Molnar and James H manage strong runs midfield, Chris Gregory a strong mark and then Harry kicks along the ground for a goal! Later, Harry Molnar and Oscar Faulkner play some wonderful tag football before Oscar goals, Chris Gregory manages a great run, Joe McGuire kicks high going forward and Hugo Bartels is fighting for the ball. The team scores a behind to wrap up what has been a premiership quarter indeed!

From the centre ball up Ajax moves forward and is threatening. Sophia proves strong up close. Cooper Eastick is working his magic on the wing. Max Sinclair and Nathan Breeze are contesting strongly. A good series of ball movements sees Oscar Faulkner straight in front and another goal! Nathan Breeze is running all day. Great tackle by James M and Sophia is desperate in close defence. James M manages a big clearing kick to midfield, and Harry another great tackle. Good team work as Hugo Bartels slots through another goal. From the centre ball up, Cooper Eastick kicks forward, Harry Molnar picks up and slots through another goal. Joe McGuire is strong at the centre ball up, but the game is over and the team has an outstanding start for the season.

Goals: Harry Molnar 3, Oscar Faulkner 2, Hugo Bartels 1, James Lavelle 1 and James McMurrick 1.

Best & Fairest: (alphabetical order) Oscar Faulkner, Chris Gregory, James Lavelle, Joe McGuire, James McMurrick, Hugo Miller and Harry Molnar.

UNDER 12



Prahran 6-5-41
Highett 5-4-34

Back in action for 2011, the PFC boys made the trek to Turners Rd, Highett, to take on the side that finished top of our ladder last season.

1st Qtr - We got off to a cracking start, with our ruckmen battling their giant, Oscar Bennett took a couple of early grabs, and after one Highett forward foray, we clicked into gear. James Tarrant laid an excellent tackle, and George Dixon put in 2 top efforts in one passage. Hamish 'Hammer Stewart' was in the packs, and Lachie 'The Bulldozer' Barber looked in tip-top shape and attacked the ball with vim & vigour. Oscar Dowd put a lovely kick to the top of the square where Barbs took a big grab and dished the first goal of the season. That was quickly followed up with Slammin' Sam Cameron finding Eric Baggia, who found George Dixon... goal #2 on the board! Jansen was outjumping his bigger opponent at every ruck contest, and Eric was unlucky to just get a point from a great passage of play. A point to Barbs, then from the Highett kickout, Oscar Dowd (who was having a ripper quarter) snapped up the ball and pinged the third goal on his right foot. A very solid start to the boys!

Qtr Time: Prahran 3.-2.-20
Highett 0.-1.-1

2nd Qtr - Good to see Hugo Gray back in action after his 2010 leg injury, and he was giving us good contests around the ground. Highett got on the board after an unlucky decision against us in the backline – Pete Marshall was working hard in the packs, and after a mad goalmouth scramble, Fletcher Patterson got his first goal for the club with a quick snap. Oscar Bennett made a tidy clearance from defence, Jethro kept the scoreboard ticking with a point, and Barbs was stiff when he got collared for running too far when kicking a goal. James Tarrant was providing a wall that kept the ball locked in our forward line. Tom Marsden was in and under, as we've come to expect, with numerous second efforts, and Gus Bazzani was rewarded for a tremendous tackle on The Highett Giant. Ben Byrnes was letting nothing past him, and was as solid as a rock. Harry 'The Gorilla' Gill swept up a dangerous Highett forward effort with consummate ease – he looks like he was grown about 10cm, and is in danger of gaining a reputation from opposition fans as a shaver if he keeps growing at this rate! Oscar Dowd kept running and bullocking, and we went in with a handy break.

Half Time: Prahran 4.-3.-27
Highett 1.-1.-7

3rd Qtr - Rob Barber was cutting a resplendent figure as goal umpire, although there was quite a bit of talk at half-time about him signalling goals before the ball had even left the boot. Could also do with a little bit more flair with the pencil and flags, and Greg Gill is determined to take back the lab coat for the next game. Harry Gill went into the ruck and played like a boy possessed, emulating Jansen with his outleaping of the Highett ruckman. Hugo Gray was getting his fair share of the ball, and found Charlie Wells, who took a nice mark. Tommy Marsbar found Roscoe Tsiavis, who took a tidy mark and increased our lead. A Highett goal against the run of play was followed up by a point, but the PFC boys steadied, and after good work by Sam Cameron, Oscar B and Lachie B, Hugo Gray found the goals with a nice snap. Lewis Persano was desperate in the backline, and Galloping Hugh Higgins took a fine mark, after good play by Ben Byrnes.

¾ time: Prahran 6.-5.-41
Highett 2.-3.-15

Last qtr - OK, this quarter is for all the marbles. After a great start, would we keep going, or would a strong Highett team fight back? Angus Kiel might have been out with his arm in a sling, but he was there supporting his team mates – good one Angus! Harry Gill ran himself ragged in the ruck, and Lewis Persano put in 2 fantastic back to back efforts on the backline. Eric Bagia was amazing – under great pressure all quarter, he stood his ground with some good grabs (we think the product in his hair was actually used as Grippio to take all those big marks), and Hammer was in everything. Highett were piling on the pressure, and getting scores on the board. The game was getting tight, the Prahran faithful willing the boys over the line. A Hugh Higgins mark steadied us as Highett got close. Eric took another big grab and disposed tidily, and one of the game highlights was Ben Byrnes winning a 3 on 1 contest. Lachie Barber took an absolute belter of a pack mark in the Highett goal square running with the flight, inspirational stuff! Players throwing themselves at the ball, Highett within 7 points. Siren!

A great first up win to the boys, the quick start out of the blocks got us there, and we also learnt we have to try and finish off the game in the same fashion. A great turnout from parents, now to the Easter break and back at 'em after it. Go The Mighty Two Blues!

Scores: Lachie Barber 1-1, George Dixon 1-0, Oscar Dowd 1-0, Eric Bagia 0-1, Fletcher Patterson 1-1, Jethro O'Connor 0-1, Roscoe Tsiavis 1-1, Hugo Gray 1-0

Best: Lachie Barber, Oscar Dowd, Eric Bagia, Jansen Peterson, Roscoe Tsiavis, Oscar Bennett, Ben Byrnes, Sam Cameron, James Tarrant, Tom Marsden

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UNDER 13 WHITE



Prahran White 3.-11.-29
Cheltenham 8. -5.-113

PRAHRAN BEATEN IN SEASON OPENER

First Quarter: Prahran 0.-4.-4
Cheltenham 5.-1.-31

Beautiful day for footy. Forwards wasteful.
Defenders under siege from opposition attacks.
Midfield tireless. Shaky start.

Second Quarter: Prahran 0.-5.-5
Cheltenham 10. 4. 64.

Opposition accurate in front of goals. . Forwards starved of opportunities. Midfield working hard up and down the ground. Defenders courageous, limiting the damage.

Third Quarter: Prahran 0.-5.-5
Cheltenham 13.- 5.- 83

Make or break quarter. Must hold opposition or risk lead being too great to make up. Defence valiant. Midfield near exhaustion. Injuries take their toll.

Final Quarter: Prahran 3.-11.-29
Cheltenham 18.-5.-113

Forwards lively. Inaccurate in front of goal.
Numerous positional changes. Positive finish to the game. Despair with loss.

The Wrap: We ended up losing the game by an imposing 84 points and the boys were somewhat despondent. They had given everything in the first game of the season and had come up against an opposition who was in ominous form. This was a tough game for the boys however I am sure the coach would be nevertheless encouraging of our efforts. The boys endeavoured to lift their level of play to the higher standard required in this division, however they had come up against a very well drilled and organised opponent on the day. Congratulations to Cheltenham for the win and we take from the game that every match offers us more lessons and that we need to work hard as a team to achieve our aims.

A sincere and grateful thank you to our coach **Craig Baker**, our team manager for the day **Melissa Don** and the helpers and supporters who took the time to come along and support and help for the day. The season opener is always a special day for the team and it was made more so by all

of the people who attended and supported. We now look forward to our next game with the knowledge that the team will encounter many obstacles along the way, however perseverance and endeavour will always prevail in the end.

Congratulations to all of the kids for such a gutsy team effort

Please be advised that the quarter by quarter detailed match report has been sent directly to the parents.

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UNDER 13 RED

Prahran Red: 2.-1.-13
East Brighton: 9.-20.-74

Goal Kickers: Michael Giese 1, Vincent Won 1
Best Players: Harry Veall, Seve de Campo, Johnny McDonald, Will Anders, Michael Giese, Taylor Bamford

With the birth having taken place cleanly and decisively we all came together for the eagerly awaited baptism of this new team on home soil. After a few words in the sanctum of the locker room establishing team ethos the Reds were lead out on to the ground by co-captains for the day Harry Veall and Taylor Bamford, everyone looking resplendent in their fizz lime guernseys.

Nick Hallam launched our assault from the first bounce with midfielders ready and the defence not far from the action as East Brighton pressed continuously. The ball didn't seem to be bouncing our way, we were being caught out of position and signs looked ominous heading scoreless in to half time. Our endeavour was undoubtedly there and the adrenaline from our first game was visible but we just needed to find that switch to shake us in to the reality of battle.

Our backs were working hard and our midfielders were running well enough that the game started to turn, it was now being played in our forward half. We were starting to find our feet. First there was a point ... a score! Shortly followed by a snap goal from Michael Giese and another by Vincent Won in the final quarter meaning by games end it was two goals apiece for the second half. We had lifted, our spirit had finally bubbled over to settle on a field of legitimate contest, evident in mounting passages of inspired playmaking, defiance under pressure and some genuine team work.

The journey has begun. It is going to be challenging. The sneaking suspicion is that you're all up for it! Well done, let's work hard and the script will be strong. Thanks to everyone for getting this going.

Coach

UNDER 14



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Prahran Blue 6.-7.-43
Beaumaris Ones 8.-9.-57

Goals: Louis Myer 3, Dec Poynter 2, Woody Shmith

Best: Hunter Watkin, Jack Spargo, Reilly Holt, Jake Whitefoot, Louis Myer, Dec Poynter, Adam Kudnig, Tom Cameron, Charlie Jeffery, Sam Grimwade, Matt Paltoglou

In the first round for the season and with the weather holding good, the boys worked hard to stay in it for the entire game.

As usual the lads started slowly, got behind early, then worked their way back into the contest, and had their chances to steal it until a lack of fitness crept in at the end.

There were some pleasing signs, and as usual areas for improvement.

What was pleasing was seeing the usual suspects consistently getting their hands on the footy, in Hunter, Spargs, Cammo, Jake, Reilly and Dec. At certain times in the game each of these boys were unstoppable, and their commitment could not be questioned.

What was even more pleasing was seeing other boys contribute so well. Adam Kudnig reads the footy coming into the backline superbly, and the hard working Matt Paltoglou, Ted Wyles, Jack Bainger and Sammy Grimwade looked strong, calm and settled in defence.

The strong opposition midfield gave their forwards plenty of opportunities, and the score would have been less flattering had our backline not worked so well together.

Charlie Jeffery was active on his wing even though recovering from surgery, with good run and strength, and will clearly be an asset to the side this season.

One could only be uplifted by James McLennan, consistently presenting and contesting out of the forward pocket against players twice his size.

Woody Shmith, AJ Tsacomas and Jack Bickford were not shy either, working hard at every contest.

Another positive was the general effectiveness of the forward line. Louis is a great target up forward and Josh and Coops use their strength to create opportunities for others. Dec is dangerous at ground level, and Woody's goal late in the last quarter after a strong overhead mark was the Coach's highlight of the game.

Where the boys can improve is working together more, and their fitness.

Working together more means the boys should talk more, shepherd and block for each better, and run for each other more to create options, provide support at contests and so forth.

Also at times they can hurry a kick when it's not necessary, and talking more will assist teammates to better know their situation.

Fitness appeared to be an issue in the final quarter, when the game could have been stolen. Some boys didn't have enough petrol left in the tank, which gave the opposition more freedom with loose players getting easy touches.

Every boy should look to improve their skills in these areas, every week, throughout the season. If they do, they will be competitive.

There will be no training this Friday or Good Friday, then back on for Friday 29 April, before Round 2 on 1 May.

UNDER 15

COSTA'S MITRE 10



Prahran 4.-7.-31
East Brighton Red 13.-12.-90

Best players: Fong, Hill, Armit, Ratliff, Costa, Stewart

Goals: Bernard – 3, Keats - 1

An undermanned Under 15 team took on the Div 4 Premiers from last year, East Brighton Red and unfortunately lost.

Due to the school holidays we were only able to field a side of 18 which meant that everyone was required to run out the whole game – something that we struggled to do given a lack of preseason preparation and not having yet played any practice games.

So effectively we're going to call this our 1st practice game and look to Round 2 to get our season going.

There were **some highlights** to report to support our season's outlook:

- 13 of last year's players showed that they have again made a commitment to play Under 15's this season, and the enjoy footy with their mates
- 5 new players pulled on the Prahran jumper and similarly all show their commitment.
- 3 players played football for the first time – Jordan Karklins, Rob Lindsay and Lachie Fong – all got involved and had an impact on the game.
- 1 of those new players – Lachie Fong (without taking anything away from the rest of the team) was our best player – an outstanding effort from Lachie.
- The team never quit – our second half almost equally their score

- Our last quarter showed our promise with a stronger conversion rate to score from Inside 50
The **development areas** that will be our focus include:

- **Fitness** – we ask that every player over the school holidays work on their personal fitness – we needed more run in our legs, and given that we will not be a tall side this year, our run and team support for the ball carrier will be important.
- **Clearances from Stoppages** – getting the ball into our hands will be worked on at training.
- **Converting our Inside 50** more often.
- **Defensive Pressure** when “**They have the Ball**” and especially easy marks in our Defensive 50.

Whilst some similarities were made on the day to the Gold Coast Suns with the score and our new player introduction, that's where it ends! This team, including the additional players coming back from holidays will soon be winning games if the boys approach the next month to improve in our development areas.

To all Under 15's - work hard over the School Holidays

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