



KNIGHTS NEWS

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WELCOME everyone to Season 2012 which kicked off last weekend on what was a beautiful sunny autumn day.

Out of the 21 games played last Sunday, the Knights won 16.....in some cases, very convincingly so its fair to say there will most certainly be some re-grading going on during this 4 week re-grading phase so as to ensure the competition has a healthy balance for the enjoyment of all teams.

In Season 2012, the Knights are fielding 25 teams consisting of;

- 5 U9's
- 4 U10's
- 3 U11's
- 3 U12's
- 2 U13's
- 2 U14's
- 2 U15's
- 2 U16's
- Youth Girls
- U12 Girls

For the first time at the Knights, we are also fielding an U12 Girls team which is very exciting to see more girls playing footy.

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Been down to DUNLOP PAVILION on a Friday night lately? If not, you'll hopefully be pleasantly surprised by the improvement works undertaken by the newly reconstituted Malvern Sports Club (MSC) which is made up of the 3 major tenants being the Knights, East Malvern Senior Football Club & Tooronga District Cricket Club.

New carpet, fresh paint, new blinds & new light fittings have been installed. Special thanks to Mel Morley & Freya Ralph who championed the day to day work. The MSC is now looking at what phase 2 improvement works may include so if you have any suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Also exciting is what's happening every Friday night at the Club rooms. Thanks to Gerard Mulcahy (aka Yoge), David Chaffey (aka Chaffa) & Murray McCallum (aka Muzz), Friday nights are now rocking with all the fine food, variety of drinks & entertainment with live music & hand ball competitions. On behalf of everyone at the Knights, thankyou guys & the support crew who have made Friday nights unreal.

NIGHT OF KNIGHTS | Saturday 12 May

Don't forget our Night of Knights which this year is scheduled for Saturday 12 May.

Mel Morley is leading the charge on this very important evening which is our Club's one & only fund raising event of the year so its imperative all members get behind this very important event. It's also a really great night so we'd love to see as many Knights as possible.

If you are able to donate items for the silent auction, please contact Tony Phillips (aka General) at sponsorship@eastmalvernknights.com.au.



ROUND 1 | FINAL SCORES

VENUE/COURT		HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
(Under 11 West 2012)	5.8-38	East Malvern White	Vs	Waverley Park Under 11 Brown	6.5-41
(Under 9 Blue 2012)	14.7-91	East Malvern Black	Vs	Ashwood	1.1-7
(Under 9 Silver 2012)	2.5-17	Ajax Stars	Vs	East Malvern Green	5.6-36
(Under 9 Navy 2012)	1.0-6	St Peters	Vs	East Malvern Red	11.9-75
BYE (Under 14 Div 1 2012)		East Malvern U14 Gold		BYE	
(Under 9 South 2012)	4.2-26	East Malvern White	Vs	Ajax Jets	1.6-12
(Under 10 Blue 2012)	0.0-0	Cheltenham Black	Vs	East Malvern Black	12.17-89
(Under 10 South 2012)	0.5-5	Ajax Comets	Vs	East Malvern U10 Blue	16.8-104
(Under 11 North 2012)	1.2-8	Beaumaris (Black Tails)	Vs	East Malvern Blue	14.11-95
(Under 12 South 2012)	12.15-87	East Malvern Red	Vs	East Sandringham 3	4.4-28
(Under 13 Div 1 2012)	1.2-8	East Brighton Vampires JFC 13 Div 1	Vs	East Malvern Gold	8.13-61
(Under 11 South 2012)	8.8-56	Highett	Vs	East Malvern Red	4.3-27
(Under 9 West 2012)	11.11-77	East Malvern Blue	Vs	Ajax Comets	9.10-64
(Under 12 West 2012)	3.2-20	East Malvern White	Vs	St Peters	8.10-58
(Under 15 Div 1 2012)	9.8-62	Mordialloc Braeside White	Vs	East Malvern Gold	7.10-52
(Under 13 Div 4 2012)	15.18-108	East Malvern Blue	Vs	Mordialloc Braeside Red	0.0-0

LAST WEEKS RESULTS cont.....



(Under 10 North 2012)	8.5-53	East Malvern White	Vs	Ormond Brown	3.3-21
(Under 12 North 2012)	0.0-0	Mt Waverley	Vs	East Malvern Blue	25.15-165
(Under 10 West 2012)	4.3-27	East Malvern Red	Vs	Hampton	8.6-54
(Under 16 Div 1 2012)	3.3-21	St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	Vs	East Malvern Gold	17.19-121
(Under 14 Div 4 2012)	11.14-80	East Malvern Blue	Vs	East Brighton Vampires JFC 14 Div 4	6.7-43
(Under 15 Div 3 2012)	19.16-130	East Malvern Blue	Vs	Cheltenham Black	8.5-53

ROUND 2 GAMES

8:45	LE PAGE PARK - Oval 2 (Under 9 Blue 2012)	Cheltenham Black	Vs	East Malvern Black
8:45	HURLINGHAM PARK - OVAL 2 (Under 9 South 2012)	East Brighton Vampires JFC 09 South	Vs	East Malvern White
8:45	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 9 Navy 2012)	East Malvern Red	Vs	Cheltenham Green
8:45	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 11 North 2012)	East Malvern Blue	Vs	St Peters
9:00	E.E. GUNN RESERVE - Oval 1 (Under 12 West 2012)	Ormond	Vs	East Malvern White
BYE	BYE (Under 10 North 2012)	East Malvern White		BYE
10:00	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 9 Silver 2012)	East Malvern Green	Vs	Oakleigh
10:00	WALTER GALT RESERVE - Oval 2 (Under 9 West 2012)	Mordialloc Braeside Red	Vs	East Malvern Blue
10:15	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 11 South 2012)	East Malvern Red	Vs	Caulfield
11:15	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 10 Blue 2012)	East Malvern Black	Vs	Oakleigh
11:30	BANKSIA RESERVE (Under 11 West 2012)	Beaumaris (Great Whites)	Vs	East Malvern White
11:45	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 12 North 2012)	East Malvern Blue	Vs	Caulfield
BYE	BYE (Under 15 Div 3 2012)	East Malvern Blue		BYE
12:30	DARLING PARK - BASIL RESERVE (Under 14 Div 1 2012)	East Malvern U14 Gold	Vs	Ajax Jets
12:30	HURLINGHAM PARK - OVAL 2 (Under 10 West 2012)	East Brighton Vampires JFC 10 West	Vs	East Malvern Red
12:30	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 10 South 2012)	East Malvern U10 Blue	Vs	East Sandringham U10 South

ROUND 2 GAMES cont.....



12:45	TOORAK PARK (Under 12 South 2012)	Prahran U12 Blue	Vs	East Malvern Red
13:15	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 13 Div 1 2012)	East Malvern Gold	Vs	Beaumaris (Sharks)
13:15	SOUTER RESERVE (Under 13 Div 4 2012)	Dingley Red	Vs	East Malvern Blue
14:00	W.A. SCAMMELL RESERVE (Under 14 Div 4 2012)	Oakleigh	Vs	East Malvern Blue
14:30	DARLING PARK - BASIL RESERVE (Under 16 Div 1 2012)	East Malvern Gold	Vs	East Brighton Vampires JFC 16 Div 1
14:45	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 15 Div 1 2012)	East Malvern Gold	Vs	Ajax Comets

MATCH REPORTS

U16 Gold

The boys were keen to start the season and it was a warm sunny day at Mentone Reserve. The home team, St Bedes/Mentone Tigers took the shady part of the oval for the coaching staff. Leaving Malvern Knights to prepare and plan in full sun.

Luke Daggian was captain and though he lost the toss this did not seem to have any influence on the outcome. After a bit of a struggle at the start The Knights scored first with a point and by the end of the quarter had scored 3 goals and 5 points and had kept St Bedes scoreless (could this continue?).

Harry Stevens had a great first quarter and the coaching staff were pleased with excellent running out of defence. One area of weakness was that we were often out marked in the forward area.

The second quarter saw The Knights kicking with the wind. They continued to run and tackle hard despite the heat and only one interchange player. St Bedes managed only 1 point despite getting the ball into their forward 50 several times. Great defensive pressure saw the ball quickly returned to The Knights who ended the quarter with 5 goals, 7 points.

At half time the boys returned to the rooms for some shade, rest and oranges. They were told to concentrate on switching and keep looking to the side for free options.

For the second half St Bedes maintained pressure and by the end had scored 3 goals 3 points. They put up a fine fight but were outclassed by last year's Division 1 Premiers.

East Malvern Knights			St Bedes/ Mentone		
Goals	Points	Total	Goals	Points	Total
3	5	23	0	0	0
8	12	60	0	1	1
11	15	81	2	2	14
17	19	121	3	3	21

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U12 Blues

Our opening game against Mt Waverley turned out to be a one sided affair with the Mighty Knights dominating play from the first bounce against an undermanned Mt Waverley side (we both played 16 a side, with at some stages the Knights playing with 15). Our first quarter had Morrisby and Bryce dominating up forward from a constant supply of ball from our midfielders Buster, Charlie, Al, Adam, TV, Johnsy and Alexander. Despite numerous positional changes to bring others into the game we overwhelmed the opposition in every quarter with nearly everybody kicking a goal and those that didn't were unlucky with accuracy. Every player contributed with Deano and Wyr showing great elusive skills, Nolchie doing the team one percenters, Lowey slotting a few goals, Match sneaking in for a late goal and Blahery showing sublime skills every time he touched the ball. Will Hogan and Mitch showed me how much they have improved over the past few years and Finn Jones attack on the ball fantastic to watch.

Whilst the team enjoyed the win, there was not a lot to take out of the game other than getting our boys to be team oriented by sharing the ball around, shepherding and looking for the best options which they did admirably. What is pleasing is we have a great spread of talent in the team and congratulations to previous coaches who have clearly drilled into the boys the team ethic as the unselfishness at times was great to see. Hopefully this week we will have a stronger opposition to really test our boys under pressure and see how they react.



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Under 10 Blues vs Ajax Comets

Team Captains for the day: Jamo, Boo

East Malvern Knights	Versus	Ajax Comets
16 goals 8 104		0 goals 5 5

The Blues put in a crushing performance to comprehensively win their first round clash. Warm and dry conditions aided a powerful running display, good teamwork and excellent finishing in front of goal.

First Quarter:

The captains won the toss and the General ensured the players were clear on where they were to line up on the ground...except Nackers, "Where is the pine?" Ajax made a lively start out of the middle to hit the front with an early behind. Sherlock switched on the Blues intensity with a clearing kick during his busy first quarter. Fast Eddie put through the first goal as the Blues began to roll over the opposition. Boo goaled, Eddie followed, Boo kicked another and then Wheels slotted our fifth. Notable hard work was done by Peachy shepherding a Blues' ball carrier. Tower's second effort in the middle inspired team mates. Boos' mark was all class.

EM 5.1 AC 0.1

Second Quarter:

Rozzo's dominant tap work in the ruck set up a big 2nd quarter. The East Malvern Express cut loose on a wing with many forward 50 entries. Sherlock hit the scoreboard with a major followed by a rampaging running goal by the Tower. Nackers created plenty of tackling pressure on his half forward flank. Jamo snapped truly and shortly after he helped himself to a second goal. Tower took an over head mark in the goal square and booted his second. Special K worried defenders and was unlucky to hit the post! General was happy with a fantastic first half. Sharing the ball and kicking to position were the highlights.

EM 10.5 AC 0.1

Third Quarter:

The Blues put the result beyond doubt with a solid 3rd quarter. Closey did well with two goals early. The second came from a passage of play that started at full back, featured a huge mark by Funky and was not touched by an Ajax player. The Big Unit provided plenty of run and finished with a goal. Ferocious attacks on the ball and opponents by the likes of Gazza roving and Molla in the forward pocket kept it in our half. Macca was busy with a few important possessions.

EM 13.6 AC 0.4

Fourth Quarter:

The boys kept the pedal to the metal in the last quarter. Peachy pulled in a classic grab. Molla turned up the pressure on the wing. Wheels put through a nice running goal. Wilksy trapped the ball on the boundary, swung around and squared it to Eddie who kicked his third for the day. Spider presented well up forward and got involved. A magnificent team goal that featured a Tower tap out of the ruck to Sherlock, to Peachy, to Jamo who kicked it through the middle put an exclamation mark on a great performance. Nonetheless, General warned of a tough night on the track Friday night!

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U9 Green

First game of the year and it's fair to say there were a few nerves being shown during the pre-game routine (mainly from the coaches box). Captains Bull and Hayner lost the toss, and returned to the group with the news that we would be kicking into the wind in the first quarter. Our boys immediately showed great intensity, and the backs were determined to slow down the heavily armoured Ajax side who opened up with all the running. Hayner was desperate in defence, "Nicky" Penrose put team first and had little regard for his own safety as he charged into contests, and Chopper weighed in with an early contender for mark of the year. Louis "Kenyon" showed great speed and skill around the ball, with Armers and Wild Child contributing well around the stoppages. After a great mark and long bomb, Ajax opened their account with the first major of the day, and our boys came to the huddle thoroughly exhausted but pleased with the start.

Quarter time scores East Malvern Green 0.1.1 v Ajax Stars 1.3.9.

There was plenty of confusion at the huddle when the timekeepers enforced the 3 minute quarter time break, and the coaches were immediately on the back foot. Reggie responded with his first masterstroke of the year, and we kicked off the second quarter with 19 boys on the field. Team Runner, Chopper Snr, suggested this was "a tactic best used sparingly". Maca showed he wasn't prepared to let Chopper take mark of the year honours without a fight, and as a result went back from outside 50m (around 20m when adjusted by the U9 factor of 2.5:1) but just failed to make the distance. We were doing all the attacking, with Chopper and Kenyon figuring regularly, and the Greens' own "Krakouer brothers", Slasher and Ice Ison, showing the combining ability that what Mum and Dad had witnessed in the back yard for years. Our boys were peppering the goals, including Bull's Phil Manassa style run which unfortunately only resulted in a behind. Ball movement from coast to coast also impressed the parents and coaches, but we couldn't break the drought and entered the long break goalless. A major positive though was holding the opposition scoreless for the term, and we had played ourselves into this game.

Half time scores East Malvern Green 0.2.2 v Ajax Stars 1.3.9.

It was always going to be the premiership quarter, and the coaching panel seriously considered dropping a loose man in defence to slow Ajax's scoring with the wind. To his credit, Reggie took a more attacking approach, and asked the boys to run hard to create scoring opportunities, and that's exactly what they did. Bear showed his class in slotting the first 6-pointer for the season, before Bazza marked and kicked truly for East Malvern Green's second. When Kenyon followed up with a brilliant snap on the run, we were genuinely on fire. Duck displayed his class with repeated solid efforts in defence, and Moo showed his brother had taught him a few tricks. After an inspiring quarter into the wind, we went to three quarter time in front 3.4.22 v 1.5.11.

There was plenty of energy around the huddle, but Reggie tried to keep a lid on the enthusiasm; this game was far from over. After an early major from one of Ajax's tall timbers (who were not getting any shorter as the game wore on), we found ourselves less than a goal in front and with a smaller team that was showing signs of fatigue. Suddenly The Axe started to find the ball, and Finno and Smasher were giving everything they had. In a real captain's effort, Bull decided to disregard his backline positioning to drift forward and apply some scoreboard pressure of his own, firstly with a behind and closely followed up with his first goal for the year. Slamming then

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skilfully palmed down to Chopper in the middle, and before we knew it Bazza had scored another through the big sticks to become our only multiple goal scorer. T-Shirt and Ice continued to work hard to run out the four quarters, and East Malvern Green eventually won the game 5.6.36 v 2.5.17.

There were pats on the back all round in the huddle, and the boys belted out a slightly unconvincing version of "We are the Mighty Knights". A genuinely fantastic day of junior footy was had by all concerned, and all families went home with big smiles looking forward to what will be a great season ahead!



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U 14 EAST MALVERN KNIGHTS BLUE vs EAST BRIGHTON
VAMPIRES DIVISION 41st. Quarter

On a hot Sunday arvo, it was standing room only for the blockbuster to start the year for the boys. A willing start to the game where both teams went in hard, taking no prisoners, bodies on the line, and structures in place. Welcome back footy!

An early goal to the vampires from a frivolous free kick in the goal square if you don't mind ump, was soon over shadowed by great determination and teamwork by WILL INGHAM and BEN CUDLIPP to drive the ball down to CHARLIE GLASSER to score a long goal , our first for the premier season.

It didn't take long for WILL .I to rack up another possession and from a set shot 40 metres out, we had doubled our score. The boys thought they may have done enough now, as the next 8 minutes was all the vampires, they were looking for blood, as they peppered the goals , yet couldn't register any score. Our defence was standing strong. We scored the 3rd goal of the quarter from a great smother from kick out by JIM PAPPAS resulting in another goal to, yes you guessed right, WILL. I, who was on fire. Just prior to quarter time when the vampires were looking to goal, OLLIE HARRIS chased hard to run down and dispose of his opponent. Quarter time 'blues' 3.4 22 to vampires 1.0 6

2nd quarter

Great start to the quarter from a committed GEORGE, head down attacking hard, showing the boys the way thru packs. This inspired the young colt on the forward line, CHARLIE GLASSER (because Melbourne certainly couldn't inspire him) to kick the next 3 goals, with great talking and shepherding by the boys around him. LIAM KELLIHER was getting a lot of the ball, TOM ANDRISKE providing plenty of run and LEWIS POWELL was finding touch on the backline. BEN ELAM showed his class with our fourth major for the quarter, and then the CHARLIE G show continued with another to bring up his 5th.

Half time blues 8.6.54 to vampires 1.3.9

3rd quarter

Early goals to the vampires to start the third term had the spectators sitting on the edge of their seats, could this be the revival to match the Carlton one of 1970, and as they streamed down field looking for their 3rd in 5 minutes, a WIGGERS interception and switch across ground to blistering BEN AHEARN, who drove it deep into the arms of OLLIE H for our first of the term. BEN CUDLIPP was resting at C.H.F after a fine 1st half with TOM ANDRISKE into the ruck and being very competitive even if 15cm shorter than his opponent. 'maradonna' CHALKER with his foot skills was unlucky to hit the post, and then great running and evading by BEN AHEARN to get the ball

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back to CHALKER for a left foot goal, his first after 3 points. The heat was taking its toll and three quarter time couldn't come quick enough, so off to mr.whippy for a coke and choc nut ice cream. 10.9.69 to 4.5.29

4th quarter

Into the last quarter and the vampires flew the coop early again to score 1st blood , then the smallest on the field BENNY.A showing no fear, hip and shouldered their biggest player, JAMIE WHEATLEY was proving a focal point up forward, and ROBBIE TALLARICO getting in and under, FITZY again plenty of run and clean kicks, OLLIE strong in defence and fiery FRASER getting under their skin, it was a true team performance with the new kids on the block, TOM HAYNE, PATRICK and SMITHY doing their bit, combing well with CHRIS.B and FRANKIE . BEN ELAM brought up his 2nd major to give us a convincing win. BLUES 11.14.80 TO VAMPIRES 6.7.43

CHARLIE GLASSER 5 GOALS WILL INGHAM AND BEN ELAM 2 GOALS EACH

run and carry award BEN AHEARN hard nut award GEORGE WARING silky smooth award WILL INGHAM



MATCH REPORTS

Youth Girls: East Malvern Knights 15:7:97 defeated Warrandyte 2:9:21

East Malvern's youth girls team began the 2012 season in fine style last Saturday with a comprehensive 76-point win over Warrandyte at Stanley Grose Oval.

While there's always plenty of expectation going into a new football year, there seemed plenty of cause for optimism after the win, the girls dominant from the start against a side which never gave up, but in terms of ability, simply couldn't match its opponent.

The Knights started with real intent, the defensive work just as impressive as the attack, Alana notable for her bumping and tackling, and Holly twice saving potential goals in the few scoring opportunities Warrandyte was allowed.

It was Mikaela who booted the first goal of the new season, with Amber following suit soon afterwards, Mia adding a third from a 45-degree angle, then Mikaela kicking her second as East Malvern reached quarter-time already with a handy 25-point lead.

The accuracy continued, too, with four goals straight added to just three behinds in the second quarter, Warrandyte still goalless with the Knights a more than handy 8.2 at the long break.

Tilly was on fire, picking up a swag of kicks while still doing the hard stuff, laying some strong tackles, and running to support and shepherd. Some more nice teaming from Amber and Holly produced the fifth goal, then the defence, with Dani impressing, managed to soak up plenty of pressure as Warrandyte tried in vain to break the ice.

The floodgates would soon open, though, as Tilly, Amber and Tori slammed on another three goals for East Malvern in quick succession to take a firm grip on proceedings.

Far from content with the big half-time lead, the girls continued to get the job done. The defence remained stingy, with Alana effective on the kick-in, smothering and bumping with intent, setting a great example. Tilly, meanwhile, continued her own personal "picnic" with another couple of goals and a swag of possessions.

Even with the game well-won in the last term, East Malvern continued to do the disciplined thing, with plenty of running to support and some excellent tackling a feature.

Warrandyte would manage only two goals in the finish, one each in the third and fourth quarters, and had no answer to another onslaught in the final term, which produced East Malvern's highest-scoring quarter of the match, another five added to an already handy tally.

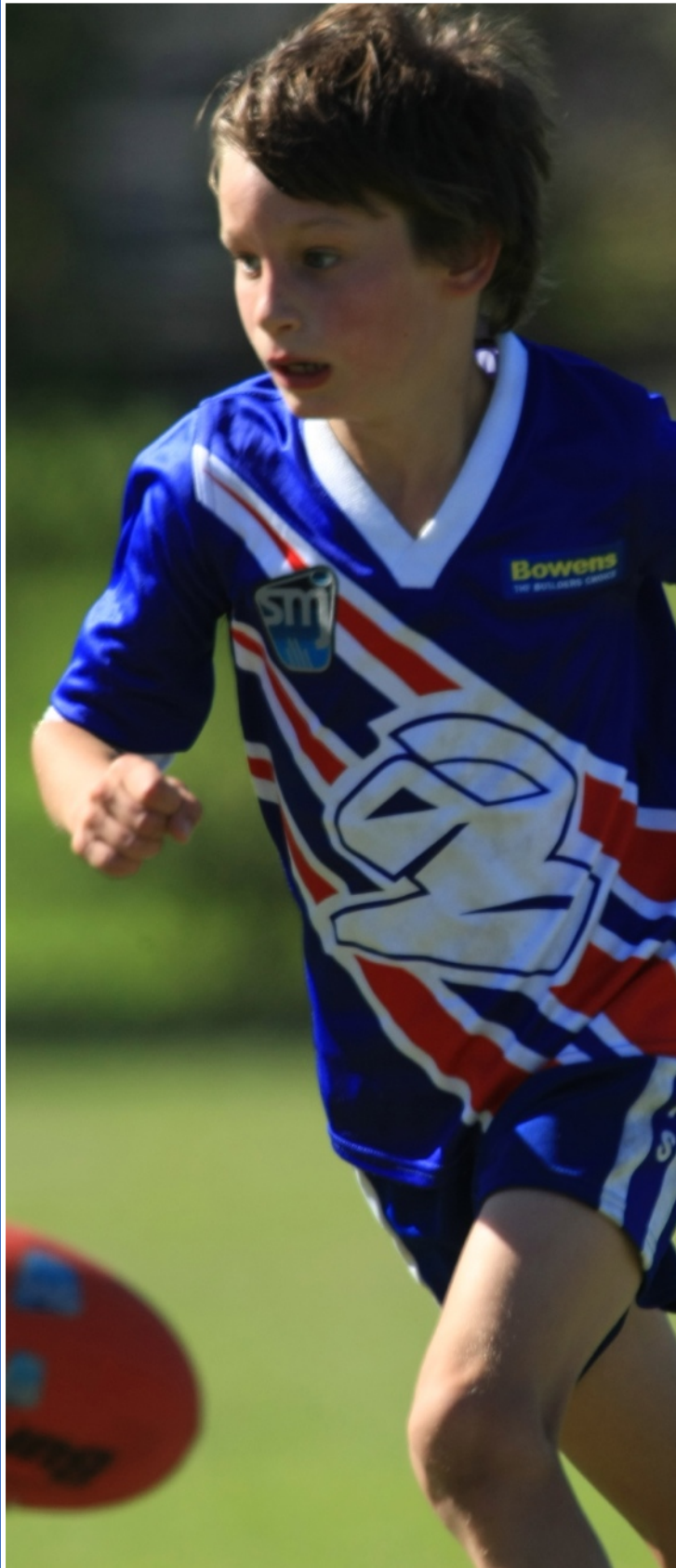
The final score saw the Knights rack up 15 goals, only just failing to top the "ton". It was a close to complete performance from the girls, and has raised hopes further about just what this team can achieve in 2012.

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EAST MALVERN 4.2 8.2 10.5 15.7 (97)

WARRANDYTE 0.1 0.4 1.6 2.9 (21)

Goals: Tilly 5, Mikaela 4, Amber 3, Mia, Tory, Alana.



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U13 Blues 15-18-108 defeated 0-0-00 Mordialloc Braeside Red

Well, well, well....whoever would have thought it possible for us to win our first game of the season so emphatically? Considering our limited preparation, not to mention the team list only being finalised some 48 hours earlier, surely this has to be one for the record books? Given the carryings on at senior AFL level when something isn't going right, and excuses getting in the way of playing competitive football, how pleasing it was to see the might of the 13 Blues prevail so convincingly. The boys were told to get out on the park and play fast moving direct football and it seems this is all they cared about.....

First quarter Blues 2 Goals 6 Behinds 18 Mordialloc Braeside 0 Goals 0 Behinds 0

It was a very warm afternoon at Basil and the Blues started with a rush, peppering the goals for little reward on the scoreboard. Healy sent a long one down for a point, and Battistella took a big grab. Hocking finally broke the drought, kicking a clever goal. That was followed by another goal from Ralph, who had a blistering first half in the middle. Baxter was in it up to his ears and Robertson's hard attack on the ball was a credit to him. Likewise Cameron's aerial work was superb as was his desire to get the ball in and under. Rozen worked his way through some traffic for a great clearance and the Blues had started remarkably but should have been further ahead on the scoreboard, but for some wayward kicking.

Second quarter Blues 9 Goals 11 Behinds 65 Mordialloc Braeside 0 Goals 0 Behinds 0

Coach Julian asked the team to focus on helping each other with teamwork, and there was plenty of it in the second quarter with the midfield really linking up well from the ruckwork of Smith. Mordialloc tried on occasion to break the lines but the half back line was in command with Murray and Matthews combining well. The floodgates started to open and a quick flurry of goals from Cameron, Shannon (2) who was having a big game, Stevens (2), Baxter, Schroeder (great snap) and some terrific forward work from Russell with his long kicking. Ralph was on fire in the centre. Turner made a long clearing dash and Godfrey used his pace to advantage, sending the ball into the hot spot a couple of times. This local stuff was much better than watching the Pies get flogged and it was free!

Third quarter Blues 12 Goals 15 Behinds 87 Mordialloc Braeside 0 Goals 0 Behinds 0

The Blues had not given the opposition a sniff and the third quarter was more of the same. Langton was impressive and goaled, and Hocking chipped in for multiple goals to make it four for the game in a sterling effort. Patrick had all guns blazing and did some nice work along with Tobin and Healy. Burgess was having a good second half along with McVean who had been outstanding for most of the game. Battistella continued his powerful display and Mordialloc were not able to get on the board - each time they went forward Murray seemed to be there. Shannon, after a great effort was rested with an injury after some tough body on body football.

Fourth quarter Blues 15 Goals 18 Behinds 108 Mordialloc Braeside 0 Goals 0 Behinds 0

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Under 12 Whites vs St Peters

Scores	East Malvern Knights			Versus	AJAX	
	G	P	T	G	P	T
Q4	3	2	20	8	10	58

1st Quarter A beautiful day presented the Knights for their first putting at home against the wily St Peters. Crowey, Lewie and DC started strongly with DC and Woody threading the needle for a couple of majors in the quarter. The new recruits of Donkey, Woody, Scarecrow, Chopper Morwood, Boomer Foulds and Ziggy Tsigaris were all keen to show what they can do in the Whites and they all impressed with tough hard footy. Spider showed a good turn of speed and Macca got plenty of it early on the wing. By quarter time we were hot, competitive and had a sniff in front using the wind garnered by Captain Skegg winning the toss.

Goals DC, Woody

Best for the quarter Crowey, Lewie, Macca, Spider

2nd Quarter St Peters tall men came into the game with some clean marking and accurate kicking, but our smaller brigade of Hoppo, DC, Bones and Bull kept us in the game with some hard in and under footy. Crowey again took some nice grabs and Raffa got some good possessions. We moved the ball well by hand and foot and some great play by Kakka, Mad Dog and Fish saw Towers convert nicely to keep us in it. Donkey and Rowdy worked hard on the ball with Chopper and Woody strong in the clinches. DC started coming into his own as the play slowed down due to the heat - a never give up will at the ball got him plenty of it in the quarter. We went into half time level pegging with St Peters but their big guys were coming at us in a hurry and we needed to tighten up to try and stop them.

Goals Towers

Best for the quarter Kakka, Bull, DC

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3rd Quarter On the 100 year anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, St Peters became our iceberg in the 3rd. Their strong marking made each attack with the wind tougher than it should have been but there were some standout performances from the Knights - Skegg's hard work in defence, Rowdy chasing to stop a goal and Snowy's relentless spoiling were awesome. Crowey kept at it with some good work up forward and Bones quick hands in the packs were giving us great chances. Hoppo got plenty in the 3rd as did Lewie across the backline, but the talls of St Peters managed to convert some chances into the wind - we would have to work hard to try and stem the leaks!

Goals

Best for the quarter Bones, Rowdy, Crowey

4th Quarter Although we went down like a big ship 100 years ago, the tenacious attitude of the boys was fantastic and shows great signs for this team. As our first game together and with plenty of new faces, the boys showed excellent signs and will be a competitive side this season. Both Hugh and Nick were happy with the overall performances of the lads and especially from the boys who are playing their first season. We looked for team mates, played on well and battled for the ball harder than the opposition. Well done to the Knights for playing the game out until the end in tough conditions - our first win is only around the corner!!!

Goals

Best for the quarter Hoppo, DC, Spider, Skegg



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Under 10 - East Malvern Knights - White vs Ormond Brown

Scores:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Knights	2 - 1 13	4 - 2 26	6 - 2 38	8 - 5 53
Ormond	0 - 1 1	0 - 1 1	1 - 3 9	3 - 3 21

Scorers: Scary 2, Bardo 2, Uthie 2, Stefan 1, Nuggett 1

Knights get the job done in convincing win over Ormond for season opener

It was a sunny and warm day with a slight breeze favouring the Winton Rd end. A scratch team that has met and played only a couple of times together showed terrific team spirit to dominate a game against their fancied opponent of Ormond.

Ormond won the toss and elected to kick towards the Winton Road end. The breeze was coming up and the coach thought the breeze could well play a telling role in deciding the outcome today. But oddly that was not the way the game would play out.

Right from the first bounce, Sadi had control of the ruck and the Knights pressed forward. It was a see sawing affair that saw both sides tussle it out in the mid field but neither side being able to get the ball in their forward 50. Finally Humie takes a brilliant mark and pushes the Knights into attack again. Mitch took a great mark and the kick for goal resulted in a rushed behind. But the deadlock had been broken and it wasn't long before Scary took a great mark and kicked the Knights first goal of season 2012.

It wasn't too much longer when hard, honest work from Ben resulted in another Scary mark and the set shot split the middle for another Knights goal!

Ormond settled and managed to use the wind to get the ball down to their goal and kicked a point after some great defence from the Knights. Just before quarter time the Knights pressed and Huggie took a great mark. The kick was slightly off line though and a point was awarded as the quarter time siren sounded.

Ormond won the centre clearance at the beginning of the second term, but staunch Knights defence rebounded to send the ball back. Fishman toughed it out and was rewarded with a point. Humie was working tirelessly in the centres and Salmo was also standing tough against a revved up Ormond. The ball moved forward once again and Bardo converted for a great goal. Bomber then worked some magic to team with Huggie to get the ball down to the scoring end where Uthie was able to goal.

Ormond were not going down easily and after a scoreless second term, they determined to do better and moved forward for a quick clearance and goal. On the reset they again dominated in the

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centre clearance and got the ball sailing towards the goal but this time was off line and no score was recorded. The defence was solid and it didn't take long for the Knights machine to move into top gear. Rhys worked hard and took a fabulous mark on the wing before Stefan goaled after some terrific team play. Again the defence worked hard before rushing an Ormond point. In the reset the Knights pressed forward and Nuggett was able to snap a terrific goal. Ormond rallied for a final press but were only rewarded with a point right on the $\frac{3}{4}$ time siren. Ormonds best quarter so far, but the Knights stood up the challenge and put on more scoreboard pressure.

The final term saw Ormand rally and score a magnificent goal from 40metres out. But again the Knights were strong in attack and Bardo took a great mark, setup and kicked the goal from 30 metres out. Not long after, Bardo look set to repeat, but the shot missed slightly to the left for a behind. It was all Knights as the forwards pressed on and were rewarded with a rushed behind. Fishman marked strongly and there was a rushed point before Uthie was able to put the result beyond doubt with his second goal of the match.

Ormond goaled on the final siren to make the score more respectable but it was the Knights day and an impressive start from a group that valued sharing the ball around, looking for team mates and above all, having fun.

The awards for today went to Rhys and Jake.

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First Quarter

With a 'two goal' wind blowing across Lucas Oval, East Malvern got off to a fast, if not shaky start with 7 consecutive behinds before the ball even bounced in East Sandy's half of the ground. After 5 minutes of play, the goal drought was broken as Bailey Smith booted one through for the Knights. In the next 15 minutes, East Malvern fought hard with great play from Miller, Smith, McCormack, Vukic and Cohen assisted by powerful tackling from Ward and Craig. The team was rewarded with two goals from Ethan Dwayne and Jack Potter. The back line did a great job to contain the opposition to a single goal as Shannon, Craig and Olynyk combined well.

Second Quarter

With the second quarter against the wind, the Knights' coaching team of Vukic, Potter, Ward and Olynyk (Mrs.) did their utmost to fire up the boys by bellowing from the touch line and running Scott Duane ragged with multiple instructions and great words of wisdom. After a few minutes, the strategy paid off as Finn Craig, and Lachie Ward tackled hard before Max Di Cintio gave Quinn Olynyk the chance to kick a goal. As the quarter rolled on, East Sandy got one back before first gamer, Austin Staindl ran hard to get the ball free for Vukic, Tompa and Hynes to set up Olynyk for his second goal. Shannon did well in the ruck and almost straight away, Matthew Vukic booted a goal after brilliant team play from Miller, DiCintio, Tompa, McCallum and Olynyk. A couple of minutes later, Di Cintio and Staindl kicked the Knights' seventh and eighth goals to deliver a handy 7 goal lead into the half time break.

Third Quarter

In what seemed more like cricket weather than football conditions, the third quarter opened with the double act of Lachie Ward and Bailey Smith following up a point with a quick goal. In the heat, East Sandy appeared to then find their stride, but a beautiful mark by Quinn Olynyk inside their 50 stopped them from converting a strong run down the field. Tom Cohen handballed under pressure to Bailey Smith who scored another goal. The opposition then had 2 tries at goal missing the first to score a point and hitting the post with the second attempt. As the quarter progressed, MaCallum and McCormack combined well before the opposition got a late consolation goal.

Fourth Quarter

In the final quarter, East Sandy came out strongly but thanks to the hard work of some very hot and clearly flagging Knights were kept to only scoring a goal and a couple of early points. East Malvern consolidated their lead with great goals by Tompa and Smith. Strong defensive work by Potter, Cohen and Duane kept East Sandy out of the game, with Cohen showing great skills in single handedly protecting the backline from a strong move to get the ball by East Sandy. After all the great team work shown by the boys you would hardly have known this was the team's first game. The Under 12 Reds cruised home to a decisive 57 point win. Go Knights!!

Final Scores

East Malvern	East Sandringham
3.8.26	1.0.6
8.10.58	2.0.12
10.14.74	3.2.20
12.13.85	4.4.28

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U11 Reds 27 lost to Highett 56

With the AFL season already several weeks old, the young men of the mighty U11 Reds were absolutely raring to go. With longer quarters and the introduction of tackling, some hard training sessions with coach Dean had the boys prepared. Our first opponent was to be Highett, who had our measure on both occasions last season. But today would be a different story...actually, no. Unfortunately they got us again. The heat? Bigger ground? Whatever the reasons, the boys will bounce back next week and play the type of football that we all know they are capable.

1st quarter: Reds 1 Goals 0 Behinds 6 Highett 1 Goals 1 Behinds 7

With the mercury hitting 27 (although it felt more like 37 to the boys), Wange got us off to a good start with the first hit-out in the ruck. Darcy, in his debut, gathered the ball off half-back and kicked to the wing, where Wange was in the action again, winning a free kick for a high tackle. Highett's pressure kept the ball in their forward 50 where Juz, Kya and Ed defended staunchly. A slick handball from Juz found Ed for a kick forward where Bill fought hard to lock the ball in the Red's forward zone. An errant Highett kick out on the full on the wing gave Ando the chance to send the ball long to the half-forward flank. Hearnly fought off two opponents to win the ball and kick to Croaghie who took a strong mark 20m out on a slight angle. Ignoring the ten players on the mark chanting the age-old "eh-oh", he calmly slotted through our first and only goal for the quarter. Back in the middle for the bounce, the ball again started heading towards the opposition goals. The backline held firm, with Ben taking the ball from the pack and kicking to Roo, who booted it long to centre-half forward for another Croaghie mark. Jess began to get into the game, gathering a number of possessions on the wing, and laying some strong tackles.

2nd quarter: Reds 1 Goals 0 Behinds 6 Highett 3 Goals 4 Behinds 22

Coach Dean's quarter-time instructions to the huddle were clear - try and be first to the ball, and if you aren't, try and spoil and make a contest. Unfortunately it seemed the parents were the only ones listening as we went scoreless whilst Highett put on 2 goals 3 behinds. Burty kept up the high standard in the ruck, winning most of the hitouts. Red provided one of the highlights of the quarter with a gutsy smother that kept the ball in our forward zone. Roo lifted his intensity, laying some bone-crunching tackles. Working hard in the middle, Kya got boot to ball and found Steve for a strong mark. With the play again working its way back towards the Highett goal-line, Croaghie and Ando crashed the packs and along with Collo and Nathan stopped the margin from blowing out. With the half-time siren, the boys were grateful to get into the shade and have a drink. Assistant coach Mick enquired about the ice-vests, but apparently they were still on order with the blue jumpers...

3rd quarter: Reds 3 Goals 3 Behinds 21 Highett 5 Goals 5 Behinds 35

A different U11 Reds team ran out for the 3rd quarter. Showing what they are capable of, the boys got themselves back into the game by playing smart and tough footy. Bill in the ruck combined well with Ollie to get the centre clearance. The kick from Steve to the goal square went off hands and through for a behind. Juz marked strongly on the wing, then passed the ball to Padlock. The handball to Jess was nice, the high tackle to Jess wasn't, and a free was paid. The kick to the goal square again went off the pack for a behind. Darcy bobbed up again, winning the ball off half-back and getting it to Roo who banged it long towards the goals, where Kya clunked a strong one-grab mark. With some of his hair getting in his eyes, he unfortunately missed narrowly. All was not lost

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though, with Ando receiving a free kick in the forward pocket immediately after and slotting through the goal. With the clock winding down, Collo gathered the loose ball and passed to Ollie. His kick forward found Ando 40m out directly in front. Loading up on the left foot, his kick looked good off the boot, but fell short. Turned out ok, though, as Kya took another strong grab and slotted it straight through to finish the quarter on a high.

4th quarter: Reds 4 Goals 3 Behinds 27 Highett 8 Goals 8 Behinds 56

Burty's impressive 2nd quarter in the ruck saw him back there again, and he didn't disappoint, tapping the ball nicely to Ed. His kick to half-forward came off the pack, only to be roved by Ando who snapped the first goal of the quarter, his second for the match and, unfortunately, our last, as the ball spent most of the remainder of the quarter in Highett's half of the ground. In a magnificent team display, Steve, Wange and Padlock showed ferocious determination to stop a certain goal on the last line of defence. Nathan, Ben and Hearny worked hard across the centre-line, and Croaghie finished the game with a final strong tackle.

Overall a disappointing loss for the boys, who fought on valiantly until the final siren in tough hot conditions. Bring on next week!

Goals: Ando 2, Croaghie, Kya

Awards: Ando, Croaghie, Darcy

We look forward to training on Friday where we will focus on:

1. Being first to the ball
2. Create a contest
3. Work as a team

Go the Mighty Reds!



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Under 11 BLUES v Beaumaris Black Tails

East Malvern	3.4	5.7	9.9	15.12(102)
Beaumaris	1.0	1.2	1.2	(8)

First Quarter

There is always a bit of uncertainty leading into the first game of the season but Coach Stolz made sure that there was no uncertainty about his match day instructions - "tackle, effort and pressure" was the clear and simple message that he put to his charges prior to the first bounce of the season.

From start to finish, his team kept up their intensity - they put his words into actions - and got the rewards. In the first five minutes, we saw memorable tackles from Arnie, Hamster, Jono, Belsy and Slinger.

Kicking with a favourable breeze in the first quarter, the Knights shot away to a 16 point lead. Arnie was dominant in the ruck giving his on-ballers first use of the ball and Big V and Belsy were focal points in the forward line kicking three goals between them.

Second Quarter

The coach's instructions at quarter time were about playing smarter and working into good position rather than just following the ball. O.J. and Slinger were rewarded immediately for taking on the coach's instructions and got easy marks and kicks by creating a defensive wall just outside the Knights' forward line.

Overall the second quarter was tougher as the Knights kicked into the strong wind - but the East Malvern defence was rock solid and it repelled numerous Beaumaris attacks. Sco and Lock were solid down back and a superb tackle by Razza prevented a certain Beaumaris goal. The Knights still managed to score goals and Shorty, Pickles and others were busy in the forward line.

Such was the strength of the Knights defence, Beaumaris could manage just two points kicking with the wind. Little did we know it would be their last score of the game!

Third Quarter

Clearances from the centre were the key in the third quarter, with Arnie, Macca and Jono dominating. Another four goals came during this quarter and Big V continued on his merry way with more goals.

You couldn't help but notice Kizzle's second efforts and his desperation to keep the ball in the forward line - it seemed the longer went the greater his intensity and effort. Razza, Grassy and

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Hamster were also noticeable for their second efforts. Grassy moved forward onto the wing and had an immediate impact on the game.

Fourth Quarter

The coach was well pleased at three quarter time but he wanted his team to finish the game and play team football. His instructions at the final break were for players to be team-oriented, to look up ahead and pick teammates out with passes rather than blindly running forward, taking bounces and kicking wildly. For the most part his team followed instructions and six goals followed in the last quarter - two of those came off Arnie's boot as he took a well deserved rest from ruck duties at full forward. Kizzle, Grassy and O.J. were also rewarded for their tremendous efforts through the game with goals in the final quarter.

Once again the Knights defence was magnificent. When the siren sounded, Beaumaris had managed just two points in the last three quarters of the game. Amongst others, Slinger, Sco, Freckles, Razza, O.J. Arrow, Lock, Grassy and Stevo had all spent time in defence. They played like a team, stuck to their men and were ferocious when they needed to be.

Coach Stolz had the final word. Encouraged by the Blues' intensity and commitment, he congratulated his team on their win and their commitment to apply relentless pressure on the Beaumaris team. In a quiet moment, he also conceded that it was likely that his U13 Knights team would bring him more joy (and wins) this season than his beloved Magpies.

Goals:

Big V 5, Macca 3, Grassy 2, Arnie 2, Belsy, Kizzle, O.J.

Coach's Awards:

Big V, Kizzle and Belsy





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