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KNIGHTS NEWS

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SO WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE KNIGHTS.....

KNIGHTS CONTINUE THEIR FOOTY SUCCESS

ANOTHER terrific weekend of wonderful Autumn weather saw the Knights compete in 22 games of footy for which the Knights won 19.....a sensational result.

ANZAC DAY

A very moving day this week with ANZAC Day. Many Knights families attended dawn services at the East Malvern RSL & Shrine of Remembrance in St Kilda Rd in recognition of those outstanding Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I read many of our diggers occupied their spare time playing sport in their downtime so its very fitting many Knights will most likely spend this very special day at the footy supporting the Bombers or Pies.

CLUB NIGHT THIS SUNDAY.....SPECIAL GUEST IS COLLINGWOOD SUPERSTAR JACKSON PAINE

Our 1st Club Night for the year is a ripper. Former Knight & now Collingwood Superstar, Jackson Paine, has kindly agreed to come down to help celebrate our 1st Club Night for Season 2012.

The program for Sunday is as follows:

 MARSHALLWHITE

Andrew Hayne
0418 395 349

John Manton
0411 444 930

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4pm: Come watch the 2nd half of the U16s.

5pm: 2011 U15 Golds Flag unveiling.

5:15pm - 8pm: Club Drinks.

NIGHT OF KNIGHTS | Saturday 12 May

Don't forget our Night of Knights 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.

Bookings can be done online via the following link:

<http://www.trybooking.com/BIBM>

NIGHT OF KNIGHTS DONATIONS

We still need items for the silent & live auctions. If you can help, please contact Tony Phillips (aka General) at sponsorship@eastmalvernknights.com.au.

ST MARYS VS ST ROCHS | Mid Life Crisis Cup

The mums & dads were at it again last weekend with the annual St Marys Vs St Rochs sporting extravaganza, the Mid Life Crisis Cup.

This year, St Roch's were victorious in both the ladies netball & the boys football.

Big thanks to Andrew Close of St Marys & Richard Lewis of St Rochs for championing this fantastic community event. Special mention must go to Ben Crowe for his most "inspirational" team addresses.



St Marys Vs St Rochs



St Rochs



St Marys

St Marys Vs St Rochs



Community power....just gets bigger every year



Gerard (Yoge) Mulcahy & Nick (Smitta) Smith getting in on the fun

MID LIFE CRISIS MATCH REPORT

Mid Life Crisis Cup**St Roch's vs St Mary's | 21st April 2012**

The day had arrived when all the talk was to go out the window and actions were to be on display. Lucas reserve was in perfect nick for some inspirational footy and there would be no place to hide if we didn't bring home the chocolates. St Rochs had done a lot of offseason gym work and their recruiting dept apparently received some draft concessions that were particularly kind to them.

The St Marys lads looked awesome in their new strip, and a huge thank you goes out to Mario Vukic for the supply of the kit, Rick Cullinan for the design, and Joey Walton for the sponsorship deal from Allard Shelton. Thanks also to Paul Diviny for a great umpiring job and Rob Lawson being a very organized Team Manager.

Coach Scotty Duane gave a moving address where he called upon everyone to step up and rise to the challenge, we were on the cusp of greatness if we could pull off a back to back MLC Cup double, the team would go down in the history books as one of the all-time AFL heavy-weights.

We hit the ground running with our forward press working a treat. Centre clearances from Clanga Clancy's tidy ruck work started racking up and our contested ball efforts lead by Barrel Kirkwood and Bowdo in the pivot were superb. The forward line spread worked perfectly to score at will, with new boy Jezza Houghton leading the way so we went to the first break with a healthy lead.

1st Quarter: St Mary's 3 1 19 St Roch's 1 4 10

St Rochs came out in the 2nd, with all guns blazin' full of run and started to get first use of the pill. We needed our on-ball brigade to take it up a notch but suffered a major setback when Thornys hamstring snap was heard from the boundary just before the major break, Scotty needed to stem the flow of St Rochs free scoring of 6 majors and the half time siren couldn't come quick enough.

2nd Quarter: St Mary's 6 3 39 St Roch's 7 6 48

The goal kicking comp for the kids at half time provided many highlights, full of bananas, snaps, check-sides Buddy-like worm-burners and more. The kids showed a lot of skill and loved the half time kick then were absolutely stoked to fuel up on sour-sweets and chupa-chups before their sausage and drink lunch.

After the major break, Team 2 came out looking to wrestle back the lead, Scotty pleaded with Yoges to take the game by the scruff of the neck and take control. Another new face, Akers was doing a power of work in the air and Johnno was showing his class up forward to snag a couple of majors and get back in front but a few late qtr goals to St Roch found them going into the last qtr 15 pnts up.

3rd Quarter: St Mary's 8 6 54 St Roch's 10 9 69

MID LIFE CRISIS MATCH REPORT

The St Rochs rotation system started to show its worth as our legs became weary, and with the crack of yet another hamstring on the far wing, Pozz thought he had been gunned down from the grassy knoll. Our soft tissue injury count started to mount and will raise big questions as to the pre-season conditioning program that has been under taken. StRochs ran out the game to slam on a couple of late goals that put the result beyond doubt.

4th Quarter: St Mary's 10 10 70 St Roch's 14 14 98

Thanks to everyone for getting involved and making it a great event to be part of.

Next year we will come out stronger, leaner & better stretched.



THIS SUNDAY

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CLUB NIGHT

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PROGRAM

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MATCH DAY PHOTOS



Like the photos? If so, you can purchase photos each week from selected matches attended.

Photos are uploaded by Tuesday afternoon each week to:

www.gregmillerphotography.net.au

As an added bonus for the Knights, 10% of all profits are returned to the Club.

Round 2 games attended last week included:

1. U9 Red
2. U9 Green
3. U11 Red
4. U10 Black
5. U12 Red
6. U15 Gold

ROUND 2 | FINAL SCORES

VENUE/COURT		HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
LE PAGE PARK - Oval 2 (Under 9 Blue 2012)	0.0-0	Cheltenham Black	Vs	East Malvern Black	15.12-1 02
HURLINGHAM PARK - OVAL 2 (Under 9 South 2012)	4.3-27	East Brighton Vampires JFC 09 South	Vs	East Malvern White	5.7-37
STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 9 Navy 2012)	17.11-113	East Malvern Red	Vs	Cheltenham Green	2.2-14
DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 11 North 2012)	5.9-39	East Malvern Blue	Vs	St Peters	3.4-22
E.E. GUNN RESERVE - Oval 1 (Under 12 West 2012)	14.7-91	Ormond	Vs	East Malvern White	1.0-6
BYE (Under 10 North 2012)		East Malvern White		BYE	
STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 9 Silver 2012)	5.7-37	East Malvern Green	Vs	Oakleigh	4.3-27
WALTER GALT RESERVE - Oval 2 (Under 9 West 2012)	3.4-22	Mordialloc Braeside Red	Vs	East Malvern Blue	12.6-78
DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 11 South 2012)	5.4-34	East Malvern Red	Vs	Caulfield	4.2-26
STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 10 Blue 2012)	7.7-49	East Malvern Black	Vs	Oakleigh	6.3-39
BANKSIA RESERVE (Under 11 West 2012)	2.5-17	Beaumaris (Great Whites)	Vs	East Malvern White	11.5-71

ROUND 2 | FINAL SCORES



DW LUCAS OVAL
- DUNLOP
RESERVE (Under
12 North 2012)

12.19-91

East Malvern Blue

Vs

Caulfield

0.0-0

ROUND 3 GAMES

8:45	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 9 Blue 2012)	East Malvern Black	Vs	Waverley Park Under 9 Gold
8:45	HIGHETT RESERVE - Oval 1 (Under 9 Silver 2012)	Highett	Vs	East Malvern Green
8:45	WALTER GALT RESERVE - Oval 2 (Under 9 Navy 2012)	Mordi-Brae	Vs	East Malvern Red
9:00	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 11 West 2012)	East Malvern White	Vs	St Kilda City U11 Black
9:00	LE PAGE PARK - Oval 1 (Under 14 Div 4 2012)	Cheltenham Black	Vs	East Malvern Blue
10:00	ALBERT PARK - Oval 11 (Under 11 South 2012)	South Melb White	Vs	East Malvern Red
10:00	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 9 West 2012)	East Malvern Blue	Vs	St Pauls U9
10:30	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 12 West 2012)	East Malvern White	Vs	St Kilda City U12 Red
11:00	LE PAGE PARK - Oval 1 (Under 15 Div 1 2012)	Cheltenham	Vs	East Malvern Gold
11:15	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 9 South 2012)	East Malvern White	Vs	St Kilda City U9 Red
11:15	MURRUMBEENA PARK - OVAL 2 (Under 10 Blue 2012)	Murrumbeena Gold	Vs	East Malvern Black
11:15	CENTENARY PARK - Oval 2 (Under 10 South 2012)	St Peters Green	Vs	East Malvern U10 Blue
11:15	SOUTHERN ROAD RESERVE (Under 11 North 2012)	St Bedes/ Mentone Tigers	Vs	East Malvern Blue
11:30	PRINCES PARK - Oval 4 (Under 12 North 2012)	Ajax Jets	Vs	East Malvern Blue
12:00	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 13 Div 4 2012)	East Malvern Blue	Vs	Hampton

ROUND 3 GAMES

12:15	PETERSON RESERVE (Under 14 Div 1 2012)	East Sandringham	Vs	East Malvern U14 Gold
12:30	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 10 North 2012)	East Malvern White	Vs	Oakleigh Green
13:00	ALBERT PARK - Oval 11 (Under 12 South 2012)	South Melb White	Vs	East Malvern Red
13:15	WALTER GALT RESERVE - Oval 1 (Under 13 Div 1 2012)	Mordialloc Braeside	Vs	East Malvern Gold
14:15	STANLEY GROSE RESERVE (Under 10 West 2012)	East Malvern Red	Vs	South Melb Red
15:00	SOUTER RESERVE (Under 15 Div 3 2012)	Dingley	Vs	East Malvern Blue
15:30	DW LUCAS OVAL - DUNLOP RESERVE (Under 16 Div 1 2012)	East Malvern Gold	Vs	Ajax Comets



MATCH REPORTS

Youth Girls: East Malvern Knights 9:8:62 defeated St Damians 7:7:49

East Malvern's youth girls continued their fine start to the 2012 season last Saturday with a second win, this time a hard-fought 13-point victory over St Damian's at Stanley Grose Oval.

The Knights had to work a lot harder for a win than the opening-round romp over Warrandyte, but there was still a common denominator, namely a flying start, the girls building a 19-point break by quarter-time, and hanging on grimly to the lead for the rest of the game.

Once again, team defence was as big a highlight as the girls' scoring capacity, some great tackles laid early by Charlotte, Sarah and Dani, and some smart kicking along the boundary from Elyce, Ally, Alana and Tori.

The opening goal came from Harper after a nice long kick to the goal square by Mia, followed soon after by another goal by Alana. Holly showed great touch with a nice pick-up and pass to Tilly, Toni and Dani also combining well.

Kaytie tapped cleverly into space, and Amber put the seal on a dominant opening term with two goals to give East Malvern a 4.2 to 1.1 lead at the first change.

The second quarter saw St Damian's really lift their game, taking it right up to East Malvern with their first three goals of the game, but the Knights were equal to the challenge.

The Knights added three goals of their own, the first from a long kick by Alana, the next from Amber after a fine passage involving Kate, Tilly and Alana in the lead-up, the third from Mia.

With East Malvern still 21 points to the good at half-time, St Damians loaded up their defence, making scoring more difficult. The Knights, however, still managed to add 2.3 for the quarter to the visitors' wasteful 1.5.

Elyce and Mimi led the way with some great tackling, Mia took a fine mark and Holly's handling under pressure was impressive. The girls were determined not to let the hard-won advantage slip, and further goals to Tilly and Mia kept East Malvern a few goals to the good.

The last quarter was a dour affair, with St Damian's continuing to creep closer, and the Knights failing to score a goal. But the defensive side of the game is becoming a trademark for the team, and was typified in the final term by more fierce tackling, smothering, and a terrific mark by Sarah in the defensive goal square.

St Damian's had come within 13 points at the finish, but the Knights once again emerged with the win, and go into the third game of the season next week still undefeated.

EAST MALVERN 4.2 7.4 9.7 9.8 (62)

ST DAMIAN'S 1.1 4.1 5.6 7.7 (49)

MATCH REPORTS

U11's White vs Beaumaris

The U11 Whites ventured to Banksia Reserve in Beaumaris on a windy but warm day hoping to get the season back on track following a narrow loss last week at DW Lucas.

Once again we were greeted by a very large ground which would test our running capabilities and first glimpses of the opposition again highlighted that our lack of height maybe a concern.

There was a determination in the group to focus this week more on the defensive side of our game after being a little surprised last week by our first game-day experience of tackling. So with tackling and playing on at all opportunity being our focus for the game the boys were determined to make a statement early and make a statement we did...

We immediately came out of the blocks with a greater intensity than our opposition and hit the scoreboard early to gain control of the contest from the start. We were gaining centre clearances with ease and our desperation and preparedness to tackle and work harder than our opposition reaped quick results as we piled on five unanswered goals in the first quarter.

The second quarter would prove a greater challenge as we were now faced with having to work into a stiff breeze and whilst Beaumaris started the quarter with a couple of quick clearances that led to an early goal it was our boys who again were prepared to work harder. Kicking accurately to position was proving a challenge but we countered that with a willingness to 'run and carry' which will surely become a feature of this team over the course of the season. In a bruising encounter that saw a significant break in the game as a couple of Beaumaris players suffered in a physical clash - we entered the half-time break outscoring our opponents 2 goals to one for the quarter.

With a 35 point lead to begin the second half and the wind at our back the coaching staff demanded that the boys continue to tackle and harass without the ball and run and share the footy whilst in attack. We had clearly gained the ascendancy over our opposition and added another 3 goals to zero from Beaumaris in this quarter to see us increase our lead to a comfortable 53 points at the last break.

Our goal entering the last quarter was to outscore our opponents whilst kicking into a breeze that had only got stronger as the game had progressed. Whilst our efforts were not necessarily shown on the scoreboard we maintained our control over the contest and enjoyed a number of fine passages of team footy as we ran out the game stronger than Beaumaris to finish 54 point winners.

Match Scores:	Q1:	Q2:	Q3:	Final:
Team:				
East Malvern	5.1	7.2	10.3	11.5
Beaumaris	0.0	1.3	1.4	2.5

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U11 Reds 34 beat Caulfield 26

After a disappointing loss to Highett in the season opener last week, the Mighty East Malvern Reds were in for a very tough training session and that is exactly what they got- you could hear them huffing and puffing from 10 metres away. We were intent on getting a fast start to this week's round 2 fixture against Caulfield, which luckily for the boys was exactly what happened with the Knights producing a wonderful display of tough, team oriented footy in the opening stanza.

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

The highlights included a stunning quarter of football from Roo Bufalo who was literally in everything and capped off his great work with a fantastic mark and goal to open our scoring. Another standout in the first term was Benny Phillips who took two great marks, applied tackles and delivered a pinpoint pass to Roo who converted our first goal. Other great contributors were Hearney, Darcy Burke (I can't believe he hasn't played before) and Nick Collins (he definitely has played before!). Oh, and Kya also kicked a great 6 pointer. Great quarter boys!

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

The 2nd Quarter was a real slog for our stars as they had to battle hard into a strong breeze. Ando was resolute in defence and continually cleared the ball with smart handball and pinpoint passing. Eddie was also solid off half back and Juz had it on a string (not literally of course, but might as well have). Ben Phillips was great again across half forward, Darcy was in and under (again, not literally) and Nathan, Burty and Wange were active in the midfield and forward line. We didn't score any goals in the second term but the boys battled really hard and restricted Caulfield who were beginning to really lift their work rate.

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

Often known as the premiership quarter, the 3rd quarter is where games are often won and lost. With that in mind, the Reds produced a vintage quarter of footy. There were great contributions all over the field. Stevo really came of age with a great saving mark in defence. Ollie and Rhino were working hard in the packs in the midfield. Padlock and Thorny provided targets up forward and 'Guess Who?' Ando produced another great quarter of footy. Not only did he kick a great goal himself but he also set Rooey up for his 2nd major with a beautiful long kick. AND, Juz still had it on a string.

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

What a quarter of footy. We were kicking into a small zephyr and the Caulfield boys really came at us hard and with about 10 minutes to go, they got within 1 point of the Mighty Reds. It was at this point that our boys really dug deep. Ando and Juz were brilliant in defence repeatedly repelling Caulfield attacks. Eddie, Darcy and Croaghie were hard at it across the midfield and Roo was simply inspirational all over the ground. I reckon he must eat nuts & bolts for breakfast, the Roo boy. One

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of the plays of the final term was a great kick from Nick Collins to Hearnly who kicked a high ball to centre half forward and "Wow Wee" Jesse flew like a gazelle and snaffled an absolute beauty. 'Mark of the Day' for sure. Well done, Jesse. Fittingly, a great team effort from our champs landed the ball in Burty's hands a mere 15 metres from goal. Like a true professional Burty went back and slotted the goal sealing the game for the Mighty Knights.

A great team effort boys, well done.

Goals: Roo 2, Burty, Kya, Ando

Awards: Juz (Footy Cards), Roo (Cold Rock), Burty (Captain)

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!



MATCH REPORTS

U12 Blue V Caulfield

Final Score East Malvern Blues 12.19.91 to Caulfield 0.0.0

First Quarter

The Mighty Knights were set to play Caulfield (who had won their first game) and lost the toss and were to kick against the wind at Lucas oval. We had two substantial ins for this week (Josh Wilson and Tomas Riley back from holidays for their first game) with Will Hogan sidelined with injury (but doing a great job as water boy). This was to be a tough ask given the sheer size of the ground and against at least a 4 goal breeze. The initial few minutes were played in Caulfields forward half and the backline had some real pressure applied early. Nolchie saved a coupe of certain scores with some telling goal line defense and Josh teamed well with Brycey, TV and Finn J to push the ball forward with great teamwork and running from defense. Finally we got some momentum going with Al a clear target at Centre Half Forward and some great marking by Fraser and Match pus some scores on the board. Ozzie was having a blinder on the half forward flank and Buster snuck down for an early goal. At quarter time we had managed a couple of goals and had most of the play.

Best for Quarter - Fraser, Ozzie, Al, Brycey, TV, Finn J, Andy, Nolchie

Goals - Fraser, Buster

Second Quarter

The initial fight shown by Caulfield fell away and our boys were well on top. Josh, Buster and Fraser took some towering marks, Brycey, Deano, Andy and Alexander had the ball on a string and goals started to come easily. All the players started to work their way into the game with Charlie on top in the ruck, Lowey, Mitch, Johnsy and Tomas picking up touches at will. Unfortunately by half time we had broken the spirit of Caulfield and led by 8 goals to zero. Some great attack on the ball by Finn J, absolute polish from Blahery and a goal from Alexander were the highlights.

Best for Quarter - Josh, Blahery, Alexander, Brycey, Finn J

Goals - Josh x2, Al, Alexander, Charlie, Ozzie

Third Quarter

Similar to last week the game became one sided and the coaches spent most of the time shifting players around to get them involved where the play was. The pressure eased off substantially and the game fizzled. We fought hard against the wind to kick a goal.

Best For Quarter - Everybody

Goals - Fraser

Final Quarter

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The aim was to get as many players to kick a goal as we could with Match and Brycey chiming in for goals late and Alexander adding another. By this stage the play and most of the players were all up one end turning the game into a scramble. In the end a resounding win again and a likely move into a higher division is on the cards.

Best for Quarter - Adam, Match, Alexander

Goals - Match, Alexander, Brycey

Cold Rock Award - Finn Jones



MATCH REPORTS

Under 11 Blues

East Malvern 5.9.39 St Peters 3.4.22

In what has proved to be a great start to the season, our East Malvern U11 Blues smashed through the scoreboard again with a promising win over St Peters .

With coach stolzy's encouraging words the boys were ready for a cracker start to Round 2 . Instructions clear, kick long and go hard. O.J's on ground performance was strong and athletic. He showed our boys how to go for a run with the ball and delivered outstanding results. A momentary wave of nervousness swept through the Knights onlookers - in particular the coaches box seeing the first quarter go by without scoring, that all changed with Cold Rocker big V anchoring the front line and securing 3 goals.

Special mention to Kizzle ,Ross,Lock,Razza who all led our team and proved their defending and leadership skills. Big Arnie , Stellar

Quarter performance gave Coach Stolzy a few things to be happy about going into the 3RD quarter. A courage's effort by Macca who played on after being assessed by our gracious trainer Melinda Morley for a leg injury. Soon after Fred Quartermaine took a magnificent tackle in our 50metere forward zone then managed to pop a goal. With the opposition fighting hard to regain some presence our boys did well to maintain the pressure and remain disciplined in position -

An all round great performance by the Blues, providing a new benchmark for shepherding and protecting our teammates at all times. It was fantastic to see the boys huddle at the end of their second victory and sing the MIGHTY KNIGHTS so enthusiastically.

Well done.



MATCH REPORTS

U10 West Red v East Brighton Vampires

First Quarter East Malvern 3.2.20 v East Brighton Vampires 1.1.7

Second game of the year and the boys were keen to have a win.

We started the first quarter kicking with the wind. With a Tower tap from Ves, the ball was grabbed by Lachie T and we were off with a long bomb to the forwards. With nice ball handling skills Chris kicked but only for a point. It didn't stop there, the mighty knights kept the pressure on and this time it was Chris to Luke and then goal. The wind was helping the boys with their confidence, allowing them to show the spectators some great passage of plays. Fab on the wing with head down into the pack cleared the ball to the forwards. Ves again from centre to Lachie T and then to Campbell for a great mark. A long kick and goal by Lachie T showed the opposition that he meant business. Campbell showed some great scrambling skills in the forward but the quarter wasn't won without some intense backline support from McKay and Bowen.

Second Quarter East Malvern 4.4.28 v East Brighton Vampires 3.3.21

The Knights knew they had to hold off the heavily armored tall forwards this quarter if they wanted to stay in the running for a win. Without delay they showed great defense work with Fab, again ducking and weaving through the pack to kick to the forwards. If that wasn't enough it was Charlie, Lachie T, James and Tom L showing great wing work and endeavor to keep the ball to the forwards. But the Vampires had the wind and used it to their advantage. Even with Aidan and Wesley's great clearance from the wing and Milo, Henry, Ves, Jack and Judd's great backline defense work couldn't hold off the opposition from scoring within 7 points.

Third Quarter East Malvern 5.6.38 v East Brighton Vampires 3.4.22

Coaches comments - 'kick long with the wind' and grab their jumpers to stop them.

The Coaches words were listened upon, the boys knew what to do this quarter and did so in fine form.

Centre skills from Aidan to Wesley to Campbell showed that the boys weren't taking any prisoners. Harvey, near the boundary with three Vampires wanting blood showed his skills but only managed a point, great effort. The boys continued to show their determination to hold off an opposition thirsty to win with centre play from Max to Charlie to Fab. Ferocious attacks from Charlie to Luke and back again proved we wanted a win. A three time follow up from Fab including a running steal had the spectator's applauding. Guts and determination was shown by Wesley, Thomas and then Bowen scoring in the dying seconds of the quarter to take us to a lead that was comforting.

Fourth Quarter East Malvern 6.8.44 v East Brighton Vampires 3.7.25

A great mark by Wesley showed we had plenty of energy. Hussling on the wing proved successful again with Jack scoring a handy goal from the pack. More skills were seen from Lachie T kicking right footed (he is a lefty) and more clockwork passages of play from Tom, Max Jack Lachie T, Aidan and then to Judd. A wall of Defense from Tom, Max, Jack and Will was so great it could have

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come from China. A great sweeping grab from Ves sent the ball to our forwards for another goal. The Vampires couldn't penetrate our defense line and were losing their intensity. With Charlie and Fab displaying wing work second to none. Jack Max and Campbell in the forward punching points and goals it was over. A win for the mighty Knights.

Scores

East Malvern U10 Red	East Brighton Vampires
3.2	1.1
4.4	3.3
5.6	3.4
6.8	3.7

Goal scorers:

Bowen 2, Muller 1, Poulos 1, Rose 1, Templeton 1



MATCH REPORTS

U13 Blues 5.4.34 defeated Dingley Red 5.2.32

So it seems our suspicions were correct.....we may just be in the correct division after all.....especially considering some of our boys will soon be given an opportunity in the gold team which is sad for us, but great reward for effort for the selected boys. More on this later in the week.....

From the very first bounce, those lucky enough to be at Sunday's match witnessed one of those classic see sawing games where victory slipped from our hands only to see the boys refuse to lie down and die, resulting in a brilliant come from behind victory for the mighty Blues!

First quarter Blues 1 Goals 1 Behinds 7 Dingley Red 0 Goals 0 Behinds 0

The Knights kicked with what looked to be a 2 or 3 goal breeze, though it turned out to be anything but as the game wore on. Dingley seemed to know the ground well and were able to bottle it up in the "dead" pocket as it were. Patrick took a fine mark following some spirited teamwork, and hit the post for a point. Shannon, who was in everything took a hard knock but bounced straight up. Finally after a long floater from Smith, goal sneak Morley chipped in for a much-needed one. Smith continued to stamp his mark in the ruck with some terrific clearance work. Our captain Sammy McVean worked hard all over the ground, as did Cameron, whilst Fish (returning from a broken arm) spoiled and cleared well. Ralph tackled fiercely to save the day, but with such defensive ferocity, it seemed we forgot how to convert when given an opportunity, only managing a solitary goal with the wind.

Second quarter Blues 2 Goals 2 Behinds 14 Dingley Red 2 Goals 1 Behinds 13

It was Dingley's turn with the wind - the Knight's defence was under siege but hung in there with Murray solid as a rock, and Smith continuing to ruck in a seemingly tireless fashion. Tobin took a great saving mark and Cameron smothered the opposition, stopping a certain goal. Russell cleared the ball under extreme pressure, and Godfrey made some play handballing out to Ralph, followed up almost fast enough to receive his own ball with a snap on goal, exhausted no doubt after covering so much ground. Slack started to find space in the middle with a few telling marks, and pumped it in long. Finally the Knights broke through against the flow with McVean kicking truly after a chain of teamwork. Mathews took a strong mark and Battistella started working his way into the game. Schroeder was in it up to his ears. Stephens and Rozen combined well, and the Knights restricted Dingley to two goals with the strong breeze. We maintained the lead buy only just!

Third quarter Blues 3 Goals 4 Behinds 22 Dingley Red 4 Goals 2 Behinds 26

Ralph was unable to return after half time after sustaining a heavy knock putting his head over the ball, with no concern or regard for his own safety other than to win the ball for his teammates which was incredibly gutsy. With the wind in our favour, we knew we had to score a few goals this quarter to have any chance of victory. Unfortunately, whilst we dominated play, Dingley snuck in 2

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goals against the flow and their defence restricted us to only one. Langton applied pressure along with Rozen who withstood a heavy tackle, Turner took a big mark in the centre and Stephens did likewise on the wing. Schroeder went in hard, and Murray saved the day lone-handedly in the square forcing a point to Dingley, who seemed to be getting a sniff, despite going to the non-scoring end. Shannon provided a good shepherd for Murray to clear. Burgess and Kelly toiled hard. Tobin used his hip and shoulder to force the ball out on the wing and Baxter won a free kick to shoot for goal only narrowly missing. Finally Tobin snapped one through - but was it enough? Dingley had other ideas and banged on two goals late to arrest the lead back, and were coming home with the breeze.

Fourth quarter Blues 5 Goals 4 Behinds 34 Dingley Red 5 Goals 2 Behinds 32

Coach Julian challenged the team to take the game on with contested ball and teamwork, noting that the Knights were still well in the game, in spite of the wind advantage to Dingley. He was not let down. There was a significant change in the game after five minutes in the last quarter. Dingley scored a goal from a free kick to get two straight kicks in front. It seemed such a margin would be tough to claw back against the wind, but clearly the boys had other ideas. The Knights lifted, and started to surge forward against the tide, fighting hard to trap the ball inside our forward half for much of the quarter. Turner, who had a great term, shepherded for Morley, with Rozen sending the ball forward a number of times. Battistella took some telling marks, playing on without a thought of being tackled, and kicking it long to our advantage. Hocking (coach's award) started presenting up forward with 3 or 4 strong contested marks and chasing everything down - all helped by great supply from his teammates upfield. Hockers drilled one around the corner along with Stephens who bombed a long one through, and the Knights hit the front to the joy of all present. Three minutes left and it still wasn't over. Pleasingly, we held out Dingley's final forward foray with Murray, Patrick, Slack and Matthews defending grimly at the other end. The Knights had got up off the canvass for a notable victory.

Goals: MORLEY, MCVEAN, TOBIN, HOCKING, STEPHENS (1 each)

Better Players: Impossible to individualise in this game - all players were fantastic and did all they could to get us over the line. Great effort boys!



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U10 Blues v's East Sandringham

East Sandy had always given East Malvern Knights a touch-up over the years. Did we owe East Sandy today, I heard the U10 Blues fans ask? WE CERTAINLY DID, bellowed The General in a booming voice, loud enough to frighten the river rats sunbaking on the edge of Gardiner's Creek.

Was our Coaching team a settled crew? Still unofficial murmurs and rumours continued to circulate in the media about a supposed succession plan. Was The General under pressure to hold his position? Is Rozzo Snr planning a mutiny or will the challenge come from the backbenchers in Yonnie? Hard to move on a legend of the club if the boys have a big win today.

Co-Captains BIG Unit, Closey & Gazza, elected to kick into a strong breeze, setting up a last quarter assault with a howling wind.

The ball was bounced and The Tower rammed it down the throat of Jamo to launch our first attack into the forward line. The East Sandy boys quickly repelled the first attack to run the ball all the way into their forward line, to narrowly miss a goal. We were clearly in for a tough game today. The General demanded more from the U10 Blues and did they take heed? The Blues machine kicked into gear and what a well oiled machine this outfit has become. Wheels was on fire in the forward line, Fast Eddie was gliding over the ground like a gazelle, Rozzo was strutting around like Buddy Franklin and Knackers was everywhere. It was raining goals for the Blues and this was into the wind for God's sake!

1st Qtr score: 5:3=33 to 0:1=1.

The General still wasn't happy. He demanded 5 more goals in the 2nd qtr.

Rozzo tapped it down to Boo, who handballed it to Wheels, who speared it into Peachy for a magnificent goal. It was like Groundhog Day, as this happened 3 more times, exactly the same each time. The EM Express and Gazza were carving it up on the wings, moving with ease in and out of the East Sandy witches cones. BIG Unit was roaming around like Carl Ditterich, so much so, Wheels Snr asked the Ambo's to hang around a little longer, as there might be a few more East Sandy casualties. Red and Funky were as desperate as they were stingy in the backline. Nothing was getting past these boys today. Macca was coming out like Tony Lockett, snagging 2 goals for the qtr. The run and carry, the spread, the structures, the press, the linking,...it was all happening out there today and this is only U10's. Very impressive!

2nd Qtr: 11:8=74 to 0:1=1.

The General still wanted more. He's like the bloke out of Monty Python's The Meaning of Life, just one more morsel. Insatiable appetite for these boys to reach the heady heights.

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In the 3rd qtr, Molla was let off the leash, much to the disappointment of the East Sandy coach. Sherlock was Adam Cooney-like, darting in and out, pounding the ball into the forward line with ease. Special K was under every pack, dishing it out to Wilksy who was on fire. Spider, the greatest leap in U10's since Dick Fosbury invented high jump, was launching himself over every pack. This was becoming a mauling. Someone bring out the Mercy Rule.

3rd Qtr: 14:8=92 to 0:1=1

The General however, had other ideas. More please!

Closey's left foot was getting tired of drilling the likes of Peachy, Funky and Fast Eddie repeatedly in the forward line. Nackers goaled again, the EM Express was running too fast for the Speed Gun, the Tower was Kreuzer-like in dishing it out to the rovers. Great game!

4th Qtr: 16:14= to 0:1=1

The U10's boys had feasted heavily today. What a display! What a powerhouse!
The General's job was safe for the year. The rumours have been officially put to rest!

Congratulations boys!



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U9 Reds V Cheltenham Green

As the thunder storm and rain tumbled down in the early hours of this morning it was with a sense of foreboding that the Mighty Red Knights descended on their own dunghill of Stanley Grose oval. Indeed the skies were still overcast as Cheltenham Green completed their warm up as the Knights just began theirs and the crowd wondered if they could get over the line again.



But as field umpire Max, ably escorted by our specialist umpire escort Peter Chiera, held the ball aloft for the first bounce the skies cleared and the Knights came. Led by two match day Captains **Matt Adams** and **Ewen 'Harls' Harley** the team dominated the first quarter with a return of



4.3: 27 to nil. The great team play continued for the whole day and with Knights sharing the ball by hand they kept Cheltenham guessing. They chased and did what the Coach wanted: they went and got the ball, they improved every quarter and the listened really well to the coaches our runner and the umpire. Their team effort resulted in a runaway victory by the Knights of 114 points

to 13 points. But most importantly for the second week in a row the boys succeeded where they want the most, they had fun.

There were many terrific performances during the game and eight players shared the goals. **Lachie Appleton** banged through five majors, **Ollie Gill** and **Ned Crowe** bagged three apiece, **Sam Bowen** got two, including one that mimicked a Stevie J Special and four players got one



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each: **Charlie Herman**, **Jacques Ludekens**, **Jack Pinder**, after the mark of budding key forward, and **Charlie Ralph** with a neat little snap.

But it wasn't all about the goals. All day the boys put Coach's wishes into practice as they started to kick the ball longer, talked loudly and often, ran hard to position, stood in front of their opponent and shared the ball by handball. There were a couple of special mentions, great stuff by **Zach Knowles**, who while playing in defence ran and supported team mates then ran back to stand just in front of his man. Great execution of team rules. **Harrison Trotter** was also called out for his great improvement during the game - again, great execution of team goals to consistently improve.

However, the coveted Cold Rock award for best team player went to a guy who didn't get a kick, a tackle, or a handball but who exemplified the values of the Mighty Knights Red. He turned up while rostered off and grabbed an iridescent yellow vest, ran water and supported his team mates brilliantly. Well Done to **Pat McCabe**!

Another great day by the boys and it was excellent to have so much Parent support for the boys. We noted the large crowd of parents watching our game as opposed to the one later. Thanks again for supporting the boys!

Cold Rock Award Winner Pat McCabe, takes a break during the game.



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East Malvern Knights U9 Green V's Oakleigh.

Q1.

We could tell that the boys were on, right from the opening bounce with **Willa** using his height to win the first ruck contest. It also became apparent that the Mighty Knights team weren't going to get it their own way either. Oakleigh came out hard, and with the umpire putting away the whistle, some hard tackling followed. This meant the boys were going to have to carry the ball and get it to a team mate in the clear. **Duck** and **Finno**, were vital in getting the ball forward off the half back line, and combined well with **Chopper Jnr.** down the wing. The pressure mounted on Oakleigh's back line and **Armors** was able to kick a goal and get the Knights off to a terrific start. Despite the continued domination by **Willa** in the ruck and quick ball movement by **Kenyon**, Oakleigh were able to reply quickly with a goal of their own. The Knights continued to dominate for the remainder of the quarter with some great evasive work by **Chopper Jnr.** and **Nicky** and some great contested marks by **Maca**, **Moo** and **Duck**. A highlight for the quarter came just before the siren, some slick passing with **Bazza** snapping a great goal.

The Knights went into the break up - 2.4 - 16 to 1.0 - 6

Q2.

Kicking into a stiffening breeze in the 2nd quarter the Knights were again off to a good start with quick clearance by **Bull**, however we soon found ourselves defending the goal line. With some great defensive efforts we were able to hold out. Excellent were **Slammin** and **Bear**, working hard around the stoppages. Finally the knights were able to get the ball forward through some fantastic link up play with **The Axe** and **Willa** taking strong marks and **Goughie** finishing off with a strong mark and goal. Oakleigh again came back hard kicking with the wind and goaled quickly. The Knights responded by putting their heads over the ball. **Bear** showed strong resolve with a desperate smother followed by a clearing kick down the wing, **Goughie** and **Moo** helped out in defence, with **Slasher**, **Burner** and **T-shirt** all over the ball and opposition. Confidence was growing with **Willa** showing some candy on half-time.

Scoring for the Quarter Knights 1.1 - 7 to Oakleigh 1.2. - 8.

Q3.

The third quarter was a punctuated throughout with hardness at the ball with unrelenting tackling by both sides. The Knights spent the majority of the quarter in their defensive half with Oakleigh scoring an early goal. After that it looked more like trench warfare. Excellent efforts from **Maca**, **Hayner** and **Burner** with **Wild Child** coming close to goaling. The message at quarter time was to get back to basics, run and carry and find a team mate. We needed some space for our quicks like **Moo**, **Kenyon** on the wing and **Armors**.

Scores for the quarter - Knights 0.1 - 1 to Oakleigh 1.0 - 8

Q4.

Kicking into a strong wind it didn't look good early on. The opposition was again camped on our backline reducing the game once again into a scrappy affair. Despite strong defence from **Kenyon**,

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Smasher and **Slammin**, Oakleigh were on the march and scored an early goal. Back to the centre, the Knights weren't going to lie down. The boys clicked into another gear. **T-shirt** showed the way with tackle after tackle joined in by **Ice**. **The Bull** repelled any forward movement by the Opposition by rebounding forward off the halfback line. This set up **Duck** kicking forward to **Bazza** for a shot at goal. Unlucky not to convert, the intent was there. From the subsequent kick in, **Bear** was paid a free kick in front of goal. He went back and truly slotted it. The Knights had their tails up now and again moved the ball forward through **Duck** and **Armors**. With the ball in dispute, **Bear** picked up the ball and snapped for goal, kicking his second in as many minutes. With the game now out of reach from Oakleigh, the boys held the ball in until the final siren.

Scores for the quarter - Knights, 2.1 - 13 to Oakleigh 1.2 - 8

Final scores - 5.7 - 37 to 4.3 - 27



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U12 Whites Vs Ormond

Team Captain for the day: Chris Antill

East Malvern Knights

Versus

Ormond

Scores	G	P	T	G	P	T
Q1	0	0	0	5	0	30
Q2	0	0	0	6	2	38
Q3	0	0	0	9	5	59
Q4	1	0	6	14	7	91
1 st Quarter	Our second game of the year was against Ormond, who played against East Malvern in the first game of 1935 with an estimated crowd of 5000 in attendance, and East Malvern also went on to win the Premiership that season. After the first bounce the Burley was immediately in the Ormond forward line where Mitch cleared from the back pocket with great run and carry to the wing. Crowey was doing a sterling job in the Ruck with some great taps, but it was very tight in close which was making things difficult for our on-ballers. The ball seemed to be in the Ormond forward line for most of the quarter but Spider and Boomer combined to hold the ball in our forward line to give the forwards a chance to put a score on the board.					
Goals						
Coaches Comments	Lack of Shepherds, Need to get numbers at the ball, Make a Contest, We need Team Work, Enjoy Yourselves					
2 nd Quarter	The quarter started with two great tackles by Lewie to get the boys fired up. This was followed up by a great smother by Ben and the boys were up and about. Snowie was in the Ruck and a fantastic tap resulted in our on-ballers moving the ball quickly into our forward line, which showed the boys what they are capable of. Fish also contested well in the back line when outnumbered three to one to hold the ball up. Lewis Morgan was also doing some hard yards in the mid field and after losing his opponent took a mark in the middle of the ground. The boys had stopped Ormond in their tracks and were pushing hard to make an impact on the score board. The parents and coaches were appreciative of the extra effort.					
Goals						
Coaches Comments	Difference between first 1 st and 2 nd Quarter (Daylight). The boys were tackling, smothering and supporting each other.					

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3 rd Quarter	The quarter started with a great clearance to Tom K who followed up with some gut running and team play with D.C and Woody to keep the ball moving our way. This was followed up by Hoppo performing a fantastic smother in his efforts to keep the boys up and about. Sam M was also starting to get involved as is team mates continued to look for each other and play the brand of football Hugh and Nick are encouraging them to play. In another moment of inspired play Ziggy performed the tackle of the day and DC had not stopped running and encouraging his teammates to not stop trying. Kakka was also mopping up in the backline.
Goals	
Coaches Comments	Good team football. So much better than the first quarter.
4 th Quarter	We were still to get on the board, but the effort was there and after a great clearance from Crowie to Towers and onto to Kakka we had a shot on goal. Goal!!!!!! to Kaka from some great team play. Max was inspired and followed this up with a great clearance after some strong play. Bull was at the bottom of the packs all day along with Raffa who was following the coach's instructions regarding team football. A special mention to Theo who is playing his first season of football and has a good group of coaches to learn of and boys to play with. There was not quite the 5000 strong of 1935; the boy's efforts after the first quarter would have made the lads of 1935 proud.
Goals	Kakka
Coaches Comments	Great Intent for the last three quarters.

Coaches Award : Sam Crowe and Luke Jaensch

Twistie Tackle: Finn Tsigaris

One Percenter: Will Lewis

Mars Mark: Brandt Kakulas



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