

## Pigeons demolish Hoppers

On a cool but sunny Sunday, our boys were in fine form and totally annihilated their North Albury opposition. The 13's far too good by 104 points, the 14's by 137 points and the 16's by 141 points. Not seen before and unlikely to be seen again I would suggest! We now have a bye for the long weekend followed by another home game on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. Canteen volunteers are; Sharon Dunne, Carolyn O'Dwyer, Karen Hammon & Prue Jordon. Don't forget to see all the latest news on our website at [www.yarrowongajfc.vcfl.com.au](http://www.yarrowongajfc.vcfl.com.au).

### Under 13's

This week the boys took on North Albury at the JC Lowe oval. The boys were off to a slow start with poor disposal and continually being second to the ball. Charlie Campbell got the show on the road with a great pass to Ronan Pritchard for the team's first goal. Tana Freeman was battling hard and as a result Charlie Campbell kicked the next to put the boys up by two goals. The defence had been solid with Ryan Bruce, Jarrod McBurnie and Max Tempany not allowing anything through. However a 50m penalty saw North Albury post their first just before the siren.

The second saw the boys work rate improve, led by Riley Milbourne and Nathan Tabain. The two wing man stepped up and began to dominate play. Joseph Gorman was tapping well and Matt Casey was making the most of it, delivering well to Ronan for the teams third. Fraser Robinson was working hard to win possession and combined well with Will Woodburn for him to kick our fourth. Isaac McMillan had been moved to the backline and stopped all that came his way. Nayte Houghton was marking well and quickly moved the ball on with brilliant handballs. More great running from Nathan Tabain set up Ronan for his third and the boys had developed a handy lead as the Hoppers remained scoreless for the quarter.

The third saw Claye Woodward dominate the ruck taps and hit his onballers every time. Ryan Bruce, Darcy Norman and Matt Casey all cleared the ball well from the centre bounces. Matt Casey was marking well and soon managed to kick a couple of his own goals. Up Forward Brock McCabe was leading well and with the help of Ned Mullins set up Will Woodburn for his second. Mitch Adkins was again crumbing well in the backline with Jarrod McBurnie and Brayden Roadley providing the run. The backline held the opposition scoreless again, giving the boys a 53 point lead.

The last saw the boys finally hit top gear. Jarrod McBurnie was moved to a wing after Nathan Tabain was injured laying a tremendous tackle and provided lots of run. This set up Will Woodburn for his third. Goals to Ronan Pritchard, Beau Zanin and Claye Woodward in just as many minutes saw the boys really flying. Darcy Norman pushed himself hard to set up the leading Nayte Houghton for the teams fifteenth. Isaac McMillan was released from the backline to full forward and immediately made his presence felt with two goals in quick succession. Matt Casey got his fourth after another great run from Riley Milbourne and the boys had eight for the quarter. Yarrowonga 16.14.110 def North Albury 1.0.6

### Under 14's

The Pigeons burst out of the blocks this week, seemingly scoring at will. The first goal came only minutes after the initial bounce. Unselfish play by the team saw five different players kick goals.

Nick Cooke served the Pigeons well, giving drive out of the centre. Ryan Garthwaite proved himself as a forward target, kicking four goals in the first quarter. Bailey Scott, back from a broken wrist, was unstoppable in his attack on the ball. Zane Carey, Sam Olphert, Chase Cordon, Claye Woodward, Ronan Pritchard, Matt McCabe and Kyle Welch were rock solid in defence, denying North Albury any scoring opportunity. Chase received a hard knock to the mouth in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter but rallied to return in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, good looks intact!

Reid Clarke was right in the action, gaining the hard ball and creating play. Chandler Robinson, Ben Welsh, Ryan Loy, Marcus Leonard and Lucas Jones constantly pursued the contest with devastating effect on the opposition. Denver Bruce did not waste a possession, delivering with his trade mark accuracy. Dylan Matheson and Mitch Collins Bye were dominant as 'tall's' and at the contested ball.

Claye Woodward and Ronan Pritchard did the Pigeons proud by lining up for a second game for the day with the Under 14s. Both consistently proved their worth as they went hard for the ball and Claye showed confidence as he took a bounce out of the back line.

Final score Pigeons 22goals 6points North Albury 2points

Best: B Scott, N Cooke, R Garthwaite, D Matheson, R Clarke, L Jones, Z Carey, D Bruce

#### Under 16's

Well, what can we say about such a one-sided game where there was very little pressure on the boys after the first quarter? It appeared that the boys did relax a bit and that resulted in a plethora of points, rather than goals – 31 to be exact! That's right, 31 points but they did kick 19 goals to go with those points. There were some real positives to take out of the game. The continuing improvement in form by Doug Arnold is the first thing to note. Doug won the ball at will, marked everything that came his way and played four consistent quarters. The second positive was the amazing form of Shea Flanagan who has had a mixed year with injury and holidays limiting his time on the track. In the first term Shea marked beautifully and his form continued for the game. He finished off a great game with 5 majors in a flawless display of forward play. The third positive was the strong game from Jake Wild after he played a good game the previous day in the under 18's. Jake took his confidence into the game and showed his normal strong bullocking work but added some real finesse to be an invaluable player on the day. Later in the game, the strong leading from Jack Welsh was a joy to watch and he was rewarded with 3 goals. Brady Pritchard was in fine form and finished with 4 goals but twice as many behinds. He was in everything and along with Cam Tregenza, Travis and Marcus Hargreaves, ensured the game was always in the pigeon's control. The only negative from the game was a badly sprained ankle to ruckman Max Canfield. We wish Max a speedy recovery as he is a crucial part of our team's success. Jackson Gash, Dylan Scott, Corey Bourke, Jack Vodusek and Raiy Flanagan were other good contributors. Well done boys on a great game. Best: Shea Flanagan, Jake Wild, Doug Arnold, Jack Welsh, Brady Pritchard, Marcus Hargreaves. Goals: Shea Flanagan 5, Brady Pritchard 4, Corey Bourke 3, Jack Welsh 3, Travis Hargreaves, Cam Tregenza, Jack Vodusek, Bailey Scott.