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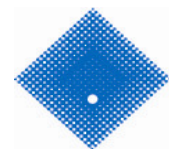
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TAC CUP Newsletter



JUNE 2016



U/18 National Championship Selection for Six Western Jets Players

Six Western Jets players have been selected in the final 38 man squad for Vic Metro for the upcoming 2016 AFL U/18 National Championships. The players who have been selected are Wilson Berry, Lachlan Fogarty, Daniel Venables, Brock McGregor, Brodie Romensky and Oscar Junker.

Representing Vic Metro is nothing new for Lachlan, Brock, Daniel and Oscar who have all represented Vic Metro in the U/16 National Championships previously. For Brodie and Wilson however this will be their first time in the big V.

Wilson Berry, Jets co-captain has earned selection on the back of a fantastic bottom age year at the Jets where he was able to finish third in the Club's Barry Round Medal for the Best and Fairest player.

Lachlan Fogarty is one of only a handful of bottom aged players in the squad, Lachlan adds this to his already very impressive football resume.

Daniel Venables who has also made the squad and will be one of the players to watch through the nationals. Daniel is an explosive midfielder who can also be very damaging up forward.

Brock McGregor is a similar story to Daniel, Brock has suffered some serious injuries over the past three seasons which have seen him miss a lot of football and he also attends Essendon Grammar which means his TAC Cup appearances are limited. Brodie Romensky has reaped the rewards of a massive pre-season and excellent early season form by earning selection.

Last but not least is Jets Co Captain Oscar Junker, Oscar had an interrupted pre season after injuring his shoulder but since his return in Round 3 has shown some fantastic signs playing in all three zones on the ground.

Good luck to all of the boys in their matches vs Vic Country on June 13th at Simmonds Stadium, on June 19th against South Australia at AAMI Stadium, against the Allies at Etihad Stadium on June 24th and against Western Australia on June 29th at Simonds Stadium.



School Holiday Development Matches

During the upcoming second term school holidays the Western Jets will be conducting five days full of development matches for talented players in the region. Over the course of the five days over 400 young boys will have the chance to push their case for further football with the Western Jets.

The dates of the trail matches are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 28th two Under 15 matches commencing from 10am and 11:30am.
 - Thursday, June 30th one Under 16 match, six quarters commencing from 10am.
 - Tuesday, July 5th one Under 17 match commencing from 10am.
 - Thursday, June 7th two Under 14 matches commencing from 10am and 11:30am.
- In addition to this on Wednesday, June 29th the Western Jets will be a part of a Multicultural Day with .robin matches at Punt Road in Richmond from 10am-4pm.



Jets Retain the McDonalds Cup

McDonalds have been a major supporter of the Western Jets Football Club for the last three seasons and the two organisations have developed a fantastic relationship.

Recently in Round 8 of the TAC Cup season the Jets played the Calder Cannons (also sponsored by McDonalds) for the second meeting in the McDonalds Cup. The Jets were lucky enough to win the first ever match for the McDonalds Cup in the final round of the 2015 TAC Cup home and away season with the Jets prevailing by 9 points.

This season we were able to hold off a fast finishing Cannons outfit to hold on to retain the Cup winning by two points.

Western Jets players have had some fantastic opportunities through our relationship with McDonalds over the journey with visitations to Ronald McDonald House to visit some children with severe illnesses and also assisting in McDonalds McHappy Day. McDonalds are a great contributor to not only local football but also to local communities.

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The Western Jets thank all of these generous sponsors for their contribution to the talented youth in the western suburbs for the 2016 season.

Transport Accident Commission Honours Chris Rigg

Major corporate sponsor the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) have decided to honour long service recognition to volunteers in the 25th year of the competition. The recognition acknowledges outstanding service and contribution to the game. This is a wonderful gesture.

Chris Rigg joined the Western Jets in the inaugural year of the TAC Cup in 1992. He commenced his duties as a sports trainer and 25 years later is still making an important contribution to the Club. Chris has undertaken several roles in that time including Property Manager and has also been the long term time keeper of the Club. He was awarded Life Membership in 2000 and later also had a perpetual trophy named in his honour for the U/15 Player of the Year.

Over the journey he has seen many young faces become household names who have graduated through the Jets with a dream to meet their full potential. He has witnessed first hand young men who have gone on to become champions of the game, Brad Johnson (Western Bulldogs), Matthew Lloyd (Essendon), Shannon Grant (North Melbourne), Dustin Fletcher (Essendon), Callan Ward (GWS), Bachar Houli (Richmond), all the way through to the recent crop of players such as Adam Kennedy (GWS), Lachlan Hunter (Western Bulldogs) and Liam Duggan (West Coast Eagles). In total 65 players have graduated to AFL ranks throughout Chris' journey.

Chris has also seen many coaches come and go, several who have graduated to AFL coaching positions. Some of these coaches include, Richmond Team of the Century player Merv Keane, former Geelong Champion Gary Hocking, Leigh Tudor who has coached at St Kilda, Sydney and North Melbourne, Mark Neeld who progressed from the Jets and ultimately coached the Melbourne Football Club, Bulldogs Champion Steven Kretziuk, up until current coach Torin Baker. The Western Jets congratulate and also acknowledge Chris' wonderful contribution over 25 years. He will receive official recognition at a Western Jets TAC dinner on Tuesday, June 28th, the dinner will be attended by former players Majak Daw and Lachie Hunter and will be held at the Yarraville Club and attended by all current players, family and staff. Congratulations Chris!!



Pictured:
Wonderful contributor to the Western Jets Football Club Chris Rigg

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