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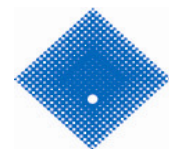
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Two Jets on to AFL Lists



Congratulations to Western Jets players Daniel Venables and Oscar Junker who have fulfilled their dream and made it to an AFL Club. Daniel was selected by the West Coast Eagles Football Club with pick 13 in the AFL National Draft. This capped off a year for Daniel where he was selected to play for Vic Metro in the AFL U/18 National Championships after a strong start to the year with the Western Jets. Daniel played in all five matches throughout the AFL U/18 National Championships playing through the midfield and up forward. As a result of a very strong carnival, Daniel was named in the forward pocket for the U/18 All Australian side for 2016.

Daniel returned to TAC Cup football after the Championships but only managed one more game to take his tally to three games for the season before suffering a foot injury. The injury kept Daniel out for the rest of the season but did not stop him being named on the forward flank in the TAC Cup Team of the Year. Venables has many outstanding attributes as a player; he is dynamic, powerful and has exceptional leg speed and is also an excellent penetrating kick as well as being very good overhead. The Eagles will feel that they have selected a strong inside midfielder who has also got the capacity to run and carry the ball with devastating effect. He also has the ability to play forward and is a proven goal kicker; he did this at crucial stages throughout the AFL U/18 National Championships. Daniel comes from strong football pedigree being the great grandson of former North Melbourne player and AFL Hall of Fame inductee Johnny Lewis. Daniel will commence pre season training with the West Coast Eagles in the coming weeks. Daniel is pictured below on the left.

Western Jets Co-Captain Oscar Junker was selected with Pick 28 in the AFL Rookie Draft by the North Melbourne Football Club. This caps off a massive two years for Oscar since beginning his TAC Cup journey with the Jets. Junker was a fantastic contributor as a bottom aged player winning the Western Jets Best First Year Player award. This year in his eighteenth year after suffering a shoulder injury over summer came back into the side and had a very consistent year finishing runner up in the Barry Round Medal and also earning selection for Vic Metro in the AFL U/18 National Championships playing one match against South Australia. The Kangaroos have picked up a very versatile player who can play in all three areas on the ground, is excellent overhead and a booming left foot kick. Oscar is pictured below on the right.



McDonalds McHappy Day 2016

On Saturday, November 12th the players from the Western Jets TAC Cup Squad attended their local McDonalds stores to assist with fundraising for McHappy Day. As pictured below the players rattled tins, dressed up and raised money for Ronald McDonald House which support children with serious illnesses.

McDonalds are a wonderful supporter of the Western Jets Football Club and the Jets are very proud to be able to give back to our local communities by supporting this wonderful cause.

Thank-you to all of the players for giving up some time on their Saturday morning, pictured below on the left are Luke Hitch and Cameron Rayner, in the middle is Amar El Nour, James Krajina and Buku Khamis and on the right is Zak Butters, Matthew Young, Connor Stone, Bryon Drew and Lachlan Randall.

The Western Jets look forward to supporting McDonalds and McHappy Day again during 2017.



New Staff Members Assist 2017 Campaign

The Western Jets Football Club have finalised all staff positions for the 2017 TAC Cup season with 62 staff members appointed to different parts of the Club.

Heading up the campaign is Torin Baker who will again be coach of the TAC Cup Squad for his fifth season at the helm. Torin will again combine his coaching duties with the Jets with being head of the Maribyrnong Sports Academy Football program of which a number of our players across our squads are also part of that program. Torin will have an array of Assistant Coaches assisting the TAC Cup football program, Tom Perrett, Troy Scoble and Mark Greenshields will again assist Torin with Matthew Cape becoming a new assistant in season 2017. Matt has a vast amount of sporting experience. Matt played at the Williamstown Football Club in the VFL and managed 29 senior games. Cape was also a district cricketer at the Essendon Cricket Club and brings with him a wealth of high level sporting prowess.

Joel Child and Marley Jobling will again be the Club's Development Coaches working one on one with players to fast track their development as footballers.

Daniel Baldachino has agreed to be the Club's psychologist, Daniel did some work at the back end of the 2016 season with our TAC Cup Squad and we are delighted to have him on board for the entire season helping the players through a heavy schedule in their 17th and 18th years.

Darren Zahra will lead the strength and conditioning team for season 2017. Darren has been a long term member of the strength and conditioning team and took charge of the program half way through 2016 with long time staff member Jay Ellis took up an internship in the USA. Jay has returned to Australia and will be head of the Casey Scorpions Strength and conditioning team while Darren takes charge at the Jets. Darren will have a motivated and highly qualified team behind him. Also pleasing to have Dr. Danielle Hope heading our medical team.

Three Jets in AFL/AIS Academy

The AFL recently announced the final list of players who have been selected in this year's AFL/AIS Academy. Joining Lachlan Fogarty who achieved this recognition in 2016 and again in 2017 are Cameron Rayner and Buku Khamis. Rayner enhanced his chances of selection in an excellent performance in the U/17 Futures Match on the Saturday morning of the AFL Grand Final. Both Fogarty and Rayner were amongst the best players in a high quality match. Buku Khamis joined the Academy along with several other players from a multicultural background and will be hoping to become a Western Bulldog via the Category B registration in 2019.

Western Jets Youth Girls Academy

For the first time in 2017 the Western Jets will field their very own Youth Girls Academy. After the success of the introduction of Youth Girls Academies across some TAC Cup regions last year, AFL Victoria have decided that all twelve TAC Cup Club's will field their own Youth Girls Academy in 2017. Pictured on the right is the eight Captain's of the TAC Cup Club's that were participants in 2016 with Maddy Lister pictured on the far right as the Western Jets/Geelong Falcons Captain. Maddy will again be apart of the Western Jets side but this time it will just be an Academy of girls within the Western Metropolitan Region of Melbourne.

Seventy five girls were invited to be in the Summer Training Squad for the Western Jets YGA with an impressive group of staff compiled to enable the girls to have the best chance of success. Bridget Barker has been appointed Head Coach, Bridget works for the North Melbourne Football Club and was also coach of the Melbourne University Youth Girls side in 2016. Bridget's assistant coaches include Gavin Mahony who is the AFL Victoria Development Manager based out of the Essendon District Football League, joining Gavin are Krista Woodruffe from the Werribee Football Club and Stephanie Webb who is a Game Development Officer at AFL Victoria. Other staff members include Paul Greenham, Sabrin Nyawela, Shae-Lee Murphy Burke, Claudia Davey, Shannon Colgan and Taylor Mason.

The Western Jets are extremely grateful of the support from major sponsor Victoria University who have committed to increase their sponsorship to assist the YGA with additional resources and our VFL affiliate, the Williamstown Football Club have also come on board to assist with the YGA. On the first training night Head Coach of the Williamstown Football Club Andy Collins (pictured left) attended the session at Crofts Reserve to offer some insight and pass on his extensive knowledge to our Youth Girls Academy. Thank-you to Victoria University and the Williamstown Football Club for their support of this program. The training program will run until the first term school holidays in 2017 where the program will culminate with matches against other TAC Cup Regions.



Jets Receive Fantastic Support From Generous Sponsors

The Western Jets once again will receive tremendous support from our sponsors. For the 18th season in a row, Victoria University will be major sponsor of the Club. The Western Jets were extremely proud to be associated with Victoria University's celebrations for their centenary year in 2016. Once again McDonald's will be sponsoring the Jets in 2017 and we look forward to regaining the McDonalds Cup that Calder currently have possession of after their 7 point victory in Round 17 of last season. The Jets lead the ledger in the McDonalds Cup having won two out of the three matches. 13CABS are on board again in 2017. 13CABS have been wonderful contributors to our Club and if you are in need of a ride home please call 13CABS and they will get you there.

Buffalo Sports are again the Club's off field apparel supplier and have been wonderful contributors over a long period of time. Hunter French Real Estate will be sponsor of the Club for the second year running. It was great to have them on board for the first time in 2016 and the Club was pleased to work with long time supporter Brendan Curry again. If you are looking to buy or sell please give Brendan at Hunter French Real Estate a call. The Western Jets will run a feature story throughout 2017 highlighting each of our generous supporters.

New Initiative from the AFL

Following on from the success of AFL Academies in New South Wales and Queensland the AFL have decided to commence academies through all AFL Club's in Victoria from the beginning of the 2017 season. All TAC Cup Club's have been allocated an AFL Club(s) and are required to have discussions regarding the formation of this exciting project. The thrust of the program in the first instance will surround the selection of multicultural players with the view of AFL Club's registering these players on a Category B Rookie registration. The Western Jets are one of two Club's who has two AFL aligned Club's. The two Club's are North Melbourne throughout the municipality of Wyndham and the Western Bulldogs who cover the remainder of the municipalities in the Western Metropolitan Region of Melbourne. Buku Khamis was recently signed by the Western Bulldogs along with his selection into the AFL/AIS Academy.