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The Western Jets players who were taken in the 2014 AFL National Draft have made an immediate impact in the AFL. Liam Duggan (Pictured right), Corey Ellis (Below) and Connor Menadue (bottom right) have all made their AFL debuts in the first seven rounds of the season. Duggan who was the Eagles first selection in the 2014 Draft taken at pick 11, debuted in round 2



against Carlton has gone on to play 9 successive games averaging 14 possessions and three marks per game. Duggan's best game came against GWS where he racked up 25 disposals. Corey Ellis who was taken with pick 12 in last years draft has made five appearances for the Tigers. Ellis debuted against Geelong in round 5 and has gathered 13 disposals in each of his two matches.



Connor Menadue joined Corey in the yellow and black in Round 7 against Collingwood in front of 60,000 at the MCG. Connor managed a shot on goal in the last quarter after being subbed on at 3/4 time. Connor has now played 4 games. There has been one other former Western Jet who has made his AFL debut in 2015 and that is James Sicily. Sicily who is in his second year on Hawthorn's list played in round 2 against the Bombers and managed 10 disposals and a goal. Other members of the Western Jets who were taken last year and learning the craft in the VFL are Dillon Viojo-Rainbow, Jayden Laverde and Brenton Payne all currently playing in the

VFL and aren't far away from making their AFL debuts. Also from the 2014 Western Jets list there were a number of players who narrowly missed out on being drafted. A number of those boys have gone to VFL Club's and are performing very well. Mark Orr (Coburg), Liam McMahon (Williamstown), Ryley Stuhldreier (Geelong), Billy Myers (Williamstown), Cameron Holdsworth (Coburg), Braden Ferrari (Werribee), Caleb Sullivan (Williamstown) and Tom Johnstone (Williamstown)

have all played in either the VFL or the AFL Victoria Development League in 2015 so far which should also be seen as a great achievement.

Everyone at the Jets is thrilled to see the progress of our ex players and will continue to keep an eye on them as their careers progress.





WESTERN JETS PLAYERS REPRESENT VIC METRO



The Western Jets Football Club are yet again going to have strong representation at the AFL U/16 National Championships in 2015 as six members of the Club have been selected the Vic Metro Squad. Congratulations to Cameron Rayner, Lachlan Fogarty, Kyle Hudson, Josh Mould, Luke Hitch and Daniel Venables who has been selected as an overage player. These boys will travel to the Gold Coast in July to take on the best players around the Nation.

Recently two of our top age TAC Cup players played a game with Vic Metro after training with the Squad for the first half of the season. Captain, Jaycob Hickey and Daniel Foley were in the Vic Metro initial squad and played the second game for Vic Metro against Vic Country at Simonds Stadium in the final trial game. Unfortunately for the two boys they were unsuccessful in continuing on with the Squad but have both had a great experience which will hold them in good stead for the remainder of the 2015 TAC Cup season.

In other representative news under 15 Western Jets player Jaden Rice has been chosen to represent the U/15 VSSSA Victorian Schoolboys side. Congratulations to Jaden and best of luck for the carnival.

Everyone at the Jets will be keeping a close eye on the players who have gone on to make representative sides and we wish them all the very best.



Partnerships / Sponsorships / Communities / Outcomes

The Western Jets Football Club participate in the TAC Cup Competition recognised nationally as the major under age provider of talent for the Australian Football League. The Jets cover the Western Metropolitan Region of Melbourne and are one of twelve teams in Victoria, overseen by AFL Victoria. The Jets have contact with in excess of 400 families annually between the age levels of under 14 through to under 18 aged players. We also require approximately 50 staff annually to conduct a wide range of tasks and programs. A significant task for the Club is to attract partnership through sponsorship.

The most important principle / objective of the Jets is to provide an environment which allows every participant, players or staff member an opportunity that allows each individual to reach their full potential. To do this the Club must invest in staff training, the best possible equipment, facility development and high quality competition.

This is where partnerships and sponsorships become so important, it assists an organisation such as ours to grow. Businesses will invest in Club's such as ours for several reasons:

- Having their brand associated with an organisation with accepted values, purposes and activities.
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- The opportunity to see Club or individual success, knowing they have assisted in the process.
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A WORD FROM THE COACH

As we approach the half way mark of the year, it is a good time to reflect on the season to date. While all of us involved would like to have been more consistently competitive across our games, there have been some signs of improvement over the last month. Statistically around the ball, we have seen some strong growth and a number of players have shown really good development in their individual games. We have the youngest group in the competition in terms of percentage of 17 year olds and we have given exposure to a high number of bottom aged players. It is hoped that this will hold the playing group in good stead for some of the games in the back half of the year and certainly leading into next year. For many of our top aged players and our 19 year old group, it is a priority to get the very best out of each player and in doing so set up each player up well for the next stage of their football career. Over the middle part of the year, our VFL Affiliate Williamstown will give opportunities to our playing group to play development and senior VFL football. We will continue to bring in players that have yet to play TAC football on the list and ultimately it is up to individuals to make the most of their opportunity.

The second half of the year will continue to throw up challenges which will always be the case in elite sport. The players and staff are committed to work hard and continue to get better as a team and individually. Parent support has been much appreciated and is a vital ingredient to the success of the program.



Victoria University has now been the major sponsor of the Western Jets for the last seventeen years. Both organisations share a common objective, assisting individuals and communities meet their full potential. Throughout the partnership there have been many initiatives and success stories. The Western Jets thank Victoria University for its continuing support. Buffalo Sports are also a long term sponsor and will be featured in the next newsletter.

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