



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

A big day at the Dragons with all 3 girls teams have a win!

Congratulations to all the girls, you have made the club proud.

Overall we only had a couple of losses for the day, winning more than we lost which is brilliant.

Well done to all teams.

A gentle reminder that the first team to play is on set up duties and the last team to play is on pack up duties. The last few weeks I think we have all forgotten. Your help is greatly appreciated with the set up and pack up.

No grub at the club last week and the next Grub is the 26th of May hosted by U10s and U17s.

We have Collingwood F.C. coming down to the Dragons shortly and we will let you know the dates once confirmed.

A big thanks to the committee and parents for getting the compliance in order. We fully understand the difficulties involved. However, we are still waiting on a couple of people with outstanding issues and need these sorted out asap.

Good luck this Sunday.

Go Dragons!

Pat

GO DRAGONS

2019 COMMITTEE

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Stand Up Events is a not-for-profit Incorporated Association dedicated to fighting sexual and gender discrimination in Australia. Our aims include:

- fostering and championing inclusive and equal spaces;
- implementing educational preventative programs at junior sport clubs to raise awareness about, and ultimately eradicate, derogatory language and behaviour;
- holding public events to raise awareness about sexual and gender discrimination.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

Angie: <https://www.smh.com.au/sport/stand-up-for-gay-rights-a-sporting-dynasty-with-different-goals-in-mind-20150515-gh2g5k.html>

Jayden: <https://www.afl.com.au/news/2017-05-07/im-weird-and-i-dont-care-jayden-hunt-opens-up>



Diversity Training – The Dragons were pleased to welcome Angie Greene and Jayden Hunt (Melbourne FC) on behalf of Stand Up Events.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have any photos you'd like in the next Acorn, please email them with a description to Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com



GRUB GOES GREEN!

In an effort to reduce unnecessary landfill, from our next Grub at the Club on Sunday 26 May, we encourage all families to bring their own plates and cutlery to Grub. We will have supplies of disposable plates and cutlery for use, but encourage you to think about bringing your own to reduce your environmental footprint, and to set a good example for the kids. You are free to use the sink in the kitchen to rinse your plates after you have scraped them, before taking them home. Perhaps think about bringing your camping or picnic set? A tea towel to wrap them in to take home?

As an added incentive, for the first Grub week this is introduced on 26/05, each person that brings their own dinnerware gets 1 free ticket in the meat tray raffle!

We will see how his trial goes over the next few Grub evenings. We'd be pleased to hear your feedback.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is now selling delicious hot soup at Scammell. In conjunction with this, we have also introduced mugs to gradually replace disposable cups at the Princes Hwy canteen, and are investigating other options at Scammell.

We'd love to hear any other suggestions to help the Dragons Go Green! Contact Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com



Say hi to Lexi next time you're at Princes Hwy canteen!



COACHES' REPORTS

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

We had a bye this week meaning some of our mums had their first Mother's Day in 10 years that didn't involve watching their son play football. I'm sure some of them were thankful for the break and others were left twiddling their thumbs not knowing what to do with all that extra time on their hands. Apart from spending time with their mums, many of the boys used their day off to help support local footy including watching other Dragons' teams at Scammell and Princes Highway. Go Dragons!

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

Glorious autumn conditions saw the dragons take on a nemesis team in the Waverley hawks at Scammell.

The Dragons competed well all day however weren't able to match it with the hawks in the last quarter. The hawks midfield and pace along the wings enabled them to get across the line in a seesawing, physical contest. Though the dragons are yet to notch their first win of the season, I am happy with the work rate, effort and skill of all the boys.

Tom Heverin was tremendous today, marking every thing in sight and nailing 4 goals.

Pete Manaras has been unstoppable this year with tremendous form down the wings.

Specky Bernado once again competed hard with patches of brilliance.

Well done also to Ethan and max for good 4 quarter performances.

U12 MIXED DAVID CASH FOR TIM MORELAND

We played Mordy Braeside at their home ground winning, but we didn't have it all our own way.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mums involved with our team and the Oakleigh Dragons. I hope the boys looked after you and had a great day.

Today I filled in for Tim and I really enjoyed it. Thank you to the players for listening and making me feel proud to be involved with a great bunch of boys. Huge thanks to George for being my assistant coach and Rob for running for us – I think they had the toughest job. Bruce's assistance also helped them make all the moves on and off the bench.

The game today was the 3rd of our grading games and a good opportunity to keep working on all the areas that the boys have been practicing. When they worked they worked very well. When the players didn't remember or didn't work hard enough to make those plays happen we were opened up quite easily by our opponents.

It was a tough game today due to the rotations we did. There was not a lot of consistency with positions and this made things a little harder for the players, but the experience they got today by playing in unusual positions will be valuable for their future development. This also made them think about how the game plan changes from position to position.

Some very good skills and attack on the ball by all players. It was a team effort today with every single player doing a good job.





COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: Waverley Park Hawks **Away Game:** Waverley Park Hawks

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 48 points (12.15.87 vs 6.3.39) **Match Day Captain:** Oliver H & Peter

Pre-Game: Oliver Thomson was out with a calf injury and Josh was busy surfing waves in Hawaii, but we still had 21 keen Dragon's ready to play. After personal best games the week before, Peter and Oliver H were deserving co-captains for the day.

The Match in a paragraph: The first half appeared to be a good battle between two relatively even teams. The ball was moving around the ground with good efficiency, and the highlights were coming with some good goals and big marks. But in the second half the Dragon's seemed to break the spirits of the hawks, with too many good players wearing the yellow and green jumper. It was pleasing to see so many kids having really good games, and each contributing in their own way. The last quarter turned into a Mother's Day celebration, as different players were queuing up to kick goals, run with the ball or go for some spectacular marks.

Special mentions from the game:

- Drew kicking his first goal in junior football – a ripper on the run from long range.
- The run out of the backline – notable efforts by Dean, Seb, Tyson and Austin.
- Ethan's goal of the day in the third quarter – not bad for a kid playing on the half back flank!!
- The improvement shown from Oscar, Oliver H, Peter, Jacob, Drew and Tom (including taking mark of the day).
- The aerial dominance of Oliver Palmer, Tyson, Mitch, Ethan and Will.
- Evidence of shepherding and blocking from a number of players to help out a team mate.

Round 3 Goal Scorers: Tom (3), Will (3), Oliver H, Drew, Ethan, Mitch, Rayaan, Seb

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: A good spread of 8 different goal kickers and the amount of kids who played well and contributed to such an entertaining match.

Player that caught the coach's eye: Seb. Played a great game on the wing - which was capped off by kicking the best goal of his 4 season career.

U10 MIXED MARCUS SPENCER

We played against: East Malvern U10's At: Home

This week we came up against a very good East Malvern team. This is a team that we have played against over the last three seasons and we have struggled to match it with them on each occasion.

We were under pressure from the outset. Despite some hard work by our mids, the ball spent a lot of time in the opposition forward line. They had a particularly big full forward who towered over our boys and took several marks. In the second quarter, Campbell moved to the backline and began to curb his influence. At the same time, Hunter, Josh and Nathan were winning more in the midfield to give our forwards an opportunity to score.

The third quarter was our best quarter by far with the majority of play being in our forward line. Good pressure from the whole group led to a great team goal finished off by Henry.

The last quarter continued to be an arm wrestle, but we were unable to make any impression on the East Malvern lead. Oskar, Griffin and William fought hard to the end, but we were outplayed by a very good team. Once again, we have plenty to work on to match a team like East Malvern, but we also have a lot of scope for improvement.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U9 MIXED MARK D'ROZARIO

The third U9 game this year was our first game of the year at Prices Hwy reserve. It saw exclusion of Oliver and inclusions of Tom Q, Thomas L and Liam from the Nick's U9 team and a debut from Eamon. A big thank you to those boys for filling in. Also thank you to Marnie Morton for filling in as Team manager. Shayne has put in a lot of her time to do this role and Marnie helping to do the tough job is fantastic.

The first quarter saw goals to Fionn and Darcy R and Maxx having a few shots at goal but just missing and great work from Andrew, Paul and Troy out of the middle and then Cameron kicked his first goal for the club in the second and it followed with Darcy R kicking his second in the second quarter. The second half saw no goals in the third quarter, but a few behinds and a terrific last quarter with two goals, One to Tom L and one to Liam, our prized recruits.

The midfield was very impressive with Paul kicking them off both feet and hitting targets, Andrew and Troy getting plenty of the ball and Archie working hard as they all shared it around very well. Tom Q was terrific working hard defensively and attacking the ball. He worked hard over and over and was very impressive.

The defence worked hard but have not gelled perfectly as there was a lot of following the ball, and when we won the ball we turned it over. I will work with the team to improve this. Thomas L at the last line was terrific stopping goals when the ball was kicked. Ewan worked hard and was very impressive in only his second game and Josh same back hard after being kicked in danger showing a lot of courage.

The forward line worked well as a team with a lot of handballs and sharing the work. Darcy R was tough, Fionn got plenty of the ball and Harland was a focal point. Max played his best game for the club getting plenty of the ball and was very impressive. This team of players showed a great understanding for each other and worked well together.

The boys were terrific in a close game. I look forward to next week and another tough game.

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

On the weekend the under 16 girls played at home against St Kilda city. With Rubyrose celebrating her 50 games and kicking the first goal the team got behind her and made her 50th game a game to remember. It was nice to see the Mums singing the song with their daughters after the game. Well done team!!!!

U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

The under 16s played down the road at EE Gunn Reserve against Ormond on the weekend.

After an even first quarter, the Dragons got going in the second quarter to take an advantage you a few goals at half time. After talking about going on from there, the boys took the foot off to have another even quarter in the third, leaving the door open for a comeback.

Then Ormond got going in the fourth and the Dragons started to feel the pressure making a couple of silly errors giving Ormond the opportunity for the win. Which they took by kicking a goal with a minute to go leaving a disappointed Dragons outfit falling 2 points short.

Angus and Nikita's pressure was great all day and Brodie kicked a couple of goals and was damaging up forward.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

UNDER 13 MIXED CHRIS MORTON

Today we were back at Dragon land for a home game against Brighton Beach. Unfortunately, a bit of early season flu and a couple of basketball injuries was creating havoc on the magnet board. Thanks to Yanni (U12s) and Jackson (Gabs U13s) for joining us to help out. We were still one short though, giving the forward line the extra challenge of negating the free opponent.

Will, our captain for the day, won the toss and the game started. Aiden started on fire in the ruck, giving the midfield first opportunity, but it was Brighton that took their chances and booted four goals for the term.

We had the ball in our forward line for a favourable percentage of time in the second quarter, but couldn't turn it into goals. Oscar and Finn kept the forward entries tally ticking over. Alex, Yiannis and Yanni were working hard continually presenting on the half forward line. Rhys, at full forward, was competing and applying pressure on the opponents as they tried to clear it out.

On the couple of times it did go down the other end, Tom at full back was holding his ground and to the coaches' joy, bursting through packs and shrugging off opponents as he ran the ball out of the back line. Billy was helping out as well taking a couple of marks and kicking long. Allen was putting everything into chasing down opponents and tackling them.

Jovan, after a productive first half across the half back line, unfortunately got a knock late in the second quarter and had to call it a day.

After the main break, the boys came out switched on. Both Angus and Sam were carrying niggles but still put in their best efforts. A lot of forward pressure resulted in Sam scoring our first major. There were several other shots on goal and we were generally on top in the quarter, but in the end didn't decrease the deficit.

Being a player down got to the boys in the last quarter as they ran out of legs. Brighton took advantage of this and put on another 4 goals. Pleasingly the boys didn't give up. Jake stood tall in the back line taking a strong mark on the goal line. Dylan kept up his usual attack on the ball, run and carry.

Then in the last few minutes Jackson kicked 2 late goals after impressive forward entries. One of them after a chain of passes from Billy to Tom to Sam to Jackson. Under the pressure of the final siren going, Jackson steadied and kicked truly.

It was a 48-point loss, but there were enough positive signs to know the boys, with some work on their skill execution, will be in mix.

UNDER 15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Dragons 19.7-121 v Hampton Rovers 2.1-13

Another great game by our boys. We started a little slow, and even though, we had a lot of the ball in our fwd line we could not convert our dominance into goals. After qtr time we asked the boys to run in numbers, lower their eyes and to get in deep as possible into our fwd 50, kicking 5 goals to none. Third qtr again our boys really started to link up from our defensive 50, creating deep fwd entries, generating numerous chances and kicking 7 for the qtr. And in the last qtr we kicked another 5 with Jake Greenaway kicking 3 out of the 5 with an outstanding last qtr. Overall, there were several outstanding performances from our boys. Special mention to Evan for kicking 6 goals and outstanding performances by Josh Mohammed & Chris Ciorciari. Great performances from Mason Grosso, Tom Park and Ben Draga who are always providing our midfielders with an out by staying discipline and keeping the width on the wing that we are really starting to take advantage of. Well done boys, we're getting better and better by the week.



U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

Dragons vs East Malvern

Firstly, a big THANKYOU to Jim Hall for helping us with the ground set-up on Sunday and to our early bird parents who poop-scooped and cleared the ground, ready for play.

Our girls had a fantastic morning. They played wonderfully well against an evenly matched opponent. The way they attacked the footy, pressured East Malvern and tried to link up across the ground was so pleasing. They also got a few scoreboard rewards with 4 goal kickers on the day, which was very exciting, as well as some very near misses.

All of the girls played their role, with everyone getting involved and sharing the load. We didn't have any bystanders this week (2 weeks in a row!). Playing 4 quarters made a big difference, because last week the opposition scored heavily in a 10-minute block, whereas the girls kept the pressure on for the whole time this week. I hope they can continue to play this style of football consistently as they improve individually and collectively over the rest of the season.

Congratulations to the girls who were voted to be team leaders by their peers:

Co-Captains – Elise and Lucia Vice Captain – Britney

These girls certainly have started the season well as role-models and leaders, which will, no doubt, continue on over the whole season.

Oakleigh 4.6.30 def East Malvern 1.3.9

Goals – Mya, Alice, Laura and Elise

Best Players – Whole team – well done girls!

U12 GIRLS EMILY HEVERIN & JACQUIE MORGAN

The U12 girls played Dingley at Dingley on the small oval, which suited us perfectly.

The girls had a spring in their step right from the warm up stage. We had the music rocking for a our warm up and this got the girls fired up.

Dingley had two big girls and we directed our girls to stay away from them at all costs!

Our girls moved the ball very fast and kicked long all the time.

It was a close finish but we won the game by 8 points and the celebration was loud !!!

Our girls know how to celebrate !!!

Well done girls.



The U17s enjoyed a bye on Sunday. It was great to see them still getting involved with the Dragons.

Max Phillips was there to support U9 Yellow and Harry Boxshall cheered on the U11s at Princes Hwy.



SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up	19 May	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	Princes Hwy
Pack-up	19 May	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	Princes Hwy
Set-up	19 May	U9 Yellow	11.45am	WA Scammell
Pack-up	19 May	U12 Girls	3.00pm	WA Scammell

GRUB AT THE CLUB SCHEDULE

(Subject to change during the season depending on game times, your Team Manager will keep you posted).

Date	U8 & U9	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
28/4/19	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		Anzac Round U13
5/5/19	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2		U11 & U12G
12/5/19	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Mothers' Day	
19/5/19	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4		
26/5/19	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5		U10 & U17
2/6/19	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		
9/6/19	No Games	Queen's Birthday				
16/6/19	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7		
23/6/19	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U12
30/6/19	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	School Holidays	
7/7/19	No Games	School Holidays				
14/7/19	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	School Holidays	U16 & U16G
21/7/19	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
28/7/19	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		
4/8/19	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		U9
11/8/19	Lightning Carnivals	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		
18/8/19		Lightning Carnivals	Round 15	Round 15		U15 & U14G
25/8/19			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
1/9/19			Grand Finals	Prelim Finals	Fathers' Day	Committee
8/9/19				Grand Finals		TBA



CLUB ROLES

Every issue or two, we will be adding a description of the roles needed to run our club successfully. These will include game day roles, as well as committee roles.

Runner

- 20.11. Runners must be at least 16 years of age or, in the opinion of the Field Umpire, of sufficient age to be competent to perform the task.
- 20.12. Runners may deliver a message to a maximum of two players before leaving the playing field and must leave the playing field immediately after the messages have been delivered.
- 20.13. Runners must not coach, barrack or in any way deliberately obstruct play or interfere with a player or official from the opposing team.
- 20.14. A Field Umpire may order from the field and report any Runner who is in breach of these By-laws. Any Runner ordered from the field may be replaced.

Timekeeper

- 20.48. Timekeeper is to be provided by each team and the home team shall provide an accurate timing device and siren, bell or other appropriate audible signalling device.
- 20.49. Timekeepers must be at least 16 years of age or, in the opinion of the Field Umpire, of sufficient age to be competent to perform the task.
- 20.50. The Timekeepers shall progressively record the scores on the reverse of the official Timekeepers card and shall sign it at the conclusion of the football match.
- 20.51. Participating Clubs shall ensure that the Timekeepers are aware of the provisions in these By-laws concerning the length of quarters and the length of intervals.
- 20.52. The Timekeepers must sound a warning siren five minutes prior to the start of the game, one minute prior to the conclusion of the ¼ time and ¼ time breaks and 3 minutes prior to the conclusion of the ½ time break.

Source: South Metro Junior Football League 201 By-Laws, Updated 1 April 2019.



SMOKE-FREE

By law, smoking is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-18s event.

The ban includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised under-age sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.

Source: www2.health.vic.gov.au