



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

Another great weekend of Dragons Football with fantastic weather.

This week we have Grub at the Club back and it's hosted by the U17s and U10s. The Oakleigh Dragons Junior F.C. are making some changes to Grub nights and we would like to GO GREEN. We waste too many plastic plates and cutlery after each Grub at the Club so we are trying something new, starting this Sunday night. Those who have plates (Camping type) are asked to bring them but if you forget (like me) we will be using dinner plates from the canteen instead of using all the plastic waste. Everyone needs to wash their own and they must not be left for Team Managers to do it all! Let's give it a go and waste less.

As part of our GO GREEN change, we are also asking the Oakleigh Dragons community to select the correct bins which we place our waste into; garbage or recycling.

The grading weeks have now finished and we are eagerly waiting for the final draft to be issued. If there are any problems, contact the football department to discuss, but we are pretty close now with only one or two teams being looked at.

Good luck to everyone and GO GREEN, please!

Pat Heverin
President
Oakleigh Dragons

GO DRAGONS

2019 COMMITTEE

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Bring your own cup

CANTEEN CORNER

In our effort to GO GREEN, we have introduced 'mugs' which you can have your hot drink or soup in and bring back to the canteen for us to wash.

See our new Keep Cups – purchase for \$10.00 and every time you bring it back you receive 50c off your tea, coffee or hot chocolate. Bring your own Keep Cup and we will honour this discount.

Each week when we have more than three games at Scammell there will be soup on the menu. We've purchased two soup warmers and if the soup proves popular, we're thinking about introducing Pulled Pork Rolls.



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

A NEW DRAGON FAMILY MEMBER

Congratulations to the Sourris family (James U9 Violet and Nick U9 Violet Coach) on the safe arrival of baby Steven! We hope to welcome Steven to the Club in a few years time.



GRUB GOES GREEN!



Don't forget we encourage you to bring your own plates and cutlery to Grub at the Club next Sunday 26/05! Anyone bringing their own gets a free ticket in the meat tray raffle draw this week. Try bringing your camping or picnic set and remember to think about how you'll take them home. Dinner plates from the canteen can be used (you must wash after use) while we trial this system but we hope you'll get on board with this initiative.



SEE A MOVIE TO HELP FIGHT CANCER

DATE: Sunday 2nd June 2019 TIME: 4-6pm (TBC)

VENUE: Waverley Cinema, Pinewood Shopping Centre, Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley.

PRICE: Tickets are \$30 and include the movie, a fabulous goodie bag with some snacks and a drink, and ticket processing fees with all proceeds go to OCAGI.

[CLICK TO BUY TICKETS](#) For more info, contact Sharon 0425713590



COACHES' REPORTS

U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

This week Oakleigh hosted East Brighton at Scammell.

The dragons were on from the get go yesterday and were too strong both in the middle and up forward. Brodie was looking good early kicking straight and getting a few goals on the board and Gus bus had leather poisoning by the end of the day.

It was a good day to test a few guys out on different positions and to try and work on some fitness in some beautiful football conditions.

The boys went on to win by 15 goals.

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

Hihett 6.5.41 defeated by Oakleigh Dragons 10.12.72

With glorious late autumn sun shining down upon us, the Dragons enjoyed their first win for the season. The dragons were too strong for Hihett kicking away to a 30 point win.

Most pleasing was the progress the boys have made in adjusting to their new positions and adopting this year's game plan.

We have being training a more direct, physical and fast moving game and things are beginning to fall into place.

Bailey, though not a big possession winner, led by example today at Centre Half Back, with fearless courage and a desire to impact each context with his physical presence.

Eugene contested very hard across the half forward line with strong, aggressive intent.

Jackson is beginning to find form as a roaming forward. Jacko, back yourself to hold on to the ball a bit longer to free up space and have a real impact.

Specky nailed 5 goals with excellent one-on-one marking and accurate kicking.

The whole team was thoroughly deserving of today's win.

Well done Dragons you are playing a good brand of football that the coaches and parents take pride in.

U9 MIXED VIOLET NICK SOURRIS

Our under 9's mixed violet team played Bentleigh away at King George Reserve.

Well what can I say! The boys continue to astound me, with their effort and amazing skills, week in week out. The ball was quite slippery after a dewy morning. As the ground began to dry, the skills began to show. In the end, after a close encounter our team prevailed by 7 points.

Cooper was in top form with a best on ground performance. Our captains, James and Tom were instrumental with their leadership skills. Heath, Riley and Liam were great contributors in the midfield.

Oliver and Xavier were also fantastic in the forward line with great tackling and pressure.

Our defenders as always were amazing. Alex, Oscar and Hayden, saved many goals.

A special mention to Harland who helped out from the under 9' mixed yellow.

COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U12 MIXED ANDREW SHAW FOR TIM MORELAND

We played away against East Brighton in a game between the 2 undefeated teams in our group. We knew we were in for a fight and had to function well as a team to get the chocolates. With Ethan and Raffa both playing their 50th games for the club, we were keen to make the game a memorable one for them.

With coach Tim away, David and I relied on the boys sticking to our game plan and we focused on teamwork and the 1 percenters. On behalf of all the coaching and support team I want to congratulate all the boys on a fantastic team effort. In a low scoring game we managed to stay in control all day and won 6.6 to 1.1.

Our defence rebounded beautifully and refused to give up any easy shots. Even if caught out of position they managed to get to the contest and make an impact.

Our mids and followers were dominant all day and didn't allow any easy possessions. They were first to the contest and ran and shared well, especially impressive due to the dewy conditions at 8.30am.

The forwards created opportunities and made sure the opposition had no easy exits out of their backline. The forward pressure created multiple scoring opportunities.

The opposition were clearly frustrated by our relentless tackling and smothering and a couple of their players resorted to some dirty tactics to try and put our players off. To the boys credit, they didn't get sucked in and retaliate. Instead the boys used their run to work off the offenders and hurt them on the scoreboard where it counts most.

Every player played their part today but I would like to single out a few players who I believe stood out. Aiden, Daniel and Mason worked tirelessly and played possibly their best games for the club. Their clean hands and pressure around the contest gave us first use of the ball. Nicho's 2nd & 3rd efforts in the middle meant the opposition had no clean possessions and allowed us to use the outside run of Yanni, Ethan & Raffa. Well done also to Henry who chimed in with 2 goals.

Thanks to everyone involved today who helped out on and off the field in Coach Tim's absence.

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

St Kilda City JFC 7.8.50 def Oakleigh JFC 2.10.22

The boys had an up-hill battle on their hands, playing one man down the whole day against a full strength, top of the table opponent. Full credit to the team who never gave up and even showed glimpses of brilliance as they played to their strengths and kept the ball moving quickly. Special mention to Jack Parisi and Chris Hatzigeorgiou who both played their first game for the Dragons this week and to Ethan Konstanty and Sid Fortune who came straight from their U16s match to help out.





COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U9 MIXED MARK D'ROZARIO

Round 4 was played at Schammel for the second time this year and was the first game at the very late time of 11.45 pm. The U9's are very fortunate to play at Schammel twice this year and a big thanks to Jim for setting up the ground for us. The kids were all there prior to 10.45 having a kick of the footy and they looked like they wanted ready to play all day. The other team had short players, so we leant one of our players each quarter. We also had Liam fill in for us from Nick's U9 team and he is a real character and we love having him in our team too as he works hard and loves the football in his hand.

A special mention to Shayne who was fantastic again with the multitude of tasks. I'd give her the best off-ground performance. Jason was fantastic in his first game as umpire under the tutelage of the great Gary Ryan and we did miss Fergal who had surgery during the week. He can't wait to come back. Thanks to Chris for filling in during Fergal's absence and the quick return of Danny who put in a few miles over the ground on Sunday.

The first half saw a dominance out of the middle lead by Darcy M with plenty of clearances and ably helped by Josh, Eamon, Robbie and Oliver. Ewan was hard at the contest working hard to get the ball for the team and running hard to stay on his man when the opposition had the ball. This set up the forwards really well. Archie played his best game of the year taking contested marks and getting plenty of the ball and setting up goals. Paul, Andrew, and Troy got lots of kicks and they ended up all kicking goals. Andrew ended with a fine performance with 5 goals. The forwards worked well together and are gelling very well. The boys in the back line didn't get much touches as we kept the ball in our half of the ground for most of the half.

The second half started with more dominance out of the middle and greater sharing of the ball with the players in the middle. We are working hard to play as a team and this came together in the third quarter. Andrew set up Jethro with a shot at goal and Jethro showed confidence when he got a pack mark and another shot at goal. Eamon, Oliver, Robbie and Josh got a lot more ball from the middle and looked confident. In the last quarter we swapped the boys around a bit so Fionn, Harland, Marco, Ally, Cameron and Maxx and Darcy R could get more of the ball and they did in the middle and in the forward line. They got some touches and passed the ball to each other around really well. Liam got plenty of the ball and had a few shots at goal and kicked important goals. Josh and Eamon also worked well together to set up goals. Darcy M and Troy played for the other team in the last quarter and they worked together to kick goals for the opposition, which I thought showed our spirit to play fair at all times. Darcy M ended with 4 for Ashwood.

The grading games are over now and we played well in all of them. The boys are working well as a team and they will benefit from the first four games in building confidence and team unity. I'm sure they are looking forward to the next challenge and the opposition that they will play next. I know I am looking forward to it.

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

On the weekend the under 16 girls team played Brighton away. The team is really starting to work out their game plan and also work out each other's strengths. Tiarna copped an elbow to the nose with heaps of blood streaming out. Hahahahaha.

Well done team!!!



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: St Kilda City JFC **Away Game:** Wattie Watson Oval – Elwood Park

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 64 points (10.10.70 vs 1.0.6) **Match Day Captain:** Oscar & Rayaan

Pre-Game: Zac and Peter were not fit to play and Josh continued his Hawaiian beach vacation, but we still had 20 keen Dragon's ready to play. Oliver T returned from injury, as the team was to be led out by captains Oscar (for showing impressive development in the first three games of the season) and Rayaan (for his spectacular marking and his behavior and effort at training).

The Match in a paragraph: This was a match played on a near perfect ground in near perfect conditions for Under 11 football. A dominant midfield kept our defenders a little bored on occasions, as St Kilda struggled to get the ball up their end. The scoreboard slowly ticked over with the Dragons kicking 2-3 goals in each quarter. With the ball trapped in the Dragon's forward half for most of the match, the St Kilda backline did very well to make it difficult for us to kick a bigger bag of goals.

Special mentions from the game:

- The continued improvement shown by Oscar, Alex, Oliver H and Sam.
- The tackling and pressure displayed by Ben, Mitch, Tyson, Ethan, Jacob and Dean.
- First goals of the season kicked by Austin, Sophie, Alex and Sam.
- The dominant ruck work by Drew, Patrick and Oliver Palmer.
- The behavior of our players and the way they re-acted to some tough situations.

Round 4 Goal Scorers: Alex (2), Austin (2), Tyson (2), Ethan, Sam, Sophie, Tom.

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: First goals of their careers for Alex and Sam – and the way the team celebrated with them post-match with our ritual water drenching.

Player that caught the coach's eye: Alex. Only playing his 4th game, he showed remarkable improvement and racked up plenty of possessions all over the field.

U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

Dragons vs Murrumbeena

We played a pretty strong team on Sunday who had 3 girls, in particular, who were very good players for Murrumbeena. We kicked the first goal of the match with the wind and had most of the play in our forward line in the first quarter. We were tackling and pressuring ferociously and not letting their star players get a free run at the footy.

The second quarter saw Murrumbeena kick 5 goals, with one girl kicking 4 of them – she was on fire! At half time we re-grouped and tried to stem the tide a bit but the Lionesses were too strong and ended up having 25 scoring shots to 2 in the match. Thankfully, our backline players were very determined and always put pressure on to allow only 10 goals – it could easily have been 15 or 20.

Hopefully after the grading games we will be put in a division where we can be competitive and continue to learn and improve. A few more players would be great too, so if you know any girls looking for a game of footy who want to be in a team with a wonderful bunch of girls and families then send them to Scammell on Friday nights from 5pm to 6.30pm.

Dragons 1.1.7 Murrumbeena 10.15.75

Goals – Allannah

Best players – Lucia, Britney, Sam, Ruby and Elise



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U10 MIXED MARCUS SPENCER

We played against: Prahran U10's At: Home

We played against a Prahran team that had some very good, and very big players and fought the game out well.

We definitely had the better of the first quarter. Our midfield worked hard to push the ball into the forward line and our forwards, particularly Campbell took advantage. By half time the match had evened up with the margin back to a few points.

In the second half we dropped our effort, with the warm conditions seeming to tire some of our players. Hunter, Patrik, Josh and Jack continued to work hard, but the bigger Prahran players were starting to take contested marks against us and getting the advantage on the scoreboard.

The final margin was a few goals to Prahran, but our team had shown enough in the first half for us to know that with a whole of team effort we can compete with the best teams in our comp.

U12 GIRLS EMILY HEVERIN & JACQUIE MORGAN

Round 4: This week our girls played East Brighton Vampires at home. They played a very good team game, sharing the ball around. They girls had a lot of fun out on the field but also played hard. Their tackling has improved out of sight and are more aggressive towards the ball. Our goal kickers really performed when we needed them kicking some very amazing goals. The defenders worked hard and got the ball turned over from the opposition. Our girls are running and bouncing which is quite impressive. They had an awesome win, hopefully this is a start to a winning streak!! The final score was 18-31.

U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Oakleigh Dragons 13.12-90 Def Ajax 11.7-73

Top of the ladder game with Oakleigh & Ajax going unbeaten for the first 3 rounds making the game an extremely entertaining match to watch with the ebbs & flows of a good tussle. Our boys came out firing with 5 goals to 2 in the first qtr with a purpose of running, carrying and using our hands to get through traffic and executing to a tee. Second qtr was a tighter tussle than the first and Ajax were really starting to tighten their grip on the contest, with both teams kicking 4 goals for the qtr. The third was all Ajax, Ajax kicking 4 goals, 5 points and the boys only managing 1 goal, 1 point. Which provided Ajax with a 5 point buffer at the last break. However, in the third we had stopped playing our game and I urged the boys at the break to get running and share the ball out the contest to create better chances at goal. Not only did they do that but left everything out on the ground to kick 3 goals, 10 points for the qtr and allowing Ajax only to score 1 goal for the term. Great team effort, however, a special mention to Michael Amedeo who had a Herculean effort in the last qtr. Overall, well done to all the boys who gave it all in that last qtr to finish with a positive result. Well done boys.





SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up				
Pack-up				Princes Hwy
				WA Scammell
Pack-up				WA Scammell

We will advise pack up/set up teams on Facebook once released

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.

Scoreboard Attendant

- 20.53. The home team shall provide a scoreboard attendant, who must ensure that the scoreboard is up-to-date at all times during a match.
- 20.54. Scoreboard attendants must be at least 12 years of age or, in the opinion of the Field Umpire, of sufficient age to be competent to perform the task.

Boundary Umpire

- 20.36. Boundary umpires must not be provided for Modified Rules and Under 12 Girls competitions.
- 20.37. Where boundary umpires are not provided by the SMJFL Umpiring Department, each team participating in a match must provide a boundary umpire (or two if preferred), who is at least 14 years of age or, in the opinion of the Field Umpire, of sufficient age to be competent to perform the task.
- 20.38. When a club provides a boundary umpire, anytime the ball crosses the line the boundary umpire will signal the field umpire with a whistle and arm straight up that the ball is out. They are not required to throw the ball in as the field umpire will conduct a ball up 10 metres inside the field of play adjacent to where the ball crossed the line.
- 20.39. Clubs may supply two boundary umpires (on one side) as long as they are both correctly attired.
- 20.40. The Boundary Umpires must be familiar with the correct procedures to ensure the proper conduct of the match.
- 20.41. Field Umpires may overrule a decision by a Boundary Umpire.
- 20.42. Boundary Umpires are not permitted to coach or communicate with any players or officials - other than during breaks between quarters. A Field Umpire may order from the field and report any team appointed Boundary Umpire who is in breach of this Bylaw. Any team appointed Boundary Umpire ordered from the field must be replaced.
- 20.43. Club appointed Boundary Umpires are not permitted to lay a Report but should submit any Complaints via the Club Secretary after the match.



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.

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