



NEWSLETTER SEASON 2009

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Dear PJFC Members,

With the season now underway we are featuring team match reports and a selection of photos in this edition. Well done to all teams on a fabulous start to the 2009 season.

Our report on sponsorship in the last edition has also encouraged more support with Anthony Grimwade confirming another team sponsor this week. Plus we have news on the PJFC Party Night. Read on ...

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GENERAL NEWS

TEAM PHOTOS

Team photos will take place throughout the month of May. More details will follow.

NO FOOTBALL BOOTS AT TRAINING

Please note that football boots are not to be worn at training until the end of April because of ground drought restrictions.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

Stonnington Council has advised that dogs are not permitted at Toorak Park at any time.

UNDER 10 SPONSORSHIP

Thanks to Rob Barber and Altitude Volvo-Brighton for sponsoring the Under 10's team. They will now be known as the Altitude Volvo-Brighton Under 10's.

For all sponsorship enquiries please call Anthony Grimwade on 0418 382 226.

THE PJFC PARTY NIGHT

You'd be mad to miss it....
the fabulous
PJFC "PARTY NIGHT"
on
Saturday 13th June 2009

Put this date in your diary today!

There is such a buzz around the Club this year with so many new families joining the mighty Blues that this night is bound to be another great one to mix, meet, have fun and support our Club.

This annual fundraising event has enabled our club to provide the facilities and resources for our kids to participate in the game they love. We are seeking donations from our generous families for the fundraising side of the evening. Small, medium or large – every item makes a difference!

More details regarding the fabulous venue to come.
Remember, put the date in your diary today!

If you are able to help in any way please contact a member of the Fundraising Committee:-

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SALE OF OLD TRAINING JUMPERS

Our Equipment Manager Brian Roberts is offering the old training football jumpers for sale at \$10.00 each. These will be available for sale in the club rooms from 5.00pm on Friday 24 April.

Be quick they won't last ...

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will open from 5pm every Friday night in the coming weeks.

If you are buying shorts and they have the WJFA branding, that is OK as we have a period of time to change to the MJFA. All new stock will have the new lettering. Plus, if you have bought shorts and or sox and they are the wrong size, you can exchange them for a smaller/larger size, as long they are clean.

We have on back order some sizes of sox and shorts, please be patient as we are at the mercy of the supplier.

If you have any queries, please contact Alexandra Pisker at alexandra.pisker@gmail.com

Tim Jackson and Andrew Chirnside did a magnificent job in coaching in Jim's absence.

The Blues controlled the first quarter repeatedly going into attack, kicking inaccurately but still managing three goals.

New Blues players such as our vice-captain Travis Harrison, James Lavelle, Nic Bartlett, Hugo Carson, James Rowbottom and Thomas Hayes all shone.

The Blues continued on their merry way in the second quarter dominating the play and booting four for the quarter.

Blues veterans in Andrew Chirnsde, Ellison Gus, Spencer Wells, Angus Hanrahan, Mitch Halam, Tim Jackson and captain Jethro O'Connor showed the way.

The Blues continued to press in the second half with impressive debuts by Simone Finnegan, Will Grimwade, Thomas Spargo, Lukas Pike, Alex Psaliades, Rory O'Connor, Toby Yates, Nic Walker, Reilly Harrick, Jensen Tan and Lachlan Puls.

Looking forward to watching the progress of all these young guns throughout the season.

U9 Blues 2009:

For those of you who don't know the U9 Blues for 2009, we are:

Nicholas Bartlett	2
Hugo Carson	38
Andrew Chirnside	71
Simon Finnegan	44
Will Grimwade	16
Ellison Guss	24
Mitch Hallam	7
Angus Hanrahan	14
Reilly Harrick	22
Travis Harrison	21
Tommy Hayes	6
Oliver Jackson	5
James Lavelle	15
Max Marriner	18
Rory O'Connor	17
Jethro O'Connor	13
Lucas Pike	4
Alexander Psalidas	3
Lachlan Puls	12
James Rowbottom	8
Thomas Spargo	1
Jensen Tan	33
Nicholas Walker	11

2009 MSJFL FIXTURES

Reminder: Please ensure that you regularly check the MSJFL fixtures for 2009 on the www.msjfl.com.au website for updates and any changes. Team Managers will also communicate any changes prior to each match.

UNDER 9 BLUE MATCH REPORT

Prahran U9 Blues v Dingley Blacks 19 April 2009 @ Souter Reserve

Captain: Jethro O'Connor (17)
Vice-Captain: Travis Harrison (21)

Scores:
Prahran Blues 10 10 70 defeated
Dingley Blacks 0 0 0

Better Players:
Nic Bartlett, Hugo Carson, Andrew Chirnside, Ellison Guss, Mitch Hallam, Angus Hanrahan, Travis Harrison, Oliver Jackson, James Lavelle, James Rowbottom and Spencer Wells.

Goal Kickers:
2 goals - James Lavelle.
1 goal each - Nic Bartlett, Simone Finnegan, Mitch Hallam, Angus Hanrahan, Thomas Hayes, Ellison Guss, James Rowbottom, Oliver Jackson.

Many thanks to the following parents for their official assistance:

Simone Carson, Nick Pike, Glen Bartlett, Paul Lavelle, Anthony Grimwade and James Puls.

Match Report:

The first match of the season was fantastic and the U9 Blues achieved a massive outcome in winning so well.

Spencer Wells	20
Toby Yeats	23

Michael O'Connor
21 April 2009

UNDER 9 BLACK MATCH REPORT

Prahran Black	5.	10.	40
Hampton Green	1.	2.	8

Goals:

Hugo Wood-Freeman(3), Alexander Knesaurek (2)

Best Players:

Hugo Wood-Freeman, Alexander Knesaurek,
Jonty Lupson, Nick Perkins, Will Blackwell,
Charlie Hanrahan and Oscar Faulkner

Awards:

Coaches Award:	Hugo Wood-Freeman
Shepherding:	Jonty Lupson
1%:	Oscar Faulkner
First – ins:	Will Blackwell
Playing in Position:	Jacob Malich

A big thank you to the following parents and sibling for their official assistance during the morning: Anna Perkins, Nick Gray, Jason Start, Chris Hanrahan, Michael Blackwell, Peter Lupson, Tim Holt, Chris Faulkner and Charley Lupson.

Thanks also to the following club officials who got us ready and on the field for our first game: Andy Miller (President), Brian Roberts (Equipment Mgr), Madeline O'Conner (Registrar) and Alexandra Pisker Uniform Coordinator.

Coaches Match Report:

The U9 Blacks had an impressive win over a skilful Hampton outfit. It was very pleasing to see so many boys getting stuck in and doing what they could to help the team, especially since we had so many first gamers. The boys' ability to be first in for the ball and their confidence to run with the ball and kick long was the major reason Prahran outclassed Hampton. It was a great team effort with all players making a contribution towards the win. There were some entertaining passages of play involving hand balls and long kicks. The team's runners such as Wood-Freeman, Lupson, Perkins and Hanrahan took full advantage of the no tackling rules. Our defensive skills were good for U/9 standard with players maintaining bumping pressure and backline players generally staying on their men and in position. Alex K took some strong marks and dominated in the ruck which allowed Prahran to get the ball out of the centre ball ups. Hugo Wood-Freeman, Jonty Lupson, Will Backwell and Nick Perkins were everywhere, in and under winning Prahran first use of the ball.

A big thanks to the dads and mums that have been helping at training and on match day they know who they are. It makes the coaching job an easy one.

We are fine tuning the bench rotation system for this week to cater for the 27 boys that we have on the list to make sure every boy gets a fair go.

Andy Stephens

Training is this Friday 4.30 to 5.30 at Toorak Park. **Sunday's Game** is against East Malvern Red at Stanley Grose Reserve (Map Ref. 60 A12). Arrive 8.15am for a 8.45am start.

PS: Don't forget MOUTHGUARDS and WHITE Shorts.

UNDER 9 RED MATCH REPORT

Prahran U9 Reds v Beaumaris

The nerves were visible for all to see. So we told the coach to calm down and all would be okay. The boys were fired up and, for most of them, ready to play their first club football match. Our captains for the day were James McMurrick and Fedele Decampo, who won the toss, and elected to kick with the slight breeze.

From the beginning, the Prahran boys dominated the play. For a team that has never played together, there were many fantastic handballs and kicks between them. They also showed amazing toughness in their bumping of their opponents, to the extent, that on several occasions, they were penalised for bumping "too hard". Albrecht, Hird, McGuire, Argyrou and McMurrick all scored goals. Best for the day include: Albrecht, Brend, Burke, Hird, McMurrick and Molnar.

Final scores Prahran 38, Beaumaris 11. All the boys did a magnificent job and each week they can only get better and better, especially when it comes to singing the team song!

UNDER 10 MATCH REPORT

Round 1

Prahran U/10s defeated St Peters U/10 Green

A full squad of 28, first game at home, enthusiastic boys and parent group. This is the recipe for a great start to the season, and I guess a win in round 1 was great too.

The Prahran boys certainly did turn up to play last Sunday as we bolted out of the gates like a well trained race horse and never looked back. Four

goals in the opening quarter set the scene for a superb start for the season. We were running hard and playing our positions well with the forwards looking very dangerous every time the ball even trickled near the 50m arc. It was great to see at the quarter time break all the boys running in hard to the huddle puffing their guts out showing both Ed and I how hard they worked in the first term.

After the break St Peters turned up the heat a bit challenging us by running the ball and forcing us out of position. Our positional play from the first to second quarter was a stark contrast with our boys being out numbered two to six in the backline at some stages. Despite this we still won the term and went into the long break around 20 points ahead but with still plenty to do to win the match.

With energy replaced through some half time oranges and the boys well hydrated, we looked a much stronger outfit. The boys were switched on and fighting the battle. The back men were tight on their opponents keeping touch while the midfield was gathering plenty of possessions and creating opportunities for the forwards who again were looking dangerous. We stretched the lead out and made the last quarter a formality.

It could have been easy for the Prahran boys to switch off and enjoy notching up the first win for the season but the best two bits of play in the game came in the last term. Through handball we moved the footy twice up the stand side wing and the end result was a goal each time. The pleasing thing about this is we had been working in the pre-season at moving the ball through run and hands, and these two plays demonstrated it perfectly. The boys deserved the win and should be proud of all there performances.

Although it was a good win and we played well I can still see plenty of room for improvement. The run and handball was good at times but still needs some fine tuning. Decision making was one of the main aspects of our game that can improve with many times on the weekend the ball being kicked straight to opposition or to out-numbered Prahran boys. Our positional play fell down in the second term and the hard running and movement from forwards and midfielders slacked off as the game wore on, perhaps because we knew we had the win early on. However, being the first game I think it is great we can see these things we can improve on and still have a 66 point victory on the board.

All the boys had an impact on the game from the backs, forwards and midfielders. The engine room worked very hard with impressive performances from Oscar Dowd, Oscar Bennett, Curtis Landwehr, Hugo Watkin, Conor James and Will Gibcus, who all were able to gather plenty of possessions though out the game. Hugh Flanagan and James Faggetter gave a good account of themselves in the ruck managing to get to most

contested situations. Our wingmen in Charlie Wells, Peter Marshall and Tim Rowland played their positions well moving between the forward and back parts of the ground and will get better from week to week. The midfielders were able to set things up for the team through the centre of the ground and essentially get the ball moving forward.

The backline was solid most of the day and the stand outs down back were Roscoe Tsiavis, Lewis Persano and Sam Cameron. Roscoe and Lewis worked well together moving the ball out of defence while Sam played a key role in rebounding any errant kicks into St Peters forward line. Other boys they had solid performances in the backline were Ben Byrnes, Angus Kiel, Harrison Gill and Glen Roberts who all stuck to their guns and kept close to their men. The backline were very impressive keeping the St Peters to only one goal and creating plenty of rebound for midfield to inturn kick it to the forwards.

In the forward line we had the look alikes of Nick Riewolt, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin, Matthew Pavlich and Brendon Fevola or as they are officially known as Hugh Higgins, Hugo Gray, Tom Marsden and George Dixon. Hugh, strong body player, was effective up forward getting into dangerous positions. Hugo Gray probably had a quieter day then what he is used to, nevertheless, he played a great role for the team and was still effective for every touch he got. Tom Marsden the captain of the day had a very good game with a goal early up forward then gather plenty of the pill later in the game. You never know what you get with George Dixon and he had a typical George game, unseen for a bit then bobbed up to do a few amazing acts of brilliance. The forwards were dangerous all day and the score board showed that kicking 10 goals for the match.

It was great to have three boys in Hamish Stewart, Lachie Brearley and Harry Thomas all play their first game of football for the club. Hamish had a great debut playing predominately in the backline he was able to collect a mountain possession and create for the team. Lachie and Harry worked hard and will both gain experience and confidence from their first game. The buzz word I've been hearing around footy at the moment is intensity. If you have intensity in your game everything else will come together around it and I believe our intensity on the weekend was excellent.

Keep up the good work boys!

Thank you parents for all your help and I hope you keep up the good work and support. I think we have a great parent group to support a great bunch of kids and Ed and I are very excited to see the improvement made throughout the season from the boys

Thank you Rob and Anthony on your first day at the Team Manager role you guys did a great job and made mine and Ed's day a lot easier.

Steve

UNDER 11 WHITE MATCH REPORT

Prahran White versus St Kilda Red

Result	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Final
Prahran White	3. 2	4. 6	5. 9	10. 13. 73
St Kilda Red	0. 0	0. 0	1. 1	2. 1. 13

PRAHRAN SIZZLE IN SEASON OPENNER

The pre season was finally over and the time had finally arrived, GAME DAY and the first game of the season. We awoke to a cool autumn day and made the relatively short trip to the Wattie Watson Oval at Elwood Park to begin our quest for the upcoming season; preparing to face our opposition the St Kilda Red team. For the players this clash had being eagerly anticipated due to the challenge of playing in a new competition the MSJFL, as well as against an opposition whom we had never played before. We approached the game with a belief in ourselves and each other, knowing that the hard work we had done in the arduous pre season would pay off and during the game when the time came, each player would put in a hundred percent effort to help the team in winning this season opener. During the pre game speech the coach referred to the need to be switched on ready to play from the opening bounce. He reminded the players of the need to link up with a teammate either by foot or by hand, when we had the ball and to make sure the opposition would find themselves constantly under pressure, when they had the ball by tackling hard. To achieve this game plan was going to require the boys, assisting a teammate with a shepherd and running in numbers to the bounce of the ball.

The first quarter began and the boys came out firing and started to rack up the possessions. The first minutes saw a series of plays beginning with a great pack mark taken by Laurence Seaholme kicking long to a hard running lead from Michael Pisker, who in turn kicked long to find Hutton Wells who somehow bullocked his way thru a pack of players and was unlucky to have his shot at goal touched on the goal line. This was the type of start the coach was looking for as it signalled the player's intention to run and link up with each other. Matthew Kirkwood, playing his first game for the club was welcomed to the team and he was providing the important run and carry from the half back line. In one passage of play Matthew evaded a number of tackles and after a few bounces delivered the ball long into our forward line where Lachlan Potts was rewarded with a courageous bottom of the pack free kick. The

ensuing kick resulted in another free kick to Laurence Seaholme who unfortunately missed his shot for goal. Whilst the coaching staff were encouraged by our bright start we were looking for that elusive first goal to reward the team for all of its hard work. The moment finally arrived and it was left to the ever reliable and hard working Nicholas Papageorgiou, who ran hard to a contest where he picked up the crumb when the ball spilled from the pack evaded a couple of tackles and snapped a typical rover's goal from the forward pocket. The goal was celebrated by all the players as they sensed more were to come. Our defence was miserly in this quarter and Mark Spizzirri took a great mark to showcase his strength in the air. Tom Waite also playing in his first game showed tremendous tenacity and his spoil of an opposition marking attempt and subsequent long kick also helped repel the opposition. Our next goal did not take as long as the first as our boys were starting to exert their influence on the game. Sebastian Finnegan, using his exquisite skills was able to pounce on a loose ball and kicked long towards our goal square. There, Connor O'Brien intelligently chose to wait for the bounce of the ball. The opposition player was left in no man's land when the ball bounced awkwardly and this allowed Connor to register his first goal for the season with a simple kick from the goal line. Another new player Ned Rowsthorn was impressive in his first game as he kept himself busy scouting the packs up forward and picking up loose crumbs. The quarter ended with a third goal when again Sebastian Finnegan found space and pinpointed Kieren Barber-Wilson who went for his customary run and the ball ended up with Matthew Kirkwood who coolly slotted the ball thru for a goal. The quarter saw excellent play by the boys and at quarter time we were 20 points in front.



With our confidence sky high the boys went to the quarter time huddle thrilled with their efforts and excited with what lay ahead in the next three quarters. The coach re affirmed to the players to continue to play to our game plan and use the fitness levels we possessed to out run the opposition. Our defence was again superb this quarter and managed to keep the opposition

scoreless. Kieran Forbes was particularly impressive, cleverly positioning himself across half back, constantly picking up many kicks and setting up numerous attacks. Callum Bennett and Jarrad Dousa were also prominent as they fearlessly attacked the ball whenever the opposition threatened to mount an attack. Our twin towers Oscar Don and Laurence Seaholme were dominating the ruck contests and our mosquito fleet were the primary beneficiaries, particularly Michael Pisker, who used his long racking kicks to break up the opposition zone defence. Lachlan Potts was everywhere and he was continuously found at the bottom of the packs and was winning a number of free kicks thru his tackling. Connor O'Brien playing at full forward was relishing the constant ball supply and he was unlucky to hit the post with a long range shot.

Eventually, after an inspirational bit of play from Mark Spizzirri whose first, second and then third effort in one single play allowed the ball to be picked up by Matthew Kirkwood and with his now familiar long run and bounce, kicked a magnificent long goal on the run. Our midfield was now dominating the game and Kieren Barber – Wilson was constantly in the play running and evading tackles whilst bouncing the ball and his long kicks into the forward line were setting up many goal scoring opportunities. We were slightly wasteful, however, as first Oscar Don and then Laurence Seaholme both kicked points when shooting for goal. When the siren finally sounded we had kept the opposition scoreless for the half and we were now leading by 30 points.



During the half time break the players rested themselves and you could sense the feeling of expectation and possible exhilaration of what lay ahead. The coach praised the boys for their efforts up to half time and commented that they should treat the remainder of the game as if it was starting all over again with both sides on level points. The coach made a number of positional changes to allow our players time to rest and use the versatility of the playing group. Ned Rowsthorn became a dangerous forward this quarter and he was desperately unlucky when he swooped on to a loose bouncing ball and with the goals

beckoning, narrowly missed for a point. Oscar Don was running rampant in the ruck and using his size and strength he sent the ball long to Connor O'Brien. With a perfect pass, Connor found Callum Bennett who with impressive agility for a tall player also had a shot at goal which narrowly missed. Callum was proving to be an enormous headache for his opponent as he ran him around this quarter. The two K's, Kieren Barber- Wilson and Kieran Forbes were continuing where they left off in the previous half and Kieran Forbes was rewarded with an excellent snap goal from a difficult position on the ground. The crowd were now excited as they watched the team lift their work rate and the number of tackles laid on the opposition were a testament to that. Hutton Wells exemplified this toughness at the ball when he took a great pack mark and gave a quick handball to a running teammate. Resting at full back Laurence Seaholme showed his versatility this quarter as he held firm and made some telling stops of opposition attacks. It did however appear that playing on a full size ground for the first time had taken its toll on the players and this may have allowed the opposition their first score of the game. When the three quarter time siren sounded we were leading by an impressive 32 points.

During the three quarter time break, the boys were excited about the upcoming last quarter and the prospect of a first up win. Listening intently to the coach they were asked for one last effort to attempt to kick a bag of goals for the quarter. The quarter began brilliantly with our number one ruckman Laurence Seaholme tapping the ball to Michael Pisker who ran thru the centre square and kicked long into the forward line allowing the goal kicking machine Connor O'Brien to kick a wonderful team goal. From the next centre bounce the ball found its way forward quickly and into the hands of the hard running and hard working Nicholas Papageorgiou, who instead of blazing away at goals found Jarrod Dousa with a nice pass. Jarrod, sensing an opportunity, quickly played on and he too kicked a wonderful goal from a tight angle. The team was now on fire and playing some wonderful footy. Laurence Seaholme was busting packs open and Connor O'Brien, after avoiding a tackler with a strong fend off and 'don't argue', got the ball to Michael Pisker who kicked a goal.

The crowd were now becoming more involved as they sensed the team was unstoppable at this stage and a big quarter was unfolding. Matthew Kirkwood, pressing hard for a best on ground performance, provided a few more highlights as he continually amassed possessions and his long runs and penetrating kicks rewarded him with two marvellous goals for the quarter. Our midfield dominance was overwhelming as Sebastian Finnegan showed his class with sublime ball work from both sides of his body and he set up Callum Bennett, who again was desperately unlucky to

miss his shot at goal. Tom Waite relished the freedom he was afforded as he was given a licence to roam all over the ground and he showed his strength with some contested ball wins over opposition players. Ned Rowsthorn also continued to be dangerous around goal and he too was unlucky to miss another shot at goal. It should be mentioned our defence was again rock solid and Mark Spizziri was gallant in this area as he marshalled the defenders to form a tight wall. The opposition to their credit even though they were undermanned did fight the game right out and as such managed to kick a goal in this quarter. The last few moments of the quarter were somewhat surreal for the boys, who knowing the game was safe, started to wait for the siren to sound. When it finally did, the boys were naturally jubilant as they started to realise the significance of this win.

We ended up winning the game by an imposing 60 points and the boys were ecstatic. They had achieved a win in the first game of the season and in so doing had sent a strong message to the other opposition teams. This was a game that I am sure the coach would be proud of. The boys were able to play the type of football that showcased their skills and teamwork and also combined hard endeavour when required. The team naturally gathered into their familiar team huddle and sang the club song for the first time this season.

A sincere and grateful thank you to our coach Craig Baker, our team manager Steve O'Brien and the helpers and supporters who took the time to come along and support and help for the day. It was a special day for the team made more so by all of the people who attended and supported. We now look forward to our next game with the confidence that we can continue our good start to the season and make it two wins in a row.



Congratulations to all of the kids for such a fantastic and memorable team effort and as the song goes 'HERE COME PRAHRAN BOYS'

Con Papageorgiou.

Following on from the previous year we will shortly be reintroducing our popular weekly feature containing Player Profiles so that we can learn about our teammates.

UNDER 12 MATCH REPORT

Ajax Jets	2	3	15
Prahran	15	11	101

Goals – Jack Spargo 4, Hunter Watkin 3, Henry Brayshaw 2, Andy Clough 2, Cooper Mance 2, Jack Bickford, Woody Shmith

Best – Reilly Holt, Jake Whitefoot, Jack Spargo, Hunter Watkin, Henry Brayshaw, Andy Clough, Cooper Mance, Tom Cameron

WE ARE HERE

The boys emphatically announced their arrival in the new league with a quality performance, placing them in top spot on the ladder.

Henry Boom Boom Brayshaw set the tone early with two quality goals, and from then on the team proceeded to deliver their best football ever.

Rugged Reilly Holt gave the Blues first use of the ball at most stoppages, showing further improvement on where he left off last year as a talented tap ruckman.

The usual suspects in the midfield dominated, including Jack Sparkling Spargo, Demonic Dec Poynter, Tom the Kalashnikov Cameron and Andy Cool Hand Clough, who was particularly unselfish with his use of the ball. Houdini Hunter Watkin appeared at will to rack up possessions.

Forward targets presented well and were dangerous all day, including Cooper the Machine Mance, Tommy the Rock and Harry Mr Nice Guy Nettlefold, while the backline was largely impenetrable thanks to the commitment of Sam the Governor Grimwade, Tapdancer Teddy Wyles, Jack Baseball Mits Bainger, Matt Personality Paltoglou and a very skilled reader of the play, Adam The Collector Kudnig.

Benny Magicman McGinn and Nick Velociraptor Villaluz have serious pace, and Angus Take That Thompson never offers a backward step.

New recruits Jake Whispering Whitefoot and Andy AJ Tsaconas fitted in like they have been playing with this team a long time, showing sure hands, good running and clean disposal to their teammates' advantage.

Goals late in the last quarter to Jack Bickford in close and a lovely long shot on the run from Woody Shmith were the icing on the cake.

The boys were asked to play as a team and they did exactly that, sharing the ball and supporting each other in attack and defence. They looked for each other constantly, used their voices well, moved the ball quickly and delivered with

precision. The opposition simply could not keep up or stem the run.

Areas we can improve upon are to be a bit more accurate with shots on goal, to push back hard into defence when we lose possession, to man up more tightly in our forward line when the opposition kicks out, and to ensure we keep our forward line open at all times. In the last quarter the concentration lapsed and some boys left positions and crowded the space, making it harder to score.

Footy is back and the boys are clearly ready for action. Next Round is at home against Ormond Brown, 12.45 pm.

UNDER 13 MATCH REPORT

Prahran vs. Oakleigh at Southern Reserve

Prahran 7-5-47
Oakleigh 2-6-18

Coaches Award: Ed Langdon
Position Player Award: Michael Pradolin
Tackling Award: Tom Ebsworth
Team Player Award: Angus Matthews
Shepherd Award: Sam Hill
First In Award: Liam Ratliff

Better players: Liam Ratliff, Michael Pradolin, Jim Bazzani, Llewellyn Ryan, Tom Ebsworth, Sam Hill

Goals: L Ryan - 3, Ewan Johannes - 1, Bazzani - 1, Tom Bernard - 1, H Stephens - 1,

"Here come the Prahran boys - Here come the blues"

For the first time in 18 months, we were able to sing the club song - loud and well deserved.

Our Under 13's showed that despite not having a full squad of players that they are going to approach every game this season with a spirit as in the club song,

We won't be beaten - we hate to lose.

The game started with us only being able to field 16 players with a couple still on holidays and injured so we knew that it was going to be a day where everyone needed to lift. Spirits were high and led by our 2009 Captain, Jim Bazzani, the team looked forward to the first bounce.

The opposition were a solid bunch of boys and looked like in the first few minutes that we would be out muscled for the ball. But this is where our game was set up. In those minutes our backline closed down the opposition and they were not allowed any easy passage of play. Sam Hill and

Angus Matthews stood firm, tackled hard and prevented any goals from being scored.



Once the ball was moved out of defence, our running players showed their skills moving the ball forward combining to allow Ewan Johannes to a quick left foot snap to be the first goal scorer for the day. This goal was quickly followed up with a quick hands combination from Fred Hanmer to Llewellyn Ryan who, after being infringed, lined up to put the first of his three goals for the day on the board.

At the first quarter break our 2 goals were the only goals scored putting us in front. What was great to see was the return to Prahran of Michael Pradolin - after his one year lay off, he returned to the game with a huge presence taking a stranglehold on centre half back.

The second quarter was clearly ours as our runners moved quickly - the opposition were becoming aware of Jim Bazzani and his "Ablett" like possessions, and Tom Ebsworth was picking up plenty of kicks. Liam Ratliff was ferocious at the ball and saw it his responsibility to ensure that we maintained possession. Another 2 goals by the half time break, to Tom Bernard and Jim Bazzani, and the opposition surprisingly had not yet scored - not surprising though to the backline that continued to shut down their attackers - Lachie Costa, Nick Dee and James Johnstone supporting our full back line.

After the halftime break, the boys were asked to stick to the game plan and focus on the things that were working in the first half - strong defensive backline and kick long and direct. Harry Stephens and Harrison Stewart moved to the forward line and provided some targets and really started to get in the game with some work in the air and quick movements forward.

We however didn't manage to score and Oakleigh seemed as though they were starting to get some rhythm. At the end of the quarter, the boys were encouraged to not allow the Oakleigh team to set up their loose men - everyone must know their opposition number and man up.

Michael had been moved to the ruck and was clearly winning all taps but our followers weren't reading the play as well as we could have - something to work on for future games.

One area for improvement was our leading to the ball. Our forwards often found themselves too close to the play and found leads to the ball restricted. We will continue to work on this skill at training so that we can lead to space and run onto the ball rather than always forcing a marking contest.

In the last quarter, the coaches looked at the 3 goal lead and considered stacking the backline to shut down the game but instead thought that the boys still had fuel in the tank. And that we did. Recruiting for our team was crucial this season and our new recruit in Ed Langdon showed that he will be a "great get" for our team. He continued in the last to pick up possessions and combined and shared the ball always to our advantage. Harry Stephens ran hard in the last quarter to also be a playmaker, as too did Liam and the Toms.



With a goal to Harry and 2 to Llewellyn for the quarter, the opposition had no chance and we had won the first game of the season.

This is a great footing for our U13's this year - with most of our boys also playing school footy we know that they will be training and playing a lot of footy each week. Our training though will focus on building now on how we play as a team - how we move the ball forward, how we win the ball out of the centre, and most of all, how we continue to encourage each other to advantage.

We have not been able to say this for a while, and the coach hasn't been able to say this ever - winners are grinners, and:

Come on the Mighty Blues!



Report by Rod Johnstone (Coach) and James Johnstone

UNDER 16 MATCH REPORT

What a great first up effort, Prahran 29-12-168 to Hampton Rovers 4-7-31.

The day started with a late start, 1 hour behind schedule. Credit to our boys they didn't let this phase them. Welcome to our new players in their first game including Joshua Anderson, Nic Daish, Shaun Edwards, Nick Young, Zak Stevenson Oscar Hoskings, Charlie Haley and Tom Rothel.

We were playing on a large ground and in perfect conditions with a slight wind heading to the north end of the oval. In the first minute it actually looked like we were in for tough contest with the Hampton team solidly attacking the ball.

This didn't last long and the Prahran midfielders took control of the contest. A fantastic front and square to Harry Lachal and goal started the scoring. By utilising our different forward line set up's we managed to kick 7-4-46 to 0-0-0 in the first quarter. Great efforts included Joshua Anderson, TJ and Harry Rowsthorn's attack on the ball from the backline and midfield.

In the second quarter the boys eased up a let Hampton kick 2-5-17 to our 5-2-32. However this was when Xavier Richards imposed his authority on the game complemented by Turtle (Nick Young) barrelling into packs and racking up the possessions. They continued to do this throughout the rest of the game. Credit also to Nic Churkovic who tackled hard and put pressure on at every opportunity when he was in the forward line.

At half time I challenged our team with a task. We were to only let Hampton get two scoring shots in the third quarter. I was delighted when the boys came into the three quarter time huddle and the Hampton had only scored 0-1-1 to our 8-4-50. Oscar Hoskings was fantastic with his leadership, contesting and goal kicking in the forward line for the whole day.

One of the highlights in the third quarter was by a John Donohue. A strong lead and mark in the centre square which led to a precise kick to Shaun Edwards and eventuated in a Lukas Bartsch snap and goal. Donners' second effort running from the centre square to the goal line could have easily eventuated in a goal for himself but did the team thing and shepherded the ball through for Bartschy.

The fourth quarter was a procession and included some great efforts from Xavier Richards, Charlie Haley, Fraser Walker, Harry Rowsthorn and Will Levini. The end score was Prahran 26-12-168 to Hampton 4-7-31. What a great start to the season for the U16's.

Major Goal Kickers: 5 Hoskings, 3 Lachal, 3 Richards, 3 McMullin, 3 Edwards, 2 Donohue, 2 Pike

Better players: Richards, Young, Walker, Hoskings, Edwards, Stevenson, C. Haley, Anderson, Churkovic and Levini.

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KEY DIARY DATES	2009
• Round 2-9	26 April - 31 May
• Under 9 Night Match	8 May
• No Football	7 June
• PJFC 'Party Night' – NB: note the new date	13 June
• Round 8-10	14 June – 28 June
• No Football	5 July
• Round 11-14	12 July – 2 Aug
• U10 Night Match	7 August
• FINALS	9 - 30 August
• Presentation Day	6 September



PJFC FOOTBALL CLUB SONG

Here come the Prahran boys
Here come the Blues.
We won't be beaten – we hate to lose.
We will beat them one and all,
The bigger they are the harder they fall.
Whether the odds be great or be small
Gallant Prahran will win overall.
You can hear the crowd all roaring
COME ON THE MIGHTY BLUES!!!

UNIFORMS



Each player requires:

Shorts

BLUE for 'Home' games
WHITE for 'Away' games
\$20.00 each

Royal Blue Socks

\$10.00 pair

Match Day Jumpers

The jumpers belong to the Club and must be returned at the end of the season.

Mouthguards

Mouthguards must be worn at ALL training sessions and games. Any child without a mouth guard on game's days will not be allowed on the field.

