



# NEWSLETTER SEASON 2009

## Bed Depot - Prahran Junior Football Club

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### Dear PJFC Members,

It was another exciting weekend on the football field with some great results. Therefore, there is plenty of detail in the match reports this week.

Enjoy the read ...

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### GENERAL NEWS

#### FRIDAY NIGHT BAR & BBQ ROSTER

The Friday night Bar & BBQ roster for each team.

17 July - U12  
24 July - U13  
31 July - U15  
7 August - U9 Blue

#### MSJFL FIXTURES

View the MSJFL 2009 fixtures at [www.msjfl.com.au](http://www.msjfl.com.au).

### UNDER 9 PRACTICE MATCH

18 JULY 2009

The Prahran Football Club has organised another u/9s practice match – this game will go ahead regardless of numbers.

It is a great opportunity especially for those players who will play in u/9s in 2010 to get some match experience and build up their confidence – the u/9s Sunday football finishes on 24 July 2009 so don't miss out on chance to do something with your child on a Saturday afternoon.

The U9 Blues will play the Allstars. Everyone will play the 25 minute game – the objective is to give the players a run and have a function for the U9 families as well strengthen the links with the senior club.

- (a) Date: 18 July
- (b) Location – Toorak Park
- (c) Please turn up at 2.30pm at Toorak Park
- (d) Game from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.
- (e) On arrival, go to the northern end of the ground (behind the goals)

We will have a kick on Victory Park at the end of the game.

Players will need to bring:

- (a) Their normal match day jumper - the U9 Blues will wear the normal blue match day jumper while the **Allstars** will wear the away jersey (provided on the day).
- (b) Mouth guards – no player is allowed to play if he/she does not have a mouthguard
- (c) Shorts (white or blue)
- (d) Socks
- (e) Football boots

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLINIC

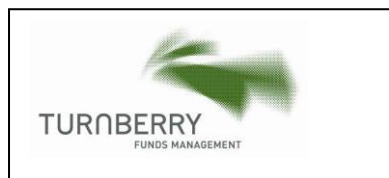
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A school holiday football clinic was hosted by the Prahran Football Club and the Prahran Junior Football Club at Toorak Park on 8 July.

Our thanks to the volunteers from the Prahran Football Club who ran the barbeque and made the kids and the parents feel very welcome.

The clinic was sponsored by the Stonnington council and was organised by Dale Tapping, a former Prahran player and now coach of Sandringham Dragons in TAC Cup. Our special thanks to both Ed Hughes (coach of Prahran u/10s) who ran the session with Shane O'Bree of the Collingwood football club.

About 40 kids participated with 20 coming from community programs run by Nick Gabb on behalf of the Stonnington Council. The club greatly appreciates the support of the parents who drove their kids to the clinic – as you know the more support the more events.



**Turnberry Private Equity Fund U9 Blues v Dingley Blacks**

**Final score:**

Prahran u/9 Blues 11 goals 15 points for a total of 81 points

Dingley u/9 Gold 2 goals 0 points for a total of 12 points

No. of players 19

**Final score:**

Prahran	3. 6	4. 8	8. 6	11. 15	81
Dingley	0. 0	1. 0	1. 0	2. 0	12

**Goal kickers:**

Simone Finnegan 2, Ellison Guss 2, Angus Hanrahan 1, Spencer Wells 1, Sarah Lavelle 1, Will Grimwade 1, Mitch hallam 1, Tommy Hayes 1.

Better players: Ellison Guss, Lachie Puls, Andrew Chirnside, Angus Hanrahan, Simone Finnegan, Tommy Hayes, Will Grimwade, James Rowbottom, Peter Goff, Toby Yeats, Spencer Wells

**Match report prepared by Paul Lavelle**

Another strong win for the Blues on a fine Sunday morning at Toorak Park.

With a full team rotating off the bench under the guidance of Jim, it was one of the best team performances for the year.

Two newcomers to the team being Sarah Lavelle and Zara Guss who performed admirably in their first game. Sarah played a key role in the forward line scoring one goal in the final term – a fantastic effort.

Other stand outs were James Rowbottom and Angus Hanrahan who played their usual roles – winning possession at the centre bounce and providing our forwards with plenty of opportunities.

The back line held firm when under pressure, maintaining a solid wall at the half back line and feeding the ball back to the centre line - providing the impetus for many forward thrusts.

Overall, another very solid performance from the blues and with two games to go it's shaping up to be a very successful season.

**Coach's comment**

We added a further two players to the roster bringing the total number of regular players to 30. Sarah Lavelle and Zara Guss clearly demonstrated the value of kicking the footy with their brothers.

We continued the theme of playing the younger kids on the ball – Peter Goff had a great run in the ruck kicking the longest ball for the season – bring on the u/10s.

Lachie Puls shown an uncanny ability to find his mate Toby Yeats on the field (vica versa) – Toby had his best game for the year, while Tom Spargo (not Jack –sorry tom) and Simone Finnegan demonstrated some nice form in defence and on the ball and attack.

We are looking forward do Dylan Ida having a great last game – I think he needs some more time on the ball to find his way to the ball.

Travis Harrison shown that his cheeky skills in the forward line while Will Grimwade benefited from Mitch Hallam's dropped mark to snag his first junior footy goal. Alexander Psalidas continues to impress in the forward line

Tommy Hayes played well on the wing as well as in attack – great team player – Tommy played well in the u/10s as well in his mate Lachie Barber's return match– giving handballs as well as kicking long into attack.

Spencer Wells has shown tremendous development in skills and getting the ball.

Our thanks to the players in defence – the ball often did not go into defence but when it did the Blues shown the value of holding position and rebounding with a couple of bounce s and a kick. James Lavelle, Andrew Chirnside, Ellison Guss and Angus Hanrahan enjoyed attacking roles on the half back line – James Lavelle in particular has applied himself to develop his defence skills at fullback and back pocket while Andrew Chirnside adapted well to defence and was let off the leash in second half.

Our thanks to again to Marne Puls who assumed role of team manager with Mike O'Connor overseas – as expected very smooth.

We look forward to the return of the rest of our squad this week.

Our congratulations to Sam Hill who umpired with some very positive comments from our parent group on his control of our game.

Our congratulations to Mitch Hallam, Angus Hanrahan and James Rowbottom (and their respective parents) and who played for the u/11

Blues win later that morning. All the players who have played in the u/11s from the u/9 Blues share a common trait – the ability to get their head over the ball. Our continued thanks to Nic Nuske (u/11s Blues coach) and Tim Hanrahan (u/11 Blues team manager) for giving our players the opportunity to develop their footy and enjoy some of the other the benefits of being with a great club.

## UNDER 9 BLACK MATCH REPORT

### **U9 Black v Ormond Blue**

<b>Prahran Black</b>	6	6	42
<b>Ormond Blue</b>	6	5	41

#### **Goals:**

Jonty Lupson (3), Hugo Wood-Freeman (2), Charlie Hanrahan (1)

#### **Best Players:**

Jonty Lupson, Hugo Wood –Freeman, Charlie Hanrahan, Jacob Malich, Sebastian Francis, Marcus Jones, Max Hanrahan

#### **Awards:**

Coach's Award:	Jonty Lupson
Shepherding:	Charlie Hanrahan
First Ins:	Beau Sciberras
1%:	Marcus Jones
Bumping:	Jacob Malich
Playing in Position:	Hugo Wood-Freeman

Thank you to the following parents and sibling for their official assistance during the morning: - Jonathon Wood-Freeman, Chris Hanrahan, Tim Holt, David McFarlane, Phillip Maddox and Harry Stephens.

Thank you to Chris Hanrahan for taking training on Friday; Chris Faulkner for writing the match report and Elizabeth Hoare for looking after the team manager's dog during the game!

### **Match Report**

On a windy winters morning the boys turned up eager to protect their unbeaten run of 12 wins on the trot. The coach was a little apprehensive as a number of our regular performers were unable to play or were still on holiday. We were lucky to have the services of Angus Keeble and Nick Hoare who had been drafted in to help the team over the school break, so a special thanks to them both for allowing us to field a full side. The big question was could the boys maintain their unbeaten run?

First quarter:  
Prahran 3.3.21

Ormond 0.0.0

Kicking with a strong breeze we started the game a bit tentatively but soon got into our stride and

with two goals from Jonty L and goal from Hugo WF we went to the first break with a reasonable lead. During the quarter we saw some dashing runs from the very reliable Jacob M, Jonty L, Seb F, Charlie H and Hugo WF and a great mark in defense from Finn S which almost certainly saved a goal!

Second Quarter  
Prahran 3.3.21

Ormond 2.2.14

Kicking against the breeze was never going to be easy and we came very close to scoring with a great attempt by Marcus J which was saved on the line. In fact neither team was able to score against the breeze so to keep the opposition down to two goals was a great effort. The boys responded to the coach's quarter time address to be first to the ball and apply more pressure with Nick H, Finn S, James M, Beau S, Hugh Mc and Max H some of the better performers.

Third Quarter  
Prahran 6.6.42

Ormond 2.2.14

The boys knew how important the premiership quarter was going to be and we had to make full use of the breeze and the team responded well. A great passage of play from Jacob M to Jonty L resulted in a goal, another goal to Hugo WF and a superb goal to Charlie H after a great smother helped the team double their score. Austin D was unlucky not to score and we saw more attacking play and bumping from the boys as requested by the coach at half time.

Fourth Quarter  
Prahran 6.6.42

Ormond 6.5.41

Ormond came out fighting early in the last quarter and kicked two quick goals which put the back line under a lot of pressure. With Jacob M, James H and Oscar F doing their best in the back line to stamp out any attacks, the whole team had to dig deep to protect their lead. Ormond had raised their game and with a few minutes remaining kicked another goal to cut our lead to just 1 point! Could we hold on? A great mark from Jonty L in defense and continued great play from Hugo WF, Seb F, Max and Charlie H (just to name a few) the boys held on and showed great team spirit to record a gusty win! Well done to everyone on a great team effort.

Best players:  
Jonty L (BOG) Hugo WF, Jacob M, Seb F, Charlie and Max H,



**Zanuba U9 Reds 4.7.31 def East Brighton 3.3.21**

The "Thriller in Manila," the "Rumble in the Jungle," now add the "Battle by the Bay" to the list of heavyweight sporting battles.

Not since Ali v Frazier or the recent St.Kilda V Geelong clash has the sporting public had to endure such a build up before the two powerhouses of the competition did battle.

Undefeated going into the penultimate round of the season the Zanuba Prahran Reds knew this was going to be the big one up against the East Brighton Vampires.

It would also bring back memories of AFL rivalries past as Prahran coach and former Essendon premiership forward James Hird matched wits against East Brighton's Scott McGuinness, a former Hawthorn premiership defender.

It all looked good for the Vampires when they won the toss and kicked with a strong wind blowing straight to their goals.

But from the opening bounce it became evident that Prahran had brought along its own force of nature that not even the wind or the combined might of East Brighton could quell, "Hurricane" Harry Molnar.

In the opening minutes the Big H had three telling possessions as Prahran drove the ball forward.

Early goals into the wind would prove to be worth twice the normal value so the big Prahran cheer squad was on its feet quickly when the ball hit the Prahran goal square and Tom Hird pounced twisting left, then right, then left again before he glimpsed some daylight between three Vampire defenders to slot home the first major of the game.

The Vampires were looking for blood but their early forays forward were repelled by Max Sinclair who constantly drove a stake through their hearts.

A bone crunching bump stopped the vampires faster than a crucifix and a glove of garlic.

In a sign of things to come Jack Cattanach, the acting captain on the day, laid off a beautiful pass to James McMurrick who played on and slammed through the reds second of the opening term.

When he wasn't setting up goals Cattanach was stopping them and with some dashing play from Sinclair, the Prahran team was able to bottle up play and hold East Brighton goalless for the quarter.

Edward Knott's forward pressure was a feature as well as Ned Kelliher's touch in the centre.

James Gray was providing a great target at full forward while William Luff was strong in defence.

Andrew Argyrou stopped an East Brighton attack while up forward the ever dangerous Liam Albrecht was swooping on the ball.

At quarter time it was the Zanuba Reds by 11 points.

Brighton 0-1-1 Prahran 2-0-12 into the wind.

It was the perfect start and now with the wind at their backs the Reds would reverse roles with the Vampires and go for the throat.

Kelliher provided the first centre break but it was the Vampires who bit back showing why they were regarded as the team to beat in the competition.

Only great defending from Ben Kolotsos stopped a quick reply from the Brighton boys but even that couldn't stop an early major to the home team when their gun forward, sporting a Mohawk hairdo, kicked their first.

The contest stepped up a level as both teams threw their bodies onto the ball, Molnar was desperate in his attack while Tim Brend was called on to put his body on the line with some strong defending.

At one stage it was Brend against four Vampire forwards but the Prahran boy stood tall and pulled in a strong mark and then passed perfectly to a teammate.

Alongside him Johnny Bate was outstanding. The defence was holding firm, Fedele de campo was rebounding beautifully off half back while Edward Royle attacked hard off the flank but despite peppering the goals Prahran squandered the wind advantage with McMurrick hitting the post and Joe McGuire's long bomb, after working hard against three opponents to win a free kick, was touched in the goal square.

At half time East Brighton 1.1.7 trailed Prahran 2.4.16 but it was game on to remain the only undefeated team in the competition.

Coach Hird made it clear at the long break that this would be the premiership quarter.

On their home ground and with a strengthening

wind the Vampires would be after blood.

But as Prahran set up for the second half it seemed the Vampires feared the worst as they were very late coming back onto the ground.

Coach McGuinness was using every trick in the book to try and upset Prahran.

Coach Hird had rung the changes and when the Vampires finally lined up their forwards may have had the wind but to score they would have to beat the half back line of Molnar, McMurrick and Hird and the last line of defence of Brend, Montague and the attacking back pocket Richie Bassett who provided drive out of defence all day.

Good luck.

McGuire took a strong mark but against the run of play East Brighton scored the first goal of the quarter and suddenly it was a three point game.

The East Brighton fans went wild, for the first time in the match they started to believe they were the best team in the competition.

But just as quickly Prahran fired back. Sinclair was in All Australian form off the half back line.

Holly Bate beat two opponents to force a crucial ball up and stop a certain forward attack.

McMurrick was strong in the air, McGuire started to show dash and fancy foot work, Hird was splitting packs, while DeCampo and the ever reliable Jackson Catalano were resolute in defence.

The crowd was going wild as the battle raged through the mid field.

James Montague was playing a blinder.

The Prahran full back held his position pulling in strong marks and constantly turning back the Vampires attacks.

Just as it looked like East Brighton was about to break through the Big H, Harry Molnar took control of the game.

First he broke the lines with a two bounce dash from half back to half forward then following up his own kick, snapped from a tight angle an inspiring goal moments before the three quarter time siren.

It gave the Prahran team a seven point advantage coming home with the breeze in the final quarter.

East Brighton 2-3-15 Prahran 3.4.22.

The tension was mounting but coach Hird was cool under pressure.

"Shepherds and smothers," he told his team at the three quarter time break.

"Shepherds and smothers" "Ed Knott I want some big marks."

"This is the biggest quarter of our season, we have trained hard and played well but this IS the quarter of football against the best team."

"Are they the best team?" "No" the Prahran boys roared.

And so it would turn out to be.

In a classic last quarter of football Prahran turned on the pressure but again couldn't find the goals.

McGuire has driving the ball forward, Fedele pumped it into the attacking zone, Jack Royle attacked hard and Oliver Burke did some tough work on the boundary.

But for all the great play just two behinds were scored.

Suddenly East Brighton broke through the tight Prahran defence and out of nowhere had goaled into the wind and reduced the margin to just four points.

Prahran needed to lift and it was Sinclair who cleared out of the centre.

Sinclair, Catalano, Hird and McMurrick combined to get the ball into the goal square but still the Reds couldn't score.

Another attack was repelled, this time Hird negotiating heavy traffic snapped, only for his kick to be marked on the goal line.

The whole season was in the balance.

From the kick out East Brighton set up on the outer side, their full back saw they had the numbers in position for one last quest for glory, what they didn't reckon on was the Prahran birthday boy and captain Jack Cattanach.

Cattanach read the ball off the full backs boot swooped between two Vampire players and from an impossible angle slammed through a left foot snap goal that would be a contender for goal of the year.

It was the sealer and a birthday present for all to share.

The siren sounded soon after and the Prahran Zanuba Reds remained the only undefeated side in the competition with one round to be played.

Final scores East Brighton 3.3.21 Prahran 4.7.31.

Fittingly Jack Cattnach was in the middle of the Prahran circle as the team belted out the song.

Harry Molnar was presented with the Best on Ground Award.

### **Redemption for Hird**

It's been nine long seasons but AFL legend James Hird next Sunday gets his second chance at achieving the perfect season.

The Essendon legend may have won the 2000 premiership but disappointment lingers after the Bombers lost one game late in the season to the Western Bulldogs.

Terry Wallace's team imposed the first "super flood" and when Chris Grant kicked a banana from the boundary late in the game Hird's dream of emulating the 1929 Collingwood teams "perfect" season evaporated.

"I won't let that happen again" he said after coaching the Prahran Zanuba Reds into the final round with an undefeated record.

"Sheeds might have let that one slip but I want redemption."

"I still have sleepless nights thinking about that loss that's why this week's final game means so much to our club."

"At the start of the year it was all about fun and learning the game, not now, we just have to win!"

Pressure is mounting on Hird, still uncontracted for the 2010 season.

"It's alright winning the home and away games we want to see how Hird goes in the next fortnight before we are convinced," sources told Caroline Wilson.

"Being an All Australian selector has nothing on trying to get the right match ups for the next fortnight," Hird said.

"The pressure on me and the family is enormous."

### **Hird does a Sheedy.**

East Brighton coach Scott McGuinness said "playing on Gary Ablett in the 1989 Grand Final was a walk in the park compared to taking on the Prahran Zanuba Reds."

The Hawthorn premiership player's undefeated team went down by 10 points to the rampaging unbeaten Prahran team.

"At least with Ablett there was only one of him, this Prahran mob have winners all over the ground."

"Even worse my Hawthorn teammate Sean Ralphsmith who was team manager went home at quarter time after having to front up against Nancy Bassett and Kate Elliott."

McGuinness will hold an emergency meeting with his forward scouts this week after he was given inaccurate information about the Prahran line up.

"That Joe McGuire told me Harry Molnar was away at the snow. We did all our homework on him being out of the side but when the teams lined up there he was, the big number 8."

Molnar was a last minute inclusion in the side after the Collingwood supporter pretended for a week he barracked for Melbourne and went skiing.

"A blizzard hit on Friday and there was no stopping him playing so home we came" his Mum Shana said.

It was a master stroke from the Prahran brains trust clearly throwing out the Vampires preparation, giving Molnar a well needed break before his best on ground performance.

"I learnt a lot over the years from Sheeds" was all coach Hird would say about the matter.

Eddie McGuire AM

## **ALTITUDE VOLVO-BRIGHTON UNDER 10 MATCH REPORT**

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### **Altitude Volvo-Brighton U10 v Beaumaris Sharks**

Prahran U10 5 – 6 – 36 defeated Beaumaris U10 Sharks 5 – 2 – 32

**GOALS: Bagia 2, Barber, Dowd, Dixon**

**BEST: Barber, Gray, Dowd, Bennett, Higgins, Landwehr, James, Tsiavis, Marshall**

A thriller at the Fortress!

After a two week break, a month away from home, the return of Lachie Barber, the stage was set for a big game from the Prahran boys. Unfortunately no one told Beaumaris.

It is amazing when things just click into place and all goes well. Not so great when things don't go your way and every falls apart. That is what happened to the U10 power house last Sunday when the Sharks took the game right up to us.

In most games this season we were the ones showing the way for the other sides. However, in the first half it was the opposition showing us how to play. Their positioning, running, marking, handballing was all superior to ours which had fallen apart. Why was this? Well you have to give credit where credit is due and they tore us to pieces. They bumped harder, scrapped better and had cleaner hands. It is hard to think for all their hard work and absolute dominance of the contest they only held a two goal lead.

At the long break things needed to be changed. Where we usually dominate games is our positional play and our clean hands. We weren't getting in the right positions across the whole field and we fumbled the ball like it was a bar of soap. They were simple things that needed to be changed and things that we usually got right. If we worked hard and strangled the momentum away from the opposition we were going to get back in the contest.

The third term was a tremendous struggle. Both sides gave it their all neither side yielding from the battle. We fought hard and gained another goal on Beaumaris going into the final break just 4 points behind. It was amazing because it felt like we were 4 goals down not 4 behinds. The crowd could feel it and the coaches could definitely sense. We had a very good opportunity to snatch a win when we should have never got close.

You could cut the tension with a knife in the final quarter it was astonishing. Hugo Gray, Hugo Watkin, Conor James and Lewis Persano all played major roles in the final term for the side down back where they stopped many forward trusts and rebounding the ball quickly out of defence. The man of the moment, however, in the final term was Erick Bagia who slotted an important set shot on a 45 degree angle to put us in front by 4 points. But that wasn't it. Minutes past with no score then the never say die Sharks took back the lead from a nice mark and goal straight in front. All seemed lost, the dream was over, and the time keeper had the finger ready to blow the dreaded siren. Then that man stepped up again (all be it a little lucky with the ball dribbling through three opponents legs to find Erick) kicking a goal with seconds to go and win the game for Prahran.

As Ed and I saw the game, we thought this was one where we used our get out of jail free card because this was certainly one that we shouldn't have really won. But when you look at it a good side can always find a way to win even when the chips are down and last Sunday's game was a perfect example of that.

**Coach's Note: there were three things that killed us on the weekend. One was our general positioning with forwards playing behind, wingers going in the 50s, and backs playing off their men. We must get**

**back to our normal game plans if we are going to be an attacking force and have option to kick to. Another is our hands which was far from clean on the weekend. Too many times we fumbled or dropped easy marks that directly related in scoring opportunities for the opposition. It is vital to hold the ball as possession of the pill means we control the play. The last thing was our decision making which at times was obviously poor. When we are running with numbers we are usually good and handballing together. We blazed away kicking a few times and in the end missed out on kicking a certain goal or turned the ball over.**

All the boys contributed in the come back win so well done to all. I'd like to thank Tommy Hayes from the U9 Blues who played really well backing up from his game before ours.

The Parent's Player of the Day went to Lachie Barber who had a solid return to the side kicking a goal in the first term and pressuring all day.

The best on ground went to Hugo Gray who has been a very consistent player throughout the season and showed his versatility on Sunday by player an important role down back in the second half.

Both Hugo and Lachie receive Stinger's Sports Vouchers for their games.

Thank you Prahran supporters on behalf of the Coaches, Team managers and boys, your efforts were great on the weekend keep up the good work.

Steve

## **BROWN SUGAR UNDER 11 WHITE MATCH REPORT**

# **BROWN SUGAR**

### **Brown Sugar U11 White v Cheltenham Black**

Prahran U11 White	2. 1	4. 4	4. 4	7. 12.	54
Cheltenham Black	1. 0	1. 1	4. 6	4. 6.	30

### **PRAHRAN LAST QUARTER BLITZ TAMES PANTHERS**

This week on a chilly Sunday morning we prepared ourselves to make the long trip to La Page Park Oval to face an interesting test against the Cheltenham Black Panthers' team. Having had the weeks rest leading into this game, we approached this game with great anticipation and following the coaches instructions' perfectly,

we got away to a positive start. An early goal by **Connor O'Brien** showed us his exquisite skill playing at full forward to rove the ball, deep in the forward pocket and kick a wonderful goal from a difficult angle. At the same time our defence was keeping a tight check on their opponents as the opposition were being aided by a strong breeze. Our last line of defence was impregnable and **Harry Veall** and **Jarrad Dousa** together constantly repelled many forward attacks and set up some attacking moves thru their intelligent use of the ball. **Hutton Wells** stood tall at centre half back and constantly ran off his opponent to set up some useful attacks. **Laurence Seaholme** was picking up a number of important possessions around the ground thru his willingness to run to position and contest at every opportunity. Our on ballers, **Michael Pisker** and **Matthew Kirkwood**, were showing their superior fitness and skills whereby thru their hard running instigated tremendous play along the wing with a chain of handballs that swept the ball forward without the opposition even touching the ball. **Alexander Lowe**, whom we welcomed back for his first game of the season, was lively up forward as he presented as a marking option and **Mark Spizzirri** was working tirelessly to hold the ball in our forward line. Our tremendous efforts in holding the opposition to one solitary goal were further rewarded when **Matthew Kirkwood** applied a great tackle to receive a free kick within scoring range and his kick resulted in a late goal. We nearly capped the quarter with another goal as **Sean Ida** attempted an overhead mark that he was nearly able to hold for long enough and this would have resulted in a certain goal. We went to the quarter time huddle leading by a well deserved 7 points.

Beginning the second quarter we knew we had to apply scoreboard pressure to the opposition as we were going to be aided by the strong breeze. One player who led from the front was **Sebastian Finnegan** who was roaming around the ground and picking up many important touches. His delightful interchange of handballs with **Mathew Kirkwood** was a delight to watch. **Alexander Lowe** got the team off to a flyer with a great long distance goal and he was unlucky when another shot was touched right on the goal line. Nevertheless **Alexander** was proving to be a lethal weapon up forward. **Patrick Dillon** began to impose himself on the game and relishing the freedom of playing on the wing, he made a great tackle to stop an opposition attack. **Sebastian Finnegan** was able to set up our next goal when he cleverly positioned himself to outmuscle his opponent and in so doing **Michael Pisker** got the ball, and with his typical skill and flair, was able to coolly kick a goal. The defence was superb this quarter and **Nicholas Papageorgiou** was marshalling the troops across the half back line with his constant harassment of the opposition. **Kieren Barber – Wilson** was able to go on a

number of his breathtaking and exquisite runs along the wing this quarter as he played some brilliant rebound footy. **Luke Livis** was also impressive with his no nonsense approach in the back pocket. **Lachlan Potts** was dangerous up forward this quarter as he roved the packs beautifully and he was desperately unlucky to miss a golden opportunity for a goal with a cruel bounce of the ball. We had played an excellent quarter of football and at half time we went to the break with a comfortable 21 point lead.

At half time the boys sat down to take a well earned rest as we knew we still had a half of football to play. The third quarter proved to be a wake up call as the opposition charged back into the game. To the opposition's credit they were able to take full advantage of the strong breeze and slammed on three goals and held us scoreless for the term. It took some inspirational play from one of the hard working midfielders playing on the wing, **Patrick Dillon** to keep us in the game. **Patrick**, presented with an award for his efforts after the game, was getting plenty of possessions and was tackling hard and winning a number of crucial contests. **Michael Pisker** was important this quarter as he played deeper in the backline to cut off a number of opposition attacks with some strong tackles and long kicks out of the backline. **Harry Veall** defended grimly as he used his strength to take a couple of timely marks deep in the opposition forward line. **Jarrad Dousa** kept impressing the coaching staff with his timely intercepts and running off his player to cover the defensive holes that the opposition were creating with their run and carry of the ball. **Luke Livis** was able to make a goal saving tackle late in the quarter to help stem the flow of opposition goals. The quarter belonged to the opposition who came storming back into the game and when the three quarter time siren sounded, we were now behind by 2 points.

The last quarter could not begin quickly enough for the boys who got in a huddle and readied themselves for the final 15 minutes. The boys hit the ground running and began the quarter with **Sebastian Finnegan** continuing his hard running and with a crucial touch he swooped on to a loose ball deep in the forward pocket and kicked a wonderful goal to ease the nerves and put us back in front. This was the start we were looking for and from that moment we took control of the game. **Mark Spizzirri** began getting his hands on the ball and he was particularly unlucky to register three behinds for the quarter when they could all have easily been goals. **Nicholas Papageorgiou** was thrown on the ball and he was relishing the contest and picking up a number of hard ball gets in and under the packs. **Sebastian Finnegan** and **Nicholas Papageorgiou** had a delightful interchange of handballs in the middle of the ground with the ball being sent deep into our forward line. **Matthew Kirkwood**, was able to free

himself of some would be tacklers and after a long winding run he steadied himself and kicked a wonderful goal. This was immediately followed up with a typical **Connor O'Brien** fend off, of an opponent and goal that never looked like it was going to miss. In possibly the coaching move of the match, **Hutton Wells** was thrown into the ruck and he was terrific with his fierce desire and willingness to contest. **Laurence Seaholme** was freed from his ruck duties and positioning himself at centre half back, was the **rock of Gibraltar** making a number of timely intercepts. **Michael Pisker** kept his work rate high and ran out the quarter. **Lachlan Potts** again showed us his cleverness and creativity up forward as he ran to space and helped create dangerous situations for the opposition. **Sean Ida** positioned himself in the goal square and he was able to create a couple of opportunities for our forwards to score. We were peppering the goals this quarter and could have kicked many more goals if not for our inaccurate kicking of 3 goals and 8 behinds for the quarter. **Patrick Dillon** capped off a memorable game with a polished display on the wing as he found lots of the ball this quarter. **Kieren Barber – Wilson** stamped his class with some exquisite runs in this quarter as he set up some fine passages of play with his precise passing and long runs, sending the ball deep into our attack. **Mathew Kirkwood** also displayed his skill with a couple of kicks on his non preferred foot. **Alexander Lowe** finished the game strongly and showed lots of courage being his first game back from a long break.

This quarter will be remembered as a great quarter of football, one which showed our players' tremendous spirit and fighting character to respond to the challenge thrown at them by the opposition. Their effort was greatly assisted by the strong support of the parents and supporters watching the game and this enabled the boys to go on and win the game by 24 points. This was a game in which I am sure the coach would be proud of the boys. They were able to play the type of football that showed true sportsmanship and hard endeavour even when we were behind on the scoreboard.

A sincere and grateful thank you to our coach **Craig Baker**, who was inspirational with his three quarter time speech and positional changes he implemented to orchestrate such a stirring comeback, our team manager **Steve O'Brien**, the helpers and supporters who took the time to come along and support and help for the day. We now look forward to our next game in which we know our kids will show the same level of enthusiasm and eagerness.

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

Con Papageorgiou.

Here is our weekly feature containing Player Profiles so that we can learn about our teammates.

### PLAYER PROFILES

Player	Harry Veall	Nicholas Papageorgiou
School	Geelong Grammar	St Kevin's
Jumper number	1	4
Favourite Subject	Art	English
Favourite video game	Medal of Honour of the Rising Sun	Wii Sports Tennis
Favourite position	Full Back	Half Back Flank
Second favourite sport	Fishing	Cricket

### UNDER 11 BLUE MATCH REPORT

#### **Prahran Under 11 Blues v Caulfield**

#### **VICTORY!**

Prahran 5.5.35 defeated Caulfield 4.6.30

In cloudy and windy conditions at Toorak Park the Blues defeated Caulfield in a thrilling encounter. The boys dominated the first three quarters but had to work very hard to outlast their fast finishing opponents in the last quarter. With a number of regulars out we relied on help from Under 9 players, **Angus Hanrahan, James Rowbottom and Mitch Hallam** who all played very well. It was a fantastic game. Terrific spirit, and lots of effort! Congratulations to all the boys! The improvement Skill and team work is really heartening. What a great bunch of boys.

#### **First Quarter 2.2.14 to 0.0.00**

Captain **Phillips** won the toss and elected to kick with a strong wind to the Southern end. The boys were first to the ball and **Max England, Ollie Hanrahan** roved **Nick Hallams** ruck work and repeatedly sent the ball forward. **James Goller** passed to **Nick Hallam** who goaled. **Will Sigston** and **Oliver Holt** were contesting fiercely to set the tone of the Prahran. **Lawrence Phillips** kicked the ball forward to **James Goller** who goaled.

#### **Second Quarter 4.2.26 to 0.3.03**

Now against the wind. The boys were full of running. **Callum Bennett defended** some early attacks by Caulfield. A very quick and nimble **Hunter Keeble** contested well of the wing and the

ball went into attack. **A Hanrahan** to **Goller** to **N. Hallam** for a great goal on the run.

Another forward thrust, **Sigston** to **Goller** to **N. Hallam** for a second into the wind. **McMurrick** was rock solid in defense and Caulfield could only manage two more rushed behinds late in the quarter

### Third Quarter 5.5.35 to 0.4.04

**Will " first in" Fox** fought hard for the ball in the packs. **Tom Glover** laid a great tackle. **Kipp Wilson** showed his silky skills. **Sigston** kicks into the forward line and the boys have their fifth goal in a blur. We think it was **Jack Fraher**. **Beau Marshall** defends well and rushes a behind. **Brady Harrison** positions well at CHB. The back line has been superb.

### Fourth Quarter 5.5.35 to 4.6.30

Caulfield have the wind and this quarter they use it. Two quick goals to Caulfield and they have a sniff. The boys play well in general play desperate not to let the game slip from their grasp. The backline is under siege. Caulfield have flooded forward. Goal to Caulfield. **Nuske** fights tooth and nail. **Oliver Holt** rushes a behind. The **Hallam brothers** combine in defense. Another goal to Caulfield. 5 points in it and two minutes to go. The Prahran players throw everything at the ball and Caulfield. Where is the Siren? The ball is 20 metres from the Caulfield goal.

Sireeeeeeeeeeeeeennnnnnnnnnnnnn!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
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### Wrap Up

The boys played a desperate and skillful style of football. The forwards, midfielders, and rucks were fantastic. The defense was sensational. **More oranges and snakes will help with stamina – especially in the last quarter!!**

### Goals

N. Hallam 3, J Goller 1, J.Fraher 1

### Best Players

L. Phillips (BOG) N.Hallam (who set it up the win in the first half), Will Sigston, Ollie Hanrahan, Tom McMurrick, Max England and Tom McMurrick,

### Injuries

England, sore head

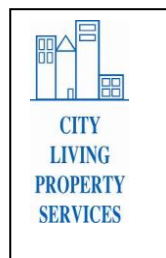
### Thankyou:

Thanks to the following families for volunteering to take on key duties for the day: Sorry about the Oranges.

- Boundary Umpire – Bill Glover
- Goal Umpire – Richard Fraher
- Match Reports – Rob Goller
- Runner - Gary Wilson
- Time Keeper – John Phillips
- Trainer – Liz Sigston

- Oranges and Snakes – Didn't Happen
- Scoreboard – Various

## CITY LIVING PROPERTY SERVICES UNDER 12 MATCH REPORT



### City Living Property Services U12 v Sandringham East

Prahran Blues	13	9	87
Sandringham East	1	1	7

Goals: Andrew TB 4, Reilly Holt 2, Harry Nettlefold, Hunter Watkin, Olly Hanrahan, AJ Tsaconas, Dec Poynter, Henry Brayshaw

Best: Reilly Holt, Henry Brayshaw, Hunter Watkin, Dec Poynter, Andrew TB, Jack Spargo

### CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

In the blustery conditions it was terrific to see the boys hit the ground running after the bye, and more than that, display another step up in their team play.

Quality ball was constant out of the middle, with the usual suspects obtaining possession in the midfield delivering excellent passes to the forwards right from the start.

Dec Poynter led the way, with Jack Spargo, Hunter Watkin, Josh Kerin, Cooper Mance, Woody Shmith, Harry Nettlefold, Jack Bainger and Andy Clough all rotating through there to assist.

Reilly Holt was simply outstanding in the ruck, giving our midfield first use, and when moved to full forward played that position with intelligence and strength.

Other forwards who displayed class included AJ Tsaconas with a calculated check side goal, Good Golly Olly Hanrahan from the U11s who was unfazed by the step up, our forward defensive pressure gun Angus 'The Anvil' Thompson and Andrew TB stunning at centre half forward in his normal way. TB kicked a particular beauty while on the move, hard up against the boundary line and a fair way out.

Henry Brayshaw, while usually a ball magnet in the midfield and across half forward, showed talent as a runner off half back, and his fellow backmen shut down the opposition in Jake Whitefoot, Matty Paltoglou and The Neutraliser Nick Hallam from the U11s.

Lachie May gathered many good possessions and Jack Bickford imposed himself on several contests to win the ball and hand off or kick to teammates clear of the packs.

It is newsworthy to mention some parents who were in unaccustomed roles on the day, notably Tim I've Got The Whistle Watkin who umpired without fault all day, Nifty Nyall on boundary, runner Justin Shimmer Shmith, trainer Chris the Lifesaver Whitefoot and The Man Mountain Team Manager Chris May. Well done Gentlemen, and thanks to Tommy Russell for delivering water to the demanding players.

Regrettably we lost a couple of boys to injury, Andrew TB rolling an ankle (out for 2) and popular hard nut Woody Shmith breaking his arm, sadly out for the season. This comes hot on the heels of Woody breaking his nose not long ago! Woody's courage in the face of his injury was uplifting. He is one tough customer. We wish him well with his recovery.

Training this Friday is at the usual time of 5.30 pm, to be taken by Nyall, Josh's step dad. The game this weekend is at home on THIS SATURDAY NIGHT at 6.30 pm under lights, players to be at the ground by 6 pm, against Ajax Jets.

## **UNDER 13 MATCH REPORT**

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### **Prahran U13 v Highett**

Sunday was a fine day with a steady wind from the north-west. The game started well with a series of kicks out of the back-line, but to the disappointment of Prahran, Highett kicked the first goal at the 6 minute mark.

Shortly after the restart of play, Thomas "Ben" Freeman (making a long awaited guest appearance) snapped the ball through from 20 metres out for Prahran's first goal. This was followed quickly by a goal from Jim B. The first quarter was dominated by Michael P with his big hit-outs and strong marks.

The second quarter opened with a quick point by Thomas F, followed by a very "specky" mark from Harry S. This was followed by another great overhead mark by Thomas B who went on to kick the third goal. A few minutes later, Thomas B tried his famous banana kick which sadly missed the goals. (Footy historians will recall Thomas B's first

ever goal for Prahran in 2004 that was a wonderful banana kick from the boundary line). Later in the second quarter, Thomas F kicked another goal which gave the Two Blues a very handy lead at the break.

The third quarter opened with relentless attacks into the forward line by James J, then another near miss by Llewellyn R. Thomas B tried a run towards goal with a bounce, but kicked a point. Shortly after, Thomas F passed the ball to Liam R who kicked a goal. Liam was a key to the next goal when he passed the ball to Thomas B who scored a major. Unfortunately, a few minutes later, Thomas B missed a snap for goal (his worst kick ever, according to his mother). However, Thomas F made up for this when he kicked a goal just before the siren.

The final quarter was a goal feast for the mighty Prahran boys. Goals were kicked by Thomas F, Harry S, and Jack M. Highett scored a point late in the quarter but otherwise were left with only the one goal in the match. Late in the match, Thomas B kicked a ball that bounced in front of the point post, then bounced sideways through for a goal.

The siren sounded and the now familiar victory theme song rang out across the ground.

The coach's address in the rooms after the game was full of praise for a job well done. The "best defence" award went to Ewan J for a mighty effort in helping keep Highett to only one goal. The "best forward" award would have gone to Thomas F but there is a 2 game minimum (a rarely used rule) for such a high honour. Instead, Thomas E got the nod for his fine efforts in the forward area.

Michael was a leading contender for the "1 % er" award, but forgot his gear which made him ineligible (another rarely used rule.....bad luck Michael) Instead, Harry S got this with Liam and Jim B sharing the "1<sup>st</sup> in" award. The sponsor for the day was the Ebsworth family. Many thanks for this.

So, a fabulous day all round and another mighty victory.

Roll on next week!

## **UNDER 15 MATCH REPORT**

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Prahran U15s had a bye this week.

### Prahran U16 v Ormond

Ormond U16 2.7-19 def. by Prahran U16 14.12-96

After three weeks of disappointing results we still didn't have a full team on deck to tackle Ormond who is a top four team. We did have a bit of luck on our side and managed to get 3 very handy players from the u15s. Lachy Gallop, Tom Tomei and Tom Quinn. Each of these boys stood up in a higher age group and played very well.

Earlier in the week I held discussions with our team how we've been very unaccountable and have lacked defensive pressure in the midfield and forward line particularly.

Therefore our motto for the day became 'defence starts at full forward'. I'm delighted to report that this message resonated with the boys for the whole 4 quarters.

Leading the way early with a mountain of 1%'s, tackles and 3rd & 4th efforts included the captain Harry Haley, vice captain Luke pirrie with 4 tackles in the 1st quarter, Churko and a desperate effort in the forward line by Edward 'moodie' mcmullen who laid a fantastic tackle which resulted in a free kick and goal.

This set the tone for the rest of the game. Some of our solid performers included Batten, Turtle, Churko, Tj, Pizz, H Haley, Beetham and Tom Temay. I was also very impressed with what Jon Benjamin showed up forward and Charlie Haley's ability to get in some very dangerous positions.

One of our new players Seb Gotch was good with clean hands off the deck and kicked a miraculous goal over his head.

Nic Daish had a mountain of possessions on the day and was clearly best for our team.

The boys turned in he best result for the year and proved as Geelong and St Kilda have in recent times that constant relentless pressure is the key to creating turnovers and winning games of football.

Best: N Daish, H Haley, C Beetham, L Pizz, Tj Rothel, T Temay, N Young, C Haley

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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  
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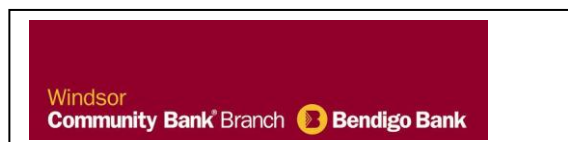
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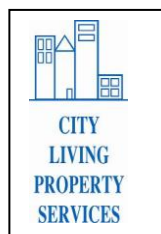
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