



The Ashy Redbacks

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President's Report

We are down to the last couple of home and away games for this season; amazing how quickly the season has progressed. A number of teams across various age groups are in contention for finals, so no doubt coaches will be looking for committed team performances over the next two weeks.

I am pleased to say that everyone associated with the Redbacks has represented the club in an exemplary manner during the year. This week we have seen a number of reports in the media highlighting junior football matches that have been abandoned in the last fortnight, across a number of leagues and age groups. In one instance it was reported that threats were made against an umpire. We are very fortunate that we, and Yarra League, have not experienced anything of the nature of some of the events that have been described in the media.

A simple philosophy of the Ashy Redbacks is that we respect each other, opposition players, supporters and officials, and in particular umpires. If we continue to keep these principles in mind, then our conduct will always be of a high standard.

150 Game Milestone

Round 14 last Sunday was a special day for the Gallus family, with James Gallus (Colts Greens) becoming only the second player (Jake Evans being the first) in the history of the Ashy Redbacks to achieve playing 150 games. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the

dedication, persistence, and tenacity that James has put into his footy. James started with Ashy way back in 2001 playing with the U9 Blacks, and despite always attacking the footy hard, has escaped any serious injury that might have threatened reaching this milestone. In fact there were a couple of seasons along the way where the number of home and away games were reduced due to the drought, resulting in later starts to the season. Nevertheless James has indeed made it to 150 games, and thus attains legends status at Ashy. (Stay tuned for the last newsletter of the season as there are a couple more members of that 2001 U9 Black team that will join James). Congratulations James.



James Gallus running through his 150 game banner.



James being chaired off the ground by Colts Green team mates.



Celebrations in the rooms after the match.

50 & 100 Game Milestones

Congratulations to the following players for reaching 50 games with the Redbacks.

Vinay Savur	U10 Blacks
Paddy Bourke	U11 Blacks
Addison Naylor	U11 Reds
Lachie Kemp	U12 Blacks
Ben Edwards	U12 Blacks
Ben Blaikie	U12 Blacks
Josh Nevitt	U12 Blacks
Jack Melbourne	U14 Greens
Will Coten	U14 Greens
Jordon Santucci	U15 Greens

Congratulations to the following player for reaching 100 games with the Redbacks.

Ted Watkin	U14 Reds
Lachie Waddell	U15 Reds
Lachie Holmes	U15 Reds
Ben Morrison	U15 Greens
Richard McDonald	U15 Greens
Mitchell Rossborough	U15 Greens



U15 Green players Jordon Santucci, Richard McDonald and Mitchell Rossborough breaking through their banners last Sunday.

Presentation Day and AGM

The presentation day and AGM has been scheduled for Sunday 12th September 2010. Details of exact times for each of the team presentations can be obtained via your team manager and/or coach. Details have also been posted on the club's website (www.aujfc.org.au) and on the notice board at the clubrooms.

Social Activities

Last Saturday fortnight the Ashy Grand Ball was held at Leonda By the Yarra. Based on the feedback I have received, I think that everyone enjoyed the evening and the entertainment provided by the Committed.

On behalf of the committee and all who attended, I would like to convey a big thank you to our organisers of this event; Joanne Gardner and Christine Arazi, who once again gave up much of their time to ensure that everyone had a wonderful evening.

During the evening the club honored several people who have made outstanding contributions to the Ashy Redbacks.

The recipient of the **Gay McGrath** award was **Simon Brownhill**, in recognition of the contribution that Simon has made to this club over many years through a wide variety of roles, which has included coaching, committee member, head of football operations, and as an important sponsor of the club.

Two life memberships were also awarded at Saturday night's event. Life membership is the



ultimate award that the club can bestow on a person. This award is given not just for years of membership, but recognizes loyal and dedicated service by those who strive to improve the running of this club and the development of junior football in general. Life members are a special kind of person, who have helped this club achieve and maintain such high standards in all aspects of junior football.

Life memberships have been awarded to:

Rob Ferguson
Michael Gallus

Our very last club night for this season is scheduled to be held on **Sunday 8th August**. As this coincides with the last round of the home and away season, please mark this on your calendars and encourage as many as possible to come along for an enjoyable social evening.

This is a great opportunity to farewell season 2010 and also a special occasion for many of our Colts families who will be finishing their time at Ashy when our Colts teams complete their finals campaigns.

During the last club night presentation of the "Daniel Lagastes" memorial medal to the best player from each of our U15 teams from Round 13 will be made. Recipients' of the Daniel Lagastes medal for 2010 are:

Cameron Melville – U15 Reds
Richard McDonald – U15 Greens

Round 16 on Sunday 8th August will see a full roster of 10 matches at Burwood Reserve (+ 2 matches at Ferndale Park), culminating in our Colts Green team playing at home at 3.00pm. For some of the boys who are in their final year with Ashy, this will be the last time they play footy on this ground. Please come up and have a look at the match and support the team, and stay on afterwards for club night.

Sponsorship.

Please remember to:

"Support those who support us".

Good luck to all teams over the next 2 weeks.

GO ASHY REDBACKS!!!
Peter Dockery
President – AUJFC



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U/10 Red	Wettenhalls	Melbourne	Logistics	Matthew Blizzard	
U/10 Black	Cannon Toyota	Camberwell	New & Used Cars	Jeff Halsall	
U/10 Green	SRB Management Group	Mt Waverley	Construction	Simon Brownhill	
Tackers White	Ridders Fresh Smallgoods	Clayton	Smallgoods	Andy Ridder	
Tackers Black	Capire Consulting	Carlton	Consultancy & advisory services	Chris Robinson	
Tackers Red	Eco Prime	Melbourne	Environmental Sustainability	Gavin Hynes	
Tackers Green	Dahlsens	Metro Melbourne	Building Materials	Geoff Dahlsen	

ROUND 13**Tackers****Ashy Tackers Green
Glen Iris Tackers****Best Players:**

Jack Hanger, Olly Stevens, Lachie Pont , Archie Stevens, Andrew Allen

Goal Kickers:

Joe Hunt 1, Lachie Gillies 1, Jeremy Dahlsen 1

Awards:

Lachie Pont (Opposition Coaches Award)

Notable Moments/Match Report.

A good game by our boys in cold and wintry conditions. On this kind of day, tackling becomes very important. Lachie Pont and Joe Hunt once again showed their great tackling skills, while Lachie Gillies (4th qtr) and Archie Stevens (1st qtr) were rewarded by the umpire for their spectacular tackles.

Andrew Allen had a excellent first half winning kicks in the mid field, and saving 2 important goals in the second quarter with disciplined defense.

Jack Hangar had a great game picking up many disposals, using his pace and hard attack on the ball to our team's advantage.

Ben Nason continues to be an excellent team player, often bringing other players into the game with his creative handball. One piece of play involving Ben -> Ben Jefferson -> Jeremy Dahlsen ended in a goal and was one of our best team plays for the year.

Congratulations to Lachie Pont who was awarded the medal from the opposition coach.

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No Match Reports for Blacks, Reds or Whites.

Under 10's**Ashy U/10 Greens****Scores:**

Ashy U/10 Greens: 2.7.19
Kew 6.5.41

Goal Kickers: Max Dahlstrom 2**Awards:**

Team Man – Dom Arthur
Flying Forward – Tom Briggs
Dahlstroms Defender – Tom Vance

Kev's Kick – Sebastian Mannix
Muzza's Mark – Ben Brownhill
Sorach's Tackle – Harry Attard

Notable Moments:

Playing hard till the very end, resulting in outscoring the opposition in the last quarter

Match Report:

"That wind is cold; shall we take some cover in this construction portable? Oh hang on, these are our rooms."

This very kennel soon became our haven for the morning. Pre-match, our 4 captains for the day spoke of the things the boys had chosen as a group to aim for. Hard tackling, attack the footy and best effort. The challenge was a big one playing the 2nd top team who have kicked some big scores during the season but the boys' attitude and manner was positive and focused. The first five minutes of the game was greeted with some bad luck when a free kick was missed and a goal paid accidentally. This of course was not enough to dampen the boys' spirits. For Kew to be tackled every time they picked up the footy, to have no space and for Ashy to be the harder side was a shock to the home team and was great to see. With shepherds being applied more often each week, the team work is ever improving.

The second half brought even better footy and a strong will to keep going. The back 6 did a fantastic job all day, under pressure but handling it with aplomb. A two goal last quarter to Kew's one was a credit to the boys and a great way to show the Ashy spirit.

The feel in the 'kennel' afterwards was one of satisfaction, knowing that one of the sides that may play off in the Grand Final was unsettled by 20 Ashy boys out to give their all and enjoy their footy.

Our 4 captains: Tom Slorach, Dom Arthur, Max Dahlstrom and Ben Brownhill did an excellent job leading by example and playing outstanding footy.

Ashy U/10 Blacks**Scores:**

Ashy U/10 Blacks 2.2.14
Richmond 6.11.47

Best Players:

Alexander Rubins, Jack Billington, Alex Karayanni, Dylan Smith, Jensen Plowright,

Notable Moments:

Two classy goals from Jack Billington, half time orange peel shenigans.

Match Report:

There were not a lot of highlights on a bleak Sunday morning in the heart of Tigerland. Our team manager and a number of parents struggled to remain impartial as the boys tried to take it up to their beloved Tigers. Unfortunately didn't get the rub of the green with the umpire in the first half and it was always going to be

struggle in the second half after a few late goals to the opposition. Alexander Rubbins battled valiantly and Jensen Plowright kept breaking the lines. Dylan Smith played his best game all year and Alex saved a number of goals in the last quarter.

Ashy U/10 Reds

Scores:

Ashy U/10 Reds 5. 5.35
Surrey Park 6.11.47

Best Players:

Oliver, Franks, Lindsay, Karvellas, McKee, Gatwech

Goal Kickers:

Billias 2, Karvellas 2, West 1

Awards:

Player of the day: Perry Lindsay

Mars mark of the day: Abe Gatwech

Crunchie tackle of the day: Caleb Franks

Coaches Award: Connor McKee

Match Report:

THE JUNGLE DRUMS ARE BEATING, THE AXE COULD BE ABOUT TO FALL AFTER 9 STRAIGHT LOSSES. Mathew Knights record is solid compared to the Ashy U'10 Reds coach.

The Reds didn't seem to be switched on in the first quarter, the Surrey Park Magpies came out firing kicking three first quarter goals. They peppered the sticks and were unlucky not to kick a couple more. The Ashy defenders played loose undisciplined football, with the midfielders failing to run back into defence and help. A speccy by Abe one of a few highlights!

The second quarter was a different story as the Reds awoke from their slumber. George Billias kicked two excellent goals, one from the boundary with West and Karvellas chipping in with one each. Dali, Franks, Karvellas and Oliver gained the ascendancy at the stoppages winning the contested ball, then playing to the team plan kicking long with the wind. Connor McKee was busy on the wing playing in position and helping build the wall of defence with Skunk (Hugh Hamilton). The Redbacks led at the half time break by a solitary point.

The Magpies again played good football with the wind managing three goals in the third term. Perry Lindsay who was a solid contributor all day worked hard in defence, with help from Riley Thomas and Finn Sampson.

The Reds had the wind in the last quarter and had many chances to score.. The boys will benefit from the experience and learn to play better as a team. We will work on the one per centers this week at training. Practicing our shepherding, blocking, and using talk to help the ball carrier. Centering and sharing the ball by foot and handball needs to be used, as an ASSIST is just as important as the goal kicker. Another great

effort with our "NEVER SAY DIE ATTITUDE IN TACT"

Under 11's

Ashy U/11 Blacks

Scores:

Ashy U/11 Blacks 8.9.57
Warrandyte 1.2.8

Best Players:

James Tranacek, Ben Crowe, Tom Nicholson, Tom Herron, Will Soutter, Zac Passmore, Matt Baldwin, Damian Riska

Awards:

Will Soutter, Tom Nicholson, Tom Herron
Matt Baldwin, Damian Riska

Notable Moments:

Zac Passmore's agility to rove and goal

The snap and goal by Will Soutter.

Courage shown by Tom Nicholson to mark on the siren

The way Nick Jarvis was presenting up forward

The way our backs worked to win the contest and keep the advantage

Crowie effort around the stoppages

The way the team moved the ball throughout the game

The way the team sang the in the rooms at the end of the game

Match Report:

We travelled to Warrandyte with a few tired parents after a night of festivities but the boys were keen to atone for their effort the week before and play out 4 quarters of footy.

Peter "The Chief" Nikitas lead the boys out and it was a fantastic morning for footy. The team started well and were "on song" being first to the contest and playing with passion. We scored early with a goal from **Reyhan Patel** and this was then followed up with a quick goal to **Barnsey** who found space. **Crowie and Matty Baldwin** were working hard down low and we were moving the ball well into our scoring zone, **Zac Passmore** roved and goaled to give us a tidy break at quarter time.

We stressed the need to play out the 4 quarters and we were winning the ball well out of the centre with **Dylan Richards and Tom Herron** getting over the ball whilst **James "Spider" Tranacek** was dominating to tap outs and being a valuable player moving across the midfield. In a tight quarter the Opposition placed great pressure on us and our backs stood firm with **Tom Nicholson, Briggsy, Damian Riska and Tom Molinaro** playing well and in front. A goal to **"The Chief" Nikitas** was a steadier for the quarter.

We asked the boys to run hard and we saw some beautiful movement of the ball by hand and foot from defence into attack. **Zac Passmore and Damian Riska** gave us good drive out of defence and Nick

Jarvis was providing a target up forward, a goal to "**Spider**" gave us a good break into the final quarter.

The boys could smell success and wanted to play the game right out, **Max Ellwood** was moved into the ruck and contested well, **Todd Phillips** was throwing himself into the action, **Bourkey** was chasing hard and winning the ball **Vinay** was moving into space, **Will Soutter** was enjoying playing up forward and snapped a beautiful goal from the pocket and was then followed by a further goal to **Jars** after a strong contested mark

The Siren went and the boys were elated, it was pleasing see every player contribute to the success and the way they played the game out right to the end in a genuine fantastic team effort

Well done and go the Blacks!!!

Ashy U/11 Greens – No match report

Ashy U/11 Reds

Scores:

Ashy U/11 Reds 4.8.32
Glen Iris 6.8.44

Goal Kickers:

Pat Frawley, Adam Davis, Addison Naylor, Jordan Arazi

Awards:

To Kerry Naylor and the Supremes who sang so well at the Red Back Annual Ball.
Our boundary umpire who's throw in landed on his own head.

Match Report:

This was always going to be a big match. We were playing Glen Iris who were fifth on the ladder and we were fourth. A win would almost certainly assure us a finals berth. It must be said that Glen Iris were very keen to atone for their loss to us earlier in the season. Supercoach asked the team to move the ball quickly and to have lots of talk on the ground. The plan was to attack from one side of the ground and defend from the other. This plan was revised at the two minute mark when the wind changed slightly. Things were not going well.

Captain Toohey won the toss and we had the advantage of the strong (Hurricane) breeze. We had a great deal of the play but could not get the score we were after. It took us until the ten minute mark to get our first goal due to some good play which resulted in goal sneak Frawley marking in the goal square. Adam Davis snapped well a few minutes later for our second major. Whilst we had played well, would two goals be enough.

Reds 2-1-13 Glen Iris 0-2-2

During the break supercoach asked for two things from the team in the second term, RUN and HANDBALL. Well that did not happen as Glen Iris were relentless in their play. They were first to and harder at the ball. We were chasing all quarter. What was upsetting is that for the first time all year the boys did not do what the coach asked of them. We were forced to put an extra man in the backline and then another but still the Glen Iris goals came. What really killed off the chocolates was that with two loose men playing in defence our opponents took many uncontested marks 20 metres out from goal dead in front. One quote from supercoach that I heard was "Our day is going just like Bill Heath's throw ins, PATHETIC"

WE failed to score.

Reds 2-1-13 Glen Iris 5-3-33

Our coach was as loud and as animated as I've seen him during the long break. He urged the team to know their opponent and to stick with him. We peppered the goals in this term but our poor kicking let us down. Jordan Arazi and, son of rock goddess, Addison Naylor kicked our goals but six minor scores were costly. If we had kicked 6 goals 2 points instead of the other way around the story may have a better ending.

Reds 4-7-31 Glen iris 5-3-33

Supercoach begged the team to take risks and to run with the ball. They did this really well and are to be congratulated on their awesome last quarter. To hold Glen Iris to 1 goal in those conditions was terrific but the damage was done. The boys fought it out to the end but could not get over the line for the win we so desperately wanted. It was pleasing to see the positive attitude at the end of the match as we need to work hard for the remainder of the season.

Reds 4-8-32 Glen Iris 6-8-44

A. Disappointment

Under 12's

Ashy U/12 Green – No match report

Ashy U/12 Reds

Scores:

Ashy U/12 Reds 4.10.34
Glen Iris H 4. 3. 27

Best Players:

Scardamaglia, Mather, Schwab, Greene, Powell, Everett, Bourke, Lowndes

Awards:

MARK OF THE DAY - Mather
TACKLE OF THE DAY- Keck
GOAL ASSIST- Lowndes
PLAY OF THE DAY- Clyne
COACHES AWARD- Stanley

Goal Kickers:

Bourke, Arthur, Powell, O'Dwyer 1.

Notable Moments:

The great team effort in the last quarter; maintaining advantage on the ground and scoreboard while kicking into a gale.

Match Report:

On yet another windy day for football, the Reds journeyed to Glen Iris to take on an old foe.

A win would shore up fourth spot in the run towards the finals. Missing Mike and Fitzzy, captain Harry won the toss and kicked with the breeze. A good start was made by the onballers, with Lachie, Schwabby and Fraser winning contests and pushing the ball Ashy's way. Fraser, in one particular play, worked hard with three superb efforts in a contest. Up forward, Adam, Luke and Ed B were providing good options, but Glen Iris was successfully forcing The Reds towards the dead pocket, making it hard to score majors. Spud got his hand on the ball a number of times, and was proving a problem for the opposition. A series of near misses at least got Ashy on the board, but was not reward for effort. Great forward pressure by Matt and Ed B, on the siren, forced an error, with Ed converting a difficult set shot to give Ashy a two goal break.

Clearly, it was going to be difficult to kick goals, let alone score, at the other end. The coaches instructed how to move the ball into the wind- get numbers to the ball; keep possession with short passing; with teammates playing in front. Scads, Alex and Sean all led from the front, as they continually ran into space to mark or receive the next possession. Great work and run from Adam and Adrian saw Ashy twice move the ball from the wing into the forward line and convert- firstly, through Joe, who ran on to a loose ball, run in and snap; and secondly, through Lachie, who bounced a long kick through. These crucial goals seemed to lift Ashy and deflate GI. Fraser and Schwabby both laid crunching tackles, while Anthony and Luke showed clean hands and good judgement with overhead marking into the wind. GI got a couple of lucky goals back, but efforts from Christian (whose tackle at half back stopped a threatening forward move), Dom and Sean (who both shut down space for GI to attack, and ran the ball well) saw Ashy continually pressure GI and deservedly lead at half time.

In the third quarter, GI again forced the ball into dead space and Ashy found it hard to put pressure on the scoreboard, with just one goal for the quarter- a lovely snap out of a pack from James, who had given a great contest earlier in the ruck. Another nice mark from Ed B, and some great work from Ed G, who pushed up continually from CHB to create opportunities saw Ashy dominate the game. Great individual efforts from Stephen and Alex, with marking, tackling and ferreting balls under packs could not increase the lead. The Reds were up against it at the final break, with a twelve point lead.

Great football was needed in the last quarter to win, and great football was delivered. The wind had

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increased, but Scads, who had been superb on the ball in the first half, was a big factor in this quarter, as he continually got into the right positions to mark or force a contest. Stephen, Alex, Ed G and Lachie were also hugely effective as they beat their opponents with great anticipation and ball use. Harry made a great spoil to stop a GI attack, and this was typical of the desperation shown. Luke was great at CHB, denying his opponent a kick for the quarter. A GI goal reduced the margin to six points with four minutes to play, but Ashy continued to attack, as a little chip from Stephen found Jezza loose, who danced around an opponent, and then hit the post with a long kick. The margin was now more than a goal, and Ashy was able to hold on to win a famous victory, with their best football for the game being played into the wind !

Ashy U/12 Blacks**Score:**

Ashy U/12 Blacks	3. 2.20
Whitehorse	7.11.53

Best Players:

Every single kid.

Match report:

We were playing the top team and it was blowing a gale. Just what you would want when you haven't won too many games. We were a bit concerned prior to the game but the question must be asked. Why? 4 boys playing their 50th and the first time 2 boys have captained one half the team and two others the other half. I thought that was original. Congratulations to Lachie Kemp, Ben Edwards, Ben Blaikie and Josh Nevitt on the big 50. It is a great effort boys but only a prelude to the even bigger 100. Well done.

The captains worked out a plan and winning the toss kicked against the gale. Interesting was my only thought. We played a really good first quarter and kept Whitehorse to 3 goals. We worked really hard, inspired by the legend that is Oliver Geddes. With his tackle count in the double figures in the first quarter, he inspired others to get involved. We did point out to the others how good his efforts were and slowly it grew.

Our second quarter was good and we were only 3 down at the break.

We had a great talk at the break and we asked that 'The man' alias James Oliver inspire us and he did. 'Ramone' Rushton on his return game came to the party with some great team footy and we played really well against the gale. At the break the boys came to the huddle to the backdrop of applause from the parents group. They replied in the positive when asked if they enjoyed being clapped. They had been terrific and the parents new it. More talk and more silly lines and the boys were fired up to have a crack and have a crack they did. Whitehorse got an early one and then WOW.

The boys threw everything into it and the tackle count went off the planet. Everyone got involved and the parents were going off. It was exhilarating to be a part of it and I think even Whitehorse were enjoying the efforts. Their coach, who was a good bloke, was effusive in his praise after the game. It was heroic and we took over. We kicked two goals and should have had more. The efforts of each and every boy were at the absolute top end of what they could do and as a coach that has been around a while, I will never forget the efforts of this group of kids on this day.

We lost by 5 goals but the score board is of no significance. As I said to their coach at the end, that is a huge win to our boys.

These boys have only won one game this year but every week they come along and enjoy it. They get dissatisfied sometimes that they can't win but they have now learnt to forget the scoreboard. It is of no significance to us. The amount of enjoyment we get from the game is equal to the efforts that we all put in and on most days these kids are winners. On this day they won their grand final and I am so proud of them all for the wonderful efforts and of their parents for understanding where this group is at and offering outstanding support to them and the coaches.

The smiles and parents applause for the boys was outstanding and giving the chocolates, hamburgers and hot dogs out a pleasure. This was one of those days that makes coaching so rewarding.

Rob Ferguson (proud coach)

Under 13's

Ashy U13 Greens

Score:

Ashy U/13 Greens 8.1.49
Camberwell Sharks 8.8.56

Best Players:

Jarrold awarded the Camberwell Sharks 'Player of the Match' award

Goal Kickers:

Jarrold P – 3 goals, John P – 2 goals
Brad W – 1 goal, Tim S – 1 goal
Lachie M – 1 goal

Awards:

Liam McMahon
John Phillipou
Jarrod Pittoni
Stephen Raikes

Notable Moments;

Our first three quarters.

Scoring two goals into the wind in the second quarter. Keeping the Sharks to only 3 goals in the first three quarters.

Match Report:

Another day with a strong wind favouring one end of the ground. We started the match with the wind and kicked three goals in the first quarter to Camberwell's 1 goal 2 behinds.

The second quarter was going to be tough into the wind, however the boys played fantastically and managed to score two goals into the wind and held Camberwell to a single goal (they also scored 4 behinds).

With the wind at our backs in the third quarter we scored a further 3 goals and again held Camberwell to a solitary goal. This left us up by 25 points going into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter is now history with the Sharks finally getting their running game going and with their boys gathering the ball through the middle of the ground and sending it long, with the wind behind them, into their forward line. They managed to score 5 goals in the final quarter, and to hold us scoreless to finally win the game by only 7 points.

I think we were all shocked at the final siren not to have come away with the win, however on a positive note we scored 8 goals in a match for the first time all season and at least put ourselves in a position where the win was within our grasp.

The boys are certainly improving as the season goes on!

Kind regards,

Bruce.

Ashy U/13 Reds

Score:

Ashy U/13 Reds 8.8.56
Greythorn 6.7.43

Best Players:

Nunan, Beddison, L Green, Brown, Scott, Hibbins, Melissinos

Goal Kickers:

Daniel Melissinos 3, Michael Griechen 2 and one each to Alistair Williamson, Daniel Beddison and Samuel Parsons

Awards:

Daniel Melissinos: Marsh's goals of the day
Daniel Beddison: The Marsh's Twirl "Have a red hot go" award
Liam Green: The Marsh's Powerade "Bust ya **** all day" award

Notable moments:

*Jamie Browns return to form at centre half forward, replacing the injured Tovenati

*Daniel Melissinos 3 goals.

*Michael Griechen's "fevola goal" sticking his left boot out whilst the ball still in the air and kicking it through for a great goal

Match Report:

Greeted by overcast sky's and a howling gale ashy took to the field in the first qtr kicking with a huge breeze. Sign were good early with Ashy getting plenty of the ball but getting bogged down forward with Greythorn flooding to advantage so much so that we were finding it really tough to score. Greythorn to their credit were able to rebound effectively and kicked 2 goals 2 for the qtr to our 2 goals 1.

Our turn to kick into a stiff breeze and to our credit we again had most of the ball early in the qtr where we were able to get 2 early goals but Greythorn showed great endeavour and determination to get back kicking 2 goals 3 behinds. I have to be honest, I was a little worried that an upset was on the cards given Greythorns spot on the ladder, they were playing for keeps and we went in at the main break 3 points down. Coach Marty was strangely calm and told the boys to stick to the task at hand. Again kicking with the assistance of a strong breeze we came out firing and were able to break the shackles Greythorn had applied. We kicked an exciting 4 goals 3 behinds to 1 goal and were able to enjoy a 3 goal buffer at 3 qtr time.

With one qtr to go and with Greythorn kicking with the breeze our backline was under enormous pressure but true to form, our men out back led by scotty and ensor held firm with hibbo and nunan thwarting Greythorns attacks keeping them to one goal and securing a hard fought victory for the side. It was pleasing to see that the whole team lifted in the last with special mentions to Leith and Meddings who stood up when required during the game.

With finals only three weeks away we need to secure one more victory to be assured a finals berth. So come on boys !!!!! YOU CAN DO IT!!!!

Under 14's

Ashy U/14 Greens

Scores

Ashy U/14 Greens	6. 4.40
Canterbury Reds	11.8.74

Best Players:

Josh Tyquin, Michael Naughton, Liam Solomon, Eddie Rice, Arthur Mastoras, Hugh Greene, Ryan Lanyon, Jordan Lai, Lucas Poretti.

Awards:

Village Movie Award – Josh Tyquin

AMF Bowling Chadstone – Michael Naughton
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Team Player Award – Nick Smith

Goal Kickers:

Lucas Poretti – 2, Matthew Saunders – 1, Ryan Lanyon – 1, Hugh Greene – 1, Nick Smith – 1.

Notable Moments:

Jack Melbourne playing his 50th game for the Ashy Greens.

Nick Smith playing his first game for the season after a broken collarbone.

Matt Saunders, Ryan Lanyon, Nick Cooney and Lucas Poretti playing with illness or injury to support their team mates.

Match Report:

The team ran out to play Canterbury Reds under wintery conditions of rain and wind. The boys were fired up to play well after their encouraging game the week before against Glen Iris.

The game started with both teams trying to get the ascendancy and pressure the scoreboard early. Canterbury was playing the better football and they were first on the board with a goal. The Greens took time to settle as the opposition were peppering the goals. Another goal was kicked by Canterbury as the Greens started to run and move the football through good team play. This allowed the Greens to get on the scoreboard by kicking a goal which lifted the boys over the ground. The first quarter finished with both teams on the same score and both teams confident of winning the game.

The second quarter started with the Greens being slow out of the blocks, they just didn't run hard enough to compete with Canterbury. The opposition kicked another couple of goals which gave them a handy lead given the conditions. The Greens lifted and their attack on the ball was far better as the quarter went on. A strong defence was keeping the Greens in the game as the teams went into the main break.

The Greens regrouped at half time and started the third quarter committed to getting back into the game. Players lifted over the ground as the conditions continued to get worse. The unfortunate issue that the Greens had was that they couldn't hold the football in the forward 50 to kick some goals. Canterbury got on top and booted 3 goals to 1 for the quarter to take a strong lead into the final break.

A big effort was asked for in the last quarter by the Greens as they took up the challenge. The quarter saw the football move up and down the ground by both teams as scoring was hard to do. Both defences were on top and repelled the football as it was taken into the forward line. Canterbury kicked 2 goals for the quarter against the Greens 1. The Greens fought the game out and didn't give in to a team that played a better structured game of football.

The Greens need to play four quarters of football and not two, as they can match it with the opposition when they want to.

Bring on round 14 against Kew 2.

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Ashy U/14 Reds – **Opposition Forfeited.**

Ashy U/14 Blacks – No Match Report

Under 15's

Ashy U/15 Greens - No Match Report

Ashy U/15 Reds

Score

Ashy U/15 Reds	15.21.111
Kew	1. 1. 7

Best Players:

Melville, Franetic, Fitzgerald, Ernikiolis, Holmes, Ledder, Scoulidis, Williams, Hunt

Goal Kickers:

Ledder 5; Pearson 3; Holmes, Poretti 2; Ensor, Hunt, Scoulidis, Williams 1 each.

Notable Moments:

100 Games (x2) – Lachie Waddell & Lachie Holmes – Well done, guys!

1. Daniel Lagastes Memorial Day

Sunday's game was the anniversary date that Ashy U15 player, Daniel Lagastes, passed away during the 2006 season. The players were addressed by Daniel's friend and co-player, Nick Pepperell, who reminded the boys to take every opportunity as there may never be another chance to excel. Stirring speech which led the players into the game and a great win.

Daniel's father, Marty Lagastes, addressed the boys after the game and awarded the 'Daniel Lagastes Medal' to Cam Melville for a wonderful game that typified the Ashy spirit of courage, sacrifice & teamsmanship. Well done, Cam!

Thanks to Nick & Marty for being part of our game and a very important day in the AUJFC calendar.

2. Backmen Can't Kick

At least, that's what you'd think (again) after our game this week.

With the score blowing out at every change, it was time to give our stoic defenders a chance to get their names in the match report for reasons other than being stingy to opposition forwards.

So the coaching panel decided to move some defenders to the forward line to take the opportunity to kick a goal. But in true backmen spirit, they were even stingy on themselves missing numerous opportunities.

Until Nick 'Prestigiacomo' Ensor (usually a BP) got a loose ball close to goals, steadied, lined up only to be tackled at the last moment, swung off line but

somehow the ball got to boot and the ball sailed through the big sticks!

From all at the game, it was apparent that the errant tackler had actually 'straightened' Nick up and the shot would have gone astray otherwise.

Practice defenders .. practice!!

Match Report:

At home for the last time this year, and with no games scheduled for the bottom oval in the afternoon and the lead up game (U14's @ 1.00pm) being cancelled, Burwood Reserve at 2.00pm resembled a 'ghost town' – no people, no cars .. nothing! Quite eerie..

All Ashy players were there at the scheduled 1 hour prior to the 3.00pm kick off but it took until nearly 2.40 for our opposition, Kew, to start strolling in – thoughts of a very early afternoon were being entertained by some.

But the game got going on time under darkening skies above and with the usual 2-3 goal breeze to the bowling green end. Again we lost the toss and were faced kicking into the wind for the first term. But we started like a bomb, with great defence, good linking through the midfield and precise disposal to leading forwards enabling us to slam on 3.4 to a solitary behind to lead by 21 pts at the first break.

The second term saw us dominate centre bounces with great ruck work from Sam 'Sumo' Holloway & Alex 'Baz' Bazinos (returning from injury) giving our mid-fielders like Aidan 'Buckets' Franetic, Jeremy 'Mrs' Palmer & Lewis 'Fitzy' Fitzgerald first use of the ball and delivering to forwards being one-on-one with their opponents. Anything that spilt from the forwards hands was cleaned up by Oscar 'Logie' Pearson, having his best game since returning from injury, & Christian 'Pagan' Poretti who again was applying great pressure on their defenders resulting in many important turnovers. Ashy's lead at the long break had grown to 49 points despite the opposition disappointingly scoring a goal against the breeze in the term.

The players were again reminded not to let the opposition get back into the game – as has happened in previous weeks – and we again played smart footy working the ball backwards at pack situations and being patient when selecting forward options. Our ball movement out of the backline, thanks to Cam 'Island' Melville and Nathan 'Pest' Evans was quick and precise to our wingers James 'Skittles' Scoulidis & Alex 'Jezza' Bongiorno who were under no pressure and subsequently hit our mobile forwards, Lachie 'Johnny' Holmes & Brody 'Sumich' Ledder with precision. Again Ashy dominated the term scoring 5.3 to no score to blow the lead out to 82 points at oranges.

The last quarter was basically experimental, to try some boys in different positions for future reference, and unfortunately the threatening rain came and made the conditions very slippery. In fact, the ball had turned into a bar of soap and all players had extreme difficulty handling the 'air conveyance'. We continued to dominate proceedings and had some 10 shots on goal

but only kicking 2.8 (thanks to the backmen? Only kidding, guys!) to eventually run out (cold & wet) winners by 104 points.

Despite the scoreline looking like the opposition did not bring much resistance, it was mainly the result of getting our own designs, plans & processes right thereby denying the opposition chances to get into the game. The players attitude & approach to the game structure were enhanced by the kind efforts of Peter Schwab (ex-Hawthorn player/coach, now CEO of AFL Victoria but more importantly U12 Reds Parent) taking the players for a (ironically wet) training session during the week. Thanks Peter.

We again play another team in the bottom four this week but then have the top 2 teams on the run home, so we need to consolidate our confidence and game plans to be competitive going into the finals series.

Colts

Ashy Colts Green

Score

Ashy Colts Green	12.13.85
Surrey Park 2	3. 9.27

Best Players

Stevens, Carolan, Cellini, Cooney, Dockery, Hearn, M.Anderson, Ross, Ludwig, Curwood

Goal Kickers:

Stevens 3, M.Anderson, O'Connell 2 each, Carolan, Cellini, Dockery, Raszka, Roll 1 each

Notable Moments/Match Report:

Although early doors Surrey Park put a bit of a scare in the clear minds of those who didn't and the foggy ones of those who did attend The Ball, it was an all the way win for the Greens yesterday in windy and wet conditions. Maybe then that's why considering the strength of the team we fielded, the victory was not more convincing; Big Huey was to blame.

A quick flick back into this year's almanac and it's interesting to be reminded that the last encounter the Greens had with Surrey Park they won by 59 points (this time 58) and had 25 scoring shots (this time that same amount ; yet the competitor improved by 1). A fine day yesterday instead of a "put a towel down on the seat of the car before you get in" one would have given a more accurate reading of the improvement or not the Greens have made over the past 3 months.

One would have to bet on the former though as strong evidence exists of definite improvement all round. Notably Jordan Cellini has strengthened the on ball division, Tom Stevens is competing with greater confidence (he did a great 2 bounce dash yesterday), Nick Curwood appears increasingly comfortable in this age group and has added high marking to his repertoire, clever Jamie Carolan is playing more than a cameo role and Alex Ross along with Patrick

O'Connell are getting back into the swing of things after being hampered by injury.

Into that mix you could also sprinkle Cooney, M.Anderson and Hawkins as evidence that with 3 weeks to go the Greens are looking good.

At this point though, to sober the longer term thinking, the appropriate cliché should be let out for a run, "We just take it one week at a time" however considering the Greens were a 4th Division team that has earned a finals berth in a higher division there is a smidgeon of validity to be a smug of this minor achievement.

Keep the lid on it though.

Ashy Colts Red

Score

Ashy Colts Red	10.11.71
St Mary's	9.10.64

Best Players:

Greene, Powell, Stubbs, Keep, Buchanan, Toohey, Stizza, Williams, T Phillips

Notable Moments:

Our hardness at the ball in the last quarter

Match Report:

In the context of our season this was another huge game. 1st v 4th, a loss would see us slip out of the four, a win would consolidate our shot at the finals and also keep our top two chances alive.

The forecasted showers started during our warm up and hung about all day.

I had requested that we get a big turnout and was expecting a decent crowd but the weather kept supporters either away or in their cars. Unlike past games at Ferndale Park the coaches box was a lonely place in the miserable conditions.

The first ten minutes saw a complete domination by St Mary's who seemed to be everywhere. They opened with the first two goals of the game which was disappointing particularly given that we had the scoring end.

Matt Powell, playing a quasi-ruck role, was in everything and repelled repeated St Mary's attacks in the opening term. Finally we settled and after getting well beaten in the stoppages in the first quarter we started to win the ball around the packs.

Luke Stubbs, Tom Keep and Kyle Buchanan gave us first use of the ball winning a lot of hardball contests.

Our tackling which hasn't always been our strength this year was terrific on the day and it appeared as the day went on and both teams tired our tackling and commitment at the ball only got better.

James Toohey and Sam Hibbins were giving us great targets in the forward line and Tom Soultinakis and James Phillips were both doing some great roving work on the ground. Tom Keep took over from Rob McMillan in a tagging role and was terrific for us.

Toby Greene, who had started on the bench, was in everything and with Jake Williams and Tim Phillips controlling the wings the game started to turn in our favour.

The third quarter saw us control play but with inaccurate kicking we failed to convert a strong quarter on the scoreboard.

With a narrow 5 point lead at the last change it was going to take full concentration by us.

St Marys dominated play for most of the last quarter, but like us in the third quarter they got the 'yips' in front of goal. Against the flow we kicked successive goals, first from Toby Greene and then a great mark and goal from ever reliable Michael Stizza.

For the third time in five weeks, the opposition grabbed the lead from us in the last quarter but again we had the composure and fitness to run the game out and win.

A terrific effort. We must now win the next three games against teams outside the four to consolidate our spot in the finals and set up the end of the season.

ROUND 14**Tackers****No Match Reports for Reds, Blacks, Greens or Whites.****Under 10's****Ashy U/10 Greens****Score**

Ashy U/10 Green 4.2.26
Hawthorn Citizens 6.7.43

Goal Kickers:

Max Dahlstrom 2, Cam Gastin 2

Awards:

Team Man – Jordan McCorkell
Flying Forward – Cam Gastin
Dahlstroms Defender – Daniel Murray
Kev's Kick – Hamish Serpell
Muzza's Mark – Thomas Lee
Sorach's Tackle – Tom Slorach

Notable Moments:

Kicking 4 goals and holding strong up back all day.

Match Report

It's always hard to tell in junior footy how a team will approach and play out a game until the game is under way. To the delight the Ashy faithful and the boys themselves today happened to be one of those days where every boy decided to give it a real go for 4 quarters.

The backs were excellent, made up of a different 6 for each half. A credit to how quickly and well they adapted and took on their roles; great stuff. The forwards moved 'round all day and looked keener than any game this year; and the onballers had a fantastic day, surprising the opposition and taking honours against the top side.

Our previous encounter with Hawthorn Citizens resulted in a score of 101 to 1, a tough day and a learning one at the same time. Today the boys went down by just 17 points, kicked 4 goals and were the harder team at the footy over 4 quarters. All this from each boy's effort and improvement over the last 6 to 8 weeks.

Hawthorn showed patches of why they are able to kick big scores and are the top team but the pressure by Ashy held them well all day. With just 1 on our bench and to still be chasing, tackling, shepherding and running hard in the last quarter was again a highlight of the boys' spirit.

Each player did a fantastic job; coaches and parents very proud of their efforts and demeanour all day. Well done to every player.

One of the individual highlights being Cam Gastin kicking his first goal – what a ripper.

Our 2 helpers for the day, Nic and Ignatius fitted in well, did a great job and were welcomed by all the boys.

Again our captains showed the way and each led well and played excellent games – Tommy Briggs, Daniel Murray, Andrew Galgani, Angus McLean and Hamish Serpell. Well done.

Ashy U/10 Reds**Score:**

Ashy U/10 Reds 0.1.1.
Glen Iris 4.8.32

Best Players:

Oliver, Ritson, Franks, Dali, Hamilton, Karvellas

Goal Kickers: Duck Egg**Awards:**

Player of the day: Rob Ritson
Mars mark of the day: Tom Oliver
Crunchie tackle of the day: Joseph Dali

Match Report:

A fantastic effort against the ARCH ENEMY on Sunday at T H King, pity we couldn't knock them off their perch. The Ashy Reds were hard at the ball and man for 100 minutes (80 if you are technical) Jo Dali was in fine form making many tackles and second efforts. Franks, Oliver, Karvellas and Ritson all gave 100 percent on the ball. The Reds played to the game plan of fierce tacking putting pressure on the Gladiators. Their better players were nullified and the Reds made numerous attacks, being very unlucky not to kick a couple of goals. Nathan Blizzard played a brilliant game at fullback owning the defensive half and playing like a General. Max Roche and Lachie Ruth were solid defenders playing close to their man and gave four quarter efforts. Abe Gatwech, Tim Sallman and Hugh Pearson all contributed up forward but we just couldn't manufacture that elusive goal. Abe again showed plenty of flair with his high marking and quick dashes but needs to work a BIT HARDER on his defensive game, otherwise a cardiac arrest is imminent. The Reds held the Gladiators to one goal to three quarter time, but the boys tired in the last quarter succumbing to the wider and more open spaces of T H King, finally going down by four goals. The Reds can be proud of their effort with every player contributing to the team cause. ALL PLAYERS CAN BE PROUD OF THEIR SMOTHERS, TACKLING, SECOND EFFORTS and team work which wil hold them in good stead for the future.

U'10 Reds Coach
Chris Pearson

Ashy U/10 Blacks**Score:**

Ashy U/10 Blacks 5.1.31
Doncaster 2.2.14

Best Players:

Vinay Savur, Alexander Rubins, Thomas Edwards ,
Ben Soppi, Zach Sheridan, Jasper White

Notable Moments:

Vinay Savur's awesome banner for his 50th game.
Jack Billington's 25 metre run and goal (without a bounce)!

Match report:

Probably the game of the season. We knocked off a "top four" team, and were so good in the second half that we kept them scoreless. In contrast to our opponents , the boys were disciplined and team oriented, and the commitment continued from start to finish. Vinay played the game of his career at centre-half back, and the backline held firm. When the "engine room" kicked into gear in the second half it was all over. A rousing rendition of the Ashy theme song in the club rooms made the day complete.

Under 11's**Ashy U/11 Blacks****Score:**

Ashy U/11 Blacks 5.6.36
Hawthorn Citizens 6.7.43

Best Players:

Nick Jarvis, Tom Molinaro, Dylan Richards

Awards:

Nick Jarvis
Ben Crowe
Todd Phillips
Dylan Richards
Paddy Bourke
Jacob Mackenzie
Mally O'Shannasse

Notable Moments:

Paddy Bourke running through the banner!
Nick Jarvis' use of the footy in the first quarter
The way the team put it together in the third quarter
Todd Phillips effort to get to the ball first
Dylan Richards 2 important tackles

Match Report:

It was our last home game for the season and **Bourkeys** 50th game and the boys knew it was going to be a tough match against the Hawthorn Citz.
Bourkey and **Todd Phillips** lead the boys out through

the banner and to the roar of the crowd!

We started well and seemed to have the momentum in the first quarter with **Jars** running freely along the wing and delivering the ball well into our attack where we peppered at the goals, 3 early points finally resulted in a goal to **Crowie** who snapped truly. **Snake Mackenzie** was enjoying being back on the field after an extended break and was working hard around the stoppages. Although being on top in the first quarter the Citz stayed in touch with a late goal.

The second quarter was a tight contest with both teams attacking hard but unable to score, both teams back lines were playing tight, a late goal to the Citz had them in front at half time. In slippery conditions we had to work harder on the ground and we asked for a big effort by all at the break.

The boys came out and played better footy and were running and chasing and playing in front, **Dylan Richards** laid 2 great tackles to lock the ball in our attacking zone which resulted in a goal to **Spider, Bourkey** was contesting in the packs and got the ball out to **Reyhan Patel** to goal and this was followed by a long goal to **Thomas Molinaro**, a great quarter where all the team contributed. Our Backs were playing close attention to the Citz and restricted them to 1 goal for the quarter. We went into the last term 1 goal up.

We asked for a big effort from the boys and the team wanted to get the points for Bourkey in his 50th game. We started well with a goal to **The Chief** who was moved up forward. The Citz kept coming however and they were able to kick 2 quick goals to draw level. They seemed to be getting the better of us in the centre and despite great efforts by the boys managed to get over us in the end.

It was a great contest and a very even match where we rotated to boys across various positions throughout the game. The boys showed again the improvement since the start of the season, we look forward to travelling to Balwyn next week

Well done boys and go the Blacks!!!!

Ashy U/11 Green**Score:**

Ashy U/11 Greens 6.1.37
Whitehorse 9.8.62

Best Players:

Ben Melissinos, Lachie Joe, Matthew Tyquin, Nick Hadzidimitiou, Tom Christie, Tom Moncrieff

Awards:

Best On Ground: Ben Melissinos
Coaches Awards: Lachie Joe, Tom Christie
Goal Of The Day: Dylan Spargo

Goal Kickers:

Nick Hadzidimitiou 2, Lachie Joe 1, Tom Christie 1,
Dylan Spargo 1, Joel Wilson 1

Notable Moments:

Lachie Joe's sensational debut

Match Report:

With 15 minutes before the start of the game, we were down to only 16 players due to illness and injury. Fortunately we received a late clearance for Lachie Joe and Connor Bavage decided to play despite having a massive hole in his tongue, courtesy of a basketball mishap.

Lachie Joe's first quarter was quite unbelievable. He patrolled the forward line picking up plenty of possessions and bringing his team-mates into the play with creative handball and kicks. Nick Hadzidimitiou won the ball out of the centre and generated a lot of attacking moves and kicked a couple of goals. Our backline preformed well and kept our opposition out for most of the quarter. Unfortunately Whitehorse kicked the last goal of the quarter to put them narrowly in front.

The team started in basically the same positions in the second quarter. We were very competitive in the centre of the ground, but again our backline were very solid, led by James Frampton and Alex Taylor. It was a highly entertaining first half with both teams giving every effort to gain an advantage. Lachie Joe kicked a nice goal but we were headed at half time by nine points.

The team was moved around in the second half. Matthew Tyquin and Ben Melissinos went into the middle and started to dominate, Max Berzins picked up a lot of possession on the wing and Tom Christie continued playing a very competitive game. We kicked two goals during the quarter, one through great team play moving the ball well through disciplined team play with Dylan Spargo getting on the end and soccering the ball through. Tom Christie was aided by a 25 metre penalty but won the ball through tenacious play to kick truly. Despite the run of good play we could not make inroads on the scoreboard with Whitehorse matching our goals.

The last quarter continued the entertaining and high skilled affair. Lachie Joe continued to play well and Al Rogers started to pick up plenty of kicks. Connor Bavage performed well particularly considering his injury and Joel Wilson finished off with a nice goal towards the end. Unfortunately Whitehorse kicked three in the last quarter to run away with the win.

Despite our loss, the boys showed tremendous teamwork and improved skills. We look forward to meeting the top team next week and give them a really competitive game.

Ashy U/11 Reds

Score:

Ashy U/11 Reds 8.5.53
Camberwell 5.2.32

Best Players:

Hamish H, Lachie F, Tom G, James B, Ben T,
Cooper W, Nathan B, Adam D

Goal Kickers:

Nathan B. 2, Ben T. 2, Cam M, Tom A, Jordan A,
Will G.

Awards:

To both teams for a high quality match

Notable Moments

'Addies' 50th Game.



Match Report

We journeyed to Lynden Park to play the Camberwell Sharks on their huge oval on a beautiful day with no breeze, at last. Supercoach asked the boys to play in front and not to get drawn to the ball and flood the contest. It must be said that the first quarter was a total disaster. We were totally outplayed in every aspect of the game and I don't think we moved the ball into our forward 50 for the entire term. Yes there was panic on the coaching side of things and questions were being asked but no responses were forthcoming. Our backline was under constant pressure and held up well considering all of the play was deep in their area. Golzy and Brodders ran hard and straight at the ball but things were not going as supercoach had planned.

Reds 0-0-0 Sharks 2-1-13

During the break the boys were given a few home truths about life. You are playing behind, you are watching the contest, you are not in the contest, you are chasing non stop, you have to get involved.

Well this really worked as for the next 8 minutes the Sharks continued on their merry way and ran all over us. Luckily for us they failed to capitalise on their domination. Cooper passed the ball by foot to Nathan who carried the ball well and centred it to Tom A who goaled. Boy did we need that. The team started to respond to the challenge about this time and we pushed forward regularly. We were playing as a team at last and looking for the best option up forward. Joe linked well with Adam who centred the ball beautifully. Lachie also centred to Nathan who kicked truly. We were back in the game.

Reds 2-2-14 Sharks 2-1-13

The third term was probably the best quarter of football for the day with both sides doing their best to kick a winning score. Ben T marked well and goaled from

the goalsquare, Will G came on after spending the second term on the bench with an injury. His mark and goal from the forward pocket seemed to lift the entire team. The passage of play where we grunted it into our forward line from the centre square with good, hard contested play was terrific. There were many goals in this term with neither side getting a clear advantage.

Reds 5-2-32 Sharks 4-2-26

The last term was going to decide our future and we again started slowly. Dylan kicked long to Adam who centred to Cam who goaled at the 8 minute mark and when Ben jumped off the ground to take a screamer and goal, it gave us the breathing space that we needed. The passage of play where Nathan went to Cam who delivered to Ben was excellent. The sharks kept coming at us but when Jordan dribbled one through the game was safe.

Reds 8-5-53 Sharks 5-2-32

A. Close-Call

Under 12's

Ashy U/12 Reds

Score:

Ashy U/12 Reds 9.6.60
Doncaster Heights 2.1.13

Best Players:

Greene, Scardamaglia, Clyne, Powell, Bourke, Cameron, Mather, Arceri, Stanley, Everett.

Goal Kickers:

Stanley, Speakman 2; Mather, McCleary, Xaiz, Powell, Fitzgerald 1

Awards:

TACKLE OF THE DAY -	Allen
MARK OF THE DAY-	Arceri
GOAL ASSIST-	Fitzgerald
PLAY OF THE DAY-	Rouskas
COACHES-	Everett; Greene
DONNY MEDAL-	Scardamaglia
GRILL'D AWARD-	Mather

Notable Moments:

Fabulous team effort involving all players. Quick, precise, ball movement. Finals football confirmed for the side.!

Match Report

The Reds entered yet another match against a would-be finals contender, focussed, with the words of the coach ringing in their ears. A perfect day for footy- and a chance to bring their A grade game after finishing so strongly last match.

This was clearly the boys' best performance of the season, with a large highlights reel (to quote the coach!). In the first quarter, Ashy did not have it all their own way as DH provided a stiff challenge with their height. Sean and Anthony were valiant in the backline- Sean clearing many dangerous balls, while Anthony started the match with a speccy. Harry, doing well in the ruck, fed opportunities to Scads and Alex, while Ed B was moving around and providing a great target up forward, with clean hands and nice disposal. Gilbo was using his dash from his HFF, and after a nice mark, spotted Luke, whose kick dropped short, but was marked by Alex; playing in front and following team rules. His goal was followed shortly after with another to Luke, who got on the end of a nice piece of work from Matt, who had won an important contest; a second effort turning the ball over from his opponent. Ashy by 13 points at quarter time.

Immediately, another goal was produced at the start of the second quarter, as the flying yellow torpedo (Spud) cleverly won the ball and found Sean with a pass who duly converted. Fraser, fearless as always, gave great drive from his wing, while Greeney mopped up and set up teammates with every disposal. Ed's marking and reading of the play, terrific, as always. Scads, Lachie, Alex and Stephen showed DH what pressure was all about, with outstanding tackling and smothering. Mike was sound from the backline, working well with Harry to create opportunities. James competed hard in the ruck. Always, Ashy looked likely to be answer any DH challenge, as Spud, always a target, got on the end of a pass from Lachie, to goal, and extend the margin to 20 points at the long break.

The third quarter started with some trademark ball movement from the Reds as Scads, Dom and Schwabby all were instrumental in setting play up. Schwabby's second efforts, as always, showed his value to the team. A great tackle from Scads saw a pass delivered off to Dom, who safely marked and kicked a long goal. DH was finding it difficult to clear the ball from Ashy's forward line due to some great pressure from Adam and Anthony, whose beautifully judged overhead mark being a highlight in this term. Great work was continued by Greeney and Alex as Ashy continued to dominate play.

In the last quarter, 20 points up, the Reds decided to put some polish on their day's work with four goals. It was a quarter in which Harry dominated the ruck, and used his mobility to set up play for the side. Greeney was everywhere, and was involved in the first goal, as Scads, Lachie and Sean moved the ball down the wing to Fitzy, whose handball to Ed was dished off to Sean for a goal. Schwabby kicked a perfectly weighted pass to Lachie, who nailed a set shot. Alex, busy all day, passed the ball to Schwabby, whose pass was collected by Jezza who handballed to Fitzy for a goal. It was champagne footy from the boys, who were not done yet. A great smother from Mike was noted, while a great tackle from Jezza jagged the ball clear for Spud to snap another major. This game showed that Ashy will be very dangerous in the finals!

Ashy U/12 Green – No Match Report

Under 13's**Ashy U/12 Black****Score:**

Ashy U/12 Blacks 4.3.27
St Mary's 6.9.45

Best Players:

Ty Wightman, Jordan Walker, Ben Edwards, James Oliver, Lachie Gardner, Freddie Parry, Darcy Ferguson, Josh Nevitt, Peter Georgiadis, Bill Apostolopolous

Match Report:

What an EFFORT. We had a great game last week versing the top side and playing very well and it seems we carried it forward this week. St Mary's are in the four and touched us up a bit last time but not this time. We got out of the blocks and played like boys possessed. We never let a tackle pass us by and as the match went on we grew in stature. We led at quarter time, we led at half time, we led at three quarter time and we led half way through the last. We just didn't lead at the finish.

We outplayed St Mary's all game and had we not missed a few in the third quarter we may have won. Our prime movers got very tired in the last and that was all she wrote. Our goal to goal line was superb and I can't think of any player who hasn't come on this year. To mention a few. Freddie Parry is now a robust hard running back man. Bustling Billy A is looking to take as many hits as he can get. Peter G is a tackling freak. The legend that is Oliver G is just that. A LEGEND. The man that is James Oliver has awoken from his slumber like a big brown bear and boy is he hungry.

Josh Nevitt is the imposer. He imposes himself on every game. He is Mr consistent and now wants to go forward. Darc F is the run and carry man. He is Mr Cool with the ball and like the mailman he delivers even if he hates the wing. Bazza from the bush is just Bazza from the bush. He is the man that tells the coach that he coaches like a girl. That must mean I am a very good coach...I think.

Lachie Gardner was sensational and his efforts in the ruck and all over the ground were terrific. Ty Wightman is a great player that works so hard. It may be tough for Ty but he is going to come out a better footballer for what he is doing this year. Jordy W and Ben E just continue with their great seasons and I think both played their best games for the year.

I will mention more boys next week, but this week was a fantastic effort by a bunch of boys who have never stopped trying all year.

Rob Ferg

Ashy U/13 Red – No Match Report**Ashy U/13 Green****Score:**

Ashy U/13 Green 2. 7.19
St Mary's 4.14.38

Goal Kickers:

Brad W – 1, Will P – 1

Awards:

Chris Barr
Will Parker
Anthony Swan
Brad Winder

Notable Moments:

Our second half we were actually had the majority of the possession and won on the scoreboard.

Match Report:

The bottom of the table clash started well with the first quarter at least seeing us only 4 points behind (1 – 0 – 6 to 1 – 4 – 10).

In the second quarter we were completely out played with a number of our players standing very flat footed and lacking what appeared to be the desire to get the ball. St Mary's had almost all of the play and managed to score 2 goals 6 behinds and held us scoreless.

At half time we went into the rooms and the door was closed and the boys were asked some fairly straight and serious questions. This seemed to have the desired effect with the endeavour, desire and commitment from the boys increasing dramatically throughout the second half.

We had the majority of the play in the third quarter and scored 5 behinds. Unfortunately we couldn't score a much needed goal. (St Mary's only managed 2 behinds for the quarter).

Our fourth quarter was also much better and we managed to score 1 goal 2 behinds to St Mary's 1 goal 2 behinds.

We ended up winning the second half, however as the damage had already been done in the second quarter it was too little too late.

What was very pleasing to see was the way the boys responded in the second half and once again showed the football that we know they are capable of playing.

Hopefully with two games to go we can string four quarters of football together and not fade out for a quarter, and bring home the result that I believe they all deserve.

Kind regards,
Bruce.

Under 14's

Ashy U/14 Blacks No Match Report

Ashy U/14 Green's

Score:

Ashy U/14 Green 5. 4. 34
Kew 2 18.12.120

Best Players

Will Coten, Eddie Rice, Matthew Saunders, Jordan Lai, Ben Peschke, Michael Naughton, Arthur Mastoras, Lucas Poretti.

Awards:

Village Movie Award – Will Coten and Eddie Rice.
AMF Bowling Chadstone Award – Matthew Saunders and Jordan Lai.
Team Player Award – Ben Peschke.

Goal Kickers:

Ben Peschke -2, Michael Naughton – 1, Eddie Rice – 1, Arthur Mastors – 1.

Notable Moments

Jordan Lai work rate to take a mark on the wing, kick long into the forward line and then get to the contest to lay a tackle.

Match Report:

The game started at a fast rate as both teams fought hard to gain the initiative. Kew settled first and through strong running kicked the first goal of the game. The Ashy Greens were attacking the contest with vigour, but were not putting the score on the board. Kew managed to kick another couple due to the lack of manning up by the Greens. Through some good play the Greens managed to snap a couple of goals but went into quarter time 24 points down.

The second quarter started and it was obvious that Kew were focus on winning the game. They played hard running football which the Greens could not curtail. Kew booted another 5 goals for the quarter as the Greens could only manage 1. A total rethink was needed by the Greens to save face and be more competitive in the second half.

The third quarter saw the game become more competitive as the Greens endeavoured to get back into the game. The Greens lifted their work rate for a short period of time and managed to kick a couple of goals. Kew notched up 4 goals for the quarter and went into three quarter time 9 goals up and coasting.

The last quarter was a one horse race as the opposition controlled the game across the ground. The Greens did not play team football and their attack on the football was not there. There were a limited number of players that committed themselves to the contest all day. This has a disastrous effect on the AUJFC – The Web 7/2010

team as the Greens need everyone pulling their weight.

Ashy U/14 Red's

Score:

Ashy U/14 Reds 6.2.38
St Mary's 8.6.54

Best Players:

Josh Halsall, Callum Tate, Jordan DeGoey, Ryan Sgarioto, Dylan Baker, Harry Kelly, Max Judd, Ted Watkin

Goal Kickers:

Kelly 4, Halsall 1, Brownhill 1

Awards:

"Ted Buckets Watkin" – celebrated a fantastic 100 Ashy games – well played Ted.

"Halsall, DeGoey, Sgarioto, Lucas & Judd" worked hard all day in the midfield on a huge Bulleen ground – with no interchange

"Wozza" played all over the ground and made a contest in every position to support a very brave D'Arcy who played on with a suspected broken hand.

"Harry Kelly" was a focal point at full forward and contributed 4 fine goals.

Match Report:

It was a beautiful winter's day and perfect for a game of footy played at Yarra League headquarters in Bulleen.

It was first versus forth on the ladder and promised to be a close encounter. Injury and unavailability restricted the team to only 17 players who would have to combat not only a very good opposition but also the largest ground in the competition. The boys understood that this would be good test of fitness and their ability to make the most of their opportunities through good teamwork.

It was a positive start with both teams playing fast team oriented football but scoring proved to be difficult. St Mary's seemed to favour the short kick along the wings where Ashy tried to move the ball into the corridor but both styles seemed to struggle against strong backlines. Josh Halsall was a powerhouse in the centre and with Jordy and Scags getting plenty of the hardball forward entries were constant. When the ball did get into St Mary's forward line Ted, Stevo, Wozza and the two Josh's played great defensive football to limit the opposition to only 1 goal for the term. Callum and Dylan, both excellent attacking defenders constantly drove the ball forward to allow Josh Halsall and Harry Kelly to score goals. This gave Ashy a 6 point lead at the first change.

The second quarter saw much of the same style of play at a very fast pace as was played in the first. This time St Mary's scored a couple of goals against one of

the very few times Ashy did not score a goal in a quarter for the year. The quarter however was disrupted by losing both D'Arcy and Ted for a period due to injury which meant 15 players against 17 for half the quarter. The effort by all players was outstanding to be only 7 points down at half-time.

A brave D'Arcy took the field for the start of the third quarter playing at full-back. Wozza and Luke shared the ruck duties. Yossa went to full-back and Ted to centre-half forward. In other words the team was completely recast and to boys credit they came out firing. Harry Lucas, given the job on St Mary's best player, continued his good form and together with the other on-ballers drove the ball into the forward line where Luke goaled from a strong mark to start the comeback. Juddy, who was playing well, twice found Harry "deadeye" Kelly in a great performance of small forward play to snag the first two of his 3 goals for the quarter. Every player lifted which resulted in a 8 point three quarter time lead.

The effort unfortunately told on the boys as St Mary's continued to run hard with the benefit of resting players and seemed to slowly take control with constant forward thrusts. Josh Jordan was spoiling well and Josh Tyquin took some excellent defensive marks, however eventually, against weight of numbers and fresher St Mary's players, the Ashy defensive unit succumbed to the assault and St Mary's scored the last 3 goals of the game to win by 14 points.

Regardless of the result, this was a great example of the Ashy spirit this team displays week in week out. Although the boys were disappointed about the result, for the coaches and the parents it was much more about their preparedness to give 110% all game against the odds.

This attitude is all you can ask from a team and will serve them well as the finals approach

GO ASHY !!!!

Under 15's

Ashy U/15 Reds

Score:

Ashy U/15 Reds	13.12.90
Camberwell	7. 4. 46

Goal Kickers:

Holmes 5; Franetic 3; Borland, Pearson 2; Hunt 1

Match Report:

Being on the road for the last 3 games is not ideal but when Rd 14 is not far away at Lynden Park Reserve in lower Highfield Rd – some 2-3 mins away – it is not too bad. The home side, Camberwell, despite being on the bottom of the ladder, gave us a scare last time we met and bit of homework was required to make sure we didn't trip up.

The conditions were a perfect sunny winter's day with no breeze but from watching the previous games, it

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appeared the clubhouse or eastern end of the ground had a distinct advantage and was definitely the scoring end.

Of course, we lost the toss and had to kick to the 'dis-advantaged end' but still we seemed to control the game with many forays into our forward line unfortunately with minimal results. Whereas Camberwell went in only a handful of times successfully and they only trailed by a solitary behind at the first break.

A quick shift of personnel and a better intensity around the packs meant we had more of the play and were able to pump the ball into our forward line and with the help of potent forwards - Lachie 'Johnny' Holmes, Brett 'BB' Borland & Brody 'Sumich' Ledder – we were able to score freely. Ashy by 31 points at the long break.

The third term saw Camberwell's energy levels rise, while Ashy seemed to be cruising and the home side took control through the middle of the ground thanks mainly to a number of turnovers and despite the efforts of defenders, Matt 'Tess' Tesereiro, Cam 'Island' Melville, Lachie 'Duck' Waddell & Dan 'Sherlock' Watson, Camberwell slammed on 4 goals to one to reduce our lead to 16 points at oranges.

As can happen from time to time, our players saw the scoreline and decided it was time to play Ashy footy and this they did – with fine play from our midfield, Aidan 'Buckets' Franetic, Alex 'Jezza' Bongiorno, James 'Skittles' Scouldis & Jeremy 'Mrs' Palmer – we were able to again take control and dominate the quarter scoring 4.4 to Nil for the quarter to run out winners by 44pts.

Again this was another game to refine our game plans, processes & structures in preparation for the tough run home and whilst we got some right, we still have to work on others.

With the shift in training times in the coming weeks, maybe our players will have more energy levels for the extra effort required to get over the top 2 sides, who we meet in the next fortnight.

Good win guys – but the hard work starts now.

Ashy U/15 Green - no match report

Colts

Colts Green

Score:

Ashy Colts Green	8.6.54
Ivanhoe	6.5.41

Best Players

Cellini, Curwood, Cooney, Cropley, Hearn, Ludwig, O'Shannessy, Roll, Ross, Shallue, O'Connell

Goal Kickers:

Hearn 3, Andrews, Cellini, Cropley, Dockery, Smithers 1 each.

Award:

James Gallus played his 150th game for Ashy is thus awarded with legendary status in the Club.

Match Report:

Unlike our last visit to Ford Park which was on a dark, overcast day this time the sky was blue. Also what was missing from last time where the local lads behind the goals who the cynical amongst us were sensing that a match ball was about to be nicked if it went too far past the goal posts, the hovering police helicopter and the unregistered motor bikes being ridden up and down the adjoining park. Actually the setting was quite pleasant this time.

But some things hadn't changed such as why we again wondered why a grandstand was set so far back from the playing arena (and again we said that it must have been the same architect that designed VFL Park), why a gum tree was planted in front of it, why the umpire's room is so hard to find and why Ivanhoe are always tough competitors against Ashy. However some new questions were asked this time such as "Why did I buy that hot dog from the canteen?"

Yep, Ivanhoe dished it up again and again the Ashy boys were up to the challenge.

This was billed to be a rugged encounter as Ivanhoe needed to win to ensure a place in, and Ashy to secure a second spot and a second chance in, the upcoming finals. It was second against third, English Lord versus the fictitious English Knight and loud coach pitted against even louder runner The match ups were everywhere.

Ashy started the game well; Cellini won the first, second and third possessions of the game. Ashy peppered their goal area but each time the 'hoes rebounded the ball out of the danger zone. Finally the wall crumbled, albeit slightly, as Ashy through Hearn kicked the first goal of the match. But it was one step forward and three back as Ivanhoe then booted a trio of goals. A late major in the quarter to Ashy brought the margin back to 6 points at the first break. The die was cast for a do or die battle.

The Greens took ascendancy in the second stanza but just. Ivanhoe were becoming undisciplined and this was favouring the Redbacks. Kicking three goals to two, Ashy's lead at half time was 8 points. Cellini. Ludwig and O'Connell were instrumental.

The battle royal was to continued after the long break. It was an arm wrestle. Ben Andrews lifted not only around the ground but also in front of the sticks, which after a strong overhead mark converted to register the only goal for Ashy for the quarter. Ivanhoe did no better as they also only scored one goal which resulted from an extremely contentious out on the full decision. Three quarter time and the difference in margin was no different ... still eight points.

The final quarter was desperation stakes. Heading towards the unregistered motor bike end of the AUJFC – The Web 7/2010

previous year Ivanhoe bombarded their forward line only to be continually repelled by the likes of Cooney, Mould and O'Shannessy. It was hectic stuff. Coach Fox ordered back reinforcements to stifle further the 'hoes forward attacks so much so that no mans land developed between the trenches of Ashy's defence and the centre of the battle field which was occupied by Ivanhoe and there was no man in the Ashy forward line.

Finally the Ivanhoe resistance was penetrated, Ashy were able to get it over the centre line, advance further and Hearn goaled. Not long later and deep into the quarter, the Ashy troops moved forward again and this time a typical wide arc left footers goal resulted off the boot of Dockery. With only little time left that was the knock out blow.

Something else hadn't changed at Ford Park either, Ashy won tough.

Colts Red**Score:**

Ashy Colts Red	22.7.139
Surrey Park	7.6. 48

Best Players:

Williams, Toohey, Powell, Stubbs, Soultinakis, Hibbins, Cohen, Reddish, Butler

Notable Moments:

After several exciting attempts, Jake Williams speckie in the goal square
Matt Powell's boundary goal, twice
Sam Hibbins and Kyle Buchanan going in the ruck and winning

Match Report:

A beautiful winter afternoon, a big ground and 15 aside was going to guarantee us a free flowing game and that's what we got.

From the outset we got away to a flyer dominating all parts of the ground and finding targets with ease in the forward line.

With Matt Powell and James Toohey unbeatable up forward we had two tall targets and they finished with 11 goals between them.

The fast running midfield combination of Williams, Stizza and Luke Stubbs made full use of the open spaces which helped ashly control possession with multiple inside 50's in the first half.

We had a breakaway lead of 38 points at quarter time.

Trent Michelson continued to dominate the ruck contests giving us first year of the ball.

To Surrey Park's credit they continued to fight despite being very undermanned but their foray forwards were rebounded by a rock solid defence with Ben Summerfield, Nick Reddish and Joel Mattiske controlling the back half.

A freaky Patrick Pham snap for goal followed by a huge Jake Williams mark in the goal square capped off wonderful half as the boys walked in with a sizeable lead at the half.

A thumping lead and the wind gave us full confidence in the third quarter and some good efforts from Soultinakis and Sutherland out of the midfield set up some outstanding goals from Powell and James Phillips. Nick Reddish continued to provide run off the half back line and managed to snag his first goal for the season.

In the last quarter coach Sutherland decided to rotate the positions around with Sam Hibbins, Cam Butler and Rob McMillan getting sometime in the middle.

Sam gave us a great contest around the ball and will Michael Stizza running himself into the ground and Kyle Buchanan doing some great heavy work in traffic we continued on our way to run out 91 point winners.

With results falling our way we now sit second on the ladder and will be looking to ensure we have a solid win over Doncaster this Sunday.
