

# **Officer Kangaroo Junior Football Club**

## **2018 Press Reports W/E 20/05/ 2018**

### **Premier White**

**Div: 2**

**Berwick Red V Officer White**

**Officer White 5-7-37 def Beaconsfield White 3-4-22**

**Best Players:** Great Team Effort

**Goals:** N Celorenzo 1, D Baric 1, B Callaghan Height 2, T Herbst 1.

**Awards:** B Callaghan Height, D Baric

The conditions were wet and cold as the Roos took on the boys from Beaconsfield. After coming down from division 1, Beacy were keen to change their fortunes and take the points in their first game back in division 2. However, after dropping the last game to Berwick the Roo's were just as keen on taking home the chocolates this week.

The Roos started well and ran in groups and controlled most of the play for the quarter and held a handy 15 point lead at the break. In an even 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter both sides found a major score hard to come by as both backlines stood firm with only 1 goal 2 being kicked for the quarter.

At the half time break the Roo's held a 21 point lead.

In the third the tussle continued as both sides scrapped out the quarter in a 20 minute session of cross country basketball with neither side being able to drive home any advantage when the ball was in their forward 50's.

At the start of the final quarter the chocolates were still on the table, but in the end it was the Roo boys that came out on top in a low scoring game.

Great team effort!

### **Under 14**

**Div: Red**

**Officer V Narre Warren Foxes Black**

**Officer Blue 9.17.71 DEF Narre Foxes Black 7.3.45**

**Awards:** S Hoghton, H Allen, K McMinimee, T Beddows, R Perkins

**Goal Kickers:** K Seing 2, B Meyers 2, J Cambell, T Beddows, R Perkins, R Mibus, S Hoghton.

With 3 new players in the team and 1 back from injury, Officer had no excuses but to run hard all 4 quarters and that's just what the boys did! Officer haven't had the best 4th quarters lately because the boys were running out of legs. Not this week though. It was a hard and tough game, scrappy at times, however the endeavour of our team to play the hard ball and keep it moving it our way meant that we created many scoring opportunities. Unfortunately we couldn't kick straight but we got the job done. Well done Rooboy

### **Under 13 Blue**

**Div: White**

**Officer V BYE**

### **Under 12 Blue**

**Div: Blue**

**Officer Blue vs Berwick Springs Blue**

**Berwick springs blue 3.4 22 d officer blue 0.7 7**

On a day when conditions were difficult the teams had an even start but the opposition made the most of their chances early on while the Officer team couldn't capitalise. However, to the boy's credit they were sticking close but in the end were unable to get the score on the board.

## **Under 12 White**

**Div: Blue**

**Officer White v Fountain Gate Blue**

**Officer White 6-6-42 Def Fountain Gate Blue 2-1-13**

**Best Players:** Great team effort

**Goal Kickers:** A. McKenzie (1), H. Canning (3), H. Pandy (1), L. Oppedisano (1)

**Awards:** Whole Team

Today was a textbook team effort that produced a firm win. The opposition was very hard & physical which just brought U12 White to play hard at the ball and play as a team, as each player supported each other throughout the whole game. They sang the team song with gusto as parents could hear them from the middle of the ground still walking off. It was an awesome win. Go Roos!!!

## **Under 12 Girls**

**Officer v Endeavour Hills**

**Endeavour Hills 4-7-31 def Officer 2-2-14**

**Awards:** A Benson, I Morris, D Murray & C Myers

**Best:** A Benson, K Dalgleish, C Myers & B Purcell

The Roo girls played a great evenly matched game against Endeavour Hills. While it was a slow start for them they woke up in the second half and made some great plays that gave them their first goal of the game. Even with a loss, the girls all put in their best efforts and came off the ground with their heads high and with great Officer spirit.

## **Under 11 Blue**

**Div: Red**

**Officer Blue v Beaconsfield Blue**

**Beaconsfield Blue 7-5-47 Def Officer 0-3-3**

**Best:** The boys working as a team

**Awards:** B. Carkeek, K. Scott, A. De La Rue

Great to see the boys improve on last week against an imposing opposition. Although they were out sized by a fair margin the boys continued to tackle hard, run hard and were prepared to put their bodies on the line as required.

The scoreboard did not reflect the endeavor and determination the Officer boys showed on the field today. Well done team!

## **Under 11 White**

**Div: Blue**

**Officer White vs Fountain Gate**

**Officer White 3-4-22 def Fountain Gate 3-3-21**

**Best Players:** B Hobson, N Kors, R Yeates, T Justus

**Goal Kickers:** H Clausen, N Kors, R Cachia

**Awards:** J Byrne, M Heathershaw, R Cachia, T Kelly

Second placed Officer faced third placed Fountain Gate at Max Pawsley Reserve, with the wind blowing straight across the ground, and Officer still looking for a four-quarter game.

In a tough first quarter, Officer again started slowly, much to the frustration of the coaching staff the football was in the Fountain Gate forward line for the first 7 minutes. Officer was able to work the ball forward and in a quick snap were lucky to score the only goal of the term.

Despite the late goal in the first term, Officer coaches used the break to try and wake their players up, explaining Fountain Gate would come out hard and the lift that was needed, however Officer failed to fire and Fountain Gate took full advantage, scoring two goals and a seven-point lead into half time.

In the third -quarter, Officer's coaches moved magnets around the board looking and hoping to bridge the gap and get some movement through the ground. Despite Officer having most of the play, they were only able to score three behinds, with Fountain Gate kicking another goal and taking a 10-point lead into the final term of a low scoring game.

Though some had written Officer off and with some players dropping their heads, the Officer coach reminded his players of the belief he had in them and the feeling they'd have if they were able to pull it together, push for the last 15 minutes and able to come from behind.

With that and some decisive player movements, Officer found something within, despite Fountain Gate scoring two early behinds and stretching the lead to 12 points. In what was to be a game changing moment, J Byrne took a mark from the kick out and played on, aided by a shepherd from R Yeates that AFL listed players would be envious of, Byrne took three bounces and kicked long into the forward line and a goal scored. With the coaches  $\frac{3}{4}$  time address in their minds, every Officer player found an extra step, extra bit of strength and kept the Fountain Gate backline busy but only able to score one behind. As the clock ticked down to the final siren Officer kept at it, taking the opposition knocks in their quest to prove doubters wrong, their efforts paying off with R Cachia pouncing on a loose ball and kicking a true captain's goal and Officer taking a one point lead with just 12 seconds to spare.

### **Officer U10 Blue**

**Div: White**

**Cora Lynn V Officer Blue**

**Captain:** R. Watson

**Goal kickers:** J. Murray, J. Smith (3), R. Warne, L. Strohbeck (3), R. Ludlow (2), R. Brugeaud, A. Kang, R. McKie (2)

**Best players:** All

**Coach's award:** R. Brugeaud

The Roo boys came out ready to play today. They applied pressure to the opposition and ran in numbers which created scoring opportunities for their forwards. The midfield dominated possession and when the ball did go back, the backline played in front and kicked long to team mates in free space. After a tough start to the season it was really good to see the boys get rewarded for their efforts.

### **Under 10 White**

**Div: Red**

**Officer White V Narre North Foxes**

**Goals:** K.Boi

**Awards:** B.Rowlands, R.Mollison, L.Shaw, J.Williams, A.Tucker

**B.O.G:** M.Ferguson, K.Boi

In the roughest game Officer have played on a full oval, Narre Foxes seemed to get a jump on Officer early. The Officer boys did a great job around the packs but they were playing against a very rough and somewhat unfair brand of footy

Officer players had their moments and there were a few great passages of play.

Keep your heads up high boys and come back bigger and stronger next week and keep playing your great brand of Officer footy

Great game by all the boys

Go Roo's

## **Under 10 Black**

**Div: Blue**

**Officer Black v Endeavour Hills**

**Captain:** R. Conlan

**Goal kickers:** E. Moylan

**Awards:** R. Conlan, A. Walsh, H. Tivendale, A. Simmons, E. Moylan, D. Beetge

This week the Roo Boys came up against the Endeavour Hills Eagles. The boys had a magnificent first half and it's great to see them thinking on their feet and looking for a free team mate to kick to. The ball was tightly contested for all 4 quarters of the game resulting in low scoring from both sides. Well done boys, it's fantastic to see your skills improving every week!

## **Under 9 White**

**Div: Red**

**Officer White V Narre North Foxes Black**

**Goal Kickers:** H. Jamieson, K. Shipway, A. Mills-Smith 1 each

**Best Players:** H. Rees, C. Hobson, X. Fisher, K. Shipway, I. Martin

Officer White played at Narre Foxes at Narre Warren North. The kids started the game really well, chasing and tackling at all costs. Their effort was led by the smaller kids in the team. After asking all the kids to share the ball by hand this week, this was great to see on game day. Well done kids, great effort by all.

## **Under 9 Black**

**Div: Blue**

**Officer Black V Fountain Gate**

**Captains:** T Noonan, J Hall, E Cordy

**Best Players:** K Baxter, B Simpson, R Allen, T Purcell, J Phillips, L Ramic, J Beetge

**Goal Kickers:** K Baxter 2, R Allen, O Bailey, J Phillips & L Ramic 1 ea.

**Awards:** K Baxter, B Simpson, L Crewes, J Phillips, O Bailey

Today, the boys started as a team & were once again lead out by their adored mascot 'Jack'. Teamwork and words of encouragement throughout the game was great to see and quarter breaks K Baxter ensured every teammate got a pat on the back. It was a tough battle the entire game B Simpson & J Beetge both tackled hard in the second half to hold up the opposition going forward. Well done to T Purcell on receiving an award from the opposition. The boys are now beginning to get back to great teamwork both on & off the field. Keep up the great effort at training!

## **Under 8 White**

**Div: Blue**

**Officer White Vs Narre North Grey**

**Awards:** Chase Williams, James Fitzsimmons, Darby Sheppard, Cobey Hoult & Jason Colman.

**Goals:** James Fitzsimmons 3, Chase Rossborough, Darby Sheppard, Nate Berry, Cooper Woodward & Brody Thomas 1 each.

This week Officer were away against Narre North and the boys played their best game so far. Yet again, their desperation and attack on the ball shone through and was a major key to their great game. Special mentions must go to our best players in CJ (Chase) who was able to stop many of Narre's attacks

and rebound the ball back into Officer's forward line, & also Jimmy, who did many great things, including kicking three goals in the final term.

The boys are really starting to gel together nicely, and are working better as a team every week.

Another great effort from the whole team, well done boys!

### **Under 8 Black**

**Div: Blue**

**Officer Black V Tooradin-Dalmore**

**Goal Kickers:** J Lovell, C Fitzpatrick, L Siriwardene, B Ancilleri, I Hitchings

**Awards:** J Marrum, B Ancilleri, C Fitzpatrick, L Siriwardene.

Round 6 saw the team play for the first time at Rutter Park.

The team keep building on their skills week to week. This week saw the players look before they kicked or passed the ball to a team mate. Defensively they worked really well as a unit, stopping the opposition from getting easy possessions. Making sure the boys man up when they don't have the ball will see them become an even better team.

Consistent goal kicking throughout the game led to a strong finish once again. The team got to sing the team song loud and proud – they showed so much mateship in welcoming Caleb back from a broken arm for his first game of the 2018 season

### **Under 8 Blue**

**Div: Red**

**Officer Blue V Narre North Foxes Black**

**Goal Kickers:** M Boi, Z Baxter, C Hooper, A Kane, N Kelly, R Papworth, T Royakkers, L Sheehan, J Sudweeks, A Whelan

**Awards:** M Boi, M El Hayek, C Hooper, N Kelly

Officer Under 8 Blue played at home today against Narre North Foxes Black.

It was back to winter like weather with a strong cold wind blowing to one end.

The team had to kick into the wind in the first quarter, they were asked to run the ball into the wind and use their handball skills when they could. They did this very well and kept the goal umpire quite busy.

For the rest of the game, the players used the weather conditions to their advantage, kicking long with the wind and running and using handballs against it.

Another fantastic effort by all the players – keep up the good work. Go Blue Roos!