

THE ROO'S NEWS

The Newsletter of the Officer Kangaroos Junior Football Club

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South East Juniors Finals Series Preliminary Finals - Week 2 Sunday 21 August

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Time	Div	Officer Team	Opposition	Location
10:30am	Div 2	U13 White (Grassham)	Narre Nth Foxes Grey	Narre Warren Nth Res 1
11:45am	Div 2	U12 White (Sawrey)	Cranbourne Blue	Narre Warren Nth Res 2
3:00pm	Div 1	U14 White (Ferguson)	Pakenham Maroon	Narre Warren Nth Res 1

Win, lose or draw the RG Porter Social Rooms at Officer will be open from 5pm to 7:30pm for all our players, parents and supporters. Pizza dinner, Gold Coin Donation, Drinks at bar prices.

Preliminary Finals: Winner to Grand Final, loser out

Grand Final spots booked

U11 Blue Div A	10.15am	Toomuc Reserve 2
U12 Blue Div A	10.30am	Toomuc Reserve 1
U15 Boys Div 2	11am	Sweeney Reserve 1

Week 1 Finals Results - Under 11 Blue

Div: A - Officer Blue 5-3-33 def Beaconsfield 1-0-6

Goals: J Bishop 1, I Hitchings 2, J Lovell 1, Z West 1

Q1. On a truly wet and windy winter's day, the Kanga boys took on Beaconsfield in the semi-final. Having lost the toss and being forced to kick into the wind in the first quarter, Officer defended hard all quarter and rebounded multiple forward 50 entries from Beaconsfield, preventing them from scoring. With a strong wind in their face, the Rooboy boys fought hard but were also unable to hit the scoreboard.

Q2. The second quarter saw Officer start to take advantage of the breeze, driving the ball forward for multiple forward 50 entries, however, in a tightly fought quarter of football, they were only able to get the one major, going into the halftime break up by a goal.

Q3. The Kangas reset in the break and came out with a plan to attack the ball, and run and carry it forward into the wind. However, things did not go to plan, with Beaconsfield having multiple forays forward and eventually, one of their talls took a nice mark a short distance out and converted to level the scores. With the ball back in the centre, Officer's mids and wingers cracked in hard, to run and carry the ball forward into their forward 50, allowing them to score a valuable goal into the wind. Shortly after this, and through continued spirited teamwork, which led to repeat entries into the Kangas forward 50, the boys were able to put another two crucial goals on the board to extend the lead to 3 goals.

Q4. The last quarter saw the Rooboy boys continue to work hard for each other, and push forward. With multiple forward 50 entries which resulted in a further goal scored by the Kangas. To Beaconsfield's credit, they continued to fight out the game until the final siren. A great game by both teams in trying conditions, with Kanga footy coming out on top! Well done boys, enjoy the weekend off and get ready for the Grand Final in two weeks time

Week 1 Finals Results - Under 12 Blue

Div: A - 9-9-63 def Beaconsfield 2-4-16

Goals: E Allan, B Bourke, J Hanegraaf (3), R Papworth, R Sawrey, L Sheean, C Williams

A big congratulations to Ryder Beaumont for reaching his 50-game milestone. Unfortunately, very early into the game he was involved in a nasty head clash and now has one of the best black eyes you will ever see. The scene of the semi-final is set - the worst conditions we have played in all season. Cold, windy and rain, we had it all. We had played Beaconsfield twice throughout this season already and both times had the better of them. We still knew that this wasn't going to be an easy game and a clear run into the grand final. We had to be switched on and work hard.

Q1 Officer 1-1- 7 v Beaconsfield 0-3-3

Officer started the day by kicking into a tricky breeze. They ran hard early and kicked a goal in the opening few minutes of the game. You could see that the Officer players were up to the task. Beaconsfield however, was not about to let things get away from them - they had a fair bit of the play down at their scoring end but just couldn't manage to find a goal. Officers defence stood up strong and several of our players rebounded the ball well.

Q2: Officer 2-5-17 v Beaconsfield 1-4-10

In the second quarter, Officer began to put more pressure on their opposition. They were winning the football around the stoppages and moving the ball well down to the forward line. Just like Beaconsfield earlier, they just couldn't hit the scoreboard as much as they would have liked. This kept Beaconsfield hungry and in the game.

Week 1 Finals Results - Under 12 Blue (con't)

At one point they had even hit the lead. With only several minutes to go before halftime, Officer managed to get a few really quick centre clearances, and kicked a goal and another couple of points to take back the lead before the main break.

Q3: Officer 4-9-33 v Beaconsfield 1-4-10

After halftime, Officer knew that they just needed to finish off their work a little bit better – especially around the goal. The conditions worsened with rain becoming heavy but surprisingly that didn't worry the Officer players - they continued to work hard for one another managing to kick two goals to none against the wind. This was when it started to become evident Beaconsfield was finding this tough.

Officer 9-9-63 v Beaconsfield 2-4-16

At the final break you could see the excitement in the player's eyes, they knew they were capable of finishing this game strongly and that meant they were headed into a grand final for the very first time. The coaching message was simple – 'Don't stop now, continue to do what you have been doing for 3 quarters.' With the wind behind them, they went long and direct and ran all over Beaconsfield. Officer kicked 5 goals to 1 in the final term and ran out comfortable winners.

The boys were grand final bound. It was yet another outstanding team effort. Let's see what we can do in a couple of weeks' time.

Go, Blue Roos!!

Week 1 Finals Results - Under 12 White

Div B: Officer White 6.3.39 Def Berwick Springs Blue 2.7.19

Best Players: Team Effort

Goal Kickers: Z Nicholas 3, N Faoro 1, J Habib 1 & J May 1

The boys travelled to Narre Warren South on this chilly winter morning to play their first-ever elimination finals against Berwick Springs Blue. Having lost to Berwick twice this season, the boys knew they had their work cut out for them and boy did they bring their A-game!

Q1: Officer White 3.1.19 – Berwick Springs 0.0.0

Officer got the jump on Berwick early in the first quarter by kicking three goals in quick succession. The boys were hungry, and it showed. The Kangas dominated the midfield and went hard at the ball, keeping Berwick scoreless in the first quarter.

Q2: Officer White 4.2.26 – Berwick Springs 0.3.3

The kangas backline activated in the second quarter, denying Berwick the opportunity to score a goal. Officer dominated the quarter and ball possession, going into halftime fired up for the final half of the game.



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Week 1 Finals Results - Under 12 White (cont)

Q3: Officer White 5.2.32 – Berwick Springs 1.6.12

The Roo boys knew that they couldn't become complacent for the final half as it was still anyone's game at this stage. Berwick applied the pressure in the third quarter and their ability to mark the ball in the contest was impressive. It started to drizzle throughout the quarter but that didn't faze the Roo boys who continued to put their bodies on the line to dominate the footy.

Q4: Officer White 6.3.39 – Berwick Springs 2.7.19

The boys entered the fourth and final quarter hungrier than ever. They had a taste of finals footy, and they weren't about to let Berwick take it away from them. The Roo boys took control from the first bounce and kicked a goal early on, leaving them with a comfortable score line. The boys played to their positions and proved that they deserved to play finals footy.



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Week 1 Finals Results - Under 13 White

Div: 2 - Officer White 8.6.54 def Pakenham 1.2.8

Goals: J. Buckland 2, C. Hobson, S. McDonald, R. Filpi, B. Leighton, S. Cullino, H. Rees.

Awards: L. Westgate, D. Luxford, A. Mills-Smith, B. Penpraze, O. Byrne, A. Mills-Smith, S. McDonald, C. Hobson

Q1. With plenty of nerves and anticipation, we travelled to Strathaird reserve Narre Warren South to take on our archrivals Pakenham in our first ever final. Right from the first bounce our boys played with a level of intensity we hadn't seen from them before and considering the wet conditions they handled the ball brilliantly while tackling and harassing their Pakenham opponents immediately whenever they went near the ball!

Kicking with the wind we managed to score the only 3 goals of the quarter to go into quarter time 3.2.20 to 0.

Q2. Kicking into the wind we continued to hold our structure and attack the footy ferociously and managed to score a goal into the wind while holding Pakenham to a couple of behinds.

At half time we lead 4.6.30 to 0.2.2.

After an incredible half of footy we implored the boys to go on with the job and boy did they deliver!

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Week 1 Finals Results - Under 13 White (cont)

Q3. In the third quarter, Pakenham lifted, however, our brave roo boys stood up to the challenge and both teams managed to score a goal in a tough bruising quarter of finals footy. At three-quarter time we lead 5.6.36 to 1.2.8.

At the break the coaches challenged the boys to finish the game off strong as we were kicking into a strong wind and we lead by only 28 points.

Q4. What followed was simply incredible, with ruthless pressure and work rate we managed to kick 3 goals to none into the wind and run out winners in our first ever final to the tune of 46 points! The attention to detail and self-sacrifice on display for the team was incredible and showed maturity well beyond their years!

Boys you are an amazing group of young men and if you continue to train and play like this anything is possible!

Congratulations Seth on 50 games!

Week 1 Finals Results - Under 14 White

Div 1 - Officer White 0-5-5 Lost To Narre North Foxes 02-02-14

Playing at Mick Moreland reserve today in terrible weather conditions with consistent rain and wind which did not let up all game, and add to that playing our toughest opponents all year for the 6th time, the players were focused on it being a tough contest.

Q1. Whilst the first quarter was played that way with Officer having plenty of the ball, what we didn't count on was the umpiring being so one-sided, 8 to 3 free kick count in favour of Narre.

Q2. The second quarter was played similar to the first with relentless battering rain and wind and the umpiring again being in even greater favour to the opposition, 11 to 1 free kick count. How do you compete against that? The boys were determined in their pursuit for the ball.

Q3. The players continued to try and play their style of football and battled manfully but just couldn't get the results on the scoreboard, as the rain continued to pour down making it a slog, scores at this point were Officer 0-3-3 to Narre 1-2-8

Q4. The last quarter saw the players give it their all, and completely dominate the last quarter, and we thought we had it won when Mollo kicked a goal from a great mark, to put us in front with a minute to play and having the field umpire calling it all clear and a goal. This brought all our players in to celebrate, however the goal umpire, decided to wait and overrule the field umpire and call it a point some time after, this then allowed the opposition to run the ball down the other side of the ground with no pressure and kick a goal. What do you say or do about that?

Week 1 Finals Results - Under 14 White (cont)

It was a heartbreaking game, but with a final free kick count of 12 to 35 going the oppositions way and a clear goal denied, we were never going to win it, it really did feel like the umpires had already made up their mind before the game as to who was going to win.

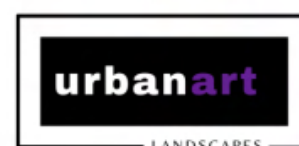
Better players on the day, Finn never gave up, EJ was determined and tried all day with support from Keenan, Jed, Cody, Oscar, Mitch and all of the rest of the boys put in a super effort and we are really proud of you. Lets now all focus on next weeks game preparation.

Go ROO BOYS



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Week 1 Finals - U15 Boys

U15 Boys - Officer 13-13-91 def Narre North Foxes 6-5-41

Goals: B Hamilton x 2, J Watt, L Pettiford, N Hathaway, L Chase x 2, L Limbom x 2

Today our boys played Narre North Foxes at a muddy and wet Frankston ground in our first final. The boys played a hard and committed brand of football all day and stuck to our structures and game plans. The boys were rewarded with a fantastic win! We now look forward to the grand final in two week's time. Congratulations Roo Boys!



Finals Week 1 Milestones

50 Games
U13 White
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