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GRAND FINAL CELEBRATIONS

Grand Final celebrations were held at our RG Porter Rooms on Sunday night. It was great to see so many families, not just the competing 3 teams but from right across the club.



THE RUN-THROUGH BANNERS

In keeping with the long held AFL tradition, the club provided the supplies to make crepe paper run through banners and assisted in the design and building of the banners - No doubt the biggest the league has seen!



GRAND FINAL RESULTS - Under 11 BLUE

Div A: Officer 9-6-62 def Beaconsfield 3-0-18

Goals: I Hitchings 4, A Hayes 2, W Andrews , J Lovell , L Siriwardene 1

Best on Ground: A Thomas

On a beautiful, sunny morning, the two best teams of the season faced off in the Grand Final at Pakenham. In what has become somewhat of a rivalry between the two teams, this match was set to be a cracker from the onset! First blood was drawn by the Kangas before the game had even started, with the unfurling of the banners, thus setting the tone for what was to come. Being forced to kick into a strong breeze to start the game, the Rooboyes worked hard throughout the quarter, running and carrying the ball from their defence to forward 50 multiple times. Eventually, they were able to get the first score on the board thanks to a goal square snap. Unfortunately, it was touched off the boot, resulting in only a minor score. The Beaconsfield players continued to attack and drive the ball into the attacking 50, and were eventually rewarded with a goal close to the quarter break, giving them a five-point lead at the first change.

The start of the second quarter saw the Officer boys respond exactly as asked. Within 30 seconds of play, they had kicked their first major of the day to put them in front. From there, the boys continued to execute 'Kanga Footy', cracking in hard, working for each other and doing the one percenters that the coaches have encouraged and trained them to do throughout the season. Combining all this together, the boys worked together to share the footy and put on a further five goals, to go into the major break five goals up.



GRAND FINAL RESULTS - Under 11 BLUE (cont)

The third quarter saw a more spirited effort by the Beaconsfield players, with them coming in hard at the contest across the ground. Their ruck and onballers were getting more of the ball than in the previous half, however, the Kanga boys were able to match it with them, and kept rebounding repeat inside 50 entries from them. Eventually, after multiple forays forward, Beaconsfield was able to score two goals late in the quarter, to leave them trailing by three goals going into the final quarter.

The last quarter saw Officer continue to work hard for each other. This started in the middle, where their midfielders were able to assert their dominance over the Beaconsfield midfielders. Clean ball use clearing the contest, allowed the boys to drive the ball inside 50 to their awaiting forwards who joyfully capitalised on these opportunities and slotted through three more goals. Throughout the quarter and with the game put to bed, the Rooboys kept to the game plan and didn't stray from their brand of 'Kanga Footy', continuing to apply pressure to the Beaconsfield players every time they didn't have the ball.

In the end, the result reflected the hard work and dedication of not just the players this season, but the coaching staff, trainers, runner and most importantly all the parents and family members who get the boys to training twice a week and give up their Sunday mornings so that these boys can share in moments like this that they will remember forever. Well done and congratulations to the Officer boys on an awesome season



GRAND FINAL RESULTS - Under 12 BLUE

Div A: Officer Blue 6 – 12- 48 def Beaconsfield 2-3-15

Goals: M Peplow X3, J Hanegraaf, N Kelly, L Sheean,

Best on-ground medal: J Hanegraaf

A big congratulations go out to Rylan Sawrey and Jack Sudweeks for reaching their 50-game milestone. Both boys have done very well this season and continue to put in every week. Well done for reaching this milestone.

The big day had arrived and all of the players were very excited you could feel a sense of both nervousness and confidence in the air. After playing Beaconsfield in the semi-final the players knew that their best was good enough to get the job done. Officer had the week off to rest up for the grand final and was ready to go. It was a beautiful day for it at first but unfortunately, a warm wind had picked up by game time and there was a clear advantage kicking to one end of the ground. Winning the toss was important to get off to a good start. Officer won the toss and off they went.

1st Quarter

Officer 4-3- 27 v Beaconsfield 0-0-0

Officer started the day by kicking with the breeze and got off to a slowish start only managing to kick a few points in the opening minutes. All of the Officer forward line players Ethan Allen, Bodhi Bourke, Rylan Sawrey, Copper Barrow and Zade Baxter were working really hard to keep the ball locked in there. It wasn't going to be long before we had our first goal for the day. It took a little bit of Luke Sheean magic to kick the first one.

GRAND FINAL RESULTS - Under 12 BLUE (cont)

Officer was on the board and there was no stopping them from there. Jaxson Hanegraaf, Riley Papworth, and Jack Plunkett all started to dominate in the middle of the ground and Max Peplow found himself on the end of some good work and kicked the next three goals of the match – a couple of them were rippers. Officer went into the quarter-time break with a handy lead of 27 points.

2nd Quarter

Officer 5-5-35 v Beaconsfield 0-2-2

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 but it was a lot harder in this quarter because of the windy conditions. Both Tayte Royakkers and Chase Williams were doing a great job on the wings and holding sharp. The half-back line of Jack Sudweeks, Shaun Barron and Charlie Allcock just wouldn't let the ball go past them. There was midfield rotation that saw Nate Kelly get some time in the centre, he pushed forward and kicked a great goal after a Beaconsfield kick-in. Late in the quarter, Beaconsfield started to get some forward half time but the likes of Alex Chol and Chase Irwin made it hard for Beaconsfield to score. At the main break, Officer was well in control of the game.

3rd Quarter

Officer 6-12-48 v Beaconsfield 0-2-2

After half-time, Officer knew that they just needed to keep grinding away at Beaconsfield. Ryder Beaumont, Liam Beacall and Kujang Dew went forward and kept the pressure up.



GRAND FINAL RESULTS - Under 12 BLUE (cont)

Fletcher Trethewey was moved onto the wing and was laying tackle after tackle - all signs were still positive. Officers kicking for goal for the term was a little off. They had all the play but only a Jaxson Hanegraaf goal to show for the quarter. There was a moment late in the quarter when Beaconsfield started to get a little bit harder at the contest. One of Beaconsfield's stronger players was running through the middle of the ground pushing Officer players aside with the ball in hand. Jack Plunkett saw this as a time to make a statement to the opposition that today was our day and that this premiership belongs to Officer. He laid a beautiful tackle right in the middle of the ground, The Officer crowd roared holding the ball. The loudest cheer came from Finley Barrow who was sidelined due to an injury sustained earlier in the season. It was a real highlight of the match and something that will be remembered for many years.

4th Quarter

Officer 6-12-48 v Beaconsfield 2-3-15

At the final break, you could see that the boys knew all they had to do is play another fifteen minutes of footy. They had worked really hard all day on a very big ground and used up a fair bit of energy. That said, they still defended like the game was in the balance. Beaconsfield kicked a couple of late goals to reduce the margin but it wasn't ever going to be enough. The siren sounds and Officer are now declared Premiers. The smiles could not be wiped from the boys' faces. This is something this group of players have been working towards for a very long time. It's just so pleasing to see it all come together. Let's all enjoy the moment for what we have achieved as a group of players, coaches and families.



GRAND FINAL RESULTS - Under 15 BOYS

Div 2

Officer 18-14-122 def Narre North Foxes 2-6-9

Goals: J Honey x5, J Watt x3, N Hathaway x2, W Sturgeon x2, J Wierzbicki, L Limbomb, B Hamilton, T Kelly, R Meehl, L Pettiford

Best on-ground medal: J Honey

Our boys took on rivals Narre Foxes in this year's Under 15 Grand Final.

From the first bounce, the boys showed incredible teamwork, determination, and focus, with everyone playing their role within our team to run out convincing 104-point winners.

Our ability to stick to our game structures and game style was superb, never relaxing on what we know is our best footy.

It was an amazing four-quarters of footy for our boys and a testament to their hard work and commitment this year, and we got the ultimate reward.

Congratulations and Well done Rooboys!



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