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RJFC
Richmond Junior
Football Club



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YJFL Yarra Magpies representatives

Congratulations to the following players for representing the YJFL in interleague games:

Under 14 boys Division 2	Billy Jones	Under 16 girls	Amelia Judd Lara Brown
Under 15 girls Division 1	Keira Manning Coco Murrhly Rosie Wilson	Under 16 boys	Zac Chapman

YJFL B+F Results

Congratulations to the following players for placing in the top 5 in the YJFL Best & Fairest count for their respective divisions:

U12 Mixed Yellow	Lewis Leverett Isaac Feehan	U15 Girls Yellow	Rosie Wilson Ava Athanopoulos
U13 Girls Yellow	Laelani Gumbula	U15 Boys 4	Kyan Lim Joon Paulo Lara
U13 Mixed Black	Derek Wilson	Youth Girls 2	Sass Walker
14 Mixed 4	Munyari Johnson Billy Jones	Youth Boys 2	Asher Claney Also selected in Youth Boys Team of the Year

President's report / 1

Hi Tiger Army, it's been another fantastic year of junior footy in Richmond. Our 50th season has flown by so quickly. It's been action packed and memory laden.

Along with the week to week business and effort of rolling out our 22 teams, we have had a multitude of other events that have contributed to enhancing the wider club community's connection..

There were a number of events of note this year beginning with our brilliantly attended season welcome BBQ at Jack Dyer Pavilion after Round 2. In Round 6 we recognised the Sir Doug Nicholls Round and launch of our Indigenous jumper, designed by our own retiring Youth Girls team player, Kenita Bush. This project took a lot of effort behind the scenes and was expertly driven by Emma Beckers and Paul Barcham – thank you both for enabling such a wonderful initiative.

In early August we celebrated our 50th Anniversary bash at the bowling club. It was great to see so many current families, and also the past players, coaches and committee members to recount the 'good old days' and tell us how they built this great club.

In the final Round we hosted the U10 Girls Lightning Premiership at Kevin Bartlett again, a tradition we have upheld since the beginning of the U10 Girls comp in 2016. Around 200 U10 girls converged for 4 games each and the standard of play by all teams was exceptional to watch - the depth of talent playing is definitely getting stronger each year. The best part, though, was the fun the girls all had. Plenty of smiling faces and friendships cemented.

Our commitment to improving our players' safety and skills was reinforced by the rollout of Malcolm Bangs' specialist tackling sessions for all teams. The kids' engagement was excellent and we're sure the players are now stronger, smarter and safer footballers because of this.

We were so lucky to get two visits this year from our friends the big Tigers from the Richmond Footy Club. One to celebrate our 50th Anniversary at Citizens Park where Tom Lynch, Rhyan Mansell and Sam Banks presented us with a jumper signed by all the current RFC players, and the other at Burnley where again Rhyan Mansell and Maurice Rioli Junior engaged with all our younger teams to teach them a few of their tricks.

For the first time since COVID we welcomed back Sunday arvo roasts at the Bowling Club regularly during the season, and it was great to see people from different age groups get together and share stories from the weekend's games, and learn about each other.

Volunteers

As always, our club is nothing without the mass of volunteer input every week and right through the offseason too. Like every other year, hundreds of hours of people's time go into ensuring our kids can do what they do. Thanks to those each week helping everything run smoothly behind the scenes, particularly those that don't have kids playing but give up their time for the love of our club. Mick, Lisa, Dule, Drago, Bomber and Bill - thanks yet again for the work you put in to make our club great. The Committee has really hummed this year, with everyone putting in a solid contribution, particularly in the months leading up to the start of the season when everyone else is out enjoying the summer, to make sure the season was a success. It's been a pleasure to work with you all to get the job done.

Our Coaches are the backbone of the club, they are the coalface and have the most impact on the kids week in and week out. We must thank them for mentoring our kids and not just making them better footballers, but better people. They are ably backed up and kept organised by the loyal band of Team Managers who ensure the team is well resourced and everything is in order, and that the rest of the game day volunteers are under control. Thanks to all those who fearlessly took on both of these roles for their teams.

The deepest admiration and thanks should also go to Andrew Read and Mick Murrhly who have tirelessly run our very successful Auskick and U7s programmes, as well as the newly created Girls development programme, while still finding the time to coach their teams and always be there to help out around the club. Amazing stuff and deserved joint winners of this year's Club Person of the Year awards. Thanks Gents.



YJFL Presentation Awards

Congratulations to the players on the previous page who have placed in the top 5 of their division for the YJFL Best and Fairest awards.

No matter what position you place, it is a tribute to your skill and commitment to be acknowledged so highly amongst your peers, and we hope that you can be inspired to continue developing further in your coming junior seasons.

Rep football

We are very proud of the RJFC players representing the league: Billy Jones, Keira Manning, Coco Murrhly, Rosie Wilson, Amelia Judd, Lara Brown, Zac Chapman.

We're sure that your experiences have given you a deeper skill set, and that you can bring your learnings back to RJFC and pass them on to your teammates.

President's report / 2

Retiring Youth Girls and Boys

Well done to the long list of retiring Youth boys and girls this year. We hope your time at RJFC is memorable and your love of footy has been nurtured. You are always welcome back here, and we will miss you as you move onto the next phases of your lives - good luck to you all.

Sponsors and Partners

Thanks again to all our Sponsors and Partners – without their support, our kids couldn't do what they do. Please make sure you support our local business sponsors who support us and contribute their time, money and goodwill to ensure we as a club can operate successfully. We are lucky to have strong and enduring relationships with our fellow community organisations - Melbourne Indigenous Transition School, Richmond Football Club, Melbourne High School Old Boys Football Club, Richmond Central Amateur Snakes Football Club, Richmond Union Bowling Club, Richmond Harriers Athletics Club and our co-tenant cricket clubs - Richmond Union, Richmond City and Burnley CYMS. Not to mention all the while supported by the City of Yarra - what a great local community.

Scoreboard

Work has begun in the background to carry out the first stage of our Strategic Plan in conjunction with our co-tenant clubs, by looking to install an electronic scoreboard at Kevin Bartlett in the near future. Citz Park will then be next on the agenda. This is an exciting prospect and one which we're sure will create a lot of interest

Premierships

AFrom 7 teams of a possible 15 making finals, we were lucky enough to have 3 teams into grand finals. Congratulations to the Under 12 Mixed Yellow, Under 14 Mixed, and Youth Boys teams on playing so consistently throughout the season to get to the big dance.

On Grand Final day, our U14s played heroically and were right in the game, and only narrowly went down to a strong Banyule team at Beverley Road Oval in Banyule – well done boys and Adam Murray and his coaching crew on guiding the boys through a season where there were a lot of absences at times but still stay in the hunt and remain so competitive.

Our Under 12 Yellow team were dominant all season and so the theme continued in the grand final against Parkside at Pitcher Park, with the bonus of many players having their best game on the big stage. Congratulations to Tom Hutchins and crew and the boys and girl who week in week out put out a top notch performance.

And finally to our Youth Boys team (or Colts as some still say) who brought home the bacon in the last quarter in a tight contest against Preston at Brunswick St Oval. The two teams have been the benchmark of the Division 2 competition all year, and have had some great battles. It was poetic that our boys came out on top with so many playing their last junior games for RJFC on the day, having played the last 10 years together since Tackers (as U8s was known then), and not experiencing a grand final before. What a way to finish. Congratulations to Kai Bloomfield and Chris McNeill on moulding the rag tag mob into a well-oiled machine. And to the Youth Boys, well done - your characters shone through when the pressure was on and we are all very proud of the men you've become.

All up....

Season 2023 was another success. 470 kids got to play lots of footy, and we hope they, and all their families, feel part of a bigger community. Thanks to you all for contributing to this success, enjoy your summers, and we look forward eagerly to 2024 already.

Lachlan Mosley

President – on behalf of the RJFC Club Committee



Celebrating RJFC 50 years with Richmond AFL players



RJFC Team Awards 2023

U/8 Mixed Black

1st Best & Fairest	George Miles
2nd Best & Fairest	Curtis Devlin
3rd Best & Fairest	Oscar Hedger
Best Team Player	Malcolm O'Callaghan
Best All Rounder	Jackson Hunter

U/8 Mixed Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Harry Sword
equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Jack Barnfather
equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Rory Burke
Best All Rounder	Harry Davis
Rising Star	Finn Hartley
Best Team Player	George Brown

U/9 Mixed

1st Best & Fairest	Franklin Crick
2nd Best & Fairest	Jack Hutchins
3rd Best & Fairest	August Harrison
Most Determined	Charlie Aloï
Best Team Player	Lachlan Bowman
Most Improved	Jack Fox

U/10 Mixed

1st Best & Fairest	Ashton Arnott
2nd Best & Fairest	Gracie Otter
3rd Best & Fairest	Roy Tipper
Coaches Award	Peter Gearing
Most Improved	Jake King
Most Determined	Anton Vlahovic

U/11 Mixed

equal 1st Best & Fairest	Beau Bisset
equal 1st Best & Fairest	Edward McDowell
equal 1st Best & Fairest	Erik Mosley
Smiling Warrior	Alfie Aloï
Hunting Tiger	Hugo Barwald
Strong & Bold	Sam Clauscen

U/10 Girls

1st Best & Fairest	Josephine Sekula
2nd Best & Fairest	Milly Benson
3rd Best & Fairest	Clara Ransom
Most Dedicated	Harriet Sekula
Rising Star	Alexa Dean
Leadership & Resilience	Eliza Gower

U/11 & U/12 Girls

1st Best & Fairest	Alice Martin
equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Amy Coburn
equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Florence Keating
The Mongrel Award	Chloe McGilton
Most Improved	Eme Major

U/12 Mixed Black

1st Best & Fairest	Hugo Shaw
2nd Best & Fairest	Cameron Boxer
3rd Best & Fairest	Edward Bourke
Most Improved	Ethan Tsoumbanos
Most Versatile	Nate Corker
Best Team Player	Lachlan Stewart
Player of the Finals	Zach Walker

U/12 Mixed Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Lewis Leverett
2nd Best & Fairest	Albie Hutchins
3rd Best & Fairest	Will Spinks
Best Team Player	Marcus Watkins
Most Consistent	Michael Matyear
Most Improved	Thomas Odman
Player of the Finals	Will Spinks

U/13 Girls Black

1st Best & Fairest	Laylah Ross
equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Iris Edwards
equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Shaylee Lewis
equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Cordelia Postill
Best First Year Player	Allina McGuire
Team Tiger Award	Amelia Nathan

U/13 Girls Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Laelani Gumbula
2nd Best & Fairest	Melina Xenos
3rd Best & Fairest	Millicent Kerr
Most Consistent	Ava Barker
Best Defensive Player	Rahni Kelly
Best First Year Player	Greenisha Campbell
Player of the Finals	Latia-Rose Booth

U/13 Mixed Black

1st Best & Fairest	Joseph Rutledge
2nd Best & Fairest	Owen Boxer
3rd Best & Fairest	Liam Hargreaves
Most Courageous	Tristan Butteux
Most Consistent	Jack Hill
Most Improved	Ethan Motley
Player of the Finals	Derek Wilson

U/13 Mixed Yellow

equal 1st Best & Fairest	Lenny Donaldson
equal 1st Best & Fairest	Cade Murphy
3rd Best & Fairest	Joshua Moore
Most Improved	Quinn Cassidy
Most Consistent	Julian Tregambe
Supa Fist	Cooper Zammit

U/15 Girls Black

1st Best & Fairest	Molly Hughes
2nd Best & Fairest	Charlotte Mutch
3rd Best & Fairest	Isabella Knight
Most Consistent	Olivia Worth
Most Improved	Hoanna Grantham
Most Courageous	Harmony Balshaw-Jack

U/15 Girls Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Rosie Wilson
2nd Best & Fairest	Coco Murrighy
3rd Best & Fairest	Grace Morriss
Most Dedicated	Coco Maslin
Rising Star	Angel Ahfat
Best First Year Player	Bree Fulton

U/14 Mixed

1st Best & Fairest	Dwayne Whitehurst
2nd Best & Fairest	Cameron Koppens
3rd Best & Fairest	Frederick Heath
Most Improved	Byron Cunningham
Best Teammate	Tom Freame
Best Backman	Mitchell Irwin
Player of the Finals	Will Tyrrell

U/15 Boys

1st Best & Fairest	Kyan Lim Joon
2nd Best & Fairest	Ned O'Farrell
3rd Best & Fairest	Evan Hoolihan
Coaches Award	Thomas Assender
Most Improved	Luca Spinaze
Most Consistent	Milo Webb-Johnson
Player of the Finals	Oliver Smith

Youth Girls Black

1st Best & Fairest	Nellie Wade
2nd Best & Fairest	Lily Ziemer
3rd Best & Fairest	Sinead McClay
Talented & Skilful	Harriet Crock
Dashing & Exciting	Clare Wong
Best Defender	Isobel Coshutt

Youth Girls Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Sass Walker
2nd Best & Fairest	Indy Adler
equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Lara Brown
equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Abbey Tyrrell
Coaches Award	Lucia Matyear
Most Improved	Tammy Quach

U/16 Boys

1st Best & Fairest	Zac Chapman
2nd Best & Fairest	Jack Fennell
equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Ari Glover
equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Daijon Puertollano
Most Consistent	Lachlan Dowd
Most Courageous	Will Stone

Youth Boys

1st Best & Fairest	Matthew Haberfield
2nd Best & Fairest	Asher Claney
equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Rueben Reid
equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Hamish Webb
Best Clubman	Patrick Colless
Coaches Award	Nik Buchanan
Player of the Finals	Eddie King

RJFC Awards and Milestones 2023



RJFC Milestones 2023

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Thomas Assender	Michael Matyear
Hayden Atkinson	Oliver Morison
Jack Bennett	Amelia Nathan
Benjamin Birrell	Gracie Otter
Will Bowman	Lucy Sadler
Eddie Cleven	Tommy Sime
Isaac Feehan	Will Spinks
Gabby Hooker	Julian Tregambe
Albie Hutchins	Howard Wade
Millie Kerr	Marcus Watkins
Lewis Leverett	Madeleine Watson
Kyan Lim Joon	
Harry Lovett-Heeps	

RJFC Club Awards 2023

Frank McMahon	Angus McNeill Kenita Bush
Golden Fist	Freddy Butt Abi Forster
Fiesel Mir	Amelia Judd
Joshua Weir	Minh Tuong
Tom Roach	Billy Jones
Tilly Lucas Rodd	Mathilde Beckers

Phil Ballis	Tom Pelchen Sarah Casserly
Seb Sedergreen	Patrick Dwyer
Best Clubman <i>(Shaw, Rudland, Frangoulis Trophy)</i>	Andrew Read & Mick Murrhy
Life Membership	Chris McNeill Troy Chandler

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Zac Chapman	Jack Hannan
Toby Corr	Austin Reynolds
Ted D'Amico	Will Rahilly
Lachlan Dowd	Matthew Rigby
Jack Fennell	Charlie Somes





Retiring Youth Boys

NAME	RJFC GAMES	NAME	RJFC GAMES
Asher Claney	143	Austin Reynolds	64
Matthew Haberfield	141	Cooper Mitchell	60
Angus McNeill	141	Beppe Daly	42
Andrew Alexellis	141	Kobi Bloomfield	39
Edward King	137	Nikolas Buchanan	31
Hamish Webb	137	Tom Woolhouse	26
Ben Morgan	131	Bruce Armstrong	22
Patrick Colless	131	Joseph Klotz	12
Freddy Butt	117	Hugo Cornell	12
Tom Pelchen	93	Ben Oppy	7
Jonty Chandler	80		



Retiring Youth Girls

NAME	RJFC GAMES	NAME	RJFC GAMES
Sarah Casserly	77	Tammy Quach	24
Holly Kearton	57	Kenita Bush	23
Sass Walker	31	Alana Archer	22
Alexandra Wilson	29	Indy Adler	22
Charlotte Jansson	25	Asha McMillan	19
Mia Cresswell	24	Abigail Forster	18
Sophie Hume	24	Lily Oliphant	2

Auskick and U/7 Carnival



Auskick returned in 2023 with a huge influx in numbers, particularly in the kinder group. For the second straight year we got through a full 12-week schedule -- we lost only ten minutes to inclement weather -- and the appetite of youngsters for Auskick was highlighted by an incredible turnout for the session on the King's Birthday long weekend.

Mothers' Day Longest Kick was back, Buddy Bear returned from hibernation, yet the stars of the show were, as always, the Club's youngest footballers. Skills improved throughout the year to the point the parents were soundly beaten in the series of Kids v. Parents matches on the last day.

A huge debt of gratitude to Mick Murrhly for all the insanely early starts, to Elise Graham for her help with the kinder group and to Eli Hazell for her diligence tracking down Auskickers of the Week ; and particular thanks, and praise, go as always to our cohort of teenage helpers without whom the whole enterprise simply wouldn't work. Once again they were fantastic in running drills for their younger counterparts and received rave reviews from parents -- their efforts are invaluable.



After last year's inaugural edition, the **U7 carnival** returned at Camberwell for a four-week series of matches following the conclusion of the Auskick season. Once again we fielded three very enthusiastic sides (two boys and one girls) against their counterparts from other YJFL clubs.

The young players had a great time. Once again Thursday night training was a hit; just like last year, the week-on-week progression was rapid and by the last week of matches the kids were playing some very impressive football.

Thank you to an excellent parent group, to Mick Murrhly for yet another wholehearted effort and to Bree Fulton (U15 Girls) and Liam Hargreaves (U13 Boys), who cannot be praised highly enough for their coaching roles. Finally thank you to the players -- a wonderful group who we all look forward to see enjoying their football for many years to come.



It was a remarkable first season for the Under 8 teams showing great commitment and development throughout the year. From round one where the entire squad played together in Kew, it was clear that we were spoilt with a talented bunch of players and this talent was certainly on show throughout the year with many stunning team and individual performances.

The Friday night training sessions helped the team build skills for game day, whilst having a bit of fun as a squad. It was particularly important for us to create connections between players in preparation for game day where we rotated players through the Black and Yellow teams. Game day was a showcase of the skills, development and desire of the team to work together and enjoy some wins along the way (despite no official scoring!). The resolve of the teams was clearly tested mid-season with inclement weather and muddy conditions. This brought out the best in many of the players and we saw some remarkable wet weather footy that focused on teamwork.

At the beginning of the season we defined the following objectives for the team:

- Ensure each player enjoys training & games, regardless of their experience or skill level.
- Develop the players teamwork and to show the benefits & rewards that come from working together.
- Develop each player's skills, ability and passion for the game.

Through the commitment of our team managers, assistant coaches, trainers and parent support we feel these objectives were met.

It was a joy to coach the season and we are looking forward to watching all these superstars develop in the years to come. Go Tigers!

Jason Barnfather & Alistair Holmes

U/8 Mixed Black

Player	Description
Lachlan Costley	Lachie was one of the team's leading goal kickers for the season. He applied constant pressure in the back line and had the ability to work hard all four quarters. Lachie's skills developed well over the season and by the final rounds he could roost the ball from a kickout over to the mid-field zone.
Curtis Devlin	Curtis always made his presence known on the field... if a player stood between him and the ball they would come off second best. He was versatile and comfortable in attacking and defending positions. At the under 8s the coaches talked a lot about "Second Efforts", but Curtis would often get second, third and even a fourth possessions in a passage of play.
Fred Fisher	Fred's versatility and attitude allowed him to be effective in any position. In the back line he would effectively tag a player and not leave his side, and in the forward line he would make space and contribute to the passage of play.
Archer Fraczek	Archie is a speedy and skilful player. He would often lead out into space for a mark and finish off with a solid disposal. His speed and reading of the play makes him invaluable around the pack and for centre clearances.
Oscar Hedger	Oscar was at home in the ruck and has the composure and maturity to use his height to his advantage. He often played around the half forward line and was a very safe target for his teammates but equally as effective as a defensive player using his size and skills for effective conversions.
Humphrey Holmes	Humphrey is able to use his height in tap-outs and marking for effective clearances and turnovers. He took many strong marks around the half-back and half-forward lines and followed through with long and accurate kicks. He was a handy goal-sneak when the opportunity arose and can always get a kick or handball away when it counts.
Jackson Hunter	Jackson's skills & ability to read the play was a standout in the team and his diehard love of the game was evident. He always found himself in open space to be a safe target for teammates. His speed and disposal skills resulted in many goals and goal-assists.
Thomas Lynch	Tom is a great all-rounder and his absence from the team was felt in the second half of the season. His handball, kicking and tackling skills allowed him to get accurate disposals and perform well under pressure. He gave 100% in any position and had some absolute standout games.
George Miles	George's energy and attitude on the field would only be matched by the top AFL stars! George would go hard for the ball from the first bounce to the final siren and has a knack of reading the play and being in the right position. George's lightning speed, accuracy and general ball skills make him a formidable player in any position.
Malcolm O'Callaghan	Malc can be relied upon to go hard for the ball at every opportunity. He is a very versatile player who uses his strength and skills around the pack to clear the ball effectively. In tough games the coaches knew they could put Malc in any zone to help turn the game around.
Filip Spiez	Filip is determined and ambitious on the field. He is most effective in the mid-field and is very comfortable tackling the biggest opposition players and working hard to get the ball. He was the "quiet achiever" of the team who always made an impact when needed.

U/8 Mixed Yellow

Player	Description
Jack Barnfather	Jack was impressive throughout the year in all positions on the field, but particularly in the forward line where he scored plenty of goals. His kicking skills were most notable and we all enjoyed watching Jack develop in his first season.
George Brown	George is the ultimate team player and had a fantastic season. In all positions on the field, George showed a range of skills that were sublime for his first season and to top it off, he kicked some fantastic goals along the journey.
Rory Burke	Rory is a dynamic player that started the season extremely well and continued to build on his skills as the season progressed. His ruck work and ability to take possession of the ball then effectively deliver it to team mates was a joy to watch.
Harry Davis	Harry is a speedster and his run and carry of the ball particularly in the mid field was remarkable. He racked up plenty of possessions throughout the year and is a player we are all going to enjoy watching in the coming years.
William Dunn	William played in both the yellow and black teams and was consistently contributing to the success of the team. His tackling ability was most notable throughout the season and his skills are quickly developing. Well done Will.
Robert Gardner	Robbie is a versatile player and enjoyed playing in the ruck. What impressed most was his commitment to the contest and tackling pressure. Some of his runs down the wings were a joy to watch and with his skills improving on a weekly basis, he will be a star player on the wing in seasons to come.
Finn Hartley	Finn is a rising star, with determination and a strong marking ability he was outstanding, particularly in the latter part of the year. Also worth noting is his ability to dodge opposition players and snag a few goals throughout the season.
Archie Laycock	Archie showed us plenty of talent throughout the season with a big impact in the centre bounces where he enjoyed going up in the ruck. Despite some injuries in games, this did not stop him from making a significant contribution and the commitment to the team was impressive.
Gabriel Procter	Gabe was a standout player in the mid-field with fierce determination throughout the year. The ability to extract the ball from a pack through his strength meant he was able to accumulate many possessions and contribute to the success of the team.
Archie Ransom	Archie had an outstanding start to his football career and it is clear that he will become a key to any teams success in the future, most likely in the forward line where he excelled. The ability to read the play and often play on in the forward line to score a goal made him a dangerous opponent that caught many off guard.
Harry Sword	Harry is a worthy winner of the best and fairest this year. His ruck work was sublime and ability to control possession with multiple opposition players hanging off him was outstanding. He is team oriented and always looking to share the ball with his teammates. A true joy to watch throughout the season and we can't wait to see you develop further as a player in the coming years.

U/9 Mixed



It was great to get back almost all our team back for another cracking season. The year seemed to fly past and I think we can agree that our entire group played some great footy this year. Thanks to Dave, we made an effort early on to strip back training sessions, and just focusing on the core skills. This meant spending far more time at training completing basic kicking and marking drills. I believe this really made a big impact, as in many games we were able to transition the ball across the entire ground with kick, mark and handball. Our improved ability to share the ball and kick accurately resulted in many players scoring multiple goals this season and made for some great passages of play.

Like last year, the best part of coaching is watching the kids get better, building confidence in each player whilst driving their ability and so many of our team members made great improvements. In 2023 we played in the northern division and whilst this gave us close games (both geographically and literally) against the two Fitzroy teams, it also provided us with many under resourced teams that made for lopsided results. The competition will be more difficult next year, and we look forward to playing footy on full size grounds without the zones

I hope all the families and kids enjoyed season 2023 as much as we did. It couldn't be done without the great work from all parents that volunteered. There was a premium standard of goal umpiring throughout the season with no errors or 'ARC' assistance. We had a fantastic regular game day trainer each week, thank you Kellie. Crick and Lachlan Fox were a fantastic support during Friday training, and Bec Talbot (who also manages basketball, cricket, and any other sport her sons play) is the master team manager. Thank you.

We look forward to everyone coming back in 2024, keep up the kicking and marking practice over the summer, and go Tigers!

Joel Gregory

Player	Description
Orlando Aitken	You could tell Orlando is enjoying his footy more each week as his confidence grows. He kicked several goals on the run this year and has a great turn of speed, which we will need on the bigger grounds next year.
Charlie Aloï	Chuck has grown to be one of the most valuable players in our team due to his hard running, determination and fierce tackling. His kicking has improved out of sight, and he will be another player to thrive on the bigger ground next year.

Player	Description
Riley Birkett-Willis	Was involved in some great team play this season, Riley kicked a great goal from a sharp angle during the lighting round games. Riley can have a big impact on a game when rebounding the ball out of our backline.
Thomas Birrell	Played some exceptional footy this year, Tom throws himself into packs and pulled down some big, contested marks. He also kicked a lot of goals, even with limited time in the forward line. A great football player.
Lachlan Bowman	Lachie picked up from last year, with the same great attitude and a will to be in the contest. He continues to share the footy and is a fantastic member of the team.
Jude Bradley	Unfortunately, Jude missed a few games, but was able to build his skills and ability through the back end of the season. We look forward to seeing if Jude can take his game to the next level when he lines up for the Tigers next season, he will spend more time in the ruck.
Ollie Chenzian	Ollie just keeps getting better and better, a versatile player who can win his own footy and has quick hands in the contest.
Franklin Crick	Frank dominated most games; his speed and ability helps him easily win the footy. This year it was great to see him sharpen his kicking. This allows him to take his game to the next level by passing directly to teammates. Great season, Frank!
Joshua Dent	Our team is much better when Josh is playing, he is dominating the ruck and his centre clearance work helped set up a lot of big wins in 2023. Look forward to seeing Josh play a key ruck role in 2024
Harrison Dunne	Harry uses his elite running to great effect; he can help take the ball from the half back straight into the forward line. Harry is damaging to the opposition in all three zones of the ground.
Felix Fisher	The Fish, lived up to his name in round 3. In horrible wet conditions, he completely dominated the game. Through the rest of the season, he completed a lot of intercepting marks and very quick and skillful handballing. Fish is a great team player.
Jack Fox	Probably won goal of the year twice, which is even more amazing as Jack is such a great team player who normally looks to pass before he would have a shot.
Fred Goldsworthy	Fred's passing in the forward line this year was sensational. He helped set up goals for several of his teammates. He also was able to score some great goals himself.
Samuel Gower	Sam had a breakout year of footy. His overhead marking was a highlight of the season. His game against Northcote in round 5 was awesome and I look forward to seeing him back in action next year.
Fletcher Gregory	Fletcher had a cracking season in 2023, he took a number of important marks inside 50 and continued to show his great kicking accuracy. His games against Northcote and Ivanhoe were both outstanding as he won the ball and used quick handballs to help his team.
Jeremy Hadley	It was great to have Jeremy join our team; he played his first few games and we saw immediate improvement in his footy skills.
August Harrison	August put together a huge second half of the season, dominating in 5 out of the last 6 games. He improved in all areas of his game, and with his speed and kicking efficiency, August will thrive on the full ground next year.
Morgan Holmes	Morgan scored a couple of great goals this year, and his tackling and pressure continues to be at a high level. Morgan really thrives on the contest, and he will be vital to our team as the competition gets fiercer next season.
Jack Hutchins	Jack had another sensational season with massive games against our toughest opponents. Constantly wins the ball and then looks for his teammates. Another great season
Max Nette	Max only played a handful of games but was a noticeable presence and really tried hard. Max has headed off to Singapore and we wish him well.
Floyd Pacey	Floyd has a great ability to get into great space and reads the play beautifully. He kicked a stack of goals this year and had a number of valuable touches across the ground.
Ari Richardson	Ari backs himself to win the ball and always gives 100% to every game. 2023 was Ari's first season and we were lucky to have him in our team as he is a great competitor.
Lechian Wong	The Wongstar continues to train hard each week, he is a great team member and is continuing to develop his footy skills.

U/10 Girls



The Under 10 girls were an absolute pleasure to coach this year. What started out as a small group of players from different backgrounds merged through the season into a wonderful team. All the girls developed amazingly not just with regards to their football skills but more importantly as friends.

They were always positive and competitive and brightened my week each time we trained or played. The season was capped off by a great day at the Lightning Premiership at KB where the girls were evidently in the stronger echelon of teams.

Thank you girls for such a fun season together, and thanks to all the parents that supported them - most particularly Karen and Anton. What a great group.

Lachlan Mosley

Player	Description
Alaia Abbott	Tenacious tackler, and fierce competitor
Mia Anson	Developed wonderfully as her confidence increased game by game
Milly Benson	Another competitor - always looking to attack
Jemima Bright	Picked up footy quickly and showed lots of potential
Alexandra Dans	Wonderful thinking player often where the ball is going
Alexa Dean	Confidence and skill developed exceptionally over season
Saskia Della-Rossa	Great two games - we missed you for the rest of the season
Alexandra Fryer	Always attacks training and games with a smile and determination
Francesca Gardner	Later starter got involved in everything and developed quickly
Eliza Gower	Great leadership and positivity throughout the season
Chloe McGilton	Tough and determined - not often beaten
Grace Miller	As her confidence skyrocketed so did her game output
Amy Moore	In and under and always competing, great development
Kitty Mosley	Always smiling and getting involved with big improvement towards end of season
Clara Ransom	What a first game. A natural footballer, and her competitiveness was there for all to see.
Harriet Sekula	Always positive and trying to improve. A great team linker.
Josephine Sekula	Great skills and a dominant player, Josie could take her game anywhere
Olivia Telfer	Great game when she helped out to fill in for us
Miaka Williams	Big kick and assertive player who was impressive near the footy
Maayan Wolkenberg	Top notch skills and brilliant team player

U/10 Mixed



The Under 10 RJFC Football team has had a successful season winning all matches (in the regular season) which is a remarkable feat. Each player has shown massive improvement with their dedication and hard work at training during the year starting in February during preseason. The enjoyable environment the players created at training and games fostered growth, camaraderie and teamwork which resulted in impressive on-field performances.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the unwavering support of families, whose encouragement fuelled the team's success. With optimism, the team eagerly anticipates more victorious seasons ahead, building on this season's accomplishments as they continue to strive for excellence on the field.

Ben Tipper

Player	Description
Freddie Alford	Fred excelled this season with remarkable skills, precise kicks, and unexpected attacks. His unwavering determination made him a standout player, both as defender and scorer, throughout the season.
Ashton Arnott	Ashton's season showcased his fierce competitiveness, elite marking, and relentless determination, leading to team success. His aerial prowess and consistent play made him a standout force.
Reuben Beckers	Reuben's exceptional season showcased composure, marking prowess, and strategic positioning. His impact on team success was remarkable, demonstrating coolness under pressure and reading play trajectories effectively.
James Davis	James displayed remarkable goal sense, positioning, and reliability. His exceptional skills made him a key player, consistently contributing to team success.
Eamon Fletcher	Eamon's season showcased determination, attacking prowess, and swift handballing. Relentless pursuit, skilled distribution drove team success. His performance led to victory, leaving a lasting impact.
Peter Gearing	In 2023, Pete showed exceptional tackling, tough defence, and unwavering commitment. His determination and skill solidified him as a key player.
Sam Hooper	Sam excelled this season with remarkable skills, versatile play, especially aerial prowess, impacting team success and solidifying his top-tier player reputation.
Luke Kahanoff	Luke had a remarkable season with his versatility, excelling at both ends of the field with impeccable timing for crucial contributions to team success.
Jake King	Jake's season shone with improved overhead skills and versatile performance. He fearlessly embraced different roles, showing exceptional growth as a natural leader inspiring teammates to success.
Axel Marlow	Axel's season wowed with precise kicks, remarkable goals, and fervent celebrations, showcasing his skill, effort, and passion, leaving fans amazed.
Oliver McBride-Burgess	Oliver's strength in one-on-one situations, dominating opponents with exceptional skills. His passion and tenacity made him a standout player, leaving a lasting impact on fans and teammates.
Finn McManamny	Finn excelled in 2023, consistently outperforming rivals with smart play, goal-scoring prowess, and precise kicks, showcasing standout performance all season.
Jack Muir	Jack's exceptional season highlighted his toughness, grit, and goal-scoring prowess, consistently at the heart of action, leaving a lasting impact on team success
Ryder O'Connor	Ryder excelled with strength in contests, great tackling, and unmatched endurance, proving crucial for his team's success.
Gracie Otter	Gracie's remarkable season displayed her speed, dominance, and precise skills. A key asset, she stood out with talent and contributions.
Archer Pratt	In 2023, Archie's season highlighted his fearless tackling, exceptional skills, and team-first attitude, crucial for his team's success.
Jesse Rorison	Jesse's outstanding season highlighted speed, goal-sneak prowess, and improved kicking. His talent consistently boosted team success, setting a high standard for future seasons.
Lewis Sadler	Lewis' season highlighted selflessness, left-foot snap proficiency, and teamwork. His vital goals and caring nature boosted camaraderie, solidifying his valuable role in team triumphs and success.
Hugo Schroder	Hugo excelled in 2023 with fierce contested possession, long kicks, tough tackles, and resilience, significantly boosting his team's success.
Nicholas Shearer	Nicko's impressive season showed bravery, precise passes, and consistent improvement, contributing significantly to the team's success through attacking and teamwork.
James Thiel	JT had a remarkable season with impressive speed, versatile skills in attack and defence, and exceptional finishing, highlighting his value to the team.
Roy Tipper	During Roy's season, he displayed exceptional foot skills, precision kicks, and spectacular hangers, solidifying his role as a vital player with influential choices.
Anton Vlahovic	Anton's season had fearless commitment, exceptional speed, and improved kicking skills, making him a key player known for toughness and impact.

U/11 & U/12 Girls



Well done girls for a massive improvement this season! We learned how to use our physicality and have started to play a great 'Tiger tough' brand of footy!

A big change in our playing group this year, eventually competing in an U12 division. Our main playing group needed to be topped up by U10 players early in the season, and then a more committed group of U13 girls as the season developed. Many thanks to Sally and Wing for doing an amazing job managing the substitutes that we needed in order to play a game each week. Also a big shout out to Scotty, John Barker and the U13 girls for organising the U13 girls to help out.

We played a more compressed approach early in the season, so that the girls could get more touches and tackles and limit score blowouts. The girls did really well to setup a '1 kick behind/in front' structure in the games, which helped both our defensive and attacking efforts. In the second half of the season we continued with our physical approach, but started to open the play up with more of a 'run and carry' strategy. While we may not have had the best skills in the comp, the girls 'mongrel footy' approach made us really hard to beat.

In terms of results, we benefited early in the season when top performing U13 replacements were available (3 wins at an average margin of 56 points) but struggled for consistency in games when these players weren't available (4 losses at an average margin of -38 points). However with a more consistent team in the back half of the season, we started to play hard contested four quarter footy, winning 2 of the last 5 games, all close games with an average margin of -9 points. The loss to Camberwell by 4 goals was a highlight as they had beaten us by 110 points the previous season in torrential rain. This time we managed to score the last 3 goals in the last quarter and played great footy right down to the final siren.

In particular the girls did a great job listening to their coaches in games. In a few of them we changed to more of a 'run and carry' strategy in order to open the game up. The girls executed this strategy perfectly and we won these games as a result. Our on field communication seemed to get louder as the season went on, which was great to see! At the same time, while our tough uncompromising footy made up for our weaker skills this season, we'll need to improve in this area going forward. Just imagine how hard we'll be to beat next season with a little more practice and concentration at training on the handball and kicking drills?

Well done girls for a fantastic season where you became confident as a team and looked like you had lots of fun together. I certainly had fun, learned a lot from you all, and am very proud of each of your efforts. We should all be excited about our prospects as a team in the years to come!!

Stew Irwin

Player	Description
Ava Bond	Ava was a fantastic team player this season, who always showed up with a smile on her face and seemed to love playing with her mates. She played tough footy and loved to get involved with a mark or a kick. Ava improved with each touch of the footy this year and I look forward to seeing her contribution next season!
Amy Coburn	Amy had a really strong year of tough in and under footy, and you could count on Amy to get the ball when you needed it most. A huge improvement in strength and stamina on last year, Amy contributed more to the games as the season progressed. A bit more concentration on kicking and handball technique in training and some practice each week will pay huge dividends for Amy and her team in seasons to come.
Mabel Crawfordth	Mabel booted some of the best goals of the season! She's tough as nails when she wants to get involved and did well in the ruck when asked by her coaches. But I think with her height advantage along with a little more focus on technique and practice, Mabel will become a really tough strong forward! Seems to have a great time with her team and so it'll be fun to see where you go with this Mabel
Grace Irwin	Grace is the ultimate small forward who's eyes light up when there's a goal on the cards. Got a lot more involved this year with plenty of tackling and hard ball gets as well. Grace's hand and foot skills are becoming really strong and I look forward to seeing how she uses these skills next year as she gets more and more possessions. Well done G!
Florence Keating	Congratulations Flo on another great season as your hard work paid off each week! Flo's defensive mindset means that she thinks ahead and is always at the fall of the ball. Countless defensive marks became fast attacking surges due to Flo's run, carry and accurate kicking. One of Flo's other great attributes is that she listened hard to her coaches in games and at training and she executed what we asked. This meant that Flo's technique and game contribution forged ahead over the season. Well done to a strong leader in the making!
Elisha Lankester	Elisha's first season was really impressive. A future leader with strong communication skills and tough in defence. Elisha's skills improved quickly and she got more and more involved as the season went on. Well done Elisha and I look forward to seeing how much you improve in your second season!
Emeline Major	This season Eme worked out that height advantage, hard running and physicality results in more possessions. A huge improvement in toughness and intent. A really positive person who encourages her team mates. Well done for a fantastic season Eme!
Alice Martin	A stand out season! Consistently racked up high numbers of possessions and tackles, and Alice kicks plenty of goals along the way. Her speed and athleticism allow Alice to break the game open with run and carry. A little more attention to technique at training and a little practice would make her even more dynamic.
Chloe McGilton	Gave everything she had week on week for the whole game and was as tough as they come at the contest. Over the course of the season Chloe worked out how to use her strength and physicality to her advantage, which was especially obvious when she played in the ruck. Well done Chloe!!
Heidi Mendelsohn	From a first game player to a consistently strong performer in seven games. Amazing to watch! Tough at the footy, a booming kick, and an awesome communicator with a big smile that showed how much she enjoyed herself. I look forward to seeing how good Heidi will become next season!!
Lucinda O'Bryan	A bright spark around the team with a funny comment in every situation! Lucie is improving every week and becoming more consistent each game, racking up tough footy touches and tackles. Lucie's skills are improving really well and I look forward to seeing where she takes her game next year. Well done Lucie!
Edyn Ross	A fantastic outside run and carry player capable of breaking the game open whenever she got the ball. Really strong skills, and a great kick. Edyn's fend offs and tackles will continue to haunt her opposition!
Eliza Rutledge	A natural footy brain and a great defensive mindset. Eliza naturally thinks ahead, can see where the ball is going to end up and more often than not is in the right place. A really valuable skill that saved a number of goals over the course of the season. With her height advantage we'll continue to work with Eliza on taking more marks so that she can use her awesome kick!
Olivia Telfer	Olivia seemed to enjoy her footy this year and her last half of the season was particular strong. Olivia got more and more touches and tackles as she started to work out where she needed to be and showed more intent on the footy. Well done Olivia!

U/11 Mixed & U/12 Mixed Black



In the face of adversity, great people can show great character. The U11 squad are a young side, one third eligible for the U10s and the remainder born after July. Our youth showed in the weekly match-ups when we gave significant height and size to our opposition. We toiled for two-thirds of the season in a division too high and each week sent 10-12 players up to the U12s to be the cornerstone of their Black team. We learnt the meaning of effort, perseverance and physical presence. Our season was not measured by wins on the scoreboard but by self-development and personal growth.

Our best was very good; knocking off second on the ladder in Division 2 and third in Division 3 – motivation a key ingredient showing that 80% of the game is played above the shoulders. Motivation became effort, became belief, became skill. It was a highwater line that ebbed and flowed through the year with consistency a key requirement for improvement next year, where greatness could await.

The U12 Blacks, often with 75% U11 players rolled through the year all the way to the Preliminary Final. They showed how player development, spirit and character, can overcome bigger, older opposition. As coaches, we thank our players for their tremendous year; their joy, laughter, tears and sorrow are all part of their growth. We thank the parents that routinely assisted at training and assumed the volunteer roles on the weekend and we thank the Club for all the background organisation that makes this all tick.

Chris Anson & Andrew Boxer

U/11 Mixed & U/12 Mixed Black

Player	Description
Thomas Adnams	Fleet of foot and with ball, Thomas skills and speed has shown up many an opponent. Had some "Pearla" of games, Round 10 a stand out with 3 goals and polled high in votes. Unfortunately gone missing in some games too. Suspected it's the dread cold/flu that is his biggest opponent. Keep those steaks & a wee shot of dram up. Still had a great season.
Alfie Aloï	Grew more confident and dependable as the year progressed, finding a consistent position in the back line where his attack on the ball and hard running helped prevent and repel many opposition attacks. Stood taller, run harder, and relished the battle when challenged. Should be a proud recipient of the Smiling Warrior Award.
Leo Anson	The consummate swing man; straight line attacks on the footy a feature in the backline while the ability to hold a mark and kick straight saw him hit the scoreboard at the other end.
Hudson Barich	The diminutive stature belies the strength, conviction and tenacity he brings to his game. Always in and under, laying tackles. Developed in ability to become more effective by foot and hand and was dependable throughout the year.
Hugo Barwald	Went from capable, to dependable to a position winner. Took skill, added running capacity and with quiet confidence added some spice and pepper with an increased physical approach to the game, often initiating contact with an opponent to his positional advantage. A deserved winner of the Hunting Tiger Award.
Beau Bisset	With bursting enthusiasm and energy for the game, his ability to out-compete bigger opponents saw him a regular at CHB. His ability to spoil, ground ball skills and tackling ferocity made him a colossus. As the team improved around him, he became the in-and-under Rover. A deserved joint winner of the B&F.
Edward Bourke	They call him 'Silk'. His skills, ability to read the game and running capacity to back it up a clear standout in every match, performing consistently week in, week out. When the game was on the line, Ted is the player to break open the game. Standout game Round 5 where he scored 2 goals. Terrific season and congrats on B&F result
Cameron Boxer	His running capacity and overhead mark a standout. Reads the play well and execution on both sides of the body improving. A little too much basketball creeping into his game (get the ball) and needs to improve on delivering the ball to a target. Had a consistent season and polled well in the B&F votes. Congratulations on a good season.
Lennox Bright	Lennox is a live wire, performing his best up forward with his in & under work and desire to get the ball a real asset to the team. Continual threat up forward, scoring 3 goals during the season, despite being thrown into the backline on occasion to shore up the leaks. Another consistent and high energy season.
Linus Butler	Fleet of foot and capacity to keep running Linus toiled on the wing before a tactical switch to the backline allowed his game to blossom. A good reader of play, he can get to the contest, apply critical pressure, and break lines into open space.
Fredrik Carson	Tenacity, drive and a little bit of niggles has always been the hallmark of Freddy's game. Worked hard to find the mojo all year and needs to find the internal drive to build his game and game day effectiveness.
Charlie Clarke	Another Tiger with good running ability, attack on the ball and a strong over head mark. Takes no prisoners when going for the pill, even at training, clashing heads and taking a week on the sidelines to recover. Every match he'd have a question at quarter time, half time and three quarter time break. Loved his questions. Terrific footballer, kicking 9 goals for the year, kicking 3.1 in Round 10. Had a great year.
Linton Clarke	An interrupted year for Lasso Linton with missed games and injury. When he hit the dance floor the bear grip tackle was always on display. Keeps working hard to add more arrows to his quiver and just needs more time kicking and handballing to become more influential in the game.
Sam Clausen	Played up all year from the U10s and while he started like a deer in the headlights we want be giving him back anytime soon. Showed kids twice his height and twice his size what courage and determination can do on the footy field. Developed his game through the wing and defence to finish playing in the centre. Always at the ball, always under the back. A gallant winner of the Strong and Bold Award.
Elliot Clemmens	Has got skills and as the year progressed, he learnt better how to use them. Searched the park to find his preferred position up forward where he finished the season with some great snags and clever goals assists. Believe in yourself, work hard, the results will come.
William Constable	Another with a season cruelled by injury and illness. Plays better when he has to react and a full pre-season and regular season would do wonders for his confidence and trust in his body to stand up to the rigours of a more physical game as his opponents get bigger. Think yourself a player, and "Do".
Nathan Corker	Got skills. Got run. Can play. The full suite of skills has enabled Nate to be a prolific ball winner whether repelling advances in defence, extracting out of the centre or running the arcs on the wing. His game found gears with his willingness and ability to turn critical feedback and encouragement into increased efforts and effectiveness. A terrific season.

Player	Description
Dustin Craigie	Real threat in the forward line, where he lived this winter. The U12B teams leading goal kicker with 12 goals during the H&A season, this best game in Round 13 scoring a quartet. Had to play the majority of matches in U12B against some big opposition as key forward, but still delivered.
Charlie Crick	Lost and wondering at time but with flares of intensity and skill. Charlie found himself reinvented and reinvigorated as the forward goal sneak. Hitting the scoreboard grew confidence and joy and game on game the skills, assuredness and dancing feet returned. A player who does not need many chances to take his opportunities, finds extra pace with a sniff of goal and does enjoy a celebration.
Nikolas Dekleris	Unassuming yet utterly competitive and effective. Will get in and under when others want and is best when fired-up. A better player, more reliable player, than he probably realises but the repeated efforts are observed and acknowledged. Great season.
Isaac Hill	His running and in & under work are Isaac's assets and he uses these skills to make an impact on the field. Played a majority on the wing or back flank, was dependable and reliable to build the wall and consistently drive the ball back into our forward line. Another terrific season and battled hard against the bigger kids in U12s
Benjamin Jones	A player who progressed and developed at every step this year to build game involvement, possessions and impact. There is more to come and it will get better and better. The skills are good. Believe and effort will hasten amazing things.
Mason Lynch	Played the first half of the year before touring the Outback. Always a competitor and good vocal organiser of those around him. Remembered for providing the best spoil from CHB: full flight, arm stretched out and the ball was dispatched. Looking forward to what he can do with a full season next year.
Edward McDowell	A hard runner and fierce competitor over the ball, Ned is always keen for the rucking duties. It was with stern instruction that his role changed to Ruck Rover and to use his whopping boot rather than lofty touch for team advantage. See ball, get ball, thump. An out and out winner in the guts our around the ground and another joint winner of the B&F.
Erik Mosley	Aka The General. Put at full back and dominated each week with a consummate display of ability and grit. His ability to read the play and react first meant he was often guarding three players with little concern from the coach's box. Took feedback, game plan and a refined attacking spirit in equal measure to often be seen running the ball through the defensive 50 to break lines. Single handedly would save 5 goals a game. A joint winner of the B&F. Brilliant season.
Royce Murray	A gut runner. Always has been, always will be. Shifted from the centre to the backline to find more effectiveness and delivered. Unrelenting attack on the ball, freedom to run straight lines and willingness, desire, to improve his kicking, left and right, meant Royce became a genuine rebound defender.
William Mutch	Will's biggest challenge is concentrating over a full game, when he's on he can beat most of his opponents. Prepared to put his body into the contest and fight for the ball. Skills improved as season progressed.
Parker Phillips	His biggest critic is himself, always being too harsh on his performance come end of the game. He has played the big man role week in, week out taking on the largest opponents in U12Bs with distinction. Has impressed with his ability and versatile player. Love his aggression too. Fantastic season.
Lukas Rekaris	Sadly missed over the European summer, Lucas's contribution to the team invaluable as can play both front & backline. Raking kick and great delivery of the ball and happy to hunt the ball in & under. Round 7 a standout game with 2 goals.
Maxim Rotarou	Finding the right position for Max has always been a thought provoker. Only late in the season did it become more evident that he provided extraordinary value to the team by taking the ruck duties. Having a single responsibility to compete at the ball, wherever the ball was, unleashed a more focused, engaged and involved player. A personality and an emerging great attribute to the team.
Ethan Tsoumbanos	Where has Ethan been for 3 years? Joined the team later in the season, but has contributed considerably and made an impact. Stoic in defence, played an awesome role in the Elimination final against Heidelberg as last line of defence clearing the ball out repeatedly. Gelled with the boys and well liked. Can't wait to see his potential next season with a full preseason under him.
Zach Walker	A strong competitor who had to overcome the frustrations of the season to develop his own game. Grew in stature and impact as the season developed and would roam CHF with authority. Can read the play and with powerful running can break the lines. Often seen in a chain of movements that resulted in shots on goal.

U/12 Mixed 4 Yellow Premiers 2023



U/12 Mixed Yellow



The RJFC U12 Mixed Yellow team had another fantastic year in 2023 playing 15 games culminating in a Grand Final win on Sunday 3rd September. The team went through the home & away season undefeated with Warrandyte shaping up as their biggest threat. In round 5 we defeated an undermanned Warrandyte team by 55 points away. Our next meeting with this same opposition was in round 11, also away, where we won by 20 points in a tighter affair. The Qualifying final at KB was an even tighter contest with Richmond defeating Warrandyte by 14 points and earning a spot in the Grand Final.

On Grand Final day, the players understandably were nervous given the gap between Warrandyte and Richmond seemed to be closing with each game. We identified that a good start was required to settle our nerves and send a message to the opposition that they were in for a tough day. The most pleasing thing about the game was that every player made a contribution in what was a complete team performance with all players playing near their best. After a nervous lead up to the game, the winning margin of 42 points (8.8 to 2.2) was credit to the players' resilience and determination to get the job done.

The midfield of Lewis, Albie, Isaac and Will.S with our wingers Marcus and Thomas worked tirelessly all day up and down the longest ground in the YJFL. These players all have leadership qualities and they communicate so well with each other and provide instruction to their team mates.

The forward line of Tommy, Jack, Mikey, Will.B, Harry, Hayden and Gabe fought hard all day and capitalised on the many forward 50 entries we had. Mikey capped off a great season as the League Leading Goalkicker and deservedly was awarded the Best on Ground medal for his 4 goals.

The backline was almost impenetrable this season and were a huge part of our success. Jackson, Howard, Eddison, Leigh, Ben, Mathilde and Jordy are all able to compete one-on-one in pressure situations and often with no-one between themselves and the opposition goals. All of these players halved critical contests in the finals saving certain goals and should be proud of their efforts.

We are very proud of the personal and team qualities showed by all players. They played with great sportsmanship, showed respect towards umpires, officials, opponents and teammates. 2023 is a season that we will remember for a long time - Premiers & Champions!

Go Tiges

Tom Hutchins (Coach), **Al Sime** (Assistant Coach), **Andrew & Julia Watkins** (Team Managers)

Player	Description
Hayden Atkinson	Hayden played in the forward line for most of the season snagging some great goals. He improved his defence this year and became more comfortable laying tackles. Hayden always has a smile on his face and is a popular team member. Thanks for a great season Hayden.
Mathilde Beckers	It was great to have Mathilde back in the team this year. Although she was restricted to only a few games because of injury, she quickly reminded us all what she can do on a football ground. After a disappointing injury in the Grand Final we wish Mathilde a speedy recovery and fresh start for season 2024.
Jack Bennett	Jack played a great season and showed improvement in his reading of the play and also his skill, particularly his kicking. Jack kicked some absolutely amazing goals this year which had the coaches looking at each other in amazement, wondering if they were seeing things. Great job Jack.

Player	Description
Benjamin Birrell	Ben is a quiet achiever.....until he crosses the white line. His speed is his greatest asset which helps him break lines and carve up oppositions including an inspirational passage of play in the Grand Final. A tackling machine, Ben has performed in the midfield and across half back. Rarely loses a one-on-one contest.
Jackson Bond	After a strong finish to last season Jackson has followed this up with a very consistent year played mostly as a running defender. His lightning quick speed allows him to get to contests so the team can outnumber opposition. Jackson's kicking also improved greatly.
William Bowman	Will continued to improve this season gaining more confidence with physical contact becoming a very reliable swing man playing back and forward. Will can always be relied upon to do a job and to top off a great season he really improved his kicking action. Top job Will.
Eddison Clevan	Eddison continued his great for in defence this year where he was often the last player between the opposition and their goals. Eddie worked on body lining the ball and there was a rarely a ball that got past him over the entire season. Great season Eddie.
George Cormack	Another threat up forward for the U12 Blacks, George his footballing nous in front of goal and his bigger body to muscle his opponents. His best game in Round 7 scoring 2 goals and scoring a total of 4 goals for the season. Improved as season progressed.
Isaac Feehan	The Tassy Devil played another great season and added to his already strong game by working on picking the ball up off the ground so that he could delivery it cleanly to his teammates. After some one-on-one kicking sessions, he went away and improved this element of his game too. A contested ball beast.
Sammy Fry	One of the few U12 Blacks talls, who if not a key forward was swung into the ruck on occasions. A good overhead mark and kick. Troubled many an opposition with his height and marking ability or brought it to ground for our mosquito fleet to clean up. A very nice, polite and gentle character too.
Albie Hutchins	Albie has a great attitude to football and constantly tries to improve all aspects of his game. He is a great on-field leader and provides a strong voice around the ground each week. His reading of the play and strong defensive pressure caused many turnovers resulting in forward 50 entries.
Gabriel Keily	Gabe settled in to a regular forward line player kicking multiple goals throughout the season. He can read the play very well and has got a long straight kick that is a great asset for the team. Great season Gabe – keep it up.
Lewis Leverett	Lewis rucked for the entire season and dominated the competition giving our midfielders first use of the ball on many occasions. He is a versatile player that has the great skill and reading of the game. He loves going forward to kick a goal but is the first to drop back and help the backline.
Harry Lovett-Heeps	Harry is a versatile player who can play multiple roles around the ground however this year the team need a key forward and Harry was the player to fill that role. Harry has always had a great kick which is a real asset to the team and this year he worked a lot on his marking which greatly improved.
Benjamin Manning	Unfortunately missed a lot of games during the season for the U12 Blacks. Well liked by his teammates and always tried his best when on the field. Handballing and kicking improved during the season.
Michael Matyear	Mikey was a key forward this year winning the Club and League Goalkicking and was BOG in the Grand Final. He has worked hard on his kicking action and marking this year and both of these skills greatly improved over the season. His athleticism and speed caused headaches for opposition players and coaches.
Louie McLean	Loved his concentration in the huddles during the U12 Black games. Would eyeball the coach and soak it all in. On the field was dangerous in the forward line. Snagged a goal in both round Round 10 and 12.
Thomas Odman	Thomas made the wing position his own this year with dashing displays of skill and speed. He continued to work on his kicking and has developed this skill to the point where he is one of the best kicks in the team. You're becoming a great footballer Thomas.
Hugo Shaw	A big man and a big tank. Week in week out he was in the ruck taking on the biggest opponent. Won a number of games off his own back due to some of his bulwarking drives. Standout game was Round 3 where he finished with 3 goals. Winner of the U12 Black B&F. Congratulations on a great year.
Thomas Sime	After an early season injury, Tommy returned to the side and very quickly set about improving. Tommy has a great attitude and regularly asks for advice and is always looking to get better. With good decision making and silky skills he doesn't need to have the ball long to do some damage.
Will Spinks	Will had another brilliant season playing as a midfielder. Will has all the attributes of a good footballer – fitness, speed, courage and skill. When he tackles an opponent twice his size (which he does regularly) it inspires the whole team. At the business end of the season, Will lifted his game to the next level to win Player of the Finals.
Lachlan Stewart	Great tank & running ability, owning KB and Citz's wing. Had a real chemistry with Hugo Shaw in the U12 Blacks, who always seemed to find him. Loved to swing around and throw it on the boot.
Quinn Szopa	Grew in confidence as the season progressed, got involved and contributed to the Blacks team. Handball and kicking improved, but his biggest improvement was getting involved in the game. Great effort.
Jourdane Tregambe	Jordy is very popular amongst his teammates and played a valuable role in many positions this year. He settled into a reliable defender towards the end of the year and his ball-and-all tackles really inspired his team mates. Great season Jordy.
Leigh Venetis	Lightning Leigh rejoined RJFC this year and played forward and back throughout the first half of the season. Towards the end of the year he settled in to the backline where his speed and skills were a big asset to the team – and we won't forget THAT TACKLE in the Qualifying Final for a long time.
Howard Wade	Howard made the role of full back his own this year. He again also took our kick-ins, regularly giving the team a great territorial advantage. Howard really developed his one-on-one defensive skills this year and was rarely beaten. Thanks for another great season Howard.
David Walcutt	A great pickup from the combine draft, showing this American can mix it with the best U12s playing AFL footy. A versatile player, can play both ends of the ground. Not afraid to get the ball and his strong body a valuable asset in the U12 Blacks. Scored goals in both Round 7 and the Elimination final. Can't believe he's hasn't grown up with the game.
Marcus Watkins	Marcus was a great team member this year playing as a genuine utility. Whether in the ruck, forward, wing or back he used his strength over the ball, speed, fitness and a big kick as a great weapon for the team. Thanks for your positive attitude Marcus – another great season.

U/13 Girls Yellow & Black



A brilliant season for the Mighty U13 girls as we stepped up to division 1 and met the challenge by making finals. We had a hugely expanded squad this year as we welcomed the great impact of a number of girls from MITS, along with some friends from our tight knit team. It says something that so many girls want to play footy with us. We trained as one squad celebrated as one squad, and had some great social interaction at Frats', the Bowlo & at MITS boarding house, all as one squad. On-field it was always going to take a bit of time to get the teams to gel, with girls playing across both teams. We copped a couple of heavy losses in rd 1 & 2 as we were all getting to know each other. However, straight away the commitment of the girls to show up to training (including our expanded Friday night girls footy sessions, thanks Mick and Ready which were a big part of our improvement), and strive to improve was already kicking in as the Black team had a close loss in rd 3 v Whitehorse and likewise the Yellow team got close to Banyule in rd 4. We were on the improve and all the girls applied themselves well to our Tigers method, "win the ball, then win it back, kick on the 45 degrees into space and RUN." We started a great new tradition of our most recent 50 gamer presenting the medal to the newest member of the 50 game club and saying some great words about them as a teammate. Ava inspired Amelia as she ran through her 50 game banner and we recorded our first win v Bulleen, and on it continued as Millie, Lucy & Charlotte all clocked up 50 games (Calypso on 49...eager for rd 1 next year). The Black team also jumped into winner's circle with a hard-fought win v Fitzroy, a reward for the great commitment that a lot of these girls who were new to footy were showing. It was great that every girl had sung the song....."yellow and black"!

It was around mid-season where it all started to click, we shocked the competition when our league leading goalkicker Laelani kicked two great goals v Camberwell Sharks to put the polish on a team that was working well all over the field, and we knocked off the ladder leaders. We were coming from a long way back but catching up fast. We set ourselves for a 4 week block to finish the season, no interruptions, lets see how well we can play for each other. We knocked off another top 2 team in Kew Rovers jumping out to a lead, courtesy of our amazing tackling and work rate, and then hanging on by 3 points as Charlotte showed some footy smarts running down the clock.

The last 2 weeks of the season we were exceptional as we played at the "Home of Footy" Citz Park. This was product of every girl in the squad who made us better, we had a 10 goal win v Bulleen, which created a final round "win and you are in finals situation". Our old rivals Ashy were in front of us as we had the whole team involved (no Black game) which was perfect. It was the most complete performance we have ever put in, the Terrific Tackling Tigers became our secret weapon. However, our offence was outstanding also as we hit the scoreboard, meanwhile Rahni was leading the back 5 and we hadn't conceded a goal in 2 games. We did it....made finals, which was an amazingly resilient effort considering we were outside finals all year. Onto the Elimination final, we started great and were on top for the first quarter, however only went into quarter time with a 1 point lead. The second quarter saw Banyule fight back a little as the play evened up, we were standing up well and they didn't look like scoring....then with 1 second to go before half time a flying kick from Banyule bounced and bounced making it through the goals by the barest of margins. Ouch....one goal conceded in 3 games and it was after the siren. Not to be deterred, on we pushed with Tiger spirit, fighting our way back into the game. 8 points down with only minutes to go we were finishing over the top of Banyule, we kicked 2 points....now we just needed the goal to send it to overtime (again...) and a great shot on goal by our best on ground for the final, Latia, was marked on the goal line. We were so close, played amazing, proved you are a Div 1 squad and I am so proud of every girl, for playing every minute the best way they can and most importantly for being good teammates and creating the great supportive team we have!

Shoutouts to everyone involved, parents, friends, grandparents, MITS staff for scoring, cutting oranges, etc. but mainly for being a great support. John Barker gets a special shout out for Team managing 2 teams and doing the kms between games. Thanks girls for letting me coach, you are amazing! .

Scott Nathan

U/13 Girls **Yellow** & Black

Player	Description
Arabella Aloia	Bella used her footy understanding and skills to be an important player in our defense.
Dilru Amaranayake	Joined the team mid year and showed great footy skills attacking the ground ball with ferocity
Kanema Andrews	Demonstrated great marking skills and was strong over the ball across half back
Ava Barker	A standout year that was all about consistent application and workrate. Our most experienced players makes the Team Better.
Latia-Rose Booth	Latia brough her toughness, footy awareness and great easy going personality to gel into our team late in the year. Best on ground in our Final.
Satira-Joy Booth	A late-season recruit who showed natural ball winning ability and we look forward to seeing you play more footy next year
Greenisha Campbell	A brilliant first year of Footy! Greenisha works hard with her running, and is a natural footballer with her classy overhead marking and accurate kicking.
Lily Chapman	Was a super important member of the squad and played had great impact across centre half forward in both teams.
Mieka Dellis	Always tough at the ball, and had a number of standout games displaying her marking ability.
Iris Edwards	A great first season, disciplined and always in the right spots, ran hard all year and made the team better.
Rachael Fraser	Applied herself well in her first season, playing a mix of half back and half forward which gave the team flexibility.
Laelani Gumbula	A league wide standout as the leading goal kicker in the comp. A big bag of skills, but the coach loves her strong tackling, ball winning and love to compete.
Anna Hohtoulas	A key pillar of our brilliant back 5. Disciplined & consistent being first to the ball and always beating her opponent.
Popi Hohtoulas	Played a mix of strong defence and provided strength and spark across half forward.
Rahni Kelly	Disciplined.Diligent.Driven. Provided the structure for the back 5 and was always game aware taking marks as a Team Leader.
Millicent Kerr	The coach loves a competitor and Millie brings this every minute. Hard running, both ways, carries the ball forward and lays game changing tackles.
Calypso Janis Sophia Lang	A long term member of the team who is ready to play game rd 1 next year. Always works hard and was great to see that goal!
Zoe Mackintosh	Has become a true Footy Nut! First and last on the training track working on her footy, which showed on field.
Allina McGuire	A great first year of footy, always works hard and her great marking skills were an asset in defence and a weapon up forward.

Player	Description
Jude McLean	Ran hard all year, and when the confidence was up showed her great footy ability.
Leila Mead	Loved seeing Leila's confidence build. Added the bounce to her running game which always looked dangerous. Keep telling yourself...you CAN, because the coach knows you can.
Dylena Miller	A very skilled footballer, has all the assets, great marking, kicking and can play any position on the ground
Amelia Nathan	Played a mix of midfield providing ground ball clearance, and ball handling forward led to some crafty goals. Provides voice and positivity for the Team.
Meni Pistevos	Kept progressing across the year and had some standout games late in the year. Uses her height and strength in the air, but also competes hard with 2nd & 3rd efforts.
Cordelia Postill	Played a number of roles, as Ruck, Ruck Forward and even a shut down role. Great first season and will get even better.
Elodie Powyer	The quiet acheiver. Rarely beaten in one on ones, and can become as good as she wants to with great athletic ability.
Sophie Randall	They can't catch Shake and Bake Sophie! Makes footy fun for all! Brings voice & energy along with amazing chase down tackles, which is team lifting.
Laylah Ross	A competitor! Kept getting better all the way through first season. Strong tackling, along with an ability to break tackles and carry the ball.
Lucy Sadler	The type of player with traits that make teams and clubs better. Will show up, anytime, anywhere and apply herself to max. Ticked over 50 games.
Sadie Smith	Another footy nut. Always trying to improve her game. Played a number of different roles due to her footy nous and skills. Great concentration.
Charlotte Treloggan	The team's biggest improver. Went to another level with a move to the backline. Displayed great kicking and an ability to win the 50/50s.
Quintayha Ulamari	No one beats Tayha to the ball. One of the league's best runners, who is always team first bringing others into the game.
Livinia Venetis	A classy footballer, has the ability to turn into space and bamboozle the opposition as demonstrated with that great goal.
Melina Xenos	I don't think anyone is at the drop of the ball more than Melina. Was the engine room of the Tigers providing drive all year with her long kicking.

U/13 Mixed Black



2023 has been a fantastic season for the U13 Black team. It is a testament to the hard work that all the boys have put in that they were able to fulfill their goal to play finals, bowing out in a prelim after a stirring win in the previous week's elimination final. The most pleasing aspect of the season is how the boys have come together as a team and supported each other on and off the field. This was really evident in the way they were able to stick together and bounce back from some tough losses, losing 3 games by less than a kick over the course of the season. I really hope the new friendships made and old ones strengthened this season will last for many years to come.

There have been so many people who have contributed to what has been an amazing season but I would like to give a special thanks to Caroline Karavias who has (yet again) done a massive job as Team Manager; also to Neil Motley, Grant Hughes and Allen Davis for all your help on game day and training. Thanks to everyone who has helped out across the year in many different roles, the team doesn't happen without you and it is very much appreciated. Finally a big thanks to Mick Murphy for all your help and all the kids & parents from the Yellow team for all your support and really making it feel like one big U13 team. Hope to see everyone back in 2024 - go Tiges!

Sam Rutledge

Player	Description
Leo Ashley	Livewire small forward who used his lightning pace and skill to kick some spectacular goals. Always chased hard to lock the ball in our forward 50.
Owen Boxer	Tough as nails competitor who gave us rebound off from centre half back all season. Often outsized but never lost a 1-on-1 and a well deserved 2nd place in the B&F
Tristan Butteux	The epitome of courage, always willing to put his head over the ball, make a tackle or run himself to a standstill. They don't get much braver than Tristan
Misha Claney	Tough, hard midfielder who can run all day. Misha was an integral part of our midfield with his ability to win the hard ball and his clean disposal in heavy traffic

Player	Description
Michael Cooper	A dynamic forward who got better as the season went on. Michael is a great overhead mark and a strong competitor who kicked some really important goals
Ethan Davis	The ultimate team man - Ethan relishes the physical side of the game. Never shirked the contest and won his own ball time and again
Albert Fisher	Albie went from strength to strength as the season went on. His tacking pressure and ball use at either end of the ground were elite.
Xavier Green	Classy ball user off half back or half forward. None better than Xav at reading the play and making the right decision with ball in hand.
Liam Hargreaves	Half forward whose finishing ability in front of goal is second to none. Liam was an on field leader in our forward line and a well deserved 3rd place best & fairest
Jack Hill	Mr Consistent, super tough ball winner who never has a bad game. Jack went to a new level this season with his running and ball winning ability to become a vital cog in the midfield
Harry Hughes	Elite runner and as tough as they come - Harry never hesitates to put his head over the footy. Uses his pace to burst out of stoppage and get us going forward
Harry Jamieson	A natural forward with elite goal sense - Harry kicked some fantastic goals. His forward 50 pressure when we didn't have the ball earned us countless scoring opportunities.
Alexander Karavias	Whether as a lock down defender or small forward - Alex always attacks the contest with ferocity. Never loses the 1-on-1 contest and loves to bring his team mates into the game.
Obi Laa	Part of a controversial trade to the Yellow team mid season - Obi's run and carry off a wing was a highlight. Super classy ball user by hand or foot
Ethan Motley	Most improved - Ethan took a massive step up this season. One of our best ball users - he has become a huge contested ball winner and a leader on and off the field.
Oliver Nguyen	A key part of our backline - Ollie only knows one way and that's straight at the footy. Always breaks the first tackle and gave us rebound from our backline when we needed it most.
Max Pratt	A first year player who looked right at home from the start - Max has really improved as the season went on. His tackling and aerial contest work were a huge highlight
Joseph Rutledge	Ruckman who led from the front all season and gave us first use with his tapwork & physicality. Has really improved his ground level follow up and a well deserved best & fairest.
Nicholas Ryan	Another first year player who is a beautiful kick and a fantastic mark for his size. Opened up many scoring opportunities with his forward half pressure.
Houston Saunders	A swingman who can play at both ends of the ground - Houston always attacked the contest fearlessly. Created many opportunities with his smart disposal
Sebastian Schade	First half of the season was derailed by injury - but came back strong at the back end with his aerial contest work and tackle pressure both real highlights.
Jaemon Thompson	Pacy wing/half forward who loves to take the game on and burn his opponent with his speed. Uses the ball really well and loves to bring his team mates into the game.
Minh Tuong	First year player who has grown into a super tough competitor at both ends of the ground. Worked hard on his kicking and really saw the rewards at the back end of the season with some super important games.
Zach Waters	The other half of the controversial mid-season trade - Zach was a vital addition to our forward line. Cleanest player in the team and a clinical finisher in front of goal.
Derek Wilson	An excitement machine - Derek used his lightning pace and ball winning ability to win clearance after clearance. Kicked some spectacular goals and created countless more

U/13 Mixed Yellow



Season 2023 was a great lesson for all of us that wins and ladder position don't determine the success of a season. Ladder wise we finished the lowest we ever have but strangely, I'm sure the boys improved more than any other season, by far. Over the course of the year we learnt to switch the footy, improved our hb recieves and the run and carry went next level, along with the boys' foot skills. These skills will hold them in good stead for the coming years. I'm very proud of the way they took it up to every team they played, regularly being massively outsized in an extremely strong competition.

Huge thanks to Soph and Matt our fabulous TMs, and all the coaching team Sebby, Stew, Craig, Sam R, Sam M and Adam for your help and care in guiding these boys to be the best people they can be. Finally, thanks to the parents for your trust and support. Go Tiges.

Mick Murphy

Player	Description
Anthony Athanasopoulos	Crafty goalsneak who simply does not miss when in range.
Jacob Baird	Injury interrupted debut season for RJFC, a great mark who lit us up in the final round against Macleod. Will be a big improver in his second year. Well done Jacob!
Cooper Barich	"Played back most of the year and gave his all at absolutely every contest he was in. Supremely courageous and a great teammate, Pleasure to coach."
Quinn Cassidy	Stick carried on his rapid improvement from last year adding bullet like passes and strong marking to his arsenal. A well deserved great season on the back of turning up to every extra session and training his heart out.
Orlando Da Silva	The peoples champ!!!! OORLLAANNDDOO absolute joy to coach and defies his relaxed demeanour with a ferocious thirst for the contest, set us up on countless occasions with his brave running from defence. Loved member of the team.
Lenny Donaldson	Superb and courageous season, works tirelessly to get the best out of himself both game day and in preparation. Reads the ball well and sent us into attack by winning the ball in the middle on countless occasions as well as thwarting opposition attacks with Steven May style intercept marking.

Player	Description
Elijah Gleeson	"The ultimate team man always doing the one percenters his team requires. Regularly flies back with the flight just to get a fingertip in. Gets the job done with so little fuss it can often go unnoticed... but never by his coaches. Another fantastic season, be proud Lij."
Ricky Henda	Bona fide excitement machine! Can turn on a dime, tackle, dont argue, explode and break ankles, all in a 10 second spurt! Can't wait to see the highlights reel Ricky will accumulate over the coming years. A real talent.
Obi Laa	Lightning fast and elusive wingman who is dangerous when he goes forward. Pleasure to coach and exciting to watch ball in hand, look forward to watching Obi's development. Great job Obi.
Clancy Markham	Caused opposition backs plenty of trouble early in the season with his strong marking up forward before he sat the back half of the season out due to concussion issues. Will be bigger and better next year.
Pek McMahon	Another who had an injury riddled year first with calf and then foot issues. Started in fine form but unfortunately had to sit out a big chunk of the year. PekKie Betts also now holds the world 100m record for running in a moon boot! Pleasure to coach!
Joshua Moore	The general of our defence! Repelled numerous opposition attacks, intercept marked, run and carried and even kicked goals when thrown forward. Not much Josh didn't do this year. Sensational season of football, Josh. Well done!
Raphael Munro	Running machine who drove the ball deep into our forward line more than any other, swivels his head and makes great decisions, hitting targets by foot at will, another great year Raf.
Cade Murphy	Another great consistent year from Cade, took some big knocks from some big boys over the year and didn't take a backward step. Started using his left a lot more in games which added a new dimension to his game. Well done Cade!
Toby Murrhiy	Another goalsneak who always used his left when it was needed, very clean below his knees. Uses his voice to instruct his teammates.
Boyd Probert	BP took even more giant leaps forward in his game this year. Is silky skilled and has all the tools needed and with a few more games under his belt will put it together and take season 2024 by storm and be a dominant force. A champion young man.
Jhye Ritchie	Jhye's confidence grew as the season went on as he became more comfortable around his new teammates. He is a genuine 'one touch' player who makes great decisions. Can't wait to see what he brings next year. Really promising debut year, Jhye.
Thomas Sidebottom	A silky skilled lion hearted running machine with a piercing left shoe (also works hard on his right). Always give his best both on the training track and game day. Great teammate and a pleasure to coach!
Julian Tregambe	King Julian' can play anywhere and give 100% on all occasions. The King grew in confidence over the course of the year on the back of some fantastic consistent football. Another who works equally as hard at training and on gameday and pleasingly, reaped the rewards.
Sam Walford	Give and get specialist who had the most metres gained for the year. A really skilful operator who added using his left shoe to his repertoire. Works hard on his game and it shows. Great season, Sam!
Stirling Walker	Super courageous season from Stirls, took on the opposition's 'manchild' week in week out. As a ruckman, Stirls was always undersized, but never ever to be underestimated. A season you should be very proud of. Great year.
Zachary Waters	Can't say too much about Zac as it is still in the hands of my legal team! Defected to the Black Machine on the back of some dubious allegations from Sam that Yellow team were skimping on their snakes budget. FYI I have sourced some 'double sugar hit' snakes which Yellow team will be unveiling pre season 2024. 47 is seriously skilled and a great decision maker who played great footy for us and then the Black Machine. Pleasure to coach!
Marcus White	The 'Ankle Breaker' lit up the crowds every time the ball was in his area! Whipped a near capacity KB crowd into a frenzy by kicking 5 electric goals late in the season. A joy to watch and coach this legend!
Cooper Zammit	Supa Fist', ultra reliable defender. Just doesn't get beaten 1 on 1. Gives his best at every contest. A no fuss operator who lets his actions do the talking. Underrated star of our team. Another magnificent year.

U/14 Mixed



After six years of working hard, enduring winless seasons, and adapting to many changes to the team, the U14s made the finals for the first time this season.

The team has shown amazing resilience, and their chemistry in how they work together has built throughout the year, culminating in their performance in the finals.

They are a great group of boys to coach, and it is a joy to watch the style of footy they play. Well done boys!

Adam Murray

Player	Description
Jackson Bednarz	We saw a lot more of Jackson earlier in the season than later in the season. Continued to keep learning about the game and the role he can play for the team
Liam Birrell	Has a great football brain - observes the game closely and is prepared to do whatever role his team needs
Byron Cunningham	Plays with amazing flair, evasiveness, and skill. A joy to watch
Sam Curtis	Was out for a number of weeks with a fracture. Came back stronger and more committed than ever, bringing his usual tackling ferocity
Oswaldo Da Silva	Lifted his game to a new level this season, finding space in the forward line and slipping behind the defence to kick goals
Tom Freame	One of the characters of the team. Worked hard all season and saw some big improvement because of it
Jed Gray	Found his place in the forward line, kicking three goals in a half and demonstrating that despite his height he is very good when the ball hits the ground

Player	Description
Frederick Heath	Our captain through the finals, Fred always shows great leadership. Reads the play beautifully and has incredibly clean hands
Alexander Hill	Commitment and determination sum up Xander. Plays the role he is given with all he has, which particularly shone through in the defensive roles we gave him
Zaya Hood	Made the wing position his own with tireless running and bringing a new focused on contested ball-winning
Mitchell Irwin	One of our leaders in the backline. Committed to keeping his player quiet, and at the same time ensuring the whole backline works together as a unit. Determined, committed and always wanting to improve
Munyari Johnson	Incredible athlete who developed out of sight as a ruck this year. Takes the game on, and when he runs no one can catch him. An excitement machine
Billy Jones	Was out for a big chunk of the year with an injury, but came back with a splash for the latter part of the year because of how well he maintained his fitness during that time. Crashes packs, bursts away from them, and never leaves anything on the oval
Caiden Kelly	We didn't have Caiden for too many games this season, but in the games he played saw that he has a lot of football ability, and appreciated the warmth he brought to the team
Maximilian Kerr	It was great to have Max back this season, and he reminded us of what an excellent footballer he is, playing with skill, balance, and footy smarts
Cameron Koppens	Took the next step as an onballer through his hard work during the off-season. One of our key contested ball winners who always gives everything he has for the team
Declan Leivers	Another player who we missed for a big chunk of the year. Gave us dash and spark in the backline when he came back. Has a great footy brain and the skills to match
Ryan Mclean	Toughness personified, the highlight for Ryan's season was how he learnt to control and direct his toughness and physicality for the good of the team. His footy skills continue to develop as well
Oscar Mosley	Solid as a rock in defence. Gets his job done, and always has a valuable insight to share to the group on how we can all improve
Smith Murray	Has amazing awareness of the flow of the game. Took on the challenge of a new role playing through the centre, and had an important influence on the latter part of our season
Jordan Percival	Rose to the challenge of bringing more physicality to his game, both on the ground and in the air. Worked tirelessly up and down his wing
Jack Rankine-Johnson	Evasive and tough, the team knows that when the ball is in Jack's hands something good is going to happen
Malakai Ritchie	Played a variety of roles throughout the year before finding his place in the forward line. No matter where he was positioned, put his full heart into it
Alex Samuels	One of our most improved players over the past two seasons, dashing up and down the wing, and showing that he can play on the ball as well
Benjamin Tuckwell	Also missed a big chunk of the year through injury, and we welcomed him back for the last part of the season. Has an uncanny knack of being about to find the big sticks
Will Tyrrell	Although basketball is his main focus, Will's football ability is unquestioned. Regularly kicked bags of goals, and probably our leading goal scorer for the year. Knows when to switch on his focus, and how to inspire his teammates
Dwayne Whitehurst	Playing up a year level, Dwayne dominated games in the most difficult position on the ground at CHF. Strength, athleticism and skill, he lifts all those around him

U/15 Girls Yellow & Black



This was a challenging year for the group as we fielded two U15 sides due to not having sufficient numbers for a U14 group. Our Division One side again took on some very strong programs from other clubs, and our Division Two team often took on opponents who were often a year older and the top talent at their clubs. Nonetheless the squad made a lot of progress over the course of the year. The Division One side were competitive against everyone we came up against and continued developing their ability to match it against the best. The performance against Ashburton away was a marker for just how good this group could be. The Division Two side had a difficult time of it, but never gave up, and by the last game of the season were playing some excellent football. Many players in this group came a long way very quickly.

In the Division One side, our backline continued their strong performances from last year.

Rosie Wilson is tenacious, poised and a deserving Best and Fairest winner. She claimed representative honours for the YJFL alongside **Keira Manning**. They formed a strong defensive unit with **Yasmine Ronai**, **Grace Fennell**, **Ella Perduns**, **Talia Osborne** and **Grace Morriss**, who placed third in the Best and Fairest off a half back flank. Our on-ball brigade were led by **Coco Murrhly**, who earned representative honours for the second straight year, and **Ava Athanasopoulos**, whose competitiveness in the ruck is the hallmark of her game. In the first half of the year we were blessed to have **Lotte Gebauer** on exchange from Germany, and she excelled in a completely novel sport. **Bree Fulton** made huge strides as a first-year player and was soon a key midfield player, while **Greta Hardwick** continued her excellent progress from last year. Up front **Angel Ahfat** shows incredible promise as a multi-talented forward. A year younger than everyone else, she offers constant threat and played several outstanding games. **Coco Maslin** works incredibly hard on her game and played a fine season. **Emma Brunt** and **Mae O'Brien** both had their campaigns cruelled by injury, while **Gabby Hooker** continues to improve with every match she plays.

In Division Two, the backline mainstays were **Jamelia Ashley**, **Frankie van Vliet**, **Soraya Ward**, **Liv Worth**, **Lailani Bransden** and **Hoanna Grantham**. Frankie showed huge growth each week, as did Jamelia and Soraya who were excellent runners and always there to support their teammates. Liv's competitive nature led her to a stellar season. Lailani showed great ability to run the ball out of trouble while Hoanna also shouldered ruck duties and enjoyed a breakout season. On the ball we were well served by **Harmony Balshaw-Jack**, **Emma Douglas**, **Molly Hughes**, **Issy Knight**, **Tenielle McGuire** and **Ruby Presnell**. Harmony has shown immense growth in skills and her confidence coming into football as a new player, resulting in the Most Courageous award. Emma is competitive and determined. Molly and Issy were a powerhouse duo, finishing first and third in the best and fairest. Molly took huge strides over the season and is an outstanding winner of this award. Tenielle continued her strong work in the ruck, while Ruby played several excellent games in a new midfield role. The forward group was led by **Molly Freame**, **Lily-Grace Hood**, **Charlotte Mutch**, **Maddie Watson**, and **Caitlin Wilson**. Molly showed great improvement in her footy IQ and confidence. Lily demonstrated her goal kicking x factor again this season. Charlotte has had a stellar season finishing second in the best and fairest. Her hard work has turned her into a super-consistent performer who continually impacts games. Maddie again showed her versatility playing across the backline and forward line, while Caitlin showed immense growth in her first year of football.

Thank you to Ollie Crombach and Mick Murrhly for the dedication in the coaching group. Thank you also in particular to Elissa Watson and Virginia Ronai for their tireless work as team managers, and to the parent group volunteers who helped us get the show on the road each week.

It has been a privilege for us to coach this group and we look forward to watching all the girls continue in their football journeys next year. .

Andrew Read and Esther Seymour-Pessah

U/15 Boys



The start of the season we had 12 young men confirmed to play football and week by week we grew the team to the 24 strong willed young men. After losing some strong players from last season, we welcomed in new players and had boys return after a few years of absence, which was great to see.

The season was a challenge with injuries every single week not helping on game day, not even in our last game the final against Warrandyte did we have a complete team. That's football I suppose. It would have been nice to have a complete team for just one game. The boys all played in positions of their choosing this year to enable them to settle down and learn the position. They learnt what is expected of them as a part of the overall team gameday which I thought worked well. I believe everyone improved on last year.

Thank you to the team's Assistant Coach Hyph, who was always there and was a great support to me and the team all year. To Cory our TM for helping organise us, to all the parent helpers thank you also. You are all part of the team and helped create a great environment for the boys.

We will see you all in 2024 for a big preseason!

Josh McInnes

Player	Description
Thomas Assender	After returning after a few years away Thomas started where he finished. Always reliable swingman that never let his coach or team down.
William Barker	Very smart young man. Bill turned his game around and started having more consistent games due to an attitude change halfway through the season at training. Train how we play. He has improved on last year and I expect for him to continue this path in the future.
Angus Barrington	Angus was also late to join. Was used as a swingman when needed by the team. Angus provided great run out of defence and then when forward, provided great forward pressure. It would be great to see how you would go with a pre-season and consistent training.
Tom Doull	Tom played on the wing and provided run and carry for the team. Sets himself up structurally game day and is one of the team's most important players in how the team move the ball. Keep on taking them on, Tom.
Patrick Dwyer	Patrick this year has been one of the most improved with his attitude at training and his attack during each drill compared with previous years. A very dramatic improvement.
Evan Hoolihan	What an exciting player Evan is, without injury Evan would have challenged for the team's B&F. Keep on taking them on and believing in yourself. Hopefully next year will spend more time playing on the ball.
Waylon Huddleston	Great teammate that was always polite and a great teammate. Skilful forward that was never out of the contest.
Nelson Karutz	Late into the team playing 7 games for the season, showed skill and finesse in the forward line, looking forward to the future and your growth as a player Nelson.
Paulo Lara	Number 1 ruckman for the team. Has been challenged all year with his work rate, when Paulo was focused, he would win the game for the team. Full of potential.
Aaron Lim	Aaron's first year playing football and what an acquisition to the team Aaron has been. Aaron never lost a contest and is one of the best tacklers in the team. Can't wait to see how you go with consistent training and a good pre-season, Aaron.
Kyan Lim Joon	Heart of the team player who every single game gives 100%. Tireless worker with no fear.
Jack Little	Jack is a natural forward and when he focuses can tear teams apart. Jack's training has improved impressively on last year as well as his attitude. It will be exciting to see the footballer Jack will become.
Albie McInnes	Had a consistent year. Does a lot of the hard work with shepherd, tackles, and smothers. Once again, this year has seen you improve on your last, very proud of you, my son.
Oliver Morison	It was great having Oliver come back this year after a break. He has consistently improved every week and is a reliable player in our back line. Excited with what you can achieve in the future, Oli.
Zacariah Munar	Zac's 2 games he played were awesome, turning games on their head with his skill and game sense. It was a shame he didn't play more.
Will Murphy	Will started off playing forward for the team but after injuries to others was asked to become a defender. He really flourished in this position and won his one-on-one battles each game. Big improvement this year with your effort at training. Enjoying watching you grow as a footballer.
Henry O'Bryan	Henry started off playing as a small forward and finished off the season in the back line which was a boon for the team with Henry being able to read the play better than his opponents. Great team mate to all. Believe in yourself Henry.
Ned O'Farrell	Ned's 1st year with the club, heart and soul player that is tough, skilful and my favourite attribute is that he plays with his heart. Great teammate.
Oliver Smith	Naturally gifted footballer, a joy to watch gameday with his attack of the ball aerially. Always a pleasure to coach. Keep on believing in yourself, Ollie.
Luca Spinaze	What a year Luca has had, most improved by far. Always trained hard and tried his best every game. Pleasure to coach. Very excited to see the player Luca will become in the future. Keep on taking them on, Luca!
Rex Walsh	The team's full back, it was a joy to see Rex flying out of full back to hit a far target on the wing. Rex is full of potential. I would love to try Rex in other positions and keep on working on believing in himself.
Milo Webb-Johnson	Had a consistent year with every game seeing Milo try his best and support his teammates. Works hard every game and is a great teammate.
Malakai Wright	Exciting player that didn't get a chance to play much footy. When available he was always in the contest and provided a lot of x factor

U/16 Boys



It certainly wasn't the season that the U16 boys hoped to have, but the team undertook plenty of personal and collective development along the way. Having had a strong and enjoyable pre-season, we started in Gold division, only to be subject to the same sort of beating that we were used to in this division. However, after being re-graded to Brown, we were far more competitive, topping Glen Iris in Round 2 and only narrowly losing in the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, though, a series of mid-season injuries de-railed us, and, in truth, the team lost its mojo for much of the remainder of the season. Round 16 against Parkside provided a rare highlight, with the theme of the day being 'bazball', with which all the boys took on board as they approached the game with aggression and fearlessness. In particular, this was a game where our new recruits shone – DJ, Philip and Ferdinand were all some of the best afield, and their roles complemented the team's game plan perfectly. It'll be great to see how these boys continue to grow at Colts level.

We were also proud to watch the development of our long-term players throughout the season, improving their on-field skills as well as honing their team-first attitudes. Among some of our most significant improvers were Ronan – who was a courageous marking machine, Ari – who would comfortably be one of the league's best backmen, Dowdy – whose presence in the forward 50 made the team far stronger, and Stoney – who personified boldness. It was also excellent to see the likes of Ollie, Zac, Jack F, Jack H, Will, Ted and George all stand up as captains throughout the season, showcasing their leadership skills, and influencing with both their actions on the field, as well as their behaviour off it. Other highlights included a brilliant goal (and celebration) from Marley in Sir Doug Nicholls Round, Jack H's brilliant snap-goal in the last game, and Finn's unbelievable final quarter against Glen Iris.

Thank you to Steele (coaching manager), Nick (team manager), Rob (trainer) and Rae (goal umpire) for fulfilling the huge voluntary commitments that they did, and we can't wait to see the boys thrive under Kai's guidance next year.

Hugo Boreham & Teigan Otter

Player	Description
Oliver Baillie	Ollie continued to be a reliable and smart asset to our team this year, always using the ball well through the midfield and kicking a number of goals when he went forward. As hard a worker as we have seen, Ollie will undoubtedly be one to watch over the next couple of years.
Ronan Birrell	It was a pleasure to watch Ronan improve and showcase his skillset this season. He provided a pivotal overhead marking option for us, and, when required, was able to mitigate the influence of other great players throughout the league.
Zac Chapman	Receiving his second best and fairest award in two years, Zac had another phenomenal season for us. His ability to weave through traffic is second to none, and his vision can be likened to Lionel Messi's. With diligence and dedication, we wouldn't be surprised to see Zac play a very high level of football soon.
Toby Corr	Toby continued to be one of the team's most valuable players this season, with his ability to crumb packs, provide forward pressure and kick goals a barometer for our team. Once again, Toby took on tough roles without complaining, and did an excellent job in harassing some of the league's best.

Player	Description
Daniel Coshutt	As always, Dan was an absolute pleasure to coach this season. His ability to lock down opposition players makes him an extremely reliable defender, and he is a fantastic teammate week in, week out. Dan personifies 'cool, calm and collected' – never complaining about anything, and always looking in control with the ball. He sets an excellent example for any player at the club.
Patrick Cullen	Despite only joining us this year, Pat was an integral contributor to the team. His intercept mark made him a valuable defender, and he was able to quickly adapt to a new role as our extra ruck. We also loved Pat's enthusiasm, and his ability to pump the boys up when required.
Edward D'Amico	Ted had another great season, showcasing his versatility across half back, the midfield and the forward line. Despite missing some weeks to injury, Ted's incredible skills didn't falter. His elite left and right foot kick, handball through traffic and bold contested marking always made him one of the silkiest afield.
Marley Dolby	Marley was a strong target for us up forward, crashing packs and never failing to bring the ball to the ground for smalls to collect. He also provided one of the greatest moments of the season in his goal against Parkside, celebrating with an iconic double cobra that got the boys going wild.
Lachlan Dowd	Dowdy continued to improve his game this season, adding contested marking, goal kicking and even ruckwork to his array of excellent skills. He was also the team's pump-up man, and we could always attribute a strong start to 'numbers on Dowdy', which could probably have been heard from the other side of the Yarra. We look forward to seeing Dowdy further develop as a player next year.
Finnegan Ellwood	Finn was another pleasure to coach, and was a monumental asset to the team this season. Showing the city kids how it is done, Finn picked up hard ball after hard ball, and his presence in the midfield allowed his teammates to play more freely. He was also showed versatility, kicking goals when he went forward and taking intercept grabs at centre half-back.
Ferdinand Faeth	We absolutely loved having Ferdinand join us this season, with his astounding endurance, exceptional vision and elite handball a huge addition to the team. He was also the most selfless of teammates, regularly blocking for the ball user and taking on tagging roles when the coach demanded it.
Jack Fennell	Once again, Jack had a very strong season, playing as one of the key pillars of our side. Jack is an unbelievably good reader of the ball, a courageous hard-ball winner and an excellent leader for all his teammates, and these attributes made him clearly one of the league's best players. Despite picking up injuries late in the season, it was a testament to his talent and hard work that Jack was still able to finish second in our best and fairest.
Ariel Glover	Ari had a simply exceptional season, and stood up both as a courageous backman, as well as a bold leader. With the speed of Maurice Rioli Jnr and the grit of Liam Baker, Ari would have saved us countless goals, meanwhile creating many of ours by starting passages of play off half back. Ari was extremely deserving of third place in our best and fairest, and I wouldn't be surprised if he is one of the Colts' most influential players next year.
Te Toa Haggie	Despite missing most of the season due to injury, Toa lifted the team when he played, and provided much needed height to our midfield and backline. We certainly missed him when he was sidelined!
Jack Hannan	Jack had another stellar season, being an excellent presence at full back and showcasing his magnificent football smarts every time he graced the field. Without Jack holding down the fort, there's no doubt that we would have conceded many, many more goals. However, it'd also be remiss of me not to mention Jack's stint in the forward line in his last game, kicking goal of the year in the last quarter and sending the suburb of Bellfield into a frenzy.
Harrison Hinde	Hindey was another superb addition to our formidable backline this season, ever reliable as an intercept marker, as well as a hard-ball winner. We loved his calm attitude on and off the field, and was an excellent teammate to all.
Sol Hooper	Sol's ruckwork was an extremely important cog in our midfield, providing silver service to the rovers and competing hard against some of the tallest and strongest in the league. In particular, Sol shone against a very tall Ashburton side in Round 5, collecting votes for his ability to keep us in the game.
Alexander Lewin	Despite only joining us late in the season, Alex was a pleasure to coach, and showed great promise on the field. From his first game, Alex was extremely keen to improve his game, and it certainly showed in his last game, almost kicking a ripping goal from the boundary line. We look forward to seeing how Alex progresses his game in the following years.
Phillip Pigram	Phil was a livewire off half back, the wing and the midfield, breaking tackles and bursting through packs whenever he got the ball. His run and carry was a massive asset to the side, and he was pivotal in tight games where we needed speed between the arcs. In particular, Phil played a stellar round 4 game against Ivanhoe, and almost got us over the line with his determination.
Dajjon Puertollano	DJ brought plenty of energy and enthusiasm to our midfield this season, and was an extremely well deserving third place in our best and fairest. He not only honed his craft as a ball-winning rover, but was also a great ball-user of half back, and was able to kick goals when he drifted forward. Plenty of eyes will be on DJ in the coming years, and we wish him all the best in his footballing future!
Will Rahilly	Although he missed much of the season with injury, Will was one of our team's centre-pieces whenever he got on the field, and we certainly missed him when we were without him. Will's contested marking and goal-kicking ability is up there with the best, and he even developed into a strong, smart midfielder throughout the year.
Mathew Rigby	Riggers was unfortunately another player who missed much of the season with injury. However, whenever he could, Riggers played an integral part in our backline, shutting down opponents and providing much needed grunt. He even showed great ability as a centre-half forward, and this will certainly be a position where he could thrive in the future. All the best Riggers!
George Rourke	George's cheeky antics and constant enthusiasm make him a joy to coach. This season, he continued his strong form on the wing, displaying his elite endurance and clever decision making there. It was also great to see George get on the end of some great goals throughout the year.
Charlie Somes	Somesy was excellent from both half back and half forward this year, constantly showing his contested marking ability, and always using his elite left foot to our advantage. Somesy was also a very hard worker at training, and this diligence will no doubt help him continue to improve his game over the coming seasons.
Will Stone	Stoney was one of the team's most important players this season, and it was a pleasure to watch him develop his skills throughout the year. Stoney is incredibly courageous – he tackles hard, wins hard balls and continues to run until he is exhausted. He excelled as a tagger, but, more importantly, his disposal was consistently good. We cannot wait to see what Stoney will bring to the club next year.
Bruce Wilson	Brucey was once again an enormous contributor to our team. Whenever we were without him, something in the side was certainly lacking. Bruce's speed, evasiveness and precise kick make him one of the silkiest players the club has to offer. We cannot wait to see what Bruce has to offer in the following years, and know that he will keep being an inspiration both to his mates and to the club.

Youth Girls Black



Youth Girls Black season went too quickly. As usual, it seemed we were just finding our groove as the season closed. With everyone available, we were as good as any team in our division, but it was mostly a story of not being able to field our full team often enough. There were some very memorable moments like the narrow loss to Warrandyte away, and a great practice match to finish the season - with Kenita kicking a goal with the last act of the game and her junior career. All the girls developed well, and they are now a well accomplished and skilled team. A lot of players found some real consistency and everyone contributed something - we were a fairly evenly balanced team. Footy aside, the girls are a great social group and there is always some fun banter about. I will miss it.

Thanks to all the other girls who helped us out on gamedays, and to Anna, Russell, Pearl, Liz and Rumarlea for always providing the perfect off field support for the girls. Next year is going to be big for these girls, with a lot at the peak of their junior careers. Cant wait! Well don!

Lachlan Mosley

Player	Description
Rosie Beadle	The most consistent season from Rosie. Always contributing and playing her role perfectly, she was a real team player assisting those around her
Kenita Bush	Our general in the back, Kenita's maturity and composure was always assured
Claudia Corley	The thinking player, and very quick - Claudia would relish a contest and often win
Isobel Coshutt	What a season from Izzy. She became the most accomplished full back and the team were always confident when she was called upon
Harriet Crock	Fantastic all round skills and competitiveness. Tough but composed on both inside and outside. Some memorable goals too.
Jessica Dixon	Jess the goal sneak, fast and fleet footed it often in the right place to score
Amelia Judd	Amelia's improvement and consistency was brilliant to watch. Hard ball winner who now has a great kick to go with it, and always as smile on her face
Pauline Managaygay	Pauline only played 3 games, but was always strong and composed and game the girls around her great confidence
Sinead McClay	Another great season of footy from Sinead. She never loses a contest and doesn't give up, and contributes as both ruck and key onballer.
Asha McMillan	Ashas vocal leadership and maturity was very appreciated, and her skills improved the more she played
Bronte Mosley	There were moments this season where Bronte showed what she is truly capable of and it was impressive. Great linking kicks, strong marks, hard runs and goals as well.
Lily Murrhly	Smart footballer and great at bringing others into the game, Lily was always one step ahead, particularly opening up space for us, and we missed her when she couldn't play
Ruby Rosas	Ruby always gives 100% and when shes near the ball everyone knows shell come out with it. We walk taller as a team when shes playing.
Rosie Saunders	Rosie's skills developed very well, and although only playing 4 games, her game sense improved in each
Heidi Slifirski-Krista	Heidi is a real competitor and also a real character around the team. Her positiveness is infectious and she plays with her heart on her sleeve.
Chloe Stansfield	Chloe improved each time she played and is a much better footballer than she thinks she is. Some key marks and contributions show that there is so much upside to Chloe's game.
Moniquah Ulamari	It was great to have Moni back again and see her assertiveness in the forward line. We are a more complete team when Moni is around.
Nellie Wade	Nellie was the most consistent big contributor this year. No fuss and nonsense, Nellie always gets the job done and gives her all. She cares and calls it as it is, and then backs up her words with actions. A very strong finish to the season sees her deservedly our B&F winner.
Clare Wong	There are moments when Clare gets the ball and the whole oval stops to watch. When she finds space, no one can stop her, and it was wonderful to see her confidence grow
Lily Ziemer	Lily was probably our most improved player and owned our CHB/sweeper role. Her confidence with marking, running on the break and then effective attacking kicks grew and she would turn defence into attack directly and gracefully.

Youth Girls Yellow



The 2023 season for the Youth Yellow team was filled with challenge and reward. Two teams formed one just before the season started, but it didn't take long before we forgot who came from where. We united as a team quickly and created a group of unique, funny, passionate, talented and strong players. We wish our best to the players who age out of the junior program, and we are excited to see the rest of the team continue together next season. Thank you to the volunteers, and thank you for another incredible season!

Sarah Driscoll

Player	Description
Indy Adler	Indy showed outstanding leadership and performance this season. She lead the team with confidence, strength and drive. She stood up to her opponents each week and won the ruck taps almost every time. Indy never gave up on herself or her teammates. Congratulations on your Junior career, we look forward to seeing you continue to seniors!
Lucy Alexander	Lucy had a big influence in the forward line. She was a reliable player, and one who continued to improve as the season went on. She was hardworking and a lovely player to coach. Keep up the good work!
Alana Archer	Despite missing much of the season due to an early injury, Alana continued to support her team by coming along to training and games where she could. As soon as she was cleared to come back, she made her mark on the ground with strong tackles and determination. We were glad to see her return before leaving the Junior program!
Leah Baird	Leah was a strong and versatile player. She had major influence on the ball and confidence to take on the competition. Leah was a reliable player, one who you'd look for in a pack and know she could win the ball. Well done on your season!
Lara Brown	Lara was a courageous, strong and determined player. She had natural footy talent and the ability to run into a pack without the ball, and somehow leave with it in hand. She was hard to catch by her opponents and a pleasure to watch. Can't wait to see where footy takes you!
Sarah Casserly	Sarah is a quick, confident and charismatic footy player. Well known for her fast and long runs into the forward 50, Sarah always had an impact on the game. She took every shot that came her way and made the most of her time on the ground. She's had a great junior career, and we hope she continues to play!
Mia Cresswell	Mia was a dark horse on the ground. She could lay a strong tackle, mark the ball well and she continued to improve her skills each week. Although she decided to focus on her studies this year, she was a pleasure to coach, a lovely teammate and I hope she picks up the ball again in the future!

Player	Description
Abigail Forster	A backline champion! Abi was a force to be reckoned with. As our last line of defence, Abi held off her opponents with skill and determination. The ball rarely made it past her. Her kicks out of 50 were impactful and her reliability instilled confidence in her teammates. Congratulations on a fantastic final season of Junior footy!
Lesharnie Hall	Lesharnie can back herself better than any top footballer you've seen. With a playing style that would make anyone jealous, Lesharnie was often unmatched by her competition. Once Lesharnie gets the ball, you know you're in good hands. Keep bouncing that ball, well done on an incredible season!
Sophie Hume	Sophie had a great season taking on the midfield role yet again. She understands her role to a tee and knows how to communicate with her teammates. She was confident in her ability and tackled strong and defended her teammates well in a pack. I'm excited to see you continue footy at senior level, well done on another great season!
Alexandra James	Alex joined our team late in the season as a first time player. Although it will take some time to find her groove, Alex already showed great promise for her future footy career. I hope you continue to play footy next season and learn more about your ability. Footy is excited to have you!
Charlotte Jansson	Charlotte was a natural leader on and off the field this season. She helped rally her teammates at training, games and in between. She was a strong first line of defence in the back line, and started the season as strong as she finished the last. She's fun and a pleasure to coach. Congratulations on your Junior career, I hope you choose to continue!
Noen Karavias	Noen was a versatile player and good at every role they took on. From the midfield to rucking, even playing forward, they took accountability and performed their role to the best of their ability. They have good footy smarts and played well against an older competition. Well done on such a strong season!
Holly Kearton	Holly is one of the strongest players in the team. You absolutely never want to be tackled by her. She was a natural protector of her teammates and supported them both on and off the field. Holly is not only strong on the ground, but also strong in nature. Junior footy has loved having you, but senior footy can't wait to have you out there!
Lucia Matyear	Lucia overcame so much to be apart of this season. She took on every competition with a smile on her face and said yes to every opportunity and instruction. Lucia should be proud of the season she had, she's been a pleasure to coach and I hope she keeps up her footy career!
Gemma Pouesi	Gemma was a valued defensive player this season. She always had an impact on the game, she was loved by her teammates and she was a joy to watch. Gemma is a reliable player and a talented footballer, whose effort never went unnoticed. Fantastic work this season!
Samantha Pouesi	Sam had an impact on the game every time she played. She took on new roles and shined in each one. She was strong, quick and fun to watch. Sam understands the game and takes on challenges as they come. A great season, Sam!
Tammy Quach	Tammy showed an enormous amount of improvement this season. Always first to ball out on the wing, Tammy developed her skills this season that made her even more valuable than ever before. She took on feedback well and became a star wing player as a result. She should be proud to finish off her Junior career this the season she had!
Jules Richards	For a first time footy player, Jules knocked our socks off. She was focussed, eager to learn and showed great improvement each week. Jules was a valued and fun teammate, with a natural talent for the game. Please keep playing footy!
Abbey Tyrrell	Abbey had a huge impact on our game each week. From the midfield to the backline, she was influential and reliable. She knew when to step in and when to hold back, her footy knowledge helped her and her teammates take on the game. Well done on an incredible season!
Sophie Tyrrell	Sophie showed great improvement, week in, week out. She always took a defensive role by blocking our opponents to protect her teammates run at the ball. She was vocal and determined and played to her strengths well. Great work!
Sienna Vallejo	Sienna's game is always one to watch. It's exciting, valuable and smart. Her talent is unique and impressive. She has her whole team cheering for her whenever she touches the ball. Sienna is cool, calm and collected around a contest and a smart footy player. Never stop playing footy, this game needs you!
Samantha Venetis	Sam is a determined player and eager to learn. She always followed instruction and took on feedback like a champ, and because of this, we saw her improve every week. Keep up the good work, Sam, can't wait to see how you continue to improve next season!
Sass Walker	Sass is undeniably a talented footy player. More than that, Sass understands the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship on and off the field. She's a leader, goal kicker, a speedy midfielder and a huge personality. Keep lifting up your teammates, you'll make a terrific coach one day. Congratulations on your incredible season, senior footy can't wait to have you!
Alexandra Wilson	Alex was great at setting goals for herself and her teammates. She fought hard all throughout the season in the forward line, determined to send the ball through the goal posts. Her drive was always well received and her game improved unbelievably from last season. A great way to finish off your Junior career, congratulations!
Marlou Zingre	Although she was one of our quietest players, Marlou was also one of our most valuable forward players. A reliable mark and good kick, she had a huge impact on the game. She was a great team player and an even better full forward. Well done on a great season!



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Youth Boys



Wow, what a season, and where to begin!

The Colts team finally tasted ultimate success, but the season wasn't without its challenges. We had many a mid-season game where the team struggled to even field a team with private school footy and injuries stripping half our squad and without the assistance of some ex-players and handy under 16s we may have forfeited a few games - so a massive thank you to those boys!

Nonetheless, the boys still found a way to win and we started to grow what we referred to as "The Richmond brand". The brand involved a heavy offensive focus - controlling the ball by foot in slow play and forcing the ball forward in live play. We became predictable to our teammates and became known as the fittest and fastest side in the comp. Many a game were we down or level at 3QTR time but ended up steamrolling the opposition with nonstop gut running efforts in the last quarters (particularly from our 2 marathon men Hamish and Hugo).

Heading into finals only one real challenger concerned us - Preston. They had beaten us convincingly middle of the year and we had them week 1 of finals. The game ultimately ended in a narrow loss but had a goal umpiring decision, more controversial than the Ben Keays miss been overturned we would have booked a ticket straight to the grand final, but it was not to be. Instead the boys did it the hard way, having to beat another talented Tigers team in Heidelberg the following week.

Finally, the boys made the big dance though and the day couldn't have been scripted better - a sunny 22-degree day on a big wide ground suited our game style and we ended up outrunning the Bullants to finally be crowned premiers in for many of the boys what was their last game of junior football - a truly fitting way to go out in a season that won't soon be forgotten!

Kai Bloomfield

Player	Description
Andrew Alexellis	Defender and occasional forward who is a great reader of the flight of the ball. His ability to find himself in exactly the right place to take a relieving mark is a highlight.
Bruce Armstrong	Tall forward with real pace. Kicked key goals and always has a smile on his face.
Kobi Bloomfield	Half forward who is handy on a lead and fast on his feet. New to football only a few years back, is a big improver.
Zachary Bowen	Late season inclusion in the team. Athletic forward with a great leap, who kicked four goals on debut.
Nikolas Buchanan	Mid-sized leading forward, who is always looking to improve his game. Work hard on the track and kicked valuable goals.
Freddy Butt	Fierce and competitive key defender who plays with great intensity. No forward enjoys his close attention. Big loss to the side when shoulder injuries destroyed his season.
Jonty Chandler	Elusive small forward who is also a strong mark. Kicked important goals in a number of games.
Asher Claney	Another cracking year from a player and leader who wills himself to win every contest. Runner up in the B&F.
Patrick Colless	Another selfless backman, who does his job every week. A great clubman too, who makes the team a better place just by his turning up.
Hugo Cornell	Joined the club this year and brought great energy to the team on and off the ground. A wing with pace to burn.
Beppe Daly	Played midfield, then key forward and finally settled as a key backman. And what a difference he made down there. Almost impossible to get past in the last line of defence.
Matthew Haberfield	The way he extracts himself from a tight contest is cat like. Awesome year and a deserved winner of the B&F.
Edward King	We only had him for a handful of games due to school footy commitments, but is probably our most impactful player. Lit up the finals.
Joseph Klotz	New to the club, Joey played on the ball and is a smooth mover. Highly rated by his teammates as a player and a good teammate.
James Little	Bottom age player, whose season was cruelled by injury. Forward who often finds himself in exactly right place.
Angus McNeill	Played everywhere but ruck this year as his versatility and footy smarts allow. When he's on, he's a smooth mover with great skills.
Adam Minjin	New to the team this year. Forward/midfielder with uncanny evasive skills and the knack for kicking goals. We really missed him at the pointy end of the season.
Cooper Mitchell	Carried the ruck load for most of the year and, as always, shouldered that burden brilliantly. Incredibly athletic for a big man and a ferocious tackler.
Ben Morgan	Co-captain and key focal point up forward. His height and marking power made him a very tough match up for the opposition.
Leo Motyl-Coverdale	Bottom age key defender and a great unsung contributor to the side. Took on some challenging defensive match ups and can hold his head high.
Benjamin Oppy	New recruit who was a very welcome addition deep in defensive at the pointy end of the season. Cool as a cucumber, tough as nails and a great kick.
Tom Pelchen	Gets the job done in defence week in week out. Plays tall, plays short. Does whatever job is required. A great clubman.
Leo Ponto	Smart small forward and a regular goal kicker. Limited games but proved valuable when he played.
Rueben Reid	Brilliant half back and occasional midfielder. Agile, and a beautiful distributor of the ball. Equal 3rd in the B&F.
Austin Reynolds	Half back with a superb left foot. Usually took the kick ins. The more he gets the ball, the better the team is travelling.
Sam Warrior	Athletic defender who flies over packs to spoil, and runs down opponents with genuine pace.
Hamish Webb	Runs all day, tough as nails and a thinking footballer. A great year - equal third in the B&F.
Tom Woolhouse	Came back and filled in for us for a few games when we were short. Highly valued for his approach to the game on and off the field.

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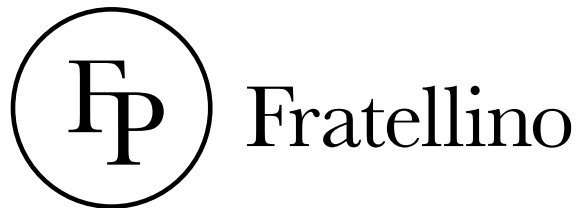
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