

JACKETTES MAKE GRAND FINAL



The Jackettes were up against arch-rivals Richmond in a do or die preliminary final, with the winner to play Glen Eira in the grand final!

The Ajax girls were extremely focused and intent on starting the game strong.

After losing the toss and kicking against the breeze, the girls began the game strongly and with the game only a few minutes old, Nomi Blum took a great mark and calmly slotted through the first goal of the afternoon.

The Jackettes were relentless in their pursuit of another goal and when Maddy Smart snapped the next, Ajax was full of running.

Our defence was resolute, and Richmond were finding it impossible to get past Sekler and Mrocki. Smart was dominating the rucks and Marget, Nankin and Gabriel were gathering a lot of the footy. The Jackettes took a 14 point lead into half time and after an even third quarter we lead by an even 2 goals at 3/4 time.

Kicking with the breeze in the last quarter the girls were determined not to let this slip. Nankin grabbed the ball out of the pack and kicked long to Blum, who ran on to it and slotted her second for the day.

Abraham, Bryer and Grek dominated the backs all day and with excellent contributions from Abelman, Worth, Mel and Israel, the girls were finishing the game full of running.

Jess Marget another and the Jackettes skipped to a 4 goal lead late in the game.

Ajax were still fighting hard and tackling late in the game and ran out 26 point victors.

The girls stuck to the game plan today with the experienced Sekler, Mrocki, Grek and Abraham leading the way all day in defence and combined with Smart, Gabriel, Abelman and second year players Worth and Nankin, came away with an amazing victory.

Next it's the Grand Final against Glen Eira, most likely next Sunday morning. Time & place TBC

Scores: Jackettes 4.5.29 defeated Richmond 0.3.3

Goal Kickers: N. Blum 2, J. Marget, M. Smart

Best Players: H. Mrocki, A. Sekler, L. Nankin, M. Grek, N. Bryer, D. Abraham

ROUND 14 – Saturday August 10 – Match Report AJAX vs Old Ivanhoe



The Jackas winning form continued on the weekend with a crushing 79 point victory against 3rd placed Old Ivanhoe at Albert Park, elevating them to 4th on the Premier C ladder for the first time this year, with 3 rounds left.

A selfless centering ball from Brad Caplan set up Stuart Fayman for the opening goal of the game & Jordan Cohen shortly after kicked truly from a set shot, his first of 3 goals in his first game of the season.

A smart goal from the boundary from Alex Wollan, followed by one from Toby Sheezel and the first of two goals for the day from Richie Simon, playing his 150th game saw the Jackas take a 37 point lead in to quarter time.

The Jackas piled on the goals in the second quarter and the strong defensive unit also kept Old Ivanhoe scoreless in the term.

Jordan Cohen's great goal opened up the scoring and then Jake Lew kicked a goal and got rewarded with another free kick due to a push after the goal and capitalised for two in 60 seconds.

Sheezel then set up skipper Nick Lewis who ran into the open goal, followed by another to Lew who was on fire with three goals in the quarter.

The Jackas took a 96-7 lead into the main break and in the rooms and the Coach & the leadership group urged the players to keep the great style of run on play going. Brad Caplan was iced up with a quad strain and the Jackas were one down on the bench for the rest of the game.

The Jackas dominance slowed in the third quarter as Old Ivanhoe threw everything at them. Jordan Cohen finally broke through after a slow start, kicking his third goal for the game and the score was 105-27 at the final change.

Ajax conceded the first two goals of the final quarter and it took some fancy footwork from Kane Nissenbaum to kick his first of two for the quarter, followed by another to Simon. Playing for the Henry Jolson Cup, the Jackas ran out 79-point winners and take on 5th placed Mazenod away, in what looms as a mini final this Saturday.

Scores AJAX 20.12.132 defeated Old Ivanhoe 8.5.53

Goal Kickers: J. Cohen 3, A. Wollan 3, J. Lew 3, K. Nissenbaum 2, R. Simon 2, B. Joel 2, D. Paltiel, N. Cohen, S. Fayman, T. Sheezel, N. Lewis

Best Players: D. Paltiel, N. Lewis, D. Janover-Rocha, B. Shapiro, C. Hamilton, N. Cohen

Development Team

On a day that started with the winter wind blowing off the polar ice the AJAX Development Team approached their hit-out against top placed Ivanhoe full of confidence following a solid few weeks. Coach Jim Utting's pre match address focussed on instilling belief in his team and it was obvious early that they were up to the task. The first half produced an arm wrestle battle which saw the AJAX boys trail by 5 points at the main break.

The last half was one of AJAX's best for the season and, in what was a very even team performance, AJAX kicked five goals to two in the second half to win by 13 points. Three goals to one of 2019's best finds Elon Datt, another strong performance in defence by veteran Jordan Tonkin, and solid contributions by James Fisher and Jake Kalmus, both making strong returns from injury.

Next Saturday sees the 7th placed AJAX Development Team take on 6th placed Mazenod in what promises to be another great contest.

Scores AJAX 6.10.46 defeated Old Ivanhoe 4.9.33

Goal Kickers: E. Datt 3, J. Kalmus, B. Sher, R. Israel

Best Players: J. Fisher, B. Sher, E. Datt, J. Kalmus, J. Tonkin, D. Smorgon

Next game is away against Mazenod, August 17 at 11.40pm

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