



# Jetstream

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## Presidents Report (Juniors)

Our first round of footy finished before it started due to the closure of sportsgrounds by the ACT Government. It was a disappointing start to the season for everyone concerned. The league have advised the round is only "postponed" at this stage and they are looking to play the actual games at some stage during the season.

We breathed a sigh of relief that last weekend's round was able to go ahead. Rain late in the week had us very nervous but both Saturday and Sunday were glorious days for footy.

If you have had a read of the AFL website lately, you may have noticed the emphasis on junior grassroots football and the need for parents to acknowledge that the game has changed for kids. There is a clear focus for parents to view the game from the kids' perspective. The kids see the footy as "Our Game" and I have attached a link below for all parents to click on and watch a couple of short videos.

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We will now have a break for a couple of weeks for school holidays. The next round commences on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and this is also the weekend the Auskick Pro under 8's and 9's start playing their footy. The U8's and U9's will have a "Meet the Coach" night on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye out for an email from your coach with details. Some of our Auskickers got the chance to show off their skills during the halftime break of the recent GWS Giants v Western Bulldogs AFL game at Manuka Oval. Well done to all of the kids as they played magnificently in true Jets style. (see photo of the team below)

The end of term one also means that the Auskick Rookie program takes a break for the holidays. A record of over 100 kids have been having a go at the rookie program each weekend since the end of February. All of the kids will now be placed into teams to play rookie football in term 2. If you know of any 5 to 7 year olds that are interested in playing Aussie rules in a safe beginner program, please let me know.

All the best for the holidays.

**Scott Wallace**

**President (Juniors)**



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## The Hangar – Update

As most of you would be aware, the Jets now have their very own building located at Amaroo Oval, known as The Hangar.

The Hangar will provide some much needed storage and social facilities for our club. It will comprise of a storage area for training equipment, a Merchandise Shop and a large social area for team meetings and social gatherings complete with club Honour Boards.

Unfortunately due to a number of significant setbacks the Hangar development (stage 2) was delayed, but thanks to some very generous donations is now well and truly back on track.

A big thankyou to the ACT Chief Minister who has kicked in \$40,000 to complete the Hangar as well as Gold Ruby Homes (provision of timber for internal partitioning), Blackhawk Security (installation of security system) and The Paint Place (donation of paint). We would also like to thank the many donations from members of the public and a number of politicians who have donated from their own pockets.

There is still a lot of work to do – so watch this space for updates.

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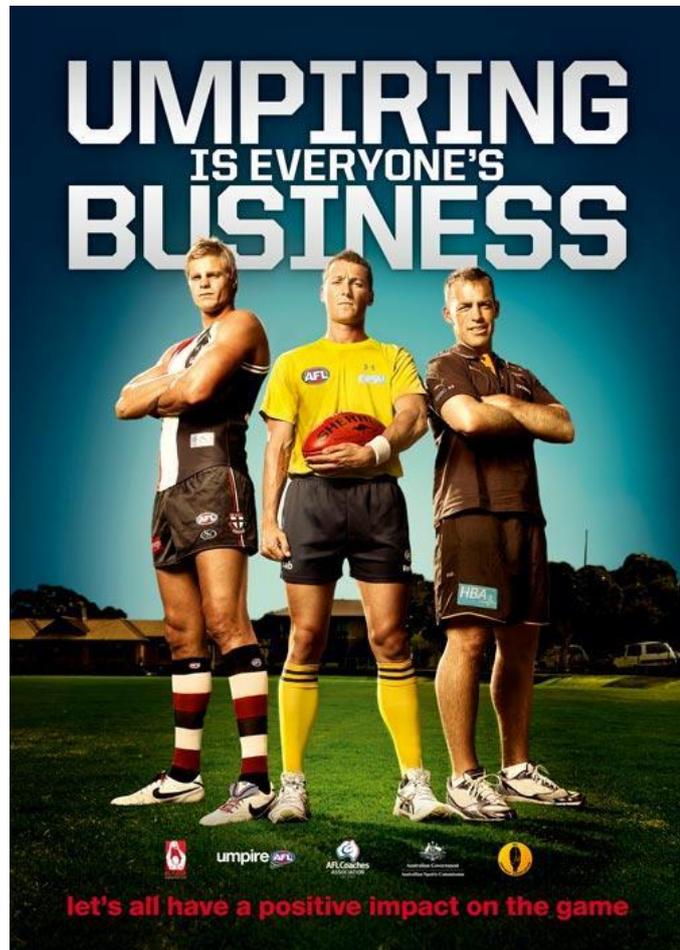
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## Under 10 Black

### Gungahlin Jets Black Vs Weston Creek

by Bruce McAvaney

After a frustrating Round 1 washout, footy was finally back for the Gungahlin Jets Under 10s, exciting, isn't it??!! The new look Under 10's black side looked just SPECIAL in their strapping blue, black and white strips as they lined up on a brilliant autumn morning at Reid Oval to take on the Mexicans from south of the border, Weston Creek. Unfortunately the Jets were missing three of their stars (Kael, Jordan and Liam) but Weston Creek were kind enough to lend them a few players to even things up.

In the first period the Jetters were under the pump as the Creekers jumped out of the box. The ball was as slippery as delicious little Cyril Rioli on the run and Weston Creek had seemed to adjust to the conditions a little better early on. The Jets backline was being bombarded but they stood up heroically, particularly young Nathan, who copped a nasty squirrel grip but still managed to battle on, despite his voice pitching up a few octaves for the rest of the match; and Zac, who was like an annoying little mozzie, niggling and pressuring the Creek forwards. Keirra was launching a few lovely long kicks – delicious!!! - and Josh and Joven were tackling their hearts out in the midfield. Joven had more clearances than Harris Scarfe and Jesse finished off the first quarter in brilliant fashion, kicking the Jets' first goal of the season – can you believe that??? Special!!!

In the second term the Jets were really starting to match it with the opposition – Jesse took a ripping mark, it really was marvellous, wasn't it? Zac launched into some strong tackles, and Cayden, Jesse and Zoe were working fantastically together in the midfield. Finn was darting all over the place up forward, setting up numerous goal attacks, before Nathan jumped on a loose ball, like a squirrel on a nut, and squeezed it through the goals from a tight angle – delicious!! A Weston Creek fill-in also kicked a lovely goal for the Jets, their second for the term! It really was delightful!! This was the first time a Weston Creek player playing for the Jets in jumper number 43 on a Sunday morning had ever kicked a goal on the left foot at Reid Oval – can you believe that, Den!?!?

## Under 10 Black - Continued

In the third period the Jetters continued to battle with great gusto – the match became an out and out stalemate as neither team managed to bust through the strong tackling and steadfast defence of their opponents. Tessa was working very hard at the contested ball, Finn made some excellent tackles and Jesse and Zoe were picking up some crucial possessions in defence, have you ever seen anything like it, Den?!

It was a gallant performance, wasn't it?!?! for the little undermanned Jetters in greasy conditions – a great hit out for the first match of the season. Can you believe it?!? Special!!! Delicious even!

And what about the post-match spectacular?!?!? The young Jetters were joined by three of the superstars from the GWS Giants – Heath Shaw, Adam Treloar and Thomas Bugg!!!! Heater even presented the awards – SPECIAL!!!!!!!!!!

Awards: Jesse, Nathan, Keirra

**Steve May - Coach**





## Under 10 Blue

The U10 Blues headed to the deep south of Canberra to take on the Calwell Swans at Isabella Plains on a beautiful Sunday morning. After missing out on the game last week, the team was jumping out of their skins to either pull on the Jets jumper – either again for those returning or for a number of the side for the first time. Our focus for this game was respect – for the umpire (accepting the decision no matter what); for the opposition (by being good sports, and picking them up when we didn't have the ball); for our teammates (by giving positive encouragement and working hard for each other); and for ourselves (by not getting upset if we made a mistake). With these messages in mind, we started the game in great fashion giving the Swans players no space when they had the ball, doing some super tackles, using our skills to get the ball to our teammates, and respecting the umpire's decisions no matter what.

The effort and contribution from everyone in the side continued right through the game. There were super tackles from Omar and Jack, goal saving efforts from Roparti and Edward, slick handballs from Chloe and Penny, clearing kicks from Matthew A and James, spectacular marks in play from Will and Jordi, desperate chases from Calam and Matthew R, and text book perfect kicking from Kyan and Lyndon.

We were lucky enough to have some of the GWS Giants talk to us after the game to give us some deep insights into being an AFL footballer. They told us to work hard, work on our skills, and most importantly have fun. They also liked our focus on respect, and said how important respect is to be a good footballer and good team member. To top it off, they presented awards to Will and Omar who both had super games. The whole team can be very proud of their efforts for the first game of the year (including our Manager Stu Amooore who played for the Mighty Jets Div 3 side on Sunday arvo), and particularly well done to all those playing their first ever game of AFL.

**Mick George - Coach**



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### Under 11 Black

Rain didn't get the 2014 season off to a good start but come match day, you couldn't get better autumn weather. With such fine conditions, the boys were itching to take to the field. After a couple of warm up drills and Tayus Withers being presented with his 50 Game Medal the Jet's U11 Black team were champing to taking on the Western Creek Wild Cats.

The opening quarter got off to a racing start with Tayus scoring an early opening goal. The Wild Cats weren't going to let this go by unnoticed and the opposition pressure mounted both in defence and attack. Jet's fended off the Cats attack and turned the game over with some impressive backline to centres play with Alex L placing a great kick to Daniel who kicked onto James into the centre. Such plays kept the pressure on the Cats allowing Lachlan and Tayus to have specky but unsuccessful shots at goal.

The second quarter started off with all the intensity of the first. The swarming defence of both sides kept the game highly entertaining but a penalty to the Cats provided the first major of the second quarter. Undeterred, the Jet's fought back with Lachlan scoring the first of two for the quarter. This seesawing quarter provided some great footy moments such as James classic off the ground handball or Will's constant running and tackling. By the looks of the boys running off at half time, it didn't come soon enough! Time for a break, coach's chat and recharge.

The third quarter energy continued and the Cats came out firing. It was a hard slog for the Jets to get the ball into the Cats forward zone. Sam ran well in the centers as did a constant tackling and kicking Daniel ably supported by Cian and Dom. No matter what we threw at the Cats, the Jet's just could break through. Not for a lack of trying but it took a long shot from Lachlan to get the one and only goal for the quarter.

## Under 11 Black - Continued

The fourth quarter saw the boys fired up but it was the Cats who got the jump on us. The Cats had the back line under the pump and scored two quick unanswered goals. Not to be outdone, Daniel scored a great goal while Jett did a great tap while on the ground and under pressure to clear the ball out of danger. For all the boys threw at the game, it was not enough to win. The final score was Western Creek 8.3.51 to Jets 5.9.39.

It was great to see three new faces in the Jet's line up – Sean, Harrison and Nick. The boys played a fantastic game and to a very good standard. Also we'd like welcome back Sam – good to see you on the field again.

This week's awards went to Lachlan, Daniel and Sean – well done. The next game is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Amaroo. Until then, have a great Easter break.

**Glen Looby**



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# Under 12 Black

After a month long preseason, the wash out in round 1 and this game being delayed until Sunday (due to the GWS game) the first game for the Under 12 Black in season 2014 was finally here. We welcomed several new players to the team this season, Sam, Ishkaranjot, AB, and Jack.

During the preseason all of the boys did a secret vote of who they would like to be the team captain. I would like to congratulate the following players: Captain – Jake Thorpe, Vice Captain – Logan Bryant and Deputy Vice Captain Jake Saunders.

We ventured to Yarralumla to play against St Edmunds who were a bit of an unknown as we haven't previously played against them. With a couple of players missing from this game we sent out an SOS to the Under 12 Blue and Under 11 Blue teams for some reinforcements, a big thank you to Harry, Josh and Tom for making the effort and playing for us.

The game began at a furious pace with both teams showing some great team play to make the ball move from one end to the other. We showed that the effort in preseason was paying off with our kicking skills and hitting the target - at one point the ball went from our backline to our forward line without touching the ground through some pinpoint kicking and great marking! The scorers were kept quiet in the first term until St Edmunds kicked a couple of late goals. The second quarter was a continuation of the first, a hard fought contest in and under and some sparkling running down the wings to create some scoring opportunities. We managed to hit the scoreboard early with some straight kicking, however we slowed a little towards the end of the quarter and let St Edmunds kick a couple of late goals.

We were still in the tight contest at half time and I urged the boys to keep up the hard work and made a couple of small line up changes. The second half began with it being a lot more of a slow paced and tight contest with a lot of ball ups and boundary throw-ins. At one point our back line was under siege with the ball down there constantly and they did a fantastic job of keeping them out until it came to be too much and St Edmunds again hit the scoreboard with some late goals. The boys looked pretty tired at three quarter time and I asked for one last effort to go into the school holiday period with some momentum. The petrol tanks were empty and the boys tried their best in the last quarter to keep the game close and I am proud of all the boys for never giving up and playing the game in great spirits until the final siren. We have a few things to work on at training and we will come back bigger and better after the holidays. Enjoy the break and well done for a great effort by all.

**Dale Saunders - Coach**



# Under 12 Blue

Yippee, the season has finally started, all because of 1 cancelled weekend it did seem like the season was never going to start. The mighty Gungahlin Jets under 12 Blue's first up test was against Eastlake Red at Amaroo oval. Conditions were wet and slippery, and surprisingly for Amaroo oval - **NOT** - there was a fairly strong breeze heading to the car park end of the ground. However, the game was played under a nice blue sky and a fairly good game with some good skills displayed resulted.

We were against the breeze in the first quarter but despite this we got off to a flying start, kicking a goal very quickly. Eastlake pegged it back so scores level at quarter time. The second quarter was a tight tussle and fair to say we didn't apply the score board pressure we should have, our only score for the quarter was a point. Jay and Mitchell E were providing a great target across the half forward line and Blake and Harry constantly repelled any Eastlake plays across our half back line.

The third quarter is one to forget. The wind had picked up by this stage and kicking against it became really hard. In summary we lost our team structure and too many of us were being sucked into the contest, as a result we had no options when we did win the football. It is important to maintain an even spread of players, some outside runners, this creates space which means you can run more with the football in hand, important when you are kicking against such a strong breeze. Eastlake kicked 4 goals in the third to open up a 26 point lead at three quarter time. The final quarter we played our best football, we moved the football quickly and with urgency and the goals resulted. This urgency is required from the first bounce every week. We managed to kick 3 goals in the last quarter, but it wasn't enough, eventually going down to Eastlake Red by 13 points. Alex moved into the ruck in the last quarter and provided a great contest, he won some centre clearances and kicked the football deep into our forward line. A big thanks to Gibson and William for joining our team for the day.

Gungahlin Jets 4-2-26 lost to Eastlake Red 6-3-39

Goal kickers Jay-2, Jamas H-1, Gibson-1.

Best players Jay, Harry, Alex.

This year, our leadership group consists of Jordan (captain), Blake, James H, Josh and Mitchell E. Each one is tasked with the role of being a leader within our team, to encourage and inspire other members of the team. We want to create a culture that is enjoyable where the kids love being a member of our team. Create a culture that fosters team work and skill develop where every week the team improves and kids continually improving their football and their skills.

**Chris Klose - Coach**





## Under 13

Finally the weather gods smiled upon us and season 2014 was on. Even with a bog-like surface and that old familiar icy Arctic Park cross-wind our Jets Under 13s boys were ready to play footy.

Thanks to the ever-reliable committee and staunch parent helpers the field was marked out and set up to the satisfaction of the umpire. Team manager Jen had the rostered parents marshalled and with a rousing 3,2,1, Jets! Jets! Jets! the 2014 Under 13s went to work on their home turf.

As the game started it was apparent it was going to be difficult with a heavy, gluey track but the Gungahlin boys weren't phased and went in hard from the first bounce.

Ainslie Black were formidable opponents but like the Dockers, they wanted to prove they were the goods after losing their 2013 pool grand final. Our boys fought hard against the well-drilled Ainslie side who soon found our weaknesses and capitalised by kicking three goals late in the first term.

It was a pretty even game for the most part but the visitors handled conditions better and were able to convert when they had the opportunity winning 41/15.

Unfortunately changes to the rules allowing a more flowing game with less stoppages didn't really suit the Jets, the conditions and probably not Ainslie either.

Our Assistant Coach, Rising Star Jaidyn Storey provided some insightful observations from the game. His experience and technical skills will boost our chances in future rounds.

Have a great Easter break, watch some footy, kick a ball and keep fit and well.

**Blaise O'Shaughnessy - Coach**





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## Under 14 Black

Finally football arrived for the Gungahlin Jets after a long wait due to rain and wet weather. The under 14 Black's were chomping-at-the-bit to get out and play the game we all love.

Taking on Queanbeyan, first in the first game was a big task, but would be a good measuring stick as to where we are and how we have developed over the pre-season. Aided by two under 13's (Ben Nugent and Logan O'Shaughnessy) who were helping us out with numbers and a surprise addition of Akech Mayom, we had good numbers with 3 on the bench.

Outside the wind blew which gave about a 3 goal advantage to the northern end of the Amaroo ground, so the game was about scoring big one end then defending hard next quarter. The first quarter we had the wind behind our tails and were able to score a couple of goals and restricted Queanbeyan to a few points. It was the perfect start with the team playing well together showing that they wanted the ball and wanted to win with Matthew Reynolds dominating all over the ground.

The second and third quarters Queanbeyane played a harder brand of the footy and started to get their running game going. The Jets Black's were under significant pressure missing several chances up forward. The game got quite physical and it was good to see the Jets stand tall and withstands the relentless pressure Queanbeyan delivered. We were behind 2 goals going into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and starring down the barrel playing the last quarter against the wind. The pressure was on our defence and they delivered with Connor Bell, Jack Walker and Steve Taylor rebounding the ball from the back line with Alistair Wallace and Liam Bell sending the ball forward. Aiden Vaivads had a strong last quarter laying some big tackles which changed the momentum of the game. Brendan Potter and Brad Hoffman were able to capitalise up forward banging on 4 goals for the quarter giving the Jets Black the win!!!!

Luckily I brought the words of our team song along and was a good feeling to sing it out loud for the first game of the year. Big thanks to Logan O'Shaughnessy and Ben Nugent for stepping up and helping us out. Best for the game: Matt Reynolds, Connor Bell, Jack Walker, Jamie Beasland, Liam Bell and Brendan Potter. Goals: Brendan Potter 4, Brad Hoffman 3.

Scores: Under 14 Jets Black **7-9-51** def Queanbeyan **4-8-32**.

**Karl Vaivads - Coach**





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# Under 14 Blue

Jets 3 - 7 - 25

Eastlake 12 - 5 - 77

Round 2, being the first game of the year due to ground closures last week, saw the boys come out a little slowly in the first quarter.

The opposition centres were hand-balling and running well which saw Eastlake open up a lead in the first half. The Jets got into their rhythm a little better in the third winning the quarter and showing a glimpse of the potential they have. Our boys went into the fourth quarter keen but so too did Eastlake who used the wind and their cohesive centre to advantage to run away with the final phase.

**Dennis Gellatly -Team Manager**



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# Under 15

## Under 15's Round 2 V Eastlake

As a coach you often go into games with an idea of how you think the day will pan out. With a diminutive team which included 5 kids who had never played a game before playing the reigning premiers who didn't appear out of place standing beside the seniors who played the curtain raiser, this coach was expecting an absolute pummelling. My internal monologue was based around finding a way to feign happiness if we managed to keep the damage under 3 figures.

Well, I guess it just goes to show that you should always give teenagers the benefit of the doubt. Put simply they were fantastic. Every single player got involved in the little things that add up to a much larger whole; they chased, they tackled, they ran to space, they shepherded, they competed for every ball, they gave until they had nothing left to give and then they gave a bit more.

Don't get me wrong we still took a hit of around 7 goals but anyone who was watching the game would have been surprised by that margin; it felt much closer.

In games like this it is difficult to single out individuals so I'll stick to groups and then move on to individual passages of play that really pleased me. The backs as a unit were magnificent. They were severely undersized but kept working their way to the front and throwing themselves into every contest regardless of the mountain them around. The midfielders had a really tough job controlling a monstrous and highly skilled unit from Eastlake, they did this with little chance of a rest and after having lost a couple of key men for large parts of the match. Their tackling was fierce, their pressure was relentless and they provided a wonderful link between defence and attack.

The forwards were a constantly changing unit that will continue to evolve as we get a few players back from injury but already their combinations and ball movement suggest they will cause havoc among defenders; the 2 constants in that group, Cam and Michael, picked up a lazy 5 goals between them.

There were a number of individual acts that pleased me because they were all things we'd worked on and stressed at training. They mightn't seem significant to the casual observer but I know what I asked them to do and it is these little moments that keep me coming back. The first possession of the game was won by Tommie and the first tackle laid by James (two of our leadership group) which led to us having the first attacking raid of the year which is essential for us to put pressure on the opposition. A magnificent spoil from behind by Matt who found himself out-bodied but not beaten, a spectacular intercept mark (well 3 really) from Nick Mc (the third of the Three Stooges) where he out-positioned his much larger opponent, Nic T playing on from the kickin just as we had practised at training knowing full well that Matt would protect him until he'd delivered – and he did.

There was also a tackle by James who, rather than then blazing away from the resultant free, waited for a leading forward to lead to space and then delivered a perfect drop punt to Snowy who led magnificently to open space. Only a matter of minutes later Michael did much the same, eschewing a shot for goal and instead hitting Cam lace-out on another perfectly timed lead.

Not to be outdone the new boys got in on the act with Patto chasing for a lung-busting 30 metres late in the 4th quarter to earn a free from a panicked Eastlake player and then, shortly after, Conor hit the front of the pack for a Cyril-esque front and centre straight from the textbook. To top it all off Mitch lived up to his reputation as the leader of the axemen. There were many other things to like about the performance but these just re-enforced to me that those that listen play the way they train – it appears there has been a lot of listening going on.

A big thankyou to Baz and Basso for helping out for the day and leaving us with memories including Basso's pack mark and Baz's burst off half back – you are playing the wrong sport guys and permanent spots are being kept open for you if you come to your senses. Thanks also to Riley and Laeken for bringing their busted arms out to support the boys even though they couldn't play.

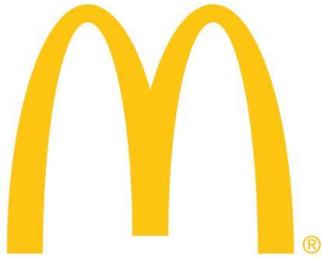
And finally to the patched together support crew with Robyn in particular appreciating the sideline help of Nicola as they mopped up blood and iced bruises in a scene akin to the Civil War (see Nicola I told you nothing ever happens!), to Adrian who put in a mistake-free debut with the flags, to Craig and Andrew who mixed the roles of runner, trainer and waterboy to maximum effect, to Scott who spent his 26th and 27th hour of club activities for the week patrolling the boundary, to Keith who also debuted winding the antique timepiece and to the old pro Kaylene, who scored yet again. You don't get much glory but we can't play the game without you.

A good group of kids and a game played with guts and character (and I'm pretty sure they all slept well Sunday night)

**Vic and (big) Snowy - Coaches**



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Some of our U8 and U9 Jetties who took on the GWS Giants at Manuka on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April.



## Youth Girls

The Gungahlin Jets' Youth Girls team played their first game at 2pm on Sunday out at Kippax ovals. As the coach's face can attest to, it was a bright and very sunny day (slip-slop-slap-wrap should not be forgotten for winter sports!). After a move to the women's team, an ageing-out, a move to Darwin and a return to rugby, only 2 girls remained from the team from last year. However, the recruiting period was good to the mini-Jetties with 7 new girls taking the field with returning players Immy and Frosty. The mini-Jetties took on Ainslie Black in what was a tough game against a very experienced team. The mini-Jetties took to the field with gusto and tried their heart out all game. The girls came off the field with great big smiles on their faces and with a couple more training sessions under their belts, along with a few extra players to add to their stocks, it is looking to be a good season ahead.

In summary; Izzy in her first game took on rucking duties in the final quarter and did a fantastic job winning many a tap as well as providing some great outlets for the kick-outs, Sarah and Immy pushed between contests all game to help their team mates, Frosty attacked the ball and players with her usual aggression and determination and there was barely a contest which she didn't try to get involved in, Dayle and Taylah both ran up and down the field helping in attack and defence and building momentum, Katherine and Ash lead up and down the wings all game providing a fantastic avenue for the kick-outs and some great run and carry, and Lizzie took mark after mark preventing many a goal being scored and doing a fantastic job in the kick-outs to give the backline a bit of respite whilst the wingers and midfield worked to move the ball into the forward line. Each quarter the girls improved exponentially and for a team who had trained together for only 2 sessions before their first game, and for which only 2/9 player had played before, they performed remarkably against a formidable foe. Whilst the score was not in the mini-Jetties favour for this their first game of the season, the girls did a fantastic job and there is no doubt that their next game will see even more improvement

**Awards:** Lizzy, Frosty, Izzy.

The mini-Jetties are still recruiting so if there are any girls (12-18) out there who would like to play, please get in touch with Kally (0401 806 641).

**Kally Gross - Coach**



## Senior Women (Jetettes)

Like all first games of a new season we went into this clash with Belconnen confident that we had done all the necessary preparation but of course still a little unsure of how it would all come together on the day.

The girls started off the first quarter strong. The tackling pressure was great which allowed us to take the lead on the scoreboard early on with Nat Daylight kicking an important goal. Belconnen soon bounced back and the rest of the quarter was a true arm-wrestle.

The second quarter was also a tight contest. Our backline continually stood up to the pressure and repelled a number of Belconnen's forward pushes. Our midfield competed well in the stoppages and the clearances went our way for most of the quarter. Our tackling pressure and our run and carry off the half back line proved the difference for the 2nd and 3rd quarters with Belconnen only scoring 1 goal in the second quarter and being kept scoreless in the third.

Unfortunately we lost a couple girls with injuries after half time so our rotations off the bench were limited and the lack of run and fresh legs started to show. Belconnen had the momentum for most of the last quarter and kick away with a few goals towards the end. Regardless of the score line though no-one gave in and the effort across the ground continued up until the final siren.

Overall it was a tough first game for the Jet's girls but there were lots of promising signs coming out of it for the season to come. We had a number of girls playing for the first time or who were new to the team and they all worked themselves into the game well and will have learnt a lot from the run. As a team we stuck to the new game plan and continued to be brave using the switch even under immense pressure which was really pleasing. I think we can all see how it will create opportunities for us throughout the season.

At training over the next two weeks we will be working on some key areas and refining our game plan so that we will be ready and primed to take on Tuggeranong in our next game.

The final score was 7.4.46 to 1.0.6 **Kristen Woods - Coach**



## Seniors (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

Gungahlin Jets versus South Coast

Town Centre Oval Gungahlin 13 April 2014

Nice day for footy at the new Town Centre Oval with the first competition games of any code. Grandstand side of the ground still had a fair bit of moisture in it but good overall.

The team only had one pre-season practice match 5 weeks ago. In addition there were some new faces into the team as always happens. So not the best preparation and in some ways it showed. South Coast was definitely more advanced in team play and structure. They are also a very strong team and it was a good test first up and when we play them later in the season will give us a good gauge.

First quarter for the first couple of minutes was reasonably even, However, once the South Coast got a bit of control, the Jets found it hard to shut this down and turn it to our advantage. We started being second to the ball and also tended to react late instead of reading and predicting play.

Second quarter was much the same. The style of play that the South Coast use is very quick and they open up play well for their loose to run into. Their first option was looking to handball back or to a wide runner. 20 metre kicks was their general way of movement until going into forward line where they used one on ones to effect. They also ran in groups through the midfield and we did not pick them up as strongly as we should.

After half time with some minor tweaks in the line up and emphasis on getting to their players on turnover, we certainly played better and controlled the ball well. In fact in open play we could deliver long to key leading players and this did expose the opposition. Unfortunately this did not occur all that often. Final score does reflect the difference in the teams but looking forward to the rematch. Jets 5.8 38 South Coast 15.20 110.

Players who did well – Gibbo gave us good run and attack on one wing, Nobber played well at CHB with control, Captain Dan controlled play whether on half back or in the middle, Coley gave us a good target up front and kicked some nice goals, Will PL, a new player to the club showed great attack and carry with the ball and is a good addition to the line up. Trav E in the centre also controlled play and his delivery forward was on the spot. Back line in general played well and the kick-ins were to our advantage.

Congratulations to Kingy on playing his 50th game.

**Leigh McPhan – Senior Coach**

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