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What a week 2 of finals for the Jackas! Across all age groups, our teams showed heart, spirit, and the power of teamwork.

The U11 Girls Comets finished their season with courage in the GF, falling short by 12 points to the league leaders St Kilda City. Despite the result, their campaign was filled with unforgettable memories – from training nights and celebratory traditions to lasting friendships that will live well beyond the season.

The U11 Mixed Stars capped off an undefeated season with a thrilling grand final victory over Prahran, edging them out 28–22. It was a game of grit and resilience, with standout performances from Eckstein, Joffe, and Krampel helping secure the six-point win and premiership glory.

In Division 4, the U13 Rockets became premiers in a nail-biter, holding off East Malvern 20–13. The Rockets' defensive grit kept them in front during crucial moments before Jacob Lipshutz sealed the win with a late snap. Every player contributed, with Osher deservedly named best-on-ground.

The U15 Girls Comets delivered a powerhouse performance in their preliminary final, crushing Port Colts by 43 points to book a spot in this week's Grand Final. With dominant midfield and ruck work, plus relentless tackling, the girls produced a true team effort that left no doubt they're ready for the ultimate challenge.

For the U18 Girls Comets, their finals journey ended in the prelim, going down to St Kilda City. While the scoreboard didn't reflect their input - their spirit, courage, teamwork, and pride was evident right to the end. Their season leaves a strong foundation to build on in 2026.

Congratulations to all Grand Finalists and we can't wait for a successful series of Grand Finals this weekend with five across the various age groups this Sunday to finish off a very strong season 2025 for the Jackas!

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 **2025**  SOUTH METRO JUNIOR

FINALS - WEEK 3

U15 COMETS  **EAST BRIGHTON** 
09:00 AM | LE PAGE - OVAL 1 🏆

U15 GIRLS  **BRIGHTON BEACH HAMPTON** 
10:50 AM | DONALD MCDONALD 🏆

U14 STARS  **SBMT** 
10:50 AM | KING GEORGE RESERVE 🏆

U18 COMETS  **BENTLEIGH/HIGHETT/ CHELTENHAM** 
11:10 AM | HURLINGHAM PARK 🏆

U16 COMETS  **ST KILDA CITY PORT MELBOURNE** 
01:10 PM | SOUTER RESERVE 🏆

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THE JACKAS WRAP MATCH REPORTS

U11 GIRLS - COMETS

DIVISION 1

COACHES: BRAD AKKERMAN



U11 GIRLS - COMETS

31

5.1

vs

**St Kilda City JFC U11 Girls
SCALES**

43

6.7

ROUND 17

AJAX U11 GIRLS COMETS LOST BY 12 POINTS

GOALS

AKKERMAN, ABBY 2 |
AKKERMAN, ZOE 1 | COHEN,
LAYLA 1 | GOLDBERG, LIBBY 1

The girls may have lost the game, but they won our hearts. 18 beautiful souls giving it their all over 16 rounds. From fancy dress training nights to pizza eating pie nights; goals celebrated with cartwheels on game day; quarter time oranges replaced with hamantaschens, honey cake and cupcakes instead; inspirational mums getting drenched in the team huddle as the theme song is sung to motivational ice bucket challenges for the girls; good old fashioned kids v adults backyard practice matches to game day entrances consisting of the Nintendo Switch as Motley Crue, Madonna and Minions blasted from the speakers; 5 star banners for the dads to limp through, we had it all! Grand finals come and go. But these memories and newfound friendships will last a lifetime. To Lily and Vallie, thanks for all your help throughout the year. You were a big 'sister' to the younger girls. They loved having you around and I know you enjoyed being around them....even if you had to listen to them taunt you at every training session about potential boyfriends, dates and school yard romances...To the Alden, Chrapot, Cohen, Cooper, Fine, Gold, Goldberg, Gorog, Grossman, Harris, New, Rattray, Smith, Snow and Stimson families, thank you all for the most enjoyable season of football we have ever had. It's been a privilege to have been involved. Regards, Brad, Georgina, Samuel, Abby and Zoe Akkerman (AKA "Coach", Behind the Scenes Boss, Junior Assistant Coach, Game Day Warm Up Queen and Team Player/Mascot of the funnest Ajax team there is!!)

BEST

listed A-Z by lastname

AKKERMAN, ABBY | COHEN,
LAYLA | COOPER, MILA |
GOLDBERG, LIBBY | RATTRAY,
MILLIE | STIMSON, SUNSHINE

MENSCH of the WEEK

AWAY GAME

NEXT ROUND

BYE

U11 - STARS

DIVISION 3

COACHES: ADAM BOROWSKI, SIMON KRAMPEL



U11 - STARS

28

3.10

vs

**Prahran JFC U11 Mixed
HINE**

22

3.4

ROUND 17

AJAX U11 MIXED STARS WON BY 6 POINTS

GOALS

ECKSTEIN, HUDSON 2
JANKIE, DYLAN 1

The U11 Stars stormed into the grand final undefeated, having dispatched every challenger throughout the season. The boys were fired up – perhaps a little too much – after a passionate, expletive-laden pre-game speech from Borowski, which had them ready to run through brick walls. Thankfully, a paper banner sufficed. From the opening siren, Kotyler and Joffe got to work, attacking early despite the gale-force winds that funnelled the ball into the Chesterville Road forward pocket, making scoring a nightmare. But Eckstein wasn't fazed – breaking through to slot the Stars' first goal of the day. Janover executed a few Dwayne Russell dance steps helping to propel the ball forward. Krampel was a defensive wall, locking the ball inside the attacking 50 and then delivering a pinpoint pass to Jankie, who, finally nailed one to put the Stars in a strong position. Prahran rallied in the second quarter, pushing hard against the wind. Silverman, Borowski, Epstein & Azoulay were tireless, repelling repeated Prahran F-50 entries, doing their utmost to help the boys hold on to their lead. With just a minute left, DJ Besser took a gutsy mark in front of the right-hand upright. His kick looked perfect, the crowd erupted – and as the ball was about to sail through, the wind caused the ball to veer into the post. Issacs was also running into an open goal, before the siren beat him to the punch. The Stars held a narrow 5-point lead at halftime. The third quarter was a showcase of grit and pressure. Ong, Beebe, and Dickman were relentless, laying tackles that had the crowd roaring in approval. Michaels and Granek worked tirelessly, whilst Levy, Lowinger, Mac, Kaplan and Ajzner continued to create opportunities, with Levy almost kicking a running goal from 30m out. Late in the term, Eckstein struck again, giving the Stars a bit of breathing room heading into the final stanza. It is rumoured that Eckstein has been seen at the offices of births, deaths and marriages seeking to change his name to "Pluggger". In the last, inspired by an out-of-control spray from TM Jankie, Joffe did what Joffe does best – leading from the front, inspiring his teammates, and standing tall when it mattered most. With every player digging deep, the Stars held firm, capping off an undefeated season with a grand final win that will be remembered for years to come.

BEST

listed A-Z by lastname

BEEBE, ASHER | BESSER, LEVI |
ECKSTEIN, HUDSON | JOFFE,
NOAH | KRAMPEL, JACOB | ONG,
AYDEN

MENSCH of the WEEK

AWAY GAME

NEXT ROUND

BYE

U13 - ROCKETS

DIVISION 4

COACHES: MARK LIPSHUTZ, NATAN FELL



U13 - ROCKETS

20

vs

**East Malvern U13 Mixed
VICKER-WILLIS**

13

3.2

2.1

ROUND 17

AJAX U13 MIXED ROCKETS WON BY 7 POINTS

GOALS

ADLER, BEN 1 | LIPSHUTZ, JACOB 1
1 | RICHARDSON, JACOB 1

What a day! What a season! What a team! PREMIERS! Ajax has its newest batch of premiership players thanks to an incredible fighting spirit that saw the Rockets withstand everything the opposition could throw at them and hold on for a nail-biting win. Going into the match, the messaging was clear - trust in our game plan and structures, trust each other, stay present and make the most of our moments. Inspired by Osher's blowing of the shofar, the boys came out firing. With Ben showing his craftiness around goal and Jake selflessly setting up Richo for another, we went in at quarter time 13 points up. The second quarter saw the opposition dominate clearance and territory and our Defence was eventually overwhelmed. Nonetheless, we did well to limit the damage and hold on to a one-point lead at half-time. The team was encouraged to focus on the positives and to stick to being a defence-first football team. We knew that if we could restrict the opposition, eventually momentum would swing back our way. The third quarter was full of resilience, grit and determination and ultimately set-up the win. Despite being beaten around the contest, our defensive system held strong and we managed to avoid any damage on the scoreboard, thereby maintaining our one-point lead going into the last quarter. The last quarter was all about moments. With our midfield getting on top, we were able to lock the ball in our forward half for large portions of the quarter and eventually we took our chance. An errant handball by the Knights landed with Jake who snapped high. The players and crowd held their collective breath as the ball seemed to float in the wind for an eternity, before dropping over the goal line to give us the buffer we needed. Having trained what to do in close finishes, the boys got numbers behind the ball and around stoppage and used the boundary to take time off the clock until the siren finally sounded. The celebrations as the siren sounded and then in the rooms afterwards were pure joy and these boys are now forever bonded together. After a season of hard work, the players got their just reward and should soak it up. They have learnt the importance of teamwork and that a tight group can do incredible things. Having Avi on hand to watch the game, hand out the premiership medals and be a huge part of the celebrations was extremely special. It is these types of connections that make football teams so special. Osher was a deserving recipient of the best-on-ground medal, but he wasn't alone. Benji was enormous in the ruck, Charlie gave us great drive, Gavi played his role to perfection, Cooper and Isaac chased and harassed, Koby and Toby defended strongly and Lewis was involved in everything. Every player played their role and contributed strongly. It has been an incredible season. Celebrate hard and cherish the connections you have made. Well done Premiership Rockets!

BEST

listed A-Z by lastname

BEN ZUR, ISRAEL OSHER |
BURMAN, CHARLIE | DICKMAN,
LEWIS | KABILLO, ASHER |
LIPSHUTZ, JACOB | SHERR,
BENJAMIN

MENSCH of the WEEK

AWAY GAME

NEXT ROUND

BYE

U15 GIRLS - COMETS

DIVISION 2

COACHES: LEETAL SALOMONOVITCH, YAEL ALFORD



U15 GIRLS - COMETS

52
6.16

vs

Port Colts U15 Girls RED

9
1.3

ROUND 17

AJAX U15 GIRLS COMETS WON BY 43 POINTS

GOALS

BORENSTEIN, ABBY 1 |
KOLLINER, GABRIELLA 1 |
LEWINSOHN, EVE 1 | LEWIS, LILY
1 | PRIVATE 1 | SELIGMANN,
DANA 1

Today's theme was simple but powerful: every girl brings a unique role that makes our team what it is. And today, every single one of them stepped up and executed that role with heart and determination. Lewensohn was miss reliable, Alperstein read the play beautifully and Lyons and Gunn delivered their trademark strong tackles. Varker showed grit with relentless second and third efforts, while Dodge and Friedman brought the speed and clean pickups that kept us moving. Sternson, Seligmann, Smith, and Hirsch were relentless at ground level, winning the ball and driving it forward with sharp handballs. Kolliner and Israelsohn broke through tackles time and again, refusing to let the opposition take control. Lewis and Borenstein were dominant in the ruck and kicked the ball long. Olian and Beggs brought intensity - chasing, pressuring, and getting first to the ball. The girls trusted each other - and themselves. They played with joy, courage and true heart. Every tackle, every chase, every contest showed just how much they wanted it. And they got it - we're into the Granny!! They walked off the ground with smiles, knowing they gave it everything. It was a true team performance, and every one of them should be incredibly proud. Let's do it again next week!!

BEST

listed A-Z by lastname

DODGE, ABBIE | FRIEDMAN,
ARIA | ISRAELSOHN, ZOE |
KOLLINER, GABRIELLA |
LEWINSOHN, EVE | LEWIS, LILY

MENSCH of the WEEK

AWAY GAME

NEXT ROUND

BYE

U18 GIRLS - COMETS

DIVISION 2

COACHES: PHIL GOLDBERG, GYPSY FOLWELL



U18 GIRLS - COMETS

9
1.3

vs

St Kilda City JFC U18 Girls
BOYD FEF

67
9.13

ROUND 17

AJAX U18 GIRLS COMETS LOST BY 58 POINTS

GOALS

ICKOWICZ, MICAELA 1

Preliminary Final Day was a windy and wet affair but that didn't dampen the Jackas Girls enthusiasm or effort. Kicking against a strong gale in the first quarter, the girls were ready for tough contested footy. St Kilda city hit the scoreboard early using their dominance in the air but The Jackas never gave up. Even when it looked like the game might have been out of our grasp we didn't stop doing the unselfish team things. We continued to put our head over the ball, our body into the contest and our support around our teammates. So we end this season in a Prelim Final but our journey as footballers, teammates, friends and leaders is an example of what can be achieved when 21 girls who love their footy give their very best. Well done Girls! Super proud of you and excited for next season already!

BEST

listed A-Z by lastname

BERMAN, GISELLE | FRIDMAN,
SIENA | ICKOWICZ, MICAELA |
JOTKOWITZ, RUBY |
ROSSHANDLER, GYPSY | SWART,
JADE

MENSCH of the WEEK

AWAY GAME

NEXT ROUND

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MENSCH OF THE WEEK



AJAX JFC

Gary
Peer

MAMA
FALAFEL

Our Recipe



Your Creation

THANKS TO MAMA FALAFEL
AT EVERY HOME GAME COACHES
WILL AWARD A \$20 VOUCHER TO
THE MENSCH OF THE WEEK

A “mensch,” is someone who displays consistent integrity, kindness, and honourable behaviour—both on and off the field.



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