



THE BEST MONTROSE GALA DAY EVER!!!

By far the best gala day of the season was ours. Thankfully the rain stayed away, and the pitches were reasonable except for the SWAMP on the bottom pitch which despite being signposted almost swallowed up a few kids. Being our home gala day the pressure was on for the players to perform under the watchful eyes of the senior Monty's, with all the training the players performed brilliantly, many goals were scored, tackles made and even a few passes here and there. It's also very encouraging to hear feedback from parents at other clubs that the Montrose players are doing so well! Congratulations to the Mighty Montrose teams, all players had a terrific day. As always our coaches are brilliant, thanks to Racheal, James (the branded one), Doug, Ron, Tony, Matt and Simon. It was great to see other Montrose coaches and players from the older age groups down supporting the players.

A day like this takes a massive amount of effort to put together. The support of the Montrose family made light work of it ensuring the day ran smoothly and was enjoyable for all. On behalf of the gala day players and parents, THANK YOU!

The biggest thankyou is to Louise Andrews who organised canteen and BBQ, cleaned the clubrooms, and spent many hours bundling the Monty packs, plus many more little things. Thanks Lou. Also a big thanks to Alex and Zoe. A little thanks to Marty Andrews who pushed a wheel barrow around for a few minutes and filled a few holes. Thanks also to Carli Clark who did the running around all day Friday.

Thanks to members of the senior club for helping on the BBQ and in the car park – Debbie, Roz, Emma, Al, Eddie, Evan, Chris, Paul, Nathan, Ross, Brushy, Anthony, Rohan, Sean and Bozza. Thanks to Matt Cathie and Kevin Ide for helping out, and Sacha Sullivan for donating a raffle prize.

A day like this makes me very proud of our club, as a junior club we've come so far in just a few years. Coach Ben



ROUND 16 FIXTURES

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These fixtures were correct at time of printing.

Under 13 Boys East - North East 13 D
Sunday 21 August 2011 11:20am Kick-off
HOME vs Ashburton United SC
Keith Hume Fraser Reserve, Montrose
Coach **Martyn Andrews** 0419 103 117

Under 12 Boys East 12 Joesys (Sun)
Sunday 21 August 2011 10:10am Kick-off
HOME vs Knox United SC
Keith Hume Fraser Reserve, Montrose
Coach **Ron Verniers** 0418 386 689

Under 11 East-North East SSF Boys 11 Joesys Red (Sun)
Sunday 21 August 2011 10:00am Kick-off
HOME vs Eltham Redbacks FC
Keith Hume Fraser Reserve, Montrose
Coach **Ben Clark** 0433 667 966

Under 10 Blue East-North East SSF Boys 10 Joesys Blue
Saturday 20 August 2011 9:00am Kick-off
AWAY vs Croydon City Arrows SC
Dorset Recreational Reserve
367 Dorset Road, Croydon
Map Reference 51B6
Coach **Tony Robinson** 0416 236 004

Under 10 Red East-North East SSF Boys 10 Joesys Red
Saturday 20 August 2011 9:00am Kick-off
HOME vs Nunawading City FC
Keith Hume Fraser Reserve, Montrose
Coach **Nick Allison** 0400 572 319

Under 9 Blue East SSF Boys 9 Joesys Blue (Sun)
Sunday 21 August 2011 9:00am Kick-off
HOME vs Mooroolbark Junior SC
Keith Hume Fraser Reserve, Montrose
Coach **James Fitzsimons** 0400 824 222

Under 9 Red East SSF Boys 9 Joesys Red (Sun)
Sunday 31 July 2011 9:00am Kick-off
AWAY vs Brandon Park SC
Freeway Reserve
Kernot Avenue, Mulgrave
Map Reference 71D12
Coach **Doug Nolan** 0401 175 072

Under 6/7 Gala Day
Saturday 3rd September, Mooroolbark Soccer Club
Coach **Ben Clark** 0433 667 966

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ROUND 15 MATCH REPORTS

Under 13 Sunday we headed to play against Boronia, it was a beautiful day and the ground was dry, so a good chance for us to play our game. The spirits were high and we were ready for a good game. Boronia started well putting pressure on our defence, once we settled into the game we started producing some good opportunities to score, we would have missed five or six goals and only converted one, it was one of those games. The best moment in the first half was when Sean Ackroyd got the ball, dribbled up past the defence for a one on one with the keeper, only to have his shot blocked, it was sooo close but a great run considering he is a full back. We started the second half much like the first with so many close calls, Lachie and Alex Whiting had a number of one on ones with the keeper, but again failed to convert. Boronia got a free kick just outside our box, I thought that they might steal a goal but a great tip over the bar from Andrew kept them out. Finally we managed to put three more in the net, a great one coming from a long throw from Alex Moore into the penalty area and Lachie with a volley into the goal. A good result and a sense of payback against Boronia for last year. Well done team. Coach Martyn

Under 12 No match report submitted for the second week in a row. Come on kids it's your newsletter, the rest of the club want to know how well you're playing!

Under 11 The mighty Montrose team travelled to Oakleigh to play Oakleigh 2. A couple of late withdrawals were offset by the welcome return of Shelley. From the whistle, the team started brightly moving the ball from defence to midfield with some good passing. Angus and Jayden's skills and pace were proving too much for Oakleigh, Jayden scored 4 in the first half and the best was dribbling through traffic, then he dribbled around the keeper and tapped it in. Our training with the defenders focussed on throw-ins. Elyse and Hamo did this perfectly, taking the ball quickly and throwing down the line to our advantage. At certain times we were under pressure at the back but Drew played the sweeper perfectly and when there was a break Alex made some fine saves in particular a couple of dives in a goal mouth scramble. Oakleigh showed us that given time on the ball they will play well. At halftime 4-0 up, the message, players need to go out and meet, jockey or tackle an opposition player quickly – don't wait for them. Hamish continued his great game in the second half, playing a ripper at right back, learning to take the ball to the line and pass it up to the midfield. Eddie's headers defensive headers are a bonus for the team particularly when we defend corners, no wonder he had a headache after the match. Liam and Darcy were making some big tackles and stopping their moves forward. Two highlights for me, the first is seeing the rapid improvement of Darcy who made many great tackles and passes in midfield and scored his first goal for Montrose, great work Darcy keep it up! The other was an almost perfect passage of play, Liam passed the ball out of defence to Eddie who passed wide to Angus, who dribbled around two players, took it wide to the corner crossed the perfect ball, where Eddie and Jayden waited, Eddie headed the ball just over the cross bar. Unlucky not to score but fantastic teamwork. As the team improves we must concentrate on keeping possession and passing not kicking the ball long when we aren't under pressure from the opposition. Man of the match Hamo. Overall an excellent match, 7-0 win. We have some big challenges in the next three weeks, don't think it's an easy game – work hard on skills at training and at home. Coach Ben

Under 10 Blue Due to the Gala Day at Montrose our game was moved to the rolling pitch of Kalorama, described by one of the parents as a 'Potatoe Chip'. We had a full squad of 12 including some of the Blue team who's match had been cancelled. From the start we were very determined, tackling and pushing forward at every opportunity. The first goal from Doncaster came from a defensive mistake, all our kids looking at the ball and not enough looking behind them, this will be addressed on Thursday! All credit to the kids they went back out again and accomplished a couple of attacking moves. Emma was doing well as she was trying out a forward position. A lot of players were rotated off due to the amount I had. Ethan was making some great moves down the right, supported by Jacob and Kyle. The midfield was working well but lacking the ability to get back mainly caused by ball watching. Bringing on Cal into the forward position worked well, with his usual crunching tackling and hard running caused headaches for the opposition defence. Jack was doing well in goal but he isn't a goalie, his goal kicks are great but I think he is much more useful out on the pitch. We moved into the second half a few goals down, I had moved players around. Cal put his hand up for goalie duties releasing Jack into the front line, I moved Emma into the centre midfield...she did look a bit daunted when I told her this but she was willing to give it a go. Jacob and Lachie Sale came off for a well needed rest. We held them a lot better in the second half I think they only got 2 which was better than the 5 or 6 they got in the 1st half. All the kids played well this week but the chocolates this week go to Max, because although he didn't have his best game he did on two occasions take his time and controlled the ball and passed instead of just booting it. PARENTS...as we move into the last few games, the coaching style is going to change. I am now aware of what positions the kids are good in, they are not all forwards or midfielders, and as we go forward into next season in under 11's they will be played where they are most value to the team. So basically what the coach says 'goes' this may not please some of the kids but they have to understand it is a team sport. Coach Nick

Under 9 Blue Heading to Monash with some players missing I feared we would be in for a long morning, but I could not have been more wrong, right from the first whistle the team were switched on and up for the challenge, it was not long after some great pressure and tackling from Linkin and Logan that we got our first goal, introducing Gus Clarke up front midway through the first half seemed to spur the team on more and Monash were lucky not to find themselves further behind, at half time I explained to the team that we still had a long way to go and needed the same commitment for the second half, Monash did threaten a couple of times but overall we dominated them and were rewarded after Perri got the final touch to Tom's corner, a fantastic display with great passing, off the ball movement and tackling made for a great game, a well deserved victory and a big turn around from the beating the subject us to at home, player of the week was deserved by all, but Linkin showed the ability that we knew he had but hadn't seen until now, well done everybody, and thanks to Gus for helping us out. Coach Fitz

Under 9 Red Well done to my team, we played well as a team, and not individuals, which is what we are trying to teach you. The lads controlled the game from the whistle, and it was not long before DJ slotted one away after a great pass from Ethan. With Jackson and Tyrese pressuring from the back, and Nando Daniel and Ethan, controlling the middle it was only a matter of time before we got no 2, which DJ provided. With the game firmly in our control I introduced a lad from the Gala day called Rory, who hopefully will get a few more runs in the team before the season is over. The day also gave me a chance to take players off and explain to them what I wanted them to do, which helped Jasper get more game time under his belt, and give him a bit more confidence. My player for the day was Ethan Fitz who played the sort of game I would like him to play every week. Coach Doug



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