

# Northcote Junior Football Club Annual Report 2016

## U9 Gold

Coach: Vince Lodato | Assistant Coach: Matthew Timothee, Patrick Johnston | Team Manager: Lynda Marcon, Jason Ferridge



No	Player name	Game Totals	
		2016	Career
2	Xavier Coghlan Rennie	13	25
3	Reece Pauly	15	15
5	James Vagias	12	24
6	Matthew Lodato	13	26
7	Oni-ray Jeffery-Gallagher	13	27
8	Declan Hudson	14	14
12	James Fasilakis	13	25
13	Genio Logue	6	6
13	Lachlan Johnston	2	2
16	Henry Paulson	12	12
19	Connor Ball	13	13
23	Daniel Pako	2	2
26	Spencer Blamey	13	13
30	Henry Timothee	10	23
40	David Ferridge	13	13
42	Rory Harty-Gale	14	28
44	Lenna Scholtmeyer	1	1
46	Archie Johnston	13	24
48	Xavier Ferridge	14	27



## Coach's Report

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all the support and great work that you have provided me and to our amazing boys- under 9's Gold. I want to also thank you for all the positive feedback from many parents about how our boys have developed over the season, matured and the sterling efforts and great work of the leadership team (coaches, team managers, trainers, support staff) have provided. I also want to thank you for the trust, in allowing our trainers to take care of our kids whilst they needed help on the field.

For me, I have really enjoyed my role as Coach in mentoring our kids and again I could not have done it without the support of (Matt and Patrick- assistant coaches) for being there for me every week. Every week Matt and Patrick would turn the lights on, fill up water bottles, bring out the footballs, run messages to one another, get the kids training, rain hail or shine, these coaches did not stop and were there to do it all over again the following week. Thanks guys!!!! Again I can't thank Lynda and Jason enough for all the efforts during the season. Your guidance and support has been amazing, "I really appreciate all the hard work you've done to help me and the kids and reassuring that you were both always available with advice and support when I needed it'. Thank you so much!!!

On many occasions I spoke to our boys about 'following your dreams' and told them all to 'Work Hard' and to 'Never give up'. The boys have shown and proven to us all what hard work and determination is. I hope the hard work continues at home to boys. Great work and good luck kids!!



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On a personal note, I have enjoyed our fun conversations and discussion with parents about their own child and I continue to say 'if there is anything more I can do, I am only a phone call or email away'. It's always nice to have good friends and family around us and not once did I hear any bad language or behaviour from parents and players from our amazing team. You all deserve a pat on *the back*. *Once again, I want to thank you all for your support this season.*

And finally I also want to you all for the gift you all put together for me. You are all thoughtful, and I am blessed to have such generous parents. Thank you!! I will purchase more running shoes, as Lynda mentioned, I do go through multiple pairs of running shoes a year. I really enjoy my running and now that I have my early Sunday mornings back I intend to get out there early mornings and put in more hours of running. Running I enjoy, it's relaxing, calm and clears the mind. I too, am determined to never give up!!! Thank you all.

I look forward to the 2017 season. Go Cougars!!!! (Vince Lodato – U9 Gold Coach)



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## U10 Gold

Coach: Nick Dance | Assistant Coach: Chris "Geeks" McGeachan | Team Manager: Matthew Manterfield



3rd Row: Isaac Bartley, Lachlan Reynolds, Franki Stratikopoulos, James Geles, Rory Dance, Kynan Home  
 2nd Row: Ethan Missio, Isaac (Zac) Wilson, Lewis "Macca" McBride, Kon Kogios, Callum McGeachan, Marcus Chatzitrifonos  
 Front: Nicholas Bradford, Chloe Kodagoda, Jay Lynch, Nick Dance (Coach), Rafael Adami, Leo Henderson, Daniel Baker  
 Absent: Lewis Manterfield, Jack Donegan, Danika Stamp, Dimitri Anassis, Chris McGeachan (Assistant Coach),  
 Matthew Manterfield (Team Manager)

No	Player name	Game Totals	
		2016	Career
1	Rafael Adami	11	23
2	Franki Stratikopoulos	12	12
3	Lachlan Reynolds	12	40
4	Chloe Kodagoda	12	12
6	Ethan Missio	12	34
7	Lewis Manterfield	11	33
9	Leo Henderson	11	24
11	James Geles	9	9
12	Daniel Baker	11	11
13	Isaac Bartley	11	25
14	Lewis McBride	11	23
15	Kon Kogios	12	35
16	Dimitri Anassis	9	9
17	Isaac Wilson	11	12
18	Kynan Home	11	32
19	Danika Stamp	8	22
20	Rory Dance	12	35
22	Jay Lynch	11	24
23	Nicholas Bradford	11	24
25	Jack Donegan	11	19
26	Callum McGeachan	10	22
27	Marcus Chatzitrifonos	11	36



## Coach's Report

The U10 Cougars Gold team had a successful and fun year. All the players enjoyed playing together and experiencing playing in the different zones and learned a lot about how to play Aussie Rules football and the skills needed.

Every player improved from the start of the season, and there were some really fantastic games; the highlight being the 2nd time we played the U10 Cougars Blue team. This game was of a really good standard, played in a great spirit and was very close.

The players are all excited to progress to U11's next season, playing on the larger oval and without the zone lines – i.e. 'real footy'.

I'd like to thank my trusty assistant 'Geeks', team managers Matt and Chrissy Manterfield and all the parents that volunteered throughout the season, along with Tom Reynolds and Ollie Manterfield (older brothers of Lachie and Lewis) for assisting us at Wednesday training days.

Look forward to seeing everyone in 2017 - Go Cougars! (Nick Dance – U10 Gold Coach)

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## U10 Blue

Coach: Ben Smith | Assistant Coach: Chris Mews, Melinda Story | Team Manager: Sam Sabatino



No	Player name	Game Totals	
		2016	Career
1	Anthony Sabatino	11	11
2	Samuel Mews	12	34
3	Toby Stanford	8	32
4	Xavier Smith	11	37
5	Thomas Sweetman	12	37
6	Paddy Sullivan	12	34
7	Hayden Kanjou	10	35
8	Ralph Dayao	9	18
9	Billy Green	12	12
11	George Teague	15	28
12	Soul Stewart	12	59
13	Anthonie Bishop	12	36
15	Jack Barry	8	21
16	Luca Norquay-Whitford	12	33
18	Dean Perawiti	12	20
21	Macsen Connelly	11	33
23	Francis Cameron	8	8
24	Liam Leonard	12	24
25	Liam Callaghan	13	36
28	Robert Nave	11	36
29	James Magiatzis	12	25
30	Connor Hastings	12	26
32	Jack Moston	13	27



### Coach's Report

What a wonderful year for our U10 Northcote Blue team. The team managed to show it all - attack on the ball, a strong defensive mindset when they didn't have it, and some AFL-like ball movement when they had it. All of this on a backdrop of terrific sportsmanship throughout the year.

While there is no scoring at U10 levels, it was very apparent that the team were always competitive, and certainly took it up to all the teams that they played this year.

Our team:

Jack Barry: Big Jack again used his height and strength for some deft tap work in the ruck. Also showed a liking for the contested ball and used "smart handball" in the pack situation.

Anthonie Bishop: Set the bar high for "defensive pressure" with some kamikaze like tackles. Coupled this with a fearless attack on the ball. His aggressive style had the coach very worried when he lost his mouthguard against Laurimar - after the search party combed the oval without success it finally showed up... tucked inside his sock!

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Liam Callaghan: The list of superlatives to describe Liam's season would be longer than this email allows. A natural footballer who inately reads the play. Couples towering marks with great foot and handskills at ground level. The AFL scouts have been knocking on my door... I charge a 10% management fee, Liam!

Francis Cameron: Found a niche in the backline where his intercept marking and reading of play were a highlight. Booming kicks were a feature of his play. The assistant coaches reported Francis' enjoyed his quarters on the bench as it gave him a chance to have a quick snack!

Macsen Connelly: Discovered his other arm halfway through the season and became a strong marking target up forward. Coupled this with great bullocking work in the contested situation to create space for team mates and force the ball forward.

Ralph Dayao: Close to the ground and naturally clean skilled at ground level. Ralph's ability to dodge and evade his opponents was a highlight of his play.

Billy Green: A first season player who is a favourite for the NAB Rising Star. Intelligent ruck work was a feature of Billy's play as he fed his teammates the ball on multiple occasions. Developed an ability to hunt the ball later in the season.

Connor Hastings: Oozed class every time he got the ball. Always first to the ball and then impossible to grab once he had it. His silky skills and pin-point passes made him a headache for opposition teams.

Hayden Kanjou: For a second season in a row Hayden's "inside" ball work was a feature as he regularly broke through opposition tackles. He also showed a liking for snapping goals in the forward line.

Liam Leonard: Liam quickly earned the moniker "glue hands" with his clean hands on the training track. Displayed "eyes only for the ball" when out on the field and loved to plant a tackle.

James Magiatzis: Early in the season the coach had to perform a "siamese separation" between James and Anthonie Bishop. It quickly became clear they shared the same DNA. James showed a similar fearless attack on the ball and kamikaze-like tackles.

Sam Mews: Following on from last season Sam set a high bar with his skills with the ball in hand. "Lace-out" passes continue to be a feature of his game. Developed a liking for the contested ball in the latter half of the season and took his game to another level.

Jack Moston: Jack regularly displayed the natural game of a key-forward. Lead-up marking and pack marks were a regular highlight. Jack coupled this with strong attack on the ball and smart ball use.

Robbie Nave: Great kicking skills and ball use were on regularly display from Robbie. His "vision narrowed" when he had the opportunity to take a mark close to goal. Loved a goal celebration.

Luca Norquay-Whitford: The team "mud-lark" could be seen doing a rain dance pre-game, but somehow the wet winter seemed to dodge Sundays. This gave Luca the opportunity to find a new strength - with clean ball use complementing his natural "in and under" style. Mastered the "ball drop" in the second half of the season and his kicking improved massively.

Dean Perawiti: The "Mullet" was unfortunately kept out of view by a helmet. But this didn't prevent its super powers being on display - blistering pace coupled with intelligent ball use. Shows a Brad Johnson-like tendency to never stop smiling.



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Xavier Smith: He was dubbed "Hungry" by another coach, and it's easy to see why. Xavier could be seen sneaking into the forward line in the wrong colour wrist-band as his love for a goal knows no bounds. A classy left foot coupled with an usual liking for the ruck contest that belied his small stature.

Toby Stanford: The "Green Beacon's" absence was palpable early in the season. Had an immediate impact with bullocking goals upon his return. Provided an Alex Rance-like cameo in the backline against Wallan.

Paddy Sullivan: "Get it in his hands" the coach could be heard crying as his pin-point ball use was on display. Also showed an ability to kick on the left when required. Started to "hunt the ball" in the latter part of the season.

Thomas Sweetman: Moves like a Rolls Royce but is armour plated. Smart body-work and deft touches were coupled with pack marks and efficient kicking. A one-man highlight reel.

George Teague: Showed fearless attack on the ball and a willingness to throw himself at the contest. George also showed smart ball use and a great marking ability in the air.

Anthony Sabatino: Another bulldog in the running for the NAB Rising Star in his first year. Always willing to put his head over the ball, he showed the makings of a great inside footballer.

Soul Stewart: An experienced footballer, the "Soul-man" was brought to the club as a "free agent" and reached his 50 game milestone this season. Soul showed a natural ability when playing as a key forward, with pack-marks in the goal square being a feature of his game. Loves a goal!

Team Manager: Sam Sabatino. He had some "big shoes" to fill after the retirement of "Macqui" (aka Jacqui and Matt Stanford) last season. Sam stepped it up and did a massive job as team manager. Terrific job Sam.

Assistant Coach: Chris Mews. The king of the magnet board, Chris kept the zones competitive while ensuring participation for all.

Assistant Coach: Mel Story. Mel stepped it up as a first time coach. Her background in athletics came to fore at training and beyond. Both Chris and Mel did a stellar job of encouraging the boys to achieve their best this season, while still making it fun.

First Aiders: Anna McLeod, John Leonard, Marian Magiatzis and Warwick Teague did a fantastic job of patching up any bumps and bruises.

General Helpers: The level of ready assistance was amazing this year. We done all and sundry. Apologies if I have missed anyone!

Finally, thank you to all the boys and parents alike. On behalf of myself, Sam, Mel and Chris it has been a pleasure to be involved with our playing group (and parents) this season. We look forward to seeing you all down at the club next season. We'd love to have close to 100% retention rate for U11's and are looking forward to the challenge of a new (no zone) game and building on the players skills and fitness next season.

Please do not hesitate to forward any feedback and/or requests for the coming season. (Ben Smith – U10 Blue Coach)



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## U11 Gold

Coach: Simon Negrelli | Assistant Coach: Brent O'Connor | Team Manager: Violeta Traicevski, Kirsty Teague



No	Player name	Game Totals	
		2016	Career
1	Levi Stavros	13	35
2	Marcus Chick	13	55
3	Joseph Licastro	13	38
4	Gus Negrelli	15	62
5	Kyim Scholtmeyer	5	5
6	Shea O'Connor	13	56
7	Riley Trew	9	46
9	Harrison Teague	15	28
10	Harry Chalker	11	40
11	Isaac Baldwinson	10	36
12	Alexander Lacko	14	52
14	Christian Castrucci	23	52
16	Sam Marasco-Liddell	13	38
18	Finbarr D'Crus	14	37
19	Andre Sachon	14	31
20	Jacob Petrilli	13	35
22	Liam Sachon	14	31
25	Alistair Thondan	14	37
26	Faydia Hasaki	7	7
27	Liam Dodson	14	37
30	Tom Cameron	14	44
	Gus McEvey	4	42



## Coach's Report

Players had been in the same team in the preceding two seasons and it was decided to split the teams up. This was to give the players the opportunity to play with other players in their age group and also to experience other coaches. As with any team with an influx of new players it took time for the players to gel and really play as a team.

Moving from the zonal system in the previous two seasons to playing on a full sized ground really took some adjusting. Players struggled to understand where to position themselves on the ground especially when playing in the backline. In the future when the players move from U10s to U11s, there needs to be more time spent in preseason on that transition from the restricted zones to unrestricted full sized grounds. We spent a lot of time working on contested football at training. It is an area we need to get better at as players need to have the confidence to go and win the football on the ground and in the air.

Our main focus of the year was on player development and resilience. With only two wins for the season it was important that the coaching group were positive every week. Even though we lost the majority of the games, the team were quite resilient and competitive in most games. We had some great games against two of the top of the table teams. We had a fantastic win against Laurimar and pushed Whittlesea in the last game. What was great about those games was the players never gave up.

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As a coach I believed it was an important year in their development. Players and coaches learn more from losing than winning. We need to keep improving our training sessions and focus on skills, winning the ball and taking the game on. (Simon Negrelli – U11 Gold Coach)

## U11 Gold – Team Stats

### Results

**Round 1:** Montmorency def Northcote Gold 22 - 55

**Round 2:** Northcote Gold def by Eltham Red 71 - 13

**Round 3:** Northcote Gold def by Wallan 60 - 45

**Round 4:** West Preston Lakeside def by Northcote Gold 30 - 25

**Round 5:** West Preston Lakeside def Northcote Gold 14 - 56

**Round 6:** Laurimar Teal def Northcote Gold 19 - 53

**Round 7:** Northcote Gold def by Mill Park 48 - 18

**Round 8:** Mernda def Northcote Gold 31 - 32

**Round 9:** Whittlesea def Northcote Gold 16 - 56

**Round 10:** Northcote Gold def by West Preston Lakeside 54 - 12

**Round 11:** Laurimar Teal def by Northcote Gold 31 - 28

**Round 12:** Northcote Gold def by Mill Park 71 - 20

**Round 13:** Northcote Gold def by Mernda 49 - 8

**Round 14:** Northcote Gold def by Whittlesea 40 - 28



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## U11 Blue

Coach: Vittorio Chiappini | Assistant Coach: Brad Meadows | Team Manager: Brett Fraser



No	Player name	Game Totals	
		2016	Career
1	David Anastasiou	13	37
2	Jack Meadows	14	39
3	Hamish Withers	14	37
4	William Green	15	61
6	Leo Chiappini	13	36
7	William Perrett	14	38
9	Lukas Boeckmann	13	33
10	Joel Napoleone	13	35
12	Felix Corcoran	14	35
15	Adam Cooke	13	24
16	Taeven Ziras	14	46
18	Hayden Sharrock	13	13
19	Charlie Kane	14	52
20	Benjamin Armstrong	14	58
23	Jackson Tier	14	41
24	Eric Goffin	14	39
25	Alex Hardlitschke	4	4
27	Hunter Short	11	34
30	Luke Campbell	10	23
31	Julian Toll	14	40
35	Emanoil Nedelkos	11	35



## Coach's Report

It was the usual pleasure to coach a NJFC team. This year it was the under 11 blue team.

The competition Red division proved challenging based on our club policy of not composing teams based on deliberate skill streaming of players. Nonetheless, the team rose to the task each week, and displayed the typical competitiveness and enthusiasm of U11s football, played in a fair and respectful manner to both teammate and opposition.

The players were now in an age level that allowed the opportunity to play football outside of the rule constraints enforced at Under 9 and 10 level. During the initial stages of the season there was some hesitance or lack of consciousness from the boys to completely maximise the less restrained rules (specific to playing on, etc), but there was certainly development in this area as the season progressed and as the players grew in confidence with the improvement of their basic skills. Seeing the team play a more instinctive continuous free flowing game style was particularly pleasing and enjoyable to watch by all.

The season was also about developing the boys into becoming better footballers without the football necessarily in hand. Focus areas were, constructive verbal communication to team mates, understanding the importance and correct execution of defensive tactics, field zoning, and player positioning. Improving these aspects could only take effect by endorsing a rotation system that exposed the players to various game roles. The system was also flexible so

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as to nurture player development and maintain enthusiasm by affording players some additional time in a preferred position or role at their request.

I was grateful for the opportunity to coach and trust that the year amounted to the development of all players. This was also largely a result of the help and support of the Team Manager, Assistant Coach, parental group, and club officials,....and the players themselves. (Vic Chiappini – U11 Blue Coach)

## U11 Blue – Team Stats

### Results

**Round 1:** Northcote Blue def by Research 49 - 13

**Round 2:** Wallan def by Northcote Blue 35 - 33

**Round 3:** Diamond Creek def by Northcote Blue 28 - 19

**Round 4:** Northcote Blue def by Montmorency 36 - 7

**Round 5:** South Morang Blue def Northcote Blue 29 - 8

**Round 6:** Northcote Blue def by South Morang Gold 55 - 20

**Round 7:** Bundoora Park def Northcote Blue 35 - 61

**Round 8:** Northcote Blue def by Research 45 - 34

**Round 9:** Northcote Blue def Wallan 16 - 29

**Round 10:** Northcote Blue def Diamond Creek 27 - 60

**Round 11:** Montmorency def Northcote Blue 25 - 33

**Round 12:** Northcote Blue def by South Morang Blue 45 - 16

**Round 13:** South Morang Gold def Northcote Blue 0 - 73

**Round 14:** Northcote Blue def by Bundoora Park 72 - 19

