



PORT MELBOURNE COLTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB MATCH REPORT

TEAM	U12 girls
Port versus	Brighton Beach (Meehan) 20-6-2021
SCORE	4-6-30 to 5-7-37
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POSITION	Coach

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Port Melbourne Colts JFC	0.0	3.4-22	3.5-23	4.6-30
Brighton Beach U12 Meehan.	4.1-25	4.1-25	5.3-33	5.7-37

Player Awards / Goal Scorers / highlights

- Co-captains Amelia & Asher gave inspirational words at the start of the match, key messages were win the ball and kick goals!!
- Player award from Brighton Beach went to Summer Turner
- Player award for game – Shani Israel
- Goals to Hazel, Summer T, Issy Gray & Alicia
- Special mention to Issy, Helena & Millie for filling in for U14 girls.

First Quarter

After a few weeks of COVID lockdown, a full team of 21 girls took the field on Sunday against 2nd on the ladder Brighton Beach. After 2 straight wins we were sitting comfortably on top of the ladder, and coaches knew we were in for a close game of 1vs2. Brighton Beach jumped the gun in the first quarter, kicking 4 goals to our zero score. Hazel, Issy, Isla, Summer T, & Amelia all tried their best in the center, only to be out run by the Brighton centers. Our mid field and defense fought bravely but our girls looked a little stand offish against a few of the taller opposition girls. Our stats sheet showing a great quarter to Willow, Layla, Hazel, Issy, Helena & Lara, each with multiple tackles and possessions for the quarter. Willow & Millie both with great marks also. Millie B's 2 drop punts for the quarter out of defense were long and accurate, Layla's drop punt after a great solid tackle was also a ripper!

Second Quarter

The message at quarter time was, be first to get the ball, and do not be afraid of the taller opposition, apply lots of pressure. The team came out and did just that! A brilliant 3 goals, 4 points quarter, with Summer T starring with her first goal, and 2 marks and a kick to Hazel for another goal. Issy Gray was an unstoppable force in the forward line, attacking the ball at every opportunity, kicking a point then following up with a great goal on the run. Hazel also dominant with 1 goal 2 points for the quarter. But Summer T was the star of the quarter! What a great little team, never did they hang their heads after Brighton starting so well in the 1st, they fought themselves right back into the game and by halftime only 3 points down.



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Third Quarter

The stat's sheet for the 3rd quarter saw a remarkable 35 tackles recorded, with just about every player getting involved. Layla again with 3 tackles, as well as Alicia, Hazel, Molly, Sasha, Amelia all with 3 tackles for the quarter. But Helena's 6 tackles for the quarter was outstanding! We tried valiantly to kick a goal at the non-scoring end against the wind, but alas only 1 point for the quarter. Brighton managed 1 goal to stretch the lead out by 10 points. Some great marks also coming from Layla, Shani, Lizzie. Great quarters from everyone on the ground. A highlight for the quarter was Issy G's running tackle, a 20metre sprint to take down an opposition player, creating a turnover.

Final Quarter

The ball spent the first 5 minutes of the quarter in Brighton's forward zone, as they attempted to kick goals, resulting in points thanks to the defensive efforts of our backline. Our defense stopped Brighton from scoring goals in the last quarter, huge effort girls! Hazel kicking out on 3 occasions, eventually we found a way out & pushed the ball into our forward zone, where Alicia kicked truly for our 4th goal. We continued to push hard, the ball staying in our forward zone for the rest of the quarter, Millie with a shot on goal, almost leveling the score. Lara was great in the middle, receiving a heavy bump. She looked to be hurt, and we almost took her off, but to her credit, got up and laid a great tackle, and took a great mark. Well done Lara!

Halfway through the last quarter, Shani was rotated off the bench and straight into action! She tackled furiously, winning the ball as the opposition tried to penetrate their forward zone. A great game by Shani, she earnt herself player of the day.

In the end, Brighton came away with the win in a closely fought game. Well done girls, you were in the game after a slow start, almost stealing the win! We are confident we were the better team on the day, and I'm sure we will fair better next time we play Brighton.

Thank you:

A huge thank you to 3 of our senior players, Issy G, Helena & Millie B for leaving the game when the siren sounded to be driven off to play in with the U14 girls against Prahran. The U14's were short on numbers, and the 3 girls did themselves proud playing against some very tall year 8 opposition players! Well done girls.

HOLIDAY BREAK:

Have a great school holidays girls & parents, we will be back in 3 weeks' time to play Hampton Rovers, a 12.45 game start to be played away.

ROSTER:

Unfortunately, we will need to roster players off for the upcoming game, as the opposition are only able to field 12 players. This will mean we will be aiming to have 16 players against Hampton (12 on field & 4 on bench). We will let you know in due course.