



PORT MELBOURNE COLTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB MATCH REPORT

TEAM	U12 girls
Port versus	Hampton Rovers (round 5)
SCORE	10-3-63 to 0-3-3
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POSITION	Coach

Player Awards / Goal Scorers / players first game

- Our coaches award to Asher for goal of the day and her competitive quarter playing with Hampton in 3rd quarter. (to be presented at training, as coaches forgot to present!)
- 3 goals to Anika, 2 goals Millie, 1 goal each to Lizzie, Sasha, Asher, Grace, Mollie
- Opposition coaches award to Millie B
- First game for year: Grace

First Quarter

What can we say about Sunday's game? We won!!! After the first 4 extremely competitive grading games, we were poised for a great day. A great win to the girls who started the match so strongly kicking accurately with seven 1st quarter goals, effectively winning the game. Goals were spread evenly across the forwards, with 3 goals to Anika, 1 goal each to Alicia, Sasha, Lizzie & Asher. Great to see our two captains, Lizzie & Sasha celebrate great captains' goals to set them up for great captains' games! Lizzie's mark 20 meters out and kicking truly for goal a game highlight. A mark from Helena, followed by her kick to Sasha deep in the forward zone creates an open Captains goal for Sasha. Plenty to celebrate in quarter 1! Asher's 20metre drop punt for goal was sensational, probably goal of the day. Another goal by Alicia, created by Sasha's dash and handball to Asha, and kick to a mark by Alicia, who then played on for a goal. Anika's brilliance with 3 goals on the run setting the benchmark for all our players, as coaches, parents & players watched on in awe!

Our team numbers were brimming at 23 players, so coaches discussed with opposition coach re: loaning players each quarter to help Hamptons team of 14, agreeing to play 16 v 16. A big thanks to our first 2 players, Layla & Summer A for donning a bib each and playing for Hampton in quarter 1.

Second Quarter

With such a strong start to the game, coaches had to quickly adapt by making the game more competitive for the opposition. We didn't want to totally demoralize Hampton with another 7-goal quarter. One thing we teach our girls is sportsmanship, and this was demonstrated by our players, Alicia & Alice who happily played with Hampton. They helped Hampton slow down our impact on the game, with only 1 goal kicked for the qtr, by Hazel breaking a tackle and kicking a great goal on the run.

Strong marks to Hazel, Shani (2). One of Shani's marks was a high-flying beauty, she looked 10 foot tall! Millie continued her tackling brilliance roving the ball from the pack, running down wing and followed up with a tackle and won a free kick for her efforts.



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Issy Gray was asked to put a bib on and help Hampton. She targeted Anika as the player to defend, and the ensuing battle between the 2 extremely competitive teammates was a sight to behold. A great tackle by Anika on Issy, and Issy with many contested possessions. Our defense holding up very well this quarter, with only 1 point scored against them, thanks to great defensive efforts of Ella, Molly, Lara, Scarlett & Helena.

Third Quarter

We were still too dominant, so as a gesture of sportsmanship we gave Hampton 3 more players in Anika, Shani & Asha. Our players helped the Hampton team get many forward entries, but to the credit of our defensive efforts they were unable to get goals. Sasha was great in defense, on 1 occasion saves goal and backs up with big kick defensively towards the wing. Asha's efforts for Hampton noted with a great mark and a tackle on Alice, was fantastic to watch. A special moment for Grace in her first game, with her 1st goal. A long kick from the mid field by Isla, with the ball landing in the goal square, as Grace cleverly kicked the ball through for a goal. Special moment!

Millie's 1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th effort to gain possession of the ball and kick her first ever goal was a sight to behold, following up with a 2nd goal a couple of minutes later.

Final Quarter

What a battle the last quarter was! Goals hard to come by, as the game tightened up, as coaches, parents and players alike willed Hampton to kick a goal. Great sportsmanship was shown by all, especially the 4 players in Millie, Hazel, Helena & 1 other filling in for Hampton (sorry, have forgotten who this was!). Our defense was under heavy attack from a strong midfield, defensive efforts from Isabel, Issy G, Layla Amelia Summer T & Isla was sensational, and prevented Hampton from their 1st goal, a couple of points scored by Hampton for the quarter.

Molly kicked a great goal on the run, one of the best for the day, our only goal for the quarter.

Issy G creating a great passage of play, bursting out of the backline on the run, kicking a precise pass to Alicia, who in turn with a big kick into our forward zone.

Isla was ruthless with her attack on the ball in defense, as coaches counted 4 occasions whereby, she stopped Hampton's attack on goals. Her tackle on Millie to win a free kick, saving a sure goal, was sensational.

There were so many highlights throughout the match, but the best was to be saved for last, as our girls got to sing the club song for the very first time as a team. It was great to see them singing with gusto, their happy faces enjoying the efforts from weeks of training and grading games, and adoring parents surrounding them in their moment of triumph.

Our next game on Sunday is at 12pm at home to Brighton Beach, we look forward to a competitive match! See you all there.



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Game Highlights:

- Isla's last quarter in defence, we counted 4 occasions where she stopped the oppositions entry into the forward zone, repelling the ball back on every occasion.
- Millie kick marked by Willow in a pack of players.
- Captains' goals to both Sasha & Lizzie
- Kickout by Mollie, who had the smarts to use her voice, calling tout to Helena as she kicked out defensively from a point to Hampton.
- Great sportsmanship shown by ALL players across the ground, and to the 13-14 players who played a quarter for Hampton.
- The contest between Anika & Issy G in 3rd quarter
- Grace's 1st quarter goal
- Shani's high flying mark's
- Many improvements shown by all of team, kicking, marking & general play was markedly improved since our first game.

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First Win!!! 69-3