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Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Season Completed			
U9's	Season Completed			
U10 Grizzlies	Season Completed			
U10 Polars	Season Completed			
U11 Grizzlies	Hampton Rovers		Princes Park	1.30pm
U11 Polars	Season Completed			
U11 Kodiaks	Murrumbena		Princes Park	10.30am
U12 Girls	Season Completed			
U12 Mixed	Season Completed			
U13's	Mordialloc Braeside		Le Page Park	1.15pm
U14's	Season Completed			
U15's	Season Completed			
U16's	Hihett/Cheltenham		Hihett Reserve	11.00am
U17's	Season Completed			

Calender Events



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It was fantastic to see so many faces at our final Family Night for the season. Whilst four of our teams are still continuing the season with their finals campaign, for our other ten teams, season 2017 is at an end.

What a season it has been with record registrations, record number of teams, a new secondary home ground, a girls only team and four out of ten eligible teams through to finals. These achievements are only made possible through the hard work and commitment of a great many people.

When we think about the Club and what makes it successful, we have to taken into account both on field and off field successes. No where is this more evident than with the "Most Valuable Clubperson" awards.

This year, our Junior Clubperson of the year was awarded to Fraser Sharman-Smith from the Under 15 team. Last year Fraser won his team's 'Best and Fairest' award as well as the SMJFL Under 14 'Best and Fairest Award'. This season Fraser was selected for the SMJFL Interleague team where he won 'Best on Ground. In addition to all these on field achievements, his Coach was at pains to praise his other attributes that were the leading factor in his selection for the award:

"He is not only a champion player, but is a champion kid, respectful, humble and always encouraging. He is a coach's dream. He is a fine Clubman that was approached several times by other bigger clubs, but has said "no way, I'm a Caulfield Bear"! He also helps out at Auskick on a Saturday morning when many of his team mates would still be in bed".

Our Senior Clubperson of the year was awarded to Rod Grace from the Under 17 group. Rod has been an instrumental part of this playing group for many years, keeping the group together against all the odds. When numbers were looking tight, Rod was able to rally the core group and get them believing in themselves. This team and the Club are indebted to Rod for his commitment, dedication and belief in the playing group.

Judging from the elation in the Room when the award was announced, it was clear that Rod's time at the Bears has touched a great many people.

Louise Nelson

President



Match Day Photos

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the Football Department I would like to thank everyone who has helped get our teams on the park each week. I believe our coaches, team managers, parent and support groups are the best in the league and I am particularly proud of the way you represent us as a club when we are out and about in the community. We had teams in every age level which is an exceptional feat in itself.

There were some fantastic stories that transpired, none other than the emergence of our inaugural under 12 girls team, the dedication by both Andrew Beet and Rod Grace who made sure we had teams in the under 14's and under 17's. (When it looked like both teams were going to fall over they went above and beyond to make sure we were represented). Thank you and well done.

Congratulations to Silvana, Jamie and their support crew for providing an exceptional Auskick program. They have built an outstanding program where we are able to provide an excellent pathway for any budding champions.

To our departing under 17 team, thank you. You have represented us with dignity and class over your journey. We look forward to seeing you representing the bears with our senior group moving forward. (Look out Under 19's!).

Finally, thanks to each and every person that puts their name to the Caulfield Bears. A football club does not magically appear and it takes a lot of work from a dedicated group of people from the president down markers.

A club is only as strong as its members and we have amazing members. **You are the club.**

Regards

Michael Gurrie

Director of Football



AUSKICK

Our last round up

What a great way to spend our last Saturday morning at Auskick. Thanks to those people that came back for the last day. We started off with some engaging and fun activities across each group. The year 2's and above group had a great obstacle course designed by our super coach David Birch. It had bags to jump over, agility ladders, the hand pass target, cones to run through and a tackle bag to contend with before running around to kick a goal. The Grade 1's did a mini specky/Cyril Riolli challenge before going into a grid game. The girls had some mini games for a competitive element before going into tackle bags and footy skills. The Preps had similar small sided games before going into drills.

Then all groups had the annual kids vs parents games. It was here that we saw the true competitive nature of all children and parents. What I witnessed was a huge amount of fun with marks, ruck challenges, tackle and goals.

We then finished the day with our medal presentations and thanks.

We wish our girls and grade 1's all the best at the Auskick Lightning Carnival next week. I hope you all have a wonderful time being a Caulfield Bear playing footy.

Lastly, thanks again for the kind wishes and positive comments made to me at the end of the session. Well done Auskickers on a great year. Although I won't be running the program next year I will be around to see all those smiling faces.



International Cup Debut

18 Auskickers got to be a part of the International Cup game between Ireland and Great Britain at Koornang Park on Saturday afternoon. They all took to the ground at half time with much gusto and the competition was on! There were many displays of some future footy brilliance, and it was great to see the amount of ball sharing that went on. Parents and other spectators soundly applauded their efforts as the half time break siren sounded, and it was off to the Bear Cave for a complimentary sausage in bread and fizzy drink! Thanks to the seniors for their hospitality!

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MATCH REPORT



U8's & U9's

Season Finished

Editors Note: As per SMJFL By-Law 23.10, a mercy rule applies to the publication of all scores in U11-U13 matches. No team shall have a winning margin greater than 60 points.

Location:
Highett Reserve



Min:
8°C

Max:
18°C

Ground drying out,
sunny but cool

Game Highlights:

Game 1: Beaumaris

The boys kicked off their first lightning carnival game at sunny Highett reserve. Winning the first ball up they were off to a flying start with smooth hand passes and great teamwork sending the ball off to our goals where Jacques kicked the first point. Noah spent the game being a solid border against the opposition marking ball after ball and sending it straight back to our goal square.

The second half saw Beaumaris putting up a strong fight but the boys weren't backing down. They were bursting with energy and the competition was on with several ball ups. Amazing team work by all the boys and well done on challenging the opponents non stop throughout the game!

Game 2: Mentone

Bears came out strong and kept the pressure on but Mentone got two early goals. Bears kept motivated and moved the play to our half, this was rewarded with a great goal from Tommy Walsh and then points scored by both Max and Noah. The team dug in and then boom, a fantastic goal from Chris. Mentone started to feel the pressure and pushed back to get another goal, but were prevented from one more by some quality defensive play from Otis, right in front of the goal.

In the second half Mentone came out strong and were rewarded with goals. Bears responded with a superb long range kick from Rory to secure a goal and kept pushing throughout the second half, continuing to play a fast moving and free flowing game.

Game 3: Highett

Bears kicked with the breeze and Shane chose an attacking line up. Jacques pumped the ball into the forward line three repeat times as the Bears searched for the game opener. Suddenly the ball was in the Prahran forward line but Joel took a great backline mark to save a certain goal.

Johnny managed to find some space in the forward pocket and we all thought he was going to centre the ball however he instead took and shot which went through the middle. Jacques continued his tough contested work in the middle, meanwhile Max R grew in confidence and took a bounce in tricky conditions. Royce then got involved with a great goal saving tackle and won a free in the last line of defence. At half time, things were even but Prahran had the wind in the second half.

Max B performed one of his trademark strong bear hug tackles and was rewarded for a free kick for dropping the ball. Rory seemed to be everywhere and his quick kick and mark to Joel showed the crowd what Bears footy is all about. William Roberts won an important contest on the wing, but Prahran forced a turnover only to be met by a Rory contested mark again at centrehalf back. Max Regan was tough in the backline, however Prahran managed a couple of goals and the match siren blew to end a competitive game.



Location:
King George Reserve



Min:
8°C
Party Cloudy

Max:
18°C



Game Highlights:

Game 1: Waverley Park Hawks

Captains were Dom and Mack. Conditions were tricky with a strong northerly wind. After losing Claudia early to an injury, Charlie slotted an early goal. All were eager for the ball. Isaiah marked strongly in defence, with help from James and Ben. Ethan was busy, then rewarded with a goal. A running passage by Dan led to a goal by Oliver. Mack was doing well holding the opponents in the middle.

With the wind against us the Bears had to work hard in the second half. Luca was strong out of the middle, and Jakob and Jaikiah were trying hard in our goal area. Jed kept himself amongst it with some fierce tackling. Romy, playing a solid half, also tackled strongly. Jakob and Oliver both contributed with minor scores for the half. A well fought game in windy conditions.

Game 2: Murrumbena

We started well, with Jimmy winning the first ruck contest, but the Lions worked hard to put the Polars under pressure. Working into the breeze, the Wild Thing (Daniel) burst through the pack and ran into an open goal to get us moving. The Lions used the wind to advantage and much of the half was played in our backline, with Plugger Boyles tackling strongly and Mack Attack saving a goal with a brilliant tackle in the goal square. Ollie "Dukes" McCurdy took a nice mark on half-time but was too far out to score.

The second half began with another mark and a behind to Dukes McCurdy and another behind to Wild Thing Affinita. Tom cleared from the centre and kicked forward for another behind to Jaikiah "On Fire" Honner. Jake the Snake was strong at centre-half-forward, and Romy "Wrecking Ball" Beazley was tough in the middle.

Game 3: East Brighton Vampires

Captains were Jakob and Matt. From the first bounce the Bears got the ball straight out of the centre. Ethan, Dan and Tom were applying pressure to their opponents to keep the ball in our half. Oliver roamed effectively at centre-half back, passing to Romy. Jaikiah was kept busy in the midfield with assistance from Jakob. Jackson kicked a behind following great team play. Luca, Mack and Claudia patrolled the backline to curb the opponents from scoring.

Phoenix started the second half with solid defending. Ben and Jaikiah kept things tight in the midfield. Charlie kicked truly for goal following a free. Romy was getting lots of touches while defending strongly. Matt tried hard to get his hands on the ball, while Dan laid a great tackle. Ethan covered the centre with strong marking. Dom kept up his pursuit for the ball. For his hard work, Jakob scored a couple of minors then a goal in the final moments of the game.

What a great season for a great team. Each and everyone should be very proud of how they have improved throughout the year and their excellent sportsmanship. Congrats, and let's do it all again in 2018. Special thanks to our coaches – Dale and Lachie and our team managers – Jodi and Franco.

Location:
Koorang Park



Min:
8°C
Sunny

Max:
18°C

Goal Kickers:

O Taalikka, P Hanley, J Gurrie, L Younana and S Poole (1)

Bear of the Week:

A Poole, C Green, L Younan, P Hanley, J Gurrie

Game Highlights:

In a week dominated by geo political tensions between the US and North Korea, the world's attention shifted to Koorang Park on Sunday morning for this critical clash between Caulfield and St Peter's.

Led out by co-captains Lenny Younan and Oliver Taalikka, the perfectly attired Grizzlies were focused on the task at hand as a slim finals chance beckoned.

The Bears were alert and out of the blocks early in their final game of the regular season. Cam Green took control early and combined well with Jake Gurrie who worked the ball forward. Kristian Taalikka capitalized on this early pressure and was clinical in his conversion of a free kick to secure the Grizzlies first major score. After the restart the Bears worked the ball forward again and peppered the opposition's goal for the next few minutes for a couple of minor scores. Lachlan Mackie was in sublime form, scooping the ball off the deck followed by a clever flick to Gurrie for another goal. Henry Abbot was instrumental in creating running space for his team mates with some clever shepherding. As a result Paddy Hanley found space in front of goal to take a nice mark and duly converted for the Bears' third goal of the quarter.

The second quarter started in a similar vein with a great handball from Jarvis Dart to Gurrie who pushed the ball through the middle sticks to extend the bears lead. As the Grizzlies camped in the forward 50 Jack Kennedy and Paddy Hanley showed great hands with some nice marks. After a couple of minor scores Seb Poole made his presence felt and kicked a great goal after flicking the ball up off the deck. All of the Bears talents were now on show as Lenny 'the candyman' Younan flirted with the opposition's defence and secured another quality goal.

The second half saw St Peters lift their intensity. After leaking an early goal the Bears shifted to a defensive mindset with Hudson Nolan, Jeremy Dalton and Sam Luth combining well to shut down St Peters attack. Hugo Hales and Oliver Couch were exceptional in and initiated a fine passage of through the corridor to thread the ball to Lachlan Fyfe who took a lovely mark. Tom Graham also showed great hands with some quality marking.

In the final stanza Felix Fraser showed off his tackling prowess and Hales movement was clever as he nudged the ball to the top of the goal square. Oliver Jackson was smart with his boundary work, which was followed by a great grab by Oliver Taalikka who drove the ball to the top of the goal square. A hatrick of goals ensued with Seb Poole showing all of his class after a torpedo from Younan to Jackson who was clinical in his delivery to the number 8. After the restart Jack Joyce showed some clever running which was followed by a perfect had ball to Younan who drove the ball home and final nail into St Peter's coffin.

This is not the end, nor is it the beginning of the end, it is simply the end of the beginning.

U11 Kodiaks

Mordialloc Braeside 2.10 (22) def. Caulfield Bears 2.2 (14)

Location:

Walter Galt



Min:

8°C

Sunny, stiff northerly

Max:

18°C

Game Highlights:

With the coach's directions to kick the ball out front of our team mates and run, the Kodiaks energetically threw themselves into the game. A scrappy start earned the Kodiaks a couple of points and didn't overshadow great tackles by Grady, Ben, with a sure goal by Mordialloc stopped by a mark inside the goal square. The second quarter came with the challenge of kicking into the wind where Ben and Grady once again made the most of much ball action. Goal by Finn. Thrillingly, many goal attempts by Mordialloc were thwarted by defence, Jed, Mo and others, who had their work cut out for them with the wind keeping the ball in Mordy's half.

A late score in the third quarter started Mordialloc's roll to the win despite our boys diving in to get the ball out. A score from Jed in the final quarter, and pressure from our defence, kept the Kodiaks in the game till the end. With the breeze complicating matters and aggressive tackling from Mordialloc our boys bowed out, defeated in score but not spirit. Special thanks to Grady for filling in from Under 9's.

Goal Kickers:

Jed and Finn (1)

Bear of the Week:

Nick – unwell but there for his team today

Adam – concentrating on getting the ball out as per coach's instructions

Jesse – making training fun for the team with his humour

Best on Ground:

Ash

U11 Polars

Caulfield Bears 6.9 (45) def. Caulfield Bears 10.6 (66)

Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

8°C

Mild and mostly sunny

Max:

18°C

Goal Kickers:

Quinn Cooper (3), Michael Liolios and Jac Christie (1)

Bear of the Week:

Michael, Marcus B, Jac, Quinn and Amelie and James Thomas.

FIT Award:

Jono Lopes

Best on Ground:

Lachy Thurlow

Game Highlights:

Perfect conditions greeted the oft undermanned Polars with 16 kids jumping out of their skins to finish the season strongly against a Murrumbena outfit needing to win to secure a finals birth.

The first quarter held fear that the days was going to render another drubbing of recent weeks with Polars managing only one behind. The scoreboard not indicative of the pressure being applied by the likes of Jac with a beautiful dashing run, James Thomas and Lachy Thurlow contesting strongly across the ground and Lachy Hudson (great marking on the goal line), Marcus B and ever reliable Quinn, solid contributors.

Quarter 2, Michael and Amelie really started to work their magic having an influence on the game. Tackling by Michael and James Thomas was ferocious and unrelenting. In what's become almost signature Polar play there we're a couple of beautiful hit up plays with Marcus B spotting Quinn in the forward line. End result was a couple of great goals to Quinn to leave the Polars 26 points adrift.

After the long break the team really came out to play. Led by Marcus B, Michael and Quinn. A great clearance from James Godfrey in the backline almost resulted in an end to end passage of play hitting up Quinn in the centre who got the ball long down to Lucy who along with Bull Prins narrowly missed the goal. A sustained period in attack resulted in a great goal to Michael. The gap back to 21 points.

The final quarter was a committed stanza from all. James Thomas continued with his strength and great tap work in the ruck and at ground level. Jono had been a great contributor throughout the day marshalling the team continued with his pressure and attack. Liam C playing a great game in defence marking strongly in pressure situations.

Quarter highlighted by the first goal ever to Jac and a great goal to Michael. Final margin of 21 points a great result after being down 22 at quarter time with fears of a blow out.

Thanks for your efforts this year kids, if not for the mountain of injury and illness that plagued the team all year I'd be confident we'd have been playing on next week in finals.

Better luck next year. Well done.

Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
8°C

Max:
10°C

Fine and Sunny

Goal Kickers:

Gisele (2)

Bear of the Week:

Chiara Martello, Leona Clohesy, Jasmine Conrad,
Natasha (Tashi) Margerison

Game Highlights:

Q1: A beautiful sunny morning welcomed the girls' last game of their inaugural season. With photos taken prior to kick off and lots of glitter gel floating about (even Donno got in the act!) the excitement levels were almost matching the first game! Unfortunately this didn't translate to on the field, where we again got off to a slow start, St Peters kicking their first 2 goals in the first couple of minutes. Despite this and the girls still seemingly half asleep there were some good signs appearing, with Mariyama and Jasmine in particular tackling well. With the play camped in our defence Jemima got us out of strife a couple of times with some good strong clearing kicks and Maggie laid a great smother defusing a dangerous moment. Eliza's kicking in led to a full field effort which resulted in a great goal from Gisele, raising spirits and efforts. Despite this St Peters kicked another to lead 3-4-22 to 1-0-6 at quarter time.

Q2: was probably our best of the day, with Siena trying hard and some great handballing from Leona an early feature. We managed to keep St Peters scoreless in this period thanks to some very solid defensive structures from Maia and Chiara sticking to the team plan really well. Gisele's fantastic 2nd effort to retain possession, clear the pack and goal on the run will be up there for Goal Of The Year I reckon! On the downside unfortunately Jasmine copped a brutal falcon and had to come off, but otherwise a great quarter and we were back in the game with St Peters still 3-4-22 with us only 8 points down at 2-2-14.

Q3: is known as the premiership quarter, and it was a titanic struggle. The girls continued their great efforts from the previous quarter with Hannah, Maggie and Tashi tackling brilliantly, Lily providing some great run out of defence, and some great marking from Matilda. Unfortunately we couldn't trouble the scoreboard at all due to St Peters' improved defence, and Gisele had to come off injured after a heavy collision. So at ¾ time it was St Peters 4-6-30 to our 2-2-14.

Q4: The final quarter saw the girls' spirits drop and St Peters took heavy toll, kicking 4-1 for the quarter to our solitary behind. There were still some very solid efforts from Delilah's bravery in putting her head over the ball to Violet battling on with virtually one leg. Gisele and Jasmine were back on field showing great courage after their injuries. Despite the scoreboard there were still some great defensive efforts from Mariyama, Siena and Maggie and the few times we had the ball Eliza was showing very strong running.

All in all a disappointing way to end the season but the girls can be very proud of their efforts which for most of them was their first footy experiences. Well done girls!

Big thanks to all that helped throughout the season, special mentions to the coaching partnership of Gilbert and Donno who led admirably, and the outstanding management of Amy. See you in season 2018!!

U12 Mixed

St Kilda City 9.13 (67) def. Caulfield Bears 5.6 (36)

Location:

Wattie
Watson Oval



Min:

8°C

Partly Cloudy

Max:

18°C

Game Highlights:

A beautiful winter's day down at the Elwood beach oval with the sun out shining down for the Under 12's last match for the season. Teddy led the team out with the strong breeze advantage.

Off to a great start with a knock out of the ruck from Bluey down field in the Bears direction with Charlie picking up the crumbs with a swift snap towards the goals, touched for the 1st score on the board for a behind. The battle continued for the rest of the quarter with excellent efforts by all. Great ball skills by Webby ducking and weaving then planting the pill into the chest of Ezra who then lined up the big sticks for the Bears 1st Goal. This was followed by another goal from Webby.

Second quarter St Kilda City had the wind and took full advantage and kicked away to then be in front by 7 points at the half time break.

After the words of encouragement from Gary, the boys came out firing on all cylinders with the wind behind them to bring them right back into the game with only 1 point separating them. Thanks to the on ball pressure from all, tackling efforts from Harry Nelson, marking from Jarod Prins and Ryan Farrar and terrific defensive work from Harry Avery allowing Jackson Healey and Lucas Bremner to convert with terrific goal kicking efforts.

The Bears came out for the last quarter with a win in their sights but with the home team having the strong sea winds behind them didn't help the Bears bring home the bacon despite the tremendous efforts from all, especially Nick Mav who single handedly prevented the Saints kick 6 or so goals. The Bears didn't give up the battle until the final siren and should all be proud of each other as they all play with the right intentions and sportsmanship of the game.

Stick together and better luck next season Bears!!!

U13's

Caulfield Bears 10.8 (68) def. Northvale 4.2 (26)

Location:

Wellington
Reserve



Min:

8°C

Partly Cloudy

Max:

18°C

Goal Kickers:

Nick (5,) Andrew (2), Ben King, Atticus and Thomas (1)

Bear of the Week:

Noah Fioranza and Jack King

Best on Ground:

Miro Folvari

50 Games:

Jacob

Game Highlights:

We ventured to Wellington Reserve for what could be the last match for the season. On arrival we noticed how big the ground was, hopefully this would be good for our runners to get into open space and take the game on. With the wind blowing across the ground there was no advantage to one end. There was plenty of run and carry into the forward line. We started with our usual points again, we finally settled with some hard work from our mids to get the ball to Nick in the goal square for our first. Not long after this with a great pass from Atticus, Nick was able to get his second. Atticus was having his best quarter so far for the year with some great marks, runs and gathers pushing the ball forward on numerous occasions.

Q2: In a five minutes passage from Northvale saw them kick 2-3 goals in succession before we could go forward. When we finally did, we only could manage points.

With plenty of great efforts from our two tallest players Angus and Atticus, we went into half time trailing by 26 to 17.

Q3: At the half time break the coaches were happy but not really excited how we were playing, the team needed a lift, the coach asked them were they "Hibernating Bears" or "Fired up Bears"?

This fired them up. From the centre bounce we went straight forward getting a goal from Ben king in the goal square, not long after Andrew had a shot on slight angle at least 40 metres out for another. With some great build up from ½ back line onto Atticus for a great goal.

With Jenna and Jake combining and getting it over to Andrew who in his usual run and carry was able to send it straight over goal umpires head for his second for ¼.

Q4: With all the goals being kicked up only one end, was this going to be it for the match? As the ball came Nicks way, he was able to gather and kick around the body with a great snap for a goal. A great effort from Angus to grab the ball and pass to Nick who strolled in for his second. With some great team work, Nick was able to get his third for the ¼. Thomas was to finish with a goal.

Great Win! The question amongst the team was, have we made it to the finals? Yes, we scrapped into four.

Great Work Bears!

U14's

Caulfield Bears 9.13 (67) def. Beaumaris 9.9 (63)

Location:
Jack Barker
Oval



Min:
8°C
Cloudy

Max:
18°C

Goal Kickers:

Nick Karamihos (7), Adam Laskaridis and Harry Penhall (1)

Bear of the Week:

Tom O'Brien, Cormac Dungan and Boopa Munasinghe

Best on Ground:

Nick Karamihos

100 Games:

Harry Penhall

Game Highlights:

The first quarter was dominated by Beaumaris with a 19 point margin but the second quarter and they maintained the lead till half time with the scores Bears 19 and Beaumaris 40 (Half Time). The third quarter was when the comeback started as the Bears pressure was outstanding. With three goals to get a lead at the end of the 3rd quarter the Bears finished the game off in thrilling style as Nick.K kicked seven goals. With the last game of the season the Bears finished the season off in style with a special win for Harry Penhall's 100th game.



U15's

Caulfield Bears 9.10 (64) def. Beaumaris 5.7 (37)

Location:

Jack
Barker Oval



Min:

8°C

Max:

18°C

Sunny with patches of cloud

Goal Kickers:

Harro 4, Beau, Joel, Ethan, Jaffa, Ben 1



Game Highlights:

We travel to Jack Barker oval for the 3rd time this season to play against Beaumaris. The scenario is we are 5th on the ladder, percentage behind 4th placed team St Kilda, who later in the day are playing against the 2nd placed team, Highett. So we must win to give ourselves a big chance of playing finals.

We have the use of a breeze in the first term, and start very well, Harros on fire, marking everything that comes his way, he kicks the first two goals of the game, then the opposition reply with a goal, Harro then marks and kicks his 3rd goal, soon another goal courtesy of a quick snap from Beau. After a Beaumaris behind, we go coast to coast with great footy and Joel kicks a ripper from 40 metres out to give us a 23 point lead at quarter time.

We defend strongly in the 2nd term, we don't score for the quarter, but limit Beaumaris to one goal four behinds, so we are 14 points up at quarter time.

Again have use of the breeze in the 3rd term, and Beaumaris put numbers behind the ball. We waste many opportunities early in the term by rushing our kicks into the forward line, only to see the spare opposition defenders repel our attacks. Finally Ethan kicks us a goal, then Harro kicks his 4th to give us a handy lead. Unfortunately Beaumaris got a goal on the three quarter time siren, and we had a 20 point lead.

Kicking into the breeze we would need to slow the play down and frustrate opposition attacks, and this we did very well and in fact we dominated the quarter, Jaffa and Ben both goaled, Beaumaris kicked two for the term also, and we run out 27 point victors.

So we are momentarily in the top four, and needed Highett to win. Highett behind all game, still five goals down at three quarter time, then storm home, but lose by three points. So our season is over, missing the finals on percentage, but a good effort considering we went up a division and also lost three of our best players at the start of the season.



Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

8°C

Partly Cloudy

Max:

18°C

Goal Kickers:

Tim (4), Ozzie (3), Liam, Charlie Joe, Max, Huddo and Harry S. (1)

Best on Ground:

Lachy – The stingiest of the stingy back line. His timing running onto the ball is impeccable.

Harry S. – In the form of his life. Speed and skill mixed together in a devastating package.

Max – The key breakaway player for the day. His ability to pick up the ball on the bounce and then accelerate is jaw dropping...at least until he was planted into the turf. We're all wishing the best Max – hopefully you'll heal up quickly.

Frenchie – You'd think James would sit back and be satisfied with his work in the ruck – but he isn't. Has turned into a key distribution point in the mid-field with his greatly improved kicking and marking.

Game Highlights:

Well, this was an absolute golden game, with a huge number of milestones being achieved. First of Ethan celebrated making in to 50 games but then it was followed up by 'The Three Stooges' – oops, sorry, I mean 'The Three Musketeers' – Charlie, Joe, Shamus and Jake celebrating the 100th games. Sensational result boys and once again these three have only worn the Bears jumper. Thus they were hungry for a big win of this year's traditional rival, CHOGS. Anything else would be a travesty!

Well, it took less than a minute for the Bears to show their intentions for the day. Frenchie tapped the ball out off the ruck, Emin smashed his way out of the midfield and booted long to Ozzie who then snapped it over the shoulder from the boundary. The Northerly Wind picked up a ball that was beading for a behind and pushed it through the big sticks! The Bears showed that they were going to make up for their one loss for the season, with a impressive five goals to one in the first quarter.

The second quarter had CHOGS fighting back a bit harder, reducing the amount of scoring the Bears could do. However, this meant that while they had flooded in defence, they didn't have anything to push forward to. When they did manage to make it up to their forward line, the stingiest back line in Div 3 made sure that they didn't get any further. So although CHOGS slowed the Bears down to two goals for the second quarter, the effort to contain the Bears diminished their opportunity for attack.

The ever blustery North Wind made the third quarter challenging, with the ball continually being pushed over to the Coaches' Box side. The poor boundary umpire must have needed a serious lie down after the game as every time he threw it back in it was knocked back out again a few seconds later. It was tough, grinding football with the game brought to a relative standstill, with neither side willing to blink. The Bears were able to break through at one point and pick up a quick goal; otherwise it was 'mano a mano' football which left both teams nursing a bevy of bruises after the game.

In the fourth quarter, the bears were finally able to break off the shackles and push forward again. There were bounteous behinds at first but eventually the kicking straightened up and Bears were able to kick a solid four goals to one and run the game out as clear winners. By the way – Huddo? Mark of the year mate!



Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

8°C

Max:

18°C

Dry windy and sunny patches

Goal Kickers:

Jacob (3) Axxel, Spencer, Fraser (2) and Daniel (1)

Bear of the Week:

Fraser, Henri, Adrian, Mitchell, Bayne



Game Highlights:

Last game for the season and it appears there are a few players coming off the injury list just to partake in what may well be their last game for the Bears club at junior level anyway. Rumour has it that the senior club is trying to get a U19 team off the ground for season 2018

The last four games have seen a greater team performance overall and maybe this week we can pull off a much needed win to finish the season on a high

Beena are in line for the finals but do we care. Game on with once again a high intensity and players still willing to put their heads over the contested ball. A scare to Mitchell in the ruck early on, but the spares on the bench to take over. Good intensity and straight kicking has us four points in the lead at quarter time. A positive quarter with positive signs ahead.

2nd quarter efforts continue from everyone and the team senses something in the positive, A good feel from the bench as they are all eager to get on and full of verbal support for their teammates.

The handball game has come out to play (not sure where that came from) Fundamental pressure is good and we need to maintain the intensity and not drop off. A positive 1st half with us still 14 points in front at the long break.

Coach implies that we can't get ahead of ourselves, but hey why not, this looking good so let's enjoy. Lots of missed opportunities around goal as we continue to score but can't seem to put them away. Some fine examples of individual players just willing themselves to win the ball with multiple efforts.

16 points ahead as we turn for home. Each individual is now called upon with sustained efforts to get us across the line. And we do run it out to the best win of the season beating them by 17 points. A victory to be savoured by all.

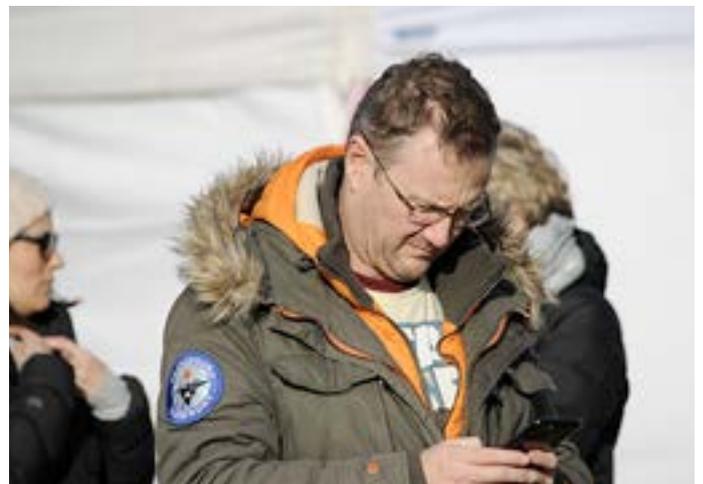
It was an outstanding effort from the entire team and by far the most contested and constant tackling and attack on the ball from our boys all season. Well done.

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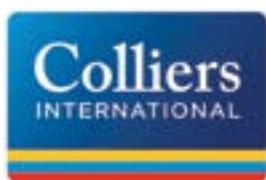


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