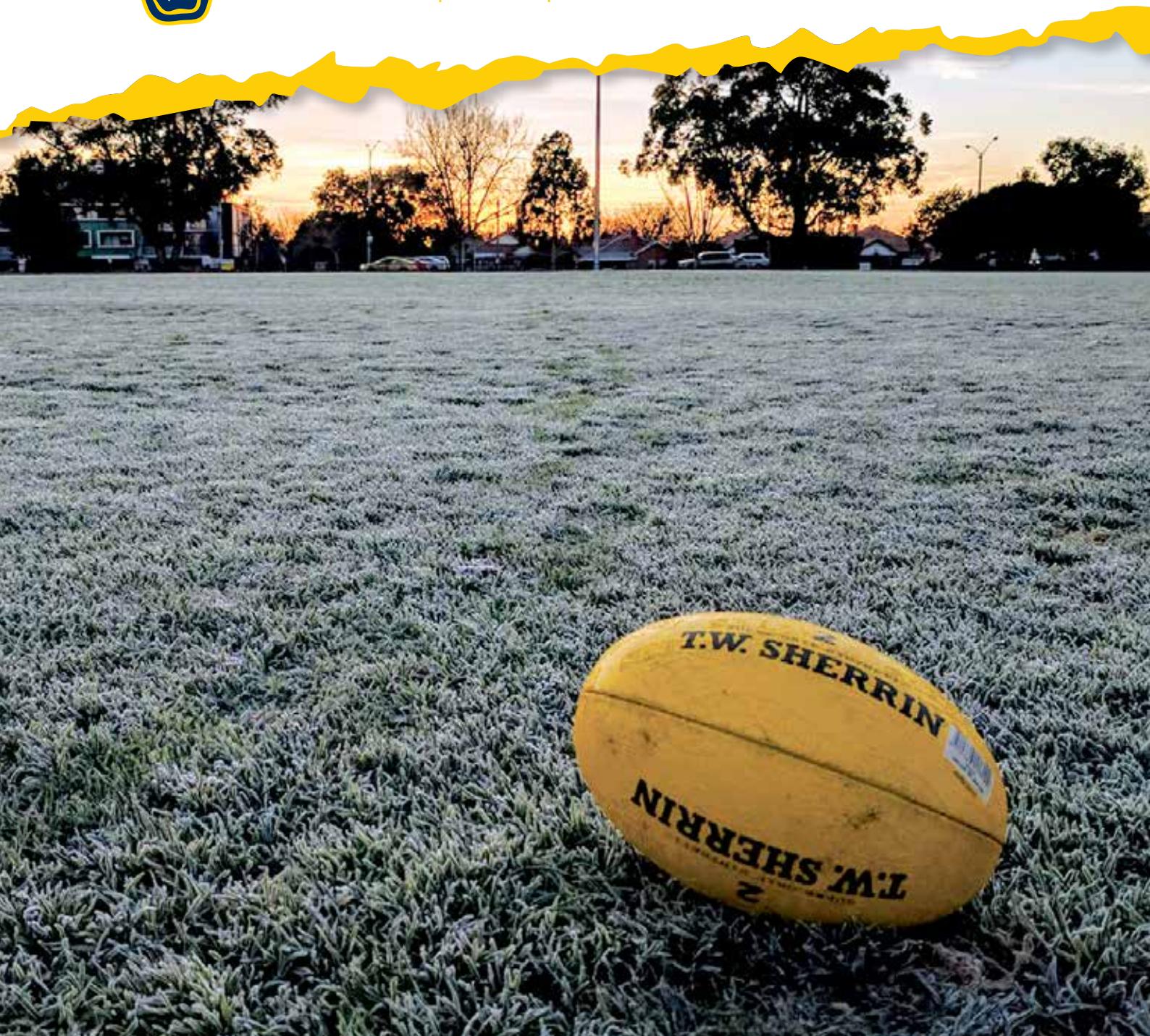




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ROUND 11 FIXTURE

SUNDAY 16TH JULY

Due to school holidays there are **NO GAMES ON SUNDAY 9TH JULY**.
The below fixture is for round 11 starting Sunday 16th July.

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Ormond	Home	Koornang Park	8.45am
U9's	Dingley Dingoes	Away	Corrigan Oval	9.40am
U10 Grizzlies	Brighton Beach	Away	Brighton Beach	12.00pm
U10 Polars	Mordialloc Braeside	Home	Koornang Park	10.00am
U11 Grizzlies	St Bedes	Away	Southern Road Reserve	1.45pm
U11 Polars	Beaumaris FC	Away	Donald McDonald Reserve	9.00am
U11 Kodiaks	Murrumbeena	Away	Murrumbeena Park	8.15am
U12 Girls	East Brighton	Home	Koornang Park	11.15am
U12 Mixed	Murrumbeena	Away	Murrumbeena Park	12.30pm
U13's	Highett/Cheltenham	Home	Koornang Park	12.30pm
U14's	Ajax	Away	Princes Park	9.40am
U15's	St Kilda City	Away	Wattie Watson Oval	1.00pm
U16's	South Melbourne	Home	Koornang Park	2.00pm
U17's	Ajax	Away	Princes Park	3.10pm

Calender Events

JULY

22

Stand-Up Comedy
7.00pm

AUG

13

Family Night
4.30pm – 7.30pm

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we head into the school holidays and enjoy a break from the usual Sunday routine of match day, it is a good time to recharge and reflect on what is important to us in the football club. Is it the camaraderie of playing with friends, is it the thrill of the game, the chance for a team flag or the lure of a pie and dim sim at the canteen? Whatever our motivations, as a junior club, our overriding objective is to provide opportunities for all players to participate in football and to improve their skills during their time with the Bears and we must not lose sight of this in the pursuit of other objectives.

After the holidays there is still plenty of action with our older teams in finals contention and our Modified Rules Teams looking forward to their Lightning Carnivals. On the social calendar we have a great line up for our parents only Comedy Night, as well as a Sponsors Day, our season ending Family Night and our President's Golf Tournament. It's going to be a busy few weeks!

Louise Nelson

President



Match Day Photos

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NOTICE BOARD

INSIDE THE BEAR CAVE

Each week we introduce you to someone 'behind the scenes' that you may not have met before.

Gary Birrell Coaching Coordinator

This week's behind the scenes is our Coaching Coordinator for the U12-U17 teams, Gary Birrell. Gary is a club stalwart who has been involved with the Bears for many years. Gary successfully lead his older son's Division One team to premiership glory and more recently has not only coached his younger son's team, but has been Coaching Coordinator, managing the Coaches from our older teams. Gary is always willing to lend a hand around the Club and is an invaluable asset.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Eleni Karamihos and Larissa Cassamento who kindly filled in for our Canteen Manager at Koornang Park on Sunday. These ladies braved the zero degree weather on Sunday to open up the canteen at 7.30am and were hard at work till after 4.00pm. Thank you Eleni and Larissa.

U14 Interleague Grand Final

I was fortunate enough to be selected into the SMJFL under 14's Interleague program this year, where both division 1 and division 2 teams made the grand final that was held on Saturday 1st July at Warrawee Park Oval in Oakleigh.

To say I wasn't nervous would be an understatement but getting to the finals against YJFL was thrilling and extremely enjoyable. The competition was tough. They were physically a much bigger side than we were, so we had to work harder and faster. We had played Yarra 4 weeks prior, and beat them by 3 points, so we knew they were looking for a win, but our team effort was strong and we got through

it to enjoy a 41-point victory with the final scores being 7.12.54 to 2.1.13.

My advice to anyone that gets the chance to play in a team like this is to always make sure you enjoy it. I have made some great friends with people from other clubs and I have learnt that teamwork pays off. The overall experience was fantastic. Hopefully I can get a chance to do it all again next year. Thank you to all the family and friends and supporters from the Bears who also came down to watch me play during my games. It was great to see you all there.

Nicholas Karamihos



Stand-Up Comedy Night Reminder

Saturday 22nd July
7pm @ the Bear Cave

Featuring Geraldine Hickey with special guests
Nick Capper and Ber Killick

\$30 Per Head; BYO Food; Drinks at Bar Prices
RSVP to your Team Manager ASAP. Be quick! Limited seats available.

AUSKICK



Melbourne Club Visit

This week a few of the boys from the Melbourne Football Club joined us for training. The boys took us through some drills and even stood and posed for a few photos from some excited fans! Thanks to the boys for coming down on a brisk winters morning!

Upcoming Events

Sat 8th July — No Auskick due to school holidays

Sat 15th July — Auskick – We're back

Sat 22nd July — Our next big event for Auskick is our Footy Fans Day. So get your footy jumpers and club colours ready because it will be even more fun than usual!

Get your face painted in club colours, listen to AFL team songs and be ready for our annual Auskick photos!!

For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, Please contact:

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MATCH REPORT



U8's

Caulfield Bears vs. East Brighton Vampires

Location:

East Caulfield



Min:

1°C

Max:

12°C

Icy frost, dappled sunshine

Game Highlights:

Bears backs were put to the test early and worked well as a team resisting the pressure of the Vampires and passing the ball to the midfield. Luca, Cara and Josh G worked well as a team putting together a really strong first quarter attack.

Bears forwards were on their game from the opening bounce with strong teamwork to score. The Vampires midfield could not break through the Bears dominance and grit, what with Sam's clearance kicks, Jack's perseverance to go after the ball and Jackson's vertical leap in the ruck.

In the third, Bears backs combined well with Archie and Harry clearing out the Vampires' attack. Cooper and Aiden capitalised on this and fed the ball to the forwards where Luca kicked truly many times. When the ball did get down the other end, solid defence by Archie and Harry was backed up ably by Jack and Jackson.

Exemplary teamwork was on display when Finn kicked in from the boundary to Angus who kicked on to Josh. Quinn then fed the ball into Harry, Jack and Tadhg in the forward line for a minor score. Outstanding midfield work by Will, Quinn, Sam and Josh.

Bear of the Week:

Sam Weitzman and Archie Johnson



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:
Caulfield East



Min:
1°C

Max:
12°C

Sunny and cold

Bear of the Week:

Casper and Raphael

Special Mentions:

Nicholas, Jack Conrad and Eddie

Game Highlights:

It was a cracking start for the U9's Bears captained by Jack Conrad, who won the toss and elected to kick to the University end which was a great decision. Martin kicked the first goal. Cooper was a strong mid, and worked hard with his team mates to deliver the ball into the forward line — awesome teamwork by the Bears!

It was much more even in the second quarter but the Bears didn't give up with Ryan applying strong tackles, and Luke demonstrating his great handball skills moving the ball quickly.

It was a great start in the second half. Raph kicked another awesome goal! Cooper continued to demonstrate his all round skills in the midfield, and what awesome handball skills by Casper — he took heaps of marks! Not to mention Ryan — what a backman! Well done Nicholas and Jack, and the best mark in the last quarter went to Eddie!

The Bears played a great game, and continued to demonstrate their commitment to teamwork by sharing the ball.

Thanks heaps to the coach of the day who continued to inspire the kids to work as a team, and work on their handball skills. A special thanks to five players from U8's who stepped up to help the U9's — you played outstanding football, and made the U9's very proud!

U10 Polars

Caulfield Bears vs. Bentleigh

Location:
East Caulfield



Min:
1°C

Max:
12°C

Sunny and cold

Bear of the Week:

Oliver, Charlie and Dom



Game Highlights:

Blessed with another sunny morning, we stepped out on to the ground with the help of some Under 9's to support us.

The first quarter was a tough one with Jackson showing our competitors we were going to play strong with his big tackle that was awarded a free kick. Great play with James marking strong, kicking to Jakob with a massive mark and successfully kicking onto Nick. Mack and Daniel were fabulous chasing the ball down.

Jakob started the second with a long kick, making great ground to the forward line. The ball changed hands but was saved around the middle where Jaikiah grabbed it and ran with it to kick it back to the forward line. Dom shone with some great chasing of the ball and tackling. The ball made it's way back to the middle, Jaikiah grabbed it from the pack of 5 opposing players, kicked it across the ground. The play moved swiftly back to the oppositions forward line where Oliver took a specky in front of goal.

Third quarter was busy with Jackson, Lucas and Dom strongly marking the ball, Charlie's great block saving a goal and Jed tackling strong and awarded a free. Ben and Jed great play with strong kicks and marks bringing the ball down to Dom who swiftly marks strong. Jakob's spinning magic expertly deceived the opposition allowing him to break free and play on. Pheonix stayed strong and expertly shepherded the players where it counted. Mack had a great tackle after the fourth quarter bounce up, the ball makes it's way to Daniel where he gets a great kick off.

Overall there was great team work with everyone getting a touch of the ball. We were fortunate enough to have the generosity of our Under 9's, so for that, we thank you.

U10 Grizzlies

Caulfield Bears vs. Hampton Rovers

Location:

East Caulfield



Min:

1°C

Max:

12°C

Clear sunny and cool

Bear of the Week:

Oscar, Max Bremner and Jonny

Game Highlights:

The team was under pressure from the outset, with the opposition dominating in the first few minutes. Jacques then kicked a goal within the next 5 minutes. The first quarter was very competitive with action down both ends of the field. Opening of the second quarter saw Cooper take an excellent mark in the backline. Jonny, Rory and Noah were all very active in play, with Rory having to go off after getting a knock to the head. Max Bremner featured in many runs of play. The pressure was tough this quarter, but the Bears kept up with opposition.

The third quarter saw strong defence of the backline by Otis, Patty and Jonny, with Raf getting involved in the mid field.

The final quarter saw a defiant defence by Otis and Rory, with Tom chasing down the opposition doggedly. A gallant effort in the face of a well drilled opposition.



Location:

Koornang Park

**Min:**

1°C

Frosty

Max:

12°C

Game Highlights:

On a cold and frosty morn, the Bears were slow to de-hibernate. Port totally dominated the first quarter, with eleven scoring shots to nil. The coaches message at the first break was short and succinct: "switch on!"

The second quarter began with Port in control early, but our pressure and work rate lifted and we were able to stem the tide. Joyce, Kennedy, Dalton, Poole and Hanley worked well to clear the ball out of the centre and Younan showed his typical sharpness around the contests. Though we remained scoreless at half time, we were able to restrict Port to only two second quarter goals and the game was still alive going into the second half. Fully warmed up by now, the Bears sent the ball immediately into our forward line at the start of the third quarter. A forward press was enacted and we were able to trap the ball down there for a good period of time. A lovely long kick from Green from centre half forward cleared the pack, fell into Dart's lap and he speared it through for a ream lifting goal. The switch had been flicked and the Bears were on! Another forward entry by Abbott soon led to Hales dribbling one through the big sticks and the Bears' revival was confirmed. With Gurrie switched to defence, the opposition found it difficult to penetrate their forward line as he led a wall of Grizzly defenders. Port were allowed a solitary point for the quarter against our two goals — a great effort.

A huge effort would be required in the final stanza if the Bears were to repeat the heroics from last week. A second goal from the sprightly Hales got the boys off to a fantastic start. K.Taalikka was generating great dash through the centre and Gurrie, Dalton and Younan continued to hold up the backline with their pressure and second efforts. Port lifted their work rate however and were able to sneak through two goals against the run of play. The final siren sounded with the boys defeated but with their heads held high after a solid second half. If they can start the game with more drive, they will be a good chance next week.

Goal Kickers:

Hugo Hales (2) and Jarvis Dart (1)

Bear of the Week:

Cam Green, Henry Abbott and Hugo Hales

Location:

East Caulfield

**Min:**

1°C

Max:

12°C

A sunny but cold day

Goal Kickers:

Noah (2), Fin, Jacob, Kobie and Tom W (1)

Bear of the Week:

Ash, Ben, Kobie and Noah

Best on Ground:

Noah

50 Games:

Congrats to Ash on his 50th game for the Bears!

Game Highlights:

From the very 1st bounce it was a tight game with tough contests across the ground as neither team gave the other much space to move. Ben scored an early point but Cheltenham scored 2 goals to take the lead at quarter time. In the second Mohan kicked along the boundary followed by more swift accurate kicking and marking resulted in Noah's first goal. Finn added a second from the constant forward pressure applied by the Bears. Nick dominated in the ruck and Lucas took some good marks, a great gather and run rewarded Jacob with a goal.

3/4 time saw us come in a goal down despite Ben's goal and Ged who was hurt in a brave tackle. Ash playing his 50th game was relentless in his tackling. In the last quarter we stood up to the challenge dominating in nearly every department and goals from Kobie, Noah and Tom W took the game away from Cheltenham and the Bears ran out deserved winners.



Location:

East Caulfield

**Min:**

1°C

Sunny and cold

Max:

12°C

Goal Kickers:

Quinn Cooper (4), Finn McMahon-Johnson (3) and Jacob Baldwin (1)

Bear of the Week:

Elliot Davies, Matthew Hamilton, Alex Nguyen, Michael Liolios and Jonathon Lopes

Captains:

Lachlan Hudson and Quinn Cooper

50 Games:

James Gearon, Marcus Brittain and James Godfrey

Game Highlights:

It was a big day for the U11 Polars with James Gearon, Marcus Brittain and James Godfrey all achieving their 50 game milestones with the club. Well done boys!

Coach Rowan's messages for today were;

1. Body over the ball and 2. Have your right player.

Q1: East Brighton attacked early and scored the first goal. Some great defensive efforts from Jonno allowed the Polars to take the ball forward. Michael cleared well with Matt running forward and a resulting goal to Finn. An intercepting mark and penetrating kick from Marcus B resulted in a set shot and goal from Quinn. Some great tackling from Marcus P and Jac and a great clearance from James Godfrey. Scores were even at the end of the first. Good start but more aggression and tighter defence in the back line was needed.

Q2: The Bears responded and dominated the second quarter. Some quick movement through the centre allowed space for hungry Quinn and the "fleet-footed" Finn to add four goals between them. Great defence and marks from Marcus B and Lachlan H kept the Vampires scoreless for the quarter. A solid quarter from Alex with some quick work in the forward line.

Q3: East Brighton came out fighting in the third quarter and the game was kept fairly even. Some great second efforts were made by James Gearon and Jakiah. Liam Campo demonstrated how to get your 'body over the ball'. Marcus B, Marcus P and Michael were desperate in defence and with some great tackling and in and under, managed to clear. The hard work paid off and the Polars were driving it forward quickly through the centre when the siren sounded.

Q4: East Brighton continued to fight and managed four scoring shots to our three in the last quarter. Matt continued to provide good run along the wing and Elliot tackled well. Jac demonstrated great team work passing it off with an opportunity to goal. A beautiful goal from the boundary by Jacob Baldwin and another from Finn sealed the victory.

A big thank you to Jacob Seker, Jakiah Henner, Oliver McCurdy, Jacob Baldwin and Finn McMahon-Johnson for their filling in today and their contributions.



U12 Girls

East Malvern 6.6 (42) def. Caulfield Bears 4.5 (29)

Location:
Lucas Oval



Min:
1°C

Sunny and Fine

Max:
12°C

Goal Kickers:

Eliza (2), Siena, Hannah (1)

Bear of the Week:

Chiara, Siena and Giselle

Best on Ground:

Eliza

Game Highlights:

It was always going to be a tough day at the office with only 11 players available against East Malvern. They had 19 players and generously agreed to let us have two of their players each quarter.

Q1: The Bears dominated the opening period with Siena consistently tapping the ball down to Giselle who burst out of the midfield and bombed the ball into the forward zone. Eliza was unstoppable weaving through the packs and scoring the opening two goals. Pippa was providing great support to Eliza with some great smothers and fierce forward pressure. East Malvern managed to score a couple of points just before the quarter time bell.

Bears 15, lead East Malvern 2

Q2: East Malvern turned the tables completely early. Despite our great attempts at tackling, they managed to bombard the forward line and scored 3 quick goals. The pressure on our defence was intense. The middle part of the quarter saw the Bears slowly starting to regain the momentum. A forward stoppage saw Akeisha shoot out a great handball into space. Siena swooped onto the ball, managed to run away from a couple of opponents and then calmly slotted her first goal of the season. Pippa and Eliza were taking great marks in defence, Jemima, Charlotte and Mathilda were working hard with some great tackles and Chiara was applying intense pressure throughout the midfield. The half ended with the Bears trailing by a solitary point

Q3: A tough quarter for the Bears. Charlotte, Hannah and Natasha were working hard tackling at every opportunity. Chiara was continuing to be heavily involved in the game with some great handball releases, Eliza started to dominate the midfield and bomb the ball forward. Jemima was marking or earning free kicks and had a few shots on goal which were marked on the very last line of the defence. Hannah and Lily were also getting involved in the game with some great marks. Unfortunately, we were unable to score and East Malvern made the most of their few entries into the forward line. We were behind by 8 at the bell.

Q4: The pressure was great and the Bears were throwing everything they had at the opposition. Hannah scored a great goal shrugging off a few tacklers to give us hope. Unlucky posters by Lily and Charlotte and a late goal to them saw us go down by 13 points.



STOP THE PRESS!

Surprise AFLW Visit

On Tuesday night the girls were met with a big surprise. Katherine Smith, one of the AFLW Melbourne FC Rising Stars from last season attended the back half of the U12 Girls training session!

Many thanks to Katherine for taking the time to come and offer her time and wisdom to the girls. Also a big thank you to Gilbert for organising the surprise!



Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
1°C
Crisp

Max:
12°C

Game Highlights:

With two 50 game milestones for Niko Caon and Hayden Cormick the Bears came out to play against the second placed Hawks.

The Bears showed once again that they were up to the challenge with a tightly fought first quarter that saw a majority of play in the Bears forward 50. Unfortunately they couldn't convert a couple of opportunities and scores were tied with no team bothering the scoreboard.

The Hawks put two goals on the board in second quarter with the Bears battling valiantly but still not able to put one through the sticks.

Third quarter saw a rejuvenated Bears team hitting the packs hard and linking up some nice play to come within one point of the Hawks and we were starting to pressure them into turning over the ball.

Unfortunately in fourth quarter a couple of tired Bear legs, and good goals from the Hawks put the game to rest.

Coach Gary expressed how impressed he was with the team over the past two games against the top two teams and the players could hold their heads high against such tough opposition.

Goal Kickers:

Jarod Prins (2)

Bear of the Week:

Patrick Gerrand, Liam Moonen,
Lucas Bremner and Nick Mavropoulos

50 Games:

Congratulations to Hayden Cormick and Niko Caon, who both played their 50th game on Sunday.



Location:

Basil Reserve



Min:

1°C

Sunny and Fine

Max:

12°C

Goal Kickers:

Clem, Jake, Lucas, Nick, Aiden 1 each

Bear of the Week:

Thomas Williamson and Aiden Chen

Best on Ground:

Lucas Baldwin

Game Highlights:

Arriving at the same ground as last week to play East Malvern, another team above us. Arriving 45 minutes before game time for a late start at 3.30 the team seemed ready to do battle, with not a game on and not many around were we unsure if we were at the right ground. After awhile everyone started to arrive.

Q1: Charlie and Tom great efforts for ¼. Lucas on the ball and free to go anywhere picking up many possessions, Clem gathering and kicking around the body and dripping through for a great goal.

Q2: Tom and Lucas another great ¼ picking up many possessions. Jake bending and gathering ball and slotting through for a goal. Lucas bursting out of pack with strength and poise for another goal. Some great tackling and second efforts right around the ground.

Q3: Luca running and bouncing for at least 300 metres, sorry 30 metres for a great shot at goal only to just miss, also Clem doing the same to also just miss. Some super work from Thomas to gather and pass to Nick to goal.

Q4: Plenty of shots at Goals only to register points. A great spin out of pack and gather and snap from Aiden for a great goal. Plenty of run and carry from Andrew and Lucas.

Summary:

Dropping some easy marks. Balls not hitting targets from foot and hand. Clean possessions and too many times fumbling. Not enough long kicks. Making sure of goals.

This team is good enough to get in the finals, starting from next match we need 110% effort from everyone. Taking it one week at a time we will make it. We are so close!

U14's

Ormond 10.12 (82) def. Caulfield Bears 6.7 (43)

Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
1°C

Sunny and cold

Max:
12°C

Goal Kickers:

Leo, Nick L (2), Andy and Luke (1)

Bear of the Week:

Almog, Leo and Nick L

Best on Ground:

Andy

Game Highlights:

It was a fast-paced first quarter with the teams taking turns to score, including two goals to Leo. Unfortunately Cameron was off injured after just a few minutes of play. Scores were Bears 14 to Ormond 21 at quarter time.

Ormond broke away in the second quarter with five unanswered goals. Andy scored for the Bears and then it was one more for Ormond before half time. Scores were now Bears 20 and Ormond 57.

The third quarter was much more even with 1.3 to the Bears and 2.3 to Ormond. Nick L was our goal scorer this quarter.

The final term saw the Bears outscore Ormond with a goal each to Luke and Nick L. Leo was injured late in the game, so we were down to 15 players. A valiant effort from the Bears and well done to Ormond who won 82 to the Bears 43.



Location:

Banksia
Reserve

**Min:****1°C**

Sunny and cold

Max:**12°C****Goal Kickers:**

Beau (3), Ethan, Josh A, Harrison (2), Joel,
Josh B and Harry (1)

Game Highlights:

School Holidays so we all experienced many kids away and short in numbers.

The team started the day with 14, however 3 Under 14's stepped up to help us out and did themselves proud.

Many thanks to Andrew Beet and his boys Harry Beet, Andy Kim and Morgan Grace.

Beaumaris although bottom of the ladder had 3 or 4 Div One players fill their team, they ran the ball hard out of the backline and had a couple of big talls that marked well.

We battled well for the first half, a very competitive game with no benches.

Our rucks Flynn, Ethan and Harro rotated around the ground winning most tap outs, we were beating them in the centre through Fraser, Beau and Joel but they had strong run from half back which challenged our defence led by Henry, Gordo and Patty who showed lots of heart to repel many attacks. Our forward line looked dangerous with Josh A and Josh B attacking the packs.

Late in the third quarter they kicked 3 goals off the ground to hold a 2 goal lead going into the final term.

We asked the boys to step up and win the game, we knew we were good enough so the challenge was thrown to the boys. They came out steaming to dominate the last, kicking 6 goals to nil for a well deserved win, the song was sung with plenty of gusto and should hold the team strong for the second half of the season.

We are very proud of our team whom have gone up a grade, lost players to other clubs but have been more than competitive and have stuck strong. Well done Bears.

Location:

Highett
Reserve



Min:

1°C

Sunny and cold

Max:

12°C

Game Highlights:

We all enjoy a good football rivalry: Carlton vs Collingwood, Geelong vs Hawthorn, Adelaide vs Port Adelaide... Well, I can tell you there is a brand new rivalry that rivals these: Bears vs CHOGs.

It all begins with a game in the first week of the school holidays, with the Bears reduced down to 15 men due to both unavailability and injuries. "Forfeit"? The Bears don't understand what that means — they think that means you have two extra legs. They were determined to show the Bears' fighting spirit, regardless of the odds.

So they ran out onto a frosted oval, ready to give their all. For the first quarter it was a gripping battle with the Bears refusing to give any ground and keeping the scores tight. It was the same in the second quarter, with the Bears still refusing to give in and fighting every inch of the way.

However, going into the second half, it was obvious that while the spirit was willing, the interchange bench was weak. The Bears had no reserves to call on and CHOGs were able to keep rotating fresh players on to the field. Try as they might, the Bears could not keep up with fresh legs and thus CHOGs were able to run away from them.

We did see the measure of what a fine team of young men these Bears are. Whilst never said, they are always humble in victory and on this day, they showed that they were gracious in defeat, offering their congratulations and handshakes to CHOGs at the end of the game.

The 15 players that went out there and played their hearts out may be hurting from the loss but they need not carry any disappointment in their performance. Every players gave everything they had until they had nothing left and while, their pain was palpable, their resolve to never let this happen again shone through in the changing room.

The Bears are now hungry for redemption and thus Round 15 will be a cracker of a game where CHOGs might be learning a valuable lesson: Don't poke the Bear.

Goal Kickers:

Fletcher (2) and Harry S (1)

Bear of the Week:

Umesh

Best on Ground:

Harry S — In the form of his life, he ran, he marked, he tackled, he goalled. He has hit a new level of playing this year and it is thrilling to watch.

Jake — This fine young man is a bit of a quiet achiever so it was good to see him called out this week. Incredible work rate and his efforts in defence kept CHOGs pinned down.

Umesh — The cult figure of the Bears takes his final bow! His efforts to improve his skills have been massive over the years and no-one could ever question his dedication to the team. We all hope to see him return in the not too distant future. All the best mate!

Location:

Koornang Park

**Min:**

1°C

Sunny

Max:

12°C

Goal Kickers:

Umesh and Locky

Bear of the Week:

Matt Peel, Michael Grace, Axxel and Michael William-Strong

Game Highlights:

The scribe is back after a couple of weeks off. Recharged and tanned up so let's get into it.

The side line coaching staff has had a little reshuffle, but remains committed. With some extra work commitments on Rod's plate he is now in the runner's role with Marty up to the coach's block assisted by Rod Burns. Rod deserves pundits for his work through the season and seasons past, and we will get to recognize and thank Rod later when time permit.

Anyway its game day and we come up against Oakleigh for the 1st time this season. Oakleigh have come from Div 2 and will be a handful so we need to be on. A few away this week with injuries and school camps etc. Only 15 available with Umesh Nagulapalli stepping up to help from the U16's. Oakleigh also come with only 16 players.

Game on, some strong and bulky players from Oakleigh provide targets in their forward line that we have difficulty in matching up against due to height. These options along with some speedy and constant flow from the stoppages see Oakleigh kick away. Umesh straight up from the U16 kicks a goal with his 1st play. A scoreless 2nd quarter and the same intensity is dropping away. We are out marked, do not cover the open spaces well and show a lack of run in both directions. A lack of talk at the contest and we look lack luster at the long break being down by 9 goals.

Q3 starts with a highlight goal from Locky which is the result of a direct kick-in from the backs to the centre circle. We hold our own in the 3rd term with scoring kept low and we were better, Still being caught out of position and the high turnovers due to indirect kicking was costly.

Oakleigh just turn it on at will in the last and kick eight to leave us dead in the water. Beaten by a taller and once again more skilful team.

Holiday break next week, so no training which hopefully will help the injured and absentees to regroup as we look forward to Locky's 50th away game against fellow cellar dwellers Ajax.

AROUND THE GROUND





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