



# THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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# ROUND 14 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Lightning Carnival	Away	JL Murphy Reserve	From 3.00pm
U9's	Lightning Carnival	Away	King George Reserve	From 12.30pm
U10 Grizzlies	East Malvern	Away	Dw Lucas	10.00am
U10 Polars	St Kilda City	Away	Walter Galt Reserve	10.00am
U11 Grizzlies	St Paul's McKinnon	Home	Koornang Park	8.30am
U11 Polars	South Melbourne	Away	Albert Park	8.45am
U11 Kodiaks	Bentleigh	Away	Packer Park	11.30am
U12 Girls	East Malvern	Home	East Caulfield	9.00am
U12 Mixed	South Melbourne	Home	Koornang Park	10.00am
U13's	Hampton Rovers	Home	Koornang Park	11.30am
U14's	East Malvern	Away	Waverley Oval	10.00am
U15's	Murrumbeena	Home	Koornang Park	1.00pm
U16's	Oakleigh	Away	W.A. Scammell Reserve	11.20am
U17's	Mordialloc Braeside	Home	Koornang Park	3.00pm

## Calendar Events

AUG  
13

**Family Night**  
4.30pm – 7.30pm

AUG  
6

**Sponsors Day**  
12.00pm – 2.00pm

AUG  
6

**Lightning Carnival U8-9**  
From 12.30pm

AUG  
13

**Lightning Carnival U10**  
From 9.30am

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

## Robert Connor Dawes Foundation

At the Caulfield Bears we have always had a proud tradition of supporting charitable causes and this was in evidence on Sunday where our Club was chosen to host Liz Dawes, (RCD Executive Director) and Sarah Loh (Chief Executive of SMJFL) for the Robert Connor Dawes Foundation ‘Beanie’ round.

The RCD Foundation was set up in 2013 in memory of Robert Connor Dawes, a junior footballer, who died from a brain tumour. Since its inception, the Foundation has worked tirelessly to raise funds for much needed research into childhood brain tumours and to support families by organising and funding rehabilitation therapies and home assistance.

The SMJFL and the twenty six member clubs have partnered with the RCD Foundation as our main charity partner and each year we raise much needed funds to help continue this work. On Sunday our Club, along with all the others in the League, were selling RCD beanies as a means of fundraising and honouring Connor’s memory.

If you missed out and wish to make a donation, or to purchase a beanie, please contact our Club Secretary, Rebecca Kovac or visit the RCD website: [rcdfoundation.org/the-foundation/](http://rcdfoundation.org/the-foundation/)

Louise Nelson

President



## Match Day Photos

If you have any photos of your teams for our newsletter, please e-mail them to [cbjfcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cbjfcnewsletter@gmail.com)



## Contact Us

### Club Website

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### Facebook

For the latest in social media, visit [facebook.com/CaulfieldBearsJuniors](https://facebook.com/CaulfieldBearsJuniors)

### Newsletter

Please send photos, articles or anything else to [cbjfcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cbjfcnewsletter@gmail.com)

### Team App

Team app is the preferred communication method for CBJFC — make sure you install and enable notifications to stay up to date with your team’s news, fixtures and events

Available from the App store or the Play Store — simply install the app, and find the Caulfield Bears Junior Footy Club.

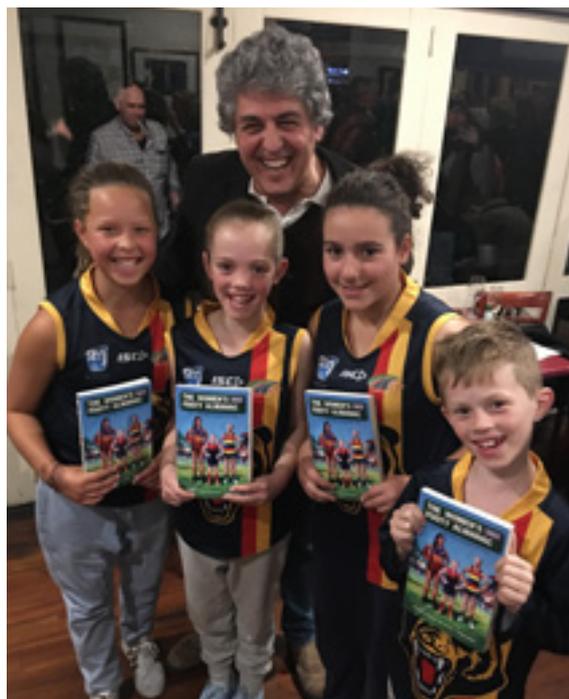
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# NOTICE BOARD

## Painting History

Last Thursday, The Women's Footy Almanac was launched. CBJFC is extremely proud that our very own CBJFC parent, Kate Birrell, is the artist of the front cover of this historic publication. The book launch (held at North Fitzroy Arms Hotel) was attended eagerly by Caulfield Bears players Jasmine Conrad, Violet Dunn, Chiara Martello, Hugo Birrell and Jack Conrad (and yes, there is a significant resemblance of one of our U12 Girls in the painting). This almanac is a fantastic compilation of stories from each game of the inaugural AFLW season and is a must read for all avid AFL and AFLW supporters. Congratulations Kate!



## Lightning Carnival U8-9 Reminder

Below are the dates and times for the Lightning Carnival in which our U8-9s are participating. You can never have too many supporters so it would be great to see people out supporting the kids as they play in their matches!

### UNDER 8

**Sunday August 6**  
**Dempster Under 8 group**

#### Game 1

3.00pm v Bentleigh JFC (Orange)  
Oval 1, JL Murphy Reserve

#### Game 2

3.40pm v Ormond JFC (Red)  
Oval 1, JL Murphy Reserve

#### Game 3

4.20pm v Mordialloc Braeside JFC (Blue)  
Oval 1, JL Murphy Reserve

### UNDER 9

**Sunday August 6**  
**Harvey Under 9 group**

#### Game 1

12.30pm v Mordialloc Braeside JFC (Orange)  
Oval 4, King George Reserve

#### Game 2

1.30pm v Oakleigh JFC (Purple)  
Oval 4, King George Reserve

#### Game 3

2.30pm v East Brighton  
Oval 3, King George Reserve

## U10's Carnival

**Sunday August 13**

### UNDER 10 POLARS

First game: 12.30pm  
Vs Waverley Park (Yellow)  
Oval 3 King George Reserve

### UNDER 10 GRIZZLIES

First game: 9.30am  
Vs Beaumaris FC  
Oval 2 Highett Reserve



# AUSKICK

## Last weeks round up

Saturday was quite challenging with wild weather and high winds but we pushed through. Thank you for a lovely Happy Birthday song for the start of the session. It really had me pumped for the day despite my age. The focus on Saturday was short activities that required us to move around a lot. Kicking was difficult but a great experience to learn how to kick in these conditions.

With 2 sessions to go could we all make a big effort at trying to be there before 9am to start? Also, can parents of all groups please be around to assist our coaches with the running of activities. I know the girls group would really benefit from more parent contribution. In addition, it is a requirement that each participant has a guardian who is present the whole time at Auskick. Looking around last week there seemed to be much less parents than children!

Lastly with two weeks to go, its important that our Year 1's and girls group learn the grid game rules and experience the grid system. So lets make sure we are all there on Saturday ready to learn and progress.

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## Co-ordinators Role 2018

Lastly, this a notice to let you all know that I will be standing down as Auskick Coordinator at the end of the season. This is a good time to get a feel to see if anyone else out there is willing to give it a go. The position is very rewarding and a great way to get involved in the local community.

Silvana and I share this job. (I'll allow you to decide if you want to do the same). My role is more Auskick day on the field and coaching coordinator. It includes also writing these reports. You are required to attend some meetings for the local Auskick Region and have a level 1 coaching qualification (which you can do during that season). There are a number of additional little jobs but that is pretty much a quick summary. If you see me around in the next couple of weeks, please feel free to ask me more about the role.

This program relies on volunteers to make it happen! Please consider if this could be you!

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## This Week

Saturday 5th August - Auskick photos available for collection! \$10 for an individual and a group shot. Kim will have them all labelled and available in the 'Bear Cave' during this session. These are for children who were present at the Saturday 22nd session only! See to the right for some samples of Kims great work!

We will have our final famous Hot Dog Stand going.

Will it be.....mustard, cheese, coleslaw, relish, onions...or the lot?

## Upcoming Events

Last Session, Sat 12th August – Look forward to some rocking music music, medallion presentations and fathers vs kids matches and a morning tea for mums.



**For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, Please contact:**

**Jamie Fardell, Auskick Coordinator**  
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# MATCH REPORT

## U8's

Caulfield Bears vs. St Peter's

**Location:**  
East Caulfield



**Min:** 6°C  
**Max:** 17°C

Initial clouds with increased periods of sunshine, deteriorating to overcast

### Game Highlights:

Despite not winning the toss, from the opening bounce the Bears' first passage of play was textbook perfect with Josh G finishing off with a major. Excellent defence prevented a sure goal by St Peter's. The Bears capitalised on another solid passage of play with another major score.

The second term was a scrappy affair as the ball moved up and down the field with lots of attempts by both teams to finalise the passage of play. Eventually skills and play tightened up which allowed a chance for Alex to kick true. A second push in offence was thwarted by the haltime siren.

A winning tap from the opening bounce allowed for a strong feed into the forward line for some magic plays and a strong goal. St. Peter's were revitalised in the second half and had two of their own. Not to be intimidated by the improved opposition, Luca kicked his second for the term.

An early kick in the fourth saw Josh G kick a minor score. A second and then third chance at the ball saw him kick two majors for the quarter with a game total of three. Cara shared the fourth term magic with a goal of her own. Fully supported a short while later by Quinn with one of his own.

### Bear of the Week:

Zac, Cara, Josh G, Harry and Luca



**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:**  
East Caulfield



**Min:** 6°C  
**Max:** 17°C  
Overcast with periods of sun

### Game Highlights:

The boys needed to front up against Brighton and they certainly did albeit more so in the second half.

The Bears started brightly and showed some intensity with some good ball movement. Luke scored a goal stemming from great play from Lewis and Max. Much of the second quarter was in our defensive third with Brighton scoring a few quick goals and forcing themselves into our last third.

Half time saw a new Bears team run out (after a great 'gee up' from Pat) with a renewed effort and tremendous intensity. The boys matched Brighton retaining possession and tackling hard. Raffael took the game on head on, with some great individual marks and goals and the game ended with the Bears taking a lot of positives away against high quality opposition. The team now look forward to the Lightening Carnival.

# U10 Polars

## Caulfield Bears vs. East Sandringham

**Location:**  
East Caulfield



**Min:** 6°C  
**Max:** 17°C  
Sunny and a slight breeze

### Game Highlights:

The Polars had a great game which was setup by a strong first half performance. The forward line was dominant with Isaiah, Charlie and Jakob all taking big marks and scoring freely while intense pressure was put on the opposition at ground level by Jed, Claudia and Matthew which created a couple of goals.

Jaikiah, Dom and Ethan won a lot of ball in the middle and consistently moved the ball quickly to our forward line with Tom, Phoenix, James and Romy doing all the tough tackling in the centre. Down back Luca, Mack and Ben all did a great job on the last line of defence when needed with Oliver and Daniel providing plenty of rebound from the back line with several marks and long kicks.

Well done on a really even team performance!

### Bear of the Week:

Isaiah Teycheney and Claudia Wotherspoon

### Coaches Award:

Jakob Sekker



**Location:**  
East Caulfield



**Min:** 6°C  
**Max:** 17°C  
Sunny with patches of cloud

### **Bear of the Week:**

Bailey, Noah, Johnny and Asher



### **Game Highlights:**

The sun was shining at the ECR. The Bears had a fantastic first quarter. The pressure was great in the forward line allowing Rory to take a solid mark and kick the first goal.

In the backline, Asha, Bailey, Noah, William, Jacques and Royce kept the intensity going the entire quarter. Every time Beaumaris had the ball the boys were there to tackle.

Johnny was on fire the second quarter and scored two fabulous goals "Hot diggity dog"! Charles followed shortly after with a long goal which was straight through the big ones. A sensational run from Otis showed great determination. He just didn't give up. This play allowed Charles to kick his second goal for the quarter.

Once again, the intensity at the ball by Noah and Jacques was phenomenal. They just would not let the ball get through the backline. Rory's tackling and Paddy's marks were also a highlight of the solid teamwork in the centre.

Tom Walsh had a fantastic overhead mark in the third quarter resulting in a sterling goal. Royce was first to the ball and produced great work in the mid.

The Bears finished off the match with a goal from Paddy and Rory. Spectacular moves from Johnny added another two goals to his quota of four for the day.

From the first bounce the Bears should commitment to the game and each other.

Bailey, Noah, Johnny and Asher were awarded for their outstanding performance.

**Location:**

Moorabbin  
West

**Min:**

6°C

**Max:**

17°C

Sunny with light wind.

**Goal Kickers:**

Jake Gurrie (2) and Tom Graham (1)

**Bear of the Week:**

Jake Gurrie, Jack Kennedy and Felix Fraser

**Best on Ground:**

Hudson Nolan

**Game Highlights:**

The Bears were ready for a big game. With a few players out this week, it was crucial that they all lifted for this game. In the first quarter, they were pushing hard into the goals. A solid mark from Lachie M with Jack K hustling pushing through players was getting the ball forward. Lachie F was getting in and going for the ball. Good mark from Tommy G off a great pass from Jarvis and a great shot for a GOAL! Great bounce out of the centre by Paddy and the team moving well and the ball came out to Jake who slotted in on his right foot for a great GOAL! With Henry and Felix pushing hard in the centre and Oli x 2 getting in going hard for the ball — the Grizzlies were combining well.

In the second quarter Jarvis took a good mark. Tommy G was running hard and the Grizzlies were scrambling for the ball. Great running pushing down into the pocket with solid tackling from Lachie M was edging the ball forward but the Vampires were converting their chances and a couple of quick goals gave them a slight lead. The midfield lifted and Jack J made a strong good kick out and with Kristian supporting the Grizzlies were neck and neck with the Vampires.

At half time the coach asked the Grizzlies to lift the work rate. And the boys lifted. A great pick up from Cam and Kristian digging in and getting the ball out. Hudson held on for a strong mark. The Grizzlies were defending well.

A great kick from Cam with Henry running hard for the ball. Jeremy and Hudson were going for the ball — desperate to keep it in hand. Jack J, Jake and Jarvis were all running hard with Lenny ducking and weaving his way past defenders. Oli T and Jeremy were finding it hard to get the ball down the scoring end.

The Grizzlies came out firing in the last quarter. A great team effort Tom, Lachie M great mark and then pushing it to Jake for a GOAL!!

Felix was hustling and the pressure building on our boys. It was tight in the centre with Oli J going hard to get the ball out to the wing and Oli C running hard. The Vampires were lifting as they could sniff the win. The Grizzlies were locking it up and going hard for the ball. Unfortunately, the Vampires were too accurate with their kicking today and were just too strong for the Grizzlies, but a well fought game.

# U11 Kodiaks

Caulfield Bears 5.9 (39) def. St Kilda City 0.4 (4)

**Location:**  
Koornang Park



**Min:**  
**6°C**

**Max:**  
**17°C**

Surprisingly sunny and still

## Goal Kickers:

Jacob, Leo, Mohan and Ash

## Bear of the Week:

Jacob, Ben, Roccoa, Leo and Lachlan

## 50 Games:

Jacob and Ben

## Game Highlights:

Congratulations to Jacob and Ben for playing their 50th game; and probably one of their best games this season too. From the kick start bounce the Bears were focused, looking up for each other. The second quarter saw great marks and team effort bringing the ball to position that saw Jacob and Mohan kicking goals, Jed and Finn maintained a strong defense keep in the ball on the Bear's side.

A goal by Leo and a great teamwork led to a few behinds, seeing the Bears finishing the third quarter with a big lead. Ben showed some great tackling on the fourth quarter and a swiftly ducking from Ash has led to him kicking another goal. The Bears were focused and enthusiastic demonstrating a wonderful team effort and personal skill set! Well done!



**Location:**  
Koornang Park



**Min:**  
**6°C**  
Mild

**Max:**  
**17°C**

## Game Highlights:

In a change from last few weeks the kids were greeted with a friendlier later timeslot and decidedly warmer conditions. We also welcomed a much needed new member to our team in Lucy Hudson.

It was apparent early on that the Sandringham side consisted of a number of bigger bodies that would be hard to match up in the absence of a number of our taller players.

The team was competitive in the first quarter with some nice clearance work from James Godfrey, all round the ground ball pressure from ruckman James Thomas and continuation of excellent form of Matty Hamilton, capped off with some nice marking. Only score for the Polars for the quarter was a major to Quinn Cooper.

Second quarter continued to be played largely in our defensive 50 with some great efforts from Luke, Jac and Tom with James Gearon leading a rare forward foray. Fill in, Ged Saunders, was everywhere providing great pressure. Great tackling by Michael led to a kick inside 50 and a resultant second major to Quinn.

Our tackling was the highlight of the third quarter with some great efforts by Marcus Prins, Ged, Quinn and Liam C. Lachy H who has grown into a key defender showed his desperation in the last line of defence and was solid throughout as was Tom, and again Ged.

In the last quarter the intensity seemed to have dissipated with Sandringham running all over the Polars. Fill in, Kobie Pedler, had been consistent all day with some terrific ball winning and disposal as had Michael.

Eventual scoreline was somewhat disappointing and provides something to work on during the week.

## Goal Kickers:

Quinn Cooper (2)

## Bear of the Week:

Ged Saunders, Kobie Pedler, Matt Hamilton,  
James Godfrey



Lucy Hudson getting ready to make her debut for the U11P team with twin brother Lachie!

**Location:**

Corrigan Oval

**Min:**

6°C

**Max:**

17°C

A very hot July day for Melbourne

**Goal Kickers:**

Eliza (3), Jemima (2), Matilda, Mariyama and Mia (1)

**Bear of the Week:**

Sophie, Jas and Lily

**Best on Ground:**

Eliza

**Game Highlights:**

Captains for the day were Mariyana, Tashi and Alannah.

The first quarter saw us kick into the wind, and we had some issues getting it forward with the breeze. This was our biggest roadtrip to date and I think many of the girls may have been asleep for the first quarter. We were a couple of goals down at quarter time, and it could have been more if it wasn't for goal saving tackles from Charlotte and Mia.

The coach identified we needed to get to the footy first, and the girls did that in the second quarter. Eliza went on an absolute scoring rampage kicking one goal two in the space of two minutes and I think one goal five for the quarter. Matilda was everywhere and Mariyama scored her first goal for the club and the team. Great work Mariyama!

Jas was given some weird coaching advice from Dad and acting on that advice had three left foot shots for goal, when three right foot kicks would have scored us three goals. (Good one Dad) Leona took two strong marks and had two shots for goal that just missed, while Chiara was rock solid in the backline.

Half time we were a goal down, but the team mojo was building, the parents could just feel it.

After half time the team work lifted into the wind. Charlotte spotted up Mia, Mia spotted up Jemima and Jemima kicked a goal. All three kicks were inside our goal square. Great passing girls.

Skinner (Lily) went for a bounce, and it didn't come back, as did Sophie but both girls went hard after the loose ball and won the ball back and kicked us forward. Mia kicked a goal, on the run from 50m out on the boundary, and Eliza was once again in every piece of play in the backline. Sienna was controlling the middle of the ground as the Bears broke even with Dingley in the third quarter.

The wind stopped in the last quarter and we needed to have a big quarter. Tashi playing a captains game was at the bottom of every pack, firing out quick handballs, and when Sienna took an intercept mark and passed to Jemima for a goal, the Bears were up and about. A great goal to Matilda after terrific Bears frontal pressure saw us hit the front for the first time for the day. The Bears controlled the remainder of the game with Eliza going on a second rampage for the day, just blasting through Dingley tackles to kick the last two goals of the day and get the Bears a hard fought 12 point win. Well done girls.

# U12 Mixed

Prahran 12.6 (78) def. Caulfield Bears 2.0 (12)

**Location:**  
Como Park



**Min:** 6°C  
**Max:** 17°C  
Sunny with patches of cloud

## Goal Kickers:

Jackson and Charlie (1)

## Game Highlights:

On an unseasonably warm July morning we arrived with high hopes of bringing season 2017 back on track after some recent losses but left empty handed.

In hindsight, the signs were ominous from the start. An open garden event at Como House flooded the streets with Range Rovers and with parking at a premium the boys had to hike to the ground from nearby streets. Compounding matters was the short supply of bacon and egg rolls.

When the game began Prahran quickly went on the attack but our back line held strong with some great run from JJ and Bluey. Jackson goaled and we went to the first break only a couple of points down. Unfortunately Prahran kicked eight unanswered goals before Charlie Besnard, who seemed to be everywhere, snapped a tidy goal from 40 out to end the 3rd quarter.

Coach Gary was fired up and delivered a punishing three quarter time address that was reportedly heard by a parent looking for coffee inside Como House. And while the tackling pressure did improve, the damage was done and the boys were unable to bridge the gap in the final term.

There were some solid performances by Hugo, Nick M, Hayden and Patrick. More work to do on the training track this week and hopefully a return to the early season form we enjoyed.

# U13's

Caulfield Bears 7.10 (52) def. Port/South Melbourne 0.5 (5)

**Location:**  
East Caulfield



**Min:** 6°C  
**Max:** 17°C  
Sunny with patches of cloud

## Goal Kickers:

Luca (3), Clem, Tom, Charlie and Andrew (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Ed Macleod-Smith and Luca Trumble

## Best on Ground:

Ben King

## Game Highlights:

What a great start to the match, with a great tap out of the ruck from Angus straight to Jack and a long kick going into the forward line where some excellent teamwork was demonstrated from Clem and Nick to bring the ball to ground and lock it in. After several shots at goal with one hitting the post and a couple getting lost with the swirling wind, we only came away with four points for the quarter. But with our strong defence holding them up the opposition only managed to score one point.

**Q2:** In the second quarter saw us take the game to a higher level with some great runs strong marks, great hand passes to players running forward we were able to score one goal to Clem and one goal to Tom. The few times the opposition went forward our defence led by Miro with some great marks and also some strong defensive work by the whole back line kept them out.

**Q3:** This quarter the ball just seemed to go back and forward for most of the time but with some great one percenters from Jake and others we kept the pressure on, slowly building we were about to break it wide open. With one of our smaller players in and under and attempting marks against taller players he was able to finally break clear with some great second efforts and to finish with two absolute great goals. It is a real pleasure for fans to watch this type of football. You might ask who was this, if you missed it, this is the player who plays far above his height and weight, Luca Trumble.

**Q4:** Going into last quarter hopefully maybe we can get a percentage booster, from the centre bounce. Bang the ball goes forward, we were able to get some score on the board but only points, after locking the ball in I think Nick was able to gather and get it over to Luca who goaled. Seconds latter Luca was in the play again, to gather and send the ball over to Charlie who also goaled. We were not quite done yet with Andrew kicking around the body for another.

## The Wrap

Great 4/4 effort. Great Marks. Great tackles

And the whole backline, led by Miro, Coops, Jacob, Jake, Jenna, Ed, Andrew and few others floating down to help out. This was a great effort because for the second week running to keep oppositions goalless.

Mathematical it might be possible for a top four result, with other results going our way, but even if this does not go our way lets have a great last two games and hopefully a couple of wins. Go Bears!

**Location:**  
Koornang Park



**Min:**  
**6°C**

**Max:**  
**17°C**

Partly cloudy, light breeze

**Goal Kickers:**

Leo (2)

**Bear of the Week:**

Sahil (from U13s), Spencer, Adam and Antoine

**Best on Ground:**

Leo

**Game Highlights:**

It was a sea of beanies today, as the team showed its support for the Robert Connor Dawes Foundation beanie round.

We had a depleted team, with five of our regulars away. Big thanks to Sahil and Lucas who played up from under 13s. Unfortunately the Bears were scoreless in the first quarter, with much of the play in East Sandy's forward zone.

Second quarter saw a point to the Bears and a goal to Leo, but East Sandy was too strong and the half-time score was 62 to 8.

The third quarter started quietly with a point apiece and it was good to see a bit more play in the Bears' forward zone. But East Sandy was up to 83 at three-quarter time.

Leo picked up another goal in the final term, but East Sandy was unstoppable and went on to win 113 to 18.

Despite the big loss, it was still great to see our boys marking, tackling, kicking long and showing good teamwork.

It was a good effort against a well-oiled machine.



**Location:**  
Koornang Park



**Min:**  
**6°C**

**Max:**  
**17°C**

Sunny with patches of cloud

**Goal Kickers:**

Beau and Ethan 1

**Game Highlights:**

We played the top and undefeated Dingley at home, and had to do so with several St Kevin's boys on school camp and Fraser unavailable due to a knee injury. So we had only 18 players in what was always going to be a tough contest.

We had a fantastic 1st term, and considering we were kicking into a breeze, probably were on top at quarter time. Bully and Pete focused on a defensive attitude for this game, putting the onus on the defensive group to limit and frustrate the opposition scoring opportunities, and the boys were terrific in following these instructions. Dingley did most of the attacking, but only managed three goals, whilst from limited opportunities up forward, we kicked two goals, firstly to Beau and secondly to Ethan. So at quarter time it was 13 to 21, but it was all positive at this point.

The 2nd term was a physical affair, with Dingley again doing the majority of the attacking, but again our defence held relatively tight, keeping them to four goals, however we could only manage two points for the term. At half time we were 35 points down, but all the boys had done a sterling job under difficult circumstances.

The 2nd half became a blow out, we only managed a further two behinds, whilst Dingley kicked 12 goals. Considering we had no bench to rotate, and the opposition had four on their bench, this was hardly surprising. Dingley are a big side with minimal weaknesses, and they have thrashed all comers so far this season.

There are two rounds remaining, and we need to win a minimum of one, if not both games to make the finals, which would be a great result considering we have risen a division from last season, plus lost three very important players from last seasons grand final winning team.



**Location:**  
Koornang Park



**Min:** 6°C  
**Max:** 17°C  
Sunny with patches of cloud

**Goal Kickers:**

Fletch, Frenchie, Harry S, Tim, Aidan and Joel (1)

**Best on Ground:**

**Harry S** — In the form of his life, Harry has made the wing his own. His speed just leave the opposition in his dust. Plus he topped it off, backing himself with a run in from the wing and booted a delicious looking goal.

**Lachy** — With some reduced man power, the Bears defence has been asked to step up and no-one more than Lachy. His confidence running up to the ball grows each week and he is obviously relishing the look on the face of the opposition forwards with the realisation of a lost opportunity.

**Max** — Continuing the current standard of Bears playing their 100th as one of their best, Max played a cracker of a game, darting in and out of packs and 'offering the candy'. One piece of play earned him the highest accolade from your humble correspondent: "Champagne football Max!"

**100 Games:**

Max

**Game Highlights:**

When you cough up the sweet coin to pay for your Bears membership, you know you're going to get good value out of it as it's a great club. It's when you watch a match like this one is when you realise that this is what you really paid for. The golden value of uncompromising, mano a mano, eyeball to eyeball Bears football. This was a match where no quarter was given, skills were evenly matched and both sides determined to win.

Another great highlight was Max playing his hundredth game for the Bears. Here is a young man who came up to my ankle in his first game and has now grown into an astute, talented footballer. Not only that, it's always a thrill to see someone reach their hundredth game, but to see someone who has only ever worn the Bears jumper... I'm not choking up, my drink went down the wrong way.

The ledger this year stood at one game a piece for these teams and with no love lost both sides were determined to get the upper hand. The first quarter was almost scoreless with both sides arm-wrestling to get control and yet unable to convert. It was interesting to note the difference in styles between the teams. Beaumaris had a fast handball based game with a long kick into the forward line while the Bears were using shorter passes, maintaining possession and working wider on the wings. The Bears were able to keep Beaumaris locked down with an astounding show and tackling and smothering. The people at the 'Guinness Book of Records' are still double checking that the world record for kick smothering may have been broken.

Once again, the Bears defence was the key difference. The Coach had once again proved himself an AFL chessmaster with the move of Seamus into the backline so that Beaumaris hit the usual wall but then had the ball come flying out of defence at speed. Looking at the final score, it does make the game look a lot closer than it was, with Beaumaris kicking two late goals in the last few minutes. For the rest of the day, the backline were so tight they made Scrooge McDuck look like a spendthrift.

The Beaumaris Coaching team had put a solid game plan together — they obviously put their best tagger on Tim, making it a tough day at the office for him. The beauty of the Bears is that even when someone is shut down, there are other players to step up. It was great to see the goals spread amongst five different players, showing the alternate multi-pronged attack the Bears can call on as 'Plan B'.

A tough game but it always felt like the Bears were in control — until the last five minutes when Beaumaris broke back, leading to a few heart palpitations amongst the supporters. Good lesson going into the finals gents, you can't let the pressure off for a second until that final siren.

Special call out to Joel and Billy from the U15's who came along to help out, with Joel booting a goal and Billy making sure a ball was touched as it went over the Beaumaris goal line: Mate, next time, use your hand, not your face.



**Location:**

Peterson  
Reserve

**Min:**

6°C

**Max:**

17°C

Fine with occasional gusts  
of wind in sunshine

**Goal Kickers:**

Locky (3) Henri, Spencer (2) and Mitchell (1)

**Bear of the Week:**

Dylan, Jack and Jordy

**Game Highlights:**

A fine morning awaits those who rise early enough to catch our 9:00am start against East Sandringham. The bench is a bit sparse this morning. A far cry from 28 season beginners with 11 players out due to various injury and other commitments.

Coach endeavour's to have the team awake early and they don't disappoint. A good competitive start with the backs playing in front and tackling well. We have our fair share of the ball in the 1st quarter and things look on song. We are getting caught out by some long kicks assisted by the breeze but overall the 1st quarter is a fine team effort. We only trail by four goals into a decent breeze.

More intensity and the willingness to run also provide results in the next term. Decent handballs the willingness to tackle hard and the endeavour in and under are stand outs. The entire team is having a dip today and it shows to those on the side watching. A good quarter of footy overall and we still remain at four goals adrift at the long break.

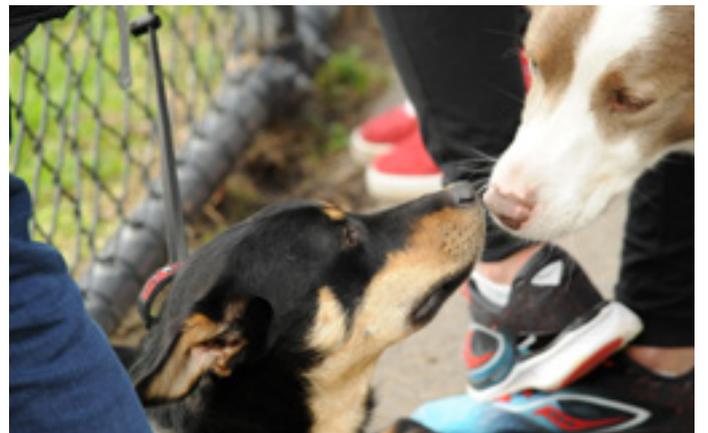
With the clouds coming in and the wind picking up we needed to ensure that a blowout was not on the cards. Once again our defence was strong holding back repeated attacks and creating stoppages to stop the opposition persistent attacks down the middle of the ground. With both teams coming out of that third quarter even I thought we had just about played our best quarter of footy for the year.

The last quarter began with message to continue the disciplined fight back and to not drop off. Although we were five goals in arrears the score board I thought was not a true indication of how even the contest had been. Both teams opened up in the last with us kicking five goals to their six which was a great effort from us.

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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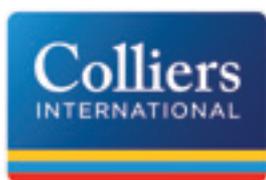


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