



# THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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# ROUND 7 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	St Kilda City	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	8.45am
U9's	East Malvern	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	10.00am
U10 Grizzlies	East Malvern	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	12.30pm
U10 Polars	Prahran	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	11.15am
U11 Grizzlies	St Paul's McKinnon	Away	McKinnon Reserve	9.00am
U11 Polars	East Malvern	Home	Koornang Park	10.00am
U11 Kodiaks	Bentleigh	Home	Koornang Park	8.30am
U12's Girls	East Malvern	Away	DW Lucas	12.30pm
U12's Mixed	Beaumaris FC	Home	Koornang Park	11.30am
U13's	East Brighton	Away	Moorabbin West	2.45pm
U14s	East Malvern	Home	Koornang Park	1.00pm
U15s	Highbette	Away	Highbette Reserve	12.30pm
U16s	Waverly Park	Home	Koornang Park	3.00pm
U17s	Mordi-Brae	Away	Walter Galt Reserve	3.00pm

## Calendar Events

JUN  
3

**Senior Past Players and Supporters Luncheon**  
11.30am – 2.00pm

JUN  
18

**Family Night:**  
4.30pm – 7.30pm

TBC  
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**Sponsors Day:**  
All Day

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

## Play Fair

Last week the SMJFL launched a new campaign to promote inclusiveness, respect and fair play within all 26 member clubs. This was timed to coincide with the AFL Reconciliation week due to the cross over messages of inclusiveness and respect.

In the next week you will see posters in our Club Rooms as well as further information on our website and social media that explain this key campaign.

Essentially we are trying to demonstrate what it means to “play”, “coach” and “support” in a “fair” manner:

**Fun** – show sportsmanship to help everyone enjoy the game

**Appreciation** – recognise the worth of others from all cultural backgrounds and religions

**Inclusion** – practice inclusiveness regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, cultural background, socio economic status or football ability

**Respect** – treat others how you would like to be treated

As you can see, these messages apply equally to our players on the field, our coaching/match officials and our supporters. They align with our documented club values and behaviours that all players and parents signed up to at the beginning of the season and give us best practice to aim towards.



## 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

[caulfieldbears.com.au/juniorteam](http://caulfieldbears.com.au/juniorteam)

### 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 fins the Caulfield Bears Junior Footy Club.

Download our App!



# NOTICE BOARD

## INSIDE THE BEAR CAVE

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

### John Margerison Club Treasurer

This week we would like to introduce you to one of the Executive Committee, our Club Treasurer, John Margerison.

John has taken over the financial reins this year, managing our funds to ensure we have enough resources to cover our expenses and allocating them to maximise the benefits for the Club. Every Sunday morning he can be seen turning up to our venues armed with bags of bread rolls for our canteens and is always last to leave after closing 'shop' for the day!

As we see with so many of our volunteers, in addition to serving on committee, John is also very involved at a team level and is one of the coaching group for the U11 Kodiak team where his son Ash plays.



# Watch this space!

## Comedy Night

Details on our laugh filled comedy night coming soon to a club room near you!



## Meet the Umpires

The SMJFL have organised a series of "Meet the Umpires" Q&A sessions and our Club is going to be hosting a final session at Koornang Park on 19th June. Whilst this session is for Coaches and Team Managers only, if you have any questions that you would like them to discuss with the Director of Umpiring or the Umpires themselves, please have a chat with your Coach beforehand and ask them to bring these up on your behalf.

This is a great initiative from the SMJFL, allowing us to work together more effectively with the umpiring department and for both sides to get a better understanding and appreciation for match day situations.

# AUSKICK

## Prep/Kinder

We had another day of high participation, lots of skills and good weather on Saturday. Our Prep/Kinders started off with some new warm up games with Karen, Kurt and Craig. They then progressed onto their major skills and Specky's before their grid games. The progress is definitely noticeable from the side, so keep up the great work Pre/Kinder's.

The Girls group moved onto the bigger field this week and this resulted in them playing many small sided games in addition to their skills activities. I believe I saw a game of tunnel ball at one stage and the happy competitive nature was great to see. I then witnessed the grid game where the match ran from end to end with everyone getting a kick.



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## Year 1

Year 1's started with a running of the gauntlet activity for a warm up before all finishing the warm up with ball handling skills. Mauro introduced a kicking at the poles activity which resulted in some great outcomes. This then progressed onto the Cyril Specky activity. Great leaps, dummies and spins were displayed along with a hip and shoulder into the bump pad. We finished with a grid game which has been improving every week. Mauro and Steven were very impressed with the skills displayed in the game. Good passing by both hand and foot.



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## Year 2 and Above

The Grade 2's and above have been starting together as a big group and then splitting into 2 groups. Dave is really impressed with the progress of the Auskickers group. In particular, the kicking skills and activities. Derek has been ramping up the sessions with the 8's for their big matches on Sunday. Great to see these young faces loving their footy 2 days over a weekend. Keep up the good work to all in this group.



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## Interleague Girls

Just a reminder about the Interleague Girls grid games on the 10th June at Koornang Park. Please let me know if your daughter will be attending. I need to submit a list of names attending.

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

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

## U8's

Ormond Blues vs. Caulfield Bears

**Location:**  
Glen Huntly  
Park



**Min:** 11°C  
**Max:** 14°C  
Cloudy, with brief periods  
of sunshine

**Bear of the Week:**  
Jackson Dry

**Goal Kickers:**  
Harry, Joshua G and Jackson

**Best on Ground:**  
Aiden Paruit



### Game Highlights:

After winning the toss, the Bears were quickly put to work in their backline intercepting an early attacking goal. Tadhg had an excellent kick from the midfield into the forwards under pressure. Alex and Finn had some solid attempts in the forward line. Jackson marked exceptionally hard to thwart any score in the first quarter.

Charlie, Alex and Angus worked as a cohesive unit clearing the ball out of their defensive third, with the Blues having two minor scoring shots. Their efforts were rewarded by Jackson, Charlie B and Josh S teaming up to apply excellent forward pressure which Josh G capitalised on with a textbook run and score at goal.

Persistence from the Blues saw an opening third quarter goal. Followed by reciprocal forward dominance from the Bears. An excellent kick from Jackson out of the ruck was disallowed but it spurred the team into action with two quick goals from Harry. The Blues replied again with a major score of their own. A good tap to the Bears forwards saw Jackson have his chance again and there was no mistake this time.

Early feed by the Blues into their forwards saw them score again in the fourth. Despite concerted efforts from Josh, Charlie B, Quinn, Harry, Jackson and Finn, the Blues were able to score again. The Bears backs were admirable in their concentration and teamwork as they shouldered most of the work in the final quarter. A close game, with outstanding skills and teamwork from the Bears.

**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:**  
Hurlingham  
Park



**Min:** 11°C **Max:** 14°C  
Cloudy, with brief periods  
of sunshine

**Bear of the Week:**

Samuel

**Coaches Award:**

Christian

**Game Highlights:**

On Sunday morning the Caulfield Bears took on traditional rivals Brighton Vampires in what shaped to be an epic battle. The cold and icy conditions couldn't stop the Bears coming out breathing fire. Cooper dominant in the middle, Grady playing a true centre half forward with some strong marks, Luke showing some flashes of brilliance across half forward the early signs were good. However the momentum shifted and suddenly the defence was under siege, goal saving tackles to Max helped hold back the tide, Ryan in particular stood up with a goal saving mark in defence.

The second quarter Christian "Pluggger" Howard stood tall and kicked the bears first goal which seemed to really lift the tempo of the match. With Lewis playing the "Luke Hodge" role directing traffic and both Jack's delivering some bone crunching tackles the Bears really had their tails up. However that sort of intensity can come at a toll with Jack Curwood having to come off the ground under the blood rule.

After half time the coach swung the changes to immediate effect with Casper beginning to dominate in the ruck and continue to give the new look midfield first use of the ball. Lewis showed great courage running back with the flight of the ball to complete at great mark. Samuel earned himself the best defensive play with a great linking play along the boundary line and Christians dash off half back was also a pleasure to watch. Makenzie showed great poise with a great handball to Jack in the back line earning himself the prestigious coaches play of the day. On a sour note after seemingly having the ball on a string all first half, Cooper sustained a nasty head knock that would sideline him for the remainder of the game robbing the bears of his goal kicking brilliance.

The final quarter the Vampires started to dominate, however the back six of Christian, Grady, Raph, Grace, Luke and Ryan held firm continually repelling wave after wave of attacks. The lolly snakes were well earned and the players can go home proud of their efforts.

Well done Bears!

### Location:

Donald  
McDonald  
Reserve



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Cloudy, with brief periods  
of sunshine

### Coaches Award:

Tom, Ethan and Phoenix



### Game Highlights:

It was a cold bleak afternoon at Mordialloc-Braeside as the Polars took to the field in black armbands for Jackson, led out by co-captains Jaikiah and Ben. Jakob started off in the ruck just as strongly as he finished last week, with on-ballers Claudia, Luca, Daniel and Phoenix all scrapping in the middle in very trying conditions. The opposition took the ball forward only for Mack to take a goal-saving mark. Isaiah tackled strongly and Tom took a couple of intercept marks in defence. Jaikiah and Ollie looked dangerous up forward with a couple of behinds.

Sheets of cold rain met the players in the second quarter, with the wind making it difficult to find clean possession. Charlie (Pluggie) Boyles ran straight over the top of his opponent at centre-half-back, and Jed saved a goal with a wonderful tackle. James made his presence felt and Dom wore a falcon before taking strong mark across half forward.

Dale made a few changes at half-time, with skipper Ben tapping forward to launch the second half, getting excellent support from Ethan who carved a swathe through the Mordi-Brae defence. Romy squeezed a pass to Jackson who turned on a dime and calmly slotted the Bears first goal of the day. Luca and Ethan surged the ball forward, before Ollie broke clear for the Bears second goal. Daniel ran strongly through the middle, before Tom steamed into the forward line only to see them all running off having heard the early (wrong) siren. Talk about an open forward line!

The Bears were running out the game strongly, with Tom again kicking inside 50 to Dom who passed to Romy in some free-flowing football. Matthew led well in the forward line, Jakob tried to sell some candy on the boundary line, and Mack won a free kick from a fierce tackle. The game was scripted for Jackson to find the loose ball. Well done Jackson! A great team effort from the Bears, well done to the players and Coaches for grinding out a great game.

# U10 Grizzlies

Caulfield Bears (7) vs. Beaumaris (17)

## Location:

Donald  
McDonald  
Reserve



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Clear skies, soft ground

## Goal Kickers:

Noah

## Bear of the Week:

Jacques and Rory

## Footy Cards:

Joel

## Boost Juice:

Gus

## Zagames:

Paddy

## Game Highlights:

Tommy and Patrick led the team out as captains for a fantastic first quarter. Bears came out strong and kept on the pressure, leading to an early rushed behind. Strong contesting from Bailey and Paddy and some nice handballs at the back from Oli and Oscar.

In Q2 Beaumaris came out strong for an early point but the Bears kept focused and Noah kicked a great goal. Some sensational positioning from Paddy coupled with strong contesting from Max, Rory and William and tackling from Tommy and Hot Dog saw the team finish off strong. A great display of Bears footy.

Q3 saw some of the Bears first half intensity drop off and Beaumaris really start pushing, getting 3 behinds in the first few minutes and a goal shortly after. Bears weathered the storm with Gus great on the 1%ers, Rory digging in on the back line and Grady and Jacques contesting to keep the pressure on.

Bears felt a lot of midfield pressure in Q4 but contested well and got in some big tackles and great marks.

Coach Shane was pleased with the team, they battled well and played good footy.



# U11 Grizzlies

Caulfield Bears 8.7 (55) def. East Brighton Vampires 3.1 (19)

## Location:

East Caulfield Reserve



## Min:

11°C

## Max:

14°C

Cool morning with sunny glimpses and light zephyrs of wind

## Goal Kickers:

Jake Gurrie (6), Oliver Jackson and Cameron Green (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Lenny Younan, Hugo Hales and Christian Taalikka

## Best on Ground:

Jake Gurrie



## Game Highlights:

Sunday morning was cold but with the sun shining through there was excitement in the air and the boys were pumped. They had trained hard during the week and in the pre-match session. They fired up ready to bust out.

**Q1.** Both teams swarming for the ball but the Bears were pushing forward, most the qtr spent in the opposition half. Solid ruck work from Seb, Jack, Lenny and Oli Jackson kept the ball close to the goals. Sam and Oli C were going hard at the ball and Jake booted one through for a major with Lenny contributing with a behind.

**Q2.** The ruckmen were working overtime — pushing the ball into the forward line. They boys were clearly focussed on driving for the ball. Strong marks from Seb and Hudson pushed the ball to our goal line. Lachie was driving in a getting the ball. The pressure led to a goal for Cam Green and 2 more for Jake!

**Q3.** Strong running and intensity on going for the ball kept the Bears pushing for more points. The Vampires were firing up and fired off 3 quick goals to even things up. The bears linked up for a full field run which they were rewarded for with another goal for Jake! Good team intensity and “going in” for the ball were great to watch.

**Q4.** With the pressure building, Paddy, Henry and Christian lifted with support from Tom and Jarvis. Solid marks and precise kicking to players was a joy to see for the coach. Again, the bears spent most of the time in the opposition half and were rewarded with 2 more goals and 3 behinds. At the final siren, there were celebrations all-round — the first win for the Grizzlies this season!

# U11 Kodiaks

St Kilda City 3.8 (26) def. Caulfield Bears 1.3 (10)

## Location:

Wattie Watson Oval



## Min:

11°C

## Max:

14°C

Cold crisp sunny morning

## Goal Kickers:

Ben (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Ash, Lucas, Jacob and Harvey

## Best on Ground:

Ged

## Game Highlights:

Very early in the 1st quarter Ben snapped a goal to open the scoring. The game was tight from then on with good pressure from the Bears taking the game to them but St Kilda replied with a goal of their own. Ash and Jacob were stellar in defence with Ged clearing out on several occasions. St Kilda scored 2 more goals in the 2nd quarter to give them the advantage in a low scoring affair. Ged, Lucas and Harvey chased hard all game. Ash's constant tackling and hard work from Coby, Fin and Leo to name a few stopped St Kilda from scoring any more goals. Sadly our boys were unable to score a goal either but walked off at the end with their heads held high.

**Location:**

Essex Heights Reserve

**Min:**

11°C

Cold

**Max:**

14°C

**Goal Kickers:**

Michael and James Gearon (1)

**Bear of the Week:**

James Gearon and Luke Sicluna

**F.I.T. Award:**

James Godfrey

**Best on Ground:**

James Thomas

**Game Highlights:**

The Polars were looking forward to their next challenge, a game against one of the top sides, Ashwood. Ashwood agreed to field 16 against the Polars 16, as the game got underway. The boys had a good first quarter with the team applying themselves to the year's goals of being fast, intense and working as a team. Marcus B was in control across half back; marking, pressuring and using the ball well. James Godfrey was playing with surety and good presence. Eliot had a great multiple effort play. Lachie Hudson a great smother that kept the ball in the forward line. James Gearon marked in a good spot and kicked his first goal for the club! A terrific first quarter, as it was a goal a piece at quarter time.

The second quarter brought more of the same.

James Thomas was roaming the ground picking up many possessions, including some sure overhead marks. James Godfrey continued to run with the ball well, opening up opportunities for the team. Jono bounced up well from a heavy knock. Quinn chased and tackled well. Lachie T put in a great shepherd. Marcus Prince chased and pressured well. A very even game at half time, with only one further goal from Ashwood.

The long break saw Ashwood, not unreasonably, reconsider their generosity and it was 18 v 16 from there. Although the Polars were getting the ball out of the middle through-out the quarter (Quinn, Jono, James Gearon and Marcus B) Ashwood started running in numbers and being first to the ball. They tackled strongly and moved the ball quickly. Jack had some good second and third efforts and Michael kicked the Polar's second goal. Luke continued his solid recent form, streaming forward and taking the game on across the back line. Greater intensity, faster and surer skills and two additional players saw Ashwood break away with a 5 goal to 1 quarter.

In the last the Polars needed to....dig deep. The intensity of the first two quarters was back, and the boys pressured well and fought out the game. There was only one further goal to Ashwood in the last quarter and the Polars had as much of the play, being unlucky not to score a couple of goals. Luke marked well across half back and he continued to be clean with his skills and strong runs. Marcus B battled on, tackling well and keeping the pressure on. James Gearon made a great handball opening up play, as did Jack to Quinn. Michael and Quinn continued chasing and tackling well.

A hard day for the boys, but they showed good spirit. Some good lessons will be taken from the game. No doubt the boys look forward to playing Ashwood again as the season progresses.

### Location:

East Caulfield Reserve



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Cold and windy

### Goal Kickers:

Lily Skinner and Jemima Jost-Stileman (2), Matilda McIntyre, Mia Kirkham, Tess Keogh, Violet Dunn, Philippa Ellis and Eliza Krivaci (1)

### Bear of the Week:

Philippa Ellis, Lily Skinner and Mia Kirkham



### Game Highlights:

The team ventured out to their second home ground — East Caulfield Reserve on a windy and cold Sunday morning.

Winning the toss the Bears kicked with the breeze to find Matilda McIntyre dominating up forward to kick the first of a team three goal quarter. Violet Dunn showed a lot of run through the middle of the ground taking a bounce and driving the ball forward. A strong defence held firm by Gisele Hennequin, Natasha Margerison, Ivy Jost-Stileman and Lily Skinner to hold the Dingoes to no score.

Kicking into the breeze in the 2nd quarter the Bears worked extremely hard to produce their best quarter for the game with strong marking from Sophie Hamilton. Jemima Jost-Stileman breaking through the pack to kick two goals. Great goals also from Violet Dunn, Eliza Krivaci and a strong tackle and goal from Philippa Ellis. Again the defenders remained strong to not allow the Dingoes to score.

The 3rd quarter saw two goals from Lily Skinner, one in particular, with Gisele tapping the ball straight down Lily's throat to waltz into an open goal.

In the final quarter Gisele repelled the ball from defence time and time again to Mia Kirkham and Tess Keogh to both kick goals. It was a match of great team effort, where the ball was shared around with handball, in order to secured a brilliant 79 point win.

## U12 Mixed

St Kilda City 5.6 (36) def. Caulfield Bears 3.6 (24)

### Location:

Koornang



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Fine, Sunny, Gusty winds

### Goal Kickers:

Ryan Farrar (2) and Jackson Healy (1)

### Bear of the Week:

Nick Mav

### Best on Ground:

Oscar Phyland

### Game Highlights:

**Q1.** The game started with Bears hitting out of the centre followed by a long kick finding Jackson C. St Kilda then got possession and put the first goal on the board. Bears gained possession and moved the ball up the wing. Great play by JJ with a strong kick marked by Charlie B, who ran and passed to Ben. Ben passed to Heals who kicked the Bears first goal. Strong shepherding defence by Liam allowed Harry N to take a clean mark. St Kilda then got the ball, Harry A tackled and the ball spilled to the forward line. Ryno took and mark and kicked a goal.

**Q2.** Teddy started strong with Oscar P combining in the middle. Ben kicked and the play was in the goal square. Point. St Kilda kicked out. Ted picked up on the run, JJ shrugged a tackle and short passed. Jacksons attempted mark sent the ball out of bounds. Max kicked forward into space. Paddy tackled St Kilda, then Charlie B moved the ball from the boundary to Ezra. Ezra got the ball into the square but St. Kilda took the mark. Tess had a kick from the boundary and Ezra tapped to Ryan. Heals lined up for a goal but the kick went across the face for a throw in.

**Q3.** Oscar P tapped it out and Niko got a touch, then Liam run and took a bounce but was tackled hard. St Kilda took the ball. Clever tap by Max to Hayden, then Heals to Ryno got a goal. Will did a strong tackle and held his player for a ball up. Hugo chased but St Kilda had the pace. Nick M intercepted and moved the ball back into our forward line. The game moved from the boundary to the middle. Oscar G picked up on the run, but St Kilda tackled. The ball spilled out, Paddy moved it on for a point.

**Q4.** St Kilda hit out and quickly has possession. The ball went to ground and Lucas, along with Will and Liam were in the mix. The bears kicked out but St. Kilda marked and converted for a goal. Teddy attempted kick was smothered. Ball up then St. Kilda got a point. Nick Mav and Oscar P combined to keep the ball in play, Josh then passed it on, but St Kilda took on forward. Oscar G got another touch but the ball spilled out. Ball up. Ball tapped forward to Hugo, then Heals, then Ryno marked. Nick M lead for a mark but St Kilda took a mark in front. The siren sounded and St Kilda won the game.

## U13's

Dingley 9.14 (68) def. Caulfield Bears 2.2 (14)

### Location:

Koornang



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Cloudy, with brief periods of sunshine

### Goal Kickers:

Nick and James Arthur (1)

### Bear of the Week:

Miro Fovari Andrew Callaghan

### Best on Ground:

James Dimogosti

## U14's

Caulfield Bears 4.8 (32) def. East Sandringham 4.6 (30)

### Location:

Petersen Reserve



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Cold and windy, clear skies to start, and then clouded over.

### Goal Kickers:

Haddi, Nick K (2) and Harry B (1)

### Bear of the Week:

Jared (Boost Juice award), Adam and Nick K (Canteen vouchers)

### Best on Ground:

Almog

### Game Highlights:

First goal to Bears (Haddi).

1st quarter scores 1.1.7 (Bears) to 1.2.8 (East Sandringham) Good tough pressure quarter.

2nd quarter. Nick K goal. Harry B goal. Good pressure. East Sandy scoreless. Bears in front 3.2.20 to 1.2.8

3rd quarter – Nick K great mark specky. All over them but couldn't convert. East Sandy got a late goal, scores 3.5.23 Bears to 2.3.15 East Sandy.

4th quarter – Nick K taking a great mark and goal. Great run and specky by Adam to stop a definite goal for East Sandy. Heart in mouth, won by 2 points.



## U15's

St Kilda City 9.5 (59) def. Caulfield Bears 5.12 (42)

### Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Cloudy, with brief periods of sunshine

### Game Highlights:

The one that got away, again like the first game against Beauy we started poorly, 5 goals to 1 against in the first quarter & eventually we lose the game by 17 points.

We had most of the play from quarter time, having many more opportunities & shots at goal than St Kilda City did.

This again justified our ability to compete in Division 3, we need to be consistent and work hard for 4 quarters and obviously start the games RED HOT.

From the second quarter, our tackling and pressure was fantastic, we need to improve our decision making around the packs, instead of kicking without looking up, we need to use quick hands to clear the packs and spread to give our runners a clear kick to position.

That means we all have to work harder to firstly, be first to the ball, then make the effort to be there for your team mate to give him options.

**Location:**

South Melbourne



**Min:**

11°C

Partly cloudy

**Max:**

14°C

**Goal Kickers:**

Tim (6), Thomas (4), Fletcher and Ozzie (3), Josh (2), Frenchie, Shamus, Jake and Aidan (1)

**Best on Ground:**

Frenchie, Seamus and Max

**50 games:**

Harry



**Game Highlights:**

The scoreline doesn't reveal what a tough day at the office it was. Freezing cold rain, an unrelenting northerly wind and a waterlogged slippery footy that ended up weighing twice as much. So the lads had a tough time fighting their way through the game. Bad luck I say! It's a winter sport! I had a quiet word to the Coach after the game saying it was time to start spraying the boys with fire-hoses at training like they did in the good old days. The Coach silently took this under advisement – or ignored me completely. I haven't worked out which yet.

I do need to put the team's mind at rest as I know they were very concerned about this: It's okay boys, the parents kept warm and comfy and dry, drinking hot chocolate under shelter during the game. Only worry was that Ian may have picked up a slight burn sitting too close to the heater whilst scoring upstairs. With everyone now relaxed, let's go through some of the highlights of the game:

Harry's 50th – Well done Harry. What a milestone. He also managed some good touches of the ball so he had a great game. As Coach said, it's a proud player who can hold his head up having played 50 games for the one club. Always a great contributor and hats off to the rest of his family who have become such a big part of our club.

Oscar F – While he snuck a few between the big sticks, Ozzie can also lay claim to a assisting few others with some brilliant second and third attempts in the last quarter which stopped the Souths from getting the ball out of defence. Let me just grab my book of footy clichés...ah here it is... "It's the one percenters that can change the game boys!!!"

3rd Quarter – A tip of the Beanie to South Melbourne for their efforts in this quarter. The Bears let their guard down and South came back hard, even though a hundred points down. You have to stand back a give a manly nod to that sort of grit. Just grab my footy clichés again..."That's why they call it the premiership quarter!". Good lesson for the chaps to keep the pedal down.

**Best:** Frenchie – A coach said, South eventually stopped putting a ruckman against him and just moved to flooding the tap out. Great dominance and getting sent off for the blood rule always impresses the spectators.

Seamus – Maybe his parents have been spraying Shamus with the garden hose as he proved himself a wet weather specialist. With a combination of soccer, gardening and warp drive speed, Shamus was unstoppable.

Max – This young man is finding a whole new dimension to his game this year. He's always had the speed but now there is a toughness to him as well as he breaks through the packs. Cracker of a game.

**Location:**  
Koornang



**Min:** 11°C  
**Max:** 14°C  
A bit of everything

**Goal Kickers:**

Dean, Remi and Jordan (1)

**Awards:**

Nick and Locky

**Game Highlights:**

Today's home game has all of the emotions at both ends of the spectrum. We celebrate the 100 game mile-stone for Jesse. A fine effort from Jesse to reach this game tally.

At the other end we are also in mourning for the loss of Paul Jeanes. Paul had been fighting illness for a significant period of time and our thoughts are with the Jeanes family during this period of family loss. Our thoughts and condolences to Locky.

Has the coach got the boys in the right frame of mind as emotions filter through the team during the warm ups.

East Sandy get the early jump and once again the early signs are that we are not switched on, kicking 3 straight goals before we have the right of reply. Sound familiar to the last 4 games as we get jumped early. This is now a repeat pattern. 3 goals down at quarter time.

The second quarter is better as we match them on the scoreboard and hold our own, with the assistance of a stiff breeze. Finally some good structure from a kick in resulting in a fine passage of play with Jordy kicking a fine 50m goal. On the whole that was a much better effort with some promising signs.

Quarter 3 underway and we lose our in and under engine Jordy with an arm injury. This is Jordy's 1st game back after missing a couple of games due to injury. With the assistance of the wind East Sandy blow us out of the park. They kick away by 6 goals that leaves us reeling in their wake. East Sandy's half back line provided constant attacks and we hand no answers.

At ¾ time assistant coach Marty along with input from the team make a pact to play one on one, man to man footy. This tactic has merit as players are now accountable. We actually dominate most of the last quarter but inaccurate kicking takes its toll. With 9 points and no goals it's hard to peg back a 10 goal deficit.

Rushed kicking and poor delivery need working on at training. A distinct lack of handball also needs addressing.



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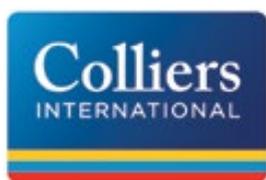


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