

# THE BEAR FACTS

**CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB** 

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# **ROUND 10 FIXTURE**

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	East Brighton	Home	East Caulfield	8.30am
U9's	Hampton Rovers	Home	East Caulfield	9.45am
U10 Grizzlies	Hampton Rovers	Home	East Caulfield	12.15pm
U10 Polars	Bentleigh	Home	East Caulfield	11.00am
U11 Grizzlies	Port Melbourne	Home	Koornang Park	9.00am
U11 Polars	East Brighton	Home	East Caulfield	3.00pm
U11 Kodiaks	Cheltenham	Home	East Caulfield	1.30pm
U12 Girls	East Malvern	Away	DW Lucas	11.15am
U12 Mixed	Waverley Park	Home	Koornang Park	10.30am
U13's	East Malvern	Away	Darling Park	3.30pm
U14's	Ormond	Home	Koornang Park	12.00pm
U15's	Beaumaris	Away	Banksia Reserve	3.00pm
U16's	Highett/Cheltenham	Away	Highett Reserve	9.00am
U17's	Oakleigh	Home	Koornang Park	2.00pm



# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Round 9 was designated 'Teamwork Round' by the SMJFL and their corporate sponsorship partner Options Consulting Group.

Teamwork is vital to the success of any football team. You can have the most talented players in your team, but if they are playing in isolation without any thought or consideration for their team, the whole experience is degraded and overall team performance suffers.

This is also true for the organisation of a team and the Club. You can have the most qualified Coach or the most organised Team Manager, but if the rest of the support network and parents are not on board and working cooperatively, the job is that much harder! If everyone can work together in a positive and collaborative manner, team goals and success are much more likely to eventuate, leading to a more positive experience for players and parents alike!

## 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** 



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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.

#### Karen Farrar Website Administrator

This week we would like to introduce you to the person behind our club website, Karen Farrar. Karen ensures that our website is kept up to date with all the latest happenings around the Club, saves our weekly newsletter and refreshes content on a regular basis.

In the past few weeks Karen has been working with our website provider to enhance the site making it mobile responsive and much easier to navigate. Our website contains a wealth of information and we'd really encourage you to take a look at our new improved version.





### **BYE REMINDER**

A reminder that during the school holidays there is a BYE. Also if you are planning on going away either side of the holidays please let your Team Manager ASAP.

# **AUSKICK**

### Coordinators Update—Week 9

The Auskickers were roaring and ready to go on Saturday morning, the enthusiasm across each group was excellent and the kids had a great time whilst developing their skills.

Big thank you to BOOST Sports for hosting the BBQ, they are running programs over the school holidays with Hurlington Park, Brighton East being the closest venue. Program Dates 5-7 July & 10-12 July, there will be a number of AFL Star attending including Dusty Martin from Richmond.

The skills shown in the grid games are amazing and it's great to see the celebrations when a goal is kicked. Remember to continue practicing your skills at home and at school, and listen to the coaches to further improve your skills.

The 'Boots' squad held their last session and the improvement of each player has been outstanding, the 'Boots' squad program has been a great success.

### Again...

Don't forget to buy items from our BBQ and drinks from our Auskick stand each week. All proceeds to go into our Auskick program.

#### **Parents**

Thanks to all the parent that get out and roll/kick the ball to the kids, it's a big help to the coaches as they can focus more on individuals and set-up for the next drill.

#### **This Week**

Big News!! The Melbourne Football Club player are coming, get your questions ready for the players and show them the skills that you have been developing.

### **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!!

### **Things To Remember**

Have fun

Make new friends

Listen to your coaches

Try and kick goals like your favourite players.

Go home..... AND PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!

# Our NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year

The 2017 NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year competition provides all registered participants with the chance to win an unforgettable three day Grand Final experience in Melbourne.

We are just starting, but have a look.

For more information go to: nab.com.au/auskick

For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, Please contact:

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**U8's** 

Caulfield Bears vs. Ashwood

**Location:**East Caulfield



Min: 7°C

13°C

Overcast, moderate breeze

#### Bear of the Week:

Jack Hamilton

#### **Coaches Award:**

Tadhg Hogan



#### **Game Highlights:**

Solid feeds into the forward line saw a point scored after determined persistence. A strong mark in the back line by Alex who then kicked solidly to Quinn. With graceful skill he punted the ball to Josh G. He pivoted and took it all the way into a strong goal. Ashwood then responded with one of their own. Alex was strong in the back line, thwarting the pressure by the Ashwood forwards.

Strong pressure by Bears forwards and excellent teamwork and skill saw Luca kick two great second quarter goals. The ball was bogged down for a while in the midfield and eventually it made its way to the Ashwood forward line for a major. A quick start for the third quarter with Alex kicking the opening goal. Lots of consistent follow up for a couple of minor scores by the forward pack. Outstanding teamwork saw Alex set up Jackson to kick true and straight. Alex had his own chance too for a pleasing end to the quarter.

Ashwood had a very strong opening in the final term with some solid goals. The midfield tried valiantly to feed into the forwards but were up against Ashwood's momentum and the breeze. Ignoring the pitch invasion by the wayward dog, Luca had a good clearance from the midfield and Charlie D's perseverance saw him sneak one through.

**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.

**BYE** 

### **U10 Polars**

Caulfield Bears vs. St Kilda JFC

**Location:**East Caulfield



Min: Max:
7°C 13°C
Overcast with spots of sun

#### Bear of the Week:

Jed, Jakob and Jaikiah



#### Game Highlights:

Ben led the Bears from the first hit out, while Daniel, Tom and Mack hunted the ball in the middle. Birthday boy Dominator was clean with his hands and got the ball forward where Jakob roved the pack like a four-footer and snapped a fantastic goal. He soon had a second after being set up beautifully in the goal square. The wind was with the opposition though, and St Kilda had a couple on the board by the end of the quarter. However, Romy's fierce tackling and Ollie's Rance-like efforts at full back were impressive.

The second quarter began with Benny again giving his team first use of the ball in the ruck, Mack getting busy in the centre, and Jaikiah swinging onto his left foot to push the Bears forward. Daniel was everywhere across the centre, covering ground from one wing to the other while Charlie was strong at centre-half-back, halting a number of St Kilda forays forward. Dom bustled over the ball and squeezed a kick forward to Grady who kicked a great goal. St Kilda were peppering the goals but the Bears defence stood strong, led by Ollie and Jed who were tackling with conviction, and substitute Frankie's strong running game.

Coach Dale made a tactical tweak at half time and instructed Luca to play a sweeping role behind the play — and he executed the instructions to perfection, picking up plenty of the ball for the Bears. Jaikiah again sent the Bears forward, and Phoenix pressured to keep the ball in the Bears' forward line. Skipper Matthew led the team from defence, putting plenty of pressure on the opposition, and Romy took a telling mark to snuff out another St Kilda forward entry. Ollie was a rock at full-back, and Jed continued to run and tackle to get the Bears out of trouble.

The final quarter began with Ben coming off after taking a knock — then returning to get back in the ruck to keep the ball moving to our forward line. Tom tapped the ball on to Jakob who scored a third goal. We powered on with Mack taking a towering mark off the opposition's boot, and sending the ball back inside 50m, where some tough work from Phoenix and James led to a great team goal from Jackson. Well played Polars!

Southern Road Reserve



Min: Max:
7°C 13°C
Cloudy, dry, very cold wind

Goal Kickers: Jacques (2), Paddy, Max B, Chris

Zagame's award: Charles Boost award: Cooper

Bear of the Week: Max R and Rory

Footy cards: Jack

Captains: Joel and Royce

Special thanks — Cooper, Jack and Luke from U9's team who played up to help with numbers





#### **Game Highlights:**

**Q1:** After a pre-match reminder from Coach to stick with their man, the Bears did what they were told right from the get-go. It took a while before the ball made its way down to the Bears' forward 50, but once there the Bears applied good pressure on the St Bedes Mentone defence. There was some strong marking by Rory and Noah right from the beginning and good tackling from Otis.

**Q2:** The Bears took advantage of the wind to move the ball forward. Jacques bagged two goals and Max B added another. Jacques, Paddy and Asher all had a busy quarter. Contests were hard fought. Otis took a knock early but played on. Joel left the field just before half time after a boot to the ribs and didn't return.

**Q3:** The Bears were again kicking into the wind but the Grizzlies continued to work as a team, with everyone contributing. Cooper, Tom, Charles and Max R were in the thick of it. Johnny went off injured, returning later to help out with some good handballing. The Bears were consistent but the wind made it tough going.

**Q4:** The Bears came out attacking, peppering the opposition goals, and were unlucky not to have more scoring shots than they did. Paddy snuck the ball through several pairs of legs for a goal, and Chris added our last major score. At three quarter time Coach had asked the Bears to run, run, run, and to their credit they never gave up. The Bears continued to chase until the final siren.

The teams were very evenly matched and the game was played in good spirit. There was some long kicking from both teams, although all scoring shots were with the wind. The Bears showed a lot of grit in chilly conditions and should be proud of their efforts.

Lum Reserve



Min: 7°C

Max: 11°C

Overcast

#### **Goal Kickers:**

Rory Wright (2), Jacob Baldwin, Andrew Poole, Noah Wills and Ash Margerison (1)

#### Bear of the Week:

Nick Jones — Great ruck work around the ground Mohan Palmer — Rock solid in defence Max Bremner — Lively around the ground Ash Margerison — Highest possession winner







#### **Game Highlights:**

After three close losses this season the boys were coming up against the second team on the ladder and knew they would have to be at their best to have any chance of winning.

Despite dominating the first quarter against the wind we were unable to score a goal despite some excellent work around the ground from Leo, Ash and Rory. In the second quarter the constant pressure and tacking kept the ball in our forward line for most of the quarter enabling Rory to kick our first goal which was followed by one from Jacob after he positioned himself well in the forward pocket.

Caulfield were well on top in the midfield with Ged, Rory, Ash, Finn, Lucas and Noah getting plenty of the ball. Andrew was also starting to look dangerous around the ground. Nick was dominating in the ruck and we took a handy lead into the half time break. Max and Ben continued to make handy contributions throughout the game. Combining with Finn and Mohan in defence they were able to repel the ball on countless occasions as the opposition dominated the third quarter.

Andrew scored a great running goal — his first for the Kodiaks keeping our lead at ¾ time. Waverley scored the first goal of the last quarter to bring the margin back to 9 points and it looked like another nail-baiting finish was on the cards. But the boys, playing probably their best final quarter of the season, maintained their pressure and team work and with goals to Noah, Rory and Ash the boys secured their second win of the season to keep their finals chances alive.

Koornang Park



Min:

Overcast

Max:

#### **Goal Kickers:**

S. Poole, O. Taalikka, S. Luth, J. Gurrie and J. Kennedy (1)

#### Bear of the Week:

H Nolan, J Kennedy, O Taalikka and H Hales



#### **Game Highlights:**

It was certainly a game of two halves on this cold and blustery morning as the Grizzlies ran out at Koornang Park for their mid table clash with Oakleigh JFC.

The heavy winter chill took its toll early in the first quarter as the Bears faced an offensive onslaught from Oakleigh. The opposition was rewarded with three successive goals, but the score line could have been worse had it not been for some exceptional work in the middle by Lenny Younan. Younan was everywhere and teamed cleverly with Hugo Hales and Jack Kennedy for the Bears most promising passage of play in the first half. The Bears also struggled to get the ball off the surface in the first half, but Jack Joyce led by example, scooping the ball neatly off the deck, which was followed by a cleaver run through the middle.

The Grizzlies started to show some promise late in the second quarter, with some clever work by Oliver Couch and were unlucky not to secure a major score as Tom Graham and Lachy Fyfe troubled the Oakleigh defence.

As the morning thawed, so did Oakleigh's grip on the game. The second half started in sensational style as Oliver Taalikka kicked a quality goal. This was soon followed with some deft play by Seb Poole who kicked a major and minor score. As Oakleigh tried to shift the momentum back in their favour, Cameron Green stepped up with two exceptional defensive marks to thwart Oakleigh's attack.

Whilst the Bears were still 11 points behind heading into the last quarter they were clearly in control of play. The Grizzlies lifted their offensive pressure and Sam Luth was rewarded with his first goal for the Bears after some clever rucking by Paddy Hanley. This was soon followed by a quality goal by Jack Kennedy and a well deserved major score for J ake Gurrie to cap off a sensational win for the Grizzlies.

**U11 Polars BYE** 

**BYE** 

Caulfield Bears



Max: 12°C

Overcast, cold and windy

#### **Goal Kickers:**

Violet and Tess (1)

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

Siena. Hannah and Mia

#### **Best on Ground:**

Giselle







#### **Game Highlights:**

Played in cold, slightly windy football conditions on the larger type oval this week saw Caulfield Bears battle it out in an evenly played contest against a well drilled Beaumaris outfit.

Gisele dazzled in the first quarter, winning plenty of the ball. Eliza was rock solid in defence with Jemima marking anything within reach kicking against the wind the girls were able to hold Beaumaris to a one behind.

Opening up in the second quarter Lily, Charlotte and Mia started to put heavy pressure on Beaumaris who were more than up for the challenge kicking against the wind they went into half time with a handy one goal lead on the back of some better run and spread around the larger than usual playing field the girls had been used to in recent weeks.

With Beaumaris now kicking with the wind in the third quarter, the challenge for the bears outfit was to defend hard. Our girls seemed a little flat after the break and despite Tess kicking some long bombs our way the well drilled Beaumaris outfit started to move and spread the ball with great gusto leaving our girls in their wake stretching their lead to 21 points at three quarter time.

With their backs against the wall for the second week in a row the girls banded together for one last crack in the last stanza despite some great teamwork tackling and effort from all the girls the well drilled Beaumaris outfit stood tall to inflict the Bears girls first loss for the season by 13 points.

Koornang Park



Min: 7°C

Overcast

13°C

#### **Goal Kickers:**

Ben Webb and Charlie Besnard (1)

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

Bluey, Teddy, JJ

#### **Best on Ground:**

Hugo

#### **Game Highlights:**

Bears came up against Ashwood, the top team on the ladder. Boys ran out on the field behind JJ who played his 50th game. The 1st quarter saw Bluey take the first tap out in the ruck. JJ chased the ball down and snapped the first behind for the Bears to get a score on the board. A scrappy contested 1st quarter.

The Bears first goal came in the 2nd quarter when Ben W kicked the first goal for the Bears, with Gubba shepherding.

Harry playing strong defence by stopping the ball in the goal square. Charlie B and Ryan both scored behinds for the term. The second goal came as a result of a strong tackle from Josh V and the ball ended up with Ben who got it to Charlie who slotted the 6 points. The boys were matching their opponents and went in at half only a couple of goals down.

The third term started well with Harry A guiding the ball quickly through the midfield and Max making a goal saving smother in the backline. The backline were holding up well with strong tackles and forcing stoppages and leading from the front with his tackling was Ted.

The final term began and all coaches were impressed with the consistent effort of the boys going up against the best team in the competition. Hugo was leading and presenting well and big Oscar was charging through and taking no prisoners and he always does controlling the ruck. Nick Mav and Harry were working well down back and Jackson C was making tackles and hitting targets by foot. Tess backed up strongly in the ruck.

The boys fought hard and only went down by a little over two goals. Coaches super impressed with the competitiveness of the boys and refusing to give in.

### **U13's**

Caulfield Bears 4.6 (30) drew. East Malvern 4.6 (30)

#### Location:

Basil Reserve



7°C
Overcast

13°C

#### **Goal Kickers:**

Nick (2), Evan and J.Cooper (1)

#### Bear of the Week:

Jenna Casamento and Ed Macleod-Smith

#### **Best on Ground:**

Atticus O'Meara

#### Game Highlights:

Q1: East Malvern 0.1.1 to Bears 2.3. 15

Highlights: Evans early goal with great poise and snap. Centimetre perfect pass from Andrew to Nick on a long Lead, straight over goal umpires hat for a great goal.

**Q2:** East Malvern 2.1.13 to Bears 1.1.7

Highlights: Super strong defence Jacob and Miro and run and carry out of defence.

Q3: East Malvern 1.1.7 to Bears 1.2.8

Highlights: Great ruck work From Atticus and great second efforts and 1%

Q4: East Malvern 1.3.9 to Bears 0.0.0

Highlights: Miro pack marks. Angus great run and tackle. But the greatest highlight was with seconds left in the match Jenna's last jump and with long fingers stopping a goal right on the line.

Final score: East Malvern 4.6.30 drew Bears 4.6.30

Albert Park



Min: 7°C Max:

#### **Goal Kickers:**

Nick K, Harry P, Leo D (1)

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

Nick K, Haddi El S and Harry P

#### 50 Games:

Luke Hope Ockelford



#### **Game Highlights:**

This was the Bears second match against South Melbourne, and showed how the team has continued to improve since the start of the season. Despite an exciting start to the first quarter, with the Bears obtaining two points in the first ten minutes, South Melbourne took on a significant lead with some excellent marking and strategy play.

A great goal in the early part of the third quarter set the scene for the rest of the match. The second half of the game saw the Bears take back control and thanks to some wonderful defence work, prevent any further goals for the opposition. The boys took on all the challenges coming their way, seeing two more goals as a result of great communication and good pressure. A few near misses, but in the end not enough goals to win though the margin was reduced significantly by excellent team work and sustained effort. Go Bears!

### **U15's**

Murrumbeena 10.10 (70) def. Caulfield Bears 8.5 (53)

#### Location:

Murrumbeena Park



Min: 7°C
Overcast

13°C

#### **Goal Kickers:**

Beau, Kia, Harro, Smoothie, Harry, Nick K, Flynn and Gordo (1)

#### **Game Highlights:**

After a couple of hours thinking about the game I was firstly disappointed that we didn't get over the line, especially after a sizzling first quarter.

We really were in with a good chance and I believe we can and will beat Murrumbeena IF we are all switched on. There were several very good efforts from individuals and in general team play, however we rely on the same few to go in and get the hard ball instead of waiting for the easy possession or not wanting to make body contact, this again comes down to your confidence.

So then I thought, we are up in grade and have lost players, we are being very competitive and most attend training, so the question is, is that enough? Is that what you boys want?

So I am challenging YOU and YOU to challenge your teammates to work to improve for the remainder of the season

Players who do not attend training sessions are basically letting themselves and their team mates down and will not improve their performance, the better preformed players hardly miss training and have a better understanding of the team structure and game play, we need all to step up and make a more committed effort even if it is cold, there are only six weeks to go, so lets finish of the season strong, with confidence and enjoy our time together.

Aussie Rules is the best dam game in the world & we are so lucky to be involved, it's passionate, it's physical, it's mentally demanding and most of all its great fun to play with a bunch of mates.

Football is a team game, we cannot be successful without the strength of our team mates, I am so passionate about footy and the spirit our team, a win is just around the corner if we want it bad enough, but we ALL have to WANT, don't leave it to someone else.

Koornang Park



Min: 7°C

Overcast

13°C

#### **Goal Kickers:**

Tim (5), Oscar, Emin (3), Liam, Fletcher, Harry S (3), Hudson, Tom, Robb and Aidan (1)





#### **Game Highlights:**

There were many of us — well, maybe only me, who thought that this week's game against Oakleigh could be a danger game. Coming off the emotional intensity of last week's game, could there be a slight hangover the following week, especially as Oakleigh had posted a number of wins this season? It seems that this was a misguided view as the Bears came out blasting with a goal scored within the first thirty seconds.

In terms of the story from there, it was basically Bears domination, once honing their vastly improved team based game with plenty of handballs and short passes now being included in their arsenal.

In games like this, it's tricky to write the report, as the game was at a consistently high standard so it's hard to call out any highlights. The key aspect was the focus and dedication of the lads to their game. They are looking in top form at present; let's see what the next few weeks bring.

Rotating Rucks — The Coach has a cornucopia of ruck choices he can make and was obviously trying out some new game plans. Tim starting off in the ruck with Frenchie and full forward was an interesting start — which paid off with an immediate goal. The assistant coaches could only shake their heads in wonder: 'How does he do it?'

Tackling — I've said it before but it's worth saying again: The Bears pressure with tackling around the ball is shutting the opposition down. Just not giving the other team any space to get their plays going.

#### **Best:**

Tim — Not only slotting five and sharing the ruck, Tim is a constant reminder of keeping the standard of 'Bears Footy', constantly calling out from the forward line, offering support and encouragement.

Frenchie — Ruthless in the ruck, fearless at full forward and gregarious at gathering the ball. Frenchie had a top game but his significantly improved marking has been a highlight this season, helping him capture a few goals.

Liam — As silky smooth as always, Liam excelled himself on Sunday. Continually picking up the loose ball and driving it forward, he even got amongst the goals as well. Also picked up 'Play of the day' for the blind hand-pass over his shoulder which lead to a goal!

Koornang Park



Min: 7°C Overcast Max: **13°C** 

#### **Game Highlights:**

The 17's really picked up the intensity against Waverley this week. While they didn't win the game, there were some very encouraging improvements in their intensity and team acts (tackles, shepherds etc). There were a number of injuries — wishing speedy recoveries to Avi and Jake. It would be easy not to single out individuals in a really strong team effort, but Axel Gruen (new to the club this year) drew the praises of both coaches for his determination and repeat efforts.

# **AROUND THE GROUND**



























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