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# GRAND FINAL!!!



## GRAND FINAL TIMES

### U13 vs East Malvern

Sunday 27 August

10.45am at Murphy Reserve

### U16 vs TBC

Sunday 3 September

Time and venue TBC

It would be great to see as many people as possible out and about supporting our U13's and U16's teams during their respective Grand Final matches. So whip out your banners and flags and make ready with your best chants to encourage our teams along. Good luck Bears!!!

## 2017 Team Awards

As our teams have their awards nights we will publish the results here.

### U11 KODIAKS

1st B&F: Ash Margerison

2nd B&F: Finn McMahon-Johnson

3rd B&F: Ged Saunders

Coach's Award: Lucas Agar

Most Determined: Harvey Loetsch

Most Improved: Nick Jones

### U11 POLARS

1st B&F: Quinn Cooper

2nd B&F: James Thomas

3rd B&F: Michael Liolios

F.I.T. Award: Matthew Hamilton

Best First Year Player: Jac Christie

Bears Team Award: Marcus Brittain

## SMJFL Best and Fairest Nominations

Congratulations to the following players who have been nominated for the SMJFL Best and Fairest award! Awards will be presented on Monday 11th September at Kingston City Hall. We wish all our Bears the best of luck!

Miro Foldvari **U13's**

Nicholas Karamihos **U14's**

Fraser Sharman-Smith **U15's**

Emin Ladevic **U16's**

Timothy Syme **U16's**

## Calender Events



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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It was so exciting for our Club to have four teams playing in 'Finals' on Sunday and the weather gods were certainly on our side with a perfect winter day, not a drop of rain insight!

Two of our Under 11 teams (U11 Kodiaks and U11 Grizzlies) qualified for their first ever taste of finals football and they all put on a strong showing. Whilst neither of these games went our way, the teams held strong and should be very proud of their endeavours, coming up against the top teams in their division. Better luck next year.

Without stealing the thunder from our match reporters for this week, our older two teams won their matches and the Club is incredibly proud that we will now have two teams in a Grand Final for season 2017.

The Under 16 team proved to the crowd that they rightly deserved their top spot finish with a comprehensive win over the second ranked team. This win has earned them a week off and a straight entry into a Grand Final on Sunday 3rd September (game details will be announced as soon as they are released by the SMJFL).

The Under 13 team kept the spectators on the edge of their seats to the very last second with a thrilling one point win over the top ranked team. There was much nervous pacing from several parents until that final siren could be heard!

The Under 13 Grand Final will be played on Sunday 27th August at Murphy Reserve from 10.45am and I would encourage as many of you as possible to come along and support the team. For many of these players it is their first experience of playing a finals series and certainly the first time in a Grand Final. Requests have already been coming through for a public holiday on Friday in Carnegie!

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)



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# AUSKICK

## Auskick Lightning Carnival

Sunday 20th August saw some of our Auskickers begin their Junior Footy experiences as a Caulfield Bear. It was a lovely sunny day down at King George Reserve in Bentleigh where we had 2 teams playing for their very first time. Our girls team started the day in the first time slot. Our 4 girls combined with Elsternwick to make a team. This team was well coached and umpired by our very supportive and reliable Marcus van Lint. This combined team got off to a great start kicking the first few goals against Beaumaris. Of course no scores were kept but it would be fair to say the girls did very well in their first ever match. The mixed team was very supportive in this game supporting the girls. The mixed team then played their very first game against East Brighthon Vampires. Some great skills were on show where our young Bears showed us all the skills they had learnt this year and applied this into a game situation. The team was well coached by Mauro Affinita with the assistance of several other parents. Each team then had another grid game to finish off their memorable day.

We had lots of smiles, celebrations, cheering, marks, kicks, goals and more. Topped off at the end with the Caulfield Bears team song.

This day was very rewarding to watch after a long winter season. My thanks go out to all players and families for their commitment to this event. A lovely group of people to spend a Sunday morning with for the last time this season. Go Bears

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# MATCH REPORT

## U11 Kodiaks

Murrumbeena 9.2 (56) def. Caulfield Bears 1.2 (8)

**Location:**  
Princes Park



**Min:** 2°C  
**Max:** 13°C  
Clear and Sunny

**Goal Kickers:**  
Rory

**Bear of the Week:**  
Lucas, Lachie, Finn and Harvey



### Game Highlights:

It was a sunny, but cold morning that greeted the Bears for their elimination final against the undefeated Murrumbeena JFC. The first quarter saw the Bears fighting hard with MJFC, having repeated entries into their forward 50. The Bears were determined in defence with great marks and tackles coming from Mohan, Max and Ged. Murrumbeena managing to break through 3 times with lucky left foot snaps.

The second quarter saw the Bears with more of the football and Nick doing well in the ruck. Lucas had a great run up the wing from the back line and ever reliable Ash and Lachie seeing plenty of the ball. Harvey was showing his usual determination to slow the opposition with Ben and Jacob laying strong tackles in defence.

At half time the coach talked to the boys about making the most of their opportunities and to continue playing the Bears brand of football. The third quarter saw the Bears in their forward half with a great kick forward from Tom W and a mark on the 50 metre line by Tom A. A great midfield mark from Andrew and more forward pressure from Finn and Leo saw Rory score the Bears first goal. More determined defence from Adam, Kobie and Rocco managed to slow their bigger opposition with Ben Taking a crucial contested mark on the goal line.

In the 4th quarter, the Bears managed to keep the ball in their forward half with Kobie having a terrific 50 metre run up the wing, managing to clear two defenders. The Bears had a couple of shots at goal resulting in behinds. Again the Bears showed great grit and determination in defence against a much larger undefeated opposition. At full time they were reminded by the coach, of how far they had come as a team. They should all be very proud of what they had accomplished this season. Well played Kodiaks!

# U11 Grizzlies

Hampton Rovers (66) def. Caulfield Bears (6)

**Location:**  
Princess Park



**Min:**  
**2°C**  
Sunny

**Max:**  
**16°C**

## Goal Kickers:

J Gurrie

## Bear of the Week:

J Dalton, J Gurrie, C Green, J Kennedy and F Fraser



## Game Highlights:

There was a smell of Spring in the air on this glorious Sunday afternoon as the U11 Grizzlies took to Princess Park for their inaugural finals appearance. Whilst the prospect of a Grand Final place beckoned, the Grizzlies faced the toughest of challenges as they faced off against the Division 5 Minor Premiers.

From the opening bounce it was evident that Hampton were not going to take the Bears lightly. As both teams reacquainted, Cam Green stepped up, as always, to absorb Rovers' early attack.

Jeremy Dalton was in the thick of it in the opening minutes and combined well with Jake Gurrie and Lenny Younan (who was under the weather) as the Grizzlies worked to nullify the persistent waves of pressure from Hampton. Rovers' clinical marking and kicking took its toll in the first quarter as the Bears leaked a number of major and minor scores.

Early in the second quarter the Bears lifted their intensity as Hampton worked to replicate their first quarter performance. Paddy Hanley, whose preparation was hampered by illness, took a nice mark in the middle and Captain, Kristian Taalikka, took advantage of the perfect weather conditions to run the ball from the backline. Lachlan Mackie was instrumental in thwarting Rovers attack on goal and worked the ball out of defence. Seb Poole was clever with his switch kicking across the backline as the Bears tried to work the ball into space. Poole's smart play was supported with a quality mark by Felix Fraser, which also followed up with some fine tackling.

The second half started with some promise as Hanley tapped the ball to Gurrie, who drove the ball directly through the middle Sam Luth for a great mark. Rovers' response was swift as they defended well and worked the ball forward again. Jack Kennedy took a great defensive mark, which was followed by a clever kick by Henry About as he worked the ball to Hugo Hales and Jarvis Dart on the boundary. Oliver Taalikka and Lachlan Fyfe were smart with their work in locking the ball down in the stoppages to slow Hampton's relentless attack.

Persistence beats resistance was the theme in the final quarter. After an exceptional mark and disposal by Oliver Jackson, Gurrie showed good hands to secure the ball in front of goal and convert for the Bears first goal of the afternoon. This was followed by the best passage of play of the afternoon as Gurrie, Fraser and Mackie combined beautifully along the boundary. Captain Oliver Couch led by example with great intensity around the ball and Tom Graham was unlucky not to secure a scoring dividend for his work up front. As the Bears injuries mounted in the final minutes, Henry Abbott threw caution and showed some candy and Jack Joyce stepped up with some brave running from defence.

As the final siren went on the season there was a little soul searching, but a lot to be proud of for the Bears 2017 season.

As our team song famously reminds us 'We'll keep our heads up... and they will know that they've been playing against the famous Caulfield Bears'!

**Location:**

Le Page Reserve

**Min:**

2°C

Sunny

**Max:**

13°C

**Goal Kickers:**

Nick (2) and Clem (1)

**Bear of the Week:**

Lucas Baldwin and Andrew Callaghan

**Best on Ground:**

Angus Nicolay

**Game Highlights:**

We ventured to Le page reserve to play against top side Mordi Braeside in a elimination final. Milestone game was 50 great games to Sahil Kumar. As you can appreciate it was finals footy with both sides not giving an inch. The pressure was on from the first bounce, in total confusion was Nick playing at fall back, no it was the opposition kicking the ball the wrong way.

Clem waiting over back of pack, gathering and great goal on run in first quarter.

Defence in the second quarter was under enormous pressure led by Miro was able to keep a lot of Mordi forward movements out. At half time game was even.

In the third Mordi probably had most of the ball and probably unlucky not to capitalize on the scoreboard kicking 1.4.

With Nick over the back of the pack and some long kicks coming in, he was able to slot two great goals, with some great work from Jake off the ball

Last quarter saw a absolute arm wrestle, but with Mordi having more of the ball and plenty of shots, with one hitting the post from point blank and another going through for a point and I think two on the full, they probably could of wrapped it up.

Scores level, just been informed in the event of match being a draw, five minutes will be played either end, to get a result.

The greatest thing about this team no matter what, even if they were behind in games or under pressure able to hold heads high and work there way through for a good result.

With about two minutes left on the clock enter Charlie Clancy, who was able to gather and kick a goal, sorry Charlie a point, but probably the greatest point he has ever kicked.

Great Win Bears.

It is a team game whose one percenters from everyone got us over the line.

Nick to get hands on ball, not to do to much, two great goals. The king twins and Ben get head over ball and pick it up or get it out great defence. Luca not afraid to fly against ruckmen and bring the ball to ground. Jake some strong tackles and lock the ball in. If your name was not mentioned this does not mean you have not done your bit.

I hope All Bears, family's, friends and even pets can get around this team and get them over the line in the Grand Final.

As can be appreciated it takes a special group to get this far, not only from the playing team but coaches, manager, first aid, water carrier, line coaches, goal and boundary umpires, what I am trying to say everyone is part of this.

To win a final you need everything going your way. The things we can control and the things to go our way. You need the great moves from the coaches even if the opposition will target some of our team, like Johnny at full back, Harry in the mids Barry to full forward and Bill to the centre. Also to get rotations right and the right time to get them on. What a nightmare with 27-28 players to work with great job well done. On field everyone having a great crack at the ball and not leaving to someone else.

**Location:**

Highbury Reserve



**Min:**  
2°C  
Sunny

**Max:**  
13°C

**Goal Kickers:**

Tim (5), Aidan, Ethan, Emin, Ozzie (1), Charlie-Joe, Fraser S-S, Fletcher (1)

**Game Highlights:**

Let's start this report off with a wistful reminiscence: For those of us that have haunted the boundary for many a morning over the years, one of the Bears main characteristics was the "First Quarter Snooze". The lads were well known for their slow starts in previous years and whilst huge amount of coaching brain power was burnt through to try and overcome this, the battle to invigorate the teenage brain on a Sunday morning was, as it has throughout history, destined to fail.

What a difference a year makes. In the #ScaredOfTheBear season, it has become a Bear hallmark to blast the opposition in the first quarter, thus setting the tone for the game. Coming up against CHOGS for the second week in a row, the lads were certainly fired up and ready to go in their first final for far too long. It was telling that at the half time mark of the preceding game between Beaumaris and Waverly, the team went out and stood in the centre of the ground, staking their claim on the ground. Then, when it came to the starting line up – what else can we say? O'Shea has become "Sheedy – The Next Generation". Putting Tim in the centre and Fletcher at full forward obviously threw the CHOGS defensive plan in disarray – sheer genius. Kirkham was spotted taking notes in the coaches box. CHOGS had an extra man back in defence but he had no idea who to mark up. This not only allowed the Bears to attack to move freely but also meant that there was space on Harry Shulman's wing for him to carry out the merry dance that we have learned to love watching this year. The Coach's plan paid off again with a sharp pass finding Fletcher's reliable hands and him booting the first goal for the day.

As stated, the Bears were unrelenting in the first quarter and, even with the extra man in defence, CHOGS had no answer to the continual pressure applied. The Bears continued to show the hallmark of their game, the oppressive tackling that brings the opposition literally to their knees. Yet they also showed the burgeoning yet impressive skills with the handball as its utilisation grows not only in frequency but in skill. Quiet words of admiration were heard from last year's Bears U14 Premiership Coach as to the clean hands seen passing the ball through the midfield were heard on the far side boundary – and he's a hard man to impress!

Two pieces of play have to be called out in the first quarter: First was the prime example of the Tim/Oscar combo. The ball gets booted into the goal square where Tim has about

half a dozen opposition players on him so he can't take a clean mark. Thus he slaps it down to the side where Ozzie is the master of being ready for the opportunity and snaps the ball up quicker than a Labrador picks up a crumb dropped from the dinner table and booted it through for a goal. The second was Aidan's over the shoulder mark, running out to the pocket which he then followed up with the booting of red leather straight through the middle of the big sticks.

The second quarter turned into a bit of a tussle with CHOGS. They started playing a more physical type of footy so the Bears had to ward off a bit of punishment. CHOGS obviously lifted in this quarter, as the Bears were finding it hard to score. Then again, CHOGS were finding it just as hard to score – due to the stingiest backline ever. Just looking at that backline must make the opposition sink into depression. Even if you manage to get past Josh, Shamus and Lachy, you're then looking at then trying to beat Huddo, Jake, Harry M-S or Tom. It would break your heart. One highlight in the second was Fraser Sharman-Smith, up from the U15's, starting to get into the game. CHOGS thought they could physically intimidate him but it was like monster trucks trying to out race a sports car. Fraser just weaved through them like a formula one racer through a chicane.

The Bears obviously had a bit of a gee up at half time, as they came out determined to pull away from CHOGS. The Bears rotation policy was working beautifully for them, especially with CHOGS only having one on the bench. It meant that key positions continually had refreshed players in place and the continual rotations meant that the opposition were losing track of who they were meant to man up. Frenchie, who had been having his usual domination in ruck, shone in the third with brilliant taps on to Emin (who should play with a fluoro jacket and flashing lights as he is a danger to anyone who gets in his way), two play changing smothers and the low to ground backing up his does after tapping out is sensational. Fraser S-S had the boys gather round him as he pinged a goal and the Bears started slowly but surely started pulling away.

The fourth quarter, to be honest, was a chance for Bears to mix it up a bit. Lachy was moved up forward for a bit of punch in the forward line and we also saw some hard work from the half forwards, with Ethan, Liam and Aidan stepping up and either kicking or contributing to more goals. Unlike the previous week, CHOGS were able to get a few more goals on the board but this made no difference to the Bears, as they just piled on more as well and, like the previous week, posted a 10 goal win.

Into a Grand Final. How good is that. Memories came back from last year, where we struggled for players each week and every game was a tough day at the office. Kudos to the recruiting team as our new guns have made all the difference this year and allow this team to reach its full potential.

So a big fortnight coming up, with a week off but still plenty of footy to get through. Can't wait until Sunday week when we HEAR THE ROAR!!!!



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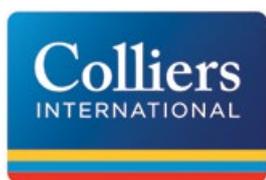


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