



THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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ROUND 15 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Season Completed	-	-	-
U9's	Season Completed	-	-	-
U10's	Lightning Round	Away	JL Murphy Reserve	12.00pm
U11 Polars	Prahran	Home	East Caulfield	8.30am
U11 Grizzlies	Oakleigh	Home	East Caulfield	10.00am
U12 Girls Polars	Brighton Beach	Home	East Caulfield	1.00pm
U12 Girls Grizzlies	Mordialloc Braeside	Away	Walter Galt Reserve	9.00am
U12 Polars	BYE	BYE	Bye	BYE
U12 Grizzlies	Prahran	Home	East Caulfield	11.30am
U13's	Waverley Park	Home	Koornang Park	8.30am
U14's Girls	Mordialloc Braeside	Home	Koornang Park	10.00am
U14's	St Kilda City	Away	Wattie Watson Oval	10.00am
U15's	Ajax	Home	Koornang Park	11.30am
U16's	East Sandringham	Home	Koornang Park	1.20pm
U17's	Murrumbeena	Home	Koornang Park	3.10pm

Calendar Events

AUG
12 **LIGHTNING CARNIVAL**
Under 10's from 12.00pm

MATCH REPORTS!

If all teams could provide reports and a few photos for the newsletter that would be appreciated! However if nothing is received the scores where relevant, with locations and weather will be all that's published.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We held our last regular Family Night for the season on Sunday and what a huge night it was. The Bear Cave was packed to the rafters with players and families, celebrating the end of the season for our youngest players and presenting our Club's main awards. Special thanks goes to our resident MC, Luke Meyer who has given up his time this year to host every family night despite his son no longer playing football.

Bear of the Month

For the last month of the season, the junior and senior awards went to the entire U17 team (players and officials) for their remarkable acts of sportsmanship towards a player in their recent match against Benteleigh.

10 Year Awards

We also recognised 3 members of the Under 17 team who have played with the Bears for 10 consecutive years. Jack Kirkham, Oscar Fraser and Liam Corbett all started out in 2008 playing in the Under 9s (back then there was no Under 8 competition and the boys played two years of Under 9s!) and have never looked back. We thank these players for their loyalty and commitment to the Caulfield Bears.

Most Valuable Junior Club Person of the Year:

Nick Karamihos (Under 15's)

This is our most prestigious award for a player and it goes to someone who has made a special contribution to their team or Club. The award was initiated several years ago by our Club Sponsor and Local Member for Caulfield, Mr David Southwick, and we were very fortunate to have David in attendance, presenting this special award to Nick.

Nick has tallied an impressive amount of football accolades over his junior career: consistent B&F winner at the Bears, SMJFL B&F winner, Interleague representation for 3 consecutive years, with a best on ground award in 2017. In addition to his outstanding football, Nick has also demonstrated immense loyalty to his team mates, Coach (Andrew Beet) and Club. He has received many offers to play in division one sides at other Clubs, but has always wanted to remain with his team mates. His presence on the field and his leadership both on and off the field make Nick a most valued member of the Bears family and a very worthy winner.

Most Valuable Senior Club Person of the Year:

Eleni Karamihos

This award recognises the fact that Clubs like ours can only be run well when we have dedicated and selfless people who are willing to give their time in the service of others.

Eleni was nominated and selected for the sheer breadth of work she has undertaken this year for the Club. From putting together this newsletter every week, to creating our facebook tiles and every other piece of promotional material, to manning the canteen when our canteen managers were unavailable, to sourcing donations for raffles and sponsorship, to promoting girls footballs with her company's generous donations, the list goes on. The hours of work that has been given to the Club by Eleni is staggering and greatly appreciated by us all.

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

BY-LAW OF THE WEEK

17.1

Interchange of players is permitted whilst play is in progress provided that such players enter or leave the field via the designated interchange area. If a player who is not injured leaves the ground at any place other than through the Interchange area, that Player cannot return onto the ground for a period of one full quarter.

MILESTONES!

Congratulations to Grady Kerin for making it to 50 games!

Also congrats to Harry Shulman and Harrison Beveridge who ran through the banner for their 100th club game! Well done all!



International Bear – Gaelic Football

Liam Campitelli (U12) is in Northern Ireland on a family vacation and on the weekend headed out to see his cousin play for Glenn in the local Gaelic football competition. The opposition, Ahaderg, were short of players and in true Bears spirit Liam offered to play and had a blinder of a game, managing to kick a point and show off his AFL skills. So much so he was the talk of the town at the pub that night!



Liam on the left in red & white

Lost Property!

Come home with one less item than when you left for footy? Try checking our lost property inside the Bear Cave!

Anything not collected in the next week will be washed and donated to charity!





AUSKICK Lightning Carnival!

Saturday 25th August 2018
10am – 12:15pm
E.E. Gunn Reserve
Ormond

The Auskick Lightning Carnival is Auskick at its best!

Now in its third year, the carnival is an introduction for Grade 1/ Girls Group to competitive football and an opportunity to be part of a fantastic experience regardless of winning/losing.

We know that for everyone who participates in 2018, it will be the highlight of their year!

To register your interest or for more information please see your coach on Saturday morning.

To get you all inspired, check out this movie:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwZDzQAYL8E>



AUSKICK

Weekly Round Up

There was a massive buzz at the Caulfield Bears Auskick this week. Nominated level 2 Auskickers were extremely excited about the grid game at the MCG. But there was a lot of kids very disappointed that there was only one more week left of Auskick. My, how quick the season has gone! We have had a steady average of 50 Auskickers in attendance and their skills have developed a great deal in past months, which is an encouraging sign of the growth and also a credit to our fantastic coaches.

For our final session we are running Parents vs Kids matches so we can see how far our kids have come! So dads, don't forget your runners!

Parents are reminded to approach us on Saturday if their Grade 1 & girls group children wish to participate in the Lightning Carnival at Ormond, 25th August, giving the children a great time to have fun whilst competing as a team against other teams in the area.

The final week is upon us and we are encouraging all Caulfield Bear Auskickers to come out and have a sensational session this week.

Coaches

Come along to thank your coaches for the year - Karen, Craig, Josh, Brett Andy Marcus & Troy

This Week

Parents vs Kids Matches – Parents better bring it!
Medallion presentation – for all our young Auskickers

Auskick Administrators Role 2019

Lastly, this a notice to let you all know that I will be standing down as Auskick Administrator at the end of the season. The position has been very rewarding and is a great way to get involved in the local community. You make many friends and get to be part of a fantastic sporting program

My role is a combination of managing the registration database, liaising with AFL VIC, responding to queries from parent, organising fundraising activities, and coordinating these weekly reports. This role is also a junior club committee position for those who's children may end up playing junior footy! This program relies on volunteers to make it happen! Please consider if this could be you! Contact me on 0424454060.

For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, please contact:

April Matthews, Auskick Coordinator

Auskick at the G

Saturday 4th August 2018

30 kids had a dream day on the hallowed turf at half-time, at the match between the Hawks vs Bombers!







U8's

Lightning Carnival

Location:
Port Melbourne



Min:
8°C

Max:
16°C

Cold and windy

Game Highlights:

Three games today for the youngest Bear Cubs. It was the conclusion to a fantastic year for the U8's, with super performances from all players.

Thanks the Mauro for coaching. Teaching skills and gaining the attention of a large group of seven and eight year olds is at times a challenge but the reward for your effort and that of the assistant coaches, umpires and Sarah our Team Manager is greatly appreciated by the parent group and especially the players. The development in their skills and teamwork has been significant and has happened because of your efforts.

As we conclude the season, to the parents, well done, lets stick together as a cohort and come back as U9's in 2019.



Editors Note: As per SMJFL By-Law 25.12, scores are not printed for out modified rules games. Also 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:
McKinnon Reserve



Min:
8°C

Max:
16°C

Windy, but fine day

Bear of the Week:

Cara

Best on Ground:

Buzz

Game Highlights:

There was an air of excitement as the U9s gathered at McKinnon Reserve for the Lightning Carnival and their last game of the year.

The footy was superb despite each game being played in gale-force winds which blew straight down the ground. The players adapted to the conditions and played out tight games against Cheltenham, Oakleigh and East Brighton.

It was great to see how the skills of all players have developed over the season and the wonderful teamwork on display.

It was a nice reward for some lucky players who were also featured on a Channel Seven News story about sport and activity that night.

A special mention for Buzz who put in his best umpiring performance of the season. Well done U9 Bears on another great season.



Location:
Koornang
Park



Min: 8°C
Max: 16°C
Sun was out but cold wind

Game Highlights:

As the Bears prepared to go into hibernation after the last round before the Lightning Premiership, we had our claws out and snarled early with a good start – end to Sheldon to Lewis to Martin to Caspar to Grady - bang! Goal

Another piece of sensational team work resulted in a goal to Samuel! Grady was crashing packs and took a cracking mark and bang before setting up Raff for another goal!

After a great first half, the third was a dour contest with some great tackling by Adam to keep ball in our forward line, Harry took a great mark and before we knew it, the 2 boy show were at it again - Grady to Raff - goal. Adam's great pressure in the f line was rewarded with a great goal

3rd quarter was a tight contest.

Tight 4th quarter, with Grady marking and Martin in the goal square mark and goal!

Jack Curwood dominates the last quarter.



Location:
William St
Reserve



Min:
8°C

Max:
16°C

Cold and windy

Bear of the Week:

Max B, Noah, Oscar, Lucas, Tom R, Rory

Game Highlights:

The windy winter Sunday's continued with our Bears kicking into a strong breeze in the first quarter. A win today would seal a finals spot and the urgency showed from the first bounce as we dominated to kick 3 goals to none. It was all set up across half back and the middle with Max Bremner and Noah controlling the ball and delivering beautifully to an in form forward line with Oliver, Jacques and Jakob all hitting the packs hard.

The goals went to Rory, Oliver and Jacques. At quarter time the coaching staff were very happy with the contest on the ball and tackling across the whole team. One improvement asked for was to look for more handballs to release our runners. The team listened well and executed this brilliantly from that point on with Tom Ritchie, Max Reagan, Paddy and Dom all showing great vision with slick handballs driving us to a 4 goal lead at half time. Second quarter goals went to Rory and Jakob.

The Vampires definitely lifted in this quarter and it was a credit to Lucas and Angus in the backline to keep them to one goal for the quarter. The 3rd quarter was played much more in the middle of the ground with Rory, Oscar and James really coming into the game winning a lot of ball and laying plenty of tough tackles. Tom Walsh was a livewire up forward which was rewarded with a great mark and goal.

The result was put beyond doubt in the last quarter with Lucas and Noah scoring long range goals and Tom Walsh getting his second of the day. Despite having a player down all day the tackling remained a feature of our game right to the end with Bailey leading the way with a string of tackles with Mack again strong at every contest all day. A great all round team effort with the team now looking forward to their first taste of finals footy with one week to go.



Location:
Walter Galt
Reserve



Min: 8°C
Max: 16°C
Windy, but fine day

Bear of the Week:

Kristian, Jaikiah, Isaiah and Nick

Game Highlights:

Round 14 was played at Mordi-Brae. It was Luca's 50th with an usually late 3.30 start for the U11 Grizzlies. The sun was shining but the wind was intense and the Bears were pumped!

The first quarter began with the wind in our favour but we failed to convert, kicking 7 points and managed to leave our opponents scoreless.

At quarter time Dale said 'You've gotta kick goals to win the game' 'In this next quarter, we need a super, super strong wall.'

In the second quarter with the wind against us, the Bears didn't manage to score. Mordi- Brae kicked 4 points.

At the the half time address Dale reminded the boys 'We need to run hard and tackle hard and to look after each other. We need to shepherd using hips and shoulders and tackle with two arms to take them down!'.

'They are coming after you- go Bears and show them how to play football!'

In the third quarter with the wind in our favour, we kicked five more points and on the siren, Mordi- Brae kicked a goal levelling the score!

Then in the fourth quarter, we came out fighting. With the wind against us we couldn't stop them and Mordi Brae went forward, kicked goals and won the game. The end result was 30 to 13.

With a few casualties during the game, the Bears had played a tough game.

Dale was proud of the performance of all the Grizzlies and a special mention goes to our award winners for the day – Kristian, Jaikiah, Isaiah and Nick. Otis received a well deserved award from our opponents.



U12 Girls Polars

Caulfield Bears 8.3 (51) def. Hampton Rovers 2.2 (14)

Location:
Boss James
Reserve



Min:
8°C

Max:
16°C

Bright and early sunshine

Goal Kickers:

Anika Stehbens (6), Lucy Hudson and Lily Skinner (1)

Best on Ground:

Team Effort

Game Highlights:

The U/12 Girls – Polar ventured down to Hampton Rovers home ground with their coach away and in the capable hands of Damo.

Although getting off to a slow first quarter the girls were tackling hard and working hard to ensure they were in the game at quarter time. Hampton Rovers 1-1-7 to Caulfield 1-0-6.

With some firm encouragement from the coach at quarter time the girls worked even harder in the 2nd quarter with some spectacular chasing and tackling by Jasmine and goals by Anika.

Half time score: Caulfield lead 3-1-19 to Hampton 1-1-7.

The 3rd quarter was again a hard tussle. The defence stood up strong, tackling continued and Lucy goaled to give Caulfield a 27 to 8 lead at 3 quarter time.

The last quarter was all Caulfield. A four goal to nothing last quarter was a true team effort, working for the winning result. Lily Skinner marked and goaled and Anika continued her goal kicking spree to kick 6 goals for the game, 3 of them in the last quarter.

Well done team – a super performance!



U12 Girls Grizzlies

Bentleigh JFC 10.7 (67) def. Caulfield Bears 2.1 (13)

Location:
King George
Reserve



Min:
8°C
Cool, Sunny & Strong Winds

Max:
16°C

Goal Kickers:

Lila Osborne (2)

Best on Ground:

Charlie, Maya and Mariyama

Game Highlights:

Bright sunshine and strong winds greeted the Grizzlies for their game against the top four Bentleigh team. Bentleigh kicked with the very strong wind in the first quarter and strong tackling and hard work from Mariyama, Natashia and Elisa held Bentleigh to 4 goals.

In the second quarter the Grizzlies used the wind and kicked long. Fantastic kicking and running the ball from Nina, Maya, Charlie and Isabella got the ball to Abby who kicked the Grizzlies first goal.

In the third quarter, nearly all the play was in the Bentleigh forward area. The girls found it very difficult to kick into the wind. Strong tackling and team work from Isabella, Elisa, Charlie, Sienna, Mariyama and Maya held Bentleigh to 2 goals.

The final quarter saw the Grizzlies again working hard in defence. Mariyama, Elisa and Natasia taking great marks and making strong tackles. Excellent work from the midfield moved the ball in our forward area where Abby manage to score another goal.

The coach said "the girls played really well given the opposition and being a player less for the entire game.



Location:
Chisholm
Reserve



Min:
8°C

Max:
16°C

Sunny and breezy

Bear of the Week:

James Gearon, Ollie J, Lachie H, Lachie M, Jac C, Jarvis

Game Highlights:

East Sandringham came out of the blocks early and had the Bears pinned to the canvas early on in the match. The boys failed to chase, tackle or shepherd with much endeavour, and it was overall a disappointing half of football for the Bears. Jac C was an exception and attacked the ball with great vigour.

After a classic bake from the coach at the major break, the boys came out and competed gamely. Numerous inside 50 entries found us peppering the goals, but the full points remained elusive and only three points ensued. But the effort was there, and this was pleasing and frustrating at the same time, for where was it in the first half?

Excellent work around the ball from Felix, James and Jack helped propel the ball to our forward line, where Jarvis, Lachie M and Lachie H worked hard. Our backline of Raff, Lachie M and Jac C kept the ball out of the opposition's forward line and stemmed the scoring.

Unfortunately in the final quarter we couldn't continue the momentum, and East Sandringham ran over the top of us with some fairly easy goals. To be honest, there were a number of players on their side that literally towered over our players with bigger bodies, which made it a tough gig.

Well done Bears for a competitive 3rd quarter and hopefully for our final game we can bring four quarters together.



U12 Polars

East Sandringham 9.12 (66) def. Caulfield Bears 1.2 (8)

Location:

Chisholm Reserve



Min:

8°C

Max:

16°C

Cold and windy

Goal Kickers:

Jake Gurrie

Best on Ground:

Ged

Bear of the Week:

Ged, Ash, Lucas A, Lucas B, Finn, Jake and Mick Gurrie

Game Highlights:

Playing the only undefeated team in the competition, at their home ground in the last game of the season was always going to be a big ask. Rowan reminded the boys of the team rules he had been emphasizing all season and ask them to give nothing but their best effort. The Bears started promisingly kicking the first goal of the game kicked by the Jake Gurrie who was everywhere in the first half attacking the ball relentlessly. The defence was working over time with strong games from Lucas Agar and Marcus Brittain for four quarters. The midfield was being led by the always aggressive Ged Saunders with a number of other players chipping in at various stages (Ben, Finn

and Lucas B) and Ash Margerison who was ferocious in the last quarter. Despite East Sandringham scoring regularly throughout the game the Bears at times were able to play some strong team football and never gave up.

One of the highlights of the game was Mick Gurrie as boundary umpire being asked to re-throw the ball back in by the first time junior umpire! Playing against strong teams every week in Division 2 was a great challenge for our boys who acquitted themselves admirably. In most games they were competitive and can look forward to developing into a strong team over the next few years. Well done boys.

U13's

East Malvern Knights 4.5 (29) def. Caulfield Bears 3.5 (23)

Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

8°C

Max:

16°C

Sunny, winds increasing

Goal Kickers:

Ryan (2) and Will (1)

Bear of the Week:

Ben, Will, Gubba, Heals

Game Highlights:

Despite a home game, the Bears were up against the top team on the ladder, which was always going to be a tough ask. The coach's instructions to the Bears were to stick with the opposition and to believe in themselves.

Both teams came out firing in the first quarter. The Bears attacked East Malvern's goals early but the momentum changed a number of times before Will soccered through the game's first goal for the Bears.

During the break the Bears were encouraged to keep the pressure on and stop East Malvern's second attempts at the ball, and the second quarter didn't see many changes to the Bears' lineup. East Malvern started strongly, attacking and pressing early, but the Bears responded as instructed with good pressure from the forward line and strong defence from the backs. A brief defensive lapse saw East Malvern snatch an easy goal. The Bears tightened ranks but weren't able to come up with an answering goal.

After a half-time reminder about believing in themselves, the Bears were quick out of the blocks in the third quarter. A contest in the Bears' forward 50 saw Ryan successfully kick for goal from in front. He was unlucky not to score another goal shortly after, with the wind increasing and becoming difficult to negotiate. East Malvern's game gathered momentum with the wind, and they scored another goal just before the final break.

The last quarter began with intensity from both sides; the Bears knew they were only a couple of kicks away. They had to get the ball into their forward line and keep it there to maximise their scoring opportunities. The game got even more tense after Ryan kicked his second goal and Harry got his hand to the ball to prevent another East Malvern goal. The match ended with the Bears going down by a goal and East Malvern seemingly getting out of jail in the final moments. But the boys can hold their heads high, having played a great game against the top side.

Location:

Koornang
Park

**Min:****8°C**

Cold and windy

Max:**16°C****Game Highlights:**

(Read in the voice of a 1930s detective e.g. Phillip Marlowe) It was a Sunday, just like any Sunday. Except it was a different Sunday, it had a different date and all. Bears vs Hawks, Hawks are the top team but what's it to you? Charlie Clancy had a fancy, a fancy for goals, two of them. Not that it's any of your business. Windy day, intense contest. Griff goes the dribble, the goal type, not the mouth type. Had 'em worried did Griff. Coops gets whacked in the conk, Coops is tough he'll be back. Birdman keeps his feet on the ground, but he moves his feet, and fast – out of defence. Hawks are birds but they didn't like Birdman, he stopped 'em scoring. Luca Trumble took a tumble, but that didn't bother him. Hands like glue, glue hands you might say. 9-2 at half time. Bears up and dominant. Hawks challenge if you wanna know.

Then Besnard kicks a banana. No he didn't kick the fruit – kicked the ball like a banana shape. Smart lad Besnard, knows his fruit. 16-10 at three quarter, but I'm giving you too much so keep it to yourself. Aiden Chen, he knows when. When to go, when to stop, when to do anything, give that man an award. Jonah means dove, another bird hawks don't like. Why? Jonah saves the day, Jonah did good, real good. So how did it finish? A draw, that's right a draw! 23 each. A draw is a bit empty, like the space between stars. But against the top team that's more than a draw. Too many good players to mention them all. You wouldn't want to meet these Bears on a football field. These Bears have the bees when it comes to being tough and skilful. Capeesh.

U14 Girls

St. Paul's McKinnon 7.0 (42) def Caulfield Bears 3.3 (21)

Location:

East Caulfield

**Min:****8°C**

Cold but fine

Max:**16°C****Goal Kickers:**

Tess Keogh, Olivia Henderson and Beth Elliott (1)

Game Highlights:

As the scores above indicate, an accurate St Pauls ran away with the game in the final 5 minutes of the game. It was a disappointing loss given the girls held the advantage for the majority of the game against the unbeaten top side, only to get overrun in the last half of the last quarter and ultimately make it difficult to make finals in their debut year.

We started the game strong with a 2 goal lead early in the 2nd quarter, going to the main break with a 7 point lead. There were several good performers early on. Bella Affinita presented as a target for most forward entries and when didn't mark it, ensured it stayed in the forward line with some strong tackling. Sienna Rogers continued her great season with big long kicks and acting as a solid "wall" behind the ball. Pip Sharman-Smith was also instrumental in switching the play to create space and opportunities. Olivia Henderson and Emily Chen also got rewarded with strong tackles at various stages throughout the day.

When Bethany Elliott kicked her first ever goal in the 3rd quarter we looked like we would be able to hold on, especially as we had the wind in the last quarter. As we held a 3 point lead early in the last quarter some key decisions went against us which saw St Pauls take momentum. Once they hit the lead they finished the game with a further 3 goals in the last 5 minutes.

Nevertheless, they should be proud of their efforts running the top side all the way to end. This, along with the fact we had a few players absent, proves how far the girls have come.

15's

Beamaris 9.7 (61) def. Caulfield Bears 6.8 (44)

Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
8°C

Max:
16°C

Sunny with blue skies, high wind, southerly and easterly.

Goal Kickers:

Nick Karamihos (4), Nick Lanaris and Happy Penhall (1)

Best on Ground:

Nick Karamihos

Bear of the Week:

Boopa, Adam Pacak, Leo and Nick Kara

Game Highlights:

1st Quarter Bears 9 to Beamaris 11

2nd Quarter Bears 22 to Beamaris 38

3rd Quarter Bears 31 to Beamaris 44

4th Quarter Bears 44 to Beamaris 60



Location:Murrumbeena
Park**Min:**

8°C

Cold and windy

Max:

16°C

Goal Kickers:

George 6, Fraz, Chris (2), Harro, LT, Joel, Woodsy, and Beau (1)

Game Highlights:

Would the Footy Gods throw some luck to the Bears, Josh Agar late withdrawal when he badly sprained his ankle playing basketball, Henry & Warbs on school Camp, left us with the bare minimum yet again facing bottom team Murrumbeena whom are our Arch cross town rivals.

Harro took to the field on one leg for his team mates to provide us with a target. Lots of sore young bodies took the field knowing he had to win and win well to have any chance of finals action. The weather Gods provided another windy, gusty afternoon to ensure a crowded scratchy encounter. Against a 3 to 4 goal wind the boys kicked 3 goals 4 behinds in the first term, Harro went down with a knee to the head.

The second term Beena crowded the play with intent to frustrate us, the boys rallied to kick a further 4 goals to 1 with the wind. It was a willing and physical contest. We went into the half time break with a 33 point advantage.

We had several good players with George dangerous around the goals with his silky skills, Beau, LT & Chris giving us plenty of drive. Frazer & Woodsy as usual winning the hard ball & taking plenty of knocks. The defence held firm with Gordo, Patty & Nick, & Flynn was tireless in the Ruck. Again with the swirling wind we kicked too many behinds but were dominate in general play.

The third term Flynn needed a rest so up stepped Nick to Ruck, however against a strong breeze we got lazy an didn't keep the pressure on, Beena kicked 4 goals to our one to be within 8 points at $\frac{3}{4}$ time. After a reality check the boys were fired up, Flynn went back into the ruck & we played our best quarter to kick 7 goals 5 behinds to their solitary 1 goal from a free kick up field.

The final quarter saw Beena continue to late tackle in frustration & to our credit the Bears stood up for themselves to have a strong victory of 49 points.

The Footy Gods??, well we finally had some luck when we heard late Sunday that St Kilda City drew with East Sandy to put us right back into finals contention, so its in our hands we beat East Sandy and we could still make the finals.

Get excited, this is an opportunity that we must take, prepare ourselves, look after yourselves throughout the week bring Energy with you to training and accept the challenge. WE CAN, enjoy the challenge boys...

Tuesday: Go for a Run, meet at the Club, contact each other and make the effort.

Wednesday: Alex Rance talk at Clubrooms 7.30 to 8 pm.

Thursday: Compulsory Training 5.55 to 7.30.

Team Dinner at Del Mars (cnr Munro & Koornang Rds) 7.30 pm straight after training. (Menu \$20 bucks Chicken Schnitzel or Pasta) Pls confirm your attendance via email direct to me. (BYO Wine only)

Sunday: Home Ground vs East Sandy 1.20 pm for a chance to make the Finals... BRING IT ON!!!



Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

8°C

Max:

16°C

Cold and windy

Goal Kickers:

Oscar, Emin (3) Harry S, Tom, Huddo (2) and Jacko (1)

Bear of the Week:

Emin – Didn't anyone feed this poor boy before the game? I've never seem him look so hungry as he pounced on the ball and then battered his way forward.

Huddo – Always a pleasure to see one of our best return to form and Huddo made sure everyone knew it by kicking two goals.

Oscar – Was Fraz wearing some kind of Harry Potter invisibility cloak? Had he not had a shower for a few days? Whatever it was, he was left unmarked all day out on the wing which allowed him not only to ping 3 but also assist in a few as well.

Game Highlights:

First of all, we have to call out our 100 gamers: Harry Shulman & Harrison Beveridge. Harry has been a mainstay of the team for many years and just keeps getting better and better. Other teams have tried to steal him away of the years but he has stayed a die-hard, bleeds navy blue, red and gold Bear. Having one of his best seasons ever (SPOILER), he capped off his 100th with two handy goals.

Harrison has been a bastion of the backline for many a year. Cruelled by injury last year, he impressed all by turning up to every match to support his team mates. His overhead punch just keeps getting better and better and his disposals out of defence keep looking smoother and smoother. Congratulations gentleman.

Well, once again it was windier than a Baked Beans Convention at Koornang Park as the Bears lined up against St Kilda City. The wind has played havoc with the Bears so they were not going into this game lightly. For those of you who came in late, The Bears are currently fourth on the ladder and need to win the two remaining games to stay in the four. Thus every game is an elimination final from here on in.

So coming up against a team that has struggled with numbers throughout the year, one would have hoped that the lads would have been switched on from first siren. Well, I thought Batman was the detective but even I was able to work out that there were a few sleepyheads out there – 9 pm curfew next Saturday night! The Coach was getting so steamed up he could have been used as an alternate energy source! Luckily the chaps snapped out of it for the last ten minutes of the first an avoided a healthy quarter time spray.

The second quarter showed even more improvement with the scrappy play beginning to diminish. Once again, the strong northerly played havoc with the ball swirling around but the Bears started to use shorter, flatter kicks and head towards the grandstand wing which gave them better control, pushing ahead to a lead at half time.

Unfortunately for City, they suffered a few unfortunate injuries at the start of the third and thus had their numbers

reduced further. They played their hearts out but I'm going to call the 'mercy' rule on the report and just state that the Bears were able to load up the scoreboard and come out eventual winners.

So one game left. It's a "must win" game against Murrumbeena where the wins are tied at one all for the season. It's going to be an absolute cracker of a game and you'll end up kicking yourself if you don't go and see the lads kicking themselves into the finals!



CLUB SONG

(Sung to the tune of the Carlton Football Club song)

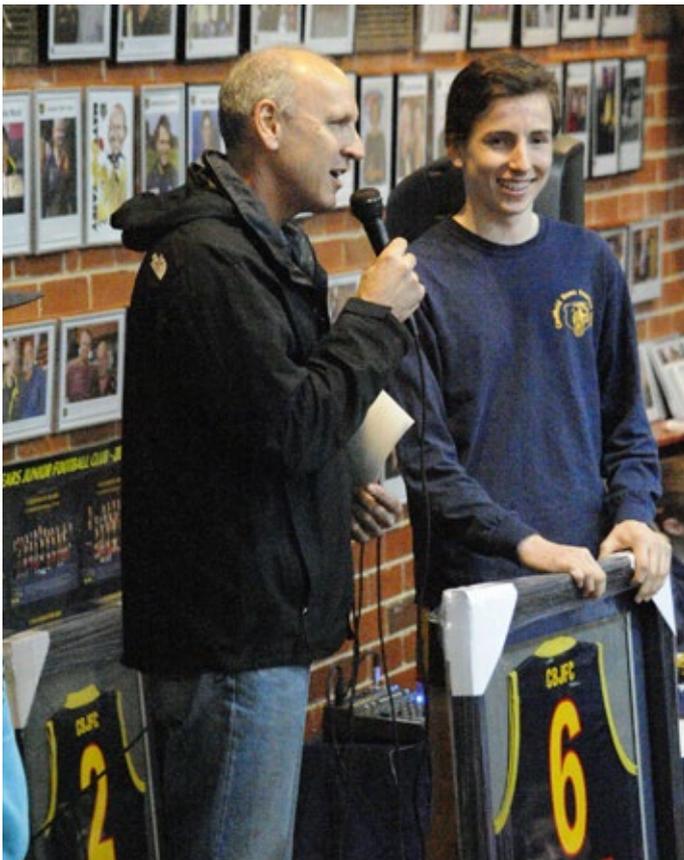
We are the Caulfield Bears
We are the good ol' Caulfield Bears
We're the team that never lets you down
We're the only team from Caulfield town
With all the champions
They like to send us
We'll never give up
And they'll know they've been playing
against the famous Caulfield Bears.

“GO BEARS”



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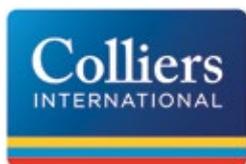


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