



# THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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# ROUND 7 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Hampton Rovers	Home	East Caulfield	11.00am
U9's	Dingley	Away	Corrigan Oval	10.15am
U10's	St Peters	Away	Centenary Park	11.20am
U11 Polars	East Brighton	Home	Koornang Park	9.00am
U11 Grizzlies	St Kilda City	Home	Koornang Park	10.30am
U12 Girls Polars	Prahran	Home	East Caulfield	1.15pm
U12 Girls Grizzlies	Bentleigh	Home	East Caulfield	12.00pm
U12 Polars	East Sandringham	Home	Koornang Park	12.00pm
U12 Grizzlies	St Bedes / Mentone	Away	Southern Road Reserve	11.40am
U13's	East Malvern	Away	Stanley Grose Reserve	1.30pm
U14's Girls	St. Paul's McKinnon	Away	Mc Kinnon Reserve	12.00pm
U14's	Beaumaris	Away	Jack Barker Oval	12.25am
U15's	Ormond	Home	Koornang Park	1.30pm
U16's	Dingley	Away	Souter Reserve	2.00pm
U17's	St Kilda City	Away	Highbett Reserve	2.35pm

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It was great to see so many of our players and parents at our second Family Night of the season on Sunday. These events are a really integral part of our Club as they provide members with the opportunity to socialise in a more relaxed (and warmer!) setting, hear anecdotes from the day's games, listen to a speaker and mingle with people from different teams. We encourage everyone to get to know families across age groups and teams so that there is a 'Club' view, not just a 'team' view.

This week we were fortunate to have one of our Club Sponsors, Mr David Southwick MP, attend and address the group. David commiserated with our U11 Polar's team who had gone down in a narrow loss to Prahran, telling us all how his first experience of a coach was up against James Hird's team at Prahran – let's just say David is still traumatised from that experience!!

The kids all get to enjoy having another kick of the footy on the oval and it is a great way for them to get to know each other so that when teams do get mixed around, the kids are all familiar with each other. We start the events early, dinner is provided and then we're all done by 7pm so you can get the kids home, cleaned up and ready for school without it being too late. If you haven't yet been to a Family Night, please put the next date in your diary now and come along for a great night out.

Louise Nelson  
President

## Bear of the Month!

### Senior Bear of the Month: Ian McNicholas

Ian is a member of the Caulfield Bears Football and Netball Club (aka "The Seniors") and he has been volunteering his time on a Saturday morning to assist at our Auskick Centre. Ian's football expertise is put to good use assisting our Coach's and he has already built up a great rapport with all the kids. Thanks Ian for giving up your Saturday mornings to help with our youngest Bears!



### Junior Bear of the Month: Johnny Roussos (U11 Polars)

Our Club Captain, Oscar Fraser, selected Johnny from the nominations as a great example of dedication. Johnny travels each week from Yarraville to attend training and matches after moving across town last year and not wanting to leave the Bears. Despite an injury keeping him on the sidelines for a week, he made the effort to turn up to training and the match to support his team mates. Well done Johnny.



## 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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JULY

21

Stand Up Comedy

7.00pm onwards

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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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## SMJFL TM Manual

### Approaching Official SMJFL Umpires

Under no circumstances are Team or Match Officials to abuse, threaten or intimidate umpires or opposition players, officials or spectators.

No person other than an Umpire Escort or Team Manager is to approach the Umpires at any time.

## MILESTONES!

Congratulations to Aiden and Coops from the U14's squad who have made it to 50 games!



## Next Gen Academy



### Interested in being a part of the St Kilda Football Club Academy?

AFL Next Generation Academies are designed to include those from Multicultural and Indigenous communities. Talented players who fit the cultural criteria have potential to be drafted by St Kilda Football Club under the NGA Draft Concession system.

We are seeking talented sports people in our region to come and join the academy. If you've never played the game or if you're playing another sport, this is for you!

**WHO:**  
Male & Female | Aged 12-17

#### PARTICIPANT CRITERIA:

- Must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
  - Born overseas or have at least one parent born overseas
  - Must be living in the Saints Academy Zone
- Please visit [saints.com.au/nextgen](http://saints.com.au/nextgen) for specific postcodes.

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday 4 July | 9:30am - 12:30pm

**WHERE:**  
RSEA Park, St Kilda Football Club, Linton Street, Moorabbin 3189

#### PROGRAM:

- Athletic testing
- Skill development by academy coaches
- AFL 9s match under the watchful eye of Saints scouts!

**RSVP:** Please email [nextgeneration@saints.com.au](mailto:nextgeneration@saints.com.au) to express your interest



# AUSKICK

Well the heavens had opened and the rain fell this weekend but showers stopped just in time for this weeks Auskick.

The weather obviously deterred many from attending however everyone still had a great day.

There was no level 2 coach in attendance so they were combined with the level 1 Auskickers. Moving forward if we don't have coaches for the kids we can continue to combine the groups.

Coaches and active parent did another fantastic job, running extremely efficient and organised grids.

For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, please contact:

**April Matthews,**  
Auskick Coordinator







# MATCH REPORT

## U8's

**Location:**  
Walter Galt Reserve



**Min:**  
10°C  
Light drizzle

**Max:**  
16°C

**Bear of the Week:**  
Jack – turned up wanting to play, well done Jack

**Coaches Award:**  
Ben – Worked really hard in attack to deliver to his team

**Game Highlights:**  
The team was lead today by Zac M, who worked together with the other forwards to put on great pressure. First half focus - run run run, use the wide ground to our advantage and pass to your teammates and take a chest mark. With the final word of advice from the coach “look for the big bear on a person’s chest and kick to the bear”.

The team did a wonderful job of listening to and delivering on the instructions of the coach. Amazing defence in the back line, who stood up to the huge pressure put on by the opposition forwards – delivering with a sequence of 3 kicks and three marks, a beautiful piece of play.

The mid field was solid, working hard for each possession and pushing the ball forward. The forward line firmly attacked the ball and were rewarded. The players really stepped up in teamwork this week, playing exceptional football as a collective. Every zone stepped up you can really see the improved skills.



Caulfield Bears vs. Mordialloc Braeside

## U9's

**Location:**  
East Caulfield



**Min:**  
10°C  
Overcast and Cold

**Max:**  
16°C

**Bear of the Week:**  
Grace Kennedy

**Best on Ground:**  
Eamonn Walker

**Game Highlights:**  
Great game by the Bears who kept improving as the game went on, with Archie and Will kicking the last two goals. Grace had her first game and did exceptionally well with great tackling, a good pick up and kick in the last quarter and even went in the ruck. Angus B started well taking on four opposition players and running around them.

1st and 2nd Quarters saw our ‘Backs’ working really well, Toby made a great save in front of goal and Josh G had a monster kick after the siren to register a point.

3rd Quarter saw some great running and passing between Eamonn and Charlie B. Jack H and Hamish were applying great tackles and holding up the opposition.

4th Quarter was mainly played at the Bears end, with Angus W taking multiple marks. Jackson was a livewire in the forward line setting up goals and just missing one himself. The longer the game went the better the Bears were playing, well done.



## U10's

BYE


**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.



U11 Polars

Location:

Como Park



Min:

10°C

Max:

16°C

Overcast

- Goal Kickers:
- Oliver 2, Dom, Tom R, Tom W,
- Bear of the Week:
- Oliver, Oscar
- Best on Ground:
- Royce

**Game Highlights:**

It was a chilly and overcast morning as the Polars with the regular under 10's took to the field to take on Prahran JFC at Como Park in South Yarra. Oliver and Royce tossed the coin and having won kicked to the city end.

Como Park was a huge ground that would test the Polars fitness; the boys would need to run all day to cover the ground. The first quarter was fast and furious with the Polars midfield handballing and running to break the lines to get the ball up to the forward 50. Oliver was creating opportunities from centre half forward that allowed Dom to step up and snap a very handy major.

The 2nd Quarter was again an evenly fought affair with the mids again running hard and forcing the ball forward. Rory in his return game was attacking the ball and with Max B and Royce combining in the midfield the Polars proved they could match Prahran and compete on the big ground. Oscar and Tom Ritchie were creating opportunities in the forward line with Tom R snapping a nice goal.

The game was still very tight throughout the 3rd quarter with both teams capable of picking up a win. Cooper, Jack, Bailey and Jake were tackling hard whilst Tommy W, Johnny and Dom were setting up the play that allowed Oliver to kick 2 great goals.

With the game in the balance the boys started the final quarter with great confidence. Prahran were also fired up and running very hard to control the game. The Polars were scrapping and fighting hard to get the ball forward with Noah, Mack, Cooper and Max R all creating play.

The game was still up for grabs in the final minutes with the Polars never dropping their heads or giving up. In what was a cliffhanging finish the Polars fell short and went down by 8 points. This game provided many valuable lessons that the boys will learn from in particular the importance of covering the larger spaces the huge ground provides and manning up in the mid and back half.

Il the U-10's boys were again magnificent and their help allowed the Polars to rotate and rest which was a critical factor on the huge Como park oval.


Prahran 6.7 (43) def. Caulfield Bears 5.5 (35)



U11 Grizzlies

Location:

Prices Hwy Reserve



Min:

10°C

Max:

16°C

Overcast

- Goal Kickers:
- Jackson, Ben, Nicholas
- Bear of the Week:
- Joel, Ben, Dan, Cameron

**Game Highlights:**

We hoped the boys hadn't stayed up ALL night watching the royal wedding, and their focus had switched from St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, to slaying the Dragons in Oakleigh. With the umpires sporting the same colour as the Queen at the royal event, and the crowd dressed in their finest Sunday gear, it would be easy to get confused.

The Dragons were only able to field 16 players, so the Bears sportingly started with 17, despite having a full bench. The Bears had a lot of the play and when they didn't have the ball there was some good tackling and shepherding. But this wasn't reflected in the score. At quarter time Coach reminded everyone not to take their foot off the pedal just because they had an extra player.

In the second quarter there were a number of scoring opportunities for the Bears. With Jackson's goal and a few behinds, the Bears ended the first half in front.

At half time, Coach gave an animated sermon about what takes to play good Bears' footy: running hard and going in hard. Have strong hands. Commit to picking up the ball, and then commit again for a second and third time.

In the third quarter drizzling rain added to the chill, and it seemed that Coach's stirring words hadn't sunk in. The Dragons seemed to be everywhere, even though they were undermanned. After some great marks and a couple of goals from Oakleigh, the mood was tense at three quarter time. What would happen in the last quarter? Could the Bears come from behind? It was a bit like that moment at a wedding when the audience is asked if there's any reason the bride and groom should not be wed.

In the final quarter, our Dragon-slayers arrived and showed their true grit. The Bears had the lion's share of the play and peppered the opposition's goals. When the ball went to ground, it was hand to hand combat with the Dragons. Both teams fought hard for the ball like guests fighting over the last piece of wedding cake. In the end, a couple of costly free kicks against Oakleigh allowed Ben and Nicholas to kick goals from set shots and seal a right royal comeback.

After the game, Coach congratulated the victorious Grizzlies, noting that the result depended on a winning last quarter since Oakleigh had won the first three quarters. Remember the way you train is the way you play.

Caulfield Bears 3.9 (27) def. Oakleigh 3.3 (21)





U12 Girls Polars

Caulfield Bears 7.6 (48) def. Brighton Beach 0.0 (0)

Location:  
Brighton  
Beach Oval

Min:  
**10°C**

Max:  
**16°C**

Cloudy / Windy

- Goal Kickers:  
Jasmine Conrad, Lily McDonald (2), Charlotte Brewer,  
Violet Dunn and Matilda McIntyre (1)
- Coach's Award:  
Alice Fraser
- Assistant Coach's Award:  
Charlotte Brewer and Claudia Wotherspoon

**Game Highlights:**  
From the first bounce and in windy conditions the Polars were hungry for the ball. Lead by captain Lucy, everyone was amongst it and responding to coach Adam's pre-match ask of 'heaps of effort'. Skinner had a solid quarter with a number of clearances. Jasmine moved the ball forward with a nice kick from the back line. While Matilda worked hard to keep the ball on our possession. Lucy lead in the ruck, with Macca on the receiving end many times. Samantha took a solid mark in the forward line. Violet, Jasmine and Claudia provided great defence roaming the back line to keep the opposition scoreless.

The second quarter continued the momentum our way. Alice got off to a great start with a number of touches. Akeisha applied a good tackle, demonstrating the team's willingness for the ball. With things tight in our forward line, Matilda kicked cleanly for our first goal. Macca was awarded a free after an effective tackle. Claudia had a nice run with a bounce and kick from the back line. Sophie was starting to get the eye for the ball up forward.

The third quarter was a great display of link up play from the team. Charlotte quickly moved the ball from the centre with a confident bounce and kick forward. Jasmine was doing the same, gathering more possessions. Macca scored two goals for the quarter... her first for the team! Congrats! Lucy and Violet each took a nice grab. Alice was kept busy in the forward pocket, while Claudia hand balled cleanly.

The final quarter kept the scorers busy! Sophie was clearly enjoying her role in the centre, with a keen eye on the ball. Early goals to Charlotte and Violet lifted the team even more. Jasmine continued to work hard for the ball, and was justly rewarded with two goals for the quarter. Samantha was efficient in the centre keeping the ball in our possession. Skinner continued to kick effectively from the back line. A solid quarter from the whole team to notch up another win.

A great game by the Polars... a team who is going from strength to strength each week. Well done!



U12 Girls Grizzlies

St Kilda JFC (66) def. Caulfield Bears (6)

Location:  
Wattie  
Watson Oval

Min:  
**10°C**

Max:  
**16°C**

Drizzle, windy, cold

- Goal Kickers:  
Grace (1)
- Bear of the Week:  
Mariyama, Bella, Georgia

**Game Highlights:**  
It was a windy and cold first quarter with some tough opponents. We had great tackling from Mariyama and Maddie in the back line. Grace did lots of great disposals and Maya had astonishing long kicks.

In the second quarter Elisa kicked well, Maya took an awesome mark and Bella had amazing tackles. Our captain Georgia was put in mid field and she changed the game with her clearances.

After half time oranges we came back refreshed and gave it our best shot again. This quarter gave us our only goal for the game – well done Grace. We were about to see another one from Maya but it just missed. Nina's determination got some tackles in. Ivy did some great taps in her ruck position and Elisa with a blood knee didn't give up.

Our last quarter was a tough quarter with Maddie getting winded, but we didn't stop trying our very hardest. Tashi put in nice hand balls and great long kicks out to our mids. Abby with her super skills had some awesome disposals.

With 3 players away, we had 11 on the field which meant no interchange. It was very tough, but we never gave up and we are proud of our efforts and teamwork during the game.

From Maddie Hopley (Grizzlies player)





U12 Polars

East Malvern Knights 7.8 (50) def. Caulfield Bears 2.4 (16)

Location:

Stanley Grose Reserve



Min:

10°C

Max:

16°C

Grey, Cold, Wet

Goal Kickers:

Lucas B (2), Finn and Michael (1)

Best on Ground:

Patrick Hanley, Harvey Loetsch

Bear of the Week:

James Thomas, Ash Margerison  
(special mentions Ged Saunders, Lucas Bremner)

Game Highlights:

1Q:

Strong start with Jeremy kicking the ball out toward our forward line, and Lucas B quickly kicking the first point for the game. Our forwards continued to do a great job going in hard, with Lucas B kicking a second point. Our centre & defensive line all worked well together. Great determination in the 1st quarter.

2Q:

Bears started strong, but the first goal of the game went to the Knights. Quinn went on to take a mark, passing the ball to Finn who then kicked it through for another point for the Bears. A difficult 2nd quarter, but strong attempts made by Michael, Jacob and Ged getting the ball to our forward line. The boys showed some great marking & rucking in the 2nd quarter.

3Q:

Another good start with Michael kicking to Jake and then on to Finn who kicked the ball straight through for a goal. A tough quarter but there were great tackling efforts by Lachy and Leo. Rain started to come down hard making it difficult to get a hold of the ball, but Matthew still managed to take a great mark in the back line.

4Q:

Good play from Matthew to Finn, then to Michael who took it straight through for another goal for the Bears. It was still tough getting the ball out of the centre, but great efforts again by Ash, Ged, Michael and Jez in getting the ball forward. Many great marks by our boys, but not enough to win the match. However in tough conditions our boys still managed to show some great teamwork.

U12 Grizzlies

Glen Waverley Hawks 9.10 (64) def. Caulfield Bears 1.5 (11)

Location:

Lum Reserve



Min:

10°C

Max:

16°C

Gloomy, with leaden skies

Goal Kickers:

Raff Gleeson

Bear of the Week:

Lachlan Mathieson, Jordan Larkins, Ollie Taalikka and Tom Graham

Game Highlights:

The first quarter was a fairly even affair, with the boys showing good endeavour. Poole starred in the midfield, with strong support from Luth and Jackson down back. Some booming kicks from Hales from full back helped us clear the ball and Larkins was spritely along the wing.

In the second stanza, our effort and concentration drifted a little, and the Hawks capitalised at once, adding to their goal tally. Hudson took a nice mark in the forward line, but as in the first term, we were unable to convert.

At the half time break, Coach Ken highlighted the reduced output from the boys, and reminded them that mental telepathy wouldn't get the ball into their hands, they had to pick it up!

With a parting shot channelling the great John Kennedy, he implored them to "don't think, do!", and do they certainly did, coming out with all guns blazing. They were finally rewarded on the scoreboard with a lovely goal from Gleeson and there was hope this might spark a revival.

Unfortunately it was not to be, as we just couldn't make the most of our forward entries, the Hawks just showing a little more polish when it counted. Taalikka battled out the game manfully in the ruck and there were excellent contributions from Abbott, Fraser, Matheison and Dart.

U13's

Caulfield Bears 5.7 (37) def. Beaumaris 2.5 (17)

Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

10°C

Max:

16°C

Overcast

Game Highlights:

1Q:

The Bears started the first quarter with a slight breeze and won the toss and kicked to the favoured end. Gubba started well in the ruck with Charlie on the wing picking up numerous possessions. Hugo was playing solid footy down back and James was looking dangerous in the front half kicking our first major.

2Q:

Nick Mav playing forward this week kicked the first goal of the quarter. JJ was laying strong tackles in the forward half keeping his opponents on edge with Aiden playing his best game working hard in the forward line. Gubba kicked another goal from great play from Ryan where he centred the ball instead of kicking it down the line. Will was playing well in the middle.

3Q:

We started again on top of in the middle Gubba winning the ruck taps, Jackson and Patty working hard to get centre clearances. Tight contest in this quarter opposition were pushing us hard, our backline lead by Harry and Haydn were holding the fort. Low scoring quarter with Caulfield scoring three points only.

4Q:

Against some willing opposition our boys were able to win the quarter by keeping their eyes on the footy and playing great team work. To kick 2 goals in the last quarter and hold the opposition to no goals kicking to the non favoured end was testament of how well the boys played in the last quarter to run out winners by 20 points.





Location:  
Koorang Park



Min: 10°C  
Overcast

Max: 16°C

**Bear of the Week:**  
Evan - Forward Pressure, Jack - Defence, Miro - Forward and James Arthur

**50 Games:**  
Aiden and Coops were awarded for 50 games.

**Game Highlights:**  
With the memory of the Royal Wedding lingering, the Bears lined up for Round 5 on a soggy morning at Koorang Park. Just like Meghan's breathtaking entrance into the chapel, Prince Haddi made sure he made a huge impact with a 20 metre thump out of the ruck. After a quick start, Lord Luca managed the first goal for the Bears, then followed it up with a great clearance. Prince Andrew Callaghan was working hard in the packs and trying to inspire his teammates. 2 goals to St Kilda saw the Bears a goal down at quarter time.  
  
Five minutes into the second quarter and Count Aiden snaps a beauty followed by Viscount Evan with another after yet another quick intercept from Lord Griffen. Play was momentarily interrupted by a tiny jacket-wearing dog taking the field. I wish I could say it was a Corgi, but it was not to be. Scores were close at half time with the Bears a point down.

Haddi's run to the forward line was a major highlight of the third quarter - he broke the lines faster than Meghan and Harry driving that Jaguar from Windsor Castle. Lord Lucas then passed to King James Arthur who snapped a goal for the Bears. Dimma dazzled with his hard tackling, Earl Jimmy and Count Ben K were running hard and Lord Jack Besnard showed great courage by surviving a hard knock at half forward. King Miro worked hard trying to keep to ball down forward.  
  
The final quarter was not quite as long as Rev Curry's sermon, but at times it seemed so for the Bears. Although they gallantly battled, the force of St Kilda was too much to be reckoned with in the end. The coach's message was clear - keep trying Bears and you will get there. A royal toast to all those who helped them try today.



FREE

RSA Training!

Wednesday 13 June

6:30pm-10:00pm

Level 1 Function room,

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve

Pavilion and Community Room

Limited places available!



Location:  
Koorang Park



Min: 10°C  
Light rain and overcast

Max: 16°C

**Goal Kickers:**  
Innez, Sienna Rogers, Tash, Bella

**Bear of the Week:**  
Freya

**Best on Ground:**  
Emily

**Awards:**  
Emily, Freya, Alannah, Beth

**Game Highlights:**  
Brilliant game girls came out on fire even though it was already rainy and overcast. Jemima got the first point with a kick minutes within the first quarter. Innez scored score a goal and Gisele another point.  
  
Jemima went on to score another great goal. There was some great tackling from the start and the bears seemed to be the stronger team. Emily appeared to be everywhere the whole game. Freya played in numerous positions and shone in all. Allanah was seen to be consistently trying throughout the whole game. The second half again Gisele and Ines gained the team points. Beth made some amazing tackles and Sienna.R some fabulous kicks. Claire was great in defence and there was some great marking in this quarter.  
  
When the Empires decided to join us the third quarter lived up to it's name as the "Big Quarter". A great mark from Emily straight off. Then a Kick from Sienna.R to Bella and great pass to Tash to score a goal. Sienna. R kicked another great goal and with some fabulous running Bella also got a goal. The heavens then opened and things started to get muddy! Some great marking from Sienna.R. Then another goal from Ines. Liv Henderson took no prisoners as usual with her fieryness.  
  
The last quarter was low scoring but it was all about keeping the consistency and being in control. There was consistent play from Madi Walsh and a near goal from Sienna in the last minute. Fabulous game and a well deserved win.





Location:  
Peterson  
Reserve Highett



Min:  
10°C

Max:  
16°C

Cool and overcast

**Goal Kickers:**  
Nicholas K, Harry P, Harry B and Antoine (1)

**Bear of the Week:**  
Boopa, Minro, Dom and Leo

**Best on Ground:**  
Boopa, Minro, Dom, Leo and Adam

**Game Highlights:**  
On a cool overcast day Caulfield Bears took on East Sandringham at Peterson Reserve Highett. The boys started well matching East Sandys 2 goals, to be level at quarter time. Early in the second quarter we were two players down, with Nicholas K injured and unable to return. It was hard work for the rest of the day. In tough conditions the boys fought hard and managed two goals in the final term. One from Harry B and a great goal from Antione. Although they kept trying and fought hard, they ran out of legs and lost in a tough game.



Location:  
Koornang Park



Min:  
10°C

Max:  
16°C

Overcast

**Goal Kickers:**  
Tom (4), Emin (2), Huddo and Tim (1)

**Best on Ground:**  
Frenchie: As always, just as strong on the ground as he is in the air.  
Emin: Rumour has it that Chuck Norris had to sleep with a night light and a blankie after playing against Emin.

**Game Highlights:**  
Aaah, it's great to finally get into some good winter weather; the sting of Antarctic wind in the face, the burn of the pie on the tongue and the unmovable mud in the middle of the oval. That's the way I like my footy. Well, I'd make the call that the Bear's don't like the cold weather. South Melbourne (Swans) got the jump of the lads in the first quarter, pinging three goals in the first ten minutes. Other teams may have panicked but the Bears, if nothing else, have had plenty of experience in fighting back after a slow start. Defence started to pick up with Jack starting a day of massive tackling, Josh doing some deft tapping of the ball away from the Swans and Liam booting cleanly out of the backline. The turning point in the quarter came when Aidan slotted a massive kick out after a Swans behind to Huddo, who then kicked square across the ground to Emin who then thumped goalwards, where Tim shepherded the ball across the line for maximum points. Bears had clawed their way back to only be two points down at the first change.

Second quarter started off with even greater intent, with Josh continuing with his tapping the ball away from Swans players. The Swans must have very annoyed with Josh just making sure they couldn't get the ball cleanly all day. The all to rarely seen Frenchie was also making his presence felt, not only in the ruck but also in the smothering. Bhayne took an absolute cracker of a mark just on the half forward line which he then slotted straight onto Tim's chest where

Aidan: Moving him to the backline could mean a 'Coach of the Year' award for O'Shea. He's loving ruining a forward's day.  
Tom: Can this young man read the play! Always finding space at just the right time and a cold hearted goal kicker.

he followed up, putting it through the big sticks. Aidan was unlucky not to be paid a seriously contested mark in the backline. Didn't matter – stopped Swans in their tracks. Harry S. did some excellent tightrope work, running the ball along the boundary line, keeping it in by a whisker, Jake then tapping it forward to Tim – alas, he hit the post. Two goals to one on a day where every goal was priceless. Third quarter was destined to be a cracker. Jackson made a welcome return to the team and showed that the bursting out of the pack and the 'round the corner' kick is his trade mark move. Huddo fired up in this quarter, running on to the ball and tapping it forward to Tom who, by now, was up to his third goal for the day. Neither team could dominate in the quarter and thus kept it close with both sides kicking two goals apiece. Not another draw thanks! I would say the fourth quarter was actually a battle of the defenders. The Bears threw everything they had at the Swans and still couldn't quite make the breakthrough they needed. Luckily it came when Swans kicked out and Charlie-Joe chased the ball like a madman, keeping it on the Bears forward line. Jack was taken too high and put it straight on to the chest of Tom for his fourth. Three minutes out from the end and the Bears were playing maximum pressure football, not an inch being given. They showed their stingy defence was the winner, with the Swans unable to score. Siren finally went before my heart did with Bears nine point winners.





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