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CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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# GRAND FINAL

# GRAND FINAL Time!



**Sunday, August 26**

U11 Polars v Ajax Rockets @ 9am  
@ **Essex Heights**

U12 Girls Polars v Murrumbeena @ 12pm  
@ **King George Reserve Oval 1**

# GO BEARS!

## MILESTONES!

A huge congratulations to Ethan Reyner for making it to 50 games. Well done!





# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We woke on Sunday morning to the sound of pouring rain and gale force winds, probably the worst conditions our players had faced all season! We had a record number of teams heading into semi finals and for most of these players it was their first ever experience of a finals series.

The reality of finals football means there is no second chance. A team can have an 'off day', a lapse in concentration, some players cope better than others in cold conditions, whatever the reason, sometimes it just doesn't go your way and before you know it, the final siren sounds and the season is over for another year. For three of our teams (Under 11 Grizzlies, Under 13s and Under 15s), this was the situation they found themselves in on Sunday. Despite the inevitable disappointment, all the players should take pride in the achievement of reaching a Final and try to look back on the success of the season as a whole.

Despite the three losses, we did have two of our teams prevail and the Under 11 Polars and Under 12 Girls Polars are now in their first ever Grand Final which is a tremendous achievement. I would encourage the Bears Community to get behind these teams and come out in force to show your support and cheer on the teams (details provided within the newsletter). I am sure there will be some very excited families in Carnegie this week as Grand Final fever hits!

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

## All over for another year!

What an amazing final for the Caulfield Bears Auskick. It was fantastic to see so many parents and kids at the turn out in what was wonderful weather.

Auskicker's had a wonderful time playing with and against their parents. With competitive streaks coming out on both sides!

There was a great sense of pride as all children, who participated during the year received their medals. But more importantly we cannot thank the Auskick coaches enough.

Their time and dedication to the children's skills and development has been phenomenal. As a mother to see how my child has developed in once year, is a credit to these coaches.

We hope to see all our Auskicker's are back next year. We were so impressed with what they showed us this year and their level of dedication.

Reminder that older children wanting to spread their wings, the under 8's team is right up your alley. A majority of the level 2 Auskicker's really did show and develop their skills to move forward this year. Parents please ensure you contact the club to place your child in the required teams.

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

**April Matthews,**  
**Auskick Coordinator**







# MATCH REPORT



**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:**

Murphy Reserve,  
Port Melbourne

**Min:****6°C****Max:****12°C**

Rain, hail, strong winds, and a Jane Bunn's "feels like" temperature of about minus 10

**Goal Kickers:**

Raph Gauci, Nick Jones

**Bear of the Week:**

Joel Farrar, Cameron Green, Jaikiah Honner

**Game Highlights:**

Finishing the season in second place, our Bears faced a big challenge against third place East Brighton Vampires, the only team we had not defeated during the season.

Our team came prepared, training smartly during the week to take on our nemesis Vampires, bringing garlic to the game and ready to drive a stake through their hearts.

Upon arrival at Murphy Reserve at a frosty 8am, the boys were perhaps already done for, focused on the weather, our sleeveless jumpers and how we would just get through the next hour and a half. Coach Dale and Assistant Lachie focused on the positives and what was at stake, but the conditions had beaten us. And then the game started.

It was a solid start as Cam generated much needed run out of the middle. It was followed up with some great hard tackling, led by Jed & Otis up forward. As the hail continued, our midfielders stood shivering in the centre as the Vampires were unimpeded, running forward and outnumbering us to kick two valuable goals.

The game progressed after quarter time, as Joel stood out with strong marks, long kicks and a fierce desire to win the ball. He had few companions with the same desire, and instead we lost player by player to the conditions, with frozen hands, shaking bones and a wish to be anywhere but out in the elements. Yet despite this, the team suddenly clicked into action. Raph jumped onto a loose one to kick our first goal, then Nick Jones marked and goaled to bring the margin to a mere 2 goals at half time. We were on a roll and perhaps the tables had turned.

The scene in the rooms at half time was extraordinary – part ER, part slumber party, as the team used whatever means possible to warm up – hoodies, hand warmers, body heat. There were tears, shaking and I'm guessing some frostbite. The message continued to be positive – the game was ours for the taking, the Vampires were feeling the cold more than us, and of course we still had that garlic.

Our Grizzlies sprinted out onto the field with vigour, our full bench of players covered with blankets, puffer jackets and hoodies, warming up by whatever means possible, including a couple of hot chocolates and hot dogs to stave off potential hypothermia. For some of the boys, this worked; for others, they never made it back from under the blanket. The third quarter was an arm wrestle, with the Vampires inching ahead with just one goal for the quarter. Our back line in particular held up strong.

One last three quarter time huddle, there was a plea to give it our all. We were reminded of when we last played them, we held them goalless in the first three quarters, only for them to run over us in the last quarter. This was our time to reverse the tables and grab a famous victory. Whatever was left in the tank was what the team had to give.

As the supporters watched on in that final stanza, we could not have been more proud. The best players of the Vampires saved their best football of the season for against our weary Bears and kicked on. We fought and battled and ran and tackled. It was not our day in a game played in extreme conditions.

This group of Grizzlies were courageous and a fine team, and had shown this consistently all year. Today the Vampires were just that bit better.









## Location:

Centenary Park



Min:

6°C

Max:

12°C

Cold and wet

## Game Highlights:

It's now Grand Final time for the U11 Polars after a tense 10 point win at the neutral Centenary Park. Our two results against this Prahran side were split during the season for a total margin of 4 points so this was set up as a tight semi final. The late afternoon time slot allowed the teams to avoid the worst of the weather but the playing conditions were still difficult with a strong cold wind.

Our Bears had the ball forward for most of the first quarter but we only managed 1 point from Noah, the only score of the quarter. The match started in real finals footy fashion with every ball contested hard as Prahran increasingly congested our forward line. A real feature was our wall across the middle of the ground with Bailey, Johnny and Jakob all taking strong marks to send the ball back into our forward line where Rory and Oliver looked dangerous all quarter.

We have been a very good side into the wind all season and we showed it again in the second quarter by setting up the game with a great quarter of tackling and running. Jacques was at the heart of a lot of the clearances from the middle busting through the packs to set up our forwards. The conditions were hard but our forward line was really good at doing the hard things that make a difference with timely tackles, smothers and tap ons from Oscar, James, Angus, Max R and Grady. The pressure was finally rewarded with a goal from Tom W. This was followed by another goal courtesy of a typical long kick from Jacques that turned like a Shane Warne wrong-un through the big sticks. The story however could have easily been different at half time if not for the fantastic running and marking under pressure from Dom and Max B in the backline allowing us a 11 point lead at half time.

The pressure was on with both teams fighting hard in a finals footy scrap played mostly in the middle of the ground for the third quarter with neither side hitting the score board. Paddy and Mack were ferocious on the ball and the fresh legs and speed of Jack, Lewis, Lucas and Cooper kept the balance of the game in our favour. Tom R was excellent getting the ball out on many occasions and our Captain Rory was literally everywhere for another great all round game.

Coach Walsh instructed our team to play down the defensive wing in the last quarter and the team executed well with the ball spending long periods just where we wanted it. But Prahran still created opportunities to score which created plenty of high pressure moments for the strong backline assembled by the coach. Noah, Max B, Paddy and Dom all took contested marks at critical times.

The team's effort was summed up in a moment late in the last quarter with our Vice Captain Mack finding himself out of position and outnumbered in the Prahran goal square but still managing to make a big spoil and keep the scoreboard in our control.

After the game an emotional Coach Walsh talked about how proud he was of the whole team. There was plenty of support from a big group of family and friends at the ground so let's get everyone we can to the Grand Final and make it our home ground next week.









# U12 Girls Polars

Caulfield Bears 3.6 (24) def. Ormond 0.1 (1)

## Location:

McKinnon Reserve



Min:

6°C

Max:

12°C

Cold and wet

## Bear of the Week:

Sam, Violet, Mia, Skinner and Monique

## Game Highlights:

On a cold winters morning at McKinnon Reserve Oval, the bears awoke from their hibernation hungry for the ball. The Bears were playing Ormond who finished 4th on the ladder. The game earlier in the year against Ormond was a challenging encounter and this was going to be a similar contest.

The 1st qtr saw us kick 'against' the wind however The Bears came out breathing fire and ensured we won every contest. Great midfield work from Charlotte and Lily and Jasmine ensured that the ball was continually driven into the forward line. Ormond were under continual pressure in the backline and we eventually hit the scoreboard with a goal, via Matilda. We also kicked 3 points and we were unlucky not to kick more goals as Ormond has someone on the goal line marking some of our shots at goal. The ball hardly went into our back line, and the 2 times it did, Violet and the rest of our defense played like a team to repel their attacks.

The 2nd quarter saw Leonia play well in the ruck and forward line. Some of the team we asked to perform specific jobs and they did this very well. The 1st half ended with Ormond being kept scoreless. Leonia managed to kick a well needed goal which set us up for a great second half.

The championship qtr saw us pick up from where we left off in the 2nd. We refused to let the opposition beat us and we looked after our team mates. As the rain briefly stopped we became even more desperate to win. The game started to open up and we got the game on our terms. Mia was great in the ruck and again we got it out of the middle. Great efforts from Maddie, Macca, and Claudia ensured that the ball kept going our way.

There were some strong tackles and great kicks which ensured there was no easy possessions for Ormond

4th qtr. Like all good teams we know Ormond were going to throw everything at us, given their season was on the line. However, our players had different ideas. We competed hard and looked after each other followed to program instructions and executed flawlessly. In the end we were never headed and kicked another goal via Anika and we ended up winning 24-1. We played as hard as we possibly could and got the results we deserved. We look forward to the grand final this week and playing with the same effort and intensity.









## Location:

Hightt Reserve



Min:

6°C

Max:

12°C

Cold & Wet & Windy

## Goal Kickers:

Nick Mav

## Game Highlights:

Today's game was sure to be a challenge given the terrible winter weather with plenty of rain and a top of 11 degrees. The boys were up against Cheltenham who finished second on the ladder. Our chances were not helped with a couple of crucial players unavailable. The instructions were clear, keep the ball moving, run hard and kick it long. The strong wind made it a scrappy affair and every goal would be crucial. The defense was holding up well with Harry Nelson & Nick Mav intercepting as they do and repelling a number of attacks.

Lucas was outstanding on the wing and had the ball on a string for most of the game. Unfortunately a key play marker for the Bears, Jackson Cauchi was injured and not able to have his usual impact. The boys were only 3 goals down at three quarter time but unfortunately the conditions would make it a lot tougher to get back. Nick Mav kicked our only goal in the final term as he ran down from defense. All in all, a tough day but a valuable experience for the boys playing finals footy.





# 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”**





**Location:**EE Gunn  
Reserve**Min:**

6°C

**Max:**

12°C

(felt like -1) very gusty.

**Goal Kickers:**

Andrew, Nick K (1)

**Bear of the Week:**

Harry B, Leo, Dom and Haddie

**Game Highlights:**

It was very exciting to see the U15s in the finals and the team has been playing very well with a series of wins. In keeping with the last few Bears games, the match got off to a cracker of a start with an early goal by the Bears. The game saw high pressure, contested footy in difficult conditions – gusty and cold with a very muddy centre of the field. Lots of friends and family came out to support the team, who kept up the pressure, demonstrated consistently excellent team work and fairness, and played a game we were all very proud of. Cormac was sadly out of action for this game, and Andy took a hit in the final quarter– we all wish them both a speedy recovery and look forward to the next season, when we will be even stronger! Bring on Pre- Season! Go Bears!

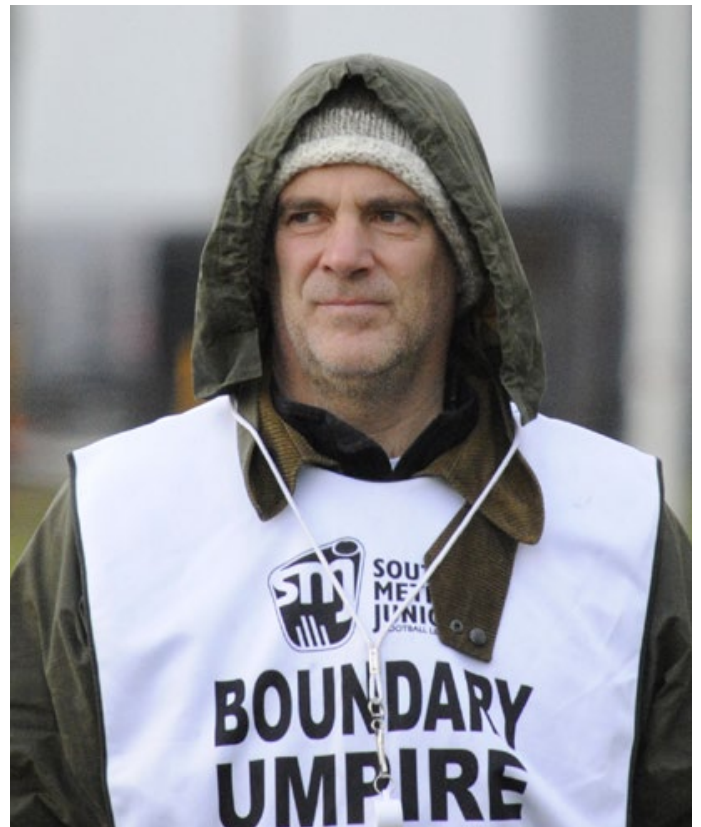




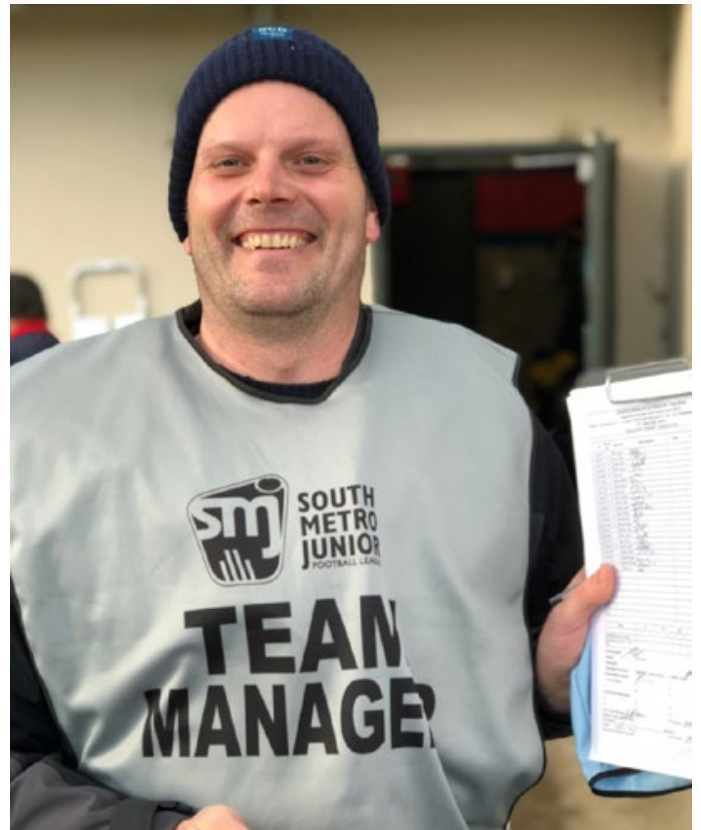




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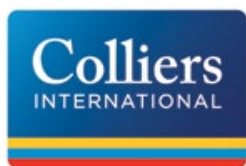


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