



# THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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# ROUND 4 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Murrumbeena	Home	Koornang Park	8.45am
U9's	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
U10 Grizzlies	East Malvern	Home	East Caulfield	8.45am
U10 Polars	Dingley	Home	Koornang Park	10.00am
U11 Grizzlies	East Malvern	Home	Koornang Park	11.15am
U11 Polars	Beaumaris	Away	Donald Mcdonald Reserve	10.30am
U11 Kodiaks	Bentleigh	Away	King George Reserve	10.15am
U12's Girls	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
U12's Mixed	Prahran	Home	Koornang Park	12.45pm
U13's	St Bedes	Away	Mentone Reserve	9.00am
U14s	Mordialloc	Home	Koornang Park	2.15pm
U15s	East Malvern	Home	East Caulfield	10am
U16s	Waverley	Home	East Caulfield	12.00pm
U17s	Ajax	Home	East Caulfield	2.00pm

## Calendar Events

MAY  
21

**Family Night:**  
4.30pm – 7.30pm

JUN  
3

**Senior Past Players and  
Supporters Luncheon**  
11.30am – 2.00pm

JUN  
4

**Sponsors Day:**  
All Day

JUN  
18

**Family Night:**  
4.30pm – 7.30pm

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

## Emergency Procedures

Some of you may have witnessed an incident that occurred at Koornang Park on Sunday morning with a man who was behaving in an erratic manner around the ground. Police were called and he was then arrested.

I want to firstly reassure you that this was not a parent or supporter of any of the teams who were playing. It was one of those unfortunate random events that could have occurred in any public place.

Secondly, the Club has detailed emergency procedures and protocols in place to deal with these sorts of situations and is one of the reasons why we always have a Ground Steward / Committee Member present throughout the entire day. These procedures were followed.

Of course each situation that presents is always different and after any such event, full reports are written and assessed by the Committee to ascertain if the situation was handled as best it could be. This has already taken place and further actions put into place.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to those parents who were at the Ground during the incident and who either assisted the police or helped to keep the children away from the drama.

*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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For the latest in social media, visit [facebook.com/CaulfieldBearsJuniors](https://facebook.com/CaulfieldBearsJuniors)

### Newsletter

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Team app is the preferred communication method for CBJFC - make sure you install and enable notifications to stay up to date with your team's news, fixtures and events

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# NOTICE BOARD

## INSIDE THE BEAR CAVE

Each week we introduce you to someone 'behind the scenes' that you may not have met before.

### Alistair Rowlands Sponsorship Coordinator

This week we introduce you to another of our new committee members, Alistair Rowlands. Alistair joined the committee this year to look after our very important sponsorship portfolio.

Within a short time Alistair has signed up multiple new sponsors ensuring the financial viability of our club. Alistair has been working hard on initiatives to ensure that there is a true partnership with those businesses and individuals who invest in our club and that they are appropriately rewarded for their contributions.

In addition to his committee role, Alistair is Assistant Coach for his son's Under 10 team and has been involved with this team for the past three years. Another great example of the calibre of volunteers at the Caulfield Bears



## Interleague

Recently interleague selections have been happening and we are delighted to announce Jenna Cassamento has been selected to play!

### A bit about Jenna:

Jenna was obsessed with football from a very young age. Her father and uncle played for the Bears — Juniors and Seniors — so playing for the club was always a goal. Jenna started Auskick as a 5 year old, and did it for 4 years. She played 'up' in the U10's in her first season. She had a couple of years off to focus on her swimming and netball, but the draw of footy won out over swimming, and she returned to play U12's last year.

Despite several tempting offers from friends to join their clubs in girls' only teams, Jenna has wanted to continue playing for the Bears, and playing mixed footy for as long as possible.

She has inspired her brother and sister to play, and has developed strong friendships with boys and girls across a number of age groups over the years.

We are all proud of her determination, dedication and development over the years. The fact that she has been selected for the U15 Girls Interleague squad as a very bottom age player is amazing!



## Senior Past Players and Supporters Luncheon

Saturday 3 June 2017 (11.30am – 2.00pm)

The Caulfield Bears Senior Club would like to extend an invitation to parents of the Junior Club to attend their Past Players and Supporters Luncheon.

Our guest speaker will be former Footscray/Western Bulldogs great Tony Liberatore.

Libba played a total of 283 games for Footscray/Western Bulldogs and is the only player in AFL/VFL history to win the Best Player awards in each of the 3 divisions of the competition.

He won the Morrish Medal in 1984 (the medal was awarded to the Best Player in the AFL/VFL U19 competition), the Gardiner Medal in 1986 & 1988 (which was awarded to the Best Player in the AFL/VFL 2nd XVIII competition) and the Brownlow Medal in 1990.

Libba played during an era in which colourful characters were aplenty and he will entertain the audience with stories of his AFL/VFL career.

**Cost:** \$50 per person (includes professionally catered meal, guest speaker & \$10 of tickets in our raffle).

Drinks at bar prices.  
All welcome (incl. wives & girlfriends)

### Bookings essential.

Please RSVP by no later than Friday 26 May 2017

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# AUSKICK

What another wonderful Saturday morning we had over the weekend. I hope everyone enjoyed the change of format. We may visit it again during the season and continue to mix things up. This format allowed us to enjoy some new and refreshing drills and activities set out by former St Kilda and Carlton player Dean Rice. For your information Dean is also a Regional Manager for AFL Victoria and over sees Auskick programs in his area. He left thinking we have a very vibrant centre, offering a great program.

Some of the exciting skills and drills included:

- Hand ball and the bear target
- Kicking for Goal from multiple angles
- Relay races trying several different skills.
- Specky back marks with Cryil Rioli skills added onto it.
- Tackle bag relays
- Number races for kicking goals
- Run the gauntlet
- Agility challenge races.

Among all these drills I continued to see smiling and enthusiastic faces taking part. All the children seemed to be having a great time and giving their best efforts in all activities. A massive thanks to all our coaches and parent helpers who made the activities work so well. The coaches certainly looked exhausted by the end of the session.

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## Boots Squad

Our 'Boot Squad' group had another great turnout, with lots of great skills on display. We saw lots of parents staying to see what skills the kids were honing this week with a few comments talking up the significant short term improvement already being shown.

This group went through the Dynamic warm up with drills to improve reaction time. They re-visited the theory of kicking technique and again applied these, with drills to improve automatic recall. Then onto handball technique, doing handball snake and other drills, finishing off with a 4 goal game and footy island.

All participants also received their program giveaway – a drink bottle with the 'Boot Squad' logo on it! All very well received! Looking forward to Week 3.

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## Next Week

So my message for this week is to keep practicing your kicking and hand ball. Those skills will come into real importance this coming week. The children have a big game to play in our traditional Auskickers vs Mums game as part of the Mothers Day weekend. So mums, please don't go employing any dirty tricks in the lead up to this big game. And Auskickers, make sure you practice your Cryil skills, so you can trick mum on the weekend.

We also have Specky Events hosting for the morning so get ready to see the kids having some awesome fun on these inflatables before these very competitive matches at the end.

Our BBQ is being run by Zagames, one of our junior clubs major sponsors, we will have our annual raffle draw for some very lucky prize winners, as well as other activities!

So be prepared to stick around a little longer this week.

*Have a great week everyone and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces this weekend.*



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

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# MATCH REPORT

## U8's

Caulfield Bears vs. St Peter's

### Location:

Centenary Park Oval



### Min:

7°C

### Max:

14°C

Sunny, crisp, and breezy conditions, interrupted by a brief shower

### Game Highlights:

Intense pressure from the St Peter's forwards saw two early goals in the first quarter, which were doubled later in the same quarter. The Bears' backs scrambled for position but were outclassed early on. A strong mark by Luca in the midfield was a first quarter Bears highlight.

The Bears' back line in the second quarter had many attempts at clearing out the pressure from the St Peter's forward line. Josh and Luca had some excellent periods of marking and holding possession in the midfield and just inside fifty.

Once again the Bears generously loaned out two of their players to an undermanned opposition.

The third quarter saw some strong defence by the Bears with increased one-on-one pressure. Alex was outstanding in fullback. Angus played strongly in full back in the final quarter and held St Peter's to only one goal. Cara had a strong influence in the midfield, but in the end it was not the day for the Bears.

### Bear of the Week:

Luca and Harry



**Editors Note:** As per SMJFL By-Law 23.10, a mercy rule applies to the publication of all scores in U11-U13 matches. No team shall have a winning margin greater than 60 points.

**Location:**  
Wattie  
Watson Oval



**Min:** 7°C  
**Max:** 12°C  
Occasional drizzle and an Arctic wind off the bay

**Bear of the Week:**

Defender: Caspar  
Midfielder: Christian  
Forward: Luke  
Most Courageous: Will

**Game Highlights:**

Samuel led a determined team out onto the ground. The wind was freezing, and against us in the first, but the team was heating up. Neither team gave an inch in the centre, but a free to Nicholas finally sent the ball down our end, with an opening goal from Ryan. Shortly thereafter Lucas converted from a fantastic mark, resulting from a great passage of play from Jack Conrad, Ryan, and Samuel.

In the second, the Bears continued with their great marking, ferocious tackling and courage in chasing down the ball. The ball spent the quarter in our forward line, with Lucas and Jack Conrad rewarding our hard work with a four goal term.

Injuries were keeping Jodie very busy, but the team soldiered on with her help, keeping the momentum with us in the third. Luke, Raph and Max and the others were combining well allowing Martin and Christian to score.

The sun started to shine in the fourth, and the Bears continued to. With Raph and Christian kicking majors, Jack Curwood inspiring with a sensational one handed mark, the Bears closed out a very satisfying trip to the beach with a rousing rendition of the team song.

# U10 Polars

**Location:**  
Centenary  
Park



**Min:** 7°C  
**Max:** 14°C  
Fine, with a 19km/hr wsw wind

**Bear of the Week:**

Ethan Rayner and Jaikiah Honner

**Coaches Award:**

Mack O'Keeffe

**Game Highlights:**

Captains for the day were Jed and James.

Playing on a full ground St Peters came out of the blocks very quickly, with 4 kicks, 3 marks and a goal and the Bears knew they needed to switch on in a hurry.

With a game played mostly in opposition territory there was plenty of work to do for the mid-fielders and backline.

In the backline, Dom continued his great form from last week, Jakob took some strong intercept marks while Ethan was reliable as always sweeping up any loose balls that came over the back. In the center, Oliver took strong marks and got plenty of the ball as did Jaikiah and Jed. But it was Mack in his first game back, giving it a fair old crack who racked up a stack of possessions. Unfortunately, all the forwards could do was enjoy the late autumn sunshine.

After quarter time the Bears were much more competitive with Daniel tackling as ferociously as always, James and Ben fighting hard in the ruck and Charlie, Luca, Jackson and Tom trying to make the most of the limited opportunities they got up forward. As a team the Bears got numbers to the ball, chased hard and tackled tenaciously, just as Dale had asked at quarter time. But it was a tough day at the office, and next week we have a chance to show just how tough these Bears are.



**Location:**  
King George Reserve



**Min:** 7°C  
**Max:** 10°C

Chilly and sunny with light drizzle later

### Bear of the Week:

Buck Bear Awards

1. Otis who marshalled the troops as usual in the backline and held the ball.
2. Jacques who played a sensational game for the first half who goes in hard and gets in the pack. He gave us a scare but thankfully all ok and watched the final qtr. He went in hard and gets in the pack.

### Footy Cards Award:

Chris 1st goal kicked who joined this year

### Coaches Award:

Rory for playing a sensational game of Junior football.

### Game Captains:

Bailey and William

### Game Highlights:

Sensational game for the Bears today with some great performances by all. Wind chill factor was minus something today. The Coach said: "you played the way we have been training". The teamwork was amazing with the most amount of handballing in any game to date this season. The Bears played as a team, were not selfish and passed the ball to other team member with better positions even though they could've scored themselves, they chose to handball. Well done to all the 18 Grizzlies.

Rory kicked goals, marked and handballed a few today. Good tackling throughout the whole game by all players.

Special mention By Coach:

- Maxi Bremner and Tommy Walsh, fantastic work.
- Chris great 1st goal, who is the newest member of the Bears, well done.
- Joel who came in to the half forward in the last qtr, fantastic.

Great work to the one percenters Patty, William, Bailey who do great work week in week out.

Otis very strong on the backline who stands up, stops the ball and to all players who played on the Full Back and defended well.

To the full forward players well done also for kicking those goals. Centre Half Back, Centre Half forward and Rucks.

Everyone worked hard, played as a Team, handballed tremendously. A pat on the back to you all, as under 10 year olds you played unselfishly for the good of the team to achieve results.



# U11 Grizzlies

Port Melbourne Colts (53) def. Caulfield Bears (18)

## Location:

Murphy Reserve



## Min:

7°C

## Max:

14°C

Windy and overcast morning with wet grass

## Goal Kickers:

Oliver Talika, Jake Gurrie and Jarvis Dart (3)

## Bear of the Week:

Sebastian Poole, Jack Joyce

## Best on Ground:

Cameron Green



## Game Highlights:

The boys had trained hard this week and were ready for a big game. It was a blustery morning with the sun shining in the eyes of our team pushing for the goals. The team were driving the ball forward and passing effectively. In the 5th minute Oli T had a right foot snap and the ball flew through the large uprights – THE FIRST GOAL for the year! There were hearty congratulations from his teammates. The defence was solid, good tackling from Jeremy and Tom helped to keep them to 1 behind. The second qtr was very tight with the opposition lifting.

The boys were having trouble with the sun but were still driving the ball forward. A fantastic GOAL by Jake and strong running by Sebastian were the highlights. At the main break Coach Matt wanted all the boys to be “Switched On – and focus on getting the ball”. The 3rd qtr was tough. Strong marks from Hudson and Jake with long kicking from Sebastian helped the team. Christian was hunting the ball and tackling effectively. The highlight was Jarvis putting one through the large sticks for a GOAL. The boys lifted for the final qtr – the chasing, tackling and marking helped slow down the scoring. We were moving the ball forward but kept being intercepted on our kicks. Players to mention were Jeremy and Christian.

A solid effort by all and good to get the first points on the board.

# U11 Kodiaks

Cheltenham JFC Black 7.8 (50) def. Caulfield Bears 5.10 (40)

## Location:

Koornang Park



7°C

14°C

Light Showers

## Goal Kickers:

Finn (2), Mohan and Ash (1)

## Best on Ground:

Mohan, Harvey, Tom, Rocco, Viv

## Game Highlights:

The boys got off to a flyer & their pressure & attack around the ball was amazing. Cheltenham couldn't get the ball past halfway, which resulted in many shots at goal from our boys with one going through to Mohan. The tackling by all on the ground was amazing & the only time it went into Cheltenham's forward line for the quarter, Ash & Leo stood tall & rebounded it back our way.

In the second it started off with more of the same. Jacob, Ged, Lucas and Harvey laid some great tackles and our fill-in player from the opposition snapped a great goal for us.

The ball was moving fast from end to end, with a great run from Mohan, but they managed to get a couple of goals on the board to only one from us for the quarter, so scores were tight at half time and we were in for a great second half.

In the third quarter the boys looked like they were up for the fight with some great efforts locking the ball down our end for a large part of the quarter. One of the highlights was Finn's great run from the midfield and a kick for goal from 40m that sailed through. He also took a great mark not long after & kicked his second for the quarter, giving us a handy 3 goal lead at the last break

The last quarter saw Ash kick a great goal early on, but from then on it was all Cheltenham, with their pressure and intensity overwhelming. Our defence was getting smashed and we just couldn't get it past half way, resulting in five goals to them in the quarter to our one. It was a great effort for most of the game by all the boys but unfortunately we went down by 10 points.

**Location:**  
Koornang Park



**Min:** 7°C  
**Max:** 14°C  
Cold and wet conditions

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**Goal Kickers:**

Lachy T, Amelie, Luke and Marcus B (1)

**Best on Ground:**

Marcus B

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Apologies. The goal kickers from last week were printed incorrectly and should have been:

Quinn Cooper (4), Marcus Brittain (2), Jono Lopes, Tom Gordon, Michael Liolios and Lachy Thurlow (1)

**Game Highlights:**

Captains: Marcus Brittain, Amelie O'Meara

Coach Rowan set the agenda for the team, with 3 key themes – get down and dirty, hunt in numbers and what's their number. The team started well in difficult conditions with the bears getting the first goal with a great piece of play from Quinn to Marcus B and then from Luke to a good mark by Lachy T and goal. The rest of the quarter was tough and tight with the team locking the ball in our forward half. Highett managed a couple of goals to give them a one goal lead at quarter time.

Second quarter saw Highett jump out of the blocks with 2 goals for the quarter. James T was great in ruck, but our defence was under a lot of pressure from the Highett attack. The Bears broke through with a fantastic goal from Amelie from the forward pocket. After a tough second quarter the Bears were down 2 goals to 4.

Bears put in a fantastic 3rd quarter with Marcus B playing the game of his life! The team got 2 goals from Luke and Marcus B. Michael took on a David and Goliath role laying great tackles on much bigger opponents. Great result with good team play for the Bears to be up by 2 points at the final break.

Fourth quarter was tough and tight with the Bears missing a couple of shots from goal and Highett making the best from their opportunities. Great game by the Bears to miss out on the win by 2 goals.

# U12 Girls

St Kilda City 8.2 (50) def. Caulfield Bears 1.5 (11)

## Location:

Wattie  
Watson Oval



## Min:

7°C

## Max:

12°C

Few showers and an on shore breeze

## Goal Kickers:

Violet Dunn (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Charlotte Brewer, Mariyama Diamanka and  
Natasha Margerison



## Game Highlights:

With a sense of community and committing to each other's success inspired to some heart-warming words by Gilbert and Donno, the girls ran out in the pressing rain and sea gusts looking to continue their early success.

From the outset it was clear this was going to be a gruelling challenge against the elements and an opposition who was going to challenge with skill, speed and determination.

The first quarter proved defining as the girls set about winning the ball on the wet ground with tackling pressure that would impress the most avid Aussie rules fan, led by Jemima, Delilah and Jasmine.

With quick ball movement on the ground coming through Sophie and Charlotte as the wind proved a real challenge the girls managed to reduce St Kilda's constant push towards goal.

The first half it was a goal each and set up an exciting second half with the girl's pressure, tackling and team work season defining with many bumps and bruises not curbing their enthusiasm and commitment.

Despite some respite into blankets, tasty oranges and a little sugar at half time the second half offered even more challenge as the St Kilda girls found the ball and goals more, yet the Bears dug in and kept them honest in all contests.

With so many positives coming out of the day, with team work, effort and constant pressure being the cornerstone of an ever growing group, the scoreboard did not showcase the many personal bests achieved, with Natasha showing the way with a career best effort getting involved in everything she could.

Looking ahead with a chance to rest and spend some quality time with our mum's and family in the week off, the girls have some great experiences to build on and continue their amazing journey for the rest of the season...Go Bears!

Big shout out to all the volunteers, coaches and supporters for the day and have a fabulous Mother's Day ahead and look forward to seeing you all at training on Tuesday May 16th.

# U12 Mixed

Caulfield Bears 5.5 (35) drew. Mordialloc Braeside 5.5 (35)

## Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

7°C

Light Showers

Max:

14°C

## Game Highlights:

In slippery conditions on a cold and windy Melbourne day, the Bears played magnificent football against skilful opposition and were unlucky not to come away with the points. It was an arm wrestle from the start, worthy of a grand final, and will be remembered as the day when this group became a team.

This was a classic team effort, with strong contributions seen across the ground. The defence played superbly and forward pressure was first class, with the midfield supplying plenty of sharp opportunities throughout the game.

Harry "the General" Nelson was in command down back, making it tough for Mordy to get a look at the sticks. Charlie Besnard's beautiful snap goal in the 2nd lit up the canteen and Teddy Friend played great 'in and under footy' against some tough opponents. Two goals (one from what must have been 65 metres out) and some excellent aerial work from Ryan Farrar saw him pick up a Bear of the week award, along with Ezra Bloch who marked and goaled in the early stages of the last quarter to put the Bears in front.

The Bears had the ball locked into their forward 50 for most of the last 3 minutes and the crowd were on their feet. The boys had some chances but Mordy defended well and eventually ran the ball out, but got no further than the wing before the siren called an end to a cracking game of footy.

## Goal Kickers:

Ryan Farrar (2), Ezra Bloch, Charlie Besnard, Jackson Cauchi (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Ezra Bloch, Will Freeman, Hayden Cormick, Harry Avery, Liam Moonen, Jackson Cauchi, Ben Webb

# U13's

Caulfield Bears (67) def. Oakleigh (7)

## Location:

Scammell Reserve



Min:

7°C

Showers

Max:

14°C

Jake Bird (Birdman) lead the team out, winning the toss we elected to kick to golf course end with slight rain falling, we moved ball forward quickly.

With Andrew playing forward we quickly had a goal on the board with the ball coming straight of centre bounce. With strong ruck work and extra strong defence we ended the quarter with 3 goals with Andrew with 2 and Angus 1, great quarter with Griffen in and under the packs get the ball flowing forward.

Q2/ With the ball locked in forward line we had plenty of shots, but we could only slot 1 great goal kicked by Lucas.

Rob was happy with endeavour and locking ball in forward line, great quarter to Tom and Jenna.

Rob's 1/2 time was to focus on our game. Q3 With slight rain falling in third the team hit it straps and soon it was also raining goals with Nick 2 and 1 each to Luca, Ben King (37), Angus and Andrew

Q4/With a few more changes, we kept the ball in forward line and also the wall set up we kicked 2 goals 1 each to Aiden and Miro.

Rob was pleased with result with 3 good wins under our belt.

## Goal Kickers:

Andrew (3), Nick and Angus (2), Lucas, Luca, B. King, Aiden, Miro (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Griffen and Tom

## Best on Ground:

Evan

## Game Highlights:

The team headed to Oakleigh at W.A.Scammell Reserve the sun was shining but the clouds were building.

Rob's pre game address was similar to last week, which was players would be out of their comfort zone playing in different positions. The main message Get Involved and Ball movement.

Milestones Ben and Jack Kings 50 games.

# U14's

Caulfield Bears 7.16 (58) def. Ormond JFC 5.6 (36)

**Location:**  
E.E. Gunning  
Reserve



**Min:**  
**7°C**

**Max:**  
**12°C**

Fine with showers

## Goal Kickers:

Boopa and Nick (2), Andrew, Harry P and Cormac, (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Morgan, Spencer and Nick

## Game Highlights:

Will and Cameron captained a great game where hard work and terrific performance was rewarded with a win. A fantastic beginning with Boopa being welcomed back to The Bears with his first kick resulting in a goal in the first few minutes. Some great work in defence and an energetic centre forward made sure Ormond couldn't get more than the one goal to our three in the first quarter.

Great to hear the boys supporting each other on the field, and as the game progressed some great shepherding kept the ball moving. Play focused down the east side of the field in the third quarter and the boys in defence managed to block most of Ormond's goal opportunities. The final quarter saw hard work in the middle field which made sure the bears kept their lead. A bit slippery with some light rain starting didn't slow the boys down. A great mark from Morgan led to a fantastic goal from Harry P, and Nick managed a massive goal from the outside the 50. Another great contribution to the team from the club's U13's — this time from Jack. A great game that shows the U14 Bears don't hibernate in winter!



**Location:**  
Hurlingham  
Park



**Min:**  
**7°C**

**Max:**  
**14°C**

Fine with showers

### Goal Kickers:

Harro (1)



### Game Highlights:

East Brighton had won their first 2 games by a combined 190 points, so travelling to the ground the suspicion was that we were to play against a very good team, and this was soon to be proven correct.

It was Nicks 100th game, and the team started the first term quite well, Harro kicked our first ( and only) goal, and we went into the ¼ time huddle only 14 points down and had plenty of the footy. The defence held up well, the midfield were running hard to provide options and the key forwards were presenting well.

The final 3 quarters were just a procession of forward attacks by East Brighton, we barely managed to get the ball in our half of the ground. We were given a real lesson in how to run and defend behind the ball. Our defence actually stood up manfully under permanent pressure, but every time they got the ball to the wings, there were East Brighton players outnumbering Bears often 2 to 1, and the ball was quickly returned to our defence.

East Brighton are a very good team, but the boys need to learn a lesson from the game. There's no shame in the opposition being better than you, but the heads of too many Bears players dropped too quickly and stopped doing the fundamentals of football that have been instilled in them over the years, there were instances of no one manning the mark, not chasing hard enough and not working hard enough to make an option for their teammates when coming out of defence.

There were positives in the game, Woodsy was outstanding, and continues to lead by example, and as our New Zealand Golden Boot winner observed from the boundary line, our goal kicking accuracy was at 50%, as good as the opposition!!!!

The good thing about the home and away rounds is there's always next week, so keep working hard at training and try your hardest on match day and the results will come your way.

## Location:

Jack Barker  
Oval



Min:

7°C

Fine with showers

Max:

14°C

## Goal Kickers:

Tim and Fletcher (2), Umesh and Thomas (1)

## Best on Ground:

Huddo: He'll never live down "The Waterboy Incident" but at least he came up with the answer to it this week and played out of his skin. Kudos also for not letting something like a pesky broken bone keep him off the field.

Harry S.: Harry picks up his second award for the season and I have a feeling deep in my waters that it will not be his last. Playing with the old 'ring-a-ding-ding' out on the wing and proving to be effective in both attack and defence.

Emin: "The human wrecking ball". Smashes through the midfield through sheer superhuman effort. Supposedly Clark Kent has a Emin poster up on his bedroom wall.



## Game Highlights:

Well, a bit of a wakeup call for the lads this week. Up against a team that has a plethora of set plays, lots of talking on the field and a very impressive use of handball, there was some good insight into what is required for a good finals showing this year.

As The Coach said, it is Round 3 and there is still a lot of the season to go and the team certainly walked off the field with a look of grim determination to never let this happen again. As always after a loss, it's worth looking at the many positives that came out of the game:

Defence: Didn't get any joy in the awards but for my money, the defenders did a cracking job on Sunday. Beamaris applied incredible pressure during the game and the number of behinds they posted were not due to inaccuracy but rather the unrelenting efforts of the defenders. Special call out to Harrison who is just getting better and better every week.

Second attempts: Is there anything as inspiring as a player who just refuses to conceive he can't get the ball. There were a number of players who just refused to give up and went for second and third attempts. Some were successful, some were not — doesn't matter. Great to see the effort.

Back to the Future: One play I very much like is when Shamus is under pressure, he handballs forward and then uses his speed to run on to the ball and pick it up again — basically handballing to himself in the future.

Keeping Positive: I was very encouraged to hear the constant encouragement being called out on the field, even when things get tough. Easy to throw out compliments when you're winning but the hear them when you're under the gun was great.

Bright Additions: You'd have to say that recruiters have done well in the draft this year. Thomas Robb and Fletcher have been shining stars so far and really added to the diversity of the team, with the ability to mix up the ruck and talls up forward. Thomas' goal was a beaut!

Improving skills: The amount of pre-season has made a big difference this year and this is especially in the case of Umesh and Harry Macleod-Smith. Both of this gents have been rewarded with goals and it is their improved skills that are getting them there.

**Location:**

Banksia Reserve



**Min:**

7°C

Fine

**Max:**

14°C

**Game Highlights:**

Round 3 sees our return to Banksia reserve with fine weather. After last week's loss we will see if any lessons have been learned. This will be a good test as Beaumaris are top of the table with a couple of 100 point thrashings on their CV's

Beaumaris are quick off the mark and have 2 goals within 5min kicking with a favourable breeze. We are competitive with our fair share of the ball, but our wayward kicking hurts with turnovers.

30 points in areas at Quarter time and the signs are a bit ominous. We lose Mazzeo to a shoulder and Jordy due to concussion concerns. The backs are playing very loose with little accountability for their individual opponents. The 2nd & 3rd quarters were blow outs with Beaumaris kicking 14 goals clear and closing down any forward thrusts with hard defence. Coach calls for a better effort to end out the last quarter. Some better individual efforts as the tempo drops from all due the game out of our reach.

We still as a whole are lacking match awareness allowing easy disposals and lack of single match ups.

A good last quarter, and we actually outscore the opposition by 3 goals to 1.

**Goal Kickers:**

Jacob (2), Jessie (2), Daniel

**Bear of the Week:**

Myles, Daniel



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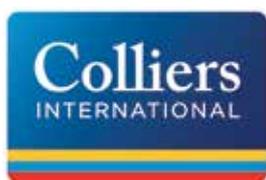


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