



THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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ROUND 6 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Ormond	Away	Glen Huntly Park	10.15am
U9's	East Brighton	Away	Hurlingham Park	11.05am
U10 Grizzlies	Beaumaris FC	Away	Donald McDonald Reserve	9.00am
U10 Polars	Mordialloc Braeside	Away	Walter Galt Reserve	1.45pm
U11 Grizzlies	East Brighton	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	9.00am
U11 Polars	Ashwood	Away	Essex Heights Reserve	12.30pm
U11 Kodiaks	St Kilda City	Away	Wattie Watson Oval	9.00am
U12's Girls	Dingley Dingoes	Home	East Caulfield	10.30am
U12's Mixed	St Kilda City	Home	Koornang Park	9.00am
U13's	Dingley Dingoes	Home	Koornang Park	10.30am
U14s	East Sandringham	Away	Peterson Reserve	10.00am
U15s	St Kilda City	Home	Koornang Park	12.00pm
U16s	South Melbourne	Away	Albert Park	1.45pm
U17s	East Sandringham	Home	Koornang Park	2.00pm

Calender Events

JUN
3

Senior Past Players and Supporters Luncheon
11.30am – 2.00pm

JUN
18

Family Night:
4.30pm – 7.30pm

TBC
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Sponsors Day:
All Day

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

One of our key objectives at the Club is to create an environment for every player to play to the best of their ability. One of the ways we achieve this goal is through our coaching.

Our coaches have all been accredited with the AFL, have a working with children check and are signatories to both the AFL Coaches Code of Conduct and our own internal codes of conduct. They dedicate enormous amounts of time (voluntarily) to ensuring that all players gain the most from their time at the Bears and whilst every coach wants a competitive team, the ultimate goal is to see improvement from each player as the season progresses.

This progress will look different depending on the age, skill level and playing experience of each child. In any given team, coaches will be managing players with a variety of skills and experience and working their hardest to ensure that training and game day plans suit each individual.

Please support your child's coach in their endeavours. If you have an issue or query, feel free to chat with them and bring your concerns to their attention. By working together, we can create the best outcomes for our players.

Louise Nelson

President



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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.

Silvana Kerin Auskick Liaison

This week we would like to introduce you to our Auskick Liaison Committee Member, Silvana Kerin.

Silvana takes care of all the administration required to run our busy and vibrant Auskick Centre. Silvana ensures the smooth running of Auskick every Saturday morning and is the point of contact between Auskick and junior football as the two are overseen by separate organisations (AFL Victoria and the SMJFL). This is a vital role within our Club as a successful Auskick is crucial to the recruitment of our junior players. More than 95% of our U8 and U9 players came through Auskick.

In addition to overseeing our Auskick program, Silvana is also the Team Manager for the Under 9 team where her son Grady plays.



Bear of the Month

Senior Bear of the Month Peter Bremner

Peter was awarded the Bear of the Month for the countless hours he has put in to get our second ground at East Caulfield operational. This has involved replicating all of the canteen operations (buying new equipment, recruiting for a canteen manager and manning the canteen) as well as the football side (acquiring extra goal post pads, a scoreboard, time keeper clock etc).

In addition to all of this, last week, Peter stood up to the call of duty and when our Cleaners were unable to get to the Club, he took over, vacuuming and cleaning toilets like a trooper, certainly not the most popular of jobs to be done!!



Junior Bear of the Month Giselle Hennequin

Giselle was awarded the Bear of the Month for volunteering at Auskick over the past few weeks. Giselle has helped out with younger groups and displays great leadership qualities. She has given her time is patient with instructions and is a genuine positive role model for young girls experiencing football for the first time.

In addition to Auskick, Giselle has been instrumental in recruiting team mates to her own U12 Girls team and generally promoting girls football. Well done Giselle.



AUSKICK

Another fantastic day at Auskick on Saturday. Beautiful weather to grace us and great conditions to improve our footy skills. The grid games looked fantastic walking around. There has definitely been an improvement in players staying on their feet when picking up the ball. I'm also witnessing generous passing and kicks to team mates which is pleasing to see.

A big thanks to all our wonderful coaches who have given their best to make the sessions fun and engaging.

Remember its even better if you practice your skills during the week. Whether it be bouncing the ball, kicking the ball up to yourself to catch, kicking to a parent or even handballing into a fence. Remember the coaching cues your coaches tell you.



Auskick — Interleague Girls Day

The Southern Metro Junior Football League and AFL Victoria who oversee Auskick have a special event for girls coming up. It's the Interleague Girls Day over the Queens Birthday Long Weekend – Saturday June 10. Interleague is representative program and the opportunity is offered to any Auskick female participant to attend, play a grid game and meet the players. Last year was a big success and they wish to make this an annual event. More details will come shortly but lock this is your diary if you are interested.

Womens Only Level O Coaches Course

AFL Victoria's very own & Carlton AFLW Captain Lauren Arnell is conducting a Level O Coaches Course for Women on Monday May 29. Contact me if you are interested and I'll send you the flyer.

Don't forget to buy items from our BBQ and drinks from our Auskick stand each week. All proceeds to go into our Auskick program.

For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, Please contact:

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MATCH REPORT

U8's

Caulfield Bears vs. East Brighton

Location:
Hurlingham
Park



Min: 11°C **Max:** 17°C
Cloudy, with brief periods
of sunshine

Bear of the Week:

Alex Gerges, Charlie Dimogotsi



Game Highlights:

Strong pressure as the Bears consolidated their skills in one-on-one game play. Vampires scored an early goal, but increased concentration and ball movement ensured that the ball didn't get back to the Vampires' forward line until the final minute where Angus thwarted an almost certain second goal.

Some excellent marking in full back by Alex made certain that the backs shared the ball around. They tried to feed it to the midfield regularly only to be intercepted by the Vampires.

Early scoring conversions by the Vampires in the third term was matched by Harry's fantastic open goal run. But the Vampires' forwards were too good for the Bears defensive line. In the final two minutes the Bears' forwards tried valiantly to make the most of their ball possession with a minor score.

The fourth quarter saw a return to skills seen in the first with improved one-on-one play and some solid marking by Archie, Charlie B and William. Archie had some great attempts at goal with a minor score. No bench and one short on the field this week, Bears showed significant improvement in all areas of the game development.

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.

U9's

Caulfield Bears vs. Oakleigh Dragons

Location:
Koornang Park



Min: 11°C **Max:** 17°C
Lightly overcast with a cool northerly wind at 5 knots

Bear of the Week:

Martin Kennedy, Jack Conrad, Grady Kerin



Game Highlights:

1st Qtr, The boys started the first quarter kicking into the wind. The competition looked good and looked determined to serve it up to the Bears. Try as they might it wasn't long before Cooper Acklom slotted one through the uprights. Our defence was strong and our tackling and kicking was good.

2nd Qtr, The Bears had the wind behind them in the second quarter. The Oakleigh boys were putting up a good fight and weren't ready to roll over. Frankie took a good mark in the centre and followed it up with a deep kick into the hot spot. Grady Kerin defended well in our goal square to prevent a goal late in the quarter. Lucas Kennedy was kicking well and Max Cahill had a big quarter also.

3rd Qtr, Kicking against the wind, the Bears steeped it up a notch and had the ball in the oppositions half for most of the quarter. Christian Howard took a good mark as did Jack Curwood. Poor Grady got a stud to his face courtesy of one of the other players. Luke Mahimarajan also took a great mark in the quarter.

4th Qtr, Christian Howard sent a kick deep down to the Jack Conrad in the forwards who took a good mark. Unfortunately we failed to capitalize. William Robinson took a good mark also in the quarter as did Lucas Kennedy and followed that up with another later in the quarter.

Both sides played well and put on a good display.

Well done Bears.

U10 Grizzlies

Caulfield Bears vs. South Melbourne

Location:
Koornang Park



Min: 11°C **Max:** 17°C
Sunny Autumn Day

Bear of the Week:

William, Bailey, Royce, Jacques, Noah



Game Highlights:

The Under 10's were met with a sizeable boisterous South Melbourne team this sunny Sunday morning with The Bears taking a little while to adapt to the boys from the opposition. However in the second half they were on. Contesting the ball and some great tackling from our relentless Paddy, never letting an opponent get away! Fantastic goals from Otis, Paddy and Noah. The competition was tough but The Bears kept on with the ball moving between the centre for most of the game trying to keep it away from South Melbourne's goals square. Our stand-in Under 9's Zac, Grady and Nicholas did an amazing job. All of the boys put in an amazing effort, Max, Charles, Bailey, Jacques, Rory, Tom and William in the centre, with special mentions from Shane...

"Rory's busting his chops in the middle!"

"Noah ran his guts out!"

Location:
Paker Park



Min: 11°C
Max: 17°C
Partly sunny

Coaches Award:

Jakob, Claudia and Luca

Game Highlights:

The Bears got out of the blocks like Usain Bolt and immediately put their opposition under pressure, led by Jakob, Luca and Claudia in the ruck division. Jaikiah kicked accurately for the first goal, followed by strong mark and goal to Ollie, before Dominator dispossessed an opponent and pinpointed Charlie who calmly slotted another sausage roll. Phoenix ran strongly and was great around the ground, along with Daniel who roamed the centre line picking up possessions at will. Jaikiah seemed to have brought his own Sherrin, and soon kicked his second goal.

The second quarter was much tougher, with Bentleigh kicking with the wind this time and the Bears' backline was tested. Mack stood strong at centre-half-back, and Tom read the ball well with multiple intercept marks from the boot of the opposition. James held his ground well in defence, and Jackson kept his opponent in check. Jed was fearless with his tackling despite coming back from a hand injury, and Jakob was outstanding both in the ruck and around the ground – continually finding the ball and launching it inside 50. Isaiah stood tall at full-back, pin-pointing teammates with his kick-outs. We thought we had Joel Selwood out there with Luca tackling so fiercely, and Ethan was as tough as nails in the centre with a brilliant intercept and handball forward.

The Bears had the wind again in the third term, and obliged by keeping the ball in their forward line, led by Romy's strength over the ball and Ben who plucked the ball from traffic and kicked inside 50. Matthew played a vital role up forward, his tackling leading directly to a second goal for Ollie who was Carey-like at centre-half-forward. Jaikiah then intercepted and kicked forward to Ollie for his third for the day. He was on fire! Substitute Martin got in on the act with a fabulous goal from broken play – welcome to the Polars!

Daniel had leather poisoning by the final quarter, with his run in the centre creating plenty of forward entries for the Bears, but the opposition were piling on the pressure and scored multiple goals with the wind behind them. Mack saved a goal with a smother, Dom kicked strongly, and Tom intercepted again. Great game Bears!



U11 Grizzlies

Hampton Rovers (67) def. Caulfield Bears (7)

Location:

Castlefield Reserve



Min:

11°C

Mild

Max:

17°C

Goal Kickers:

Oliver Jackson (1)

Bear of the Week:

Jeremy Dalton, Jake Gurrie, Cameron Green

Game Highlights:

Hampton started the game with a greater desire for the ball and won the majority of 50:50 contests through their hardness at the ball. Play remained locked in their forward half for the majority of the first quarter and it was only strong pressure from Hugo, Oli C and Cam that prevented the goals from piling up too dramatically. Lenny made a welcome return to the team and made an immediate impact with his pace. Paddy meanwhile battled manfully in the ruck and took a strong mark, while Jeremy did a great defensive job on the biggest player on the ground.

We made a greater fist of things in the second quarter, getting the ball to our forward line early. We were able to record our first score, albeit a minor. Our pressure and tackling intensity increased, with Kristian halting the dominance of arguably their best player. Jake continued to be creative around the ground, and it became a more even contest.

After the half time break, where the coach reiterated the importance of maintaining pressure and focus, the Bears were rewarded with their first goal, as Hudson unselfishly speared a pinpoint pass to Oli J who was able to slot it confidently through the sticks. Henry personified the Bears' fighting spirit as he tackled one of Hampton's leviathans to the ground. The fourth quarter the Bears continue to work hard, personified by Oli T taking over ruck duties from an unwell Paddy. Early in the quarter, his namesake Oli J received a nicely weighted pass from Seb only to see his attempt at goal just fall short.

While Hampton were the stronger team on the day, it was pleasing to see the boys improve on previous weeks to play their best game for the season.

U11 Kodiaks

Caulfield Bears (67) def. Cheltenham (7)

Location:

Le Page Park



Min:

11°C

Partly sunny

Max:

17°C

Goal Kickers:

Kobie (2), Ben, Mohan, Leo, Ged, Max, Tom W, Finn and Tom A (1)

Bear of the Week:

Ben, Tom A, Ged and Tom W

Game Highlights:

The boys got off to a good start on this beautiful sunny Sunday; with Ash and Finn showing great defence and good manning up, Cheltenham struggled to get the ball past halfway. This resulted in many shots at goal from our boys with one going through by Ben. In the second quarter our boys showed amazing tackling and some great attack in the forward line. Ash's battling and Lucas' great shepherding created some wonderful opportunities for the team, resulting in goals by Tom, Max and Finn. Great work by Ben in the centre, keeping the ball on our half. In the third quarter the boys continued to fight hard and kept a tight defence, with Jed marking to save a goal and Mohan saving several close ones. Good pressure from all the boys moving the ball forward resulted in a fantastic goal by Leo. The last quarter saw Mohan, Kobie and Ben kick great goals early on. All the boys handled the pressure and intensity of the last minutes, resulting in an outstanding win for the Bears.

Location:
Koornang Park



Goal Kickers:

Quinn (2), Michael and Elliot (1)

Bear of the Week:

Elliot, Rory and Matty

FIT Award:

Michael

Best on Ground:

Jack

Game Highlights:

A good first quarter (into a strong breeze) against AJAX was going to be important for the Polars this week. The team started well with Jack repelling attacks across half back and Matty running the (straight) lines. Rory was sure with his handling and spoiled well. Luke had a couple of strong runs through the middle. It was a goal each at the end of the first quarter.

The Polars had most of the play in their forward line in the second quarter. James Thomas clunked a couple of ripping marks. Michael was looking very dangerous up forward, scoring a goal and nearly a second. James Gearon got himself into good goal scoring positions. Jack continued his great game in and under. Rory tackled and spoiled well across half back. It was 2 goals to 1 at half time, and still anyone's game.

The Polars came out strongly in the third quarter - against the breeze, having most of the early play. Quinn, Jono and Matty were getting a lot of the ball across the middle, creating opportunities and sending it forward. Michael and his protégé Jack continued to create opportunities by winning the ball and streaming away from packs. Elliot roved a contest beautifully and kicked a terrific goal. Joel had a great second effort play and Marcus P attacked the ball well across half back. Luke, Joel and James Godfrey won the ball (being first in) at important times during the quarter.

In the final quarter James Thomas and Luke took strong marks, and followed up with a couple of second and third efforts. Marcus B repelled an attack with a strong mark and he provided sure skills at important times across the backline. Rory continued in and under. A 35 metre goal from Quinn (his second), who had a number of great runs, long kicks and creative plays through-out the day, sealed the win.

Well done to the Polars for a solid effort all round.



Location:
Koornang Park



Min:

11°C

Sunny

Max:

17°C

Goal Kickers:

Violet (2), Jas, Gisele, Maggie (1)

Bear of the Week:

Alannah, Violet, Leona

Game Highlights:

Glorious conditions welcomed the team to Koornang Park. Alannah set the tone for the day going in hard at the first centre clearance. Jas showed her exceptional turn of pace to run clear and kicked the first score of the day being a behind. The forwards did a great job keeping the ball locked in to our forward line, leading to Sophie forcing the ball out of a pack to Violet who kicked the first goal of the game. Brighton Beach responded by quickly forcing the ball into their forward line, but the defence of Charlotte, Hannah, Akeisha, Mariyama, Matilda and Jemima stood tall and repelled everything that came their way. The run and carry from Charlotte was a highlight. We soon moved the ball forward, where Jas refused to give the ball up, eventually winning the contest and kicking truly from 20 out.

The quarter time siren went and coach Gilbert asked for an extra special effort from the girls to kick against the wind. The opposition coach, ex-AFL player John Rombotis, kept his players for an extended period of time, imploring his team to use the wind to their advantage. But he wasn't anticipating the resolve of our backline. Hannah and Gisele were also working well together in the midfield. Alannah took a huge overhead mark, giving the inspiration for Maggie to take a courageous mark where she duly converted for a goal. Mariyama was tackling hard in the middle. A skilful passage of play soon followed with Ivy kicking to Matilda who marked and kicked to Hannah who also marked. The ball was quickly moved forward to Gisele who notched our 4th goal of the game. Eliza, Sophie and Pippa were tackling hard in defence, and Matilda took a big pack mark. The girls went into the main break confidently with a 3 goal lead.

The opposition were clearly told to try to play on from a mark or free kick, expecting to gain an extra few metres. But coach Gilbert would have none of it, alerting his players to what they were doing. Jas and Gisele led the way with some excellent tackling. Jas also sprinted past a couple of players whilst Jemima took a big mark in the forward line. Siena, Maggie and Ivy were impassable in defence. Brighton Beach kicked a few goals of their own to set up an exciting last quarter.

Brighton Beach lifted their intensity at the start of the last quarter, resulting in a goal. Ivy was getting on top in the ruck. Hannah was rebounding everything from defence and Charlotte and Gisele were clearing the ball well from the middle. Brighton Beach kicked another goal and all seemed lost. Until Jas roved the ball beautifully and centred to Ivy who marked at the top of the goal square. Despite the pressure, Ivy kicked truly to put the girls ahead by 1 point! The team really needed the clearance from the centre, and that's exactly what happened with Giselle passing Maia who passed to Siena. The last few minutes seemed to go on for an eternity but finally the siren went, and the girls celebrated with a good old fashioned stacks on the mill. What a win!!



Location:
Albert Park



Min: 11°C **Max:** 17°C
Glorious crisp sunny
Autumn morning

Goal Kickers:

Jackson Healey (Heals), Charlie Besnard (2),
Ryan Farrar (Rhino) and Ben Webb (1)

Bear of the Week:

Gabba, Niko, Vendy and Liam

Game Highlights:

The 1st quarter got off to a slippery start that saw the ball mostly staying up the opposition end. Despite efforts by Liam, Bluey, Paddy and some good looking tackles by JJ, Ted, Haydos, Hugo and Jackson, the term ended with the opposition scoring 1 goal and 1 behind while keeping the Bears scoreless!

After a rousing address by Gary at quarter time, the Bears stepped up - suddenly it seemed the situation was reversed with the whole team doing their best to keep the ball up our end. Charlie got the team on the board with a behind in the first few minutes of the 2nd quarter, followed by another couple of near misses (behinds). A few more attempts followed with good straight kicking but falling just short of the distance. A solid passage of play by Jackson, Heals and Teddy demonstrated the team's growing skills, with Oscar and Jackson working hard in the goal square. At the siren, the Bears had kept the opposition scoreless for the quarter but were still trailing by 4 points. At the half-time talk, Gary suggested the boys hold onto the ball a little longer, look around and aim for some long kicks to the forwards! He also looked to Bluey with a firm request to 'impose'!

As the 3rd quarter commenced, Bluey took Gary's words to heart with some impressive ruck work and big kicks to the forwards, enabling both Heals and Charlie to score goals! With help from Lucas and Ben, Rhino then peppered 3 behinds in quick succession, the tables turned and suddenly the Bears were in front by more than 10 points. Again a smooth passage of play saw the ball move from Hugo to Heals and onto Rhino who sealed the deal with another goal! The term also saw some great work by Harry, JJ, Paddy and Liam in the wing. A huge kick by Bluey looked good but fell short for a behind and the Bears finished the term with a solid lead with the opposition only scoring 1 goal and 1 behind to our 3 goals and 4 behinds, despite playing against the wind.

The start of final quarter saw the boys (and spectators) feeling optimistic. Luckily this feeling was backed up with some impressive play, with goals to Ben, Heals and Charlie. While the opposition managed to score a goal and a behind, solid tackling from Haydos, Nick and Hugo kept the ball turning over and the opposition scores low. At last the siren sounded to mark another decisive win to the Bears!

Location:

King George Reserve



Min:

11°C

Partly Sunny

Max:

17°C

Goal Kickers:

Andrew (2)

Bear of the Week:

Ben King (21) Sahil Kumar

Best on Ground:

Miro Folvari

Game Highlights:

Playing up a division was a bit of the unknown, after 4 rounds we had deserved to go up. Rob was pumped, he had the team pumped and he also had the parents up and about. I think some of the Team had played against this side last year. To play against such a tall team, I believe they had grown another foot from last year if this was possible and the maturity I was convinced some could have driven to the game. Ha Ha. Bentleigh bounced out the block to have there first goal on the board after maybe a minute, It was going to be tough all day, the back line was under enormous pressure. We went forward a couple of times but strong defence from opposition kept us out. Bentleigh score was 4.5 to 0.0 for the ¼. Robs message was still positive just wanted all players to stick to opposition when they had ball, but when we had it to create play going forward.

2/4 Kicking with the wind this ¼ lets sees what happens. The team had lifted we were getting plenty of the ball but could not take the ball forward with opposition putting a huge wall of defence up , we had a couple of shots scoring only points. Bentleigh was still dominating still with a big ¼ Kicking 4.3 to 0.2.

Robs message he was happy but really wanted us to lift tempo even more and play like real Bears.

3/4 Bentleigh started well with a couple of quick goals, we tightened up and started to get in some rhythm going the ball was going end to end for most of the ¼ we had seemed to stopped them scoring but all of a sudden they kicked 3 goals. With all the good work we had done we really deserved a goal, finally we did with Andrew kicking one on the siren. Bentleigh 5.4 to Bears 1.1 for the ¼

Rob asked Team how did that feel, they responded good because they really gave 110% that ¼

4/4 Last ¼ saw the Team really starting to move ball well a round the ground with some great passing and good handballs, with some great marks we probably out played them. But as they say talls never get any shorter as game goes on. Play of the day was a Great Mark from Miro in defence kicking through the middle to Andrew who gathered and Kicked from the centre square the ball rolled through for a Great goal. Score for last ¼ was Bentleigh 3.5 to Bears 1.1

Location:
Koornang Park



Min: 11°C **Max:** 17°C
Overcast and dry

Goal Kickers:

Nick K (2), Harry B, Cameron

Bear of the Week:

Harry B and Boopa (canteen vouchers),
Luke (teamwork award)

Best on Ground:

Stephan (Zagames award)

Game Highlights:

Nicholas Karamihos kicked a goal within the first 2 minutes creating a promising start to the game.

The Vampires were a strong opponent and at half time the score was 7 to 75 against the Bears.

The Bears fought hard in the second half to claim another 3 goals but struggled to gain the ground lost in the first half.

Nicholas kicked a closing goal in the final minutes of the game from around 50 meters.

Final score: Vampires 13.24 (102) def Bears: 4.5 (29)



Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
11°C
Partly Sunny

Max:
17°C

Goal Kickers:

Beau and Harro (2), Flynn, Ethan, Woodsy, Josh and Joel (1)

100 Games:

Ben and Gordo

Game Highlights:

For the 3rd week in a row we celebrated 100 game milestones, this week it was Ben & Gordo breaking the banner in celebration. We played Beaumaris in round 1, and they beat us by 3 goals in a physical and often fiery affair. It was very noticeable in round 1 that as we hadn't played a practice match, our fitness and skill levels were down, so it was hoped natural improvement in both these cases would see us very competitive on this occasion, plus we also had the added bonus of Henry being available for one of his rare games with the Bears.

This was soon proven to be correct, we did all the early attacking and scoring, but kicked inaccurately to have 1 goal 4 behinds, the goal courtesy of Beau. Beaumaris then attacked repeatedly late in the 1st term but only managed 3 behinds, so we held a 7 point lead at the 1st change.

Flynn kicks us a goal early in the 2nd, before the opposition kick their 1st goal for the game and even they the Bears are generally dominating proceedings, the scores are tight. Harro soon goals, and followed by Ethan and we now hold a 19 point ½ time lead.

We start the 3rd term strongly, Woodsy is rewarded for his tenacious play with a long goal, Beau then kicks his 2nd goal, and Josh, who is playing another blinder kicks a long goal from the half forward boundary line. In between Beaumaris kick 2 goals, and we go into ¾ time with a 27 point lead.

Beaumaris go forward several times early in the last term, reducing the margin to 20 points before Joel kicks his regular long bomb goal to steady the ship. Beaumaris kick another couple of goals before Harro gets on the end of a pass from Woodsy and kicks his 2nd goal.

In the end, we had a good 29 point victory and it's been a very good start to the season, winning 3 out of the 1st 5 games, and there has been a contribution from every boy, which is vital for team success.



Location:

Le Page Park



Min:

11°C

Partly Sunny

Max:

17°C

Goal Kickers:

Tim (8), Ethan (4), Thomas R, Harry S (2), Liam, Oscar F, Emin (1)

Bear of the Week:

Josh, Harrison, Umesh

Game Highlights:

Greetings Sweet Sixteeners.

First of all, my apologies for not manning the BBQ at the family night; alas, my inbox is so swamped with fan mail from the bevy of match report readers, a message from the Team Managers slipped under the radar.

Anyway, back to footy. Once again, I am always mindful of our opposition. In what was a difficult match for the, one must respect that they fought hard throughout the game and, to be honest, I'll give them the last quarter. Also, I would not say that they were playing bad football; it was more that the Bears had stepped up to another level.

What is that new level? Well, a quick confab after the match and deeper, probing analysis at the family night amongst the esteemed deep footy thinkers amongst the parents revealed that we were all of one thought: Unselfish team footy. The movement of the ball, the appearance of quick handballs, the short passes – it took the lads' football to another level which was not only fantastic to watch but we also saw the rewards come with this free flowing type of play.

Conversely, the tackling was brutal with the Opposition unable to really get any solid pushes into their forward line. When they did finally break through the midfield, they had a warm, welcoming, hungry backline ready to either pluck or pounce.

Could there be a bit more talking out there lads? It's like watching a mime troupe and we saw a couple of Bears spoiling each other because of not calling to each other. The Coach is baffled. "I can't get them to shut up at training but the minute they hit the ground on match day, it's like they've joined a monastery and taken a vow of silence."

Your humble correspondent's call outs:

Ethan – Out there on the forward pocket on his "Dreadlock Holiday", he don't like footy, oh no, he love it (Kids – your parents can explain this pop culture reference). Taking over the vaunted role of gaol sneak, he deftly took advantage of any crumbs left lying around. However, I contacted a psychic and they said they can see a dice roll in your future, Ethan... the voices from beyond keep whispering "Touched"...

Josh – Like a man released from his shackles and imbibing on the sweet taste of freedom, Josh played like a man unleashed. He didn't want the football – he *needed* that football. Absolutely inspiring pushes out of the backline to push forward into attack. Demoralising for CHOGS but inspiring for Bears.

Jack – Having picked up a few dance steps recently, we could see this on the field as he waltzed in the packs and dug put the ball for us. I had chills and they were multiplying. Good to have you back Jack and, as the team said, after the match, we're hopelessly devoted to you.



Location:

EE Gunn
Reserve



Min:

11°C

Party Sunny

Max:

17°C

Goal Kickers:

Remi (2) Spencer, Adrian and Joong Do (1)

Bear of the Week:

Myles, Adrian and Mitchell

Game Highlights:

Short trip down the highway & across the railway to Ormond for today's clash.

Good tight early battle as both teams test each other. Once again the opposition are set up well and disciplined with their ground positioning. Our voices are nowhere to be heard once again with us still be sucked into the play and not manning up at the stoppages. Little or no spread is evident as some lack match awareness which catches us out with the opposition utilizing handball with skill. Only 8 points in arrears at quarter time and we feel we are in with a shot here. The second quarter show some patches of contesting but we drop right away with no spread or individual accountability from the backs. Some poor skills with constant turnovers, players' running under the ball when in flight allows the opposition to create constant pressure resulting in an 8 to 1 goal blitz by Ormond.

The 3rd quarter starts will with good intensity and the players are rallying with some rewards flowing. We eat into the lead slowly. Some pressure builds and the game hot up, a couple of calls go against us which frustrates some causing undisciplined responses. A red card appears and we go one man down at ¾ time.

Ormond are 1st to settle in the last term and kick 2 quick goals to skip away. We lose the momentum from the 3rd and fall away badly as the game peters out to a big 13 goal defeat.



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