



THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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ROUND 12 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	St Kilda City	Away	Wattie Watson Oval	8.30am
U9's	Oakleigh	Away	Princes Hwy Reserve	9.00am
U10 Grizzlies	South Melbourne	Away	Albert Park	10.15am
U10 Polars	Prahran	Away	Toorak Park	9.55am
U11 Grizzlies	Hampton Rovers	Home	Koornang Park	10.00am
U11 Polars	Highett	Away	Highett Reserve	8.45am
U11 Kodiaks	Cheltenham	Home	Koornang Park	8.30am
U12's Girls	Brighton Beach	Away	Brighton Beach Oval	1.30pm
U12's Mixed	Mordialloc Braeside	Home	Koornang Park	11.30am
U13's	Mordialloc Braeside	Away	Gerry Green Reserve	10.30am
U14s	East Brighton	Away	Hurlingham Park	12.10pm
U15s	Highett	Home	Koornang Park	1.00pm
U16s	Waverley Park	Away	Columbia Park	11.20am
U17s	Ormond	Home	Koornang Park	3.00pm

Calendar Events

JULY

22

Stand-Up Comedy

7.00pm

AUG

13

Family Night

4.30pm – 7.30pm

AUG

6

Sponsors Day

12.00pm – 2.00pm

AUG

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Lightning Carnival U8–9

See notice board for times

AUG

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Lightning Carnival U10

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Facility Upgrade

For the past 18 months the Committee has been hard at work lobbying the Council for upgrades to our facilities at Koornang Park. A large scale redevelopment is part of a wider strategy that will incorporate Lords Reserve and Carnegie Swimming Pool within the next 2–5 years, but in the meantime the three tenant clubs at Koornang Park (ourselves, the Caulfield Bears Football and Netball Club aka “The Seniors” and the Carnegie Cricket Club) have reached agreement with Glen Eira Council on “immediate” modest updates to the changing rooms that will see the installation of unisex facilities for all of our players as well as much needed external storage space for the Clubs.

Funding for these upgrades is in the Council’s FY18 budget and we are now just waiting for Council Contractors to confirm when work will commence.

Louise Nelson

President



Match Day Photos

If you have any photos of your teams for our newsletter, please e-mail them to cbjfcnewsletter@gmail.com



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NOTICE BOARD

INSIDE THE BEAR CAVE

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

Adrian Nelson Junior Coaching Coordinator

This week we would like to introduce you to our Junior Coaching Coordinator, Adrian Nelson. The Junior Coaching Coordinator supports all of our Modified Rules Coaches, helping them navigate the first few seasons of junior football with the sole focus on promoting development and participation. Adrian has been involved in coaching with the Bears for the past 4 years and is a past player in the VAFA.



Lightning Carnival

Below are the dates and times for the Lightning Carnival in which our modified rules teams are participating. You can never have too many supporters so it would be great to see people out supporting the kids as they play in their matches!

UNDER 8

Sunday August 6
Dempster Under 8 group

Game 1

3.00pm v Bentleigh JFC (Orange)
Oval 1, JL Murphy Reserve

Game 2

3.40pm v Ormond JFC (Red)
Oval 1, JL Murphy Reserve

Game 3

4.20pm v Mordialloc Braeside JFC (Blue)
Oval 1, JL Murphy Reserve

UNDER 9

Sunday August 6
Harvey Under 9 group

Game 1

12.30pm v Mordialloc Braeside JFC (Orange)
Oval 4, King George Reserve

Game 2

1.30pm v Oakleigh JFC (Purple)
Oval 4, King George Reserve

Game 3

2.30pm v East Brighton
Oval 3, King George Reserve

UNDER 10 POLARS

Sunday August 13
Jones Under 10 group

Game 1

12.30pm v Waverley Park (Yellow)
Oval 3, King George Reserve

Game 2

1.30pm v Murrumbidgee JFC (Yellow)
Oval 4, King George Reserve

Game 3

2.30pm v East Brighton Vampires (Red)
Oval 4, King George Reserve

UNDER 10 GRIZZLIES

Sunday August 13
Barassi Under 10 group

Game 1

9.30am v Beaumaris FC
Oval 2, Highett Reserve

Game 2

10.30am v St Bedes/Mentone Tigers
Oval 2, Highett Reserve

Game 3

11.30am v Prahran JFC
Oval 1, Highett Reserve

Stand-Up Comedy Night Reminder

Saturday 22nd July
7pm @ the Bear Cave

*Featuring Ber Killick with special guests
Geraldine Hickey and Nick Capper*

\$30 Per Head; BYO Food; Drinks at Bar Prices
RSVP to your Team Manager ASAP. Be quick! Limited seats available.

AUSKICK

Demons pay a visit

In the week prior to the break, we were extremely lucky to have AFL player visits from some very well known Melbourne Demons players. These players were Max Gawn, Jake Melksham and Michael Hibberd. Although our numbers were lower than usual, we still made the most of the situation with the three players moving around the age groups. The Kinder/Preps started with a grid game straight away and big Maxy got into the ruck against our chargers on his knees. Jake and Michael contributed in the forward and backline. The players then moved onto the year one group and the girls group which combined for this sessions. The Demons players assisted our young Auskickers with their kick and catch. Then they moved onto a Specky bag challenge obstacle course. After that the Melbourne players moved onto the year two and above group where they assisted this group with some minor games and kicking activities.

We then progressed to the Melbourne FC players going to the table to handout out and sign book label stickers. Its fair to say that the players that came to visit our centre were very involved with the children and the parents throughout the whole visit. Big Maxy was a big draw card and he lead a very positive experience for everyone at the ground along with Jak and Michael.



Back from the break

We've had a one week break and returned on Saturday 15th July. We started with a combined group doing warm up games. The year 2's and above went and continued with a solid 20 plus players. We then split the Kinder/Preps from the rest to play a grid game while the girls and year 1's joined together again for the whole session. Special thanks to Ben Fardell from the U10's for helping out with the girls and year 1 group. We also had Grady Kerin who was extremely helpful with the Prep/Kinders. Always great to see our Junior Bears players coming down to help out with Auskick. With only four more sessions to go, can I please ask everyone to be on time for a 9.00am start and get along to all our remaining sessions. We want to make these next sessions the most enjoyable. We realise its quite cold at the moment but when the children are running around and playing this all gets forgotten.

Footy Colours Day

Next week we have our: Footy Colours Day so remember to wear the colours and jumpers of your favourite team. We will have team songs playing out loud and a face painting of team colours. With the year 1 and girls group we will be starting to introduce the club song so the Auskickers get a good feel for the junior footy club.

Lightning Carnival

At the end of the Auskick season we have a Lightning Carnival for the year 1s and the girls group. This is where the Auskickers get to wear club jumpers and play games as Caulfield Bears. All are modified grid games. The teams get to play 2-3 games in a day in the local SMJFL area.

Auskick Coordinator wanted

Lastly, this a notice to let you all know that I will be standing down as Auskick Coordinator at the end of the season. This is a good time to get a feel to see if anyone else out there is willing to give it a go. The position is very rewarding and a great way to get involved in the local community. Silvana and I share this job. (I'll allow you to decide if you want to do the same). My role is more Auskick day on the field and coaching coordinator. It includes also writing these reports. You are required to attend some meetings for the local Auskick Region and have a level 1 coaching qualification (which you can do during that season). There are a number of additional little jobs but that is pretty much a quick summary. If you see me around in the next couple of weeks, please feel free to ask me more about the role.

For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, Please contact:

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MATCH REPORT



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.

U8's

Caulfield Bears vs. Ormond

Location:
Koornang Park



Min: 4°C
Max: 11°C
Icy cold, cloudy with some brief periods of sunshine

Bear of the Week:

William Stacey and Cooper Warburton



Game Highlights:

Early pressure from Ormond saw the Bears straight to work as they prevented any major score for a long section of the quarter before Ormond broke through. Finn and Quinn worked well in the midfield moving the ball around to feed into the forwards. Harry, Charlie D and Josh tried valiantly to convert but were unable to get through the defence.

The second quarter saw Cooper, Josh G, William and Harry defended their opponents with extraordinary teamwork and skills. Quinn and Josh combined to attack their goal with a minor score.

Quinn worked well with Cooper and William in the midfield in the third. They fed well into the forwards where Angus kicked straight and true for their first major. Some excellent defence by Archie, Sam, Finn and Josh as they patiently defended the goal line with skill and determination.

Bears' backs were quickly made accountable by Ormond in the final term as they piled on the goals on the undermanned and considerably tired Bears team. However, they found some more Bear roar as Angus, Finn and Sam capitalised on an excellent kick in from Cara. They fed in to Josh G who had a strong attempt at goal. They quickly got the ball back and Harry kicked truly in the final minutes.

U9's

Caulfield Bears vs. Dingley Dingoes

Location:
Corrigan Oval



Min: 4°C
Max: 6°C
Partly cloudy and really cold

Bear of the Week:

Caspar, Mack and Samuel

Game Highlights:

On a chilly 6 degree morning and two players short, the U9's turned up to play Dingley. And turn up they did. The Bears played a cracking game. The first quarter saw the teams fairly evenly matched but the Bears put in some great tackles, notably Jack C and Caspar in the backs, to stop any points being scored.

Grady owned the second quarter, putting in some great tackles and slotting two goals, one curled around from the sideline. Luke and Raf put some strong kicks in and Lucas and Nick took tidy marks. Lewis challenged all day.

Third quarter saw Marty take a couple of great marks and infield kicks by Luke and Grady were on point. Max did a mighty kick down field marked again by Marty. Cooper, as usual fought for every loose ball and Raf was reliable as always.

Fourth quarter saw the boys step it up even further. The Bears wrapped up every player and made it impossible for them to score. Nick kicked two goals and Jack one. Mack and Samuel put in some strong work in the forwards and mid field, to get players of the day for those positions.

It was an outstanding game with every player giving it their all. Well done Bears!

Location:

Koornang
Park

**Min:****4°C**

Partly Cloudy

Max:**11°C****Bear of the Week:**

Charlie, Ben and James

**Game Highlights:**

Despite the freezing cold morning, the Polars were fired up and ready to kick start the first quarter with Mack kicking the first goal within the first few minutes.

There was great team play within the team with some outstanding defensive play between Romy, Charlie and Daniel. This was teamed up with a great synergy in the forward line between Jakob, Isaiah and Jed.

Ben and Jackson took lead in kicking off the second quarter with a bang. Charlie took some tremendous marks whilst Olly did an outstanding tackle which resulted in a ball up giving the Polars possession of the ball. Claudia, Tom, Ollie, Jackson, Matt and Jaikiah continued with strong game play in the centre as they tackled, ran and passed the ball in what looked like a seamless effort towards their forward pocket.

The Polars continued to dominate in the third and fourth quarter with Jakob and Dom scoring some terrific goals. They would not have got there without the excellent passing between Phoenix and Daniel, some superstar marks from Jed, Jakob, Jackson, Luca, Charlie, and Isaiah, strong pressure on the opposition from Claudia, Matt, and James, saves from all over the field from Ollie and Mack, very nimble ducking and weaving from Dom and Jaikiah. Again there was no getting past Mack, Romy, Ben and Tom as they stayed on the ball and every player throughout.

The Polars finished off the game with Phoenix and Luca really defending the backline with lots of running around and great tackles. The team did not slow down. They continued with excellent team work to finish off the game.



Location:
Brighton
Beach Oval



Min:
4°C

Max:
11°C

Overcast, with strong cold
cross field breeze

Bear of the Week:

Otis, Max Bremner, Royce and Angus

Coaches Award:

Otis

Game Highlights:

Despite the presence of a fiercely cold cross ground wind, a memorable game of football was played, with everyone putting in a consistent effort for the duration of the match. Although the opposition came out strong, Rory, Noah and Jacques took it up to the opposition and got the ball up the paddock consistently. Max Bremner and Joel were active throughout the game, while yet again, Paddy tackled above his weight. Royce, Chris and Angus defended the goals with great effect despite the oppositions wind advantage in two quarters.

Jacques took a memorable mark which led to a goal off Jonny's boot in Q2, while Noah kicked the second goal after taking a brilliant mark. Tom Walsh was involved consistently throughout the game chasing down the ball and getting it upfield. The best run of play all season was seen down the side of the paddock despite the headwind. Any omissions to the report were purely due to space constraints as many memorable marks, runs and examples of exemplary teamwork were displayed on the field today.



Location:

Southern Road Reserve

**Min:**

6°C

Overcast

Max:

8°C

Goal Kickers:

T Graham (2), B Lascelles and P Hanley (1)

Bear of the Week:

L Fyfe (Captain), L Mackie, F Fraser, J Kennedy, Jeremy Dalton and Ashley Margerison

**Game Highlights:**

It was a cold and blustery afternoon as the Grizzlies ran out for their away game against St Bedes at Southern Road Reserve.

Early passages of play suggested that the Grizzlies were still in 'holiday mode' as St Bedes applied the early pressure. The opposition showed greater levels of desperation in the opening minutes, which served to reward them with three successive goals. However, there were early signs of optimism, as the normally reticent Bears lifted their tackling aggression.

The Bears new found intensity was rewarded early in the second quarter with a nice pick up from Paddy Hanley who kicked neatly across his body for a major score. The Bears then started to assert their dominance in the middle with Jake Gurrie combining perfectly with Lenny Younan for a number of offensive surges. Henry Abbott also showed off his pace and began to trouble the opposition.

Tom Graham showed exceptional hands up front to take a nice mark, which was converted with ease (his first of two major scores) and Lachlan Mackie, who had a record number of touches, started to assert his dominance across the ground. Jack Kennedy also troubled St Bedes defence with some clever footwork, which reduced the deficit to two points by half time.

The second half started in style with Felix Fraser dispatching a perfectly weighted kick to Tom Graham, who converted for the Bears first goal of the second half. Cam Green also showed great hands and took a quality mark early after the break. Captain Lachlan Fyfe began to assert his presence and combined nicely with Dalton to thwart the St Bedes attack.

As the opposition tried to work their way back into the game Ashley Margerison showed great defensive qualities. This followed by a clever defensive passage of play by led by Jack Joyce. Joyce was also exceptional up front with a number of minor scores that consolidated the Grizzlies position. As the Bears peppered the opposition's goal in the closing minutes, Hudson Nolan was also unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal after an exceptional mark 25 meters in front of goal.

Mackie finished the game in style combining perfectly with Jarvis Dart who took a stylish mark just before the final siren.

The school holidays might be coming to an end, but the Grizzlies season is just beginning.

U11 Kodiaks

Murrumbeena 5.10 (40) def. Caulfield Bears 2.1 (13)

Location:

Murrumbeena
Park



Min:

4°C

Cold and briefly sunny
start to the day

Max:

11°C

Bear of the Week:

Ash, Harvey, Jacob, Lilly and Rory

Game Highlights:

The Kodiaks were playing Murrumbeena, the top undefeated team, and knew it would be a challenge. Murrumbeena had two players playing their 50th games indicating that they would be switched on from the first bounce.

Q1: The Kodiaks were under pressure early in the quarter with the big bodied Murrumbeena players pushing forward. The Kodiaks were up for the challenge applying pressure, strong tackles and producing good teamwork to only three points down at quarter time.

Q2: The ball was in the Murrumbeena forward half for much of the quarter with the Kodiaks playing well as team and not allowing Murrumbeena room to score. The Kodiaks went to the rooms at half time with heads held high with a strong first half effort.

Q3: Was a tough and dower contest with both sides hard at the ball with the Kodiaks being up for the challenge with another good team effort with both sides only scoring once each for the quarter. Less than 2 goals separated the sides at ¾ time.

Q4: Murrumbeena kicked 2 early goals with the remainder of the quarter being a tough and dower affair. A great team effort by the Kodiaks, well done to all.

Murrumbeena coach's comments to the Bears post-match, "you are the best team we have played". Be proud Bears!

U11 Polars

Beaumaris 6.8 (44) def. Caulfield Bears 0.2 (2)

Location:

Donald
McDonald
Reserve



Min:

4°C

Freezing!

Max:

11°C

Bear of the Week:

Matt Hamilton, James Godfrey and Jonno Lopes

Best on Ground:

Lachy Hudson

Game Highlights:

It was a bitterly cold morning confronting the team at Black Rock. Despite the conditions, the team was buoyed by the very welcome return of Amelie after a lengthy spell on the long term injury list with a busted hand.

Beaumaris put together an ominous first quarter dominating play with the ball rarely straying out of their inside 50. If not for great defensive work highlighted by a great smother by Jonno, tackling by Michael along with marks by fill in Oliver Jackson, the scoreboard could have been a lot worse.

The Polars came out with a lot more vigour in the 2nd quarter, more prepared to engage in the developing scrap. Matty led the way getting in the oppositions faces as he put together one of his best games for the season. Well supported by James Godfrey, putting his body in and winning clearances, Lachy H continually standing tall in defence and Jac being the little terrier we have become accustomed to.

Third quarter was much the same, again with the Polars having minimal impact on the scoreboard. Highlight being the tackling of Amelie (WELCOME BACK!) along with some nice inside 50's.

A big effort was required in the last quarter to bridge the gap that Beaumaris had put on us. Michael, Jonno, Jarvis (thanks for filling in!) and Jac continued to lead the charge as did James Thomas who had rucked manfully all day but unfortunately the scoreboard told the story of an undermanned, injury/illness plagued team outplayed on the day.

Location:

Koornang Park

**Min:**

4°C

Max:

11°C

Light cloud cover and a fresh gusty North West wind up to 20 knots.

Goal Kickers:

Tess Keogh and Amelie O'Meara (1)

Best on Ground:

Amelie O'Meara, Sophie Hamilton and Delilah Keam

Game Highlights:

It may have been 11 degrees but it felt freezing! And the Bears warmed up with a series of drills and great support from each other and their Coaches, with Supporters and families cheering on.

The Bears Captains for the week were Amelie, Sophie, and Leona.

In the First Quarter the Bears jumped out of the blocks with a couple quick goals including an amazing run, bounce, and long kick for six points by Tess. The team was also well supported by Gisele who contested well on the inside and had some great clearance, and likewise Sophie who played well.

By the Second Quarter the game had become an arm wrestle as both teams found it difficult to score. Siena played well in the midfield and gave lots of support to her team mates. Lily had an amazing quarter with lots of pressure, tackling and clearance. Whilst Hannah showed great courage and Charlotte provided plenty of encouragement.

The Vampires also applied a lot of pressure and had some good runners but Leona did some amazing tackling and Maggie applied excellent pressure to make sure the Bears held the lead at half time.

During the third quarter the opposition were kicking with the wind that picked up and they capitalised with a couple goals to take the lead despite Akeisha playing well to apply tackles and slow them down. The team also had good support from Sophie and Charlotte who played well.

And in the final quarter the Bears tried hard but the conditions made it tough and despite a couple great attempts the Bears couldn't quite get the last goal they needed.

But it was a great effort by the Bears with plenty of tackling, pressure and courage shown by all the players. Well Done!!

U12 Mixed

Caulfield Bears 7.14 (28) def. Murrumbeena 4.4 (28)

Location:

Murrumbeena
Park



Min:

4°C

Partly Cloudy

Max:

11°C

Bear of the Week:

Lucas, Will, Heales and Patrick

Game Highlights:

In wild and blustery conditions the team ran onto the ground with an air of determination and enthusiasm. The first quarter saw the Bears kicking against the strong swirly wind. There were great forward passages of play involving Max, Ted and Rhino. A quick kick from Charlie to Heales resulted in a goal. Murrumbeena used the wind well and fought back with a goal. Max went for goal using a banana kick, the crowd and Gary groaned... no more bananas was the message.

The Bears had a lot of the play during the second quarter but only managed to convert one attempt after a solid mark by Rhino. The wind played havoc with our attempts at goals.

The weather working against them but the team was determined to press forward. Excellent work by the midfield to move the ball forward to Rhino to kick another goal. Bluey started to make a presence in the centre which assisted in getting the ball to Heales for another goal. It was a great quarter against the wind.

Coming home with the wind, Coach Garry asked for big effort from the team as he was sick of losing in the last quarter and they didn't disappoint. After a flurry of points, Lucas worked hard for a goal and Heales did well deep in the forward line for more goals. Teddy relished a run in the forward line. Oscar G, Liam and Heales combined to for another positive scoreboard result. A great win.

U13's

Highbett/Cheltenham 4.4 (28) def. Caulfield Bears 2.3 (15)

Location:

Koornang
Park



Min:

4°C

Partly Cloudy

Max:

11°C

Goal Kickers:

J.Besnard and N. Johnson (1)

Bear of the Week:

Noah Fioranza and James Diinogosti

Best on Ground:

Tom Magart

Game Highlights:

Q1: With strong wind swirling around and the temperature freezing we played against Highbett /Cheltenham. The instruction was play in front and long kicks. It was going to come down to who would adapt to the conditions better. With an early goal from H/C kicking towards the pool end, was this going to be the scoring end. Not sure if our team was still in holiday mode or they couldn't read the ball movement. Seemly not getting to the contest in front of their opponents and getting out played.

Q2: With better endeavor in this ¼ saw them go forward on numerous occasions but strong defence from opposition kept us out until Jack was able to gather and kick long with some aide from a couple of bounces rolling through for a goal. Not long after this Nick lead but was not able to mark, but with great second and third efforts was able to gather for another goal.

Q3: With the wind picking up, but still swirling with slight advantage towards the pool end H/C were able to kick two goals for the 1/4, the game was still evenly poised in a low scoring affair.

Q4: Kicking towards the pool end were we going to come home like a tornado, but a early goal to H/C put us under enormous pressure to do this, the tempo had lifted from Bears with some great runs from Andrew and Miro going forward we were pushing the ball into our forward line only to see the opposition repel the ball out time and time again. The Team had really given it a Red Hot Go, but as they say in the Classic one ¼ is never Enough. Hopefully the last ¼ efforts will be taken into the first ¼ of Next Match.

I heard our motto "See Ball Get Ball" being used in commentary, from The Great Lee Matthews.

The Season is Still Alive. Go Bears!!!!

Location:
Princes Park



Min:
4°C
Partly Cloudy

Max:
11°C

Bear of the Week:

Tom, Haddi, Will and Nick L

Game Highlights:

The U14s had an early at Princess Park, with a strong wind blowing down the ground and a keen opposition sitting in the top four.

Starting against the wind, we conceded four goals in the first quarter but importantly were able to put two majors on the board (Nick L and Anton) against the wind.

After some assuring words from the coaches, the boys put in a great effort in the second quarter, booting three more goals (a couple from Nick K and one from Leo), with by good strong teamwork in defence and through the midfield holding AJAX scoreless.

After the long break, AJAX hit back hard with four goals to the Bears single (Spencer) leaving the game in the balance at three quarter time. However, in the last quarter, the maturity and resolve of the group really shone through with goals to the two Harrys, Nick K and Harry P.

It's great to watch this group growing together and playing for each other and the coach. Go Bears!



Location:

Wattie Watson
Oval

**Min:**

4°C

Partly Cloudy

Max:

11°C

Goal Kickers:

Josh (4), Henry and Ethan (1)

Game Highlights:

We travelled to Elwood Beach to play St Kilda City in a must win game. There was a huge wind advantage to the clubroom end goals and we won the toss and had first use of the breeze. St Kilda City dominate possession early but can't score into the breeze, then on our first foray forward Josh pounces on the loose ball and kicks a goal. Finn marks and passes to Harro who marks 20 metres out from goal, but in an ominous sign for the day he misses. Henry is playing one of his rare games for us, and he is dominant at centre half back, repelling all opposition attacks, and we are peppering the goals to no avail. Then fortunately in the last few minutes of the term Josh kicks his and the Bears 2nd goal, shortly followed by a goal to Henry. At 1/4 time we are up 3-8-26 to no score.

St Kilda City now have the breeze and kick three goals in the first 90 seconds of the term, and its looking like we were to be on the end of a flogging, then three minutes later they kick another goal, and with 15 minutes left to defend kicking into the strong winds we are only one point in front. The boys then focus and start defending well, not allowing any scores, and Josh kicks his 3rd goal at the end of the term to give us a valuable four point 1/2 time lead.

The 3rd term is a very scrambly affair, the opposition stack their defence, keep the ball out wide in the pockets and we kick 7 straight behinds and several out on the full. Luckily Ethan kicks a long goal right on the siren and we lead 5-15-45 to 4-4-28.

A 17 point lead didn't look enough considering the wind strength, St Kilda kick their first goal for the term five minutes in, but Josh, who is having a day out, kicks his 4th goal and St Kilda need three goals in the last 12 minutes to win the game. In the next 10 minutes the boys are defending well, but St Kilda kick two goals, and with two minutes left in the game we hold a three point lead. Under fierce pressure, the boys defend strongly, and we run out two point victors in a well deserved win, which now puts us into the top four.

Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
4°C
Partly Cloudy

Max:
11°C

Bear of the Week:

Artem Korolchuk

Best on Ground:

Jake — Need to find a lost pair of shoes? Invite Jake around as he was a leather magnet on Sunday. Played that fantastic defensive rebound role that he excels at and had a cleaner pair of hands than someone that works at a car wash.

Tim — I think there is a weekly meeting group called "Full Backs Who Have Played on Tim" who counsel each other. He either presents himself beautifully for the ball or, unselfishly, will create the space for other players to score. He is also the master of shepherding goals through, keeping opposition hands at play.

Artem — First game, two goals. The movie writes itself. An anonymous source has said: "Artem has put in 100% at every training and you could never question his desire to put everything into his footy." Well the hard work paid off, old chum! Well done.



Game Highlights:

After my heart-wrenching, tear inducing, emotion filled farewell to Umesh in the last report – he turns up for another game! He's turning into Dame Nellie Melba! (Ask your parents kids). Good thing he did – it was his 50th game and we do certainly like to celebrate these milestones with a win.

Well, after the holiday break, the spectators were looking forward to a refreshed, revitalised, 'ready to rock' bastion of Bears. Sadly, it seems that there was a bit of a 'holiday hangover' as the lads struggled against a determined South Melbourne for the first half. While the Bears were slow to wind up to speed, there must be some credit given to South Melbourne; they have had a lot of practice playing defensively, as they have had a tough season, so they were locking the Bears down and not giving them any room to move. Thus they were able to keep the Bears pinned down to five goals for the first quarter while pinging a few themselves.

One great moment in the first quarter was the appearance of Artem on the field for the first time this season; a stalwart at training, it was great to see him don the navy, gold and red for the first time and take his place up in the forward pocket.

After a quarter time chat, you'd expect our gentlemen players to step up. Well, sad to say, you'd be disappointed. The less said about the second quarter the better! South Melbourne also played out of their skins as well and kept the Bears to three goals.

Well, no doubt, at half-time the team did what every great footy team does when not at their best. Took a good hard look at themselves. A couple of juicy half-time oranges and the team emerged obviously full of intent and determination.

So within the third quarter the shackles were thrown off and the Bears started dominating. Kicks were straighter, marks started sticking and tackles became tighter. The Bears started pulling ahead with the forwards pinging them through the big sticks while the defenders were doing brilliantly, running on to the ball and snapping it back into the forward line. Everything started clicking and we started seeing the Bears of old.

Now posting a healthy lead, the Bears kept the pressure on in the fourth quarter. Of course, the fourth quarter highlight was seeing Artem back in the forward line, ready to add to the tally. The ball came his way but the crowd was disappointed as it came off the side of his boot for a behind. Shortly after, he managed to get his hands on it again and slotted it through for six points. Now, if you want to talk about Bears Footy, you should have been there after his goal: Every member of the Bears ran up to congratulate him on his first goal in his first game. However, he wasn't satisfied and so booted another! Thus a fitting finish to a much better second half with the Bears seeing off South Melbourne by 107 points.

Location:
Princes Park



Min: 4°C
Max: 11°C
Cold and windy in sunshine

Goal Kickers:

Dean Kaltsis, Spencer (5) Fraser (2) Locky, Mitchell and Myles (1)

Bear of the Week:

Remi, Jordy and Fraser

Game Highlights:

At the back end of School holidays and after a week's break are we ready for the clash with Ajax, to which some are calling the battle of the cellar dwellers!

Well bring it on the Coach says looking to cementing our ladder position

Locky is up for his 50th game and losses the toss and we have to kick into a strong wind to get the game underway.

Stocks are low on the bench with 2 interchange available, but Avi looking dodgy.

We are looking for a strong start here to dispel any sniff Ajax think they may have in taking this game away from us. Some precise kicking to our advantage and we have most of the play in our half against a strong wind. Dean playing the small forward is on fire and kicks

3 goals in a 10min from some fine roving around the packs.

With a 3 goal lead at quarter time and the use of the strong breeze to come things are looking better.

The rucks are giving us 1st use out of the centre. We are still rushing our kicking at times and this leads to a high turnover count. The return of Jordan and with the addition of Fraser to the team and finally we have some drive from the stoppages. We use the wind well and clear out by 9 goals by the main break.

With a more determined Ajax coming at us in the 3rd quarter we stumble against the wind. Loosing our scoring advantage as they win the quarter on the scoreboard. We still continue to rush our kicks, but the handball use is promising.

The ¾ time message is to continue to improve and concentrate our kicking. Strong winds provide us a distinct advantage in this the final term. Being aware that the ball will mostly fly long so our positioning at the fall of the ball is important. A good spread of goal kickers and we run out winners by 10 goals. Probably a reasonable result for both teams and we are happy with that result

Ormond next week so back to training to work on our set-ups and kicking.



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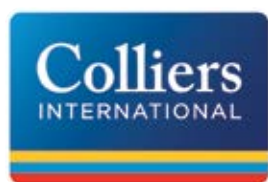


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