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CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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ROUND 8 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	-	BYE	-	-
U9's	-	BYE	-	-
U10 Grizzlies	-	BYE	-	-
U10 Polars	-	BYE	-	-
U11 Grizzlies	-	BYE	-	-
U11 Polars	-	BYE	-	-
U11 Kodiaks	-	BYE	-	-
U12's Girls	-	BYE	-	-
U12's Mixed	-	BYE	-	-
U13's	-	BYE	-	-
U14s	-	BYE	-	-
U15s	-	BYE	-	-
U16s	-	BYE	-	-
U17s	-	BYE	-	-



Calender Events

JUN
11

**Queen's Birthday
Long Weekend**

JUN
18

Family Night:
4.30pm – 7.30pm

TBC
TBC

Sponsors Day:
All Day

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Player safety

Player safety remains at the forefront of everything we do at the Club. The Committee continually evaluates our practices and procedures to ensure we are always providing the safest possible environment for our players. Football is a contact sport and whilst we would like to see zero injuries, this is not realistic and as we all know, accidents can and do happen outside of game play as well as during matches.

To ensure that our Club is in the best position to deal with any injuries that may occur, in addition to providing each team with a Trainer qualified in first aid and CPR, the Club has engaged the services of Colbrow Medics for the remainder of the season.

Colbrow are one of the leading providers of event first aid services and are partnered with the SMJFL. We will have a qualified Colbrow Paramedic in attendance at all home games for our older teams (Under 11s and above) to give an extra layer of support to our team trainers. You will also see Colbrow personnel at many of your away games as several other Clubs within the SMJFL have also made this level of commitment to their players.

Louise Nelson

President

PS - Thank you all for your patience regarding the fixture for the rest of the season. The SMJFL has just released the information for all clubs to review. This information should be made public early next week and will have dates for the rest of the year. Stay tuned!



Next week's newsletter

Please note there will not be a newsletter due to next weekend's Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Match Day Photos

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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.

Tara Nichols Canteen manager

This week we'd like to introduce you to the newest recruit in our Club, Tara Nichols. Tara looks after the canteen for us at our new secondary home ground at East Caulfield Reserve.

Tara is well known to the Bears family, with younger brother, Wil, playing in our Under 14 team and Dad, Tim, Assistant Coach to the Under 14s.

Tara is currently studying Business at Uni and we are thrilled to have her helping out at the canteen on a Sunday.



DEE's visit the Bears!

On Wednesday 31st May the Bears were payed a visit by the the Melbourne Football Club!

All the Melbourne Footy Club players were there (that's right – ALL of them!) Jonesy madehim self available and made Royce (pictured) one happy Bear! All the Dees boys were very cool young men and very keen to chat with the youngsters.

Thanks kindly to the Melbourne Football Club for coming down to the Bear Cave.



INTERLEAGUE - GAME ON!

The CBJFC will be hosting the U15 girls Interleague games this Saturday 11th June, featuring our own Jenna Cassamento. Come along and show your support – canteen will be open so they'll be plenty of opportunity to have a hot dog, kick back, and watch a great game!

Family Night at the Bear Cave



 Sun 18th June

 4:30-7:30pm

- BBQ & Raffle Prizes
- Fun family activities!



Caulfield Bears
Junior Football Club

AUSKICK

We had our first partly gloomy day on the weekend and we still pushed through well with our skills and games. Numbers were a little low at the start of the session but we eventually improved with numbers as the session went on. A big thank you Jenna Cassamento for coming along and helping out as a representative from the local interleague squad.

Prep/Kinder

The prep/kinders started off with some new games from Karen and moved on well into their grid game. Numbers were much lower in this group this week, so we just played the one game instead of the usual 2 grid games.

The girls looked be having lots of fun in their warm up games and skills before moving to their outside field. Both Josh and Marcus are really impressed with the progress of this group. Some of these girls will be taking part in the local interleague day over the long weekend at Koornang Park. We wish these girls all the best and have lots of fun meeting these representative players.

Year 1

The year 1's progressed to kick and catch to each other this week. And this experience was really evident later on in their grid game. This group has continued to enjoy the Cyril specky challenge. Mauro, Clay and Steve are really impressed with the progress.

Year 2 and Above

Always good numbers with this group. Derek is always there early preparing his sessions and they look fantastic and engaging. David Birch then takes the under 8's for more focused skill acquisition and activities. I personally have seen the 8's team play on Sundays and its great to see them playing so well in these games. Keep up the good work 2's and above.

Reminder

Just a reminder that there is no Auskick this weekend due to the long weekend. But if you are around the local interleague representative matches will be held at Koornang Park this Saturday, so please come down and support all the local talent.

For more information about Caulfield Bears Auskick, Please contact:

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MATCH REPORT



U8's

Caulfield Bears vs. St Kilda City

Location:

East Caulfield Reserve



Min:

5°C

Max:

9°C

Foggy and cold conditions

Goal Kickers:

Alex Gerges, Archie Johnstone and Aiden Paruit

Bear of the Week:

Josh Stacey

Best on ground:

Quinn McDonald

Game Highlights:

After some close encounters over the last two weeks, the Bears had a determined look about them as they arrived at the foggy East Caulfield Reserve. The time for the Bears to dominate a game had arrived.

The first quarter saw the Bears control the ball inside their forward half with Harry and Josh G combining well through the midfield. Charlie D took some great marks in the forward line, before Alex opened the account with a typically opportunistic goal from our resident goal sneak.

The game tightened up in the second quarter with excellent defence from both sides. We welcomed Luca back this week and enjoyed watching his characteristic hard ball gets and dashes down the wing.

The game opened up in the third quarter with some fantastic defensive tackles by Harry and marks to Quinn, resulting in a great goal by Archie. By the time Aiden slotted through a captain's goal late in the quarter, the Bears had stamped their authority on this game.

Kicking to the University end in the last quarter, the Bears kept up the tackling pressure and ensured that they closed out game with another goal to Alex and an even contribution by the entire line up.

No scores were kept but for those in attendance it felt like the team song was sung with some genuine gusto this week!



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:

East Caulfield Reserve



Min:

5°C

Max:

10°C

Foggy and cold conditions

Goal Kickers:

Lewis

Game Highlights:

A beautiful morning for football with some fog about and a chilly 7 degrees – a perfect morning for footy. Some warm up drills and a reminder by Pat and Malcolm to man up and provide the tackling pressure and we took to the field.

Q1: started well with the team's pressure on show, some early tackles and players committing to put their head over the ball. Some clean possessions and Christian managed a beautiful kick to Lewis who scored a nice goal – game on.

Q2: the midfield clicked into gear and the ball rarely made it to the bears defence – the midfielders played very well, the strongest performance of the year so far. With more possession in the forward line we managed to score some more goals – go Bears.

Q3: the wrestle – clear possession was difficult in the middle of the ground as both teams strongly challenged for the ball. The team taking on board coaching instruction kicked to the pockets when leaving defence – well done.

Q4: the team continued the pressure, the ball being shared by various players working very hard to move the ball forwards. Both teams played to the best of their abilities – a great effort by the Bears. A special note to Lewis who kicked 3 goals, a great achievement.



Location:

East Caulfield Reserve



Min:

5°C

Fine/Sunny

Max:

11°C

Captains:

Dom and Ollie

Goal Kickers:

Grady (3), Oliver (2) Jed (2) and Charlie (1)

Coaches Award:

Grady - Team Player of the Week, Ben and Jed

Game Highlights:

From the first bounce the Bears were hungry for the ball. Lead by captains Dom and Ollie, everyone was amongst it. Isaiah and Jackson were solid in defence. Quick disposal was order of the day with Claudia clearing from the centre. Jed roamed the backline with confidence, and Ben was effective in the centre. Jakob lead with a solid mark, and Luca's hard work was rewarded with a free. Ollie scored two great goals for the quarter.

The second quarter was even better than the first – tackling, running and disposing – just what Dale asked for. Ethan and Tom were great in defence holding the opposition at bay. A quick passage of play lead to a goal by handy substitute, Grady. James was tackling hard and Daniel only had eyes for the ball.

The tempo continued into the third quarter, with Jaikiah running and clearing the ball. Grady notched up his second goal, with Charlie scoring a minor with help from Romy. Isaiah continued to work hard in defence. 'Solid Dom' covered the centre with help from Claudia. While Jed scored a goal from play by Phoenix and Ethan. Ben was dominant in the ruck, and Charlie kicked a goal with help from the ever-effective Ethan.

The pressure continued into the final quarter with Jed scoring an early goal. Ethan and Mack kept things tight, and Jaikiah helped move the ball forward. James showed poise with a nice pick-up while being chased by his opponents. Textbook play by Phoenix lead to Grady scoring his third goal for the day.

A great game by the Bears... a team who has gone from strength to strength each week. Well done!



U10 Grizzlies

Caulfield Bears vs. East Malvern

Location:

East Caulfield Reserve



Min:

5°C

Max:

13°C

Cold but beautiful sunny day!!

Goal Kickers:

Noah

Bear of the Week:

Charles N, Oscar L and Paddy R (Footy Cards)

Best on Ground:

Royce



Game Highlights:

First quarter started with ball locked in mid-field and strong tackling from both sides. Couple of early goals to East Malvern from strong marks. Caulfield responded well with an amazing pack mark from Noah, and a good strong mark from Oscar.

Second quarter started much the same with tight affair in the mid-field, plenty of strong tackles and in-and-under efforts from the Bears. East Malvern managed to score another couple of goals sneaking out the back.

New tactic at half time saw the team convert to cordial, and it seemed to have an impact – Bears came out in third quarter and combined well to score an early behind, and then goal from Noah. All round great efforts to stop Knights' forward pressure – at one point Paddy took on three players on his own, before safely seeing the ball over the line.

Final quarter saw Bears work hard all over the field to hold back scoring pressure from the Knights.

The boys can be extremely proud of their efforts as they fought hard for all four quarters, against a highly drilled team – they showed great courage and will all learn and gain experience from each game playing in highest Division for their age group.

U11 Grizzlies

St Paul's Demons 5.5 (35) def. Caulfield Bears 2.3 (15)

Location:

McKinnon Reserve



Min:

5°C

Max:

9°C

Cold morning with fog

Goal Kickers:

Jack Joyce, Cameron Green and Paddy

Bear of the Week:

Paddy, Jack K and Jeremy

Best on Ground:

Jack Joyce

Game Highlights:

The boys took a while to warm up in the chilly conditions – with the temperature sitting at 6 degrees no one was standing still.

Q1: and the game was on – it was hard to see who was who through the fog but the boys were pushing the ball FORWARD. The midfielder were hard at it and competing solidly for the ball. The intense pressure from our team led to 2 goals in the quarter from Jack Joyce and Paddy with 2 behinds also registered.

In Q2 the St Pauls boys came out firing and our Grizzlies held their own. It was a very tight quarter with the ball moving up and down the ground but scoring shots were hard to get. The ball was tight in the forward pocket and our boys were defending well. Strong efforts from Seb, Cam, Jack K and Jack J. One behind was registered.

The game tightened up in Q3. The forward line was moving the ball but was facing heavy resistance from St Pauls. Christian, Paddy and Felix were working overtime to run the ball down and keep chasing. Henry, Hudson and Cam were also solid contributors.

In Q4 we needed to lift. St Paul's were starting to fire up. Some strong tackling from the team plus good handballs were keeping the scoring shots from St Pauls down to a small number. Unfortunately 3 quick goals from them lifted them in the last 15 minutes. At the final siren, the Grizzlies unfortunately went down but a gallant effort against the team ranked at number 1.

Location:

Koornang Park

**Min:**

5°C

Frosty

Max:

9°C

Goal Kickers:

Jacob Baldwin 3, Jesse Stewart 1

Bear of the Week:

Jacob Baldwin, Lucas Agar, Andrew Poole,
Mohan Palmer, Finn McMahon-Johnson

Game Highlights:

Finn burst through the 50 game banner and shot off a slick handball for the first disposal of the match. An early goal to Bentleigh was no surprise with our backline under constant pressure. Lucas was tackling aggressively while Ged, Finn and Ash were getting plenty of the ball.

Strong defensive marks from Mohan were the highlights as the ball went from end to end. Mohan continued his good work in the second quarter with Kobie starting to get more involved in the game. Lucas continued to boot the ball forward and eventually Jacob was able to kick a great running goal. With Finn joining Ged on the bench due to injury the boys had to battle hard with two players down. Jacob was now playing aggressively in defense but moved forward to score another goal from a pass from Ash.

The highlight of the quarter was Jesse's first goal for the Bears after putting pressure on his opponent keeping the ball in the forward line. Finn, back on in the last quarter, was able to combine with Kobie to set Jacob up for his third goal. Baldwin is on fire! In a tight game the defense was under constant pressure for the rest of the game. Leo and Ben were holding the defense together but Bentleigh scored another goal to put them only one point behind with a minute to play.

A free kick was paid to Bentleigh that saw them kick the match-winning goal with 10 seconds left on the clock. The boys were devastated but were reminded by the coach to focus on the things they can control like maintain concentration during the match. Another win is not far away.

Location:

Koornang Park

**Min:**

5°C

Max:

10°C

Cold, foggy and dewy
clearing to sunny

Goal Kickers:

Quinn Cooper (1)

Bear of the Week:

James Gearon, Michael Liolios and Matt Hamilton

Best on Ground:

Marcus Brittain

**Game Highlights:**

It was an undermanned Polars that were greeted with a cold and dreary morning with solid fog and very dewy conditions meaning cold kids and numb hands.

East Malvern started the game off with a great deal of pace and run which indicated it may be a tough day in the office for the kids. True to initial assessments, East Malvern ran riot in the first quarter kicking 5 goals straight to nil in the opening term with not a lot of standouts for the Bears.

At the break Rowan reiterated the team mantra demanding greater intensity from the team. The kids came out with renewed vigour and managed to win the second quarter (one goal to two behinds) with the goal coming from Quinn (well earned) from a set shot after a beautiful pass from Jono. James Thomas (co-captain with Alex) in the ruck with his customary 2nd and 3rd efforts, and Marcus Brittain, directing traffic and winning possessions were the ever reliable ball winners we have become accustomed to. Lachy H did well supporting in the ruck.

The third quarter unfortunately saw the intensity fall off again and East Malvern added another two goals to their growing lead. We saw some great defensive, bullocking work from Marcus Prins along with the continued great efforts from Matty, Michael and Lachy T. James Gearon continued to run hard and tackle with intensity winning his own ball.

The final quarter deteriorated further, with East Malvern piling on a further 4 goals 1 to our nil to leave the team (and coaches) rueing a lack of overall intensity. The bye this week gives the team plenty of time for reflection, rest and a chance to regroup (and recover from various ailments and injuries which have plagued the team)

U12 Girls

Caulfield Bears 8.4 (52) def. East Malvern 7.3 (45)

Location:
East Malvern



Min:
5°C
Sunny

Max:
18°C

Goal Kickers:

Gisele (3), Tessa (2), Sophie, Jemima and Violet (1)

Bear of the Week:

Maggie, Delilah and Ivy



Game Highlights:

Played in perfect football conditions the first game of winter saw Caulfield Bears battle it out in an evenly played contest against East Malvern.

Gisele dazzled in the first quarter kicking three awesome goals. One of these goals was beautifully assisted by a perfectly executed handball from Ivy. Charlotte tackled and tackled her way through the quarter (and the whole game) and Jemima took a strong mark on the wing before the quarter time siren ensuring the bears kept the lead.

Maggie and Delilah put in a solid performance in defence throughout the second quarter ensuring the East Malvern forward line was always under pressure. A goal by Jemima steadied the ship ensuring the Bears went into the half time break in the lead.

The third quarter was eventful. Violet ran through multiple defenders to kick a goal. Charlotte took a very solid mark.

Gisele continued to take long clearing kicks from the backline. Sophie who had been working hard in the packs all day was rewarded with a magnificent goal and then celebrated a bit too hard resulting in an end to her game.

Tessa played a great game up forward missing an early set shot and then following up with a great goal from 25 metres. It's the one percenters that win matches. A tackle from Violet in the back line and a gang tackle by Leona, Maggie and Mariama on the wing shut down East Malvern's scoring opportunities.

The Bears ended up winning by a margin of 7 points and it was fantastic to see a number of injured players turn up and support their team mates.

U12 Mixed

Beaumaris FC 9.3 (57) def. Caulfield Bears 4.3 (27)

Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
5°C
Fine/Sunny

Max:
12°C

Goal Kickers:

Jarod Prins, Ben Webb, Ryan Farrar and Harry Avery

Bear of the Week:

Max Keogh, Tess Keogh and Lucas Bremner

Game Highlights:

The match was played at Koornang park and the weather was fine. The first quarter opened with Beaumaris dominating possession and putting through a few goals. Josh and Max Keogh each scored a point for the Bears. In the second quarter the Bears tightened up their play a bit. Our goal of that quarter came through a free kick from Oscar P to Nick who kicked it on towards JJ. JJ's first kick was smothered by Beaumaris but he gained the ball again and snap kicked it for the first goal for the Bears. Harry also took a spectacular mark near our goal. The third quarter again was controlled by Beaumaris but in the fourth the Bears managed three goals. The first came through a boot forward by Charlie, then Oscar tackling to get the ball and kick it off to Ben who kicked the goal. The second came through a longish kick from Harry Avery which then bounced its way through. The last started with a good mark taken by Niko, and then a series of marks through to Ryan who kicked a solid goal.

Location:

Moorabbin
West



Min:

5°C

Fine/Sunny

Max:

14°C

Game Highlights:

After playing up a division and finding it a bit tough against super giants and the giants we were put back in our rightful position division 3. Playing against East Brighton Vampires at their ground, simple message was win the ball and move the ball. The sun was out but no heat, only on the ground from the first bounce there was great endeavour moving the ball forward on several occasions, but we could not put it through the big sticks, until Andrew kicked a nice goal our back line had done another great job restricting them to only 1 point and we kicking 1.5 for the ¼ 2/4.

We new the Vampires would lift their rate around the contest which they did but we were up to the challenge, the ball was going end to end with not much result from either team, with a nice shot from Miro some of the hard work had paid off, but with slight distractions Vampires kicked 2 goals.

With the game evenly poised at ½ the score was vampires 2.3 to bears 2.7 it was anyones game. The coach wanted more run and tighten up the wall.

3/4 - We really came out in this ¼ with plenty of forward movements but again nothing through the big sticks, I think vampires only went forward late in ¼ to score a goal, score was 1goal to vampires and 4 points to bears, hopefully our in accurate kicking would not come back to bite us.

4/4 - Who was going to take the match, what a unbelieve ¼ of footy the best ¼ most had seen for a long time as the late Lou Richards would of said ringer ding ding. With goals from both sides it was pressure football, end to end stuff, with one great attempt from forward pocket Jack Besnard nearly kicked a beauty only to hit the post, with Miro taking a good mark and going back to slot it through and another from Jack I think we got out to 9 points up, but Vampires were not done yet with 2 goals putting them 3 points up. With only minutes left Jack Besnard gathered and was forced onto left foot and slotted a super great goal, 3 points up again, ball back to centre bounce who was going to win, but they got it and kicked a goal game over.

This was this the one that got away.

Goal Kickers:

J.Besnard, Miro (2) and Andrew (1)

Bear of the Week:

Jacob Spilkin and James Cooper

Best on Ground:

Jack Besnard

U14's

East Malvern 8.10 (58) def. Caulfield Bears 5.13 (43)

Location:
Koornang Park



Min:
5°C

Max:
14°C

Fine sunny day

Goal Kickers:

Will, Adam, Stephan and Harry B (2)

Awards:

Boopa, Haddi, Nicholas L and Nicholas K.

Game Highlights:

In a tight match we were leading by 1 point at quarter time with Boopa taking a few good marks. A good goal to Will, and Nicholas K doing well in defence all day.

In the second quarter it stayed close, with a great goal from Harry Beet. Cormac completed well and also Nicholas Lanaras. At half time we were down by 4 points.

In the third quarter we dominated play with a good goal to Adam and another to Harry B. Unfortunately we missed some gettable shots.

In the last quarter despite trying hard and Stephan marking and kicking a great goal, Malvern out scored us to win by 15 points.



Location:

Highette Reserve



Min:

5°C

Max:

13°C

Foggy and cold conditions

Goal Kickers:

Beau (3), Kai (2), Finn and Josh B (1)

Game Highlights:

The Bears were playing away against Highett, last seasons division 3 premiers, so it was a good test against a proven div 3 side. Highett boys very vocal in the warm ups, and also had a few very big bodied boys, and in hindsight I think this mixture initially intimidated several boys on our team. This round we welcomed Josh Bregazzi to the Bears form his first game, and he certainly will be an asset for the Bears.

Highett dominated the 1st 15 minutes of the game, then we steady and start using the ball well, Beau marks in the forward pocket and goals, soon after Josh B marks, passes to Beau who kicks his 2nd goal, and we go in at quarter time with a 2 point lead. Fraser was our dominant player, despite being amongst the smallest on the field he displays Joel Selwood qualities and is fearless in his attack and want to get the footy.

The less said of the 2nd and 3rd terms the better, we were outplayed by a team who generally wanted the footy more, they shared the ball well and we made it easier for them by playing from behind, looking for the easy possession and too often taking the easy option. The Bears only kicked 1 goal 1 behind over these 2 terms, the goal coming courtesy of Finn right on the 3¼ time siren. At 3¼ time we were 37 points in arrears, but could have been much worse, as it was 16 scoring shots to 4.

I don't know if it was the coach's words of wisdom, or the boys themselves who turned it around, but the last term we completely outplayed Highett and proved to ourselves that when we work hard as a group, we can play great footy. Josh B had a blinder of a term, his pace hurt Highett several times, and he was instrumental in setting up 2 goals, and kicked 1 for himself, Kai kicks 2 goals and Beau kicks his 3rd for the game. In the end we reduce the margin to 14 points, which is a great credit to the boys to fight the game out. Lessons to be learned are that you should never be intimidated by your opponents words and size, you must be prepared to work hard for 4 quarters to win games against quality opponents and look at the way Fraser plays the game, you don't need any more motivation than that.



Location:

Koornang Park



Min:

5°C

Max:

14°C

Foggy and cold conditions

Goal Kickers:

Aidan (4), Liam, Ozzie, Emin (3), Max, Shamus, Thomas R and Tim

Bear of the Week:

Aidan Yates

Game Highlights:

It was a crisp, wintery Melbourne afternoon at the village green of Koornang Park, where all was well with the world as gentlemen raised their hats to the ladies promenading around the ground for what was going to be a fine day of football.

Not only were the assembled throng about to be enthralled by the dazzling skills of the U16 Bears, they were also being supplied with the 'double happiness' of seeing two players reach their landmark 100 games: Thomas Robb, who joined the Bears this year, made sure his hundredth was achieved wearing the navy, gold and red; Aidan Yates, who has only ever worn a Bear jumper, joined him in the hearty celebrations as they both tore through their respective banners.

However, the Hawks had decided to crash the party and launched a major blitzkrieg in the first quarter, catching the Bears napping. After having beaten them resoundingly in earlier rounds, there may have been an expectation that this was going to be a teddy bears' picnic but the Hawks had other ideas. You'd have to give the first quarter to the Hawks, and the Coach gave the boys a roasting at quarter time that required sunscreen to avoid heat stroke.

The lads came out harder in the second quarter but the Hawks were being devilishly clever: They were playing two extra players up in the forward line, allowing their

defenders to tag very tightly while the loose men help crowd the ball. They weren't napping in the coaches box though, and were deftly making a myriad of multiple mischievous moves to adjust the Bears attack – rumour has it that the Bears runner covered over 25 km for the day! It was enthralling football – like watching a huge chess game at ten times speed.

The premiership quarter saw an invigorated Bears break the shackles. Some significant position shifts opened the floodgates and there were a glory of goals as the Bears accelerated ahead. We also saw the inventive use of switching the ball through lateral movement – the Coach was so excited he had to be given smelling salts.

The last quarter saw the Bears continue to apply unrelenting pressure. The Hawks fought hard to a man and managed to slow the Bears down but at a cost of them being unable to score. Thus the spoils went to the Bears and into a well-deserved break.

Best:

Shamus – Previously described as a wet weather specialist, this is now thought to refer to him raining on the other teams' parades. Fast as lightning, outrunning the opposition and kicking a goal to rub salt in the wounds.

Harry MacLeod-Smith – Has really found his niche as a stalwart defender: Unafraid, resolute and dependable.

Aidan – Kirkham summed it up: Not only his 100th but his best game for the Bears. With four goals, the young man himself described it as "The Perfect day". Seeing his Dad is writing the report, let me tell you a story that sums him up: One day we were out having a kick and Aidan was on fire – could do no wrong. A chap came up and asked him if he played for a footy club – "Caulfield Bears" he replied proudly. The chap then suggested that someone of his skill should come and play for his club. Aidan replied "Thanks mate, but they'll be burying me in a Bear's jumper."



Location:

Walter Galt
Reserve



Min:

5°C

Sunshine

Max:

14°C

Game Highlights:

A little bit of excitement building for today's game as we are 2 teams with similar ladder positions and could be in for an even match.

We start well and actually lead at ¼ time by a goal. Some fine tackles and chances fall our way with the promising start we need to continue the high intensity and confidence builder that comes with the solid start.

With Mordy's opposition team manager informing us that they have a couple of late starters due to other commitments. She failed to also tell us they were 6-6 in size blokes with good skills. Mordy tear away and kick 7 goals to our solitary point and take the game totally away from us. We were totally out marked by taller and a tougher opposition again.

This hardened and more determined team play from the opposition is constantly showing up our lesser skills and determination to get in and win the hard ball when required. The ground lights go on to start the 3rd quarter. We are a little bit better and even match up around the stoppages; we just have to be up for the contest. Coach calls for more effort as we just want to stop another blowout.

We seem to stem the onslaught but is this because we improve or they drop off is open for discussion.

We cop a couple of injuries and look now to limp into the long weekend with a break next weekend. The coach has a strong message to regroup and move on quickly.

Goal Kickers:

Locky (2), Dean, Jordan and Damian (1)

Awards:

Michael Grace, Damo and Jordy

AROUND THE GROUND



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