



# THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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# ROUND 9 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	Ashwood	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	9.00am
U9's	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
U10 Grizzlies	St Bedes/Mentone	Away	Southern Road Reserve	10.00am
U10 Polars	St Kilda City	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	10.15am
U11 Grizzlies	Oakleigh	Home	Koornang Park	9.00am
U11 Polars	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
U11 Kodiaks	Waverley Park Hawks	Away	Lum Reserve	12.15am
U12's Girls	Beaumaris	Home	East Caulfield Reserve	11.30am
U12's Mixed	Ashwood	Home	Koornang Park	10.30am
U13's	East Malvern	Away	Darling Reserve	2.00pm
U14s	Port/South Melbourne	Away	Albert Park	9.00am
U15s	Murrumbeena	Away	Murrumbeena Park	3.00pm
U16s	Oakleigh	Home	Koornang Park	12.00pm
U17s	Waverley Park Hawks	Home	Koornang Park	2.00pm

## Calendar Events

JUL

22

**Comedy Night**

7.00pm – 11.00pm

AUG

13

**Family Night**

4.30pm – 7.30pm

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# THE VP'S MID-SEASON MESSAGE

**Well, it was another bumper week at the Bear Cave with a full day of footy and Family Night #3 at Koornang Park.**

I was fortunate enough to see some classic matches at Koornang Park on Sunday with all the games being closely fought contests and the usual great Bear's Spirit in full flight.

Watching the U11 Kodiaks made me reflect on the journey of The Bears from the early days as Glen Orme Junior Footy Club with 2 teams playing at Lord Reserve in Magpies jumpers during the eighties, through the relationship formed with the senior St Kevins Ormond Footy Club (playing in Saints jumpers) in the nineties, to the big Club we are today.

My best memories are of playing sport and some of the great people I have met on the journey. What an amazing time to playing junior sport it is today! We boast a great footy program, good quality facilities, a well administered organisation, welcoming environment for all participants and strong on field performances, giving everyone the chance to prosper in their footy pursuits. Ours is a Club we can all be proud of.

Sometimes things change from the perfectly scripted experience we imagine but we always find ways to keep getting better. I hope you are all enjoying the season so far because we have a big second half to come. Keep up all the support and great footy action and I'll see you at the Bear Cave. Go Bears!

*Luke Meyer*

**Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club  
Vice President**



## Match Day Photos

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### Team App

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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.

### Georgia Lucas Canteen Manager - KP

Every Sunday we have a great canteen with lots of yummy food, hot and cold drinks and smiling faces to serve. If you have been rostered onto canteen duty you will know Georgia.

She does a great job keeping things running smoothly and making it really easy for all us volunteer helpers. Next time you are on duty or buying that all important hot pie say hello and thank you, just because she is one of the many friendly faces at the Bear Cave.



## Kicking Interleague Goals!

**A big weekend of AFL Victoria Interleague concluded with all three of our Bears winning BEST ON GROUND AWARDS!**

Congratulations to our U13 starlet Jenna Casamento, our U14 star Nicholas Karamihos and our U15 champion, Fraser Sharman-Smith who also took out the Coaches award!! Great work to all three of you!!



## NEW LOOK WEBSITE!

Don't forget to check out our new look responsive website!  
Special thanks to Ckaos, Karen Farrar and Click Creative!  
[caulfieldbears.com.au/juniorteam](http://caulfieldbears.com.au/juniorteam)



# AUSKICK

**The Auskickers keep kicking goals on Saturdays and are having a great time doing it.**

Well done to all our coaches on doing a great job. I heard that a former AFL footballer, who dropped in one day, mention that the Bears run the best Auskick programs he has seen. The next big event for Auskick comes on Sat 22nd July with the Footy Fans Day. So get your footy jumpers and club colours ready because it will be even more fun than usual – you can even get your face painted.

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

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# MATCH REPORT

## U8's

Caulfield Bears vs. St Peters

### Location:

Centenary  
Park



Min:

6°C

Max:

14°C

Cold, but dry conditions

### Game Highlights:

With a strong display last week and their season back on track, the Bears were looking to put together another four quarter performance against St Peters FC. Tadhg Hogan and Luca Cipriani were captains for the day.

The first quarter was a tight affair with an excellent defensive performance from Finn. Luca showed us his best Dusty Martin impersonation with a powerful fend-off and then followed up minutes later with a brilliant captain's goal. It was a great start and it looked like the Bears were well on their way to erasing the memories of their last game at Centenary Park.

The Bears' backline found themselves under more strain in the second quarter, but held strong with some great defensive pressure applied by Jack. The highlight of the quarter was a high flying mark from Jackson at centre half forward.

After half time Alex and Quinn proved to be a dangerous combination up forward with 5 scoring shots between them. The play of day started with a decisive tap in the ruck from Zac to Luca for the clearance to Charlie D on the wing, a precision pass to Josh G and a shot on goal by Quinn. The quarter ended with a trademark run and snap from the left pocket by Alex and a goal celebration that will be difficult to top.

The final term was relatively close. Charlie B and Angus took some great marks and Harry showed us what a tackling machine he can be. Overall it was another even contribution from the Bears with an increasing number of plays involving impressive chains of possession. Well done Bears.

### Bear of the Week:

Angus Waters

### Goal Kickers:

Luca Cipriani and Alex Gerges

### Best on Ground:

Josh Godfrey



**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:

Koornang  
Park



Min:

6°C

Max:

14°C

Cold, but dry conditions

### Bear of the Week:

Luke Mahimaran

### Best back:

Grady

### Best midfield:

Nick

### Best forward:

Luke

### Game Highlights:

Only a few minutes in and a terrific snap from the pocket saw Jack Curwood score his first goal of the season. A great passage of play from Cooper, Lewis and Jack nearly resulted in another goal soon after. Our Bears were playing a great first quarter of football, Caspar took a lovely mark and Frankie's tackling was fearless. The forwards and centre got all the play, leaving our backline fresh and eager for a run.

We again dominated the play for much of the second quarter. There were many shining moments of skill from Jack Conrad and Lucas Kennedy and classy defensive football from Christian and Raphael.

The second half saw a change of pace and the defenders were kept busy. Luke played a great third quarter of football in the mid field with a heap of possessions. Will fought hard and touched the ball on the last line of defence, preventing another Bentleigh goal. Max's big kicks and Christians marking had us fighting vigorously. Samuel kept the pressure on, picking the ball out of a pack and dishing of an impressive handball.

Martin and Nick were reading the play beautifully whilst Grady was booming the kick outs. Ryan and Joel were reliable as always, running hard and chasing down the ball. Mac was displaying a 'never say die' attitude continuing to put pressure of the opposition.

Special mention to Eddie West who went in hard and ran all day with a determination that made his coaches very proud. A brilliant effort Eddie.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts, we were completely run over in the second half. Whilst it was a tough day at the office there are plenty of positive signs for next week. Go Bears.



**Location:**

Peterson  
Reserve

**Min:**

11°C

Sunny

**Max:**

16°C

**Bear of the Week:**

Jaikiah, Oliver and Jakob

**Bear of the Week:**

Matthew and Romy

**Best on Ground:**

Isaiah

**Game Highlights:**

It was a beautiful Sunday morning to be playing Football at Peterson Reserve against East Sandringham. The Polars were lead by Mack and Ethan in is this vital round 8 clash.

The first quarter started competitively with Ben in the ruck again. Early stages had a highly contested game with great tackling from Daniel and real enthusiasm from the rest of the midfield. Plenty of possession and tackling from James, Mack, Tom, Daniel, Ben and Ethan. With a couple of wins with the contested footy we had Ethan and Tom launching good balls into the fifty which was also a highly contested area. First goal went to the Bears through Jaikiah. The ball then went to the other end and we were required to defend intently. Some great efforts from Luca and co kept East Sandringham out for quite some time. Eventually they scored. In our defensive 50, Claudia and Romy were very competitive getting in there with real grit and determination to get the ball out of our 50 on many occasions. This lead to a quick shift in counter attack. After receiving the ball from Romy, Ben found Ethan up the ground which then resulted in Ethan finding Jaikiah inside 50. The quarter ended with special mention to James for his efforts in the 1st quarter.

2nd quarter started with an early run along the left wing from Daniel who got the ball inside 50 again. Continued pressure from the midfield resulted in Jake taking a mark on the 50 and kicking it to the top of the square for Oliver who scored a goal. This pressure continued when the midfield who was dominating had Ben kick to Oliver inside 50. This time resulting in a behind. East Sandringham continued to apply real pressure and made some good ground down the right side. They would have run on for a certain goal if it wasn't for the efforts of Luca tackling from side on to stop a break away player. Continued pressure resulted in an East Sandringham behind. Towards the end of the quarter a long kick from Ethan required Tom to run bravely into a pack taking a wonderful mark. Jake then finished the quarter with a very long range goal that had the Bears up and about going into the half time break.

3rd quarter resulted in changes to the positions. Jake replaced Ben in the Ruck, Daniel went to the forward line, Luca to Ruck Rover and Jed to Rover, Ben and Ethan to the backline. This quarter was a hard one for the Bears with a lot of the ball in of defensive 50 with East Sandringham constantly marking and getting the ball back in there. They scored several behinds and a goal. Special mentions to Charlie having to kick out in this quarter. Some big efforts in the contested midfield by Jake, Luca, Mack and James.

4th quarter continued this very competitive and well played game. Jake was winning the Ruck, Mack was getting on the run, Luca's efforts continued and the game ebbed and flowed. Phoenix took a great hand mark out in front of his body inside 50 with an attempt at goal quite far out. East Sandringham scored another behind and goal during this period. Daniel took on several players inside 50 trying to bend one around the corner for a goal with the result of a point. The match eventually finished with a very good game played by our young Bears.





**Location:**

Koornang  
Park

**Min:**

11°C

**Max:**

16°C

Lovely when the sun came out

**Bear of the Week:**

Max B, Chris

**Zagames Award:**

Jacques

**Boost Award:**

Otis

**Cards**

Asher

**Game Highlights:**

It was a perfect Sunday morning for football and the U10 Grizzlies were up against a very tough outfit in Prahran.

They had not played Prahran since U8's however had a reputation as one of the top teams in the division. Shane gave the team a rev up wanting them to plan with 'energy, commitment and teamwork'.

The 1st quarter started with a tussle in the centre square with both side tackling fiercely and not giving an inch.

There was definitely a different feel to the way the bears were playing being first to the contest and hunting in packs.

The quarter finished with Prahran showing their fluent running skills and kicks a few goals against the run of play.

The 2nd quarter was a real dog fight with the bears starting to gain ascendancy in the tight contests and clearances with smart hand passes and continually running hard at the ball.

Every player was doing their bit in stopping Prahran's run and the quarter was very even.

The 3rd quarter the momentum was definitely with the bears, the tight marking and fluid play saw some amazing skills from the boys.

The home crowd started to see what the bears were truly capable of against some very good opposition and there were some amazing individual and team performances for the quarter.

It started to be clear that the parents were experiencing some of the best football the bears had played all year and they were totally committed in every aspect of the game.

The last quarter saw the bears start to dominate across the ground, the 'man on man' defence was exceptional with every forward push by Prahran repelled and some great teamwork through the centre leading to some superb goals for the quarter. When the siren sounded there were some very tired bears however there was an obvious euphoria around the ground knowing they played for each other for the four quarters and had shown some great teamwork all game.



**Location:**

Centenary  
Park

**Min:****11°C****Max:****16°C**

Sunny afternoon

**Goal Kickers:**

Lenny – 3, Jake – 3, Lachie M – 1, Sebastian – 2

**Bear of the Week:**

Lenny

**Best on Ground:**

Hudson, Sam and Sebastian

**Game Highlights:**

In Q1 the Grizzlies were immediately peppering the ball forward. The Grizzlies were swarming for the ball. A couple of great marks from Cam and Jake kept the pressure on the opposition goals. Henry booted a solid kick into the forwards and a strong tackle from Jack led to a fantastic GOAL from Lennie. Good defending and tackling from Jarvis, with the hard boot of Jack K kept the ball in the opposition half for the quarter.

Q2: Another strong quarter of football. Solid efforts all round, unfortunately the Grizzlies were not sure of positions. Good hard tackling from Lachie F and Lachie M plus a great kick from Lenny to get a second GOAL. Strong running from Henry which led to another goal from Sebastian. Then a Great run from Seb to Lenny to Lachie M who booted it through the GOALS!!!

Uplifting speech at half time from COACH Matt:  
“just make sure you kick it the right way!”

Q3: And we’ve forgotten how to tackle, the runner was working overtime relaying messages out to the team. The pressure was building with the forward line of St Paul’s pushing. A couple of quick goals for them and they were lifting. The grizzlies were not getting up and going for the second phase clearances. Strong running through the middle with 1 bounce from Fyfee and looping with other team members all pushing forward. Lenny snuck through the opposition and slotted another GOAL. They pushed forward again and Jake make a strong break to drive forward and kick a solid GOAL. Good strong running from Paddy, tom, and Jeremy, Felix, Sam and Christian.

Q4: Tom G, Hudson and Hugo all contesting for the ball. A strong crunching tackle from Jake, Good feeding forward from Seb followed up by a piercing kick from Jake to slot another goal. Christian, Jack J and Hudson all pushing the ball forward – unfortunately a dog ran onto the pitch and distracted play on both ovals – the owners were nowhere to be seen. Dog caught and Back to the game! The Grizzlies were lifting...

Seb kicked a GOAL! & Jake kicked a GOAL!

Well done from the Grizzlies!!!



# U11 Kodiaks

Mordiallic Braeside 3.2 (20) def. Caulfield 2.5 (17)

## Location:

Koornang  
Park



## Min:

11°C

Fine

## Max:

16°C

## Goal Kickers:

Jacob Baldwin and Rory Wright (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Nick, Harvey and Lachie

## Game Highlights:

For the third time this season the boys suffered a close loss by less than a goal after leading in the last quarter. As disappointed as they were they should all be proud off their efforts throughout the game. It was a close game throughout with both teams giving it their all. No-one deliberately misses a goal or drops a mark or kicks the ball directly to the opposition but these things happen and it is how the boys deal with these setbacks with the support of their coaches and parents that is the key to their development as players and as boys playing a tough game. Sometimes they will take a backward step when they are about to get crunched by an opponent twice their size and sometimes they will fumble a loose ball as the crowd yells out to pick the ball up or to pick up the loose man or to kick a goal from 40 metres out. We had quite a few boys play well in all four quarters this week so it is hard to single out anyone although both Rory and Jacob deserve to be mentioned for capping off their great games with terrific goals. I feel privileged to watch our boys go out and compete every week. I hope you all do too.



# U11 Polars

Dingley 2.6 (18) def. Caulfield 2.3 (15)

## Location:

Souter  
Reserve



## Min:

11°C

Partly Cloudy

## Max:

16°C

## Goal Kickers:

Quinn Cooper and Michael Liolios

## Bear of the Week:

Tom Gordon (FIT Award), Marcus Brittain and Quinn Cooper

## Best on Ground:

Michael Liolios

## Game Highlights:

From the opening bounce it became apparent the boys were going to be playing a formidable opponent. By half time the boys had only one solitary point whilst Dingley had scored 2-6. The scoreline suggested one-way traffic but it was anything but that. There was persistence out of the backline and overall great attack on the ball around the ground, with players consistently putting their body over the ball. Unfortunately for the Polars the ball didn't bounce their way and they weren't rewarded on the score board for their effort.

The second half saw the Polars increase their intensity, and with every player putting in a lion hearted effort. Great second efforts around the ground by all saw the deficit reduced to 9-points at three quarter time. Coach Rowan said at the final break "win or lose the effort has been fantastic" and asked the boys to continue to be relentless. A goal with five minutes remaining saw the deficit reduced to three points and unfortunately the siren sounded with the ball deep in our forward line and the boys missed out on what would have been an amazing come from behind victory. Even though disappointed with the result the players knew they played an incredible game and should be proud of their effort.

## U12 Girls

Caulfield Bears 5.3 (33) def. St Peters 5.2 (32)

### Location:

Centenary  
Park



Min:

11°C

Max:

16°C

Sunny winters day

### Goal Kickers:

Jemima (32), Akeisa (14) and Lily (3)

### Bear of the Week:

Eliza, Delilah, Matilda and Akeisha

### Game Highlights:

On this magnificent Winters day, Gilbert read out his Captain selections, as the girls stood in their arch formation, waiting in anticipation. All you heard were gasps and cheers from their team mates, as Mai'ai, Leona and Maryama stood tall and ready to lead the U12 Bears into their next friendly battle. The camaraderie between these team mates is infectious, especially with the injured Sophie, Jasmine and Ivy in the Cheer squad.

It was the first quarter, and everyone looked hungry for the ball but none so hungry as Eliza with her spoiler mark, that would have made Gilbert and Donno proud. She managed to set up Jemima for the first score of the match!

Some fantastic marking by Eliza and Maggie saw Jemima (32) scored the first goal, and the girls retreat into the second quarter just ahead of their opponents.

In the second quarter, there was some amazing tackling by Tashi, Delilah, Lily, Matilda, Maryama, and Siena which saw Akeisa (14) line up a beautiful goal.

After their oranges and snakes, and some encouraging words from their captains, there were some shining passes from Matilda to Mia, and Tashi to Jemima in the midfield with Leona and Violet both tackling like there is no tomorrow in the back zone. Lily (3) managed to line the ball up perfectly for her first goal of the day. This was so uplifting that even Gen the goal umpire performed the most amazing adult cart wheel the girls had ever seen!!! Chiara on the backline, kicked the ball out of the danger zone, but it wasn't too long before St Peters scored again.

By forth quarter, they were 13 points down and hungrier than ever. Their sense of community and everything they've learnt and have embraced during their Tuesday night coaching sessions came into fruition. The midfielders managed to bring the ball quicker down the centre, leading wide, creating greater opportunities for the girls in the forward line.

Hannah marked a beautiful pirouette, and the girls were applying the pressure now, the siren was closer than ever and between Violet, Eliza, Matilda, Mai'ai and Jemima there were many tackles and shots at goal. Mia set up the first goal and Eliza set up the second and Jemima (32) kicked them both in. Unfortunately St Peter's fate was set – the Bears now lead by 1 point just as the siren goes! What a successfully nail biting match it was.



## U12 Mixed

East Malvern 11.10 (76) def. Caulfield Bears 5.3 (33)

### Location:

Darling Park



Min:

11°C

Max:

16°C

Fine

### Goal Kickers:

H-Bomb, Rhino, Webby and JJ (2)

### Game Highlights:

Gary asked 5 things of the team this week, put your head over the footy, play in front, punch if behind, talk and encourage one another and know your role. From the outset the team looked like they came to play and the first quarter was evenly contested. Form the second quarter onward, East Malvern displayed superior hand and foot skills and had far greater impact on the scoreboard. At the final break Gary implored the boys to win the quarter, and the effort resembled that of the first quarter. Both teams scored two goals in the final quarter and although the final score didn't reflect it, the effort, intensity and skills of the first and last quarter show the Bears can match it with the better teams in the division provided they string four quarters of football together.



## Location:

Koornang  
Park



Min:

11°C

Conditions

Max:

16°C

## Goal Kickers:

Nick (4) and Charlie (1)

## Bear of the Week:

James Arthur and Clem Beazley

## Best on Ground:

Charlie Clancy

## Game Highlights:

1/4: Sun was shining, ground in good condition and firm and fast playing against an undefeated side in St Kilda City, losing the toss we were kicking towards pool end with a slight wind going towards Koornang rd end. They seemed to have 1 to 2 goal breeze advantage but would this make a difference? From the opening bounce the ball see sawed from end to end, both sides for some unknown reason dropped nearly every mark and kicking was also poor from both sides was this caused from the enormous pressure from both sides. Bears had a fair bit of the ball but missed a couple of shots on goal hopefully this was not going to be like last match, rounding out the ¼ with 1.5 to 1.2.

2/4: St Kilda City jumped out of the block with plenty of forward movements, but our strong defense repelled them on numerous occasions, Bears could not seem to get any movement going forward until some great ball gathering from Birdman and poise pass the ball to Nick for a goal. For rest of the ¼ was great tight football from both teams, but with the memento going St Kilda City they banged on 3 goals in secession. At ½ time the game was evenly poised, with score at ½ time Bears 2.4 to 4.5 it was still anyone game.

3/4: This was the ¼ hopefully to keep in reach with St Kilda City with the breeze slightly increase sing against us we really had to play good and strong defense footy and to take opportunity to try and score which we did on many occasions but not through the big sticks, hopefully this was not going to come back and bite us again like last match's Kilda City had kicked 2.2 to Bears 5 points for the ¼. ¾ Time score was Bears 2.9 to 6.7 Were we still in the match?

4/4: Early in the last ¼ saw St Kilda City go forward on a couple of occasions, but our super strong defense kept them out, slowly we were going forward with a couple of shots at goal but still we could not get them through the big sticks, with St Kilda City running the ball out of defense and carrying the ball up to the wing on a couple of occasion our mids were under enormous pressure, but with some strong tackling and great ball movements we turned it around to go forward and finally getting some rewards through the big sticks. With some great strong marking and good kicking from Nick he scored a goal. Also Charlie had kicked 1. With a least 6 minutes to go we were still 9 points down, going forward we scored point after point we were getting closer, was time going to beat us we had got within 5 points with probably only 2 minutes left of the match, with some strong mid field work got the ball forward and to Nick, who scored his second for the ¼. Ball back to centre bounce with St Kilda City last roll of the dice quickly moved the ball forward. James Arthur putting his body on the line took a heavy knock, slowly getting up; time had run out for St Kilda City, Bears win by a point.



## Location:

Koornang  
Park



Min:

11°C

Max:

14°C

Fine, sunny, 14 degrees,  
light breeze

## Goal Kickers:

Nick K (4), Stephan (3), Harry B (2), Nick L and Luke (1)

## Team Player of the Week:

Morgan

## Canteen Vouchers:

Spencer and Cormac

## Zagames Award:

Harry P

## Game Highlights:

Harry B opened the scoring with a goal not long into the game. This was matched by a Beaumaris goal and the quarter wrapped up at 1.3 to 1.2.

Caulfield picked up the pace in the second quarter and piled on another three goals (Nick K, Nick L and Stephan). Beaumaris answered with a goal and Caulfield answered back with a cracker from Nick K – kicking on a sharp angle from the half-forward flank. This took the Bears to 5.5 against Beaumaris on 2.5.

Harry B scored a quick goal shortly after half time, closely followed by Nick K. Then it was Beaumaris' turn to shine with three goals to three Caulfield behinds. Then Luke took a great mark and goaled. A couple more goals to Beaumaris and things were looking close again at three quarter time at 8.8 to 7.7.

Things got even closer in the final term, and then it was time for Caulfield to break away. Stephan kicked a beauty off the side of his boot. Nick K got his fourth goal of the day and Stephan got his third, beautifully shepherded by Jenna. Beaumaris got a goal but the Bears outperformed them by 15 points.





**Location:**  
Souter Reserve



**Min:**

**11°C**

Fine

**Max:**

**16°C**

## Goal Kickers:

Harro 2 and Joel 1



## Game Highlights:

Travel out to Dingley to tackle the top team, Joel and Smoothie celebrating game number 100 and Charlie game 50. Obvious from the start that Dingley were a big, skillful and well drilled group, whilst we were competitive in the first term and kept them to 1 goal 4 behinds, we failed to score, and barely got the ball into our forward zone. The defence did a sterling job, but each time the ball went back to the centerline, Dingley had lose players everywhere and rebounded straight back to their forwards. Billy was concussed early in the game after banging his head into the hard surface, and this was a big loss to the defence.

The second term fared worse, Dingley again dominated, we had only 1 inside 50 and they kicked 6 goals to seal the game before ½ time.

The 3rd term was a better effort, we managed to kick 2 goals, both to Harro who was providing a strong target for us, whilst Dingley kicked 4 for the term. And the final term we were also much more competitive, Joel kicking a nice goal, before Dingley kicked 3 late goals and we lost by 86 points.

Different to how the final score suggests, all the boys tried their hardest, no player shirked any contest against a very physical team, and the second half score of 9 goals to 3, rather than the first ½ 7 goals to no score, is more reflective of the difference between the teams. Next time we play Dingley, we have proved we can be competitive against them in patches, so this will be a big test for the group.

## Location:

Jack Barker  
Oval



Min:

11°C

Fine

Max:

16°C

## Goal Kickers:

Tim (4), Fletcher (3), Emin (2), Liam, Aidan, Max, James and Oscar (1)

## Bear of the Week:

Harrison Beveridge - for his continual support while injured.

## Best on Ground:

Fletcher, Jack and Shamus

## Game Highlights:

Well, this was the game the lads had been waiting for. Having been demolished by Beaumaris earlier in the year, the Bears were hungry for revenge. Also, as it was a playoff for top spot on the ladder, the Bears wanted to answer the question as to whether they were going to cement their place at the top. This was the real thing and the Bears were so fired up that had we been able to tap into them as an energy source, we could have powered up the east coast of Australia for a year.

From the first bounce, the Bears let Beaumaris know what they were in for. A quick goal within the first two minutes put the Bears in front where they remained for the rest of the day. The fast handballing Sharks were brought to ground by the brutal tacking and the tight marking by the Bears. Even when they were able to break free, the slightest mistake was pounced upon by the Bears. One thing I really liked about the game is how hungry the defence were; rather than being stressed about Beaumaris attacking, they wanted them to bring it on! They couldn't wait for them! The Coach would agree with me – the backline isn't the last line of defence: it's the first line of attack.

It was also good to hear a lot more talking out there during the game: Lots of good, positive chat and calling out where people should be marking.

One must give credit to Beaumaris, they were putting up a good fight, but in the third quarter- the premiership quarter – the Bears came out even harder. This was a telling time as this is where the Bears applied incredible amount of pressure. Beaumaris fought back with a few quick goals but the Bears just hitched up their red socks and came back and hit them back even harder.

It was obvious that the Bears were now dominating and the scoreboard reflected this – if we could have actually read the scoreboard. Dave Robinson was manning it and I think that he was putting the scores up in Gaelic because we couldn't make head or tail of it!

Anyway, the Bears never let up the pressure and finished off the game with a 7 goal lead – a fourteen goal turnaround from the last game – that's what I'm talking about!

As the coach said, the Bears are now the hunted with every team now looking to bring them down. What a fantastic test for the team in the coming rounds and we can see with all the scores starting to even up around the division that there are not any easy games ahead. However, our young men have decided that this is what they want, to show every team what they are made of! #ScaredoftheBear!

## Highlights:

Emin – 70 metre goal after the half time siren. He just defies the laws of physics with his kicking.

Josh – He was just not going to let anything through on the back line and even when there were mistakes, second, third, even fourth attempts were sensational.

Short passes – Nice to see the possession game being played. The short passes to a man along the wing were impressive.

Entire Team – There were no passengers on Sunday Not a one.

## Best:

Fletcher – Just a ball magnet, ended up with red lather dye stains on his hands. Should be commended for the tough contested marks he was taking up front.

Jack – I wish we kept stats as Jack must have set a new PB for tackles. And he was tacking harder than I've ever seen him do it. Grabbing on tighter than a leech in a tropical rain forest.

Shamus – Pulls in another best. He's now beginning to remind me of the Road Runner they way he accelerates away from his opposition. Is it on a matter of time before he starts going "Beep beep!" before he takes off? Did a beautiful tagging job – his opponent will be wondering today if he actually did play footy on Sunday!



**Location:**

Murrumbeena  
Park

**Min:**

11°C

Fine

**Max:**

16°C

**Game Highlights:**

Our Team was up against Murrumbeena and the "Beena Arena" on Sunday. After a 1 point loss in round 1 the team was looking forward to the return bout.

The Beenas may have done a bit of recruiting since round 1 though as a few handy players did very well for them and we came off second best. Back to KP this week with a 2pm home match.

**Goal Kickers:**

Spencer (2), Locky (2)

**Bear of the Week:**

Spencer, Jordy, Ari



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