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CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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2017 Team Awards

As our teams have their awards nights we will publish the results here.

U11 GRIZZLIES

1st B&F: Jake Gurrie

2nd B&F: Cameron Green

3rd B&F: Jeremy Dalton

Coaches Award: Patrick Hanley

Best Utility: Hugo Hales

Most Determined Player: Kristian Taalikka

U12's

1st B&F: Oscar Phyland

2nd B&F: Nicholas Mavropoulos

3rd B&F: Jackson Cauchi

Coaches Awards: Hugo Birrell, Patrick Gerrand and
Liam Moonen

AFLW State of Origin

On Saturday night the first AFLW State of Origin match was played at Etihad stadium. Although a chilly night, some of our girls rugged up and attended to cheer on the ladies from the sidelines. The score wasn't indicative of the game and I'm sure the girls enjoyed watching some quality football up close. Who knows perhaps one day we will see one of our bears running out there!



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

On Sunday, our Under 16 team were victorious in their Grand Final against Beaumaris and brought home the flag. Congratulations to everyone that has been involved in this team and to all the Bear's supporters that were out in force at the game, we certainly had the biggest cheer squad and as I mentioned last week, it is a testament to the culture of our Club that so many people get behind our players.

What a fitting end to a fabulous season. Now it is time to pack up the Bear Cave for the summer, welcome the cricketers back to Koornang Park and look forward to next year. Our AGM will be announced in due course and if anyone would like a say in the running of our club or be more directly involved, please contact myself over the next few weeks as we begin planning the committee for 2018.

Thank you all for your support over the season and for getting behind our players each and every week

Louise Nelson
President



Match Day Photos

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MATCH REPORT

U16's Grand Final

Caulfield Bears 9.7 (61) def. Beaumaris Sharks 7.13 (55)

Location:

Highbury Reserve



Min:

10°C

Partly Sunny

Max:

16°C

Goal Kickers:

Tim, Fletcher (3), Harry M-S, Charlie Joe and Pincus (1)

Best on Ground:

Tim

Game Highlights:

As I have said, the movie script writes itself.

Twelve months ago, this team had been through a brutal season. Struggling with player numbers, the team put in a valiant effort but wins were hard to come by and thus they ended up cellar dwellers for the year. Looking ahead, the future looked grim but this is where the club stood up. First they tapped into the senior club and were able to engage a new coach and assistants. This was great move as the senior players could communicate with the lads in the way parents couldn't and could remain objective. Secondly, the new team managers went on a recruiting drive that left no club in the eastern suburbs untouched. The new players that were picked up were exactly what the team needed in terms of both skill and attitude. They also discovered that the Bears had a unique spirit and were warmly welcomed.

So after a year where the Bears were laser-sight focused on success, they arrived at the goal for the year: The U16 Div 3 Grand Final. Their opponents, Beaumaris Sharks, were the

team that had challenged them most through the year and the Bears were looking forward to playing a team that they regarded as their peers. The Sharks had always played eyeball to eyeball with the Bears and had never once backed down or given up against them. They would be a challenging opponent.

I have to be honest, I can't give a quarter by quarter report as the game was so intense and so emotional, I can't remember what happened when. So I'm just going to put out some bullet points:

- The Smothers: A recognised football pundit commented to one of the Team Managers that he's never seen a game won before by smothers. There were a number of times that your humble correspondent thought that the Bears were in trouble as the Sharks lined up for a kick, only to have it smothered by a diving Bears player. Those smothers hurt, yet time and time again, the Bears threw themselves on the ball without fear. Special call-out to Frenchie, who had at least four smothers, and Pincus who stopped one with his face.
- Tackling: It had already been established that if you gave the Sharks too much space, their deft use of the handball would have them into attack quickly. Thus the tackling in the midfield was brutal, with Jack, Jake and Emin continually crushing players to the ground.
- Defence: While they may have been a little slow to start, the Bears defenders once again showed why they are so feared. The Tom Robinson punch, Lauchy running on to the ball, Huddo just doing whatever Huddo does but it is magic and Harry M-S taking tough marks.



- **Speed:** Harry S. and Shamus are just the masters of acceleration. What a season these boys have had, with Shamus steaming out of defence and Harry burning up the wing.
- **Discipline:** An exclusive interview with the water carriers after the game gave an interesting insight: Not a negative word was heard out on the field from the Bears as they encouraged themselves on. Just solid positive support which no doubt kept them afloat when they were behind. And yes, I know that there may have been an explosion of commentary from someone down on the back line but let's just view that as a brief aberration...
- **Umpiring:** I have to call out the excellent standard of umpiring for the day. They did a great job, ensuring a good flowing game which allowed both teams to play skilfully. It was the standard of umpiring we hope to see in a Grand Final and these umpires delivered. As an ex-boundary umpire, I was especially pleased to see the quality of the throw-ins!
- **Goal of the Day:** Who else? Pincus' 70m torp! Launched from the wing, it went high and caught the wind and just kept going and going until bouncing through the big sticks. Supposedly NASA want to know his secret! Did the crowd go wild? We were incoherent, speaking in tongues. Call out to Harry M-S, gifted a 50m penalty by the Sharks, kept cool under pressure and booted one to put the Bears back in front.
- **One percenters:** There's a group of players that will not give up and just keep fighting and fighting – Liam, Aidan, Tom Robb, Charlie-Joe, Ethan and Oscar just kept fighting away and there was no way of shaking them off unless the ball was booted away.
- **The Talls:** Tim, Fletcher and Frenchie are the "Three Rucking Musketeers" and must make opposition coaches tear their hair out, as the rotation in the ruck meant that there was always someone fresh going up, while still giving the Bears the height and reach they needed in the goal square where Fletcher and Tim made them pay dearly.
- **Coaches:** Not only has O'Shea and his team grown strength and confidence in the team, they also brought some serious football strategy. The interchange bench was a merry-go-round with a constant flow on players on and off the field. It was a giant chess game, with the runner only getting rests between quarters. The days of 'every boy getting a run' are over, as every move was part of the plan.
- **Bear Spirit:** Harrison, Artem and Max showed the embodiment of the spirit that pervades our club. It also shows the toughness of these boys that they showed up and supported their team mates when they would have given anything to be out on the field. The fact is that this year's Premiership was a mission in which everyone played their part.

So the Bears came out winners by six points in a skilful, challenging game, where rather than just win a premiership, they earned one. It has been an astounding year and one that can be summed up by a comment made at three quarter time: O'Shea called out that they had to dig deep and that they were more than a team, they were mates, to which one of the players replied, "We're not mates, we are brothers!", thus giving me my sign off for the year, with a bit of the old culture from Shakespeare:

From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered –
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
GO BEARS!!!!





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