



1st Grade Match Report

Round 17 2017

BMFC vs. Queanbeyan

BMFC 9.9-63 Queanbeyan 18.12-120

Goal Kickers: D. Bunyan 3, J. Harper 2, B. Joyce, B. Turnbull, J. Taylor, C. York

Best Players: J. Bennett, L. Haddrill, B. Joyce, J. Taylor, J. Kenna, D. Bunyan

In round 17 we headed out to Queanbeyan for our final game of the home and away season. After securing the minor premiership and a home semi-final against Ainslie, we turned our focus to preparing for finals. We wanted to ready ourselves to play with finals pressure and intensity and build momentum going in to next week.

Lexie Bennett, Jacob Taylor and Brad Hoffmann returned to the side, with Liam Lusty, Dan Posch and Mark Smith missing this game.

We started the game very well and did a great job going into the 1st break even with Queanbeyan. We were kicking into a 3-4 goal breeze and our endeavour and intensity around the contest allowed us to control large parts of the quarter. Our desperation to defend was a highlight and we set ourselves up for a strong second quarter. Quarter time scores were 2.2-14 to 2.2-14.

We played well again in the second and the game was played in our forward half for most of the quarter. We were using the wind to our advantage, and while we kicked 4.5 goals to 2.2 for the quarter, we just didn't make the most of our opportunities. We should have had a bigger lead than we did going into half-time and missed a chance to put Queanbeyan under some real pressure. We lead 6.7-43 to 4.4-28 at half-time.

At the main break, we talked about trying to find that next gear with our intensity to take the game away from Queanbeyan. Kicking into the breeze, we wanted to play a slightly different style to our normal fast-paced game and we just were not able to execute this to anywhere near the high standards we have set ourselves this year. Queanbeyan took control of the game around the contest and were able to kick 8 goals to 2 for the quarter. We dropped away in our intensity and pressure and we were too easily scored against too often. Three quarter time scores were 12.8-80 to 8.7-55.

The last quarter followed a similar path and we were convincingly beaten at the final siren 18.12-120 to 9.9-63.

Better players for us on the day were **Len Haddrill, Brenton Joyce, Joey Kenna, Dom Bunyan** and **Ryan Turnbull**.

So we put that game in the rear-view mirror and now look forward to our first final against Ainslie. This week we will be reminding ourselves of the things we have done to be the best team over the

first 17 weeks of the year and how we plan on showing that over the 3 weeks of finals. As they say, a week is a long time in footy and we will be ready to go with a huge effort come Saturday.

We hope to see you all there supporting us at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon as finals footy returns to the Nest! Ryan Turnbull will be playing his 200th 1st grade game, joining 7 other BMFC greats, while Lex Bennett will be playing his 300th club game which represents both old age and durability! Two great achievements that we hope to recognise with a memorable win!





2nd Grade Match Report

Round 17 2017

BMFC vs. Queanbeyan

BMFC 10.7-67 Queanbeyan 7.10-52

Goal Kickers: M. Mooney 5, N. Blackburn 2, L. McGilvray, C. Johnson, M. Lamb

Best Players: D. Bloomfield, L. McGilvray, M. Mooney, L. Lusty, N. Blackburn, J. Dunn

Reserve grade had one of, if not their best win on the weekend against a strong QBYN outfit. QBYN have beaten us the previous 2 times throughout the year and got away to a flying start leading at quarter time by around 20 points.

It was great to see the boy's come together and really gel as a group when the game was on the line. The side showed great signs leading into the finals series with a come from behind victory.

Djali Bloomfield was terrific all day with his decision making and ball use in tricky conditions a highlight. Luke McGilvray continued his hot streak of form and Mitch Mooney kicked another handful of goals. Liam Lusty came back to the 2's this week and showed why he is up for 1st grade selection with another strong performance. Nath Blackburn had one of his better games for the year and is starting to come into it at the right end of the season whilst Jon Dunn continued his solid form being the general down back once again.

This week we play Eastlake at QBYN on Sunday afternoon. It is a very winnable game and I believe we can give this year's final series a real shake. It would be great to get some support out there on the weekend for what should be a great contest.

Good luck to all teams playing finals on the weekend.



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Rising Stars Match Report

Round 20 2017

BMFC vs. Queanbeyan

BMFC 3.5-23 Queanbeyan 12.10-82



Goal Kickers: J. Rees, H. Warden, D. Sim

Best Players: J. Rees, C. White, D. Evans, W. McInnes, A. Wenke, D. Sage

Sadly this is the last match report of the season for the Rising Stars after we failed to make it into the top four to contest finals. The last game against Queanbeyan certainly wasn't pretty but it highlighted both our improvement as individuals and as a team across the past several months. Going into the game we were underdogs but as always we attacked each contest with aggression and finished the game with nothing left in the tank. The finals margin was a disappointing 59 point loss but the effort certainly wasn't reflected in the result.

Once again we were without a few key players on the weekend but individuals stood up to share the load. Our midfield has been key for us all year and we have managed to get on top of most sides in the middle with a dominant ruckman and skilful and poised ball winners. With captain Fraser Miller playing 2's, young gun John Rees once again performed strongly showing his prolific ball winning prowess as well as his trademark ability to hit a target under pressure. John was one of 10 under 16's eligible players to play Rising Stars this season.

Backline General Connor White showed why he has been touted as a future senior key position player and read the ball very well across halfback chopping off many inside 50's and providing a springboard into attack.

It was a day of celebration for a few of our boys who were playing their last games of Rising Stars. Darcy Evans played one of his best games of the season and Darcy Sage showed why he has been a regular in the 2's with another mature performance. Matt Bell who also played his last game was at his sneaky best and did some quality lurking in forward 50. Other contributors on the day were Will McInnes and Alex Wenke, another 2 who have tasted senior footy this season.

Thank you to all who have supported the Rising Stars across the season, especially the family and friends of the players. It has been a long season, but also a very rewarding journey. Thanks also to my assistant coaches, Brendan and Puddles and to Jo Foster for managing. I'm sure the boys appreciate your efforts as much as I do.

Good luck to the teams contesting finals this season. I'm sure you'll do your club proud.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the players and support staff at the presentation night on Saturday the 21st of October, where we will celebrate the season as a club.

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Districts Match Report

Round 17 2017

BMFC vs. ANU

BMFC 6.5-41 ANU 11.24-90



Goal Kickers: A. Ludwig 2, S. Mathieson, T. Arthur, J. Iemma, D. Duncan

Best Players: C. Page, K. Hulin, S. Jewell, A. Ludwig, T. Arthur, J. Sheers





Women's Match Report

Round 17 2017

BMFC vs. ANU

BMFC 18.14-122 ANU 1.0-6

Goal Kickers: H. Walleth 9, J. Hicks 3, E. Pevere 2, K. Priestly, E. Hampton, M. McCaskill, J. Smith

Best Players: H. Walleth, J. Hicks, A. Allen, Z. Allen, R. Leatherby-ford, J. Spence

The Belconnen Magpies women's side had another strong win on the weekend against ANU. It was great to see everyone contribute in one way or another a week out from finals.

Wally was outstanding again in her 100th Women's game for the Football Club. She kicked another bag of 9 goals and once again proved how hard she is to play on. Congratulations Wally on making it to 100 games for the Football Club. You are a leader of this side! Well done!

Jodie Hicks was everywhere once again and proved why she is one of the most damaging player's in the competition. Amber and Zoe Allen both had strong games winning plenty of ball and setting up play whilst Raven Leatherby-ford and Jacqui Spence had great games and put in 4 solid quarters of football.

This weekend we come up against Riverina at Stirling oval on Saturday in elimination final. We have beat Riverina comfortably throughout the season however they are another team who have hit some form coming into finals. I believe we have the team to go far into this year's finals series and we need everyone to come to training on Thursday and to the game on the weekend with the right attitude and mentally prepared for a tough finals series.

Good luck to all teams playing on the weekend.

Coach

Scott

