

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



A wet and wild weekend

As the Canberra region was being drenched over the weekend, our 7 Magpies teams fought valiantly through the mud and the rain. Unfortunately, in the end we only came out with 2 wins and very dirty socks.

There were two bright spots, however, with both the 1st and 2nd grade men grinding out hard fought wins over Queanbeyan to maintain their unbeaten records.

Special mention goes out to young Tom Simpson who, in only his third 1st grade game, played a pivotal role throughout, including kicking the game winning goal under immense pressure with less than a minute remaining.

1st grade football's return to The Nest for 2020 will be delayed due to ground closures, meaning that our 1st and 2nd grade men and 1st grade women will take on Gungahlin at Stirling Oval on Saturday.

UPCOMING 1ST GRADE FIXTURE

Rd 5 vs. Gungahlin

Rd 6 @ Eastlake

Rd 7 @ Ainslie

Rd 8 vs. Tuggeranong

Rd 9 vs. Queanbeyan

Rd 10 vs. Eastlake

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Volunteer of the Week: Brad Posch

This week's BMFC volunteer of the week is Brad Posch

After joining the football club board this season, Brad has lead the charge in getting our social media and communications back up and running. He has also done a volume of work developing our brand new club Newsletter to keep all our valued members up to date with the latest club news and goss! Thanks for all your hard work Poschy, you're a credit to yourself and your family. (Editors note: Thanks Chip!)



WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	8.9-57	defeated	Queanbeyan	7.12-54
1st Grade W	3.0-18	lost to	Queanbeyan	5.13-43
2nd Grade M	3.7-25	defeated	Queanbeyan	1.10-16
2nd Grade W	3.3-21	lost to	ANU	5.6-36
Rising Stars	5.4-34	lost to	Queanbeyan	9.7-61
3rd Grade M	1.3-9	lost to	ANU	5.10-40
4th Grade M	4.9-33	lost to	ANU	8.9-57

FIRST GRADE WOMEN

Bobby Moroney

With a few players unavailable for Round 4, the door opened for Tahlia Tait to play her first game for 2020 after two very strong performances in our 2nd grade side, while Alex Staib debuted in what was going to be a baptism of fire. Knowing that heavy rain was on the way it was important for us to come out fast and put scoreboard pressure on the contest. Our focus before the game was to attack every contest and ensure there was a physical presence around each stoppage. This was typified early by Jacqui Spence, Emily Pease and Maggie Gorham with multiple hard ball wins providing early opportunities up forward and two quick goals. Down by 3 points at quarter time we knew that we needed to maintain a high level of effort at the contest.

Round 4

vs Queanbeyan @ Queanbeyan

BMFC 3.0-18 def by QTFC 5.13-43

Goalkickers: C Halse, H Wallett, M Gorham

Best: T Reid, A Allen, M Dwyer, J Spence, E Pease, T Tahlia

Unfortunately we were outhustled in the second quarter and were dominated in contested possession. Our backline were constantly under pressure, with Amber Allen, Melissa Pellow and Tahlia Tait doing everything possible to repel repeated shots on goal. We allowed the opposition to dictate possession and tempo, lost our structure, stopped chasing and kicked in hope too many times resulting in a 2.5 to 0.0 second quarter. Our side was determined to turn things around in the second half. The pressure around the ball and our contested efforts got back to the levels we expect and we started moving with more purpose. Tiarne Reid played her best game of the season, linking numerous plays from defence into attack and at times handled the ball as though it was a dry night. Our backline continued to do everything possible to prevent the opposition scoring and found some strong attacking support from Maddie Dwyer in an unfamiliar role in defence. The girls never considered themselves out of the contest and a quick first goal of the last quarter gave hope but ultimately fell by 25 points. Next week will be a chance to redeem ourselves in our first game at the Nest for 2020 in hopefully much drier conditions. Go Pies!

FIRST GRADE MEN

Brock Weston

A soggy AllInsure Oval awaited us on Saturday for the much anticipated top of the table clash. Queanbeyan were billed as the team to beat in 2020 and we went out there expecting a tough contested game of football. And that's exactly what we got. Queanbeyan were kicking with the breeze in the first term and quickly took advantage. Although we were breaking even in the clearances and were using the ball well it was hard to defend the repeat forward 50 entries and we limped to quarter time looking at a 4 goal deficit. The 2nd term started much like the first with us winning the clearances but this time we were able to apply some scoreboard pressure with early goals to Mitch Maguire and Tommy A kickstarting our come back. At half time we had erased the deficit and it was all square. Given the obvious advantage that Queanbeyan were to have in the 3rd we emphasised the importance of grinding out the quarter to ensure we wouldn't be chasing too much in the last. Our midfield group lead by Nick Eynaud and JB went to work and made the Tigers midfield fight for every possession.

Round 4

vs Queanbeyan @ Queanbeyan

BMFC 8.9-57 def QTFC 7.12-54

Goalkickers: M Maguire 2, A Bennett, T Alexander, D Jordan, A Dess, T Simpson, L Redfern

Best: N Eynaud, R Turnbull, J Bennett, B Hoffmann, T Simpson, N Kelly

The increase in intensity around the footy made it harder for Queanbeyan to get any decent football forward and we kept them to a single goal for the term. The game was up for grabs in the last and it could've went either way. With less than a minute to go Queanbeyan kicked a point and gave us one last chance. When Luke McKay launched a barrel from the kick in that landed in the middle of the ground the race was on. Lexie Bennett had a couple of opponents hanging off him as he kicked the ball off the ground inside 50, and when Thomas Simpson was awarded a free kick 30 metres out the scene was set for a fairytale finish to the game. It was never in doubt as Thommo kicked truly to give us the lead. The siren sounded seconds after the ball was thrown up in the middle of the ground and the comeback was complete. Aside from his match winning goal Simpson was excellent throughout the game and handled the footy like it was dry. Nick Eynaud played his best game for the club and JB played his typical in and under game. Ryan "Rabs" Turnbull continued his stellar season and saved us across half back on several occasions as did Brad Hoffman. True to form we welcomed another 2 debutants this week in Charles Miller and Luke Redfern. Both acquitted themselves well and contributed to the victory. This week we play our first game for the season at the nest after 4 weeks away and we will be endeavouring to maintain our unbeaten record.

SECOND GRADE MEN

Lachie O'Sullivan

The two's went into this week determined to start well and get on top in what was likely to be a very wet day. Thankfully the rain held off (mostly) and we were able to kick 2 of the game's 4 goals in the first quarter. Our young midfield of Tynan Doyle, John Rees and Brendo Egan were lead well by Djali Bloomfield who all played perfectly to the conditions.

Round 4

vs Queanbeyan @ Queanbeyan

BMFC 3.7-25 def QTFC 1.10-16

Goalkickers: C Johnson, B Burke, C Baker

Best: B Egan, J Buchanan, D Bloomfield, S Cooper, C Johnson, Z Lindsay

We were tough and first to the ball from the get go which gave the rest of the team great confidence. Our forward line were dynamic and did well to lock the ball in our forward half. The 2nd half continued to be an absolute scrap with a lot of pressure around the contest. At 3 quarter time the game could have gone either way, Queanbeyan went into the break after kicking a late goal with plenty of confidence. To our credit we stepped up a gear in the last and held our nerve. The backline were winning their 1 on 1s and showed great composure in tough conditions under a lot of fatigue. It was really pleasing that the whole team really stood up when the game was there to be won. Congratulations to our two debutants Jack White and Bailey Burke, who in his first game was able to sweep in and kick a cracking left foot goal on the run to seal the victory. What a day!

SECOND GRADE WOMEN

Stephen McCaskill

The weekend's conditions were very difficult conditions but the effort everyone put in was fantastic. We pushed a very good team & controlled large portions of the game. Our team play is getting stronger every time we play & our skill level was phenomenal considering the atrocious conditions. I would like to thank all the people who gave up their time to help our great team today.

Round 4 **vs ANU @ The Nest**

BMFC 3.3-21 def by ANUFC 5.6-36

Goalkickers: R Giampaolo, R Terrey, H Massey

Best: S Crakanthorp, V Thompson, I McClelland, A Doyle, I Rees, K Priestly

Also a few special mentions: Imogen great game today, Ash (AIS) asked to play a position foreign to her & excelled, Bella Rees skills in the wet were awesome, Crackers best CHB in the comp, Tora the wrecking ball, Emily who never stops giving her all, Rose's determination, Hollie the running machine, Elleni for her never give up attitude, Kyah all class, Abbey's strength, Maddy just mark it so she did over & over , Shae the unbreakable, Rudy 😊 taking it on & showing the talent, Christina never stops, Courtney the everywhere lady, Bella Reid the unstoppable, Lucy I get knocked down but always get up again, Piper just keeps impressing every week, Nila first to the contest, 2 (thu) 😊 determination unwavering, Catherine continual run impressive, Ra team first thank you. We are on a journey & it's a pleasure & honour to be part of it. Go pieeeeeeeeees. See you all at training.

RISING STARS

Round 4 **vs Queanbeyan @ Queanbeyan**

BMFC 5.4-34 def by QTFC 9.7-61

Goalkickers: L McKay 2, A Vincent, Z Smith, J Jones

Best: C Hourn, J Jones, A Vincent, M Fitzpatrick, T Itter, T Kidney

THIRD GRADE MEN

Brendan Trevaskis

Wow what a day to play football in. The rain started from the first bounce and did not let up for the whole game. Due to the weather conditions it was very difficult for the team to play any sort of game plan. In these conditions it's just about keeping the ball moving forward. First quarter saw us get the first goal within a minute. But once the ball got wet and slippery it was very hard to do anything after that. The end of the first quarter saw us in front by 3 points 1.1-7 to 0.4-4. Second quarter was a slog fest, with ankle deep water across the field which made it very difficult to get the ball from one end of the field to the other. ANU started to get more of the footy in this quarter, going in front at half time 1.8-14 to 1.2-8.

Round 4 **vs ANU @ The Nest**

BMFC 1.3-9 def by ANUFC 5.10-40

Goalkickers: B Collins

Best: A Wenke, T Rankin, S Cummins, J Fitzpatrick, J Iemma, A Stricker

Third quarter was much like the first two quarters, a low scoring affair due to the constant rain that did not let up. We only scored two points in the last two quarters to ANU scoring only 17 points in those quarters. So at the end of the third quarter scores were ANU 2.9-21 to BMFC 1.3-9.

The game was up for grabs in the fourth quarter with only two goals in it. Due to ANU's hard work and commitment to the ball they came out comfortable winners. In the atrocious conditions the team worked hard all day, not giving up until the final siren. Special thanks to Tom McInnes and Josh Connell for backing up from Rising Stars, Paul Raadts for coming out of retirement for the second time for us. I would like to also thank Aidan Watt for umpiring two games of footy in the Women's and 4th grade in these very wet conditions. Todd Trevaskis for having to goal umpire after playing a game in the rain and then having to stand in the rain for another four quarters. Amber Allen for managing fourth grade. Paul Gunn for time keeping the whole day.

FOURTH GRADE MEN

Drew Somerville

Round 4 had the Men's Fourth grade take on top of the table ANU Griffins in conditions that were more favourable for the aquatic footballer. As we have become accustomed to new faces each week, we welcomed Marcus Strobel into the side and straight into the ruck making it look easy against the smaller opposition. The first quarter showed we were able to keep with the ladder leaders to have the ledger squared at the first break. The backline was able to hold it together after a barrage of entries. The second quarter saw the flood gates open the wrong way with ANU having a purple patch keeping us scoreless whilst scoring 3 goals and missing some easy opportunities.

Round 4 **vs ANU @ The Nest**

BMFC 4.9-33 def by ANUFC 8.9-57

Goalkickers: R Markham 3, J Conlan

Best: M Strobel, J Bink, K Robinson, T Trevaskis, Z Forostenko, A Farrow

A quick rev up from Stan at half time allowed us to have complete control in the third term but unable to produce a major. As crazy as it sounds without scoring a goal, it was our most consistent quarter for the year as we kept ANU scoreless whilst completely controlling the play and keeping it in our forward 50 to score 6 behinds. As much as our third quarter was impressive we were unable to replicate the dominance with ANU scoring a further 3 goals to get them over the line in what was far from a convincing win from a side that is 8 positions higher than us in a 10 team competition. James Bink, Kurtis Robinson and Todd Trevaskis were once again strong to hold up the backline in a wet, hard fought slog with midfielders Zach Forostenko, Angus Farrow and Johannes Conlan managing to grind it out all day. Rory Markham was on a role slotting three majors on a day that was not ideal for kicking a bag. Another big thanks to the fill in umpire Aiden Watt who managed to move around the field whilst recovering from a hamstring injury and as always thank you to Amber Allen who for the second week has managed the rabble that is men's fourth grade.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	15th Aug	1:00pm	Gungahlin	Stirling Oval
1st Grade W	15th Aug	3:30pm	Gungahlin	Stirling Oval
2nd Grade M	15th Aug	10:00am	Gungahlin	Stirling Oval
2nd Grade W			N/A	
Rising Stars			BYE	
3rd Grade M			N/A	
4th Grade M			N/A	

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