

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Hot pies make it six from six

It was a bumper weekend for the Belconnen Magpies, with the senior sides managing to win in all six of our matches, making for a fitting tribute to 50 years of the Belconnen footy club.

The 50 year occasion was marked with words by club patron Andrew Leigh, as well as author of the upcoming 50 year history book Rob Goddard, and attended by many former players and Belconnen people.

At the Nest, the Magpies were impressive in notching a suite of victories over Eastlake, and taking our 1st grade men and women and 2nd grade men to 2 from 2 in the win column for this season. The 1st grade men were particularly noteworthy, shrugging off a number of personnel changes to cruise to a comfortable win over last year's grand finalist.

This weekend is highlighted by a grand final rematch at The Nest, where our defending premier 1st grade women take on the Queanbeyan Tigers.

Upcoming schedule

Saturday May 15th

1st grade men vs. Queanbeyan, 1:15 pm
1st grade women vs. Queanbeyan, 3:45 pm
2nd grade men vs. Queanbeyan, 11:20 am
Rising stars vs. Queanbeyan, 9:30 am
2nd grade women @ Woden, 11 am
3rd grade men @ Woden, 1 pm

Saturday May 22nd

1st grade men @ Ainslie, 1:15 pm
1st grade women @ Ainslie, 3:45 pm
2nd grade men @ Ainslie, 11:20 am
Rising stars @ Ainslie, 9:30 am
2nd grade women vs. Molonglo, 11 am
3rd grade men vs. Molonglo, 1 pm

WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	18.11-119	defeated	Eastlake	14.6-90
1st Grade W	12.7-79	defeated	Eastlake	3.5-23
2nd Grade M	19.12-126	defeated	Eastlake	2.6-18
2nd Grade W	3.1-19	defeated	Ainslie	2.4-16
Rising Stars	8.9-57	defeated	Eastlake	4.4-28
3rd Grade M	14.11-95	defeated	Ainslie	8.6-54

BMFC 2021 SEASON DATES

MAGPIES
BELCONNEN FC

2021 CALENDAR

- 17.04 | Rising Stars, 3rd Grade Mens, 2nd Grades Womens Season starts
- 01.05 | 1st Grade Womens 1st Grade Mens & 2nd Grade Mens Season starts
- 08.05 | Corporate Function - History Function/Book Launch
History Jerseys worn
- 22.05 | AFL Canberra Indigenous Round (R4)
- 29.05 | AFL Canberra Indigenous Round (R5)
- 05.06 | AFL Canberra Sockit2MND Round
- 31.07 | AFL Canberra RUOK? Round
- 31.07 | Function - 100 Game Dinner
- 09.10 | Presentation Night

SAVE THE DATE

RORY MARKHAM NOTCHES UP 300 CLUB GAMES



A massive congratulations to Rory Markham, who will be playing his 300th club game for the Magpies this weekend when the 3rd grade men take on Woden! To mark this very special occasion, Rory shared some memories from his 20+ years at the Belconnen Magpies Football Club

Memories of starting out/playing your first game: My first game was in 2000 as a 16 a year old playing under 18s, with some vague memories of shenanigans at presentation night under the watchful eye of Rickie Dolliver! My first full year of under 18s was with Shane Evans as coach and Lex Bennett captain - though beaten by Marist a fair bit it was a good group who stuck around for a few years after that.

Most memorable games: The 2019 grand final - going from a team that got belted by 100 points the previous year, to a side that Brendan Trevaskis instilled with confidence and leadership. I remember having zero confidence heading in to that season but just building and building - the players that stood up after the team struggled the year before - that's the reason you play footy.

What does BMFC mean to you: It has been a place to be with your mates, get away from the stresses of the world, and focus on teamwork and fitness. On the social level, I've played with/for so many legends - Mark Braybrook, Chris Collo, Brendan Trevaskis, Jeremy Walker, Skip Dunn...these people are lifelong characters who kept me coming back year to year.

Plans for the future: I'm retiring at the end of this year - I've got three little kids and a wife that's unhappy! But I'm glad I've got as far as I have!

Presented by:



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

JASON KIDNEY



This week's volunteer of the week for this year is Jason Kidney!

Over last few years Kiddas has fast become one of our hardest working and most willing volunteers around the senior football group. This season has been no exception, with Kiddas stepping up to take charge of the game day management of the canteen - not a small job!

Kiddas has done a great job so far, and we're chuffed to be able to call him a Belconnen person! Thanks Kiddas, and enjoy a gift from our pals at Scotto's Food Logistics!

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BELCONNEN FC



Between the 1st grade women's and 1st grade men's matches on the weekend, brief formalities were held to celebrate 50 years of the Belconnen Football Club, and to formally announce the publication of Rob Goddard's upcoming 50 year History Book. Check out some photos below!

Club patron Andrew Leigh (3rd from left) with three members of the first ever Belconnen First Grade team (Steve Walding, Rob Goddard and Jim Hourigan)



Left: Rob Goddard reflecting on 50 years of Belconnen FC and the upcoming book.

Right: Eastlake representatives Maureen Cahill (Vice-President Football) and Shaun Young (General Manager)



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To celebrate 50 years in men's and 20 years in women's Australian Football in the ACT, Rob Goddard and the Belconnen Magpies Football Club's History Committee will soon be publishing an impressive near-280 page book that covers and celebrates 50 years of football in Belconnen.

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1ST GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Bobby Moroney

Our Round 2 team against Eastlake welcomed another three debutants with Lucy Anderson, Lauren Bird and Zara Hamilton joining our First Grade team. The game also marked a big milestone with Maggie Gorham playing her 50th First Grade game for our club.

We expected Eastlake to come out hard and look to control the tempo early, and we may have found ourselves behind at quarter time if it wasn't for the rebounding efforts of our back line, or the defensive work from our midfield. To our team's credit, they worked exceptionally hard to get the game on their own terms in the second quarter. The focus was to concentrate more on the things within our control (incl. work rate across the ground, ball movement, and attacking the contest) and worry less about everything else. Every single player delivered. We were able to dominate the centre clearances, and our efforts around the contest to win the 50/50 ball or force the footy out of congestion to our outside runners was outstanding and ultimately resulted in 5 goals to nil and a 35 point lead at half time.

The game slowed down a lot during the third quarter, and became a tight contest with many stoppages around the ground. We took a little longer than we wanted to regain control, and had it not been for the leadership of Melissa Pellow and Maddie Dwyer in defence, or the rebounding work out of defensive 50, we may have lost the quarter by more.

We called on our team to regain control early in the last quarter, and looked to our leaders to spark the team. Natasha McKay, Tiarne Reid and Amber Allen lifted the intensity in the middle, and our running game moved to another level. Hannah Walleth capped the day off with four goals, but her leadership around goals created many more options with Lauren Bird (2 goals) and Lucy Anderson (1 goal) both kicking goals on debut. But it was our milestone girl, Maggie Gorham, who caused headaches for Eastlake all day. Her attacking movement, strong marks, and linking play with our wings were the catalyst for our attacking play and ultimately a 56 point victory.

A huge game next week with our Grand Final rematch against Queanbeyan. With two wins from two games, we're certainly up for the contest and ready to make it three wins in a row!

Go Pies!

Round 2

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 12.7-79 def EFC 3.5-23

Goalkickers: H. Walleth 4, L. Bird 2, E. Zouch 2, T. Reid, L. Anderson, A. Morphett, M. Gorham

Best: M. Gorham, H. Walleth, M. Pellow, T. Reid, J. Spence, I. English

1ST GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

James Bennett

In Round 2 we hosted Eastlake in an early test for our side. We had six changes from Round 1 with Max Monaghan, Seb Quirk and Macca Miller on GWS Academy duties and Sam Glyde, Len Haddrill and Joey Kenna missing with injury. We approached this as a positive opportunity for our squad and a next man up mentality to come in and play a role for our team.

We welcomed Sam O'Sullivan in for his first game of the year, as well as Mitch Mooney, Nick Kelly and Matt Kelly. Jordan Battel made his first grade debut for the club after coming close in 2020 before going down with an injury. Jordan moved to Canberra in early 2020 for his uni studies and has become a greatly valued part of our club. He becomes the 605th player to play first grade for our club. Sam Cooper was the final inclusion, getting rewarded for an impressive pre-season campaign following a couple of disappointing seasons ruined with various injuries.

We went into the game with a different forward line and midfield mix, with many of the additions asked to play key roles. We lost Jack Baker to a head knock early in the first quarter, and while we were getting our fair share of the ball, we trailed by 5 goals to 1 at the first break. We were poor with our kicking, and allowed Eastlake to play to their strengths in intercepting our forward entries and counter attacking.

In the second quarter, the team lifted across the park, with every player providing a great response to our slow start. We were on top in the midfield and were able to have some quick entries into our forward line to put the Eastlake backline under pressure. Our forwards provided great intensity and their chasing and tackling to keep the ball in our forward line was a highlight. We kicked 6 goals to 1 in the second, with Andrew Dess' leading and marking, and Tom Simpson's repeat efforts getting us back into the game. Rhys Healy was a standout in our backline, keeping dangerous Eastlake forward Aaron Bruce out of the game.

We maintained our momentum in the second half, continuing to control the game through the middle and responding every time we were challenged. Eastlake got a run on at times, but our efforts to hit back and kick calming goals was a good sign for the team. Elliot Jordan was putting in a strong effort through the midfield, while Luke Wharton gave us drive and effective ball use from the half back line. Mitch Mooney's game was impressive, kicking five goals from a small forward role, taking some strong marks in the forward 50. Tom Simpson ended with four goals and Andrew Dess with three. Alex Jones kicked two goals for us and provided a strong effort at full forward and in the ruck.

We kicked six goals to four in the third and five goals to three in the last to run out winners by 35 points. A pleasing result given the slow start and changes to the side.

Round 2

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 18.11-119 def EFC 14.6-90

Goalkickers: M. Mooney 5, T. Simpson 4, A. Dess 3, J. Bennett 2, A. Jones 2, B. Egan, B. Chapman

Best: M. Mooney, A. Dess, R. Healy, E. Jordan, L. Wharton, T. Simpson

2ND GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Lachie O'Sullivan

This week we came up against Eastlake who were looking to bounce back after a round 1 loss. We had 8 changes to our side from the week before due to some injuries, unavailability and some good performances earning promotion into 1st grade. Congrats to Jack Read, Dale Quilter, Addie Vincent & Ben Slack on all making their 2nd grade debuts.

During the week we continued to focus on our ball movement from the backline, with the emphasis being on moving the ball quickly and running back hard after a turn over. After a poor first quarter in rd 1 we wanted to come out and assert our pressure and dominance around the contest early.

Our midfield were able to do just that, led by a determined John Rees, Fraser Miller and Luke McGilvray. We went into the first break leading by 32 points. Our midfield were able to run hard and provide the forward line with clean footy to the advantage side. Dan Posch, Jacob Taylor and Ben Slack were all finding plenty of the ball and taking their opportunities when presented.

Unfortunately, we dropped off in the 3rd quarter allowing Eastlake to play the game on their own terms. Our backline led by Zac Mac were fantastic all game, their ability to intercept and rebound with overlap was really pleasing. To our credit we were able to run the game out in the last quarter against what was a tired Eastlake side.

We finished the game 19.12-126 to 2.6-18. Moving into rd 3 against Queanbeyan we are really looking forward to improving our focus to play 4 full quarters, as we prepare ourselves for a close and physical contest.

Round 2

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 19.12-126 def EFC 2.6-18

Goalkickers: D. Posch 6, B. Slack 6, J. Taylor 2, C. MacLeod, D. Quilter, C. Johnson, L. McGilvray, A. Vincent

Best: J. Rees, Z. Macdonald, B. Slack, F. Miller, J. Taylor

3ND GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Sam Telfer

The 3rd Grade side this week made their way across the north to face rivals Ainslie. In what shaped up as an important game for both teams to be able to make a push for finals later in the year.

Our mantra for the day was 'grunt', stemmed from a second half performance the previous week to be prepared to have to work hard around the ground and in the contest.

We started with that in mind and were able to skip away to a three-goal lead at the first break. The forward line was humming with plenty of movement, with David Sim and Aidan Watt providing great options for the team. A five goal to two second term helped us to a 40-point lead at half-time, a real improvement point was starting the game on top! The midfield group were truly on top and being treated to silver service from ruckman Tom Rankin who was our best for the day.

The second half didn't see us improve our lead but what impressed was we held strong to our key points for the day as a group and is another great building block for a team learning about each other. Mention also goes out to Lachie Jamieson who snagged four goals against his old club!

We play another finals contender this week in Woden, proving an important month for our finals chances.

Good luck to all teams this week and hopefully we can recreate the great energy that came off the back of 6 wins for the club last week.

Round 4

vs Ainslie @ Alan Ray Oval

BMFC 14.11-95 def AFC 8.6-54

Goalkickers: L. Jamieson 4, S. Koetz 2, H. Gowers, J. Savage, J. Sammann, A. Watt, T. Rankin, D. Sim, S. Troidahl, T. Falco

Best: T. Rankin, L. Jamieson, S. Koetz, D. Sim, L. MacLeod, O. Rabak

2ND GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Steve McCaskill

The game was mainly played in their attacking half but with a very cohesive back 7 our ladies kept them from having many shots at goal, and when we did break through their defensive line we were very dangerous around goal. Lucy kicked 2 goals, and Maddy M kicked 1 in her 50th senior match. A very nervous last 10 minutes but we held fast to record a very good win.

Round 4

vs Ainslie @ Alan Ray Oval

BMFC 3.1-19 def AFC 2.4-16

Goalkickers: L. Knox 2, M. McCaskill

Best: T. Tahlia, O. Mann, I. Rees, H. Chiswell, C. Fawns, T. Vu

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	Sat 14th May	1:15 pm	Queanbeyan	The Nest
1st Grade W	Sat 14th May	3:45 pm	Queanbeyan	The Nest
2nd Grade M	Sat 14th May	11:20 am	Queanbeyan	The Nest
Rising Stars	Sat 14th May	9:30 am	Queanbeyan	The Nest
2nd Grade W	Sat 14th May	11am	Woden	Alan Ray Oval
3rd Grade M	Sat 14th May	1pm	Woden	Alan Ray Oval

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