

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Magpies go 4 from 4 in Greenway

in what was a crisp and sunny day out at Greenway, our 1st grade men and women, 2nd grade men, and Rising Stars all took home the chocolates with convincing wins over Tuggeranong on Saturday. Meanwhile, our 2nd grade women and 3rd grade men unfortunately went down to Molonglo at Stirling. The 3's do get a special mention though for mounting a gutsy last quarter comeback, pushing the Juggernauts right to the final siren.

Most of our teams will have this weekend off with a general competition bye, but our 2nd grade women are the exception as they get set to take on Gungahlin at The Nest on Saturday at 11 am. Make sure you get down to Kippax to support our girls and get your footy fix!

Don't forget to secure your tickets for our 100 Game Dinner function and Teams of the Decade announcement - RSVP by the 23rd of July!

Fixture snapshot

Saturday July 17th

*2nd grade women vs. Gungahlin, 11 am
General Bye for all other grades*

Saturday July 24th

*1st grade men @ Gungahlin, 1:15 pm
1st grade women @ Gungahlin, 3:45 pm
2nd grade men @ Gungahlin, 11:20 am
Rising stars @ Marist, 9:00 am
2nd grade women vs. Woden, 11 am
3rd grade men vs. Woden, 1 pm*

100 GAME DINNER

Please join us on the 31st of July for our 100 Game Dinner, which will be highlighted by the announcement of our Men's and Women's Teams of the Decade.

We will also be inducting Lex Bennett, Andrew Smith, and Terry O'Kane into the BMFC Hall of Fame, awarding Life Membership to Daniel Posch and Andrew Gatenby, and welcoming Brad Posch into the 100 Game Club.

Tickets are now available to purchase at:
<https://belconnenmagpies.teamapp.com/store>
or by email at football@belconnenmagpies.com.au
Please RSVP by the 23rd July

A promotional poster for the 100 Game Dinner. The background is a dark, blurred image of a restaurant interior with tables and chairs. At the top center is the Magpies logo, which features a stylized magpie bird and the word 'MAGPIES' above it. Below the logo, the number '100' is written in a large, white, hand-drawn font. Underneath the number, the words 'GAME DINNER' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A thin white horizontal line separates the title from the event details. The details are listed in a smaller white font: 'Celebrating 2010-2019 Men's Team of the Decade, 2010-2019 Women's Team of the Decade, Hall of Fame and Life Membership Inductees and Major Number of Game Milestones.' Below this, the date 'Date: 31 July 2021', venue 'Venue: The Rex Hotel', time 'Time: 6:30pm for a 7pm start', price 'Price: \$75 includes a 2 course dinner and a cash bar', and dress code 'Dress code: Semi formal' are listed. Another thin white horizontal line is below the dress code. At the bottom, the ticket purchase information is provided: 'Purchase tickets at https://belconnenmagpies.teamapp.com/store or email Emma at football@belconnenmagpies.com.au'.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

THEA O'DONNELL

This week's volunteer of the week is Thea O'Donnell!

Thea is one of our club trainers, and along with our other trainers does a great job week-in and week-out of ensuring our players are fit and ready to go every weekend. However, we'd like to make special mention of Thea this week. On Tuesday night when the senior team hosted hundreds of junior players and their families for training and a bbq, Thea happily came down to The Nest and worked the entire night in the canteen (often by herself) helping to make sure all of our young magpies and cats were well fed.

These are the kinds of selfless acts that we love to celebrate around our football club, so well done Thea! We hope you enjoy a gift from our pals at Scotto's Food Logistics to say thanks!

WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	14.19-103	Defeated	Tuggeranong	1.6-12
1st Grade W	16.5-101	Defeated	Tuggeranong	2.0-12
2nd Grade M	18.9-117	Defeated	Tuggeranong	1.2-8
2nd Grade W	0.0-0	Defeated by	Molonglo	12.22-94
Rising Stars	12.9-81	Defeated	Tuggeranong	3.9-27
3rd Grade M	7.7-49	Defeated by	Molonglo	9.5-59

BMFC 2021 SEASON DATES

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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

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1ST GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Bobby Moroney

Our BMFC Women's First Grade were looking to turn things around from last week's disappointment and get back on the winner's list. More importantly, we wanted to get back to playing the brand of football that we're known for. With still a few players unavailable we welcomed Taylor Doblinger into the side for her first game of the year, and Ciel Georgevski who has returned after a brief stint away from Canberra. It was Ciel's first game back with us since a foot injury limited her to just four games last year, and it was great to have her back.

Our intensity at the contest and our supporting run across the ground were really important early and it allowed us to jump out to a quick lead. Despite a goal against the run of play, our side had a dominant first quarter. Jacqui Spence in particular was one of the standouts. With a couple of clearances and two goals, she was in everything as we ran out to a five goal lead at quarter time.

Kicking into the wind in the second quarter we turned towards our smaller targets to provide us another avenue to goal. Maggie Gorham was great early, providing numerous forward entries and being involved forward and behind the play before kicking her first for the game midway through the quarter. Lauren Bird delivered our second not long after to put us 47 points up at half time.

Despite a good first half, we felt that we were falling back into old habits and lacked some protection around the contests. We were also after more run and carry in order to speed the game up and prevent the growing number of stoppages. Despite not seeing a lot of the footy, our defensive unit was excellent. They were the ones to initiate our counter-attacks and set up our running game. This was perfectly demonstrated when Ruby Giampaolo rebounded out of defence with a chain of handballs and quick movement that would ultimately see Lucy Anderson kick one of her three goals for the quarter.

Despite the lopsided score, it was important to us that we ran out the game and didn't settle for an easy finish. To our girls' credit, that is exactly what they did. At no point in the final quarter did they sit back. Another three goals to nil in the last resulted in a comprehensive 89 point win ahead of the last bye week of the year.

Go Pies!

Round 10

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 16.5-101 def TVAFC 2.0-12

Goal Kickers: H. Wallett 4, L. Anderson 3, L. Bird 2, M. Gorham 2, J. Spence 2, Z. Hamilton, A. Morphet, L. Knox

Best Players: J. Spence, L. Anderson, A. Morphet, M. Gorham, N. McKay, A. Allen

1ST GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

James Bennett

This week we travelled to Greenway to take on Tuggeranong in a round 10 clash. We had some changes to last week's side with Len Haddrill and Joe Kenna missing with injury. Elliot Jordan returned from a week off, while Brendan Egan came back into the side after a 6 game layoff with a knee injury.

We made some changes to our line up to keep building our depth across the side and challenging guys to play in new roles. Rhys Healy and Luke Wharton played through the midfield, while Macca Miller moved to the forward line. We had a young and inexperienced backline who we challenged with bigger roles.

It was a windy day and we started the game well, albeit with some wayward kicking, leading 4.8-32 to 1 point at the first break. Andrew Dess was a standout at centre half forward, with strong hands and providing a great link between our mids and forwards.

We didn't play our best in the second quarter and Tuggeranong took it up to us. It was a very even quarter, with momentum changing and both teams struggling to score. Both teams kicked 1.1 for the quarter, leaving us with a bit of work to do in the second half.

We responded well after half time and came out and kicked 4.6 in the third quarter to get back on top. Seb Quirk, Luke Wharton and Rhys Healy were having strong games in the midfield.

We finished strong in the final quarter, adding another 5.4 to run out winners, 14.19-103 to 1.6-12. Keeping an improving Tuggeranong to 1 goal was a great effort by our backline, who were led by Zac MacDonald and Paddy Horan. Macca Miller finished with 5 for the game, showing his flexibility as a player.

Round 10

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 14.19-103 def TVAFC 1.6-12

Goal Kickers: M. Miller 5, S. Quirk, B. Chapman, T. Simpson, R. Healy, B. Hoffmann, A. Dess, M. Mooney, B. Egan, E. Jordan

Best Players: S. Quirk, L. Wharton, M. Miller, Z. Macdonald, P. Horan, A. Dess

2ND GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Lachie O'Sullivan

This week we came up against Tuggeranong out at Greenway. After a few days of solid rain we were expecting the conditions to have a moderate effect on how we would need to play. The ground however was in pretty good nick and we were able to play a somewhat dry brand of footy.

In the first half we were slightly lazy in our ball movement and becoming a little too predictable sending the ball long and high to Poschy's advantage side. Whilst we were still scoring and having immediate success with this type of ball movement, we spoke about at half time that this won't win us games against the three better teams in Ainslie, Eastlake and Queanbeyan.

In the 2nd half we were much better with our ball movement from stoppages and into the forward line. We came away with a 100+ point win. There were numerous contributors on the day such as Dan Posch who booted 9 goals in the first 3 quarters before being sent to the bench in the ruck rotation for the last quarter, Luke McGilvray continued to build on his good form giving us some speed and pressure through the midfield and forward line and lastly Jack White who returned to the side after some niggling injuries have kept him on the sideline.

Round 10

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 18.9-117 def TVAFC 1.2-8

Goal Kickers: D. Posch 9, M. Viney 2, L. McGilvray, I. Williams, Z. Lindsay, J. White, D. Quilter, F. Miller, S. Young

Best Players: R. Bradley, D. Posch, F. Miller, L. McGilvray, J. White, D. Bloomfield

3RD GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Sam Telfer

This week the Two's 2's took on the challenge of fellow mid-table team Molonglo down at windy Stirling. We went into the game with a bigger bodied side to provide suitable match ups for us across the ground and to stifle their contesting ability in the air. Understanding that the game would be a real grind we had the mindset to embrace the tough contest.

The game started off with a frenetic pace and made it difficult to find clean possession around the ground, in what felt like a very even affair we went into the first break down by only two goals kicking against the breeze. In the second our midfield began to gain some ascendancy around stoppages with Brayden Mifsud's injection a strong asset. This gave us repeat forward 50 entries, but we were unable to show for our hard work on the scoreboard with Molonglo rebounding too easily out of our forward line. At half time the margin had crept to three goals but aware we needed to amplify our forward pressure and continue to apply physical pressure around the contest.

After the main break Molonglo kicked away scoring four unanswered goals for the term with the breeze at their back. Although the score flattered the opposition, we were determined that with the continued effort we had been applying the game would open up for us. Our back line who were well structured all day helped our last quarter resurgence build, Henry Gowers showed great composure with ball in hand and Corey Page played his best game all year defending solidly all day. Connor White led from the front playing out of position in the ruck as we dominated clearances in the last quarter. The attacking and positive mindset allowed us to kick five goals to nil in the last, eventually falling 10 points short at the final siren, another 5 minutes and the game would have been ours. We have learnt plenty as a group of what we can achieve with belief.

Our next game is once again another crucial one against Woden after this weeks bye, with some potential huge ins into our sides midfield, we look to improve again.

Round 12

vs Molonglo @ Stirling

BMFC 7.7-49 def by MJFC 9.5-59

Goal Kickers: V. Carder 2, H. Warden 2, H. Gowers, J. Iemma, L. Jamieson

Best Players: H. Gowers, B. Mifsud, C. White, C. Page, C. Payne, J. Sammann

RISING STARS

Round 10

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 12.9-81 def TVAFC 1.3-9

Goal Kickers: A. Vincent 2, T. Itter 2, J. White 2, W. Axelby, L. Conlan, H. Francis, L. Smith, R. Murphy, J. Schumacher

Best Players: J. White, L. Conlan, J. Read, J. Schumacher, H. Francis, A. Walker

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are looking for volunteers to share the timekeeping duties for our Senior Men's 1st & 2nd grade games.

After many years, our long-standing timekeeper Paul Gunn is winding back the many games that he covers, opening up some room for anyone who has been wanting to volunteer within the club. We would like to thank Gunny for his ongoing efforts to assist the club in multiple areas and being a helping hand to all!

In the meantime, if you are interested in helping us out with timekeeping, let us know by emailing football@belconnenmagpies.com.au or sending us a message on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	Sat 17th July		Bye	
1st Grade W	Sat 17th July		Bye	
2nd Grade M	Sat 17th July		Bye	
Rising Stars	Sat 17th July		Bye	
2nd Grade W	Sat 17th July	11am	Gungahlin	The Nest
3rd Grade M	Sat 17th July		Bye	

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