

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Rested Pies ready to tackle Eastlake

The long weekend gave our players, coaches, and volunteers a well-earned rest from the weekly footy grind, and we hope that everyone in the BMFC community had a safe and happy break. Our teams will now return refreshed and ready to take on Eastlake in all six grades, which will no doubt make for a great weekend of football.

While our 1st grade sides and 2nd grade men rolled into the bye with big victories against the Jets, perhaps most impressive was our Rising Stars, who continued their great run of form with a terrific win over premiership contenders Marist.

Finally, our 100 game dinner function is coming up next month on the 31st July, which will also include the announcement of our teams of the decade. Stay tuned to our social media and this newsletter for info on how to book your ticket!

Upcoming schedule

Saturday June 19th

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

Saturday June 26th

1st grade men @ Queanbeyan, 3:15 pm
1st grade women @ Queanbeyan, 1:15 pm
2nd grade men @ Queanbeyan, 11:20 am
Rising stars @ Queanbeyan, 9:30 am
2nd grade women vs. Queanbeyan, 10 am
3rd grade men vs. Googong, 1 pm

WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	34.23-227	defeated	Gungahlin	3.2-20
1st Grade W	28.10-178	defeated	Gungahlin	0.0-0
2nd Grade M	20.16-136	defeated	Gungahlin	1.1-7
2nd Grade W	3.4-22	defeated by	ADFA	5.9-39
Rising Stars	9.8-62	defeated	Marist	8.9-57
3rd Grade M	3.0-18	defeated by	ADFA	22.18-150

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

SAVE THE DATE

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Over the bye week we asked some of our club captains to tell us a little bit about them...



Amber Allen - Women's 1st grade captain

What is your nickname?

Bert

Who do you support in the AFL and AFLW?

GWS and Em Pease

What is your go-to saying to rev up your team?

Uhh probably something I wouldn't say in front of kids or something to do with loving the girls

What is your favourite TV show?

Better Homes and Gardens

What music do you listen to pre-game?

The girls and I are suckers for a bit of ABBA or T Swift

Favourite joke?

Probably Zoe

Addie Vincent - Rising Stars captain

What is your nickname?

Addie

Who do you support in the AFL and AFLW?

Collingwood Magpies

What is your go-to saying to rev up your team?

Let's bounce

What is your favourite TV show?

The Office

What music do you listen to pre-game?

Bit of this, bit of that, some acapella here and there

Favourite joke?

Watching Leigh McKay play footy



Andreas Stricker - 3rd Grade Men's captain

What is your nickname?

Undies, Dees, and Diesel

Who do you support in the AFL and AFLW?

Essendon and Essendon AFLW 2022

What is your go-to saying to rev up your team?

Let's hunt some bloke

What is your favourite TV show?

Rake

What music do you listen to pre-game?

Gimme More by Britney Spears

Favourite joke?

How do you make a tissue dance? You put a little boogie in it!



Presented by:



VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK DI KIDNEY



For our volunteer of the week this week we're celebrating the awesome efforts of
Di Kidney!

Di has been a tremendous help around the club this season, taking on the crucial job of managing the canteen at The Nest alongside her husband Jason. The Kidney's have done a stellar job since taking on this role, and we'd like to thank Di in particular this week for her selfless efforts, including the extra hours she has put in to make sure our canteen is spotless and perfectly organised.

Thanks for your efforts Di, we're so lucky to have you as part of the Magpie family and we hope you enjoy a gift from our pals at Scotto's Food Logistics!

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.

1ST GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Bobby Moroney

After some very good football over the first five weeks, the goal for our BMFC Women's First Grade going into the round 6 game against Gungahlin was not only to maintain our consistency, but to ensure there was no complacency despite playing against a weaker opposition.

Pre-game attention was on sticking to the process we've been working on and delivering a complete team-first performance. With a couple more players unavailable, it meant we still haven't been able to field an unchanged side for two weeks straight. As a result, committing to our process regardless of the position people found themselves playing in was as important as ever.

Two early clearances from stoppages and a chain of handballs to set up a goal almost inside the first minute was the best start to demonstrate our commitment to deliver on the team-first approach. Jacqui Spence and Zoe Allen continued the great form they have displayed over recent weeks. Whippet's ability to link outside runners as well as providing a target through the corridor stretched the Jets, whilst Zoe's efficiency with the footy is becoming a dangerous part of her game. We also had winners across our forward line early, with Hannah Wallett, Emma Zouch and Lauren Bird all providing strong targets and protecting each other to ensure we were able to finish off the team's hard work up the ground.

The second quarter was probably our best of the year in terms of complete team work. The speed at which the football moved from midfield into our forward line, and the space created inside forward 50 was outstanding. The protection around stoppages occurred because players were willing to put the team first, and ensured there was space to move the ball. Importantly, no one was a passenger. We had waves of players moving from defence all the way through to the forward line. We were disciplined, maintained our structures, and ultimately came away with 10 goals to nil, and a 111-0 lead at half time.

There was a strong resolve in our side to not be complacent on a great first half, and to our girl's credit they maintained the discipline and focus for the entire second half piling on another 10 goals to nil and a 178 point win. Hannah Wallett finished with 9 goals and a league leading 23 goals and our side sits on top of the ladder heading into the first bye week.

Go Pies!

Round 6

vs Gungahlin @ The Nest

BMFC 28.10-178 def GJFC 0.0-0

Goal Kickers: H. Wallett 9, E. Zouch 5, L. Bird 4, M. Dwyer 3, Z. Allen 2, L. Knox 2, N. Mckay, M. Gorham, L. Anderson

Best Players: N. Mckay, J. Spence, M. Dwyer, M. Gorham, Z. Allen, H. Wallett

1ST GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

James Bennett

In round 6 we came up against Gungahlin for the second time this season, with a chance to consolidate some good form from the week before and continue to rebuild momentum.

We had several changes to the side with vice captain Luke Wharton, Max Monaghan, Seb Quirk and Macca Miller returning. Addie Vincent returned to the u18s, while Isaac Williams, Ryan Bradley (both injured) and James Bennett (old) missed this game.

We had a focus for the game of starting well, as we have been slow out of the blocks several times this year. We also wanted to focus on playing fast away from the stoppage and being unselfish with bringing our teammates into the game.

We got the clearance from the first centre bounce and a nice forward entry showed that the guys were switched on and ready to play our brand of footy. Our first quarter was impressive, with the only downside being some inaccurate kicking for goal. We came in at quarter time up 9.10-64 to 0. Our midfield rotation was playing well, with some quality depth on show as we had 8 players running through the midfield. Mitch Mooney's first quarter was also impressive with 3 first quarter goals (finishing with 5 for the game).

We continued to play well in the 2nd quarter, and kicked another 7 goals to Gungahlin's 1. Andrew Dess had a strong quarter, with 4 goals for the first half, while Tom Simpson (mid-forward) and Sam O'Sullivan (midfield) also impressed.

We moved the side around in the second half to challenge guys in different roles and ensuring we are ready to adapt as needed in the second half of the season. Dess moved to centre-half back, Simpson and O'Sullivan to half-back and Oscar Smyth to the forward line, among others.

Despite the changes, we continued to play good footy, kicking 11 goals to 1 in the 3rd quarter and 7 goals to 1 in the last to round out a solid 4 quarter effort. The team played very well together and regularly brought each other into the game. Our ball movement and willingness to give the ball to teammates in a better position was great and a promising sign for the coming weeks.

Blake Chapman's effort across 4 quarters was the standout, finishing with 6 goals as a nice reward for his competitiveness and desire to get involved around the ground. Max Monaghan, Seb Quirk, Luke Wharton and Sam O'Sullivan were our other better players, playing well through the midfield.

We have the bye next week and a chance to rest up before a big month of footy coming up against Eastlake, Queanbeyan and Ainslie.

Round 6

vs Gungahlin @ The Nest

BMFC 34.23-227 def GJFC 3.2-20

Goal Kickers: B. Chapman 6, M. Mooney 5, A. Dess 4, S. Glyde 3, M. Monaghan 3, E. Jordan 2, S. Quirk 2, T. Simpson 2, N. Kelly, P. Horan, O. Smyth, A. Jones, L. Wharton, S. O'Sullivan, J. Baker

Best Players: B. Chapman, M. Monaghan, M. Mooney, L. Wharton, S. Quirk, S. O'Sullivan

2ND GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Steve McCaskill

A very good game of football to watch with two sides evenly matched going hard at it.

Our ladies are playing team football, getting to contests to help each other out, and our ball movement is better each week. We got within 4 points late in the game and had a few chances to hit the lead.

However, in the end we left our run too late.

Round 8

vs ADFA @ ADFA Oval

BMFC 3.4-22 def ADFA 5.9-39

Goal Kickers: M. Silvester 2, P. Jones

Best Players: C. Perman, C. Fawns, M. Clarke, C. Russell, I. English, M. Silvester

OTHER RESULTS

2nd Grade Men - Round 6

vs Gungahlin @ The Nest

BMFC 10.14-74 def TVFC 4.4-28

Goal Kickers: D. Posch 4, A. Bennett 2, M. Kelly, Z. Lindsay, J. Read, J. Taylor

Best Players: A. Wenke, D. Bloomfield, T. Fekete, D. Posch, M. Kelly, C. MacLeod

Rising Stars - Round 6

vs Marist @ The Nest

BMFC 9.8-62 def MCFC 8.9-57

Goal Kickers: W. Axelby 3, H. Ryan-Baker 2, T. Itter 2, C. Vickery, L. Conlan

Best Players: Z. Smith, H. Ryan-Baker, W. Axelby, J. Day, M. Rickard, A. Walker

3rd Grade Men - Round 8

vs ADFA @ ADFA Oval

BMFC 3.0-18 def by ADFA 22.18-150

Goal Kickers: D. Somerville, A. McShane, L. Jamieson

Best Players: L. MacLeod, C. White, J. Iemma, M. Lingham, D. Somerville, R. Goldsworthy

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	Sat 19th June	1:15 pm	Eastlake	EPC Solar Park
1st Grade W	Sat 19th June	3:45 pm	Eastlake	EPC Solar Park
2nd Grade M	Sat 19th June	11:20 am	Eastlake	EPC Solar Park
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3rd Grade M	Sat 19th June	1pm	Eastlake	The Nest

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