

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Hot start continues for the Pies

Ground closures due to wet weather meant that trainings, and ultimately matches, had to be re-located from the Nest last week. Despite the interrupted preparations, it was great to see all 3 of our sides that played notch convincing wins.

The club would like to extend a huge thank you to the Molonglo Juggernauts Football Club, who were able to accommodate us at Stirling Oval with very little notice. Their volunteers were extremely helpful in ensuring that our 1st grade men and women, and 2nd grade men were all able to play their matches as scheduled.

For the 1st and 2nd grade men, wins over Gungahlin on the weekend moved our records to 5-0 in these grades, a perfect start to the season. A big win for our 1st grade women over the Jets also puts them at an impressive 4-1 this season.

This weekend brings exciting clashes for our top teams against Eastlake at Football Park, while the 2's women and 3's & 4's men take on Molonglo at our adopted home of last week, Stirling Oval.

UPCOMING 1ST GRADE FIXTURE

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: Alex Thompson

This week's BMFC volunteer of the week is Alex Thompson!

On a cold, wet weekend when just securing a venue for games was a challenge, Alex stepped up to lend a hand and was a star volunteer. She happily took on the role of ground manager for most of the day at our temporary home at Stirling Oval, before then going on to volunteer as a runner for the 1st grade women's match. Awesome stuff, Alex!



WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	12.13-85	defeated	Gungahlin	6.6-42
1st Grade W	18.20-128	defeated	Gungahlin	0.0-0
2nd Grade M	16.19-115	defeated	Gungahlin	0.3-3
2nd Grade W				
Rising Stars				
3rd Grade M				
4th Grade M				

FIRST GRADE WOMEN

Bobby Moroney

After a loss in Round 4, our BMFC Women's First Grade team were keen to get back to the winners list. Although we had more players unavailable again this week, it provided a great opportunity for some other girls to make the most of their selection including Kyah Priestly who came in for her first senior game of 2020. It felt like we let ourselves down last week by not playing four complete quarters, and were determined to turn things around against Gungahlin. With persistent rain becoming heavier, the game could easily have been riddled with errors.

Round 5

vs Gungahlin @ Stirling Oval

BMFC 18.20-128 def GJFC 0.0-0

Goalkickers: Z Allen 3, H Walleth 3, A Morphett 2, M Gorham 2, K Bailey 2, E Pease 2, A Allen, J Spence, N Abuoi, E Zouch

Best: J Spence, Z Allen, A Morphett, H Walleth, A Allen, K Bailey

Instead, our girls revelled in the wet conditions. Strong marks, clean disposals, and heavy tackling were a feature throughout the game. Jacqui Spence and Zoe Allen continued their impressive start to the year, winning multiple 50/50 contests and controlling the ball out of congestion, while a forward line consisting of Ally Morphett, Hannah Walleth and Emma Zouch was always going to be hard to match up against. The most pleasing aspect of our game was the way in which we moved the ball quickly out of congestion, and used the wide spaces of Stirling Oval. Additionally, our defence were extremely disciplined, never sitting back and simply watching the game unfold. They were constantly involved, provided regular options to switch through the midfield, and repelled every Gungahlin attempt to enter attacking 50. It was a great game from all our girls who continue looking for ways to improve themselves individually and collectively. At the half way point of the season we are 4-1. A huge game next against Eastlake and a chance to further test our development as we look towards a strong second half of this shortened season. Go Pies!

FIRST GRADE MEN

Brock Weston

Another weekend another wet and highly contested game of football. Our much awaited return to The Nest was put on hold once again when the surface was deemed unfit for play and the game subsequently moved to Stirling Oval. We were forced into making 5 changes from our win against Queanbeyan but we were super confident that the players coming in would play their role. Of the 5 changes we debuted our 11th and 12th in first grade for the season, a crazy stat but great for the footy club. Cam Johnson was one of the most popular debuts in recent memory and newcomer Josh Buchanan did a great job in the CHB role vacated by the injured Jack Baker.

Round 5

vs Gungahlin @ Stirling Oval

BMFC 12.13-85 def GJFC 6.6-42

Goalkickers: L Redfern 3, A Bennett 2, D Jordan 2, T Simpson, C Johnson, O Smyth, S Coate, J Bennett

Best: N Eynaud, J Rees, R Turnbull, J Bennett, S Coate, D Jordan

Once again we came out of the blocks well, kicking some early goals before the ball became too difficult to handle. A 6 goal to 1 opening term was the perfect start and proved to be the difference as the rain settled in and the ground became heavier. Doc Jones started well in the ruck and Nick Eynaud once again showed he is a leader in the midfield and asserted himself on the contest. Our forward line looked as though it was functioning well and our back 6 structured up nicely, and you could hear them communicating amongst one another from the boundary. The next 3 quarters were a slug fest. The contest became scrappy and our in and under players started to grind. Eynaud and JB did a power of work on the ground and youngster John Rees came into his own and produced the best game of his short career. His cleanliness with a heavy ball stood out as he racked up numerous possessions and used the ball very well. Speedster Luke Redfern was dangerous across half forward and managed 3 goals, while veteran Lexie Bennett slotted 2 majors. Daniel Jordan was serviceable in the ruck when Jones went down with an injury in the second term. He competed well and certainly proved his worth as a swing man!

This week we take on Eastlake at Footy Park in a contest we are very much looking forward to. Hope to see you all at the footy.

SECOND GRADE MEN

Lachie O'Sullivan

This week we came up against the Jets for the second time in a matter of weeks. On behalf of the senior playing ground a massive thank you must go to Scotto and Emma who spent all Friday trying to find a suitable ground after the Nest was deemed unsafe following the wet weather last week. Another big thank you to the Molonglo Juggernauts FC who hosted us for the day and were very hospitable.

Round 5

vs Gungahlin @ Stirling Oval

BMFC 16.19-115 def GJFC 0.3-3

Goalkickers: B Ochieng 5, Z Lindsay 3, M Mooney 3, N Hay 2, B Palmer, H Warden, B Burke

Best: F Miller, N Hay, Z Lindsay, D Bloomfield, B Ochieng, M Mooney

The game itself was another impressive showing of depth with a number of u18 and 3rd grade boys coming into the side. Congratulations to Cal, Undies, Hamish and Sam who all made their debuts and played well! After losing Dan Posch early in the match, the forward line had to adapt their structures and how we were delivering the ball. A number of guys such as Benson, Mitch Mooney and Nick Hay all stood up and really provided dynamic strong targets. Our midfield dominated around the ground and at stoppages, which was really pleasing to see as Fraser Miller and Nick Hay were given their first crack this season in the middle. Finally, the backline continued to rebound and support each other really well. Considering the conditions, it would've been easy to take the 'long down the line' option more often than not, however the backs switched and took the game on with confidence and purpose.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	22nd Aug	1:35pm	Eastlake	Football Park
1st Grade W	22nd Aug	4:30pm	Eastlake	Football Park
2nd Grade M	22nd Aug	11:25am	Eastlake	Football Park
2nd Grade W	22nd Aug	10:00am	Molonglo	Stirling Oval
Rising Stars	22nd Aug	9:15am	Eastlake	Football Park
3rd Grade M	22nd Aug	2:30pm	Molonglo	Stirling Oval
4th Grade M	22nd Aug	12:10pm	Molonglo	Stirling Oval

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