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NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



A POSITIVE START

Footy was finally back last week, and the Magpies were pleased to pick up 3 out of 5 wins across the grades.

In a grand final rematch, the 1st grade men notched an impressive victory over Ainslie, setting a great tone for the season ahead. Resounding wins for the 1st grade women and 2nd grade men, both against Ainslie, added to the encouraging start to the season for BMFC.

This weekend will see our 2nd grade women and 3rd grade men kick off their seasons, while also offering chances for our Rising Stars and 4th grade men to get their first wins of 2020.

THE MONTH AHEAD

Round 2
25th July

Round 3
1st August

GINNINDERRY

Sponsor of the Month



Ginninderry has been a sponsor of BMFC since 2018 and a strong supporter of our men's, women's and juniors' football programs. With COVID-19 restrictions now easing, you can walk the streets of the GX Display Village which is again open every Friday to Monday from 10am – 4pm. Here you can explore 18 homes from 13 leading builders plus two Flexi-living homes, the Mini-G Tiny Home and sustainability and local art trails. You can also head over to The Link Sales and Information Centre and meet the team who are onsite 7 days a week. To find out more about how Ginninderry is inspiring a new way of living right in our Belconnen backyard, head to the [website](#).

Volunteer of the Week: Phil Batten

This week's BMFC volunteer of the week is none other than Phil 'Dirty Bird' Batten!

Phil has long been a strong, stabilising presence around the club, and this season has been no different. Getting round 1 off to a smooth start loomed as a logistical nightmare in light of the COVID pandemic, but thanks in large part to Dirty Bird's tremendous work ethic and organisational wizardry, it went as well as it possibly could have. Thanks DB!!



WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	11.15-81	defeated	Ainslie	10.6-66
1st Grade W	10.11-71	defeated	Ainslie	4.1-25
2nd Grade M	6.8-44	defeated	Ainslie	2.2-14
2nd Grade W			Bye	
Rising Stars	3.5-23	lost to	Marist	12.13-85
3rd Grade M			Bye	
4th Grade M	3.11-29	lost to	Murrumbateman	9.9-63

FIRST GRADE MEN

Brock Weston

Round 1 was a long time coming but was definitely worth the wait. The long pre-season, false starts and uncertainty surrounding footy was mentally taxing for all but we were very much ready for Ainslie. Our home ground advantage was taken away when all games were moved to Queanbeyan but we were determined to make sure all the hard work of the previous few months wouldn't be wasted. Our start against the reigning premiers was very good with our midfielders giving our forwards plenty of opportunities with goals to Matt Kelly and Daniel Jordan signalling our early dominance.

Round 1 vs Ainslie @ The Nest

BMFC 11.15-81 def AFC 10.6-66

Goalkickers: D Jordan 5, M Maguire 2, M Kelly 2, A Dess, S Coate

Best: R Turnbull, S O'Sullivan, J Bennett, M Maguire, M Kelly, D Jordan

The first term was clean and fast and our ability to hit our leading forwards was first class. The early 4 goal margin would prove very useful as Ainslie began to claw their back into the contest as the conditions became slippery. Both teams were finding it difficult to handle the footy with any confidence as the game turned into a kick to kick grind. We ran out eventual winners by 15 points, a great start to the season. First gamers Seb Quirk, Brendan Egan and Mackinley Miller did not look out of place and all showed glimpses of their talent at stages throughout the game. Boom recruit Mitch Maguire looked a class above and teamed up nicely in the middle with JB. Veterans Ryan Turnbull and Sav Coate were both busy across half back and half forward respectively and Sam O'Sullivan's return from a long term injury was very pleasing. Daniel Jordan ended up with a bag 5 goals and will take plenty of stopping in 2020. Saturdays win was extra special for 2 of our favourites with Sav Coate playing his 200th club game and Matt Kelly his 50th first grade game. Congrats to both!!

FIRST GRADE WOMEN

Bobby Moroney

Our BMFC Women's 1st Grade team have started 2020 with a very strong 46 point win over Ainslie at Town Park, Queanbeyan. On a day when our team ran out in our 20 year anniversary heritage strip, we welcomed Ally Morphett, Maddie Dwyer and Rose Terry into the side for their first senior games with our club.

Our focus before the game was to embrace every opportunity we had to make an impact on the contest. Given everything that has already happened in 2020, and the uncertainty of how the rest of the year will unfold, we wanted to ensure that we didn't walk away from the game and wonder "what if".

Round 1

vs Ainslie @ Town Park, Qbyn

BMFC 10.11-71 def AFC 4.1-25

Goalkickers: M Gorham 3, R Giampaolo, C Halse, E Zouch, E Pease, C Georgievski, A Morphett, H Wallett

Best: C Georgievski, E Pease, N Mckay, M Gorham, T Reid, R Terrey

From the first bounce we were committed to setting a high standard of contested football, particularly around stoppages. A fast start saw us jump out to an early three-goal lead, but it was the discipline from our entire backline and the rebounding efforts out of defence from Natasha McKay that saw us keep Ainslie scoreless in the first quarter. Despite dominance across the ground, and a 5 goal lead at half time, we still felt that we were allowing the opposition to get away with too much uncontested football.

Our pressure across the ground was excellent throughout the second half and was highlighted by Ciel Georgievski's physicality at the ball to consistently put Ainslie under pressure and generate repeated forward entries. Our backline again kept Ainslie scoreless in the third quarter while our midfield worked tirelessly from first siren to last. The most pleasing aspect of the game was our players desire to never give up, take every challenge head on, and finish the game as hard as they started it. It was a great start to 2020, but bring on Round 2!
Go Pies!

SECOND GRADE MEN

Lachie O'Sullivan

Reserve grade kicked off their season on Saturday night against a young Ainslie side. After a long preseason where the guys have all worked really hard and applied themselves so well at training and in their own time, it was great to just be able to take the field.

The game started as a tight and scrappy affair in cold and slippery conditions with neither team able to kick a goal in the first quarter. Enter Tom Fekete – big Fek's ability to win the ruck taps and allow our mids first use of the ball was fantastic. Skipper Ryan Bradley, first gamers Jordan Battel and Nic Eynaud were able to get their hands on the footy first and get the ball moving forward. Forwards Dan Posch, Cam Johnson and Mitch Mooney were all able to impact the contest during the 2nd quarter as they played from in front and were dynamic in their structures.

Round 1

vs Ainslie @ Allinsure Park, Qbyn

BMFC 6.8-44 def AFC 2.2-14

Goalkickers: D Posch 2, B Ochieng 2, M Mooney, C Johnson

Best: T Fekete, T Doyle, T Simpson, O Smyth, C Miller, M Mooney

Forwards Dan Posch, Cam Johnson and Mitch Mooney were all able to impact the contest during the 2nd quarter as they played from in front and were dynamic in their structures. We went into half time with a 15-8 lead with the match still closely in the balance. After half time we were able to apply great pressure on Ainslie when they had the ball and eventually open up the game when we had the footy. Youngsters Tom Simpson and John Rees were able to assert themselves into the game. John was able to burrow into contests and be first to the ball and get it to the outside to guys like Tommo, Ozzy and Luke McGilvray who then delivered the footy well into the forward line. The backline did a fantastic job all game but particularly in the 2nd half, rebounding the ball quickly and efficiently, holding Ainslie to just 1 goal in the 2nd half. Tynan Doyle and Djali Bloomfield's ability to come off their man to support their team was really pleasing to see. Charles Miller has come out of retirement and showed straight away what he's capable of. His composure and leadership is definitely better suited to Aussie Rules than Hockey and Chucky will definitely be putting pressure on little brother Macca Miller in 1st Grade. Lastly, a big congratulations to everyone who played their first game for BMFC this weekend 3 out of 4 games is a great start to the year!

RISING STARS

Emma Simpson

It was a tough night at the office for the Rising Stars in their first hit out of the season, with a strong Marist side coming out with 62-point win.

Despite the result, one of the biggest positives to come out of the game was the number of new players that donned the black, white, and teal.

Jasper Pryor, Zac Smith, and James White all made their debuts at the Rising Stars level, while Lachlan Smith and Macauley Smith both played their first games for the club after joining in the off-season.

There were also a number of noteworthy family connections among the team - Brothers Jack and James White played together for the first time, and it was also the first time that cousins Josh Day and Macauley Smith have lined up together. We even had two Lachlan Smith's wearing the BMFC guernsey at Wednesday night's game, which is likely some kind of club record.

All in all, there is still much to work on for the Rising Stars for this year, but the resolve amongst the group suggests that they are up for the challenge.

Round 1

vs Marist @ Gungahlin Enclosed

BMFC 3.5-23 def MFC 12.13-85

Goalkickers: T. Itter, T McInnes, J White

Best: J White, Z Smith, M Fitzpatrick, M Smith, R Murphy, A Vincent

FOURTH GRADE MEN

Brendan Trevaskis

We finally got to Round 1 after 2 pre-season's due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19). Due to our numbers this year we received some new players on the Thursday prior to our first game. This made it difficult for these players to bond with the rest of the group. Due to their commitment to the team they played to the best of their ability.

Round 1

vs Murrumbateman @ Murrumbateman

BMFC 3.11-29 def by MEFC 9.9-63

Goalkickers: S Telfer 2, S Tynan

Best: S Tynan, B Mifsud, A Wenke, S Telfer, T Rankin, B Palmer

First quarter saw us leading by 1 point at the end. The boys knew they would be in for a battle as Murrumbateman had taken the challenge to the boys.

Second quarter saw Murrumbateman take control of the game and at half time they were in front by around 3 goals.

Third quarter saw Murrumbateman move ahead again, but the team started to put up more resistance and made it difficult for Murrumbateman to score goals. We had kicked 4 points with no goals the quarter.

Fourth quarter saw Murrumbateman kick a further 3 goals to our 1 goal four points which gave Murrumbateman a comfortable win.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	25th July	1:35pm	Gungahlin	Gungahlin Enclosed
1st Grade W	25th July	4:30pm	Gungahlin	Gungahlin Enclosed
2nd Grade M	25th July	11:25am	Gungahlin	Gungahlin Enclosed
2nd Grade W	25th July	10:00am	Woden	The Nest
Rising Stars	25th July	9:15am	Gungahlin	Gungahlin Enclosed
3rd Grade M	25th July	2:30pm	Woden	The Nest
4th Grade M	25th July	12:10pm	Woden	The Nest

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Around the grounds



Hannah Wallet in action against Ainslie at Town Park, Queanbeyan



Jack & James White (left), Josh Day & Macauley Smith (centre), and Lachlan Smith & Lachlan Smith (right) all played together for the first time on Wednesday night when the Rising Stars took on Marist