

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Magpies blitz Eastlake in Phillip

It was a cold and windy day out at Football Park on Saturday, but that didn't phase our senior sides. Our 1st grade men & women and 2nd grade men all notched hard-fought victories over some tough Eastlake outfits. Our Rising Stars almost made it 4 from 4 at Phillip, unfortunately getting pipped in the dying moments of their game. Back at The Nest, it was a mixed-bag; our 3rd grade men were super impressive in a big win over the Demons, while our 2nd grade women had a tougher at the office.

Unfortunately due to ground closures all games have been called off this weekend.

In the meantime, all of this cold and wet weather is perfect reading weather...luckily the new Belconnen Football 50 year History Book is now available! To order your copy now, email Emma at: football@belconnenmagpies.com.au

Upcoming schedule

Saturday June 26th

1st grade men - Washed out
1st grade women - Washed out
2nd grade men - Washed out
Rising stars - Washed out
2nd grade women - Washed out
3rd grade men - Washed out

Saturday July 3rd

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

WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	19.9-123	defeated	Eastlake	11.12-78
1st Grade W	3.7-25	defeated	Eastlake	2.2-14
2nd Grade M	5.9-39	defeated	Eastlake	4.5-29
2nd Grade W	0.0-0	defeated by	Eastlake	6.11-47
Rising Stars	5.6-36	defeated by	Eastlake	5.11-41
3rd Grade M	16.14-110	defeated	Eastlake	3.9-27

BMFC 2021 SEASON DATES

MAGPIES
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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

Learn a little bit about our club skippers...



Ryan Bradley - Men's 2nd grade captain

What is your nickname?

Chip

Who do you support in the AFL and AFLW?

Carlton (2035 flag favourites)

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

Put your head over the footy and hit it hard!

What is your favourite TV show?

Game of Thrones

What music do you listen to pre-game?

Shooting Stars - Bag Raiders

Favourite joke?

Still waiting for Dan Posch to get back to me with one

Jack Baker - Mens's 1st grade captain

What is your nickname?

Bakes

Who do you support in the AFL and AFLW?

Collingwood Magpies

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

It's the one-percenters

What is your favourite TV show?

Seinfeld

What music do you listen to pre-game?

Purple Drank

Favourite joke?

Dan Posch content



Maddy McCaskill & Rose Terrey - 2nd Grade Women's co-captains

What is your nickname?

RT: Spacey

MM: I've played for 5 years and never had a nickname stick, absolutely filthy about it. So mads, mcnip, slim or phitz are the best I've got

Who do you support in the AFL and AFLW?

RT: Swans in AFLM, Giants in AFLW

MM: Essendon in the AFL, GWS in the AFLW

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

RT: No one gets up off the ground alone.

MM: Zara's really come through with the team motto this season: DTB.

Message Zara if you want to know what it means...

What is your favourite TV show?

RT: Sex education

MM: Escape with ET

What music do you listen to pre-game?

RT: UCLA - RL Grime/Push the Button

MM: The Smith Street Band or Violent Soho. But usually swap to The Veronica's with the girls.

Favourite joke?

RT: Why did the male feminist walk into a bar? Because the bar was so low.

MM: How did the scorpion fall on its head? Amber dropped it

Presented by:



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK CHARLES MILLER



This week's volunteer of the week is Charles Miller!

After a frustrating injury-plagued start to the season on the field, Charles could have been forgiven for withdrawing somewhat from footy club life. But instead, Charles has embraced the opportunity to volunteer and help out around the club. A perfect example of this was last weekend, when Charles stepped up to be the team manager for both the 2nd and 1st grade men's teams!

We're looking forward to seeing Charles back out on the field soon, and in the meantime we're saying thanks for all of his efforts with a gift from our pals at Scotto's Food Logistics!

1ST GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Bobby Moroney

After a week off it was certainly great to have the footy back, and be able to celebrate Adol Abuoi who was playing her 50th club game. Our BMFC Women's First Grade have a hard month of football ahead, and we felt that it was really important to set the scene early for the type of football we wanted to play. Again, it was another week with many of our regular first grade players out, but we have a strong squad and were able to confidently call on players to come up from the second grade and contribute effectively.

Conditions weren't ideal but we have never been a side to shy away from a challenge. Kicking was always going to be difficult in windy conditions, and we were prepared to adjust our game to suit with Maggie Gorham kicking our first goal 90 secs into the game off a series of handballs and hard running. After a tightly fought contest through the middle of the quarter our side was able to get our second goal again off the back of our handball and run game. This time a clever tap from Hannah Wallett and Bella Rees was able to finish it off with her first goal for the year.

Our midfield are developing extremely well, and are starting to demonstrate how dangerous they can be when we get first use of the ball. An immediate clearance from Natasha McKay following some quick hands from Jacqui Spence at the start of the second quarter is typical of how confident the group are becoming. After some repeat stoppages, we were finally able to get the ball out wide to a runner before a clever kick to the advantage of Hannah Wallett who kicked our third goal and taking her season tally to 24.

We felt really confident going into half time with a 14 point lead, but at the same time thought that we rushed ourselves a bit and lacked some composure at crucial moments. To Eastlake's credit, the second half was a hard fought contest. Their constant pressure rushed us a bit and caused too many turnovers. Thankfully our entire defence was up for the challenge. Amber Allen, Maddie Dwyer and Teagan Germech in particular were solid and consistently rebounded every Eastlake counter attack. Ally Morphett was another who had an outstanding game. Ally dominated in the ruck all game, but it was her intercept marking, second efforts and willingness to work with her midfield to clear congestion that enabled us to maintain control of the game and hold on for an 11 point win.

Go Pies!

Round 7

vs Eastlake @ EPC Solar Park

BMFC 3.7-25 def EFC 2.2-14

Goal Kickers: M. Gorham, H. Wallett, A. Morphett

Best Players: J. Spence, A. Morphett, N. Mckay, M. Gorham, A. Allen, M. Dwyer

1ST GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

James Bennett

In Round 7 we travelled to Philip Oval to take on Eastlake for the 2nd time this season. This was a 2nd vs 3rd match-up and a good test for us coming off the bye and games against Tuggeranong and Gungahlin. Brad Hoffmann came back into our backline after missing a couple of games with injury, while Zac Smith, a local junior and son of former first grade captain Jamie, made his debut. Zac trained with the senior group over pre-season and put together a strong start to the season in the Rising Stars to earn a call up. Zac became the 609th player to play first grade at our club.

Our focus this week was on bringing the pressure around the contest, getting our hands on the ball and feeding it out and getting our outside running game going. The first quarter showed that it wasn't going to be a day for pretty footy, with the wind blowing hard and making skills difficult. While we were getting on top through the midfield, the first quarter was an even affair with both sides kicking 4 goals. Our backs were a little off and got a rev up to defend harder and play simpler with the ball.

Our backline was improved after quarter time and kick-started our game in the second quarter, with our intercept marking and counter-attack getting us on top. Paddy Horan was playing a strong game, with Jack Baker's pinpoint kicking also a highlight. We put together a strong second quarter, kicking 4 goals to 2 to take a 10-point half-time lead. At the main break we made some positional shifts with Luke Wharton moving to the inside mid rotation and Tom Simpson pushing to half forward. These two made the shift with ease, stepping in to these roles and giving us momentum.

Andrew Dess had a dominant game at centre half forward, with strong marking and repeat efforts providing us a clear win every time he went near the ball. Our two ruck-forwards in Alex Jones and Blake Chapman were also playing well and giving us hardness around the contest and a great target deep forward. Chappo continued his rich form with another 4 goals. It was also another impressive game from Sam O'Sullivan who is developing his midfield game nicely after finding an early home in first grade as a half back flanker. Rhys Healy kicking his first goal in three seasons also had the team excited, and following up with his second had everyone dumbfounded. We extended our lead with a strong 3rd quarter, kicking 5 goals to 2, and setting up a 4 and half goal lead at the final change.

We really wanted to finish this game strongly and showed that intent from the first bounce of the last quarter. Sam O'Sullivan released Luke Wharton who speared a pass to Sam Glyde for a goal. From there it was all Glyde, who kicked 4 for the quarter (6 in total) to ice the game, and get a reward for some hard work and pressure earlier in the game. We ran out winners by 45 points, 123-78. It was pleasing to kick 19.9 on a very windy day.

Looking forward to a top of the table clash at Queanbeyan next week.

Round 7

vs Eastlake @ EPC Solar Park

BMFC 19.9-123 def EFC 11.12-78

Goal Kickers: S. Glyde 6, B. Chapman 4, O. Smyth 2, J. Bennett 2, R. Healy 2, A. Dess, T. Simpson, L. Wharton

Best Players: P. Horan, B. Chapman, A. Dess, S. O'Sullivan, T. Simpson, S. Glyde

2ND GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Lachie O'Sullivan

After what felt like months off after closed ovals and a bye we came up against Eastlake in windy and testing conditions. Thankfully we saw the return of a few players from injury and Adam Lamb was able to make his long awaited comeback following repeated setbacks in 2019-20. We also wore the fight MND socks to support the fantastic work Neale Daniher and the AFL are doing to support people with MND. We spoke before the game about how fortunate we are to be able to play footy, the game we love, with our mates, and all the cherished memories we are lucky to have been through together, on and off the field. This help set some real perspective and we came out in the 1st quarter really determined to work hard and implement our game plan.

The game was a tight and physical contest with Eastlake playing 2 spares at and behind the contest for most of the day. Our inexperienced backline continued to support each other and defended with courage. In the 2nd half our mids were able to outwork their opponent and began winning really important 1 on 1 contests. John Rees and Tom McInnes were both given roles to play throughout the game and stepped up to the task amazingly. Charlie baker and Zac Lindsay had their best games for the year, marking and rebounding the footy with real purpose and drive.

All in all it was a really positive showing of what we're capable of when we come up against a highly contested and negative style of footy. This week we have Queanbeyan which will again no doubt be a tough game out on their home deck, hopefully see you there.

Round 7

vs Eastlake @ EPC Solar Park

BMFC 5.9-39 def EFC 4.5-29

Goal Kickers: D. Posch 3, D. Bloomfield, B. Slack

Best Players: D. Posch, D. Bloomfield, J. Rees, T. McInnes, Z. Lindsay, C. Baker

2ND GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Steve McCaskill

This week we played Eastlake and for the first time this year we didn't play to our strengths and it showed on the score board. This was our one off game where we were not switched on.

Having said that the backline really held firm for most of the day and with a good run at training this week we will come firing next week.

Round 9

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 0.0-0 def by EFC 6.11-47

Goal Kickers:

Best Players: I. McClelland, T. Tahlia, K. Germech, O. Mann, Z. Brown, E. Richter

RISING STARS MATCH REPORT

Nick Eynaud

The rising stars men came up against the Eastlake Demons in round 7 at Philip oval. The last time we met the Demons it was a good contest throughout and we ran over the top of them in the second half. The Demons have been progressively improving all year and proved too tough for us on the day in our 2nd meeting. It was awful, windy football conditions and made for some really poor skill execution and errors. In the 1st quarter we started well, kicking the first 2 goals of the game with our pressure and tackling a positive. We were lucky to get away with a few misses from the opposition to lead at the break 14-4. In the 2nd quarter our ball winning dropped off and the Demons lifted, kicking 2 goals to our 3 behinds for the quarter, and we went into the 2nd half trailing by a behind. Will Axelby and ruckman Josh Day had kept us in the game thus far and were both working very hard through the middle of the ground.

In the 3rd quarter we came out with great intent but a few sloppy skill errors and fumbles forced turnovers, which the other side capitalised on. Our backline was strong and tried hard, but Eastlake still found a way to score two goals. They led us by one point at three quarter time. In the final term, we kicked an early goal to put ourselves in front. The ball was moving up and down the ground and Eastlake had kicked 4 behinds without a goal. In the dying 10 seconds, a snap over the body from an Eastlake forward, sailed through the goals and the siren went there after. A disappointing performance, capped off by a disappointing finish to the match for our side. This group showed a lot of character in the final quarter and as we continue to develop and understand new parts of the game and improve, losses like these will make us better in the long run.

Round 7

vs Eastlake @ EPC Solar Park

BMFC 5.6-36 def by EFC 5.11-41

Goal Kickers: W. Axelby 2, T. Itter, J. Schumacher, H. Francis

Best Players: W. Axelby, J. Day, A. Walker, T. Itter, L. McKay, M. Burgess

3RD GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Sam Telfer

The 3rd grade boys had a resounding 83 point win against Eastlake in what was a crucial win for our group. The true winning point of the game came in the 3rd quarter when we scored 8 unanswered goals. After a good team discussion during the bye week about what we wanted to achieve with the second half of the season and what we wanted to stand for as a group. The boys came into the day with great energy and a positive mindset that projected into the way we started the game breaking to a 4-goal lead.

The midfield was getting great first use around the ground with Tom Rankin back in the side and were able to dominate clearances and gain repeat forward 50 entries off the back of this. Jackson Savage found himself on the end of multiple times playing his best game of the year for us and kicking 3 majors. David Sim presented up the ground and kicked 3 goals when he pushed back with the ball. Macson Alexander played superbly off the wing finding plenty of space and using the ball well. The backline was humming along nicely preventing repeat scores when Eastlake had periods of momentum. Another great building block for this new, young and learning group as we hit the back end of the year!

Round 9

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 16.14-110 def EFC 3.9-27

Goal Kickers: D. Sim 3, J. Savage 3, H. Warden 2, J. Iemma 2, L. Jamieson 2, B. Palmer, J. Cormick, S. Troidahl, S. Telfer

Best Players: T. Rankin, J. Savage, D. Sim, C. White, M. Alexander, A. McShane

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.

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	Sat 26th June		Queanbeyan	Washed out
1st Grade W	Sat 26th June		Queanbeyan	Washed out
2nd Grade M	Sat 26th June		Queanbeyan	Washed out
Rising Stars	Sat 26th June		Queanbeyan	Washed out
2nd Grade W	Sat 26th June		Queanbeyan	Washed out
3rd Grade M	Sat 26th June		Googong	Washed out

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