

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Finals time for the Pies

Earlier this year it seemed unlikely that a full season of footy would even take place, so this year's finals campaign feels even more special.

After strong wins over Eastlake, our 1sts women and 2nds men secured top 2 spots and will be vying this weekend for a ticket to the grand final. For our 1sts men, a loss last weekend puts them in a do-or-die elimination final against Ainslie. We also note that last weekend marked the end of the season for our Rising Stars, who despite finishing 5th have much to be proud of for the 2020 season.

Good luck to all playing finals on the weekend, our fingers are crossed to see 3 from 3 wins!

A note on match attendance

Our 2nd grade men and 1st grade women will be playing on Saturday at Allinsure Park in Queanbeyan. The Queanbeyan Football Club wishes to inform all spectators that may be planning on going that attendance will be capped at 500 people, as per current regulations in NSW.

For the games that we will be hosting at The Nest on Sunday, including our 1st grade men, we are restricted to a 100 person capacity (excluding players and officials).

Spectators will only be admitted to the ground if they are named on the lists provided by each club participating on the day. All others will not be granted entry to the venue.

Players and officials will also be required to leave the ground after the conclusion of their match.

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Volunteer of the Week:

Ryan Murphy

This week's BMFC volunteer of the week is Ryan Murphy!

As has been mentioned previously, hosting footy at The Nest during the 2020 season has brought with it a number of extra jobs that have asked a lot of our wonderful volunteers. Thankfully, we have great folk like Ryan Murphy around the club to put their hands up to fill such roles. After playing in the Rising Stars game in the morning, Ryan volunteered to man the gate for the rest of the day, a very generous offer that the club very much appreciated!

Thanks Ryan!



WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	8.8-56	lost to	Eastlake	13.15-93
1st Grade W	10.6-66	defeated	Eastlake	1.2-8
2nd Grade M	12.4-76	defeated	Eastlake	6.5-51
Rising Stars	7.6-48	lost to	Eastlake	12.7-79

FIRST GRADE WOMEN

Bobby Moroney

This week our BMFC Women's First Grade team welcomed back over 130 games of senior experience in Maggie Gorham, Nikki Aboui and Sarah Tutt. Determined to turn things around from last week's disappointing result and lock in a Semi Final, our team treated this game as though it was the first week of finals.

We anticipated a very physical start to the game, and wanted to make sure that we attacked every contest harder than the opposition. Our midfield were fantastic early. Maggie Gorham and Jacqui Spence regularly won the 50/50 ball, Zoe Allen had Eastlake under pressure every time they were near the football, and Emily Pease consistently provided the effective disposal into attack. Throughout the season we have prided ourselves on our ability to move the ball quickly and provide multiple options as we transitioned from defence to attack. Melissa Pellow was critical to how we transitioned with the way she intercepted across half back and got us moving forward, while Tiarne Reid, Hayley Kemp and Adol Aboui used their speed to create space and help set up the entries into a potent forward line. A three goal lead at quarter time with goals to Emma Zouch, Sarah Tutt and Hannah Wallett was great reward for effort, but there was definitely more to give.

We expected Eastlake to come out harder in the second quarter, but backed ourselves to maintain the finals-like pressure.

Eastlake's defence lifted and scoring dried up throughout most of the second quarter until Maggie kicked our fourth goal late followed by another to Hayley just before half time to give us a 32 point lead.

With half the job done we wanted to ensure that we played to our strengths and built on a great start to the game. Maddie Dwyer continued her impressive form and combined really well with Claire Koski throughout the second half to lock down the last line of defence, but ultimately, our entire defence was phenomenal all afternoon to keep Eastlake to only 1 goal for the game.

This week was a complete team performance resulting in a strong 58 point win. Importantly, it demonstrated exactly what we are capable of when we commit to each other and to how we want to play our football. The first part of the season is done, and our girls have worked hard to get to this point. But we are far from satisfied and will do everything possible to come away with a win in next week's Semi Final against Queanbeyan.

Round 10 vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 10.6-66 def EFC 1.2-8

Goalkickers: H Wallett 3, H Kemp 2, E Zouch 2, M Gorham, S Tutt, A Morphet

Best: Z Allen, M Dwyer, M Pellow, J Spence, E Pease, N McKay

FIRST GRADE MEN

Brock Weston

The final home and away game for 2020 saw us facing off against Eastlake at the Nest. A win would see us secure a top 2 finish and a double chance, a loss would see us finish 3rd and face Ainslie in an elimination final.

With the disappointment of last week behind us we went into the game full of confidence with a focus on physicality and intensity at the contest. Our warm up was good and our energy was high, we just needed to start strongly.

That physicality was evident from the first bounce but it was quickly matched by Eastlake as they absorbed our pressure and counter punched effectively. Like our first quarter debacle of the previous week we were on the back foot from the outset and conceded 5 first quarter goals whilst being unable to hit the scoreboard ourselves.

Early in the 2nd we upped our pressure as we strived to win more inside ball and take away their run. We continued our solid stoppage work with JB and Max starting to dominate and we started giving our forwards more opportunities. A 4 goal to 1 term saw us head into half time with some confidence and momentum.

The half time chat was around continuing to pressure them and taking our chances. We managed to stay on top in the middle and some players started to work themselves into the game. Youngsters Seb Quirk and Tom Simpson were working hard to get to forward half contests and both hit the scoreboard, while big rig Andrew Dess was doing a power of work at CHF. We managed to reduce the margin to just 12 points which wasn't helped with a goal on the siren, however we maintained our momentum and were within striking distance...

The final term was supposed to cap off a great fight back but the previous 2 quarters sapped us and we were unable to sustain the level of pressure required as Eastlake started to get back on top. Once again a 10-15 minute period where we disengaged and lacked endeavour cost us dearly as a rejuvenated Eastlake piled on 6 goals to 2 taking the game away from us running out eventual 37 point winners.

Max Monaghan continued his midfield dominance and JB put in another BOG performance. Ruckman Blake Chapman worked tirelessly around the ground, as did Dess down forward. Lexi Bennett put in a solid performance with 3 goals and Tom Simpson cemented his spot across half forward and proved he is not just a first grade footballer but an important part of our side.

This week we take on Ainslie who have been slowly building as they look to secure their 5th successive flag. We stand in their way and we are ready for the fight.

Round 10

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 8.8-56 def by EFC 13.15-93

Goalkickers: A Bennett 3, S Quirk, L McKay, N Kelly, A Dess, T Simpson

Best: J Bennett, M Monaghan, A Dess, T Simpson, J Buchanan, B Chapman

SECOND GRADE MEN

Trent Hopkinson

The last round of the regular season provided an opportunity for our team to make it through the regular season undefeated.

Despite starting well in previous weeks, we were caught off guard and getting beaten to the ball in the first quarter, with the exception of Fraser Miller who prevented numerous forward entries with his attack on the footy and composure with ball in hand.

The boys came out firing in the second quarter, with Fek's ruck dominance at the stoppages providing first use to Chip, John Rees, and Lukey Mac. In his first game of the season Elliot Jordan was outstanding, producing multiple efforts both attacking the footy and applying defensive pressure. Our forwards were also proving clinical, scoring 5 straight in the quarter, with Zac McDonald kicking his first goal for the club.

Round 10

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 12.4-76 def EFC 6.5-41

Goalkickers: D Posch 4, N Hay 2, Z Lindsay 2, Z Macdonald, J Taylor, J Rees, S Young

Best: F Miller, S Cooper, R Bradley, M McQueen, T Doyle, O Smyth

The third quarter was a lot like the first as Eastlake threw everything at us, however the backline - in particular Coops, McQueen, and Tiny - stood up and prevented scoring opportunities by taking intercept marks and killing contests. Wingers Zac Lindsay and Ozzie continued to dispose of the footy well, with Zac drifting forward to nab his 2nd goal of the game.

At three quarter time Lachie spoke to the team about being ruthless and the boys responded, with the midfield continuing to get their hands on the footy first. Fraser and Oz continued to use the ball well off half back/wing, and through fast direct ball movement the forwards were able to find space and convert on the scoreboard, kicking 4 goals to Eastlake's 1 in the last quarter.

Our composure in the last 5 minutes was outstanding with senior players stepping up, killing contests, and playing smart footy when we had the ball in hand.

Finally, congratulations to Gus Collins on his 1st Grade debut on the weekend, well deserved. Looking forward to finals this week!

RISING STARS

Round 10

vs Eastlake @ The Nest

BMFC 7.6-48 def by EFC 12.7-79

Goalkickers: J. Day, L. McKay, L. Smith, H. Ryan-Baker, C. Hourn, J. White, T. Itter

Best: M Fitzpatrick, Z Smith, J White, T Itter, J Read, J Walker

2020 TEAM PHOTOS



The 2020 Belconnen Magpies 2nd grade women, coached by Stephen McCaskill



The 2020 Belconnen Magpies 3rd grade men, coached by Brendan Trevaskis



The 2020 Belconnen Magpies 4th grade men, coached by Brendan Trevaskis & Drew Somerville

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	27th Sep	1:35pm	Ainslie	The Nest
1st Grade W	26th Sep	4:30pm	Queanbeyan	Allinsure Park
2nd Grade M	26th Sep	11:25am	Ainslie	Allinsure Park
Rising Stars				
2nd Grade W				
3rd Grade M				
4th Grade M				

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