

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



## Pies bounce back while celebrating Indigenous round

It was a day of strong showings from the Magpies at The Nest on Saturday, as our senior sides went four from four at home against some much improved Tuggeranong sides.

Our 1st grade men and women both donned a special locally-designed jersey to mark Indigenous Round, and they did the jumper proud with two resounding victories. Meanwhile, our 3rd grade men put up a gutsy fight in what is one of the tougher tasks in AFL Canberra - the interstate trip to Cootamundra.

If you couldn't make it to The Nest to see our Indigenous jerseys in action against Tuggeranong, you will have another chance this weekend as our 2nd grade men will wear them when playing Gungahlin at home this weekend. We are working currently working on opening up sales for this and some other great club merchandise, so watch this space!

## Upcoming schedule

### Saturday June 5th

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

### 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

## WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	21.15-141	defeated	Tuggeranong	9.3-57
1st Grade W	14.14-98	defeated	Tuggeranong	0.1-1
2nd Grade M	10.14-74	defeated	Tuggeranong	4.4-28
2nd Grade W				
Rising Stars	18.10-118	defeated	Tuggeranong	7.6-48
3rd Grade M	9.7-61	defeated by	Cootamundra	12.8-80

## 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**

# MAGPIES REFLECT ON INDIGENOUS ROUND



Round 5 at The Nest saw our 1st grade men and women play in special locally-designed Indigenous jerseys, celebrating the Ngunnawal people and the land that our football club sits on. Our 2nd grade men will have their chance to play in the jerseys this weekend when they take on Gungahlin at The Nest.

Continuing on in our observance of Reconciliation Week, on Tuesday night our senior men's squad was fortunate to hear from Belconnen great John Love, who came down to training to share some personal stories that illustrated what reconciliation means to him. The wisdom that Lovey imparted resonated with our players and was a fitting way to cap Indigenous Round for the Magpies.



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## **VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK JASON AND MATT BURGESS**

This week we have joint volunteers of the week - the father and son duo of Jason and Matt Burgess!

Jason Burgess regularly helps out as sports trainer for the Rising Stars with Julie Cooke, and both he and his son Matt are always the last to leave training, after helping to pack up footys and equipment. On top of this, Jason and Matt stepped up on Saturday at the last minute to work in the canteen during both the 2nd grade and 1st grade men's games. To top it off, after this they both got called out to a house fire, as both are active members of Springfield RFS brigade!

We really appreciate the time and effort that Jason and Matt have been pouring into the club, and so to say thank you we're happy to present them with 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](mailto:football@belconnenmagpies.com.au) or sending us a message on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

# 1ST GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

*Bobby Moroney*

On the back of our best game so far this year, we were looking to follow up with another strong performance against a Tuggeranong Valley side who has shown steady improvement over the first month of the season. We are still yet to have an unchanged line-up for two weeks in a row, and with a couple of players unavailable it provided us another opportunity to welcome our eighth debutant for the year with Sarah Crakanthorp playing her first game for our BMFC Women's First Grade.

We anticipated a fierce start to the game and the opening quarter was intensely fought with our side looking to apply constant pressure at every contest. With stoppages becoming a regular occurrence we knew we needed to get the ball out of congestion as quickly as possible and to the advantage of our outside runners. Our midfield were outstanding early, particularly Zoe Allen and Jacqui Spence who fought tirelessly to provide us the hard ball wins we needed to open the game up, whilst Maggie Gorham looked like she was ready to have a big night out with two opening quarter goals including one off the back of some outstanding team work in and out of opposition players.

Consistency has been a strong focus for us, and behind an excellent start we knew we needed to maintain the standards we set early. After another three goals to nil in the second quarter, it could have been easy for complacency to set in but this never became an issue. We lifted our pressure across the ground, with attention on winning the 50/50 contests, and continued to stress the need for team work around stoppages.

We had so many winners throughout the match. Kaitlyn Bailey continued her perfect start to the season and capped off a great game with a brilliant goal in the last quarter. Natasha Mckay is starting to find the form that saw her win our B&F last year, and our backline was superb in limiting Tuggeranong Valley to one behind for the entire match. But it was Maggie Gorham's performance that was the stand out. Her work up the ground to consistently set up forward entries and release the pressure on our midfield was just as important as her 5 goals on the night.

14 goals to nil and a 97 point win was great but our focus is already onto next week and a chance to continue working on consistency.

Go Pies!

## **Round 5**

### **vs Tuggeranong @ The Nest**

**BMFC 14.14-98 def TVFC 0.1-1**

**Goal Kickers:** M. Gorham 5, A. Morphett 2, E. Zouch 2, H. Wallett, Z. Allen, J. Spence, K. Bailey, L. Knox

**Best Players:** M. Gorham, J. Spence, Z. Allen, V. Thompson, N. Mckay, K. Bailey

# 1ST GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

*James Bennett*

In Round 5 we returned to the Nest to take on Tuggeranong with the side keen to respond after last week's loss.

The changes to our side continued, with Luke Wharton, Brad Hoffmann and Fraser Miller out with injury. Elliot Jordan and Nick Kelly returned to the side and Zac McDonald came in for his debut after a strong start to the season in the Seconds. Zac moved to Canberra in early 2020 and unfortunately missed a large part of last season through injury. It's great to see him persevere and be rewarded with a spot in the first grade. He made a strong contribution on debut, with some courageous marking a highlight.

We started the game well this week, with some stoppage wins and good ball movement across the ground. Jack Baker was strong at half-back and set us up well. We kicked 6 goals to 1 goal to head in to the first break with a handy lead.

We kicked another 5 goals in the second quarter, but were a little sloppy with our defense, allowing Tuggeranong to kick 3 goals for the quarter. Tom Simpson was putting together a nice game through the midfield and forward, and our mids were working well, with Elliot Jordan and Sam O'Sullivan getting some clearance wins.

The second half was much the same as we continued to control the game for long patches and see regular examples of good ball movement and delivery into the forward line. We continued to score goals, kicking 4 in the third quarter and 6 in the last, however we gave up too many easy goals, which will be a key area of improvement in the coming weeks.

Sam Glyde finished the game strongly with 3 last quarter goals taking his total for the game to 6, with some good leading and snaps for goal. Blake Chapman gave a strong effort in the ruck with his follow up work and marking around the ground a highlight. Tom Simpson finished with 4 goals and was creative both forward and in the midfield. Sam Cooper continued his form at half-back, with some strong contested marks and rebounding.

## **Round 5**

**vs Tuggeranong @ The Nest**

**BMFC 21.15-141 def TVFC 9.3-57**

**Goal Kickers:** S. Glyde 6, T. Simpson 4, M. Mooney 4, A. Jones 2, J. Kenna, S. O'Sullivan, A. Dess, T. Fitzgerald-Holmes, J. Bennett

**Best Players:** T. Simpson, S. Glyde, S. Cooper, B. Chapman, E. Jordan, P. Horan

# 2ND GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

*Lachie O'Sullivan*

After a disappointing outing last week against Ainslie, we were keen to respond quickly. Tuggeranong's young side were able to apply high pressure throughout the game and showed that they are much improved.

The 1st half was a little scrappy however when we had the opportunity to break the lines and run with the footy we were able to apply scoreboard pressure.

Aidan Wenke had his best game of the season and was a standout best on ground. Dos' running game and attacking nature has become a real weapon for us across half back.

Mids Djali Bloomfield and Matt Kelly also had terrific games. Djali's effort to win the inside ball but also run two ways to assist the backline is outstanding. Matt had his best game on the ball and was able to retain clean ball out of the stoppages.

Overall a pleasing display of effort after last week. We head into round 6 against the Jets where we will again be working on our concentration and effort over four quarters.

Lastly, well done to Djali and the club on what was a great week for our club. Our Indigenous jerseys looked fantastic and it was great learning about the story behind the design. BMFC is such a great club to be a part of and this week was another showing that it doesn't matter where you're from, the colour of your skin, your religious views or gender we are an inclusive and welcoming place.

## **Round 5**

### **vs Tuggeranong @ 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

## **3rd Grade Men - Round 5**

### **vs Cootamundra @ Clarke Oval, Cootamundra**

**BMFC 9.7-61 def by CBFC 12.8-80**

**Goal Kickers:** J. Savage 2, J. Iemma 2

**Best Players:** A. Watt, S. Koetz, L. MacLeod, R. Goldsworthy, J. Savage, S. Troidahl

# RISING STARS MATCH REPORT

*Nick Eynaud*

In round 5, the Rising Stars Men played at home, hosting Tuggeranong Valley on a ripper day at The Nest. Tuggeranong have been a struggling side this year without winning a match, so it was important that we came with a real focus on our structures and our ball movement as we move forward through the year.

Tuggeranong brought good intent and were often beating our boys to the ball early in the first quarter. We were found relying on our tackling and defensive pressure early in the quarter, rather than focusing on winning the ball. Towards the back end of the quarter we were able to start winning the ball at the source and then using it well as we attacked..

In the second quarter, our boys made some really good decisions with ball in hand and came out with a different type of intensity at the ball in the second term. James White led the charge through the middle with Lucah Conlan, Jade Schumacher and Matt Burgess. Some run and carry from Lachlan Smith, Matt Rickard and Leigh Mckay was also great to see. Down back Elijah Witchalls and Angus Walker and Ethan Mcnevin were solid, proving tough for the opposition to get past. Will Thomas, was also good down back for the first half as well as Kyle Day Rea.

We went into the second half leading by 10 goals, and it became a good opportunity to try some players in different positions. Zac Smith got his opportunity through the midfield and relished, Luke Wiencke played a new role on the wing, and Tom Itter got his opportunity to go forward throughout the entirety of the match kicking a couple goals. Our 3rd term was solid, kicking 7 straight goals to the oppositions 3, although some of our defensive efforts were poor allowing them some easy goals.

We went into the final term up by 80 points and were disappointingly, outscored in the final term, with our side not registering a goal. Josh Day continued to try hard in the ruck. Our tall forwards in Alex Monaghan, Cooper Vickery, Chris Mecham and Ben Garret continued to present hard at the football but opportunities were slim. Josh Connel pressure was fantastic again and Will Axelby played a really balanced game for the team. Harry Ryan Baker played one of his better games for the year kicking a few goals and working hard around the contest.

The final score was 118-48. We now lead in to our most important game thus far and it will be exciting to see the boys have come together and improved since we first met Marist.

## **Round 5**

### **vs Tuggeranong @ The Nest**

**BMFC 18.10-118 def TVFC 7.6-48**

**Goal Kickers:** T. Itter 6, L. Smith 2, C. Vickery 2, W. Axelby 2, H. Ryan-Baker 2, B. Garrett, C. Mecham, J. Schumacher, Z. Smith

**Best Players:** J. White, T. Itter, E. Witchalls, J. Day, H. Ryan-Baker, L. Wiencke

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# THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	Sat 5th June	1:15 pm	Gungahlin	The Nest
1st Grade W	Sat 5th June	3:45 pm	Gungahlin	The Nest
2nd Grade M	Sat 5th June	11:20 am	Gungahlin	The Nest
Rising Stars	Sat 5th June	9:30 am	Gungahlin	The Nest
2nd Grade W	Sat 5th June	11am	ADFA	ADFA Oval
3rd Grade M	Sat 5th June	1pm	ADFA	ADFA Oval

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